

# Activist pushes blood tests

LA MARQUE — A Texas City activist said she wants the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to pay for blood tests for residents living around the Motco hazardous waste site in La Marque.

A \$44 million cleanup that will incinerate toxic materials, including PCBs, styrene tars, copper, mercuric chloride, elemental mercury and lead wastes, has begun at the 11-acre site, which is on the EPA's "superfund" list.

Bebe Lising, who heads the Motco Area Citizens Group, said the group wants blood testing done before the incineration begins so samples can be compared to blood samples taken six months after incineration starts.

"If we should see some evidence (of contamination) in these blood samples then we will have the hard data to stop incineration," she said.

Trial burns at the site could begin at the end of October.

# Brazoria County

ANGLETON — Brazoria County commissioners will try again — for the third time in three weeks — to raise property taxes.

Commissioners are scheduled to meet next week and rescind several votes cast Monday calling for a 6-cent tax increase. Monday's votes originally were thought to have corrected a previous vote, which was based on erroneous calculations, calling for a 7-cent increase.

The county's current property tax rate is 27.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

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# Doctors rip Miller despite legal threat

By JULIE MASON  
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A physicians group protesting Miller Brewing Co.'s involvement with the Special Olympics benefit said Friday they will continue selling T-shirts satirizing today's event despite threats from the beer company's attorneys.

Miller was unable to obtain a temporary restraining order Thursday preventing Doctors Ought to Care from selling the shirts. They said the message "Killer Lite" and "We're Pushing a Drug" violated the beer company's trademark.

But state District Judge David West called the matter a free speech issue rather than a trademark violation and denied Miller's request.

Miller's attorneys said they would return to court to pursue the matter Friday, but they failed to do so and now DOC can sell the T-shirts.

DOC spokesman Jim Smith said his organization late Friday received a hand-delivered letter from Miller's attorneys threatening more legal action if the group tries to sell their T-shirts at the party.

"This just proves our point that Miller Lite feels like they're doing something irresponsible," Smith said. "It's all kind of amusing, actually."

Scott Brister, a Houston attorney representing Miller, said Friday afternoon the beer company is not backing down from its earlier charge.

"We're not going to let it drop," he said.

Several concerts this weekend sponsored by Miller Lite throughout the state are expected to raise \$1 million for the Texas Special Olympics. The Houston concert will feature The Who tonight in the Astrodome.

Smith said the group is protesting the beer company's involvement with the benefit because, among other things, fetal alcohol syndrome is a major cause of birth defects.

The Augusta, Ga.-based organization has previously protested sporting events such as the Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament, on the grounds that a major tobacco company should not be allowed to lend its name to athletics.

New posters satirizing Miller Lite's "We're Having a Party" theme for today's concert will be added to DOC's inventory, Smith said. The posters depict a baby and say "We're Having a Profit."



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Evan Daily skates in the Astrodome parking lot Friday in near record-breaking weather. The high temperature Friday of 99 degrees

ties the record set in 1947. parking lot will be the site party in Texas today.