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Wunderlich pumps up Houston wealth management, banking presence

BY COLLIN EATON
HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

A Memphis, Tenn., brokerage firm is ramping up its investment banking and private client banking operations in Houston to stay in step with the region's economic surge.

D. Lynn Houston, a local 40-year wealth management veteran recently lured away by Wunderlich Securities Inc., has big plans for his new firm in the Houston market. By the end of July, Wunderlich is set to double its local office space and triple its staff, with Houston leading the effort as the firm's managing director.



Houston

Wunderlich is set to move in June from its offices on Richmond Avenue to 11,000 square feet of space in the Five Post Oak Park tower at 4400 Post Oak Parkway and intends to boost its private client, investment banking and research group payroll from 13 to 36 over the next two years.

While the firm is expanding in an increasingly competitive market, Houston said it is making a play for a smaller niche business that is underserved by offering investment banking services to high-net-worth executive clients working for small to middle-market businesses.

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FOOD FIGHT?

Laurenzo family may compete with original Ninfa's on Navigation



Domenic Laurenzo, executive chef of El Tiempo.

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BY JENNIFER DAWSON
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Relatives of "Mama" Ninfa Laurenzo, the iconic restaurateur who created Houston's Ninfa's Mexican food chain, may plan to open an El Tiempo Cantina next door to the original Ninfa's on Navigation.

The Laurenzo family no longer has an ownership stake in the landmark Ninfa's restaurant that has served Tex-Mex food for the past 39 years. Houston-based Legacy Restaurants owns the East End eatery at 2704 Navigation, a few blocks from Minute Maid Park.

A source familiar with the new Laurenzo property, who did not want

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TECH EFFECT

Find out how one Houston startup plans to disrupt corporate IT in HBJ's new feature on tech entrepreneurs.

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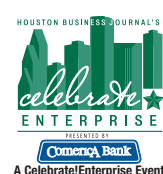
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Billionaires energized by Houston

Smaller energy technology players favored by deep-pocketed investors

BY COLLIN EATON
HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

Several billionaire-led hedge funds and high-profile investors have taken a renewed interest in technology-driven Houston energy companies.

The *Houston Business Journal* examined recent regulatory filings of first-quarter stock trades in Houston-based companies or entities that have major operations in the area by seven high-profile hedge funds and charitable trusts led by high-profile investors.

Analysts say the moves indicate renewed confidence in the continued momentum of Houston's energy sector, buoyed by continued strength in oil prices.

Oil and gas companies again showed their projected long-term staying power with investors such as Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Omaha, Neb.-based Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (NYSE: BRK-A), Carl Icahn, CEO of New York-based Icahn Capital LP, and Tudor Investment Corp., a Greenwich, Conn.-based hedge fund.

The investors' stock acquisitions reflect the strength and upward momentum of

Houston's energy industry, which has bolstered the local economy, said Dan Baker, a wealth management adviser at Northwestern Mutual-Houston.

For example, Tudor Investment snatched up an initial stake in smaller oil services companies such as Flotek Industries Inc. (NYSE: FTK) and FMC Technologies Inc. (NYSE: FTI).

The hedge fund unloaded significant stakes in larger oil and gas companies like Anadarko Petroleum Corp. (NYSE: APC), Baker Hughes Inc. (NYSE: BHI), KBR Inc. (NYSE: KBR), Cameron International

Corp. (NYSE: CAM), Plains Exploration & Production Co. (NYSE: PXP) and Halliburton Co. (NYSE: HAL).

"It looks like they're betting more on technology (companies in the energy sector)," said Matthew Goff, CEO of Houston-based Matthew Goff Investment Advisor LLC.

Those companies are positioned to sell products to the larger exploration and production companies, Goff added.

"If you think about any investment in an

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HIGH-PROFILE MOVES IN HOUSTON STOCKS

A look at first-quarter stock transactions by billionaire investors involving Houston-based companies or companies with a substantial Houston presence

T. Boone Pickens, founder and principal of Dallas-based BP Capital Management LP



BOUGHT:

Calpine Corp., 290,000 shares worth \$5,069,200; Transocean Ltd., 76,000 shares worth \$3,312,840; and Weatherford International Ltd., 180,000 shares worth \$2,322,000

HELD:

Halliburton Co., 126,522 shares worth \$3,993,034; National Oilwell Varco Inc., 179,462 shares worth \$12,054,462; and Schlumberger Ltd., 50,913 shares worth \$3,398,951

Tudor Investment Corp., Greenwich, Conn.-based hedge fund

BOUGHT:

Crown Castle International Corp., 4,900 shares worth \$261,905; Dynegy Inc., 125,900 shares worth \$52,878; EOG Resources Inc., 86,700 shares worth \$8,687,340; Flotek Industries Inc., 13,800 shares worth \$154,146; FMC Technologies Inc., 13,700 shares worth \$580,880; Group 1 Automotive Inc., 95,100 shares worth \$4,970,877; Parker Drilling Co., 46,100 shares worth \$237,415; and Schlumberger Ltd., 30,400 shares worth \$2,029,504

SOLD:

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., 39,100 shares worth \$2,531,334; Baker Hughes Inc., 1,300 shares worth \$54,587; Cameron International Corp., 61,200 shares worth \$2,851,308;

Carbo Ceramics Inc., 700 shares worth \$56,742; ConocoPhillips, 6,600 shares worth \$341,682; Diamond Offshore Drilling Inc., 26,100 shares worth \$1,575,135; Halliburton Co., 9,300 shares worth \$289,881; Imperial Sugar Co., 163,900 shares worth \$1,045,682; KBR Inc., 15,500 shares worth \$418,655; The Men's Wearhouse Inc., 2,700 shares worth \$96,363; and Oil States International Inc., 6,900 shares worth \$479,757

George Soros, chairman of New York-based hedge fund Soros Fund Management LLC



\$19.9 million

Carl Icahn, CEO of New York-based Icahn Capital LP



BOUGHT:

Plains Exploration & Production Co., 6,900 shares worth \$258,000; CVR Energy Inc., 3,745,600 shares worth \$117 million; and Transocean Ltd., 457,000 shares worth

Bill & Melinda Gates, co-chairs of Seattle-based Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust

El Paso Corp., 72,278,743 shares worth \$2,103,311,421

Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Omaha, Neb.-based Berkshire Hathaway Inc.



HELD:

ConocoPhillips, 29,100,937 shares worth \$1,506,555,508

Bill & Melinda Gates, co-chairs of Seattle-based Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust



HELD:

BP Plc, 7,133,000 shares worth \$268,985,430; Crown Castle International Corp., 5,332,900 shares worth \$285,043,505; Waste Management Inc., 18,633,672 shares

worth \$612,675,135

BOUGHT:

CVR Energy Inc., 8,754,288 shares worth \$274,446,928

HELD:

Dynegy Inc., 18,042,212 shares worth \$7,577,729

SOLD:

SOURCE: SEC filings



TECH EFFECT



Steve Kahan, left, and Roberto Reiner of ITinvolve.

ERIC KAYNE/HBJ

ITinvolve reinvents IT through socialization

BY MOLLY RYAN
HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

ITinvolve Inc. wants to solve a problem that has existed in the information technology market for more than 20 years — communicating and understanding change.

Logan Wray and Roberto Reiner, ITinvolve's co-founders, have dealt with this issue throughout their careers at different IT companies in Houston, and by 2011, they decided the best way to solve it was to start a company of their own.

The business: ITinvolve provides solutions for IT departments on a cloud-based system. The company's different solutions help IT departments better manage their complex systems and better understand changes in the system.

Right now, ITinvolve has two products, ITinvolve for Social Knowledge Management and ITinvolve for Change Management.

ITinvolve for Social Knowledge Management allows IT team members to communicate about and better understand different elements of their IT network. The product uses a social media-type format so team members can easily communicate and compare results of different technologies.

ITinvolve for Change Management helps companies better assess the risks of making new IT changes based on information from the social management



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TOP EXEC: Logan Wray, CEO and co-founder
FOUNDED: 2011
EMPLOYEES: 8
BUSINESS: Information technology
OWNERSHIP: Private
WEB: itinvolve.com

product, and it helps develop a process to streamline IT changes.

How it makes money: ITinvolve is targeting upper midmarket companies because they traditionally have larger, complex IT departments that are more susceptible to communication problems, said Steve Kahan, the company's executive vice president of marketing.

The company charges an annual subscription fee for each user. The fee is \$50 a month for the social knowledge management product and \$95 for both the social knowledge management product and the change management product. Right now, Kahan said ITinvolve has a handful of clients, including two in the Houston area.

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Dredging firms optimistic more funding on the way

BY MOLLY RYAN
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New legislation that could free up more dredging maintenance funds has many Houston-area dredging companies, which have seen related revenue decline substantially in the past year, hopeful about the future.

With more funds, dredging companies will see an increase in business and be able to expand, invest in new equipment and better maintain the depth of port waterways, which is vital for ships carrying billions of dollars worth of cargo in and out of the Port of Houston.

"It's been a challenge for the industry to work consistently because there hasn't been consistent funding. If it weren't for supplemental funding coming from emergencies like hurricanes, (maintaining business) would have been very difficult," said Barry Holliday, executive director of the Dredging Contractors of America, a Washington, D.C.-based trade organization. "If we do get Congress to pass a transportation bill that includes effective language (for more maintenance funds), we would see a much more consistent market."

The Harbor Maintenance Tax, a payment collected from all ports, provides the funding for new maintenance dredging contracts, which are awarded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The issue with the tax is that the amount collected is not returned fully to the ports for maintenance since the Corps

has a ceiling on how much it can spend. In Houston, the Port Authority reported that about \$127 million was collected in harbor maintenance taxes last year, but only about \$30 million, which the port spends on maintenance, was returned to it this year. However, the port said it plans to use up to \$150 million of its own money to do maintenance on its Bayport and Barbours Cut terminals as well as deepen them.

Still, the Corps cannot supply enough funds to keep dredging maintenance up to par along the entire ship channel while there is less money to award to dredging companies competing for contracts.

This lack of funding has directly affected Houston-based Orion Marine Group Inc. (NYSE: ORN), a specialty contractor that provides dredging services. Chris Dealmeida, Orion's director of finance, said 2011 was an especially rough year, when company revenue dropped to \$253 million from \$350 million in 2010.

"The last few years, the (Corps of Engineers') budget for maintenance has been flat, and the cost of dredging has increased, and the waterways are not maintained to their proper depth and width, including the Houston Ship Channel," Dealmeida said.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Corp. (Nasdaq: GLDD), an Oak Brook, Ill.-based marine construction company with offices in Houston, has also faced some issues in past years, since 22 percent of its business is maintenance dredging.

"The stimulus package gave us a nice boost about four years ago, then things declined again," said Bill Hanson, Great Lakes' vice president of U.S. business development. "The maintenance dredging market has been in decline for six or seven years."

In addition to bills — such as the RAMP Act, which would allow more funds to be retrieved from harbor maintenance taxes — working their way through Congress, separate legislation brought in a bit more money for dredging maintenance.

In Houston, the Port Authority said it got an additional \$7 million from the Corps for dredging this year than in 2011. However, much more is needed for all Port of Houston waterways to maintain a reasonable depth.

The potential for new funding has dredging companies optimistic to the point that some are investing in new equipment.

"We expect to see improvements," Hanson said. "We have talked openly about the potential of building new equipment, and we know our competitors have built new equipment and are hiring new people to go along with that."

The attention on the expansion of the Panama Canal potentially bringing new, larger ships to Houston, has also helped the dredging issues and makes Orion more confident about the future, Dealmeida said.

"Once you have the Panama Canal widening (in 2014), that will bring a lot of focus to the issue," he said. ■

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Houston group pushes for energy-efficiency loans

BY DEON DAUGHERTY
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Dixie Chemical Company Inc. could see its electricity bill cut in half if a coalition of businesses and lawyers can convince the Texas Legislature to reform the Property Assessed Clean Energy program.

The Pasadena-based company is one of those involved in Keeping PACE in Texas, a group founded to amend the 2009 law so commercial property owners can access long-term, low-interest loans to fund energy-efficient equipment purchases.

Energy expenses are second only to the cost of raw materials at most manufacturing plants, said Michael Gromacki, vice president of operations at Dixie.

Installing equipment such as a multimillion-dollar combined heat and power unit allows industrial businesses to use natural gas and, in the process, generate steam and recapture electricity, which reduces energy consumption, Gromacki explained.

"If you can reduce that fixed cost, then all of that money is going to the bottom line," he said.

The investment is worthwhile because it results in a continuous payback in utility bills. In addition to the energy savings, he said, a single piece of equipment could generate more than a dozen jobs at a construction site.

The city of Houston will be among supporters for the legislation in 2013, said Laura Spanjian, sustainability director for the city.

"We want to be one of the cities to implement this," she said. "It gives people options — it's not a mandate. It just gives a homeowner or a building owner another tool to be able to do these energy-efficient or renewable improvements."

Jared McCurley, an energy solutions specialist in the Houston office of France-based Schneider Electric, said that roughly 70 percent of the buildings in the U.S. were built before 1990. Adding energy-efficient technology could add up to a savings of 40 percent for each of them, he said.

To qualify for the loan, property owners must show that energy savings would be greater than the repayment. The legislation that passed in 2009 would have permitted the new lien to supersede existing mortgage loans on residential properties. Consequently, banks lined up to oppose it.

Charlene Heydinger, executive director of the Austin-based Keeping PACE in Texas, said 28 states, including Texas, have passed PACE legislation. However, the mortgage crisis of recent years prompted federal regulators to put a halt to many of the loans. As a result, Heydinger said, her group is targeting industrial and commercial properties, which alleviates the mortgage loan issue.



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Karen Neeley, general counsel at the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, said the issue for bankers was simply that PACE loans would have been superior to existing mortgages.

"Obviously, we're all for energy efficiency and improvements," she said. "The dilemma is the liens that jump ahead of contractual liens and we're not able to anticipate them and then the collateral is affected and impaired. It would be the issue again. If we can work that particular point out, we obviously would not have concerns."

PACE also ran into problems when some interpretations of the new law found it didn't go far enough to address constitutional issues surrounding the creation of what would essentially be new taxing districts, said Thompson & Knight LLP lawyer Stephen Block of Houston.

The concept allows owners to overcome the debt if they later decide to sell the upgraded property. Repayment of the loan would be attached to the property tax assessment, not the individual who owned the property when the loan was initiated.

"It's a novel idea to overcome the obstacles to energy-efficient retrofits that come from the fact an owner says, 'I don't know how long I'll own this, and I'm not willing to put in \$1 million when I may never get that money back,'" he said.

Texas is one of the few states in which PACE doesn't work, Block said, which disadvantages property owners and businesses.

"Texas really shouldn't be the only one that's not at the party for this." ■

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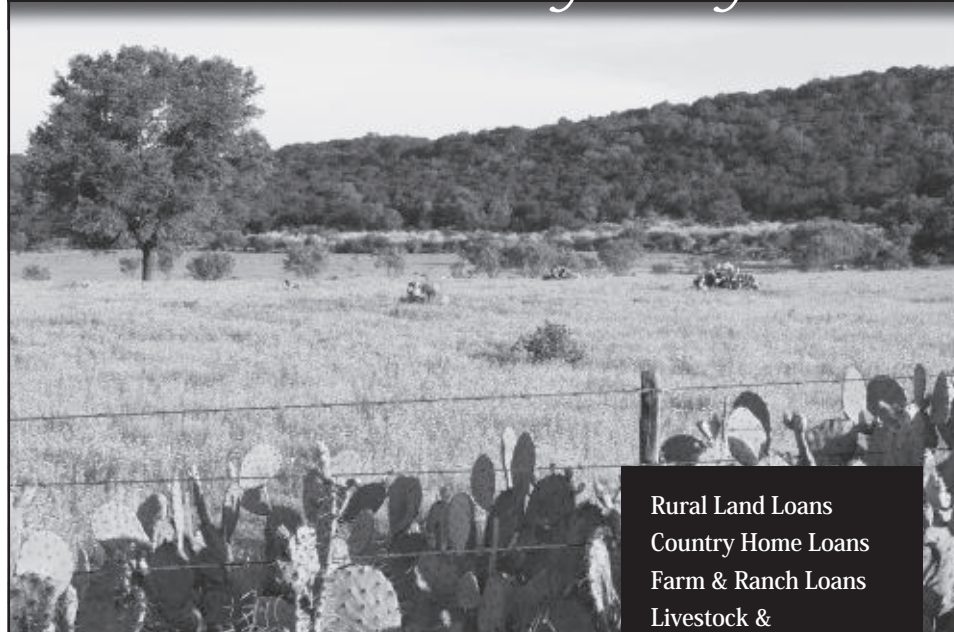
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Frost on 'Too Big to Fail': Lessons from the 1980s



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On the eve of 1989, Tom Frost told *The New York Times*, "Today, financial institutions are looked on as a box you put your money in and think, 'It's OK, the government will take care of it.'"

"That's why banks are in such trouble," said Frost, then-president of Frost Bank, speaking for a story about Texas bank failures. "No one holds the banker accountable."

One hundred-fifteen Texas banks closed in 1988, according to the *Times* article. But Frost told me his bank survived the destruction by sticking to its principles.

In a conversation last week, Frost said much has changed since then, but the old virtues — foremost, taking care of the community's liquid assets — should remain the same. But big banks, he said, have favored profits and are "too big to fail," whether they take care of the country's assets or not.

And the great-grandson of Frost Bank founder Col. Thomas Claiborne Frost, now chairman emeritus of the San Antonio-based bank, wants to hold bankers accountable.

"I see a very insidious thing happening to the banking system," Frost said. "In the last 10 years, we've gone from 12 percent of the bank assets in the five big companies to 52 percent. We've got a banking system that's going toward the big bank concentration ..., that's another thing that we shouldn't do,

and ... it's happening because of the speculation."

Frost on May 9 told a Congressional subcommittee it should split the ownership and management of big banks' FDIC-insured deposit-taking institutions and their investment banking operations, arguing that as financial giants strive to make greater returns, they turn to derivatives and sometimes risky gambles with depositors' money.

Two days later, JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NYSE: JPM) announced its \$2.3 billion trading loss.

At the Congressional hearing, "I was the only one who came up and said, 'You know, you're trying to put a patch on a flat tire, and it's leaking, and it won't work,'" Frost said, indicating that big banks were relying on derivatives to cover up bad loans. "You've actually got to go get a new tire. I was the only one who said we ought to change the system where we separate it."

Frost said his great-uncle Joe Frost, CEO of the bank in 1953 when Tom Frost was a young college graduate, told him his first job as a banker is if you accept a deposit, you have to be able to give it back.

"He also told me we have in our hands the liquid assets of this community, and that's what this community needs to grow and develop," Frost said. "Earning a profit was not on the list of things he was talking to me about — our philosophy is that if you do these things, you will be able to make a profit, there's no question about that." ■

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Port of Houston worth \$178B to Texas economy, report says

BY MOLLY RYAN
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In 2011, the Port of Houston supported more than 1 million jobs and created a \$178.5 billion economic impact in Texas, according to a report released this week.

The report's results, compiled by Lancaster, Pa.-based Martin Associates, measured the economic impact of all public and private activity along the Houston Ship Channel during 2011.

When the port's 2011 results are compared with a similar extensive study of the port's economic impact in 2006, most areas of study showed improvement. For example, economic output increased from \$117.6 billion in 2006 to \$178.5 billion in 2011. Also, personal income impact, which consists of wages and salaries, increased from \$39.3 billion to \$56.5 billion.

Overall jobs supported by the port increased from 785,000 to 1 million during the same time period. However, jobs supported directly by the port — from local firms that provide support services to the seaport, such as dockworkers and truckers — decreased by close to 4,000 jobs to

about 53,000 jobs.

The loss of direct jobs supported by the port can be contributed in part to a decrease in bulk cargoes from 2006 to 2011. Total cargo decreased from 240.9 million tons to 236.1 million tons.

The greatest area of decrease was indirect jobs supported by the port, which dropped from 79,000 to 50,000 between 2006 and 2011. Indirect jobs are jobs generated as a result of local purchases by companies that directly work with the port, such as office supply firms, parts suppliers and maintenance companies.

Lost jobs were well made up by the increase in jobs supported by related users. These jobs, which are connected to the physical cargo imported and exported at the port, increased from 586,000 to 852,000.

This growth in jobs can be contributed to the growth of containerized cargo at the port, which increased in part because of the Barbours Cut and Bayport terminals. ■

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Liberty pours \$15.5M into industrial development pipeline

Rendering of building six at Liberty Northwest Business Center.



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LibertyPropertyTrustwillbreakground within three weeks on two Houston-area industrial buildings with an ultimate price tag of \$15.5 million.

The two structures will fill the remaining space available in Liberty Northwest Business Center, the industrial park at Hollister and Beltway 8 owned by Malvern, Pa.-based Liberty Property (NYSE: LRY).

Jay Kraft, vice president and Houston city manager for Liberty, told me he's moving forward with development because buildings three and four, which added a total of 212,000 square feet to the same business park in January, are already substantially leased.



"The market is very active right now," Kraft said. "We're trying to take advantage of it."

Construction will commence soon on the 111,000-square-foot building five at 14300 Hollister Road and the 88,000-square-foot building six at 14400 Hollister. The total development cost includes the price of land.

Even before a shovel goes into the ground, Houston-based Wayne Enterprises Inc. has preleased 85,000 square feet in the larger building. Jeff Venghaus of Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. (NYSE: JLL) represented the tenant, which will move into the space during first-quarter 2013.

Wayne Enterprises — which makes me think of Batman — could probably have helped the caped crusader with some useful clothing. The company sells flame-resistant uniforms for oil-rig workers. It also markets other work apparel and corporate promotional items.

In addition to its future presence in building five in Liberty Northwest Business Center, Wayne Enterprises leased 11,000 square feet in building three that it will occupy July 1.

"They wanted their showroom to be up front and their warehousing to be in the back," Kraft said.

Houston-based Clearwater International LLC also took nearly 45,000 square feet in building three. James Stark of CBRE Group Inc. represented Clearwater, which is expected to move in during the third quarter.

And Employee Owned Holdings Inc., represented by Stephen Kuper of The National Realty Group Inc., moved into 11,000 square feet earlier this month in building three.

Houston-based National Oilwell Varco Inc. (NYSE: NOV) leased the entire 128,000-square-foot building four, which it will occupy in June. The company agreed this month to buy the Wilson International Inc. distribution business from Schlumberger Ltd. (NYSE: SLB) for \$800 million.

Liberty Northwest Business Center will be built out when the new facilities are finished, but that won't slow future development by Liberty, which has approximately 4.2 million square feet of local industrial facilities. The company has 118 acres of developable land in north and northwest Houston. ■

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FACE TO FACE WITH... John Kim Founder | The Kim Law Firm

Houston trial lawyer John Kim grew up a Korean in 1960s Lubbock, and he remembers well the first time he was judged for being different.

"Partially because of my parents' example and largely due to the community in Lubbock, I never experienced prejudice until I became a lawyer," he said.

Kim has fused his sense of humor with a strong work ethic as head of The Kim Law Firm. He also is president of the Houston chapter of the American Board Of Trial Advocates, a position he says both humbles him and reminds him of his age.

"As much as I joke about things, this is important. ABOTA's sole mission is the preser-

vation of the right to a trial by jury," he said.

Kim said he enjoys reasoned academic debate, and those discussions could take place just as easily over wine at the swanky Braserie 19 as they could in between chomps on a cigar at his River Oaks office.

Under the watchful gaze of an autographed poster of "The Highwaymen," a country and western super-group composed of Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson, Kim laid down the law as he sees it for *HBJ* reporter Deon Daugherty.

How did you develop this habit of chewing on cigars?

I don't know. Probably some sick mama

complex or oral fixation kind of deal. The truth is it keeps me from smoking, and most lawyers will tell you that in deposition they appreciate me having a cigar in my mouth because it means I'm not talking.

If you had the full attention of a group of children, what would you tell them?

Be courageous. Courage is based on being different and getting educated. It's OK to be different, but it's not OK to turn your back on education.

I learned very early that I was different on a number of fronts, but it encouraged me. I was taught that it was good. And of course, I came from the typical Korean culture,



KIM COFFMAN/HBJ

which is, 'Get educated.' We had one rule, and it was typical of Korean parents: education, education, education. They didn't understand my fascination with sports. They didn't understand my fascination with cars. They didn't understand my fascination with women. They didn't understand my fascination with booze. But our rule was, if you made straight As, you could do what you want.

And of course, I abused that rule because in Lubbock public schools, it wasn't that difficult.

If you can't accept the fact you're different and if you can't accept the fact that the world is made up of a bunch of different types of people, then your education is going to do you no good.

You have to have courage to understand that 1. You don't know everything; 2. What you do know may be wrong; 3. You must imbue yourself with critical thought; and 4. Be willing to accept criticism and the fact you may not be the smartest guy in the room. And, if you're the dumbest guy in the room, you can take advantage of it. Believe me, I do. I go into every proceeding as the dumbest guy in the room, intending to learn.

What attracted you to being a lawyer?

I always knew I wanted to be a trial lawyer. I like to talk. I don't mind an argument — I love sports, and I love to compete, and trial work is one of the weird things where you get to fight, you get to compete and you get to demonstrate sportsmanship. There's a good fight and a bad fight, but at the end of the day with a jury, there's a winner and a loser, so it satisfies that competitive spirit.

What will people be surprised to learn about you?

That I'm generally prepared. Nothing beats hard work. That's not only a Texas virtue; it's an Asian thing, too. Part of it is insecurity. I don't want to fail for my client. I don't want to fail for the other lawyers on my case. There's no excuse to not be prepared.

Now having said that, I don't often give off the appearance that I'm prepared because I don't sweat it. I know I'm ready. I'm also a realist. There's a time and a place for everything, and I don't have to win every argument. I just have to win the important ones.

This is kind of like letting a secret out: I get ready. I work weird hours. People may see me in the afternoon, drinking away and think, "There he goes." But I work at night. I'm single, no kids, no pets. I've just looked at my country club bill and realized I haven't played golf in six weeks, which is a first in decades. But I'm preparing for a case, and there's a lot of work to be done, so I've worked the last six Saturdays and Sundays and driven everyone crazy. ■

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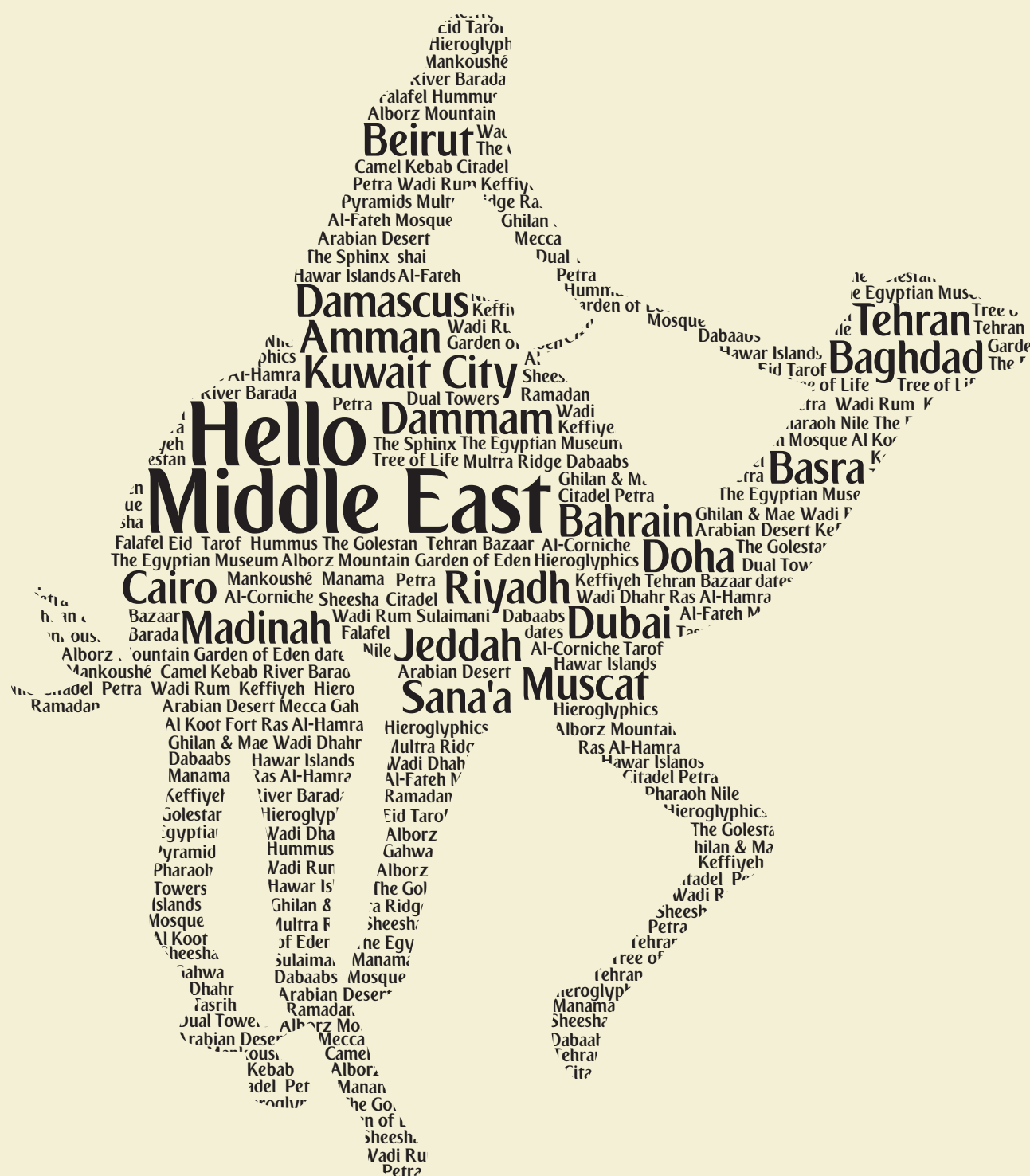
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Shale brings to light critical nature of oil and water



DRILLING DOWN with Deon Daugherty

During the decade I wrote for and about the Texas Legislature, state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, had a saying he would dust off whenever he was trying to make the point that developing a plan for water use is critical.

It went something along the lines of, “Water is more like blood than oil — you can’t live without water and blood.”

This was before the shale boom when water would develop into a controversial means to an end within the energy industry; at the time, the senator was mostly urging farmers to come to terms with water conservation as part of the agriculture industry.

This week, Joseph Stanislaw, who holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Edinburgh, was in Houston for the Deloitte Energy Conference where he discussed the white paper, “No Water, No Energy. No Energy, No Water,” which he wrote with colleague William Sarni.

Stanislaw, based in Boston, Mass., is the founder of The JAStanislaw Group and an independent adviser to Deloitte.

Stanislaw took a few minutes to talk with me about his work and what may be next in the deep relationship between water and energy resources. He told me the issue has been on his mind for years.

“I was not Einstein to figure this out,” he said. “It’s giving the obvious a face because people were not acting on it.”

Producing oil and gas resources from shale formations requires water, a fact that has raised some environmental concerns. And conversely, to pump water from an underground well, you have to expend energy.

“The two are highly correlated. They are so related, you can’t have one without the other,” he said. “Unless we can manage energy and water, we will not likely be in a position to feed an increasingly hungry world.”

The energy industry is taking notice. While drilling and completions in the Eagle Ford shale account for about 6 percent of the water use in South Texas, that reflects a decrease from 15-acre-feet of water to 11-acre-feet of water, a 27 percent drop, according to the Texas Railroad Commission. An acre-foot represents one foot of water spread across an acre of land.

There’s more than water conservation at play here, Stanislaw said. The more energy production demands water, the more the price increases, which will affect companies’ bottom line.

“When you look at the real cost of business, you have to lower all of the resource cost. Water is one of those that increases in value over time, and you have to lower the cost to become more efficient.” ■

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Entrepreneurs get another shot with Startup Act 2.0

BY KENT HOOVER
WASHINGTON BUREAU CHIEF

Considering it’s a relaunch, Startup Act 2.0 is a good name for legislation introduced by a bipartisan group of U.S. senators who want to boost entrepreneurship.

Like the original Startup Act, the new version is a grab bag of ideas:

- Foreigners who receive postgraduate degrees from U.S. universities in science, technology, engineering and math would be given green cards so they could stay in this country. So would foreigners who start new businesses in the U.S.

- Investments in startups would be permanently exempted from capital gains taxes, as long as the stock is held for at least five years.

- A targeted research and development tax credit would be offered to companies less than 5 years old and with less than \$5 million in annual revenue.

- Commercialization of university R&D would be accelerated.

- Government agencies would be required to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of proposed rules that have an economic impact of \$100 million or more and assess whether the rules hurt the formation of new businesses.

The bill has been endorsed by business groups ranging from TechAmerica to the National Small Business Association. ■

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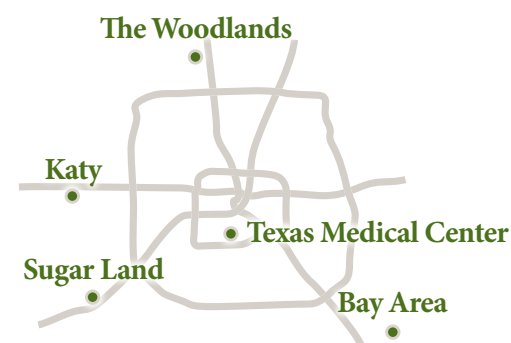
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Mr. Postolos served as President and CEO of the Houston Rockets from 1998-2006 and spearheaded development of Toyota Center. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School (magna cum laude), and a former associate of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

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Gerald Hines made distinctive, long-lasting impact on Houston

BY BETTY T. CHAPMAN
SPECIAL TO HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

In 1948, a Purdue University graduate named Gerald Douglas Hines moved to Houston, an unfamiliar place to this Indiana native. As he began his career, the young engineer could not know that he would place a distinctive stamp on his adopted home in the years ahead. Hines later reflected that he “just wanted to succeed.” In achieving that success, he transformed our city’s built environment.

Houston was entering an unprecedented period of growth when Hines appeared on the scene. It offered an unfettered horizon for real estate development. Hines recognized this opportunity and soon plunged out on his own as a fledgling developer. He knew buildings, but more importantly, he knew how to control a structure’s cost.

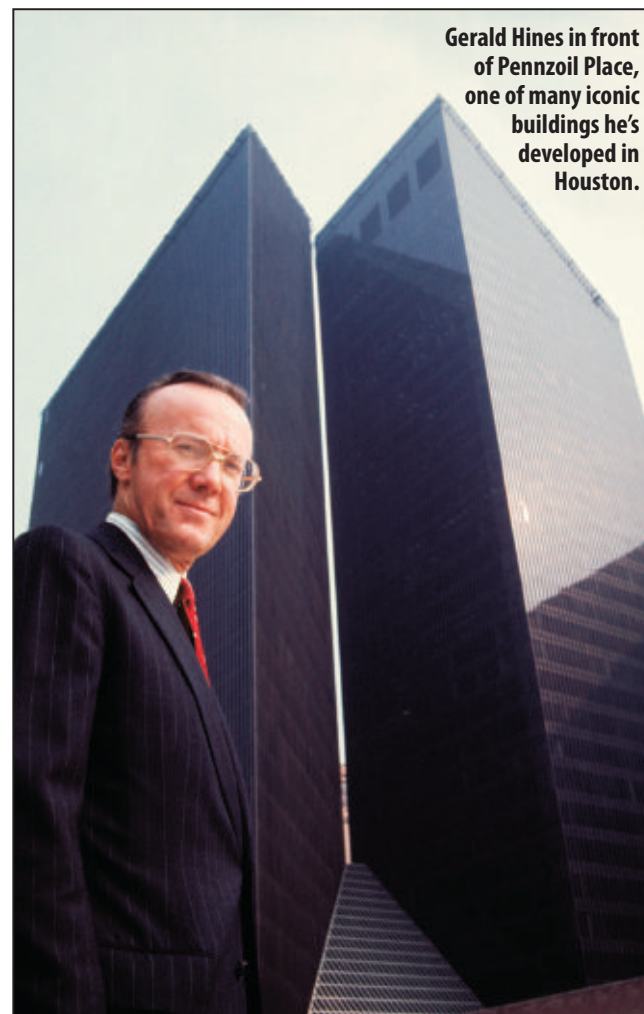
After securing a client, the site and an architect, Hines would seek investors and borrow 100 percent of the construction cost. His first solo project was an office building and adjacent warehouse at 3783 Richmond Ave. This successful venture led to more projects, and between 1956 and 1966 the Hines office built 14 office buildings along Richmond.

Known today as the Richmond Corridor, this area represents one of the earliest examples of the suburban office park in the United States.

According to architectural historian Stephen Fox, “... the Richmond Corridor is important because it demonstrates Gerald Hines’ emerging realization that distinctive architecture could be used to give buildings enhanced visibility and greater presence.” And, indeed, Hines would use this principle in his work over and over again.

In 1966 Hines was approached about a major project, his first — a downtown office building for Shell Oil Co. When it was completed, the 50-story structure was the tallest concrete building in the world, transforming the skyline of Houston and Hines’ career.

At the same time, Hines was engaged in building a shopping center that would set the standard for malls across the country. He acquired 12 acres at a fortuitous location: the intersection of busy Westheimer Road and the recently built Loop 610. Even as Hines envisioned the traditional components — retail businesses, a hotel and a bank — he knew he wanted a one-of-a-kind center. After visiting the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan, built in 1864 as the world’s first glass-topped shopping area, Hines realized that he could build a similar Galleria in Houston.



Gerald Hines in front of Pennzoil Place, one of many iconic buildings he's developed in Houston.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HINES

In 1969 the earliest segment of this innovative venture began operating. The crowning portion, the glass-covered ice-skating rink, opened in November 1970. That was just the beginning as an office tower, a second hotel and large additions were added in the years ahead. The Galleria

was a staggering investment for the Hines firm, but it quickly became, as the company

had suggested, “a new downtown.” Hines’ reputation as a financially responsible developer utilizing distinctive architectural designs was assured.

Hines’ distinctive buildings in Houston are manifold. Among those downtown are the twin black trapezoids of Pennzoil Place, the red granite neo-Gothic Bank of America Center, the tall slim JPMorgan Chase Tower and 1100 Louisiana with its rose granite stepped façade. The Post Oak Boulevard area showcases, among multiple others in that busy area, the 64-story glass-faced Williams Tower with its popular Water Wall along with the stunning Post Oak Central complex. And many of the Richmond Corridor’s modernistic gems remain today, architecturally and historically significant in the 21st century.

The Hines firm, having become a global enterprise in 1990, builds and manages worldwide development today. The company is involved in 110 cities in 18 countries. It all began, however, in Houston when an ambitious young engineer sought to succeed and wound up changing the built environment, not only in his new hometown, but around the world. ■

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BY TANYA RUTLEDGE

SPECIAL TO HOUSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

Up until about 18 months ago, iOffice Inc.'s 21 employees didn't have many internal meetings on their calendars. Now that they do, they couldn't be happier.

Since 2002, iOffice, which offers a technology platform with nine different modules to help businesses manage office and facility services, had been growing successfully by having each employee handle individual jobs that contributed to the big picture. The problem was, the big picture wasn't discussed very often. Employees came in, did their jobs well and went home.

iOffice co-owners Don Traweek and Elizabeth Dukes realized that although the company was thriving, things could be even better if they started focusing on human resources.

"Once we got to about 20 employees, we knew we needed to start thinking about an HR structure," Dukes said. "Until then, as long as everyone did their jobs, things were going well. But we got to a point where we were big enough that not everyone knew what was going on with other people and how they impacted the whole."

So Traweek and Dukes set up an employee review system, created departments and team leaders and implemented a schedule for regular departmental and companywide meetings.

The employees loved it.

"We had heard HR grumbings, and we knew that we just needed to have everyone communicating better," Dukes said. "It was important that we set up a review and recognition system and benchmarks for them."

While organizing iOffice into a more structured format has helped boost the company to the next level, Dukes and Traweek said they will retain the longtime perks they are able to offer as a small business — one of the favorites allows

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IOFFICE INC.

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Elizabeth Dukes, executive vice president, and Don Traweek, president and CEO of iOffice Inc., with a pair of invited guests: 'The idea was to create a space that people would like coming to visit.'

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LOCATION: The Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, 445 Commerce Green Blvd., Sugar Land

COST: Members \$25; nonmembers \$35

MORE: Farrah Gandhi at 281-566-2152 or Farrah@fortbendcc.org.

EVENT: SCORE Houston Chapter Small Business Administration's Annual Awards

SPEAKER: George Greanias, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, Houston

DATE/TIME: May 31, 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: JW Marriott Houston, 5150 Westheimer

COST: \$65

MORE: 713-487-6565

EVENT: Houston Strategy Forum — Dealing with Catastrophic Market Events

SPEAKER: John T. Rynd, Hercules Offshore Inc.

DATE/TIME: May 31, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hess Club, 5430 Westheimer

COST: General members \$50; nonmembers \$90

MORE: houstonstrategyforum.com

EVENT: Texas Medical Center — Past, Present and Future

SPEAKER: Richard Wainerdi, Ph.D., Texas Medical Center

DATE/TIME: June 1, 7:15 to 9 a.m.

LOCATION: Houston Technology Center, 410 Pierce St.

COST: \$30

MORE: houstontech.org

EVENT: World Affairs Council of Houston — The Future of Oil and Gas: Norway's Perspective

SPEAKER: Ola Borten Moe, Norway's Minister of Petroleum and Energy

DATE/TIME: June 4, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Petroleum Club, 800 Bell St.

COST: Members \$40; nonmembers \$50

MORE: rsvp@wachouston.org or 713-522 7811

EVENT: The Transportation Club of Houston — Airfreight Industry Outlook

SPEAKER: Michael C. Basoco, Saudi Arabian Airlines Cargo

DATE/TIME: June 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: The Houston Club, 811 Rusk Ave.

COST: Members \$35; nonmembers \$45

MORE: 281-435-9647 or transclubhou.org

EVENT: Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Division — Where Did my Money Go?

SPEAKER: Robin Ward, Freedom Billing Associates

DATE/TIME: June 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, 445 Commerce Green Blvd., Sugar Land

COST: Members \$25; nonmembers \$35

MORE: Lea Ann Gibson at info@fortbendcc.org or 281-491-0277.

EVENT: French-American Chamber of Commerce Keynote Speaker Series Luncheon

SPEAKER: Mauro Ferrari, Ph.D., Methodist Hospital Research Institute

DATE/TIME: June 6, noon to 2 p.m.

LOCATION: JW Marriott Houston, 5150 Westheimer

COST: Contact chamber for prices

MORE: info@facchouston.com or 713-960-0575

EVENT: American Institute for International Steel 2012 Gulf Region Spring Social

SPEAKER: Mike Fitch, JSW Steel

DATE/TIME: June 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hilton Houston Post Oak, 2011 Post Oak

COST: \$50

MORE: aiis.org

EVENT: All About Grants: Two-Day Institute

DATE/TIME: June 6-7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Harris County Department of Education, 6300 Irvington Blvd.

COST: \$400 or early registration \$300

MORE: wms.hcde-texas.org or 713-696-1393

EVENT: Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce Business and Professional Division — The Latest Mobile Marketing Tips, Tools and Trends and Why Mobile Marketing is Important to Your Business

SPEAKER: Howard Spencer, The Marketing Department

DATE/TIME: June 12, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce, 445 Commerce Green Blvd., Sugar Land

COST: Members \$25; nonmembers \$35

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EVENT: Houston Business Journal's Meet the Newsroom

DATE/TIME: June 14, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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EVENT: Texas Black Expo

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MORE: texasblackexpo.com

EVENT: Open Government Seminar

DATE/TIME: June 15, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: George R. Brown Convention Center, 1001 Avenida De Las Americas

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MORE: kim.davey@texasbar.com

EVENT: Women's Business Enterprise Alliance Educational Encounter: Value Proposition — Is it a Deal Maker or Deal Breaker?

DATE/TIME: June 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LOCATION: 4800 Fournace, Belliare

COST: Members \$25; nonmembers \$30

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GROWTH: Refocus on software sales put tech company back on profitable track



Elizabeth Dukes, executive vice president at iOffice: 'We knew from the beginning that we had a very viable product and we really built everything around that.'

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employees to bring their dogs to work every day.

All employee dogs are invited, and iOffice's loft-style office in Midtown can play host to as many as 12 canines on any given day, an option the company has offered since its inception in 2002.

"The idea was to create a space that people would like coming to visit," Traweck said. "A lot of our customers with offices downtown ask to come to meetings here — they like coming to us."

A big-company software offering from a small-company environment was exactly what Traweck and Dukes had in mind when they left their executive positions with Stamford, Conn.-based Pitney Bowes Inc. (NYSE: PBI) after experiencing corporate burnout.

They researched the software and the business model behind iOffice for nine months by reaching out to former customers and employers to assess the need for a facilities management software system.

With commitments from several customers before iOffice was even launched, Traweck and Dukes bootstrapped the company with their own savings and rolled out their technology. Its original three modules — online submittal of copy jobs, mail tracking software and asset management — now numbers nine and helped the company quickly add more clients to its roster.

The fast growth came mostly through relationships with channel partners that would sell iOffice's software to their own clients as part of their service offerings.

"We started out trying cold-calling, but recognized early on that direct sales was not going to be the avenue for rapid growth starting out," Dukes said. "We aligned ourselves with companies that had their own sales forces that rebranded our products and started selling them."

Channel partners include Tokyo-based Ricoh Global, High Touch Inc. of Wichita, Kan., and Boston-based Fox RPM Corp., among others.

And while that channel-partner model is

still responsible for more than half of iOffice's business, the company began direct-marketing its software a couple of years ago.

In addition to hiring a sales and marketing team, iOffice brought on an outside marketing firm to help build a brand so the company could sell its software under its own name. That effort included website content, graphics, public relations, search engine optimization and even social media components.

At the time, iOffice made the decision to offer consulting services in addition to its software, but Dukes said the partners learned quickly that it was not the right time to start expanding away from the core business.

"Part of our strategy was to offer consulting services as an avenue to complement our software, but after venturing down that road we realized it wasn't accomplishing our objective of selling software," she said. "We got off track."

With its aim now firmly focused on software sales both internally and through channel partners, iOffice is on a fast growth clip.

That growth helped the company achieve a No. 44 ranking on the *Houston Business Journal's* 2011 Houston Fast 100 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the Houston area and No. 40 on the Fast Tech 50 list, as well as rankings on both the Software Development Companies and Information Technology Consultants lists.

And with several big-name clients that include Atlanta's Home Depot Inc. (NYSE: HD) and Emory University, as well as Englewood, Colo.-based The Western Union Co., the company is poised to continue its upward trend. iOffice currently has more than 1,000 clients using its software.

"We are in a constant state of continually improving our product and rolling out upgrades," Dukes said. "We knew from the beginning that we had a very viable product and we really built everything around that."

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Remember the government when selling commodities

Got commodities for sale? Don't overlook the government as a possible client. Public entities spend billions of dollars on products and equipment each year.

Usually, the items are procured in one of two ways — either through a competitive bidding process or through contracts that prequalify vendors.

It would be almost impossible to list everything government buys because it is hard to imagine something that government does not purchase. Here are a few examples of the most common:

- Food items of all types for school children, patients in public hospitals, university students and incarcerated individuals;
- Office supplies;
- Uniforms (athletic, police, fire, EMS, sports and emergency);
- Medical supplies;
- Sporting goods;
- Vehicles;
- Road materials (asphalt, aggregate, concrete and heavy equipment);
- Automotive parts;
- Furniture and equipment; and
- Electrical supplies.

Bids for commodity purchases are issued every day by state and local governments in Texas. Here are some immediate opportunities:

- The Interlocal Purchasing System — TIPS/TAPS — connected to Education Service Center Region 8 (Mount Pleasant) has a bid out for one or more contractors to supply sporting goods, apparel and equipment. The selected vendors will have opportunities to sell products and services through this cooperative purchasing program to government entities and school districts in 45 states.

- Buyboard, another cooperative purchasing program offered by the Texas Association of School Boards, has an immediate opportunity for one or more contractors to supply state adopted and non-adopted instructional materials and technology.

- The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is seeking vendors interested in competing for a statewide contract, through the Texas Procurement and Support Services program, to provide electrical equipment and supplies.

- Arlington Independent School District is currently soliciting bids for athletic equipment and supplies.

Companies interested in bidding on any contracts should ask local public entities about upcoming opportunities. It is also advisable to check out the end dates on existing contracts of interest.

Here are examples of commodity opportunities that will be re-competed soon:

- The city of Houston will solicit a supplier to provide safety footwear soon. The contract involves providing various styles, sizes and types of safety footwear for city employees. The current contract, valued at approximately \$3.9 million, will expire in August.

- The city of Houston currently contracts with several vendors for medical and emergency supplies. Commodities purchased include rescue blankets, splint boards, tape, needleless systems, airway maintenance, continuous positive airway pressure equipment and supplies, suction canisters, infection controls, medical di-

agnostic equipment, etc. The current contract ends this year and a re-procurement will occur.

- The city of Plano soon will need an automotive parts supplier.

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The current contract is valued at approximately \$100,000. The new contract is expected to have a one-year term with three renewal options.

- The city of Arlington has an upcoming opportunity for a vendor to provide replacement glass. The contract will expire in October.

- The city of Plano contracts with four

suppliers for various types of ammunition for the police department. The current contracts, including all renewals, will expire this year. The city is expected to advertise a solicitation for new contracts in late summer or early fall. The resulting contracts are expected to be for one-year terms with three annual renewals.

- Buyboard has an upcoming opportunity for wastewater chemicals, supplies and equipment. A solicitation for a new contract is expected to be advertised within the next few months. The scope of the contract includes municipal water and wastewater supplies, equipment, chemicals, hardware and software systems and

wastewater parts; swimming pool chemicals, feed systems, testing products, cleaning equipment, lights and accessories, drains and covers; and HVAC water treatment chemicals, services and equipment.

Selling commodities to the government may be somewhat complicated in the beginning, but once a contract is secured, the business relationship can last for decades. Vendors that perform well and deliver quality products are rarely displaced. ■

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Don't fail to market to those who have the money: Baby Boomers

With each passing birthday, some wise guy asks me if I'm finally going to retire. Oh, how I hate that question. I love my work, and I love to work. And as it turns out, I'm part of an emerging demographic: the longevity revolution.

It's also an underrated generation. To confirm my suspicions, I turned to the real expert in this field.

My good friend Dr. Ken Dychtwald is North America's foremost visionary regarding the lifestyle, marketing, health care and workforce implications of the 50-plus generation. *American Demographics* magazine honored him as the single-most influential marketer to Baby Boomers over the past century. He's the best-selling author of 16 books on age-related issues.

And if that's not impressive enough, he's a psychologist, gerontologist, documentary filmmaker and entrepreneur. He's devoted nearly 40 years to studying what happens when more of us live longer.

He started his explanation by asking some basic questions: What happens to media and marketing and advertising that have pretty well exclusively been oriented toward 18- to 34-year-olds, when that age group diminishes in size and the 50-plus population all of a sudden has all the money and growth?

What are the business opportunities that are going to emerge as we have a new bunch of 50-, 60-, 80-, 90- and maybe 110-year-olds,

in the years to come? How might that indeed be the very new frontier?

SWIM WITH THE SHARKS

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Those are important questions since people are living much longer than they used to. In fact, the widely accepted retirement age of 65 is also a number that many consider "old." But Ken is quick to point out that 65 was

established by Baron Otto Von Bismarck in the 1880s, when he was designing Europe's first pension plan — and the actual average life expectancy was 45 years. Clearly, 65 looks dramatically different in 2012.

And that fact should shape the market, which we mostly think of as being shaped by trendsetters, and trendsetters have pretty much always been young people, Ken says. Targeting young people, which builds our advertising value and then telling people where they should target their business, is not the best strategy. Because as that group ages, you have to go back and start over with the next group of young people. And they don't have the power or the money.

Instead, he argues that rather than focusing on trendsetters, we should turn our attention to the "influentials" — the people who other people take note of and want to be like. Young people are looking up to those who are successful, powerful and good at what they do. It is not true that kids have all the power in this country.

"Young people are broke and have been made more broke by the recession. If you do all the analytics on this last five years, the age groups that have gotten battered the hardest in terms of losing money, losing their homes, losing their jobs, are people in their 20s and 30s," Ken said.

"People 50-plus have actually done not bad. Look simply at net worth, the portrait becomes quite compelling. The older population, whether you like them or not, whether you want to be one or not, is where the money is. Seventy percent of all the wealth in North America and Europe is controlled by people over 50.

"The growth is coming from people in their 50s, 60s and 70s," he added. "What kind of industries will take off in the next decade?"

Then Ken unleashed another statistic that should refocus marketing strategies: The highest amount of entrepreneurship in the last 10 years in America has happened among 55- to 65-year-olds.

But he's not convinced that money is the ticket to a happy retirement. Some people work because they have to, but many continue working and exploring new careers because they like to. Perhaps they aren't planning to work full time, but they are looking for a good balance between work and leisure.

Ken said what people really want is "... freedom. I'm going to do what I want to do, how I want to do it, on my own schedule. What people also want to be respected for is their wisdom, for their power, for their coolness, for their influence, for their experience."

Ken gave me plenty to think about as I defer retirement. And maybe even a couple ideas for my next career. ■

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It always amazes me how larger flagship sedans like the Jaguar XJL can be so quick and agile.

When I put my tester through its paces, it registered an impressive zero-to-60 time of 4.9 seconds — and that's with only the midlevel version among three engine choices.

Jaguar's XJ series was redesigned in a big way for the 2011 model year, and received only a few packaging tweaks for this latest edition.

The big Jags no longer cling to traditional lines with a stretched-out hood, but no matter. They still cut the kind of sharp profile that the stunning Mercedes-Benz CLS has championed, sporting a bulging hood that designers say pays homage to the famed E-Type Jaguar.

There is a definite return to tradition, however, when it comes to the interior.

Somewhere during the Ford-ownership era, the once-sumptuous Jaguar lost its way. Now, it's back up to snuff under new owners Tata Motors with gorgeous wood, soft leather and tons of luxury features. For example, there now is a rear seat comfort package that includes recline, lumbar and massage functions.

The standard-wheelbase XJ with the base 5.0-liter, 380-hp V-8 starts at \$74,575, while the XJL with the stretched wheelbase and supercharger boosts hp to 470 and MSRP to \$91,600. Buyers looking for even more power can move up to the 510-hp XJL Supersport at \$117,575.

Even so, compared with other European flagships, the Jag's price falls on the low end. And given its plush interior, the XJ might also give more expensive exotics such as Maserati Quattroporte a run for their money.

If there is a downside, consider that the EPA puts gas mileage at 15 mpg/city and 21 mpg/highway.

Not that the Jag is worst in class, but consider that the attractive Audi A8L — albeit with a smaller engine — gets up to 28 mpg on the highway.



The Jaguar XJL has an impressive array of standard options — but the optional Portfolio Package includes massaging front seats, heated and cooled rear seats and four-zone climate control.



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Despite the L model's 5-inch gain in wheelbase, the rear-drive Jaguar handles like a much smaller car, thanks in part to extensive use of lightweight aluminum. Only when you look at its long profile or sit in the back and stretch out your legs can you gauge its size.

While there is a meaningful purr when you lay into the gas pedal, the XJ is generally quiet and delivers an extremely smooth ride.

The list of standard features also is impressive, even considering the Jaguar's luxury flagship status.

Standards range from automatic windshield wipers and panoramic sunroof to heated and cooled front seats and HD radio. Long-wheelbase L models come with

the Portfolio Package, which adds goodies such as massaging front seats, a suede-like headliner, heated and cooled rear seats, and four-zone climate control. The Bowers & Wilkins sound system is excellent, but the touch-screen interface can be hard to read.

Also new for 2012 is an Executive Pack, featuring fold-down wood trays in back for laptop computing as well as an electric rear sunshade. Before automatically checking that option, though, check out exactly how useful those trays are at a visit to the dealership. They didn't fold out flat on my tester.

So kudos to Tata Motors for putting first-class materials and modern panache back into the Jaguar XJ. It's back to what your

father and grandfather expected from the brand: a super blend of luxury and power. ■

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Sonoma Wine Bar latest entrant in Heights' restaurant renaissance



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Sonoma Retail Wine Bar & Restaurant is joining the throng of restaurants opening in the Studewood/White Oak area of the Heights.

The well-known local wine bar is gearing up to open its second Houston location in June at 801 Studewood.

Owner Farrah Fatouretchi-Cauley has operated the original location at 2720 Richmond Ave. for nearly five years and said it was always a goal to expand.

"We're taking the same concept and love for food and wine and expanding it," she said. "As soon as I saw this location I knew it was the one."

Many of Sonoma's current customers live in the Heights and Fatouretchi-Cauley said the goal was to reach out to them and create a neighborhood gathering place and wine bar, much like the Richmond Avenue location.

The 2,700-square-foot wine bar and restaurant will feature a larger kitchen and an expanded menu, as well as a second-story patio complete with a fire place.

"We're going to keep some of our most popular items just at the original location," she said. "If I took the Kobe burger

off that menu, I think I'd have a hit out on me."

The menu will have an emphasis on desserts and feature treats such as homemade marshmallows, Rice Krispie treats and decadent chocolates.

Wine enthusiasts will also have the option of buying wine by the bottle or the glass and also bottles to go.

The sangria at the original restaurant is a crowd favorite and Fatouretchi-Cauley plans to build on that with new flavors such as peach mint sangria and passion fruit sangria.

Houston-based BuildOut Services Contractors LLC is building out the wine bar and restaurant, while The Woodlands-based Lancaster & Associates designed the new spot.

Fatouretchi-Cauley estimates she invested about \$500,000 to get the location up and running.

She's not stopping with this first expansion either. Fatouretchi-Cauley is

planning to open a third location within the next three years.

"It may be in the Houston area, but we're also toying with the idea of expanding to Austin," she said.

The Studewood/White Oak area seems to be the new Washington Avenue for restaurant and bar developers these days.

A sign has been placed in the window to hire employees for Salé-Sucré, a new French bistro, in the same small strip center on White Oak just west of Fitzgerald's where Tacos A Go-Go recently opened.

The owners of the French crêperie at 2916 White

Oak — previously home to White Oak Bakery — didn't respond to a request for comment by press time.

That small section of White Oak has been booming since early 2011, with the

The new Heights location for Sonoma is expected to open in June.



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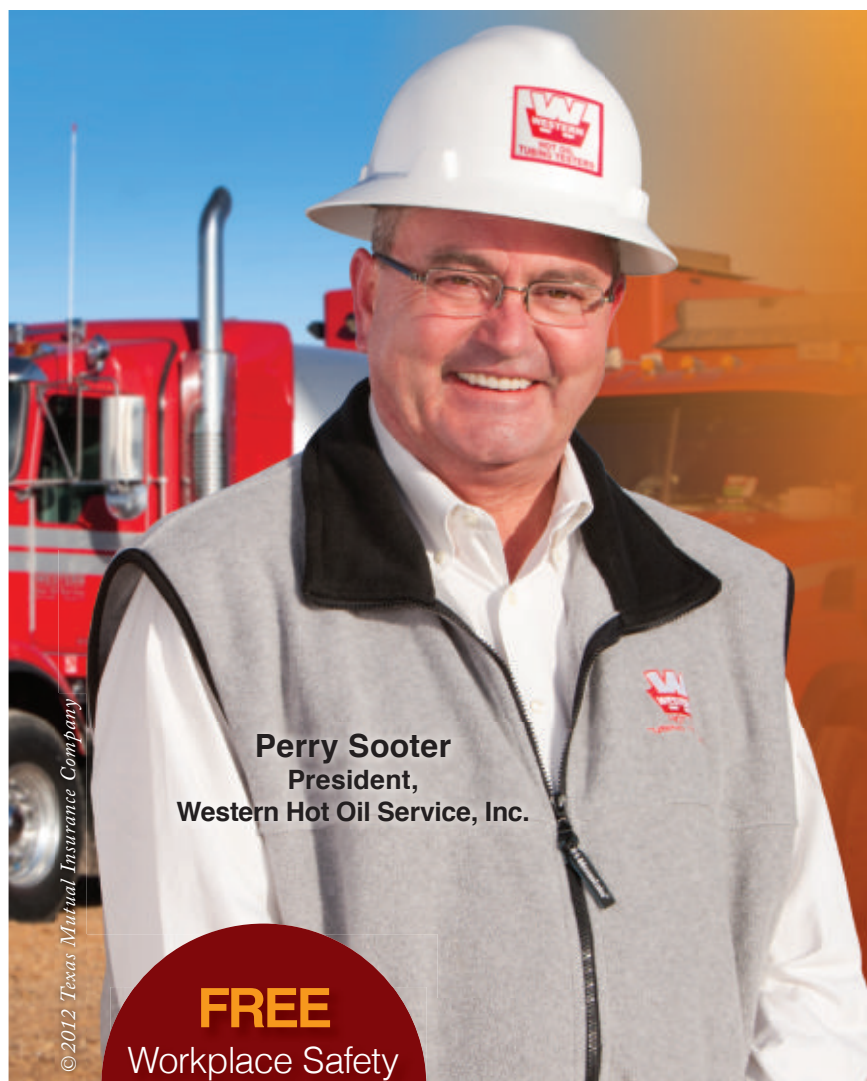
opening of Christian's Tailgate, BB's Cajun Cafe, D'Amico's Italian Cafe and, most recently, Little Woodrow's in the Heights, which opened in late March.

One high-profile restaurant in the area abruptly shut down on May 5 when Bryan Caswell shuttered his Stella Sola eatery on Studewood near the new Sonoma location, after the landlord put the building up for sale.

It will be interesting to see how all of these new businesses fare in this cozy neighborhood.

Residents of the Heights are known for fighting development and may not be too happy with all of the new businesses — and traffic — filling up the streets in their neighborhood.

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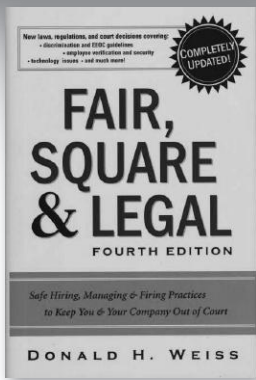
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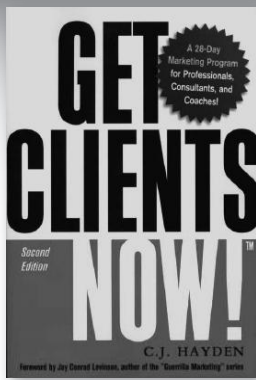
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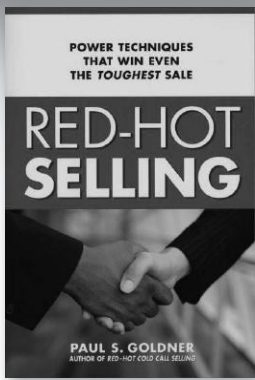
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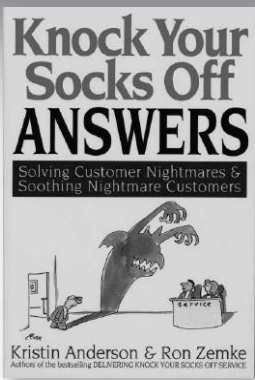
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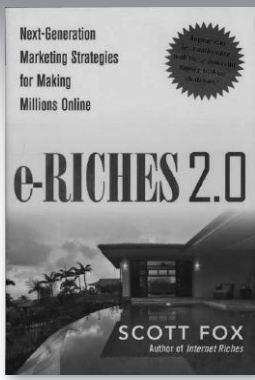
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ACCOUNTING



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ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN



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Kate McPhillips has joined HOK as architectural design specialist, and **Roger Seki** has joined the firm as senior interior designer. **Mario Villamore** and **Veronica**

Santiago have joined WGW, Wallace Garcia Wilson as project architects.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



Justice

Martha Kaiser Justice, owner and vice president of marketing at PremierIMS, has received Pi Beta Phi Fraternity

named a fellow in the biological sciences section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Champ Warren and **Susan Heuer**, Merrill Lynch private wealth advisers, have been recognized on the Barron's "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State" list.

Robert Emery, DrPH, vice president of safety, health, environment and risk management at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, has



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for Women's Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award.

Gib Surles, principal of The Forrest Group LLC, was selected as the recipient of the 2011 Benjamin N. "Woody" Woodson Award from the Houston Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Dr. Cheryl Lyn Walker, director of the Texas A&M Health Science Center Institute of Biosciences and Technology in Houston, was

received the American Chemical Society's Howard Fawcett Chemical Health and Safety Award.

FINANCE



Melotakis



Urban



Spillios

Donna Melotakis has joined Comerica Bank as vice president and regional sales manager, Comerica treasury management,

and **Kevin Urban** has joined the bank as vice president – U.S. banking.

Susan Jistel Spillios has joined the Houston office of SolomonEdwards as a principal in the banking and financial services practice.

HEALTH CARE



Karlins



Hume

Mike Karlins, partner and CPA at Karlins & Ramey LLC, has been named chairman of Memorial Hermann The Woodlands' business advisory board.

Dr. John Hume has joined the staff at KSF Orthopaedic Center PA.

LAW



Liggins

Demetra L. Liggins, partner at Thompson & Knight, has been selected for the 2012 Fellows Program of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

Joshua Huber has joined Blank Rome LLP as an associate with a specific focus in commercial litigation, consumer financial services, energy, banking and finance, and real estate.

Charles W. Schwartz has been promoted to Houston office leader and litigation practice leader at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

Will Stukenberg has joined the

Houston office of Jackson Lewis as of counsel.

MANUFACTURING



Brunkhorst

Stacey Brunkhorst has joined Proximity Systems in Tomball as a regional sales specialist.

MEDIA & MARKETING



Burnett



Ali

Sean Burnett has joined BrandExtract LLC as COO.

Hussain Ali has been promoted to director of technology at National Signs.

Kara Johnson has joined Pointsmith as an account executive.

ORGANIZATIONS



Braun



Crafton



Faldyn



Fink

Goodwill Industries of Houston has elected the following to its board of directors: **Viane Lopez Braun**, a partner at Buck Keenan LLP; **John Crafton**, president and CEO of Mobilease Inc.; **Rodney Faldyn**, president and CEO for Academy Sports + Outdoors; **Sharon Birkman Fink**, president and CEO of Birkman International Inc.; and **Barbara Vilutis**, executive vice president of Amegy Bank of Texas.

Dr. David Berger, operative care line executive at the Department of Veterans Affairs' Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, has been elected president of the Association of VA Surgeons.

REAL ESTATE & DEVELOPMENT



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Jim Reed has joined Dominion as a regional compliance coordinator for its Texas portfolio. **Gilbert Trevino** has been

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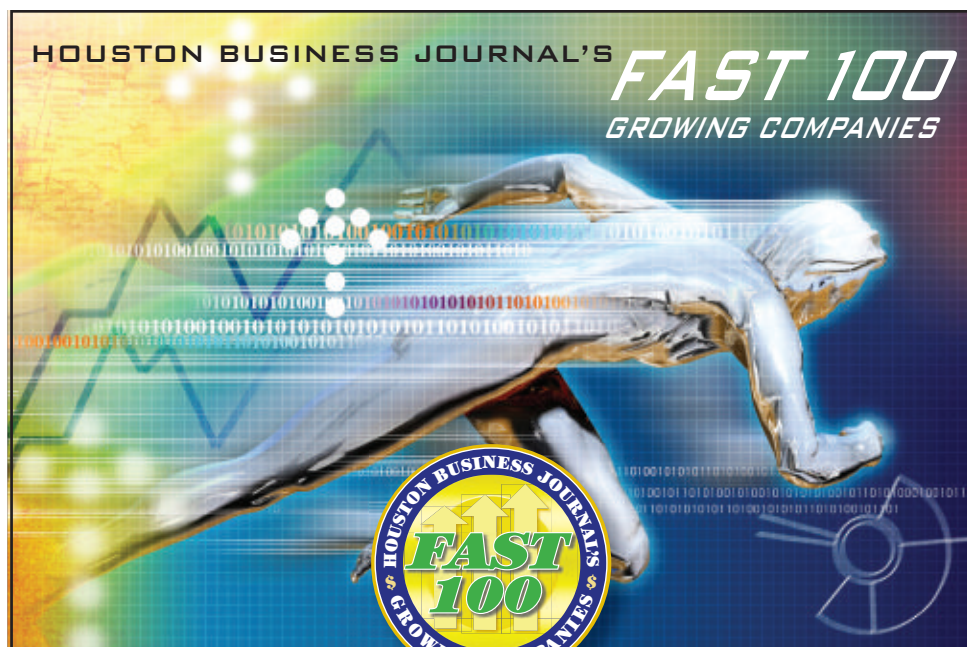
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ABSTRACTS OF JUDGMENT ...

are filed in the District Court. Information on civil judgments filed against businesses for \$10,000 or more is published in the following order: plaintiff name, defendant name, amount of judgment, prevailing party, book/page number, recording date.

GJ Capital Ltd. vs. Intercontinental Fuels LLC/Adino Energy Corp., 17617 Aldine Westfield Road, Houston 77042, \$250,000, plaintiff, case #2010 16875, 04/25/12.

Randy W. Williams vs. US Bancorp dba US Bank, (address not shown), \$17,484, plaintiff, case #4:12 mo 156, 04/25/12.

Voice Runner Inc. vs. Gregory Blane Angelle dba National Energy Survey, 1895 Barker Cypress Road No. 107, Houston 77084, \$24,129, plaintiff, case #993129, 04/25/12.

Alltex Glass Co. Inc. vs. Momentum Contractors Inc., 15840 FM 529 Road Suite 101, Houston 77095, \$11,003, plaintiff, case #996612, 04/25/12.

Best Sand & Redi-Mix Co. Inc. vs. Sidney Holmes Jr. dba SH Concrete, 17423 Katy Freeway, Houston 77094, \$10,000, plaintiff, case #SC31C0053024, 04/25/12.

Wachovia Bank NA vs. Grande Valley Homes LLC/Dizdar Development Ltd./Casa Linda VI LLC et al., 1409 N. Main St., McAllen 78501, \$7,934,435, plaintiff, case #2008 72164, 04/26/12.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. Alpha-Omega Uniforms Inc./Samantha Truong, 8926 Clarkcrest No. F, Houston 77063, \$48,571, plaintiff, case #2011 502554, 04/26/12.

Ashley Furniture Industries vs. Abdul Majeed Samma dba Texas Furniture, 5009- L Antoine Drive, Houston 77092, \$10,320, plaintiff, case #998823, 04/26/12.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. Misael B. Corvera dba Art Image Publisher, 8819 Parkcrest Forest Drive, Houston 77088, \$23,941, plaintiff, case #2010 66425, 04/27/12.

Murco Wall Products Inc. vs. Heights Drywall Supply Inc., 4845 Yale St., Houston 77018, \$215,982, plaintiff, case #2012 001652 2, 04/27/12.

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS ...

include listings of court filings involving businesses that have filed Chapter 7 or 11 bankruptcy in Harris County. Chapter 13 is a bankruptcy plan avail-

able to individuals whose income is sufficiently stable and regular to enable such an individual to make payments under a plan to a trustee who disburses the funds to creditors.

CHAPTER 7

Universe Corp., 3605 Texas Ave., Houston 77003; Assets, \$90,100; Debts, \$287,362; Major Creditor, Bank of America, \$88,986; Attorney, Kevin H. Pham; case #12-33621, 05/11/12.

Transco Global Logistics Inc., 960 Pleasantville Road, Houston 77029; Assets, \$153,883; Debts, \$567,219; Major Creditor, Albert Garcia, \$463,932; Attorney, Julie Mitchell Koenig; case #12-33647, 05/14/12.

CHAPTER 11

21st Fox Energy Texas Inc., 810 S. Highway 6 Suite 112, Houston 77079; Assets, \$14,965; Debts, \$719,451; Major Creditor, Ronnie Stewart et al., \$68,867; Attorney, Sylvester R. Jaime; case #12-33557, 05/08/12.

Westbury Community Hospital LLC, 5556 Gasmer, Houston 77035; Assets, \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000; Debts, \$10,000,001 to \$50,000,000; Major Creditor, Prognosis HIS, \$1,352,883; Attorney, Thomas H. Grace; case #12-33651, 05/14/12.

A&L Services Inc., 4127 Erie, Houston 77207; Assets, \$116,720; Debts, \$727,277; Major Creditor, JP Morgan Chase Bank, \$195,107; Attorney, Larry A. Vick; case #12-33664, 05/15/12.

CHAPTER 15

Interacciones Banking Corporation Ltd., Jasmine Court Suite 19 Friars Hill Road, St. Johns, Antigua; Assets, \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000; Debts, \$10,000,001 to \$50,000,000; Major Creditor, not shown; Attorney, Alison L. Smith; case #12-33561, 05/09/12.

BUILDING PERMITS ...

are collected from the City of Houston Building Inspection/Occupancy Records Planning and Development Department. The following information is included: contractor/ owner, type of construction, job site address, description and estimate value.

COMMERCIAL

A Plus Permit LLC, commercial alteration at 1100 Louisiana St. 19th Floor, Epco (office remodel),

\$582,923.

Balfour Beatty, commercial alteration at 1990 Post Oak Blvd. No. 300, Apache (hi-rise office remodel), \$1,000,000.

Balfour Beatty, commercial alteration at 3200 Southwest Freeway No. 1700, Worley Parsons (hi-rise office remodel), \$300,000.

DT Construction LP, commercial alteration at 8330 Triola Lane, Houston Independent School District/3-D Academy (school remodel), \$2,230,000.

Emax General Contractors Inc., commercial building at 10617 Fuqua St. Building F, Space Station Storage (public storage building), \$669,000.

Forney Construction, commercial construction at 11800 Astoria Blvd. Third Floor, Memorial Southeast Hospital (build-out or/pre-op in hospital), \$1,800,000.

H.C. Beck, commercial alteration at 1407 Jefferson St., AT&T (cooling tower replacement), \$2,500,000.

H.C. Beck, commercial alteration at 3303 Wesleyan St., AT&T (hi-rise cooling towers and boiler replacement), \$2,000,000.

Hytorc of Texas, commercial building at 12416 Texaco Road, Hytroc of Texas Inc. (warehouse building and sitework), \$325,000.

Jack Mayfield, commercial building at 6305 Beverlyhill St., Mayfield Private Garage (garage), \$750,000.

Jon Pollock, commercial alteration at 11413 Todd St., Trio Electric (office/warehouse remodel), \$300,000.

Mike Peterson Construction, commercial addition/alteration at 3029 Kirby Drive, Brio Tuscan Grille (restaurant remodel/addition), \$900,000.

Pepper Lawson, commercial building at 1 Potomac Drive, Houston Country Club (enclosed garage), \$11,480,000.

Tellepsen, commercial alteration at 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston's First Baptist Church (church remodel), \$1,150,000.

Texas Pools, commercial construction at 701 W. Friar Tuck Lane, Mario Williams (pool/spa/decking and cabana foundation), \$681,185.

The District at Greenbriar, commercial building at 4100 Greenbriar St., (open parking garage at apartments), \$3,658,979.

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., commercial construction at 19000 1/2 Gulf Freeway, General Growth Property (sitework only), \$600,000.

Toney Construction Services, commercial alteration at 501 Westlake Park Blvd. Fourth Floor, British

Petroleum (hi-rise office remodel), \$700,000.

Trader Joe's Co. Inc., commercial construction at 2922 S. Shepherd Drive, (retail grocer shell), \$500,000.

Turner Construction, commercial alteration at 501 Westlake Park Blvd. 25th Floor, British Petroleum (hi-rise office remodel), \$825,000.

Turner Trevino, commercial alteration at 5800 Eastex Freeway Building A, Houston Independent School District/Jordan Tech. (high school remodel), \$1,000,000.

W.S. Bellows Construction Corp., commercial building at 6770 Bertner St. Ninth Floor, Texas Heart Institute Denton A. Cooley Building (hospital research lab), \$900,000.

RESIDENTIAL

Cephalonia Construction, single-family residence at 7211 Tickner St., \$299,000.

Coach Light Builders, single-family residence at 821 Bunker Hill Road, \$910,000.

Construction Unlimited, single-family residence at 607 W. Ninth St., \$258,000.

Finger Construction, single-family residence at 2900 W. Dallas St. No. 1-E, Finger FSC Waugh Ltd. (apartments), \$8,030,949.

Finger Construction, multi-family residence at 2900 W. Dallas St. No. 1-A, Finger FSC Waugh Ltd. (apartments), \$7,300,900.

Finger Construction, multi-family residence at 2900 W. Dallas St. No. 1-B, Finger FSC Waugh Ltd. (apartments), \$6,205,750.

Finger Construction, multi-family residence at 2900 W. Dallas St. No. 1-C, Finger FSC Waugh Ltd. (apartments), \$7,300,900.

Finger Construction, multi-family residence at 2900 W. Dallas St. No. 1-D, Finger FSC Waugh Ltd. (apartments), \$8,761,058.

Frankel Building Group, single-family residence at 5508 Lynnbrook Drive, \$704,000.

Gabriela Reyes (homeowner), single-family residence at 10411 Burden St., \$423,578.

Gilboa Homes Inc., single-family residence at 5110 Longmont Drive, \$480,689.

Gilboa Homes Inc., single-family residence at 5112 Longmont Drive, \$443,306.

Gilboa Homes Inc., single-family residence at 5114 Longmont Drive, \$443,306.

Gilboa Homes Inc., single-family residence at 5116 Longmont Drive, \$480,689.

Intown Homes Ltd., single-family residence at 1841 Dart St., \$277,815.

Intown Homes Ltd.,

single-family residence at 1845 Dart St., \$277,815.
Kickerillo Building Co. LP, single-family residence at 6147 Willers Way, \$490,790.

Lancaster Homes, single-family residence at 1719 Candlelight Place Drive, \$355,601.

Meritage Homes Corp., single-family residence at 6210 Riverchase Glen Drive, \$406,812.

Pulte Homes of Texas LP, single-family residence at 13519 Smith Lake Lane, \$289,000.

Pulte Homes of Texas LP, single-family residence at 13806 Lake Michigan Ave., \$275,000.

Sergio Salas, single-family residence at 1341 Overhill St., \$411,832.

The District at Greenbriar, multi-family residence at 4100 Greenbriar St. Building 1, (apartments), \$13,933,898.

The District at Greenbriar, multi-family residence at 4100 Greenbriar St. Building 2, (apartments), \$7,837,819.

Thu Vu Huong, single-family residence at 2303 Stoney Brook Drive, \$377,484.

Weekley Homes LP, single-family residence at 14106 Carolcrest Circle, \$445,783.

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MEETINGS

World Affairs Council of Houston. DATE: June 4. LOCATION: Petroleum Club of Houston, 800 Bel St. SPEAKER: Ola Borten Moe, Minister of Petroleum and Energy, Norway. CONTACT: www.wachouston.org
Bio/Medical Technology Club of Houston. DATE: June 5. LOCATION: Rotary House International, 1600 Holcombe Blvd. SPEAKER: Brian Lang. CONTACT: www.bmtchouston.org
The Transportation Club of Houston. DATE: June 5. LOCATION: The Houston Club, 811 Rusk Ave. SPEAKER: Michael C. Basoco, Saudi Arabian Airlines Cargo. CONTACT: www.transclubhou.org

FEDERAL TAX LIENS ...

have been filed by the Internal Revenue Service against assets of a business for unpaid income or payroll taxes. They are recorded with the County Clerk. Published are liens against businesses for \$10,000 or more. The data appears in the following order: taxpayer's name, address, amount of lien, type of lien (if available), book/page number, recording date.

LSR Entertainment, 19703 Eastex Freeway Suite B, Humble 77338, \$176,693, (1120), Book/Page RP08191/0318, 04/23/12.

Jewel M. Johnson, 15322 T.C. Jester Blvd., Houston 77068, \$16,216, (6672), Book/Page RP08191/0322, 04/23/12.

Caroline Larisma/Shear Graphics Hair Salon, 1570 S. Dairy Ashford St., Houston 77077, \$15,968, (941), Book/Page RP08191/0330, 04/23/12.

Pinnacle Trucking Inc., 1847 Stacy Crest, Houston 77008, \$11,088, (1120), Book/Page RP08191/0343, 04/23/12.

Spotnana LLC, 3801 Kirby Drive Suite 232, Houston 77098, \$29,787, (CIVP), Book/Page RP08191/0348, 04/23/12.

Superior Rebar Placement Inc., 9315 Zaka Road, Houston 77064, \$19,927, (941), Book/Page RP08191/0356, 04/23/12.

Western Drywall Inc., 14041 West Road Suite 200, Houston 77041, \$44,509, (941), Book/Page RP08191/0360, 04/23/12.

Gumerindo Ordenez, 9518 Lost Eagle Drive, Houston 77064, \$104,034, (6672), Book/Page RP08191/0373, 04/23/12.

Novy Investments Inc., 1707 Post Oak Blvd. No. 250, Houston 77056, \$10,164, (1120), Book/Page RP08191/0375, 04/23/12.

Red Oak Cardiovascular Center PA, 17400 Red Oak Drive, Houston 77090, \$33,292, (941), Book/Page RP08191/0379, 04/23/12.
Carl L. Skelly, 23134 Kobs Road, Tomball 77375, \$19,200, (941), Book/Page RP08191/0382, 04/23/12.

BP Company North America Inc., 501 Westlake Park Blvd., Houston 77079, \$50,500, (6721), Book/Page RP08191/0384, 04/23/12.

Rock Custom Cabinet LLC/Joseph Henderson Sr. Member, 11702 McKinley Suite B, Houston 77038, \$48,198, (941), Book/Page RP08192/1792, 04/24/12.

ER American Healthcare Services LLC/Roland Chapa Member, 2815 W. T.C. Jester Blvd., Houston 77018, \$32,244, (940/941), Book/Page RP08192/1793, 04/24/12.

Houston Home Improvement Inc., 3738 Maroneal St., Houston 77025, \$10,997, (941), Book/Page RP08192/1800, 04/24/12.

Mary E. Foster, 5616 Saint Moritz St., Bellaire 77401, \$24,043, (6672), Book/Page RP08192/1828, 04/24/12.

Vance Installations LLC/Vance Home Installations, 11634 Mueller Cemetery Road, Cypress 77429, \$56,200, (941), Book/Page RP08192/1837, 04/24/12.

Cerulean Solutions LLC/Kay Holloway

Member, 4115 Rice Blvd., Houston 77005, \$26,388, (941), Book/Page RP08192/1838, 04/24/12.

Kanga Park Inc., 6339 Tulsa Road, Houston 77092, \$18,900, (1120/941), Book/Page RP08192/1840, 04/24/12.

Las Hadas Mexican Restaurant Inc., 204 W. Fairmont Parkway, La Porte 77571, \$29,580, (941), Book/Page RP08205/1927, 05/02/12.

Travis C. McWilliams, 17399 Morgans Lake Drive, Cypress 77433, \$151,864, (6672), Book/Page RP08205/1930, 05/02/12.

Gulf Coast Lumber Co. Inc., 801 Dumont St. Suite B, South Houston 77587, \$66,727, (941), Book/Page RP08205/1931, 05/02/12.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN RELEASES ...

The following Federal Tax Liens have been released because the lien has been paid or otherwise resolved.

El Nagggar Fine Art Furniture Inc., 6455 W. Sam Houston Parkway N., Houston 77041, \$68,052, (1120/941), Book/Page ER03222/0857, 05/02/12.

NYVH Corp., 6745 Highway 6 N., Houston 77084, \$11,291, (941), Book/Page RP08205/1985, 05/02/12.

John W. Russell, 16834 Stoneside Drive, Houston 77095, \$95,091, (6672), Book/Page RP08207/1104, 05/03/12.

Calvary Chapel Assembly of God, 3822 Green Shadows Drive, Pasadena 77503, \$25,269, (941), Book/Page RP08207/1132, 05/03/12.

Columbus High Mart Inc., P.O. Box 741049, Houston 77274, \$10,056, (941), Book/Page RP08207/1141, 05/03/12.

Howard G. Barber, 7762 Braniff St., Houston 77061, \$21,303, (6672), Book/Page RP08207/1144, 05/03/12.

Regency Telecommunications Corp., 2014 Commonwealth St., Houston 77006, \$24,634, (1120/941), Book/Page RP08207/1146, 05/03/12.

Dellic Magee dba Dellic Magee Trucking, 5430 Bataan Road, Houston 77033, \$17,632, (941), Book/Page RP08207/1164, 05/03/12.

Los Canones LLC, P.O. Box 56788, Houston 77256, \$18,375, (940/943), Book/Page RP08207/1165, 05/03/12.

Brand Energy Solutions LLC, 12650 N. Featherwood Drive Suite 200, Houston 77034, \$728,553, (6721/941), Book/Page RP08207/1167, 05/03/12.

Terbo Construction LP/Terry Mack Brown General Partner, P.O. Box 39, Katy 77492, \$87,241, (940/941), Book/Page RP08207/1169, 05/03/12.

Osinachi Ukomadu, 18600 S. Parkview Drive No. 517, Houston 77084, \$12,930, (CIVP), Book/Page RP08207/1176, 05/03/12.

Elizabeth M. Benavides, 4431 Kenya Lane, Pasadena 77505, \$27,288, (CIVP), Book/Page RP08211/1043, 05/07/12.

Carrington Enterprises Inc., 6502 N. Shepard St., Houston 77091, \$294,431, (940/941), Book/Page RP08211/1051, 05/07/12.

Carrington Enterprises Inc., 6502 N. Shepard St., Houston 77091, \$270,213,

(940/941), Book/Page RP08211/1056, 05/07/12.
Gerald Busch MD PA, 2424 W. Holcombe Blvd. Suite 101, Houston 77030, \$10,936, (941), Book/Page RP08211/1057, 05/07/12.
William L. May, 1115 Kingsbridge Road, Houston 77073, \$51,483, (6672), Book/Page RP08211/1059, 05/07/12.

LAWSUITS FILED ...

lists new litigation filed against businesses in District Court. The information includes plaintiff, defendant(s), nature of action (if available), case number and date filed.

William K. Fisher Jr. vs. Hovis Surveying Co., declaratory judgment, case #201224594, 05/08/12.

Natalie Welch vs. GL Clear Lake LLC dba Clear Lake Chrysler Jeep Dodge, employment discharge, case #201226342, 05/07/12.

Glass Wholesalers Inc. dba Craftsman Fabricated Glass Inc. aka Craftsman Fabricated Glass Ltd. vs. Hal M. Ham dba A-One Glass & Mirror, sworn account, case #201226347, 05/07/12.

Cardtronics USA Inc. vs. Triangle Petroleum Inc. dba North Warren BP No. 52, breach of contract, case #201226409, 05/07/12.

Associated Marine & Industrial Staffing vs. Texas Freightways Inc., breach of contract, case #201226410, 05/07/12.

Haseeb Butt vs. Ameen Ali CPA, fraud, case #201226411, 05/07/12.

Associated Energy Group Inc. vs. Evergreen International Airlines Inc., sworn account, case #201226434, 05/07/12.

Amegy Bank NA vs. Houston's Waterproofing & Sheet Metal Specialists LLC, breach of contract, case #201226437, 05/07/12.

XtraLight Manufacturing Ltd. fka XtraLight Manufacturing Partnership Ltd. vs. Blanchard Associates Inc., breach of contract, case #201226440, 05/07/12.

Maricela Guerrero vs. Luby's Inc., non-auto personal injury, case #201226494, 05/07/12.

Lloyd Keith Daniel vs. NPAA Construction Inc. dba Star Construction Services Inc., non-auto personal injury, case #201226502, 05/07/12.

Fred Carach et al. vs. Georesources Inc., breach of contract, case #201226517, 05/07/12.

Bank of America NA vs. CJ Design & Development LP, breach of contract, case #201226525, 05/07/12.

Benny Trevino et al. vs. Busibodies Child Development Centers Inc., non-auto personal injury, case #201226527, 05/07/12.

Chopra & Associates PA vs. South Loop MRI Center Inc., breach of contract, case #201226531, 05/07/12.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. Camagi Inc., breach of contract, case #201226611, 05/07/12.

Ahmad Shafaghi vs. Scandpower Inc., breach of contract, case #201226613, 05/07/12.

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Ascentium Capital LLC vs. Mount Pleasant Capital Corp., breach of contract, case #201226618, 05/08/12.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. Marind-Tech International Corp., debt, case #201226655, 05/08/12.

Debra D. De Shazor vs. Methodist Hospital Sugar Land, discrimination, case #201226664, 05/08/12.

American Pacific Plywood Inc. vs. Prime Hardwoods Ltd., sworn account, case #201226708, 05/08/12.

Kamal Bajaj vs. TS3 Technology Inc., contract, case #201226711, 05/08/12.

Precision Drilling Co. LP vs. Petro-Hunt LLC, breach of contract, case #201226908, 05/08/12.

Dondreanisha Price vs. Medasets Services LLC, discrimination, case #201226918, 05/08/12.

Halliburton Energy Services Inc. vs. Phoenix Technology Services USA Inc., tortious interference, case #201226919, 05/08/12.

Dawn M. Wilson vs. Target Corp., non-auto personal injury, case #201226926, 05/08/12.

Marie Valenzuela vs. George T. Kuhn MD, medical malpractice, case #201226927, 05/08/12.

Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr PC vs. Kawamura Capital Partners LLC, debt, case #201226931, 05/08/12.

LP Systems LLC vs. Wolfie's Restaurants & Sports Bars Inc., breach of contract, case #201226932, 05/08/12.

Sysco Houston Inc. vs. Sudie's Catfish House Inc., breach of contract, case #201226934, 05/08/12.

Memorial Hermann Hospital System vs. Action Rags-USA LLC, case #201226938, 05/08/12.

Barrier Resources LLC vs. Thomasson Partner Associates Inc., fraud, case #201226940, 05/08/12.

Graphic Media Group Inc. vs. TXD Trucking LP, breach of contract, case #201226942, 05/08/12.

Samuel Lee Paul vs. HEB Grocery Co. LP, non-auto personal injury, case #201226950, 05/08/12.

Schulte Building Systems Inc. vs. MHRC Inc., breach of contract, case #201226955, 05/08/12.

Baytex Credit Corp. vs. Reichmann Petroleum Corp., breach of contract, case #201227115, 05/09/12.

Bonita Hall et al. vs. Bayshore Medical Center, medical malpractice, case #201227135, 05/09/12.

Rocky McCullough vs. Pearlford Ford LLC dba Southern Ford, employment discharge, case #201227171, 05/09/12.

Jawad Sultan vs. Consolidated Crane Co. Inc., personal injury-auto, case #201227172, 05/09/12.

Anna Benavidez vs. BHL International Inc., damages, case #201227183, 05/09/12.

Robert Lemmond vs. Hillcroft Medical Clinic Association, medical malpractice, case #201227192, 05/09/12.

Club Car Inc. vs. Bezco Management Inc., breach of contract, case #201227201, 05/09/12.

Westfield Insurance Co. vs. Alpha-Barnes Real Estate Services, breach of contract, case #201227204, 05/09/12.

Elena Ornelas vs. Tiger Tote Food Stores Inc. dba Latino Food Market, damages on premises, case #201227248, 05/09/12.

Delicia Sansbury vs. Danny Herman Trucking Inc., personal injury-auto, case #201227252, 05/09/12.

First Victoria National Bank vs. Melvin Grimes dba New Waverly Sand & Gravel, note, case #201227270, 05/09/12.

Seacoast Electric Co. vs. Zimtex Solutions Inc., breach of contract, case #201227275, 05/09/12.

Carrie Henderson vs. Pizza Hut, slip and fall damages, case #201227277, 05/09/12.

CPT Services Group LLC vs. Reed Migraine Center of Texas LLC dba Reed Migraine Centers, contract, case #201227279, 05/09/12.

Maria Delgadom et al. vs. Debonair Limousines dba Debonair Charters, personal injury-auto, case #201227282, 05/09/12.

Leon Hubbard vs. Aubrey Taylor dba Aubrey R. Taylor Communications/Houston Business Connections Newspaper/Your Thought Matters Newspaper, breach of contract, case #201227283, 05/09/12.

Martin Gas Sales vs. Fitch Propane Inc., debt, case #201227285, 05/09/12.

AC Concrete vs. Chavez Service Companies Inc., breach of contract, case #201227286, 05/09/12.

General Electric Capital Corp. vs. Stacy Kropik Trucking Inc., breach of contract, case #201227293, 05/09/12.

Northbridge Indemnity Insurance Corp. vs. Oasis Fire Protection-Houston LLC, damages, case #201227299, 05/09/12.

Shane Munos vs. South Grand at Pecan Grove, non-auto personal injury, case #201227329, 05/09/12.

Lucky Chopra vs. RC Equity Partners LLC dba RC Medical, contract, case #201227338, 05/09/12.

Ascentium Capital LLC vs. Allentown Auto Spa LLC, breach of contract, case #201227340, 05/09/12.

NAH Inc. vs. Rubber Flooring Systems Inc., sworn account, case #201227352, 05/10/12.

Zahida Khan vs. Travel Treat Inc., deceptive trade practice, case #201227354, 05/10/12.

Nehaiz Enterprises Inc. vs. Yakky Properties LLC, deceptive trade practice, case #201227356, 05/10/12.

Kendrik Lee vs. Miguel Romero dba Paisano's Auto Sales/American Credit Acceptance LLC, breach of contract, case #201227382, 05/10/12.

Meyer Complete dba Fleming Complete vs. American Spectrum Realty Inc., breach of contract, case #201227396, 05/10/12.

KHOU-TV Inc. vs. Avery Air Conditioning Houston Inc. dba Avery Air Conditioning, sworn account, case #201227402, 05/10/12.

Fort Bend Mechanical Ltd. vs. Prime Contractors Inc., declaratory judgment, case #201227583, 05/10/12.

Vikram Mehta vs. Satyan Inc., case #201227585, 05/10/12.

Bank of America NA vs. Alice Street Apartments LLC, breach of contract, case #201227603, 05/10/12.

Merchants Metals Inc. vs. Guier Fence Co., sworn account, case #201227625, 05/10/12.

Mahmood Taherian vs. Keith D. Berger dba A-Tech Buildings & Homes, breach of contract, case #201227627, 05/10/12.

Christopher Cory Sylvester vs. FMC Corp. dba Industrial Chemical Group, non-auto personal injury, case #201227628, 05/10/12.

Willowbrook Mall LLC fka GGP-Willowbrook LP vs. Toni & Guy USA LLC fka Toni & Guy USA LP, breach of contract, case #201227629, 05/10/12.

Robert Thomas McIntosh vs. Genghis Grill, slip and fall damages, case #201227636, 05/10/12.

US Bank NA et al. vs. Sabo/Fuqua Shopping Center JV, breach of contract, case #201227639, 05/10/12.

Anthony McGill vs. Taqueria Tepatitlan No. 11, personal injury-auto, case #201227640, 05/10/12.

Genaro Martinez vs. Charlie Thomas Chevrolet Ltd. dba Champion Chevrolet Gulf Freeway, false imprisonment, case #201227666, 05/10/12.

Rakisha Dickerson et al. vs. Memorial Hermann Hospital System dba Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital/University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, medical malpractice, case #201227667, 05/10/12.

Merchants Metals Inc. vs. Billy Blount dba Blount Fencing, sworn account, case #201227668, 05/10/12.

Zumrud Khalilova vs. Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC dba Wal-Mart Stores Texas 2007 LLC, slip and fall damages, case #201227673, 05/10/12.

Roland Cisneros vs. Slick Willie's of America Inc., non-auto personal injury, case #201227709, 05/10/12.

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Dynamic Global Advisors Co. vs. Agile Seismic LLC, breach of contract, case #201227739, 05/11/12.

Darlene Berliner vs. Fugro-McClelland Marine Geosciences, defamation of character, case #201227741, 05/11/12.

Sandra Rosa vs. Wal-Mart Stores Texas LLC, slip and fall damages, case #201227742, 05/11/12.

Daryl Aaron vs. Tilton Law Firm, breach of contract, case #201227749, 05/11/12.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA vs. EZBayer Inc., breach of contract, case #201227750, 05/11/12.

Robin Broussard vs. Volunteers of America Rehabilitation, slip and fall damages, case #201227769, 05/11/12.

Texas Wide Capital Corp.

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Carlton Energy Group LLC vs. Cliveden Petroleum Co. Ltd., case #201227788, 05/11/12.

Robert Wayne Houghton dba Houston Eagle vs. MC Entertainment LLC, damages, case #201227789, 05/11/12.

John G. Rojas dba Octopus Practice Manager vs. E-nnovations Technologies and Marketing LLC, breach of contract, case #201227803, 05/11/12.

Victor N. Tobar vs. Stripe-A-Zone Inc., non-auto personal injury, case #201227807, 05/11/12.

Century Airconditioning Supply dba Century A/C Supply vs. Michael Foster Schlauch dba Express Heating & Air, sworn account, case #201227811, 05/11/12.

Ally Financial Inc. fka GMAC Inc. dba GMAC vs. Cytex Systems LLC, breach of contract, case #201227814, 05/11/12.

Houston Products Processing Inc. vs. Dwight Cannon dba Masters Environmental Service, breach of contract, case #201227826, 05/11/12.

Cohen Group Inc. vs. Jack's Carpet Inc., breach of contract, case #201227832, 05/11/12.

Brian Snow et al. vs. Georesources Inc., case #201227834, 05/11/12.

Selippos Technical Ltd. vs. First Mountain Bancorp., breach of contract, case #201227838, 05/11/12.

Gibrill Mustapha vs. HSBC Bank USA, case #201227843, 05/11/12.

MECHANICS' LIENS ...

are claims created by state statutes for the purpose of securing priority of payment of the price or value of work performed and materials furnished in erecting or repairing a building or other structure, and as such attaches to the land as well as buildings or improvements erected thereon.

Claimant: Revels Block & Brick Co., Contractor: Hermon Worldwide LLC and/or Oakley Construction Co. Inc., \$11,490, Owner: Anne Gbenjo, on property at 9009 Bissonnet St., Houston 77074, Book/Page RP08206/0600, 05/02/12.

Claimant: Preferred Wright-Way Remodeling & Construction LLC, Contractor: Blue Valley Apartments Inc., \$259,391, Owner: Blue Valley Apartments Inc., on property at 200 Hollow Tree Lane, Houston 77090, Book/Page RP08207/1612, 05/03/12.

Claimant: Omni Fire and Security Systems LP, Contractor: A&L Services Inc., \$22,323, Owner: IGBO Catholic Community, on property at 8250 Creekbend Drive, Houston 77071, Book/Page RP08208/0897, 05/03/12.

Claimant: Park Environmental Equipment Ltd., Contractor: A&L Services Inc., \$16,598, Owner: IGBO Catholic

Community, on property at 8250 Creekbend Drive, Houston 77071, Book/Page RP08208/0901, 05/03/12.

Claimant: NCM Demolition and Remediation GP Inc., Contractor: Westbury Community Hospital LLC, \$90,000, Owner: 5556 Gasmer LP, on property at 5556 Gasmer Road, Houston 77032, Book/Page ER03234/1837, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Julianna Alff, Contractor: Ballio Development LLC, \$45,000, Owner: Ballio Development LLC, on property at 4144 Livorno Drive, League City 77546, Book/Page RP08211/0392, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Elliott Electric Supply Inc., Contractor: Abbott Electric-65, \$15,612, Owner: Jacinto Medical Group, on property at 910 Highway 146 N., Baytown 77520, Book/Page RP08212/0400, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Elliott Electric Supply Inc., Contractor: Los Angeles Services, \$13,965, Owner: Pacific Allied/Northwest Crossing Capital LLC, on property at 7200 Pinemont Drive, Houston 77040, Book/Page RP08212/0406, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Mission Constructors Inc., Contractor: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, \$39,673, Owner: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, on property at 10909 Fondren Road, Houston 77096, Book/Page RP08212/1853, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Mission Constructors Inc., Contractor: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, \$101,056, Owner: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, on property at 10909 Fondren Road, Houston 77096, Book/Page RP08212/1864, 05/07/12.

Claimant: Mission Constructors Inc., Contractor: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, \$36,764, Owner: Goldberg B'nai B'rith Senior Citizen Housing, on property at 10909 Fondren Road, Houston 77096, Book/Page RP08212/1875, 05/07/12.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS ...

are recorded with the Harris County Clerk. Included are commercial transfers and residential transfers over \$150,000. The following information is included: seller, buyer, buyer's address, ZIP code, subdivision (if available), mortgage amount (if available) and book/page number.

COMMERCIAL

BRT Delaware LLC to Alpha Technical Services Corp. LC, 5100 Underwood Road, Pasadena 77507, G.B. McKinstry Survey, \$1,400,000, Book/Page ER03134/0040.

JLE Investors Inc. to Rosemin Enterprises Inc., 7355 Alabonson Road, Houston 77088, J. Thomas Survey, \$1,000,000, Book/Page ER03130/1240.

Marianita Karen Paddock to Harris County Flood Control District, 9900 Northwest Freeway, Houston

77092, McManus Survey, \$570,000, Book/Page RP08157/0785.

RESIDENTIAL

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Post Oak Bank NA to Truett B. IV and Elva G. Akin, 86 Manorlake Estates Drive, Spring 77379, Tanglewood, \$3,800,000, Book/Page ER03128/1133.

Robert A. Peiser to James G. and Carol D. Frankel, 610 Lindenwood Drive, Houston 77024, Tanglewood, \$2,026,400, Book/Page ER03126/2205.

Michael J. and Ileana Trevino to Benjamin B. Shani and Michele Tesciuba, 102 Englewood St., Houston 77401, Post Oak Plaza, \$957,400, Book/Page ER03130/1977.

Robert B. and Elizabeth W. McCeney to Philip Jones and Maria Emilia Di Francesco, 2727 Carolina Way, Houston 77005, Pemberton, \$950,000, Book/Page ER03126/1325.

Steven Haas to Stephen Jeffrey and June E. Bart, 2902 Morrison St., Houston 77009, Woodland Heights, \$904,000, Book/Page RP08159/0126.

Prestige Builders Inc. to Robert A. and Oanh K. Bowser, 2305-C Potomac, Houston 77057, Westhaven Estates, \$888,750, Book/Page ER03129/1378.

Cynthia T. Calder to Canh Nguyen and Jennifer Tran, 5310 Valerie St., Bellaire 77401, Braeeburn Country Club Estates, \$875,000, Book/Page ER03128/1990.

Roblyn Hemdon et al. to George H. Fibbe and Anne Reagan Harris-Fibbe, 3830 Piping Rock Lane, Houston 77027, Royden Oaks, \$803,250, Book/Page ER03130/0572.

Kickerillo Co. Inc. to Hector Guillermo Leal and Maria Virginia Delgado-Amaya, 13614 Meridian Springs Lane, Houston 77077, Lakes of Parkway, \$639,821, Book/Page ER03126/1846.

Jan Richardson and Linda Ballentine to Robert L. and Shelley B. Moore, 10607 Tarrington Drive, Houston 77024, Tara Oaks, \$637,500, Book/Page ER03129/2009.

Frankel Construction Corp. to Michael R. and Nicola J. Rueckheim, 621 E. 22nd St. No. A, Houston 77008, Court on Twenty Second, \$619,000, Book/Page ER03125/1493.

Reagan H. and George H. Fibbe to Michael Mas-sengale and Lindsey Harris, 3802 Meadow Lake Lane, Houston 77027, Royden Oaks, \$600,000, Book/Page ER03130/1171.

Mike Wheat and Thomas Betros to Rod A. Rothermel, 1012 S. Broadway, La Porte 77571, Satsuma Gardens, \$460,000, Book/Page ER03129/2473.

Kickerillo Building Co. Inc. to Murray R. Fonseca, 14315 Shadow Garden Lane, Houston 77077, Lakes of Parkway, \$449,931, Book/Page ER03124/2251.

Robert Earl and Sena

Hoosenally-Black to Raymond R. and Marybeth H. Flachbart, 4902 Fern St., Bellaire 77401, Moreland Court, \$417,000/138,000, Book/Page ER03125/1454.

Kickerillo Co. Inc. to Y. Vani Rao and Thulasi-dass Kalidas, 2010 Mystic Arbor Lane, Houston 77077, Lakes of Parkway, \$417,000/100,000, Book/Page ER03126/1799.

Jerry A. and Carrie S. Alexander to Barrett Naman and Erin Campbell, 13923 Perthshire Road, Houston 77079, Nottingham, \$417,000/83,000, Book/Page ER03134/0201.

John and Joy Wittala to Denise K. and Luke W. Mannington, 426 Euclid St., Houston 77009, Woodland Heights, \$417,000, Book/Page ER03150/0273.

First Horizon Home Loans to Juan Carlos and Raquel Roza, 3643 Merrick St., Houston 77025, Braes Heights, \$417,000, Book/Page RP08157/0751.

Kyle D. and Catherine O. Turlington to Natalie S. and Bradley M. Kirklin, 2904 Wroxtown Road, Houston 77005, Monticello, \$417,000/63,900, Book/Page RP08157/1516.

Darling Homes of Houston Ltd. to Charles W. and Beverly J. Harmon, 94 W. Cresta Bend Place, The Woodlands 77389, Woodlands Village of Creekside Park, \$417,000/90,500, Book/Page RP08167/0115.

K and S Venture LP to E-Chien and Chia-Wei Yao Foo, 15542 Walkwood Drive, Houston 77079, Lakes of Parkway, \$410,000, Book/Page ER03124/2215.

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co. et al. to Jenelle O'Sullivan, 1479 Sue Barnett, Houston 77018, Garden Oaks, \$404,320, Book/Page ER03129/0414.

Michael Trey and Angelique Rae Harris to Ileya and Adam Grosman, 142 Beverly Lane, Bellaire 77401, Banner Place Addition, \$400,000, Book/Page ER03133/0105.

Martin and Bonnie E. Lyons to Daniele E. and Alistair B. Murdoch, 9134 Edgeloach Drive, Spring 77379, Gleannloch Farms, \$389,500, Book/Page ER03127/0134.

Justin and Kim Traylor to Brian and Malissa Boudreaux, 3602 Coffee Drive, Pasadena 77505, Colombian Village, \$380,100, Book/Page ER03132/1430.

K. Hovnanian Houston II LLC to Sonya Khan, 2402 Moore Court, Pearland 77581, Villa D'Este, \$378,000, Book/Page ER03131/0736.

Tricia C. Elliott to Maria Elena Bottazzi, 2214 Hazard St., Houston 77019, Hazard Two Townhomes, \$364,000, Book/Page ER03126/0874.

Perry N. and Karen A.K. Harrell to Stephen and Aygul Preng, 434 W. Gaywood Drive, Houston 77079, Gaywood, \$352,800, Book/Page RP08159/1128.

Jerry Carl Williams et al. to Dianne T. Yeomans, 2814 Revere St., Houston 77098, Revere Place, \$350,000, Book/Page ER03134/0169.

Leon J. and Lesley H. Bond to Jill N. and

Eric M. Hendry, 7015 Lake Cove Point, Spring 77379, Windrose West, \$344,000, Book/Page RP08157/0792.

William R. Downs to Defeng Deng and Rong Wang, 7900 N. Stadium Drive No. 112, Houston 77030, Timberside Circle, \$330,400, Book/Page ER03132/0352.

Daniel C. Rosier to Timothy McBeth, 211 W. 31st St., Houston 77018, Garden Oaks, \$324,000, Book/Page ER03130/0192.

Fannie Mae aka Federal National Mortgage Association to Brad Yee Chin and Audrey Maria Chan, P.O. Box 19277, Houston 77224, Memorial Bend, \$322,200, Book/Page ER03125/0871.

Bryan J. and Tracy N. Baer to Marges Vafi and Matthew Farahmand, 820 Birdsall St., Houston 77007, Rice Military Addition, \$312,250, Book/Page ER03125/2281.

Michael Villarreal and Kristen Lou Terry to David J. Savittiere, 11634 Cypresswood Drive, Houston 77070, Coles Crossing, \$306,347, Book/Page ER03129/0309.

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K/D All Season No. 4, 19225 W. Little York Road, Katy 77449.

Spencer Discount Liquors, 6769 Spencer Highway, Pasadena 77505.

Rancho, 519 Jackson Ave., Pasadena 77506.

Tha Hoog Pen, 7615 Harrison St., Baytown 77521.

Torres Furniture, 4412 Caroline St., Houston 77004.

The Mattress Firm No. 001120, 2528 Rice Blvd., Houston 77005.

The Mattress Firm No. 001118, 8412 Katy Freeway, Spring Valley 77024.

Highland Village, 4084 Westheimer Road, Houston 77027.

The Mattress Firm No. 001113, 3115 West Loop S., Houston 77027.

Mike No Limit Wireless Inc., 10806 S. Post Oak Road Suite 200, Houston 77035.

Pronto Wireless, 5950 S. Gessner Drive Suite A, Houston 77036.

Hernandez Resale Shop, 8222 Airline Drive No. C, Houston 77037.

Manky's Furniture, 8712 Airline Drive, Houston 77037.

The Mattress Firm No. 001127, 10425 Okanella St. Suite 500, Houston 77041.

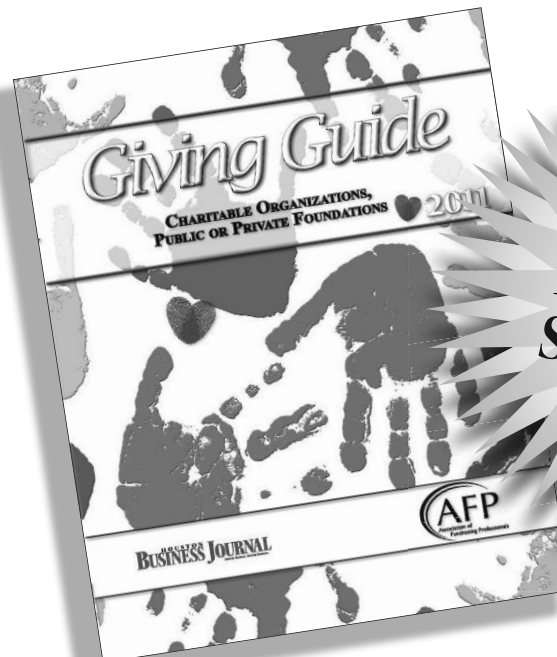
The Mattress Firm No. 001111, 5810 E. Sam Houston Parkway N., Houston 77049.

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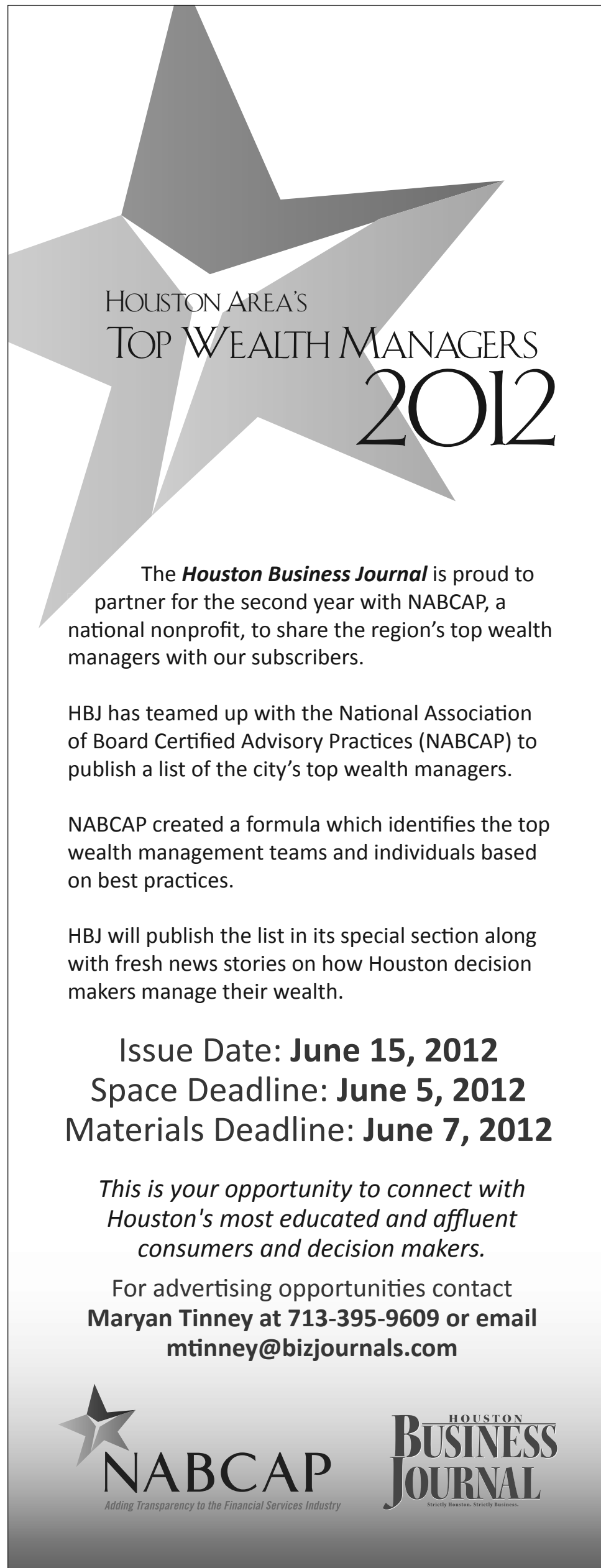
Sel Retail Operations Inc., 555 Madison Ave. Eighth Floor, New York, N.Y. 10022, \$69,562, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08196/2275, 04/26/12.
Bonifacio A. Sanchez, 1030 Aldine Mail Road, Houston 77037, \$10,984, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08196/2277, 04/26/12.
Perfume Max Inc., 8798 Westpark Drive, Houston 77063, \$20,590, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08196/2280, 04/26/12.
Flow X Ray Corp., 100 W. Industry Court, Deer Park 11729, \$15,298, (Franchise Tax), Book/Page RP08198/1306,

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Sandy Do, 14333 Memorial Drive No. 94, Houston 77079, \$193,230, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08198/1307, 04/27/12.
Charanjit Singh Basra/Harjit S. Bath, 10202 Enchanted Stone Court, Houston 77070, \$174,589, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08198/1309, 04/27/12.
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Alptekin Yilmaz, 1 Wellington Lane, Sugar Land 77478, \$61,726, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08203/0434, 05/01/12.
Zahir Ali, 1339 El Camino Village Drive, Houston 77058, \$50,440, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08203/0435, 05/01/12.

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Vanam Inc., 7016 FM 1960 Road W., Houston 77069, \$43,639, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0095, 05/03/12.
N/K Group Inc., 6200 Savoy Drive Suite 638, Houston 77036, \$54,738, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0098, 05/03/12.
Huong Thi Ngo Dang, 1475 Springrock Lane, Houston 77055, \$176,624, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0104, 05/03/12.
Robert Allen Edwards, 478 Folk Crest Lane, Dickinson 77539, \$12,767, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0107, 05/03/12.
Sri Amma Inc., 623 Majestic Ridge Drive, Houston 77049, \$182,803, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0108, 05/03/12.
Resham Singh Lowt, 406 S. Richey Ave., South Houston 77587, \$74,268, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0111, 05/03/12.
CRG National Inc., 5850 San Felipe St. Suite 500, Houston 77057, \$16,132, (Limited Sales/Excise and Use Tax), Book/Page RP08207/0113, 05/03/12.
American Knights Moving & Storage Inc., 5824 Waltrip St., Houston 77087, \$21,326, (International Fuel Tax Agreement), Book/Page RP08207/0117, 05/03/12.
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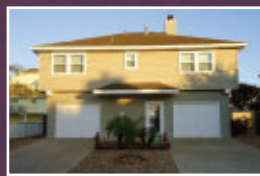
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26. Ash, Billy & Frankie

27. Auburn Lakes HOA

28. Augusta Pines, Ltd.

29. Baiardi, Lorenza Joyce

30. Barks, Inc.

31. Barrow, Jay

32. Belcher Floyd F Jr

33. Believers Fellowship

34. Bellagio Apartments/Francis Property

35. Benfer, James

36. Bennett Sr., Samuel E.

37. Bergeron, Hale

38. Bhaskaran, Vishnampet & Vatsala

39. Billings Fred

40. Blackmon, William L.

41. Bo Lee on Mintz

42. Bobcat of Houston Berries Company

43. Borchereding, Randolph

44. Bordelon, Mark

45. Bostick Cemetery, Carmen Nelson

46. Brentwood Lakes Homeowners Assoc.

47. Bristol Glass Co.

48. Brown, Elene Bouhoutsos

49. Brown, N.A.

50. Brunson, James D

51. Brylin Properties, LLC

52. Bussell & Sons, Inc.

53. Bussell, Craig

54. Buzzelli, David

55. Calvary Hill Funeral Home

56. Campbell Ready Mix, LP

57. Campos, Walter

58. Cashdollar, Charles

59. Castillo, Maria

60. CBI Constructors, Inc.

61. CEMEX Construction Materials South, LLC

62. CEMEX Construction Materials, LLC

63. Century at Park Row

64. Chambers, Judy

65. Champion Masjid (ISGH)

66. Champion Springs Homeowners, Inc.

67. Champion Window, Inc.

68. Champions Stone Company

69. Chance, William T.

70. Chelsea Park

71. Choice Tee

72. Cohen, Larry

73. Collins, William & Kathy

74. Colorful Environment

75. Compacta Construction, Inc.

76. Continental Alloys & Services

77. Copeland, Jeff

78. Cougot, Allen

79. Country Road Park

80. Cowman, Dan

81. Cox Fam Ltd Partnership, Thomas P.

82. Cuellar, Jose

83. Cutting Source Precision, Inc.

84. CW-MHR, Ltd.

85. Cy-Fair Christian Church, Inc.

86. Cy-Fair Sports Association

87. Cypress Creek EMS

88. Cypress Creek Golf Co.

89. Cypress Landing HOA

90. Cypresswood Apartments Texas, LP

91. Cypresswood Community Assoc.

92. D'Antoni, Ernest E.

93. Daughtery, Elbert

94. DeLeyer, John & Marcia

95. Diaz, Raul DBA Eternal Spring Nursery

96. Doerre Victor ET UX

97. Dolan, Dr. David J.

98. Dorstener Strategic Products

99. Dunham, Mark & Mindy

100. EJDS, Inc.

101. Enclave at Olde Oaks HOA

102. Enviro-Grow Nursery

103. Escoto, Selwyn

104. Estates @ Creek End

105. Everitt, William S.

106. Exterran

107. Exxon Mobil

108. F W Gartner Thermal Spraying Ltd.

109. Falls at Champion Forest, Ltd., The

110. Farjardo Jesus

111. Fish At Fish Electric, James

112. Foley, Ken

113. Ford, Richard C.

114. Fordham, Fred

115. Forest Ridge

116. Forte, Joseph

117. Four Seasons Business Park

118. Fraser, Diana L.

119. Friend, Jon A.

120. Fuchs, Larry W.

121. G. R. Auto Care

122. Gage, Eddie W.

123. Gale, Lonzo

124. Gandara Jr., Joe E.

125. Garza, Theodore

126. Gas-N-Stuff

127. Gensheimer, Mark

128. Gleannloch Farms Community Assoc.

129. Gleannloch Landscaping & Maintenance Co.

130. Global Waste Real Estate Holdings, LLC

131. Goettree, Gordon

132. Good Shepherd Residential TC

133. Gosling Road Self Storage

134. Gourley, Lane

135. Greens Bayou Assembly of God

136. Grieppe, James Bradley

137. Griffinchner Real Estate

138. Grychka, Steve

139. Grymes, Betty

140. Gulf Coast Stabilized Materials

141. Gulfeo Management Company, LLC

142. Haas Toyota Country, Fred

142. Haas Toyota Country, Fred

143. Haase, Dennis

144. Hadaba Holdings, LLC

145. Handley, Dennis

146. Harris Co. I.D. 18

147. Harris Co. M.U.D. 468

148. Harris County

149. Harvey, Raphael

150. Harvill, Robert D.

151. Haude, Diana

152. Hernandez, Jose F.

153. Hi Tech Concrete

154. Hilderbrandt, Earl

155. HMW Special Utility Distrct

156. HMW Water Supply Corp.

157. Hooks Group, The

158. Houston Garden Center # 5

159. Houston Garden Centers - Tomball

160. Houston International Specialty, Inc.

161. Houston Northwest Baptist Church

162. Houston Pipe Line Company LP

163. Houston Poly Bag

164. Houston Texas Temple

165. Huffsmith Properties LLC

166. Humble Carpet & Tile, Inc.

167. Iglesia Acres De Amor En Crosby

168. Iglesia Cristiana Sobre La Roca Inc

169. Intercontinental Body Shop

170. IQ Products Company

171. J & J Nursery

172. J & K Land Development Limited

173. J & S Water Co.

174. J & S Water Company, LLC.

175. James, Jim

176. Jenkins, Robert Lee

177. Jersey Lake Homeowners Assoc.

178. Jiral, Glen

179. Johnson, Jayson T.

180. Johnson, Randall & Barbara

181. Johnson, Todd

182. Jones Sr., William Henry

183. Kaiser, Suella

184. Kaiserhof Lutheran Retreat Center

185. Kieschnick, Donald

186. Kirkland, Larry & Mary

187. Kleb, David

188. Klein I.S.D.

189. Klein Memorial Park & Mausoleum

190. Klein United Methodist Church

191. Klenk Richard F

192. KPS Land Investments LP

193. Kubiak, Daniel

194. L & S Cryogenics Inc.

195. L Way International

196. LaBrada, Lee

197. Lake Owners Association

198. Lakes of Cypress Hill Homeowners

199. Lakes of Jersey Village

200. Lakes of Rosehill HOA

201. Lakes of Sterling Gate HOA

202. Lakeside Galveston Partners, LP

203. Lakewood Grove Assoc., Ltd.

204. Lambert, Dolores C. Unified Credit Trust

205. Landmark Industries, Inc.

206. Landmark Industries, Ltd.

207. Lane's End

208. Lass Utility Service Co.

209. Lattimore Materials Company, LP

210. Leeburajin, Jackrin

211. Lincoln Mfg, Inc.

212. Linden Management

213. Littles Estate, Raymond Walter

214. London Park

215. Lonestar Management

216. Longbotham, Ann H.

217. Louetta Glen HOA

218. Louetta Upholstery

219. Lyons, Robert & Susan

220. M & B Management Services Inc

221. M & R Mohrland, Ltd

222. Malone, Robert & Pat

223. Manis, Thomas G.

223. Manis, Thomas G.

224. Marshan Holdings, LLC

225. Martin, Kevin

226. Martinez II, Bobby Wade

227. Martz, Mike

228. Mejia, Maria

229. Milne, Russell & Maryann

230. Mimarar Lake HOA

231. Mirror Lake Landscaping

232. Miss Daisy's Dog Camp, Inc.

233. Mittelstaedt, Elsie

234. Moceanu, Dimitry/Moceanu Gymnastics

235. Mousselli, Nazir & Dallal

236. Mt. Olive Baptist Church

237. Mueller, Douglas

238. Napco Chemical Co.

239. Neal, Tommy

240. Negrete, Ricardo

241. Neubaum, Jon

242. New Light Christian Cntr. Church

243. Nguyen, Tan

244. Nguyen, Thang

245. Nieto, Fernanda

246. Noack Maintenance & Landscaping Co., Inc.

247. North Harris County Regional Water Authority

248. North Houston Pole Line, LP

249. North Pine Business Park

250. North Pointe Forest HOA

251. Northside Christian Church

252. Northwoods Catholic School

253. NRV Properties Inc

254. O'Neal, Robert

255. Oak Water Co.

256. Oaks of Devonshire HOA

257. OMK Tube, Inc.

258. Owen Jr., Rigby

259. Palmetto Transoceanic, LCC

260. Parham, Van E.

261. Park at Glen Arbor HOA

262. Patel, Minesh

263. Pena, Maria Paula

264. Petereit Investments Inc.

265. Pham, Roland

266. Picerne Development

267. Pineda, Gerardo

268. Porter Ready Mix

269. Prause, Damian

270. Precision Fluorocarbon, Inc.

271. Prime Real Estate Holdings, LLC

272. Pulley, Phillip

273. Pumptec Partners

274. Puroflo Co.

275. Pye Motor Co., Inc., Joe

276. Quadvest, LP

277. Quality Product Finishing

278. Ray, Jim

279. RCW Nurseries, Inc.

280. Rebecca Village Business Park

281. Reed, Joseph A.

282. Renilla, Antonio

283. Revutchi, Alexe & Petruta

284. Rhodes Road Business Park, L.P.

285. Robles, Ernesto

286. RODS Surveying

287. Romeo, Lawrence J.

288. Ropa LTD LP

289. Rosehill Christian School

290. Royal Appliance

291. Rub A Dub Car Wash

292. Rusche Dist Co

293. S.P.L. Inc.

294. Sage Enterprises

295. Salazar, Pedro

296. Salem Lutheran Church of Rosehill

297. Santana, Ipolito

298. Schultz, Joe M.

299. Seabourne/Klein Paint & Body, Clint

300. Sealey, Wes

301. Sentinel

302. Settlement at Cypress Creek, The

303. Sharp, Jerry

304. Silversands Investments, LLC

304. Silversands Investments, LLC

305. Skinner Rd. Airport Comm. Assoc.

309. SPEP Interest LLC

310. Spring Center, Inc.

311. Spring Church of Christ

312. Spring Creek Congregation of Jehova's Witnesses

313. Spring Creek Ranch, LP

314. Spring Cypress Auto

315. Spring Cypress Storage Solutions, Ltd.

316. Spring Cypress Water Supply Corp.

317. Spring Gardens Nursery

318. Spring I.S.D.

319. Spring Klein Sports Association

320. Spring Nursery & Landscape

321. Spring Tabernacle

322. Spring Village Estates

323. Spring Woods Realty Company

324. Springwood Properties

325. Sprint Recycle Center Northeast LLC

326. SRE Homeowners Assoc.

327. St. Dunstans Episcopal Church

328. St. Edwards Catholic Church

329. Sterling Gate Estates

330. Stewart, Cathy

331. Strack Road Storage

332. Strack, James L.

333. Stryker, Stacy

334. Swanson Golf Group, LP

335. Swim with Sherri & Friends

336. SZ Ventures, LLC

337. T & W Water Service Co.

338. Tartaglia Construction

339. Telge Manor Mobile Home Park

340. Templeton, Randy

341. Texas Youth Sports Marketing Group (T.Y.S.M.G.)

342. Theiss Plumbing Co., Inc.

343. Theiss, Ronald

344. Thomason, Jack D.

345. Time Mart

346. Toler Sr., Theodore M.

347. Tomball Country Club

348. Tomlinson, Janis

349. Torres, Keno

350. Tran, Hoang Ngoc

351. Treeline Community Assoc., Inc.

352. Treeline Golf Club, Inc.

353. Trevino, Josefina

354. Trinidad Drilling, LP

355. Trinity Lutheran Church

356. Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery

357. Trinity Steel Fabricators, Inc.

358. Trunkline Gas Company

359. Upchurch, Rodney

360. Vasser Jr., William C.

361. Vaughn, Martin

362. Vetco Gray, Inc.

363. Village Creek Community Association

364. Village of Northpointe Comm Assoc., Inc.

365. Villas at Candlelight Park

366. Waldrop, Leon & Phyllis

367. Walmart Supercenter # 597

368. Walsh, Mary

369. Waste Connections of Texas

370. West Harris County Regional Water Authority

371. Wheaton Detailing Service, Inc.

372. White Merchandising, Ralph

373. White, Gina

374. Willow Creek Tree Farm, Inc.

375. Windfern Park

376. Windwood Presbyterian Church

377. Windwood Water Systems, Inc.

378. Winterhaven Homeowners Assoc.

379. Wolfe, Elizabeth

380. Wong, Terry

381. Woodcraft Studios

382. Woodlands Academy Preparatory

383. Woodlands Land Dev. Co., LP

384. Woodsedge Community Church

385. Woodwind Lakes HOA

385. Woodwind Lakes HOA

386. Wyndham Lakes HOA

387. YMCA of Greater Houston

An Order to convert to alternate water will be considered at said hearing for the following:

1. 1960 Property Management of Houston, Inc.

2. Augusta Pines Equestrian Center

3. Beard, Richard

4. Brent Grinding

5. Capital Insulation

6. DCP Enterprises No 1, LLC

7. Fuchs, Bradley A.

8. Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses

9. Maknojia, Sultanali Rajae

10. Moody Methodist Church

11. Morton Creek Ranch Master Association

12. Rosehurst HOA

13. Rosewood Hill Homeowners Assoc.

14. Seely, Beatrice

15. Shaw, Steve C.

16. Siddiqui, Sayeed

17. Southern Star Concrete

18. Stable Gate HOA

19. Terpstra, Peter S.

20. Terpstra, Sharon

21. Treager Development, LLC

22. Trendsetter Engineering

23. Vintage Royale HOA, The

24. Walden Pond Owners Association

25. Worldwide Rock Enterprises LP

Cancellation of the following permits will be considered at said hearing for the following:

1. Barnes, Thomas & Vanessa

2. Bridgeland Development, LP

3. Choice Exploration

4. Gordon Sr., Gadshill

5. H. W. Turk Eppes

6. Haidri, Dr. Mohsin

7. Jasek Farms, Ken & Joanna

8. Keating Chevrolet, John

9. Market Place Innovation, Inc.

10. Mesquite Oil Tool Company, Inc.

11. Newport Golf Operations Management

12. Trevino, Jose A. & Gloria

13. V & V Enterprises, Inc.

Any person who desires to appear at the hearing and present testimony, evidence, exhibits, or other information may do so in person, by counsel, or both: Copies of Rules governing the conduct of the hearing are available at the Subsidence District's office. The hearing may be recessed from day to day or continued where appropriate. Blind persons who wish to have this notice read to them may call (281) 486-1105.(281) 486-1105.

Sincerely,
Robert E. Thompson
Permit Hearing Director

LEGAL NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF HOUSTON
The City Secretary for City of Houston will receive bids at 900 Bagby, Room P101, Houston, Texas for the following Department of Public Works and Engineering project[s]:

Project Name:	Museum District/Main Street Improvement Project
WBS Number:	N-000824-0002-4
Bid Date:	June 14, 2012
Project Location:	Main Street and Binz Corridors
Project Manager:	Markos Mengesha, P.E. (832-394-9150)
Estimated Construction Cost:	\$2,532,828.76
Prebid Meeting:	Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at 10:30 A.M., 18th Floor, Conference Room No. 18A, 611 Walker, Houston, Texas 77002
Project Name:	Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation By Cured-In-Place Pipe Method
Project No.:	WBS No. R-000295-0044-4, File No. 4258-52
Bid Date:	June 28, 2012
Project Location:	Within City Limits
Project Manager:	Mary F. Bac, P.E. (832-395-4992) mary.bac@houstontx.gov
Estimated Construction Cost:	\$ 3,500,000
Pre-bid Meeting:	June 05, 2012, 9:00 a.m., 4545 Groveway Drive, Rm. 100 Houston, Texas 77087

Bids will be accepted until 10:30 a.m., local time on the Bid Date shown above. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. on the same day in City Council Chambers. All interested parties are invited to attend. Place and date of Bid opening may be changed in accordance with Sections 15-3(b) (5) and 15-3(b)(6) of the City of Houston Code of Ordinances. Low bidder shall comply with City of Houston Code of Ordinances. All bidders shall comply with Article II, Chapter 15, City of Houston Code of Ordinances.

The requirements and terms of the City of Houston Pay or Play Program, as set out in Executive Order 1-7 and Ordinance 2007-0534, are incorporated into these projects for all purposes. All bidders shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Pay or Play Program as they are set out at the time of City Council approval of this Agreement.

These projects, **except for WBS No. R-000295-0044-4 and N-000824-0002-4**, are subject to the Hire Houston First program, which gives a preference to certain local bidders in award of the contract. For more information, go to: <http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/hire-houstonfirst.html>

Bid documents and drawings may ONLY be obtained electronically at the City's website: <http://bidsets.publicworks.houstontx.gov/>.

The Projects may contain City of Houston Standard Construction Specifications for Waste-water Collection Systems, Water Lines, Storm Drainage, Street Paving, and Traffic sections that are incorporated into Project Manual by reference. These Standard Specifications, along with Standard Details, may be acquired at no cost on the City's website at http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/document-center/cat_view/88-engineering-and-construction/92-specifications.html

Bidders should review Document 00210 – Supplementary Instructions to Bidders - to determine whether the contract will be a City Street and Bridge Construction or Improvement Contract which requires a current Certificate of Responsibility filed with the Director of Public Works and Engineering no later than three business days prior to Project Bid Date. A Certificate of Responsibility is a valid Prequalification Approval Letter issued by TxDOT stating that a Bidder is qualified to bid on State Highway improvement contracts pursuant to 43 Texas Administrative Code, Section 9.12, as it may be amended from time-to-time, and Chapter 15, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas.

Project with WBS No. **R-000295-0044-4** is expected to be funded in part by a loan from the Texas Water Development Boa rd an agency of the State of Texas. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be a party to this Contract. Low Bidder will be required to comply with the federal wage and payroll requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, as further described in Document 00806.

Bidders shall comply with City Ordinance 2007-0293 (March 7, 2007) and City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) Procedures. Low Bidder will be required to make good faith efforts to achieve a MWBE participation goal as stated in Document 00800 – Supplementary Conditions.

It is unlawful for any Contractor to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate for City elective office during a certain period prior to and following a contract award. Bidders should refer to Chapter 18, City of Houston Code of Ordinances for filing requirements and further explanation.

Dated: (Publish Friday, May 25, 2012)

Anna Russell
City Secretary

PUBLICATION NOTICE TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE LAWSUIT

LUCINNI BAILAR vs. TUOC VAN NGUYEN a/k/a TUOL VAN NFUYEN a/k/a T.V. NGUYEN, HAU THI VU a/k/a HAU H. VU AND KATHIE N. VU, IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT; HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS; 133rd COURT; CAUSE NO. 2012-25834

Lot Four Block Five of Tom Stuart Addition, An Addition In Harris County, Texas According to the Map or Plat Thereof Recorded In Volume 29 Page 382 of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas.

Judgment for the title and possession of the real property by the Plaintiff, LUCINNI BAILAR, and to be assessed against the Defendants, TUOC VAN NGUYEN a/k/a TUOL VAN NFUYEN a/k/a T.V. NGUYEN, HAU THI VU a/k/a HAU H. VU AND KATHIE N. VU, for damages, court costs, attorney fees, interest and other relief.

Wayman L. Prince, Attorney at Law
LAW OFFICES OF ATTORNEY WAYMAN L. PRINCE
9111 Katy Freeway, Suite 301, Houston, Texas 77024
(713) 467-1659 and (713) 467-1686 (Facsimile)
T.B.A. #16329350

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

PUBLIC BID NOTICE

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received, opened, and publicly read by Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 144 in the office of Eby Engineers, Inc., 1814 De Milo, Houston, Texas, 77018 at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2012 for the following improvements located in Harris County Municipal Utility District No 144:

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 144
SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, PHASE 3

Scope of Work: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation using CIPP and Pipebursting Methods
Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of the Engineer, Eby Engineers, Inc. at 1814 De Milo, Houston, TX 77018, (713) 957-0788, or may be obtained upon deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set, which is non-refundable.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the offices of the Engineer, Eby Engineers, Inc. at 1814 De Milo, Houston, TX 77018 on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 10:45 a.m.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check, or bid bond payable to Harris County MUD No. 144 in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted, as outlined in the Contract Documents, must accompany the bid.

The successful bidder receiving Contract awards must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Hire Houston First Program – These procurements are subject to the Hire Houston First Program, which gives a preference to certain local bidders in award of the procurements. For more information, go to:

<http://www.houstontx.gov/obo/hirehoustonfirst.html>.

Request for Proposals – Sealed proposals will be received in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall Annex, Public Level, 900 Bagby, until date and time indicated below. There will be no public opening of submitted proposals.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend any scheduled pre-bid and/or pre-proposal conference(s). Unless other wise specified, all conference(s) will be held at 901 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002 in the basement of City Hall. It is the interested party's responsibility to ensure they have secured and thoroughly reviewed all solicitation documents prior to any scheduled conference(s). Interested parties can download all forms, and specifications from the Internet at <https://purchasing.houstontx.gov/>. Downloading these documents will ensure all interested parties will automatically receive any updates via e-mail. Interested parties can call (832) 393-8762 for additional information.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DUE – JUNE 22, 2012 AT 2:00 P.M.

1. Interview Room Expansion Project for the City of Houston Police Dept. – S33-T24296 – 10% MWBE Goal - Pre-Proposal Conference will be Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. – Conference Room 1.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DUE – JULY 13, 2012 AT 2:00 P.M.

2. HVAC Operation and Maintenance Services for the City of Houston Airport System – S33-T24289 – 11% MWBE Goal - Pre-Proposal Conference will be Monday, June 11, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. – Conference Room 113, 18600 Lee Rd., Humble, TX.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

HARRIS-FORT BEND COUNTIES MUD NO. 5 will receive sealed bids executed in duplicate at the offices of Van De Wiele & Vogler, Inc., 2925 Briarpark, Suite 275, Houston, Texas, 77042 until **Friday, June 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** at which time bids will be opened and read aloud for furnishing of all equipment, labor and materials and performance of all work required for the following:

**12-inch Water Line Interconnect Between
Harris-Fort Bend Counties MUD No. 3 and No. 1 & 5
Harris and Fort Bend Counties, Texas
VDW&V PROJECT NO. 12500-809-1-UTL**

The above described construction will be performed in accordance with plans and specifications and any addenda thereto which may be issued prior to the opening of bids.

Plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained for \$50.00 (non-refundable) at the office of:

VAN DE WIELE & VOGLER, INC.
2925 BRIARPARK, SUITE 275
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77042

Please make checks payable to Van De Wiele & Vogler, Inc.

Plans may be viewed at AGC and Dodge plan rooms for no charge.

A Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Bid Bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid must accompany each proposal. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid deemed advantageous to it and waive informalities and defects in the bids and in the bidding process. All bids received after the closing time designated above may be returned unopened at the discretion of the Engineer.

The successful bidder must furnish a performance and maintenance bond and payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price in a form and from a Surety company meeting the requirements specified in the contract documents.

Request for Bids or Proposals

Owner name	City of Houston
Project name	City of Houston PW&E, TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DIVISION FACILITY REPLACEMENT

Pepper-Lawson Construction L.P., as Construction Manager at Risk for The City Of Houston, in accordance with the applicable provision of the Texas Government code 271.118 as amended, will receive bids or proposals from qualified firms including Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB), for construction of the replacement facility for PW&E, Traffic Operations Division which consists of trade divisions 2 thru 16 and includes demolition of existing buildings. Bids or proposals are due NOT later than *2:00 PM on Tuesday June 19, 2012 at the main office of Pepper-Lawson Construction, L.P., 4455 Katy Hockley Cutoff Road Katy, Texas 77493, phone (281) 371-3100, fax (281) 371-2029, attention: Glenn Saha.*

The plans and specifications will be available beginning May 29, 2012 and may be obtained from *A&E Repographics, 4235 Richmond Ave., Houston, Texas 77027, phone (281) 621-0022. All subcontractors and/or suppliers are responsible for purchasing their own drawings and specifications.* Questions regarding documents are to be addressed to Pepper-Lawson Construction L.P., attention: Glenn Saha at (281) 371-3100.

The will be a pre-proposal conference at the facility site at 9:00 am, June 8, 2012. The facility is located at 2200 Paterson, Houston, Tx. 77007

There shall be no public opening of bids or proposals. All bids or proposals shall be available after award of contract or the 7th day after final selection of all subcontractors and suppliers, whichever is later.

After receipt of bids or proposals Pepper-Lawson Construction will conduct its evaluation of the subcontractor bid(s) or proposal(s) in relation to the project requirements and will select the subcontractor bid(s) or proposal(s) that offers the best value to The City of Houston. The criteria for evaluation of successful proposals will include the following: competitive pricing; demonstrated capability on work of similar size and complexity; personnel and financial resources to satisfactorily perform the work within the time schedule required; references from past clients; verifiable safety record; the ability to furnish required insurance and, if required, the ability to provide acceptable bonding.

Pepper-Lawson Construction is committed to utilizing Historically Underutilized Businesses and encourages HUB participation.

The Owner, CM at Risk, and Architect reserve the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities and irregularities in the bid process, and to make the awards in the best interest of the Owner. By submitting a bid, each Bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, CM at Risk, and Architect/Engineer and their respective employees arising out of or in connection with the following: evaluation or recommendation of any bid documents, or the contract documents; Waiver of any requirements under the bid documents or the contract documents; Acceptance or rejection of any bids; and award of a contract.

Drawings and specifications may be reviewed at the following locations:

North Houston Office of Pepper Lawson Construction, L.P.,
110 Vintage Park Blvd., Suite 260, Houston, Texas 77070

Main Office of Pepper Lawson Construction, L.P.
4455 Katy Hockley Cutoff Road Katy, Tx. 77493

*Associated General Contractors
3825 Dacoma, Houston, Texas 77098, phone (713)843-3700.*

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DUE – JUNE 8, 2012 AT 2:00 P.M.

1. Delinquent Parking Citations Collection Services for the City of Houston Administration and Regulatory Affairs Dept. – S46-T24314 – 15% MWBE Goal - Pre-Proposal Conference will be Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. – Conference Room 1.

BIDS DUE – JUNE 14, 2012

2. "Pre-Positioned Contract" for Base Camp Services – Post Disaster for the City of Houston – S50-L24293 – 11% MWBE Goal - No Pre-Bid Conference will be held.

PUBLIC BID NOTICE

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received by Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 24 in the office of the District, 17035 Deer Creek Drive, Spring, TX 77379 between 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the District, 17035 Deer Creek Drive, Spring TX 77379 on June 20, 2012 for the following improvements in Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 24:

REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER
PHASE 7
HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 24

The project consists of a sanitary sewer rehabilitation using point repair, CIPP and pipebursting methods.

Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of the Engineer, Eby Engineers, Inc. at 1814 De Milo St., Houston, TX 77018 or may be obtained upon deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set, which is non-refundable.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the office of Engineer at 1814 De Milo, Houston, TX 77018 on Tuesday, June 12 at 10:15 a.m.

A Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or bid bond payable to Harris County MUD 24 in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted, as outlined in the Contract Documents, must accompany the bid.

The successful bidder receiving Contract awards must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price. The successful bidder must also furnish a maintenance bond which shall guarantee all work embraced by the Contract against defective workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year. Each such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to Riverpoint Development Partners, LLC. will be received at the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc. 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, until 2:30 p.m., June 7, 2012, then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work required for construction of Clearing and Grubbing for Riverpoint Village – TIRZ # 10

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total price of the bid contained in the proposal, payable without recourse to Riverpoint Development Partners, LLC., as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. The Bid Bond must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without Bid Bonds will not be considered.

Except for the three lowest bidders, all Bid Bonds will be returned to the respective bidders within three (3) days after bids are opened and read.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, for a non-refundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted in the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079 on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. **EACH BIDDER MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCE. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.** NO PLANS SHALL BE ISSUED AFTER 5:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to **Bridgeland Development, LP** on behalf of **Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 418**, will be received in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, TX 77433 until **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2012**, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the **Construction of Bridgeland Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Scope of Project:

Construction of 1.50 MGD expansion to the existing 0.600 MGD wastewater treatment facility, including construction of Aeration Basin, Clarifier, Digesters, Effluent Filter, Ultraviolet Disinfection facilities, On-site Lift Station, Effluent Lift Station, and all piping, attendant equipment, electrical, and appurtenances necessary for a 2.1 MGD combined wastewater treatment plant. The Work will also include all site work for paving, drainage, grading, restoration of damage surfaces, expansion of the on-site detention pond, and construction of new lined effluent/reuse pond. The Work also includes adding an Effluent Filter to the existing package wastewater treatment plants (0.600 MGD plants). Work also includes the supply and installation of an effluent reuse pipeline that runs from the existing wastewater treatment site to an amenity lake located to the west of the existing wastewater treatment site.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, TX 77433 on **Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at www.civcastusa.com; search **547-00**.

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance bond, a payment bond and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 255, will be received at the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 14, 2012 then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work required for 25 KW Generator Replacement to Serve Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 255. The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total price of the bid contained in the proposal, payable without recourse to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 255, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. The Bid Bond must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without Bid Bonds will not be considered.

Except for the three lowest bidders, all Bid Bonds will be returned to the respective bidders within three (3) days after bids are opened and read.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, for a non-refundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per set.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted in the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079 on Thursday,

June 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. **EACH BIDDER MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCE. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE. NO PLANS SHALL BE ISSUED AFTER 5:00 P.M., JUNE 7, 2012.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO. 12-21 LEGAL SERVICES

The Houston Housing Authority hereby requests proposals from interested and qualified attorneys or firms, experienced in the area of landlord-tenant law, offering to provide professional legal services, including handling forcible detainer lawsuits from inception through conclusion in Justice of the Peace Court and any subsequent appeals to a higher court, as stated in the specifications of RFP No. 12-21.

Interested firms may obtain the solicitation package by contacting:

SARAH MONIGOLD
PURCHASING OFFICER
HOUSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY
2640 FOUNTAINVIEW, SUITE 408
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77057
(713) 260-0552 FAX: (713) 260-0810
smonigold@housingforhouston.com

The solicitation package may also be obtained at the Houston Housing Authority Website: www.housingforhouston.com
Click on "Doing Business with HHA"
Click on "Open Solicitations"

Proposals must reach the Houston Housing Authority no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 1, 2012. Submittals received after the deadline will be rejected unless justification exists for consideration.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to TX-Davis Development, Inc. On Behalf of Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 15 will be received at the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc. 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday June 19, 2012, then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work required for construction of Detention, Storm Water Quality Basin / Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer to Serve Northpointe Commercial Section One within Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 15.

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total price of the bid contained in the proposal, payable without recourse to TX-Davis Development, Inc. On Behalf of Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 15, as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. The Bid Bond must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without Bid Bonds will not be considered.

Except for the three lowest bidders, all Bid Bonds will be returned to the respective bidders within three (3) days after bids are opened and read.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, for a non-refundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted in the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079 on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. **EACH BIDDER MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCE. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE. NO PLANS SHALL BE ISSUED AFTER 5:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012.**

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to **Bridgeland Development, LP** on behalf of **Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 418**, will be received in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, TX 77433 until **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012**, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the **Construction of Harris County Water Control Improvement District No. 157 Cypress Creek Pump Station.**

Scope of Project:

Construction of reinforced concrete wet well, excavation and disposal, submersible pumps, water line, junction box with stilling well, hatches, sluice gate, debris basket, grating, force main, sanitary sewers, drainage, fencing, sheet piling, coffer dam, storm sewers, access road, site grading, hydromulch, groundwater control system, dewatering, piping, fittings, valves, coatings, electrical, controls and appurtenances, Complete in Place.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, TX 77433 on **Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at www.civcastusa.com ; search **1246-00.**

A cashier's check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance bond, a payment bond and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC BID NOTICE

Sealed bids in duplicate will be received, opened, and publicly read by Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 69 in the office of Eby Engineers, Inc., 1814 De Milo St., Houston, Texas, 77018 at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2012 for the following improvements located in Harris County Municipal Utility District No 69:

HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 69
SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, PHASE 6

Scope of Work: Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation using CIPP and Pipebursting Methods

Bid Documents may be examined without charge in the offices of the Engineer, Eby Engineers, Inc. at 1814 De Milo St., Houston, TX 77018, (713) 957-0788, or may be obtained upon deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set, which is non-refundable.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the offices of the Engineer, Eby Engineers, Inc. at 1814 De Milo, Houston, TX 77018 on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 11:15 a.m.

A Cashier's Check or Certified Check, or bid bond payable to Harris County MUD No. 69 in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted, as outlined in the Contract Documents, must accompany the bid.

The successful bidder receiving Contract awards must furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) each of the total Contract price.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive bidding informalities. Those bids deemed most advantageous to the Owner will be considered for the award of a Contract.

DOCKET NO. CV-0064158 CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
County of Galveston

To: School of Hard Knocks, L.L.C.

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. You are hereby commanded to appear and answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof, such day being Monday, June 18, 2012. Said written answer may be filed by mailing same to: Galveston County Clerk's Office, 600 59th Street, Suite 2001, Galveston, Texas 77551. The case is presently before the Honorable County Court at Law No. 2 of Galveston County, at the Justice Center in Galveston, Texas.

Said plaintiff's Original Petition was filed on November 22, 2010, under docket no. CV-0064158, with the style of the cause being:

South Coast Cement, L.P.
Vs.
School of Hard Knocks, L.L.C.
Doing Business As Immediate Concrete

The name and address of the plaintiff (s) or the attorney of record is: Michael L. Wilson, 2200 Market Street, Galveston, TX 77550.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:
Breach of Contract

If this citation is not served, it shall be returned unserved. Issued under my hand and seal of office on this the 4th day of May, 2012.



Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk
County Court at Law No. 2
Galveston County, Texas
By Denise Jordan Deputy

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids, in duplicate, addressed to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 105 will be received at the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 2012 then publicly opened and read for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work required for construction of Water Well No. 3 at Plant No. 2 To Serve Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 105.

The right is reserved, as the interest of the Owner may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in bids received.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total price of the bid contained in the proposal, payable without recourse to Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 105., as a guarantee that bidder will enter into a contract and execute a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. The Bid Bond must be enclosed in the same envelope with the bid. Bids without Bid Bonds will not be considered.

Except for the three lowest bidders, all Bid Bonds will be returned to the respective bidders within three (3) days after bids are opened and read.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079, for a non-refundable fee of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per set.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be conducted in the office of R. G. Miller Engineers, Inc., 12121 Wickchester Lane, Suite 200, Houston, Texas 77079 on Thursday,

May 31, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. **EACH BIDDER MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THIS PRE-BID CONFERENCE. BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM ANY BIDDER WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED AT THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE. NO PLANS SHALL BE ISSUED AFTER 5:00 P.M., JUNE 7, 2012.**

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids addressed to **Bridgeland Development, LP** on behalf of **Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 419**, will be received in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, Texas 77433, until **11:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2012**, at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read for the furnishing of all material, equipment, labor and supervision necessary or incidental to the **Construction of Lakeland Heights, Sections 4 and 5 Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, and Reinforced Concrete Paving.**

Scope of Project:

1. Approx. 4,650 LF of 8-inch water line and all appurtenances;
2. Approx. 3,605 LF of 8-inch sanitary sewer collection system and all appurtenances;
3. Approx. 4,290 LF of 24-inch through 42-inch storm sewer and all appurtenances;
4. Approx. 22,558 SY of 6-inch Subgrade Preparation;
5. Approx. 20,800 SY of 6-inch Reinforced Concrete Pavement;
6. Approx. 9,900 LF of 6-inch Reinforced Concrete Curb;

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held in the office of Bridgeland Development, LP (a Howard Hughes Company), 23720 House Hahl Road, Cypress, Texas 77433 on **Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.**

Plans, specifications and bid documents are available at www.civcastusa.com.

A **cashier's check or bid bond** in the amount of 10% of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide a performance bond, a payment bond and a maintenance bond as provided for in the bid documents, for the full amount of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

CAUSE NO. 2012-06925

JANET VASQUEZ

V.

BRANDON VAUGHN CHALFANT
AND CHRISTOPHER WALLACE

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

165TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BRIEF FOR PUBLICATION

Plaintiff, Janet Vasquez filed suit against Defendant, Brandon Vaughn Chalfant to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by plaintiff in a collision in Harris County, Texas which was collision was proximately caused by the negligence of the Defendant, Brandon Vaughn Chalfant. The case is styled, Cause No.1 2012-06925; Janet Vasquez v. Brandon Vaughn Chalfant and Christopher Wallace; In the District Court Harris County Texas 165th Judicial.

Respectfully submitted,

By: RICHARD J. PRESSUTTI
State Bar No. 24004196
525 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 255
Houston, Texas 77060

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 12-28,783-P NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for the Estate of SHARON RACHEL ROBBINS, Deceased, were issued on April 13, 2012 in Cause No. **12-28,783-P** pending in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Montgomery County, Texas to: BRIDGET IVON EDWARDS, Independent Administratrix

All claims against the Estate of SHARON RACHEL ROBBINS, Deceased, should be presented to: BRIDGET IVON EDWARDS, 4030 Cypressdale Drive, Spring, Texas, 77388. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 3rd day of May, 2012. Law Office of James M. Bright /s/ James M. Bright, Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. PR-0073453 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BILLIE B. WALLACE, Deceased, were issued on May 7, 2012 in Cause No. **PR-0073453** pending in the Probate Court of Galveston County, Texas to:

JERRY M. WALLACE,
Independent Executor

All claims against the Estate of BILLIE B. WALLACE, Deceased, should be presented to: William L. H. Morgan, Jr., Attorney at Law, 12815 Gulf Freeway, Houston, Texas 77034-4807.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 16th day of May, 2012. /s/ William L. H. Morgan, Jr., Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 411774 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARK ALLEN JIRASEK, Deceased, were issued on March 27, 2012 in Cause No. **411774** pending in the Probate Court No. 4 of Harris County, Texas to: SUSAN TERRY, Independent Executrix

All claims against the Estate of MARK ALLEN JIRASEK, Deceased, should be presented to: John H. Polk, Attorney at Law, 1502 Augusta, Suite 390, Houston, Texas 77057. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 16th day of May, 2012. /s/ John H. Polk, P.C., Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 408552 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HANH THI NGUYEN, Deceased, were issued on May 15, 2012 in Cause No. **408552** pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas to:

KIM-HUONG THI NGUYEN,
Independent Executrix

All claims against the Estate of HANH THI NGUYEN, Deceased, should be presented to: Lan T. Nguyen, Attorney at Law, 2701 Fannin St., Houston, Texas 77002. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 21st day of May, 2012. Shortt & Nguyen, P.C. /s/ Lan T. Nguyen, Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 411910 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LULA BELLE MCKENNEY, Deceased, were issued on May 15, 2012 in Cause No. **411910** pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas to:

THOMAS B. MCKENNEY,
Independent Executor

All claims against the Estate of LULA BELLE MCKENNEY, Deceased, should be presented to: Brandon A. Kinard, Attorney at Law, 8554 Katy Freeway, Suite #327, Houston, Texas 77024.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 17th day of May, 2012. Mattingly Law Firm /s/ Brandon A. Kinard, Attorney for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 12-28,782-P NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for the Estate of RICHARD EUGENE ROBBINS, Deceased, were issued on April 13, 2012 in Cause No. **12-28,782-P** pending in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Montgomery County, Texas to: BRIDGET IVON EDWARDS, Independent Administratrix

All claims against the Estate of RICHARD EUGENE ROBBINS, Deceased, should be presented to: BRIDGET IVON EDWARDS, 4030 Cypressdale Drive, Spring, Texas, 77388.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law. DATED this 3rd day of May, 2012. Law Office of James M. Bright /s/ James M. Bright, Attorney for the Estate.

FOOD FIGHT: Land was acquired in March

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to be named, said the family is taking steps to establish an El Tiempo Cantina at the site, potentially setting up head-to-head competition with the eatery opened by Mama Ninfa in 1973 on the site of her family's tortilla factory.

Domenic Laurenzo, executive chef of El Tiempo, would not divulge information about the project.

"Whatever we're thinking of doing would be extremely confidential," said Laurenzo, a grandson of Mama Ninfa. "We are not ready to make an announcement. We are about 30 days or so away from understanding better where we stand on the project."

Legacy Restaurants owner Niel Morgan was unaware that Laurenzo had acquired the property next door.

"I'm a little surprised, but it's a free country," said Morgan. "There's plenty of business for everybody. No point in trying to worry about that kind of thing."

Roland Laurenzo, Mama Ninfa's son and Domenic's father, acquired the quarter-acre tract at 2806 Navigation in March. The site contains a former Quintero Furniture Co. store that has been vacant for more than 20 years. The land and improvements were valued at \$236,274 by the Harris County Appraisal District as of January 2011.

The quarter-acre site is not large enough to hold a typical El Tiempo restaurant, but there is vacant land adjacent to the tract that might be available. The owner of the vacant land could not be reached for comment.

Roland was not immediately available for comment on the property acquisition, but

his son said it represents a return to the family's roots.

"That's where we're from," said Domenic.

The Laurenzos operate four El Tiempo Cantinas, an El Tiempo Market and Laurenzo's Prime Rib restaurant in the Houston area.

They sold the Ninfa's chain in 1998 to Austin-based Serrano's Cafe and Cantina. Morgan was a financial backer of Serrano's at the time and has since taken over control of the Navigation restaurant.

Houston-based RioStar Corp., the Laurenzo-led company that established the Ninfa's chain, filed for bankruptcy protection in 1996. RioStar took that action after Houston-based Sysco Corp. (NYSE: SY) filed an involuntary bankruptcy petition to recover \$2.8 million in unpaid bills from RioStar.

Tom Laurenzo, son of Mama Ninfa, told the *Houston Business Journal* shortly after the bankruptcy filing that an aggressive expansion of the 40-restaurant chain contributed to its debt problems.

Meanwhile, the original Ninfa's on Navigation has flourished under the leadership of Morgan and Executive Chef Alex Padilla.

In February 2011, the restaurant opened a patio area with a new bar and cocktail menu. The owners said at the time that special care was taken to maintain the restaurant's legacy amid the changes. ■

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WUNDERLICH: Bullish on Texas market

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"I want to hire a private client group who have a good enough contact with their customers that we (can) raise money for them whether its \$5 million, \$10 million, \$50 million or \$100 million. We want to capitalize on being that community player," he said.

The moves by Wunderlich could intensify competition in the wealth management and investment banking environment in Houston and add a growing player to the energy investment banking sector. Most of the players Wunderlich runs into in the local market, Houston said, are large competitors such as Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc., Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC and UBS AG, but there are also four or five investment banking boutiques of similar size to Wunderlich in the city.

"So there's competition, but there's a lot of cooperation within the competition, too," he said.

James Parrish, co-president of the firm's private client group in Memphis, said Wunderlich founded its Houston office 10 years ago — but now is the time to expand as the market grows hotter.



Parrish

"We're bullish on Texas: It's a can-do state ..., it's just a healthy environment for business," Parrish said, adding that the firm has targeted the energy sector for years. "That's just an obvious thing where there's a need for capital and in the particular smaller firm niche that we're in, where people need capital."

Parrish said the firm has recently made Houston one of its top priorities, adding six investment bankers from Pritchard Capital Partners LLC last November.

In March, Houston and his wealth management team — his son, Matthew, and 21-year wealth management veteran Sandra Jolly — brought over \$65 million in assets to Wunderlich from the Houston offices of Dallas-based Southwest Securities Inc., a competitor brokerage firm. That boosted Wunderlich's total local assets under management to about \$700 million, Parrish said.

Wunderlich has managed to snatch many of its new hires from Morgan Keegan Company Inc., a Memphis-based competitor and investment banking and wealth management firm, including Kevin Andrews, now managing director of energy investment banking in the Houston office. The firm also opened an office in Dallas last year.

Houston said it would probably take two years to build up the 36-person team, but he's already talking to an undisclosed team of potential new hires to add this summer.

Don Coker, an independent bank analyst in Atlanta, said the timing is right for Wunderlich to try to bring in new professionals from other Houston-area firms.

"I'm sure they'll do well there, it's a good, strong market for them," Coker said. "Houston has always been known as having a really deep talent pool." ■

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OPINION

COMMENTARY, LETTERS AND VIEWPOINTS FROM THE HOUSTON BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Texas must continue to lead fight against EPA

The federal government's pervasive culture of regulatory extremism continues to threaten the energy sector with stifling, confusing and prescriptive rules that would severely damage Texas' economy.

The heavy-handed approach the federal government continues to pursue is misguided at best and deliberately punitive at worst. In contrast, Texas has done an exemplary job of protecting the environment while sustaining a productive private-sector energy industry. The state has made huge leaps in clean air attainment despite a growing population, and the state is also a national leader in energy technologies, such as enhanced oil recovery, carbon capture and sequestration, and the development of a digital grid and advanced metering systems that reduce energy inefficiency.

Texas legislators have a strong record of enacting state-level reforms to protect the environment while allowing the robust development of the state's vast natural resources. In 2006, Texas surpassed California as the nation's leader in wind generation, and the latest statistics from the American Wind Energy Association show that Texas — by a wide margin — has the highest wind generation capacity of any state in the nation and far more wind capacity than its adjacent states.

Despite these environmental successes, which have corresponded with a boom in Texas' private-sector energy industry, the federal government continues to target our state by attempting to abrogate our clean air permitting authority, introducing a cross-state air pollution rule that leaves Texas exposed to the threat of blackouts in hot summer months and exceeding the authority of the Clean Air Act in an attempt to regulate naturally occurring carbon dioxide.

Thankfully, Texas is having some measured successes in pushing back against the federal government. When the Environmental Protection Agency administrator who oversaw the agency's activities in Texas compared his approach to regulation of the oil and gas industry to how the Romans would crucify villagers, Gov. Rick Perry, Attorney General Greg Abbott and Chairman Barry Smith-erman led an outcry that eventually forced him to resign. The incident was indicative of the EPA's punitive approach to the energy sector.

Further evidence of this approach was seen in March, when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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overturned the EPA's disapproval of Texas' Pollution Control Project Standard Permit, ruling that the EPA failed to provide a legal basis under the federal Clean Air Act for its rejection of Texas' permit. In its opinion, the court criticized the EPA for overstepping "the bounds of its narrow statutory role" and for failing to cite "any provision of the (Clean Air Act) or its implementing regulations that Texas' program violated."

Earlier this year, the EPA rescinded an "emergency order" against Fort Worth-based gas producer Range Resources. The withdrawn order had alleged that the company was culpable for methane contamination in water wells, but a January 2011 review by the Railroad Commission of Texas found that the gas wells "were not causing or contributing to contamination ... as erroneously alleged in EPA's December 2010 emergency order."

Texas should be heartened by these victories and must continue the fight for economic freedom, sensible and science-based regulations, and a robust private-sector energy economy. At least four policy measures should be pursued. First, the competitive electric retail market must be expanded. Second, the state must improve its energy transmission infrastructure to ensure providers can reliably deliver energy to consumers. Third, legislators must take what steps they can to continue to address the problem of overbearing and misguided federal regulation of the energy industry. The cross-state air pollution rule, an endangerment finding on carbon dioxide and the rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline permit all continue to needlessly threaten our energy security and our economy as a whole. Finally, the state's urgent water needs must be addressed by incorporating free-market approaches.

Texas has demonstrated that sensible regulation of the energy sector can foster economic growth, create jobs and generate significant tax revenue for the state, all while operating facilities safely and in compliance with local, state and federal regulations. State leaders must continue to pursue and advocate for a pro-growth policy that bears broad economic and environmental benefits for our state.

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Electronic options not worth extra price for old car owner

A friend recently took me for a ride to show off his new car, a luxury model loaded with electronic options.

From start to finish, the road trip was a dazzling show of sights and sounds as my friend demonstrated one car toy after another. Dashboard displays computed the amount of available fuel and estimated distance before we ran out of gas. The satellite radio played stereo music from hundreds of stations in space. The GPS plotted our course on a visual map in sync with a lady's voice giving us directions to our destination.

My friend's new wheels are certainly awesome, but I can't see paying extra for audio/visual accessories right now. Our 10-year-old family car is functional enough. When the fuel gauge dips below a quarter, I know it's time to pump more gas in the tank. The factory-installed AM/FM radio is tuned to a few favorite stations, so why spend money on hundreds more that will never be heard?

Best of all, our car is equipped with original voice technology that relays directions in a much more sophisticated fashion than the primitive GPS in my friend's car. Let's compare the two voice programs.

First, the virtual lady speaking from the instrument console of my friend's car:

"Go north on interstate for 6.5 miles ... Exit freeway here and proceed 1.1 miles to intersection ... Turn left and

drive 1,000 yards to entrance ... You have reached your destination."

Even my friend would agree that this conversation is boring, but his artificial voice can't talk about anything else.

Now, the actual lady speaking live from the passenger seat in our family car:

"We'll be getting off in three or four exits, so you might want to think about getting over ... Can't you drive a little faster slowpoke? At this rate we're going to be late ... I told you we should have taken the tollway ... Well, it looks like you've gotten us lost again ... Pull into that service station and find out where we are ... Get me a bottle of water, you know the kind I like ... Leave the engine running, I'll wait in the car."

Unlike the bland, one-way communication in my friend's car, the colorful commentary in our family car is interactive.

Oddly enough, my end of the conversation consists of programmed responses in an artificial voice, much like the one in my friend's car. Pulling out of the driveway activates my software:

"Yes, dear ... I'm already over the speed limit ... Don't worry, we'll get there in plenty of time ... We don't need to ask directions, I know exactly where we are ... Here's your bottled water, dear."

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Houston First releases short list for new convention hotel



BREAKING GROUND
JENNIFER DAWSON

MAY 17 — Well, that didn't take long. Less than a month after Houston First Corp. released the list of developers interested in building a 1,000-room convention center hotel downtown, five groups have already been eliminated from consideration. The short list of potential developers still in the running was selected by Houston First's consultant and staff members before a request for proposal process. The groups were announced this week at Houston First's board meeting. Here are the teams that are moving forward in the process:

- Discovery Central Development Team — The team with participants from multiple states that includes Houston's Ayrshire ...

Houston banks going after money movers



MONEY MAKERS
COLLIN EATON

MAY 18 — It's no secret that the financial giants like JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NYSE: JPM) dominate the deposit market in the city of Houston, taking over 47 percent of the whole pie last year. But as all bankers know, deposits are meaningless — literally, liabilities — without the loan demand to deploy those deposits. In this week's print edition, I wrote a story about how the cookie crumbles in deposit market share in Houston, but I also spoke to bankers about how they approach the loan market — which is getting better, but still not quite where Houston has seen it in the past. For nonbankers, here's how it works: A bank pays you interest to store your money in their vault and loan it to other people, who pay it back to the banks ...

Action Figure Labs zooms into Comicpalooza to build a fan following



BIZBLOG
MOLLY RYAN

MAY 21 — Kapow! Action Figure Laboratories is fighting its way to the top of the action figure business, and the new company has its sights set on Comicpalooza, a comic book festival from May 25-27 in Houston. A recent veteran of the Rice Business Plan competition, Action Figure Labs has worked to perfect its product in the last month, and it is now ready to introduce its first prototypes to the masses. The company makes 3-D, customized figures and miniatures that can be personalized with a person's face and different textures and colors. What better place for Action Figure Labs to show off its latest works than at a convention filled with comic book and sci-fi junkies? "I knew (Comicpalooza) would be a good venue for ...

Federal court dismisses fraud, unproductive wells case

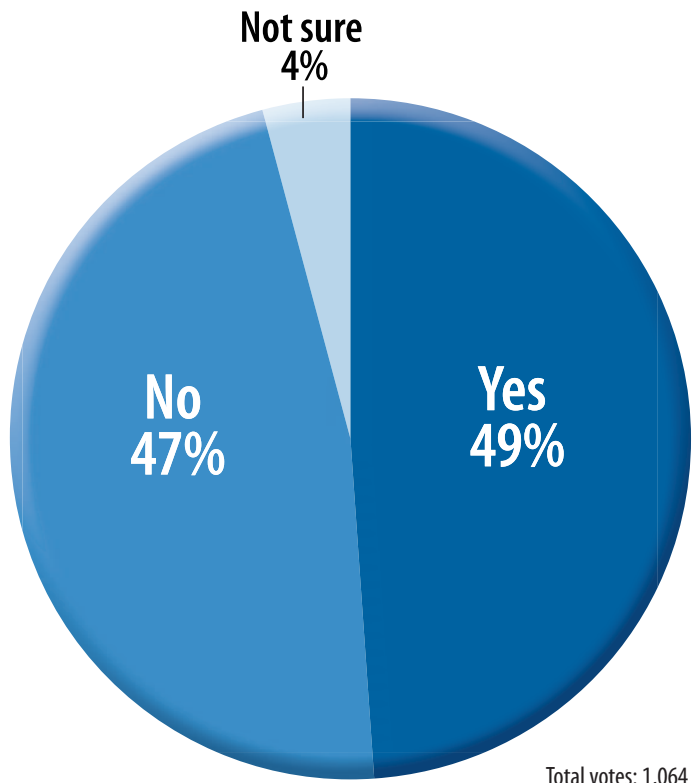


DRILLING DOWN
DEON DAUGHERTY

MAY 22 — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit alleging fraud against Houston energy executive Daniel Layton and one of his associates. A group of 15 investors filed the lawsuit in December, in which they alleged they had been defrauded when an oil well drilling operation turned out to be unproductive. In the case, which was sent to federal court after it was originally filed in the Harris County 129th District Court, investors said they had pooled together \$10 million to develop oil wells through the Layton Energy Wharton Fund. According to the court documents, the wells stipulated in the agreement were not all drilled and their leases expired. The investors allege that Layton and his associate, J. Clark Legler, then funneled the ...

Business Pulse Survey

Should JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon resign in the wake of the bank's \$2 billion trading loss?



EDITOR'S NOTE:
Respondents to this week's Business Pulse Survey were pretty much split down the middle on the question of whether JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon should step down in the wake of the firm's huge trading loss, with the yes vote narrowly finishing ahead. Here's some reader comments:

"JP Morgan has a lot of money. It was a bad investment. We've all lost money trading." — Vito Garcia

"Let the shareholders and investors decide this. We are, after all, supposed to be living in a free-market economy for these types of decisions." — John LeDuc Jr.

"I don't think the other shoe has dropped yet, meaning I think there will be more bad news in the coming months and the Chief Investment Officer who got axed was just the "whipping boy" and not the problem." — Robert Rhodes

"Nobody complains when he makes a \$2 billion profit. Why complain when you lose \$2 billion? It is a risky business and he is very good at limiting his risk." — Bill Wong

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STOCKS: Betting on future energy prices

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energy company, you're making a bet on the underlying commodity," he said. "So if you're buying ConocoPhillips or FMC Technologies or Schlumberger, you're ultimately making a bet on where energy prices are heading."

Buying into smaller and midsize players denotes a more concentrated bet on energy prices rising, he said.

HOSTILE TAKEOVER

Icahn, who recently won his hostile takeover of Sugar Land-based CVR Energy Inc. (NYSE: CVI), boosted his stake in the Houston refinery and marketing company by 8,754,288 shares to about 12 million shares worth \$394 million, at the end of March.

In the past few weeks, however, Icahn has boosted his holdings up to 80 percent of CVR Energy's outstanding shares, holding about 70 million shares worth \$2.2 billion. Icahn has replaced several directors on CVR Energy's board with his own nominees and plans to sell the company for about \$35 per share.

During the first quarter, Icahn sold his 72 million-share stake in El Paso Corp. (NYSE: EP) worth \$2.1 billion.

George Soros, chairman of New York-based hedge fund Soros Fund Management LLC, took a more active approach in Houston companies, buying up 3.7 million shares in CVR Energy worth \$117 million, as well as 457,000 shares of Transocean Ltd. (NYSE: RIG) worth \$19.9 million, and 6,900 shares in Plains Exploration worth \$258,000.

Texas energy guru T. Boone Pickens, founder and principal of Dallas-based BP Capital Management LP, bought 290,000 shares in Calpine Corp. (NYSE: CPN) worth \$5 million and increased his stake in Transocean by 76,000 shares and Weatherford International Ltd. (NYSE: WFT) by

180,000 shares, stakes worth \$10.4 million and about \$8.9 million, respectively.

BUFFETT GOES LONG

Unlike the more active billionaire traders, Buffett simply held on to his large stake in ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP) in the first quarter, about 21 million shares worth \$1 billion.

Andrew Gardener, president of Tanglewood Legacy Advisors LLC, noted that Buffett was a student of Benjamin Graham at Columbia University, who taught him to allocate capital into enterprises that are selling at below intrinsic value. Buffett added one twist to that, Gardener said: The enterprise has to be a great business.

"Other than a recent investment in IBM, Buffett has shied away from technology," Gardener said. "He has said that he doesn't understand it and would therefore not know how to measure the intrinsic value."

Buffett is also more of a long-term investor than a trader, as he may not know if a purchase will work out for 10 years, Gardener said.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation also held onto its substantial stakes in BP Plc (NYSE: BP), Crown Castle International Corp. (NYSE: CCI) and Waste Management Inc. (NYSE: WM).

The most significant move by Jana Partners LLC, a New York-based hedge fund, was to sell off its entire stake in BMC Software, 1.3 million shares worth \$57.9 million, shortly before a hostile takeover of BMC was launched by New York-based Elliot Associates LP. Jana Partners also bought more shares in Anadarko and El Paso.

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ITINVOLVE: Facing heavy competition

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Market disruption: Traditionally, IT departments have used configuration management databases to assess IT issues. A CMDB records ways different IT infrastructure elements come together. However, CMDBs do not have a social tool for different users to record communication and discussion about IT issues.

"We provide a single source of the truth of an IT environment," Kahan said. "We give IT executives the unprecedented ability to enable each user in IT to visualize information in a way that is meaningful to them. ... Also, we baked collaboration into our product to make sure you always see relevant information."

Likely competitors: ITinvolve is going after the big dogs in IT for a share of the market. It's facing off against members of the "Big Four" in IT, including Houston's BMC Software Inc. (Nasdaq: BMC) and Palo Alto, Calif.'s Hewlett-Packard Co. (NYSE: HPQ).

"For us, it's a David-vs.-Goliath situation," Kahan said.

Management team: Wray, ITinvolve's CEO, was most recently the general manager of NetIQ Corp. at its headquarters

in Houston. Before that, he was CFO at Dallas-based Sterling Software, which was purchased by IBM Corp. (NYSE: IBM).

Reiner, ITinvolve's chief technology officer, worked with Wray at NetIQ as the company's chief performance officer and the vice president of engineering. Before that, he worked at Houston-based Pentasafe Security Technologies Inc., which was acquired by NetIQ, and at BMC.

ITinvolve's board includes its senior management team and members of Austin Ventures, an Austin-based venture capital firm that is the company's equity partner.

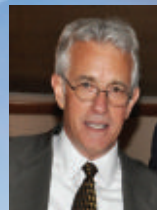
Future growth: This year, ITinvolve hopes to expand from eight to 20 employees who will primarily be located at its Houston office. In the future, the company also wants to introduce new products that will further address IT issues, such as change management.

"The truth is, at the speed we are moving, we will have another product come out soon and modules will continue to be released in two to three months," Reiner said. "On a cloud-based platform, you have to move fast."

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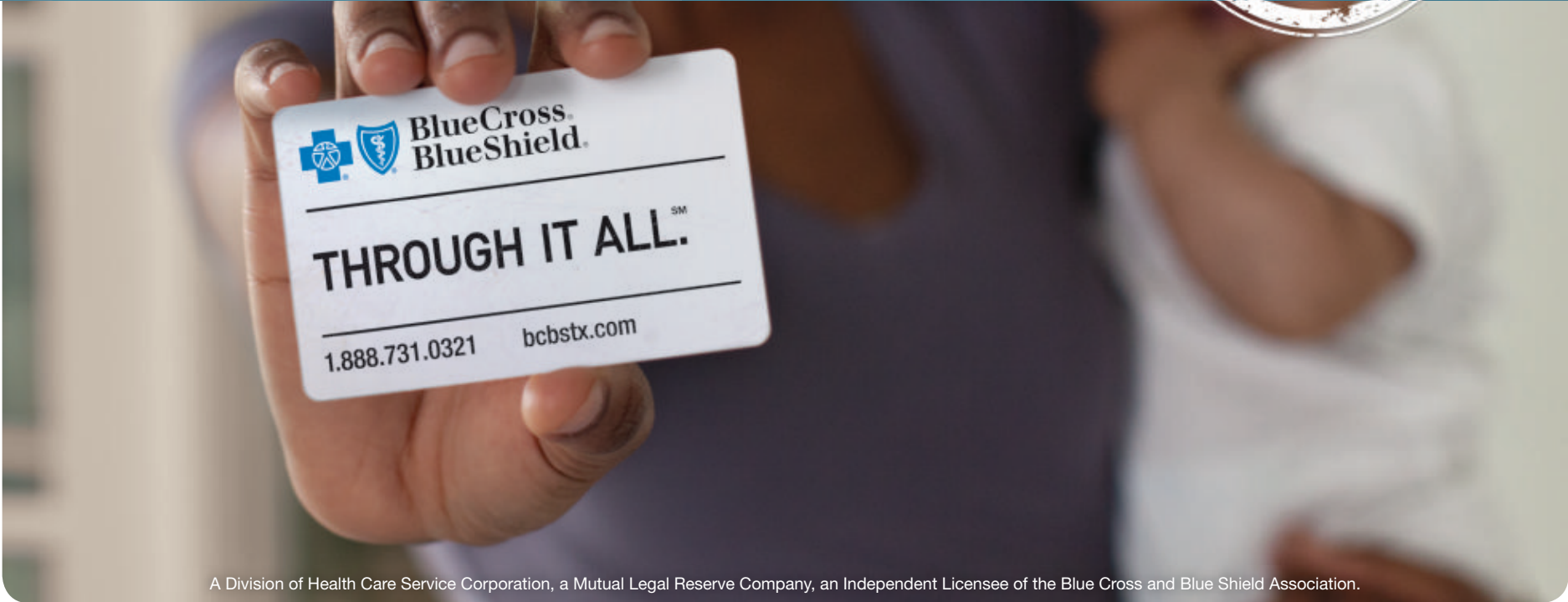


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