

## Just for Floats

Did you know that Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise?

Did you know that the plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called *aglets*?

Did you know that toilet paper was invented in 1857?

Did you know that it takes a ton of water to make a pound of refined sugar?



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## The Reinvention of Storm Water Quality

Harris County and the City of Houston are partnering to reinvent the Storm Water Quality Message of "Only Rain in the Drains" through a new, innovative and comprehensive media campaign. This campaign will ensure that everyone who sees or hears the new message will know that "Storm Water Is Not Treated"! There will be no mistaking the fact that storm water is not treated and pollution in our local waterways is a huge problem and needs an even bigger solution starting with the storm drain. Check out our new media line up!



Billboards



Brochures



Newspaper Ads



NEW Website Design

## Holiday Greetings!

The staff of Harris County Storm Water Quality Section would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy Holiday Season!



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## Climbing the Ladder of Success!

Nick Russo Interview

What is your new job title?

*Program Manager of Harris County Permits Storm Water Quality Division*

What can the public learn from you about Storm Water Quality?

*I manage the permitting of storm water quality features for construction sites in new development and redevelopment areas. I also enforce regulations for storm water quality at construction sites. Both of these duties help to protect local waterways from being polluted by construction and industrial debris.*

Tell us an interesting personal fact about yourself.

*I enjoy fishing and hunting.*



Jon-Paul Komar Interview

What is your new job title?

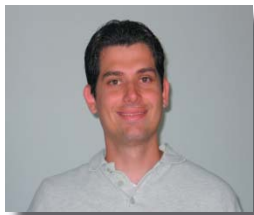
*Water Quality Monitor*

What can the public learn from you about Storm Water Quality?

*The most effective way to prevent future pollutants from entering our local waterways is through public education.*

Tell us an interesting personal fact about yourself.

*I enjoy painting abstract art.*



"I look forward to an America which will not be afraid of grace and beauty, which will protect the beauty of our natural environment, which will preserve the great old American houses and squares and parks of our national past and which will build handsome and balanced cities for our future." -John F. Kennedy

## Tons of Hazardous Waste Saved from Entering Local Landfills

Harris County's Fall Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events resulted in tons of HHW being saved from entering our local landfills.

HHW can be classified as products such as paints, stains and varnishes, cleaners, polishes, automotive products, pesticides and fertilizers. Even certain electronics such as televisions and computer monitors contain hazardous components. Items that have the words "warning", "danger", "toxic", "corrosive", "irritant", "flammable" or "caution" on their labels are considered HHW. These items become HHW when they are no longer usable or no longer wanted.

The average American household generates 15 pounds of HHW annually. Our homes contain an average of three to eight gallons of hazardous materials in kitchens, bathrooms, garages, and workshops.

For more information on how you can help relieve the environmental impact of HHW on our waterways and landfills, log on to [www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org](http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org)

### HIGHLIGHTS OF FALL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS

Number of Participating Households: *3,104*  
Amount of HHW Collected: *162 TONS*

#### Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 8, 2006  
Harris County Annex 13 & Sport Complex  
17423 Katy Freeway  
8 AM to 2 PM only  
(Enter via Barker-Cypress)

Saturday, April 29, 2006  
Humble Civic Center  
8233 Will Clayton Parkway  
8 AM to 2 PM only



## Thank You!

Harris County would like to thank the following sponsors for their contributions to the success of the Harris County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Event held at the University of Houston-Clear Lake on Saturday, October 29, 2005:

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