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School supplies giveaway
The Word of Life Worship Center offers free school supplies, backpacks and shoes at 13135 Battle Road, Beasley on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 8-10 a.m. First-come, first-serve while supplies last. For more information, contact Pastor Edward Zamora at 713-405-9157.

Bazaar rescheduled
Holy Rosary Catholic Church has rescheduled its 81st Annual Bazaar due to weather. The bazaar was set for Sunday, Aug. 27. It has been rescheduled to take place on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Race for Grace
Abigail's Place will host its second annual Race for Grace on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Cross Creek Ranch in Fulshear. Race for Grace consists of a 5k and 1k fun run. For more information, please contact Shereen Sampson at Shereen.sampson@abilgailsplace.org.

LCISD campuses closed
Due to inclement weather and mobility issues, all Lamar CISD campuses and facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sep. 1.

Classes are scheduled to resume on Tuesday, Sep. 5, following the Labor Day holiday.

We are closely monitoring the weather and will inform the community if there are any further changes.

Please monitor our website—www.lcisd.org—or the District Facebook and Twitter accounts for the latest information.

Fort Bend Journal

Too close
Be careful when you follow the masses...sometimes the "m" is silent.

— BH

Around the Bend

Lamar Consolidated High School senior **Brian Kaminsky** sharing his love for FFA, his excitement for competing in rodeos and how he's mixed with Vietnamese, Polish and Honduran origins...

LCBS seniors and FFA officers **Everett Lane**, **Micaela Escochea** and **Juan Perez** spark Lamar Junior High students' interest in FFA during Mustang Orientation...

Steven G. Wong having a fun day of work, eating delicious sushi and topping off the night with some dope dropography in Portland, Oregon...

Ahmad Kz, **Vance Lawrence**, **Sigourney**, **Joanne Mae**, and **Blake Shelfan** exploring Seoul, South Korea...

Rosenberg City Councilwoman **Al-ice Jozwiak** helping to fill sandbags on Friday for city residents at the public works...

Rosenberg City Councilwoman **Lynn Moses** picking up some to-go Chinese food on Saturday...

Today's Scripture

The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8

Thought for Today

"The essence of immorality is the tendency to make an exception of one's self."

— Jane Addams, American social worker and Nobel Peace laureate (1860-1935)



HARVEY'S NOT THRU YET

Brazos River in Fort Bend County expected to breach levies

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management has issued a mandatory evacuation for some residents of Fort Bend County and a voluntary evacuation for others.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert said the emergency operations agency personnel have been closely monitoring the water level in the Brazos River.

The National Weather Service forecast indicates that the Brazos River will crest sometime Tuesday, Aug. 29, in the late afternoon or early evening at an elevation of fifty nine feet at the Richmond gauge on U.S. 90A.

"A flood of this magnitude is an 800-year event and it exceeds the design specifications of our levees, and is potentially dangerous for a good portion of Fort Bend County," said Hebert, who directs the office emergency management.

"A 59-foot-river level threatens to overtop many of the levees in our area.

"As a result, I am ordering both voluntary and mandatory evacuations for many of the levee improvement districts along the Brazos River, based on all specific facts pertaining to each levee," Hebert announced late Sunday night.

The Brazos River at Richmond is presently at 43.6 feet.

During the record-setting 2016 Memorial Day flood, the Brazos River crested



MASSIVE SINKHOLE formed on FM 762 in front of the 24 HR Fitness on Sunday. The sinkhole expanded across the rest of the roadway by Sunday afternoon, making the highway impassable.

HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

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HERALD FILE PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

Traffic on the Grand Parkway where it crosses the Brazos River is safe and open to traffic, authorities reported Sunday. The bridge has been temporarily restricted to one lane each way while contractors shore up the Judge Jodie Stavinocha Bridge, which was damaged during the 2016 Memorial Day flood. However, because of the storm, all the lanes are open to traffic.

Report: Stavinocha Bridge is safe, open

THE HERALD STAFF

The Stavinocha Bridge spanning the Brazos River near New Territory is safe and open to traffic, despite rumors otherwise, authorities reported Sunday.

"There is a rumor floating around Fort Bend County that the Stavinocha Bridge over the Brazos River on the Grand Parkway (SH 99) will be closed this Sunday morning," Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert said. "There is no truth in the rumor."

Erosion from the three major floods in 2015 and 2016 has removed much of the earthen bank reinforcing the northern pier support, Hebert noted. However, "the bridge is safe, but major repairs to restore ground support for the pier and prevent future erosion are currently being made. Reflectors have been installed on the pier components and they are checked regularly by laser level to confirm no movement has occurred.

"Due to the predicted flood event construction has been halted and all lanes of the bridge are open."

As flood waters rise, the laser measurements will also increase and if the slightest movement is observed, the bridge will be immediately closed, said Hebert, who directs the county's Office of Emergency Management.

"If water rises to the level that prevents direct observation of its action on the pier and/or the northern abutment, the bridge will be closed immediately," he said.

"Toll Road personnel have been instructed that, if in doubt, to act in the interest of public safety.

"If the river rises to the predicated forecast of 55-foot elevation at the Richmond gauge, the bridge will undoubtedly be closed due to inability to observe the river's action against the pier and abutment, but no firm date or time can be set due to our inability to exactly predict river elevations."

Should the bridge be closed, the detour route will be via Highway 6 to U.S. 90A, Hebert said. In the event that the underpass at TX-99 and U.S. 90A is flooded, the detour will be Highway 6 to West Airport Boulevard.

City of Rosenberg water still working

Despite rumors to the contrary, the city of Rosenberg is not shutting off people's water, city officials reported Monday morning. City Secretary Jenny Pavlovich said city offices will be closed Tuesday.



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Flood streets in Walnut Creek

A resident walks a dog down the swamped Mossy Point culdesac in the Walnut Creek subdivision on Saturday. The water has since receded but more rain is forecast for the next three days and streets could flood again.

Roads closed in Fort Bend County because of storm

BY TYLER JOHNSON
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Fort Bend County is continuing to close roadways throughout the area.

The following the major roadways that are closed: Westpark Tollway Mainlanes between FM 1464 to Mason Road (Not verified); FM 1093 at Weston Lakes; FM 762 at 1994; SH 6 at Lake Shore Harbor; FM 1994 (5000 block near FM 762); SPUR 10 (Hartledge Road) at Kunz Road; SH 6 at Kitty Hollow park; FM 762 at Benton Road (5100 block); FM 359 from North Fulshear to Junt/Jordan Road; FM 359 at Precinct Line Road; FM 1462 from SH 36 to Brum-

below Road; SH 6 at FM 521; FM 1093 eastbound at Katy Gaston; US 90A at SH 36; SH 99 (Grand Parkway) frontage roads at FM 1093; US 90A (Main Street) at Texas Parkway; FM 1463 north of FM 1093; FM 1462 at Nordt Road; 59 Feeder Rd North at Williams Trace; Williams Trace at US 59; US 90A (Jackson Street) at Collins Road (FM 3155); FM 762 at Austin Street (YMCA area) (Not verified); US 90A underpass between Lane Drive and Collins Road; Eastbound FM 1093 (Westpark Tollway) Frontage Road at Harlem; FM 1489 north of Johnson Road.

The following are the local roads that

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Ohio veterans group won't show Browns games after players' anthem protest

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars post says it won't show Cleveland Browns football games this season after a group of players knelt during the national anthem before a preseason game Monday.

VFW Post 3345 Commander Tim Zvoncheck posted a message to his Facebook page Wednesday that says the Strongsville post outside of Cleveland won't support a group or person who "dis-

graces the flag or the anthem that we have fought for."

A team spokesman responded by saying the Browns organization has a "profound" respect for the anthem, the American flag and those in the military but also respects the "freedom of personal expression."

Nearly a dozen Browns players knelt during the anthem, including tight end Seth DeVallve, the first known white NFL player to do so.

McCain bashes Arpaio pardon

PHOENIX (AP) — U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona is voicing his displeasure at President Donald Trump's pardon of the former Phoenix metro area sheriff Joe Arpaio, who was convicted of a misdemeanor contempt-of-court charge for defying a judge's orders that he stop conducting immigration patrols.

Arpaio was facing the prospect of jail time at his sentencing in October.

McCain says in a statement that "no one is above the law" and "sworn law officers should always seek to be beyond reproach in their commitment to fairly enforcing the laws they swore to uphold."

By pardoning Arpaio, McCain says it undermines Trump's claim for the respect of rule of law.

He also says Arpaio has shown no remorse for his actions.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey and Arizona congressman Andy Biggs are supporting the presidential pardon of fArpaio.

Ducey says Arpaio "deserves credit for helping to reduce crime in Maricopa County over his long career in law enforcement and public office."

He says Trump's pardon "has brought finality to this chapter in Arizona's history."

Ducey adds that Arpaio is his friend and now the 85-year-old ex-lawman can move on and enjoy his retirement with his wife and family.

Biggs says he applauds Trump for pardoning Arpaio and adds that "America owes Sheriff Arpaio a debt of gratitude.

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Coast Guard rescues 12 off Texas coast before hurricane hits

PORT MANSFIELD — The U.S. Coast Guard has rescued a dozen people from a boat taking on water near Port Mansfield, Texas, about 120 miles south of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Man inside Killeen home killed by shots fired into house

KILLEEN — Police say a 34-year-old man has died after being shot while inside a Central Texas house that was hit by gunfire from outside. Killeen police say no one has been arrested in the deadly drive-by shooting.

Police fence off park before right-wing event

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco officials have erected a fence around a park where a right-wing group known as Patriot Prayer plans a news conference. Police were screening people as they enter Alamo Square park on Saturday morning. Patriot Prayer's news conference is scheduled there later in the day.

Peace marchers flood the streets of Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain — A street-wide white banner with black letters reading "No Tinc Por" — "I'm not afraid" in Catalan — is making its way down one of Barcelona's main street in a massive march against violence.

Few bidders in online sale of South African rhino horn

JOHANNESBURG — A rhino breeder in South Africa who held what he called the world's first legal online auction of rhino horns says there were fewer bidders and sales than expected. However, a law firm representing breeder John Hume said Saturday that the two-day auction sets the stage for future sales. Hume says a legal trade will undercut rhino poaching.

Settlement reached in Kentucky police shooting case

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A confidential settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed by the family of an unarmed Kentucky man shot by police. The 2012 shooting occurred after 46-year-old Gregory Harrison called police several times to say he wanted to kill his brother, had a gun and needed help.

Read the rest of these stories, and more, online at fbherald.com

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ONGOING

■ The Fort Bend County Fair will kick off with a parade on Friday, Sept. 29, and the parade committee is presently accepting applications for entries. For more information on the Fair's schedule or parade entry forms, visit fortbendcounty-fair.com or call the Fair Office at 281-342-6171.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

■ The Friends of the University Branch Library will hold its fall book sale from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., at the library, 14010 University Blvd., Sugar Land. Books, CDs, DVDs and LPs for adults and children will be available. Most items are 50 cents to \$1. Proceeds support reading and other educational library programs. Good condition books, CDs and DVDs may be donated to the library during the sale, or at any time. A receipt for income tax purposes can be provided. The library is located on the University of Houston campus at Hwy. 59 and University Blvd. Parking is free.

SUNDAY, Sept. 10

■ Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 1416 George St., in Rosenberg, will hold its 81st annual bazaar: Barbecue beef, chicken and sausage meal served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the gym. Drive-thru is available from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Allen Street entrance. Event includes children's activities and game booths. Live music will be performed by the Lazy Farmers Polka Band. Auction begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Joerger-Lindsey Family Life Center.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

■ County Judge Robert Hebert is challenging mayors in Fort Bend

Friedens United Church of Christ in Beasley is hosting its 6th Annual Friedens Craft Show & Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, CCD Bldg., 407 S. Third St., in Beasley. Admission is free. Interested vendors should call 281-814-6301. (Outside space available only; covered pavilion).

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

■ Keep Richmond Beautiful will host a free onsite document shred event at the Richmond City Hall, 402 Morton St. from 9 a.m. to noon. Shred items include all paper-based materials. No need to remove staples, paperclips, or fasteners. Three-ring binders, metal or plastic objects, and electronic media will not be accepted. ID is required. Bring your city of Richmond water bill stub for identification purposes. Keep Richmond Beautiful volunteers will be on-hand for any assistance needed. For more information on the shred event or to volunteer, call Keep Richmond Beautiful Chair Barbara Johnson at 281-342-4114.

County to put on their game face and join the Hope For Three Golf "Fore" Autism charity tournament on Oct. 2, at Sugar Creek Country Club, 420 Sugar Creek Blvd., Sugar Land. Tee time is noon.

Jerry Lee Lewis doesn't understand Country Music Hall of Fame snub

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jerry Lee Lewis is one of the early pioneers of rock 'n' roll music, but he doesn't understand why his contributions to country music haven't been recognized by the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Now 81, Lewis said that when he first came to Nashville from Louisiana, he was advised to pick up a guitar instead of playing the piano.

"I was trying to get a record out and get my start in the business and they really didn't any part of rock 'n' roll," Lewis said in an interview Thursday in Nashville, where he was being honored by artists such as George Strait, Kris Kristofferson, Chris Stapleton and Lee Ann Womack during the live concert series

Skyville Live.

He quickly found fame under the guidance of Sam Phillips at Sun Records in Memphis, where he played alongside Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash in the now famous Million Dollar Quartet. His outrageous talent, energy and ego were showcased on his early hits like "Great Balls of Fire" and "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On."

But his career was nearly derailed over the scandal of his marriage to his 13-year-old cousin, Myra, and he spent several years blacklisted before mounting a return to the country charts in the late '60s. He had top country singles like "What Made Milwaukee Famous (Has Made a Loser Out of Me)," "She Even Woke Me Up to Say Goodbye," and "To Make Love Sweeter for You."

Recently a petition was started online to call attention to his exclu-

sion from the Country Music Hall of Fame. Lewis was among the first inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

"I don't know why I am not in it," Lewis said. "I mean, they got it stirred up and talking about it. I don't know why they don't put me in it. I don't understand that."

Within Nashville's music community, there seems to be plenty of support for his inclusion in the genre's most elite group. In fact, many of today's country stars consider "The Killer" more of a country singer than a rock star.

"You know, I was at the age that I didn't really know him as a rock 'n' roller until I got in the bar and started playing his rock stuff," said Toby Keith.

"But I knew all of his country songs. He's an incredible country singer."

Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2017. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 28, 1917, 10 suffragists demanding that **President Woodrow Wilson** support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote were arrested as they picketed outside the White House.

On this date:

In 1609, English sea explorer **Henry Hudson** and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.

In 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Virginia, during the Civil War; the result was a Confederate victory.

In 1916, Italy declared war on Germany during World War I.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAJ in New York City; the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100.

In 1947, legendary bullfighter **Manolete** (man-oh-LEH'-tay) was fatally gored during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died early the next day at age 30.

In 1955, **Emmett Till**, a black teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. **Martin Luther King Jr.** delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated **Hubert H. Humphrey** for president.

In 1972, **Mark Spitz** of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter butterfly and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay. The Soviet women gymnasts won the team all-around.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Florida, home of **Ricky, Robert** and **Randy Ray**, three hemophiliac brothers infected with AIDS whose court-ordered school attendance had sparked a local uproar; Academy Award-winning movie director **John Huston** died in Middletown, Rhode Island, at age 81.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein (RAHM'-styn), West Germany.


In 1996, Democrats nominated President **Bill Clinton** for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's **Prince Charles** and **Princess Diana** officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

Ten years ago: After reports surfaced of his June arrest at the Minneapolis airport, Senator **Larry Craig**, R-Idaho, told a news conference the only thing he'd done wrong was to plead guilty to disorderly conduct after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room; **Craig** also declared, "I am not gay. I never have been gay."

A military court at Fort Meade, Maryland, acquitted Army Lt. Col. **Steven L. Jordan** of failing to control U.S. soldiers who'd abused detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, but found him guilty of disobeying an order not to discuss the investigation. (That conviction was later thrown out.)

Area Birthdays

Wishing a very happy 70th birthday to **Alton Ray Laza** with lots of love always, from wife **Doris**, **Kristin**, **Nolan**, **Jason** and the rest of the family and friends.



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Harvey is worst Texas storm since ‘61’s Carla. How it stacks up

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hurricane Harvey reached land Friday night, securing its place in history as the most furious hurricane to hit the Texas coast since Hurricane Carla in 1961. Carla killed dozens and destroyed nearly 2,000 homes.

A look at Hurricane Carla and some of the most damaging hurricanes to hit the United States since 2000: (Figures have not been adjusted for inflation)

CARLA

Starting as a tropical depression in the Caribbean Sea on Sept. 3, 1961, Carla steadily gained momentum until it was labeled a major hurricane four days later: After a few days, it became a Category 5, only to be downgraded to a Category 4 by Sept. 11, when it made landfall on Matagorda Island, a 38-mile (61-kilometer) barrier island on the Texas Gulf coast, according to the National Weather Service.

It weakened to a tropical storm after its eye hit Port O'Connor and Port Lavaca in Texas. The hurricane also impacted parts of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Illinois.

In Texas, the highest winds were about 115 mph but sustained winds in some parts hit 170 mph.

The hurricane spawned 18 tornadoes, including 10 in Louisiana and eight in Texas. Between Carla and the subsequent tornadoes, the

NWS said 46 people were killed and more than 450 were injured.

Total damage was estimated at \$2.36 billion with Texas suffering more than \$400 million in damage. In Texas, 1,915 homes were destroyed.

KATRINA

Katrina crossed the tip of Florida and then swept into the Gulf of Mexico and over Louisiana and Mississippi, causing more than 1,800 deaths and an estimated \$108 billion in damage and becoming the costliest hurricane in U.S. history, according to the National Hurricane Center: Most of the fatalities occurred in Louisiana, where thousands of homes and businesses in New Orleans were destroyed by strong winds and flooding. Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Alabama also reported deaths in the 2005 hurricane, which left about 3 million people without power, some for weeks at a time.

SANDY

The pounding winds and storm surges of Sandy, dubbed a “super-storm” since it was extratropical by the time it made landfall, devastated the coastlines of New York and New Jersey in late October 2012, damaging at least 650,000 homes and causing about 8.5 million power outages, according to the Hurricane Center. U.S. officials

preliminarily tallied at least \$50 billion in damage, though some sources cite around \$75 billion. There were at least 147 deaths directly tied to storm conditions, as well as a number of indirect fatalities linked to hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning and falling trees during the cleanup effort, the center said. Repairs to homes and infrastructure continue today.

IKE

Ike’s storm surges raised water levels across nearly the entire U.S. Gulf Coast when it hit in 2008, causing almost \$30 billion in damage, mostly in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. At least 20 people were killed, according to the Hurricane Center. Waves battered the coasts of Texas and Louisiana, and almost 3 million people in those state lost power. Winds uprooted trees, and a number of homes were damaged.

WILMA

Coming near the end of 2005’s extraordinary hurricane season, Wilma caused 98 percent of South Florida to lose electricity, with experts at the Hurricane Center attributing widespread damage in the state to its large core. Trees were downed, windows shattered, roofs torn up and crops lost. All told, the U.S. reported more than \$21 billion in damage, as well as

five deaths.

IVAN

Ivan’s 10- to 15-foot storm surge in 2004 caused as much as a quarter-mile of an interstate bridge to collapse in Florida, which along with Alabama was among the hardest-hit states, according to the Hurricane Center: Thousands of homes were damaged or destroyed. Debris piled up after the storm stretched for more than three-quarters of a mile and were as tall as seven stories. Almost 2 million people experienced power outages. Ivan killed 25 people and caused more than \$18 billion in damage, according to the center.

RITA

Rita, one of the strongest hurricanes of the record-breaking 2005 season, prompted one of the largest-scale evacuations in U.S. history, with more than 2 million people estimated to have fled the Texas coast, according to the Hurricane Center. Coming just weeks after Katrina, Rita’s wind and rain caused \$12 billion in damage and killed 62 people, including many nursing home residents whose bus caught fire as they fled the storm, the center said.

Nearly every structure in some coastal areas of southwestern Louisiana was destroyed, some entirely swept away.

With fun-friendly president, NRA targets media

ATLANTA (AP) — The election of President Donald Trump and Republican control of Congress meant the National Rifle Association could probably rest easy that gun laws wouldn’t change for at least four years. But the NRA has begun a campaign not against pending legislation but what it sees as liberal forces bent on undoing the progress it’s made — and the political powerhouse is resorting to language that some believe could incite violence.

Using the hashtags #counterresistance and #clenchedfistoftruth, the NRA has put out a series of videos that announce a “shot across

the bow,” and say the gun-rights group is “coming for you” and that “elites ... threaten our very survival,” terms that suggest opponents are enemy combatants.

“The times are burning and the media elites have been caught holding the match,” NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch says in one video aired on NRATV, the gun lobby’s web video site, as it shows footage of people fighting police, breaking storefront glass and burning the American flag.

Later, she specifically calls out The New York Times: “We’ve had it with your narratives, your propaganda, your fake news. We’ve had

it with your constant protection of your Democrat overlords, your refusal to acknowledge any truth that upsets the fragile construct that you believe is real life. And we’ve had it with your tone-deaf assertion that you are in any way truth or fact-based journalism,” Loesch says. “Consider this the shot across your proverbial bow. ... In short? We’re coming for you.”

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, the director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, said the tone and language is “overwrought rhetoric” that, viewed by the wrong person, could lead to violence.

The kicker on one of the videos — “We’re coming for you” — is straight out of the movies, she said, and “that phrase means that violence is imminent and we will perpetrate it.”

The NRA is taking a page from the Trump playbook.

The friction between the gun lobby and the media isn’t new. But critics of the NRA contend the organization is relying on the “fake news” mantra started by Trump to whip up its followers after a dip in gun sales that has taken place since Trump succeeded President Barack Obama, who favored stricter gun-control laws.



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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 122 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP located at 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: D. Perkins, B. Nelson, G. Reuter, M. Colihan & S. Ghani

AGAINST the proposal: (none)

PRESENT and not voting: (none)

ABSENT: (none)

The following table compares taxes on the average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 0.975</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>\$ 0.975</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>\$0.000</u> /\$100
Percentage increase in rates		<u>0.0000%</u>
Average appraised value	<u>\$227,509</u>	<u>\$231,054</u>
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Average taxable value	<u>\$227,509</u>	<u>\$231,054</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 2,218.21</u>	<u>\$2,252.78</u>
Annual increase in taxes if		
Proposed tax rate is adopted		<u>\$34.57</u>
And percentage of increase		<u>1.5585%</u>

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

*Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to
Esther Buentello Flores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223.*

Pat on the Back

A big pat on the back to Stewart Hall, who has worked for the city of Richmond’s parks department for the past five years. Thanks for your service! SAL-UTE!

Our View

Seriously time to leave the area

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management has issued a mandatory evacuation for some residents of Fort Bend County and a voluntary evacuation for others.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert said the emergency operations agency personnel have been closely monitoring the water level in the Brazos River.

The National Weather Service forecast indicates that the Brazos River will crest sometime Tuesday, August 29 in the late afternoon or early evening at an elevation of fifty nine feet at the Richmond gauge.

“A flood of this magnitude is an 800 year event and it exceeds the design specifications of our levees, and is potentially dangerous for a good portion of Fort Bend County. A fifty-nine foot river level threatens to overtop many of the levees in our area.

“As a result, I am ordering both voluntary and mandatory evacuations for many of the levee improvement districts along the Brazos River, based on all specific facts pertaining to each levee.”

A voluntary evacuation means that you should consider leaving to head for a safer area.

There is a chance that surrounding flood waters may hinder your ability to get in and out of your neighbor-

hood.

You may be stuck in your neighborhood for several days.

A mandatory evacuation means that there is risk to life and safety as well as property.

There is also a risk to the lives of first responders who might be called on to rescue you when the expected danger materializes.

During a mandatory evacuation emergency, personnel will not be able to respond to your calls for help.

You will be on your own.

You cannot rely on help from others.

A mandatory evacuation indicates the possibility of danger to your life.

We urge you not to ignore it.

If you are in a mandatory evacuation zone, do the smart thing: leave and be safe. Local law enforcement and the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s office will patrol evacuated areas.

We at the Fort Bend Herald cannot stress hard enough how important it is for you, our valuable readers, to heed Hebert’s advice and leave while you still can.

If you live inside a levy, grab a few things and get out while roads are still passable. If you live outside a levy — and your home has flooded in the past — leave now.

We have posted a supply list on Page 5 of items you will need in an emergency.

Lessons from the eclipse

The solar eclipse last week was a marvel. After all, people were looking up, instead of looking at screens!

There was a widespread sense of the wonder of creation at a time of social, religious and other turmoil. People were even talking on New York City street corners! And goodness, for once people weren’t obsessing over Donald Trump and his administration, waiting for the next person to quit or be fired or bullied into submission.

Whether it be Charlottesville or the increase in violence as not just a political statement but expression of anger, vitriol on social media, or wistful talk in a New York City diner about the president being assassinated or otherwise dying (as I’ve overheard in recent days and weeks), we are not seeing the best of ourselves lately. As we were all frenzied about the eclipse, I walked out of St. Agnes Church by Grand Central (where there are 39 Masses celebrated throughout the week, along with multiple confession times and afternoon Eucharistic adoration), and came across a man resting beside his own vomit. The whole city seems as though it passes by that block, and how many of

us even notice a man there in distress, never mind stop to help and get to know him and his story?

In city life, especially, we pass people by all the time. But everywhere. Even with the people we could know and love the most, sometimes. And yet, we often are on top of the latest Trump tweet and are full of opinions about it and him. There’s being an informed citizen, but then there’s using news as entertainment or distraction from the real power we yield in our own lives and in the world around us.

On eclipse day, the Liturgy of the Hours, which priests and others in the Catholic Church pray throughout the day, came from the words of Saint Augustine, and he seemed to be preaching to us. He asked rhetorically: “Is there any affliction now endured by mankind that was not endured by our fathers before us? What sufferings of ours even bear comparison with what we know of their sufferings? And yet you hear people complaining about this present day and age because things were so much better in former times. I wonder what would happen if they could be taken back to the days of their ancestors — would we not still hear them complaining? You may think past ages were good, but it is only because you are not living in them.”

That’s a little perspective to help you with your frustrations, be they personal, professional or political. A little reality check for our short-attention span

times. Saint Augustine continued: “From the time of that first Adam to the time of his descendants today, man’s lot has been labor and sweat, thorns and thistles. Have we forgotten the flood and the calamitous times of famine and war whose history has been recorded precisely in order to keep us from complaining to God on account of our own times? Just think what those past ages were like! Is there one of us who does not shudder to hear or read of them? Far from justifying complaints about our own time, they teach us how much we have to be thankful for.”

I noticed people on social media being thankful on eclipse day. Many were even grateful to the media for making such a big deal of it, so it was nearly impossible not to pay attention to the time and find a way to view it. Thankful, too, for the time spent with family, friends or people who came to the rescue of those who weren’t prepared. We don’t have an eclipse every day, but its lessons could inspire a change of approach to daily life and all the seemingly bad news. There’s good, too. Being atwitter with gratitude daily would certainly be a different approach during times where SAD! seems to suck up so much of the oxygen.

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More bad weather
Hurricanes seem to follow me

Another hurricane. I was only about I was born months before Hurricane Carla struck Texas in September 1961.

I must have been around 10 years old when Celia bashed Texas in 1970.

I was old enough to remember Celia. We were living in Port Aransas, Texas, at the time and my aunt and her family had come to visit us.

My dad was in the Coast Guard and had to work during the storm. He would call my mom up often as the storm approached, telling her what to do and when they would shut down the ferries.

About 6 a.m. the day before the storm hit, we loaded up in a pickup truck (we sat in the back with our belongings) and my mom, uncles and aunts each took a load of us to the small town of Gregory.

It took about five trips to get everyone to the tiny hamlet on the mainland. From there, they ferried us in small groups to a small motel in Corpus Christi.

We settled in around 5 p.m. the night before Celia arrived.

The storm battered Corpus Christi, so we weren’t much better off. But we were well away from the storm surge that covered the island town of Port Aransas, so we were better off than many.

I was fresh out of high school when Hurricane Allen hit the upper coast of Mexico. It send heavy rain and winds to Texas, as well.

Port Aransas was hit but not very hard.

My older brother and I spent days driving up and down the beach looking for lumber washed ashore.

I was working at a condominium there at the time.

The storm had cracked some of the walls.

On the eighth floor, a contractor was squirting glue into one of the cracks in the concrete wall.

I remember thinking to myself: “Yikes, I wouldn’t want to stay here in the next storm if glue is the only thing holding this place up!”

I was working on an oil rig in the Gulf when Alicia roared ashore.

I was on the last helicopter flight out of the Gulf. I had stayed behind to help secure everything on the rig.

We could hardly take off and land the wind was so strong. But I was young and thought it a great adventure.

I was working in Three Rivers, Texas, when Rita hit the upper Texas Gulf Coast.

We had so many evacuees coming down U.S. 77 that I ended up with a

big front page story in that week’s paper: RUNNING FROM RITA!

In 2014 I was working at a small weekly paper in Winnie, Texas, when Hurricane Dolly came through.

I remember my headline said: DOLLY’S A DUD!”

Yep, everyone had evacuated the area and then the storm didn’t do squat.

Still, better to be safe than sorry.

And that’s the same philosophy I share today.

Hurricane Harvey may be only a tropical depression at this point, but it is still deadly.

Weather experts say the rains will continue through Wednesday — a total of five straight days of rain!

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management said the heavy rains are swelling the Brazos River, and they believe the river will shortly spill its banks.

In fact, they believe the river will reach its highest ever, and spill over levees throughout Fort Bend County.

The river hasn’t been that high in an estimated 800 years, said County Judge Bob Hebert.

County authorities have issued a mandatory evacuation for those who live inside of levees, and a voluntary evacuation for all others countywide.

Please listen to them and get out now. Don’t be a statistic.

Contact Scott Reese Willey at swilley@fbherald.com.

Outside View



Peace through border control

I’m dying to hear about the “3-D chess” Trump is playing with his announcement that he’s breaking his promise on Afghanistan and throwing more forces into that utterly pointless war.

Will he be sending the transgender troops?

But then the Emperor God gave a magnificent speech in Arizona Tuesday night.

Curiously, when he talks to voters — as opposed to his Cabinet and White House staff — there’s very little about sending more U.S. troops to die in the human meat-grinder of Afghanistan.

Trump got thunderous applause from his 30,000-person focus group for the wall, stepped-up deportations and Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio — recently convicted of contempt for “racially profiling” Hispanics.

But you could hear a pin drop when he mentioned Afghanistan, Nikki Haley and Gen. John Kelly. (At least he had the good sense not to bring up Goldman Sachs’ Gary Cohn again.)

There were long faces all over cable news after Trump’s speech,

which surely triggers the reward center in his brain, like giving a mouse cheese.

What was so refreshingly different about the Trump campaign was that the candidate didn’t use any of the idiotic, consultant-written bromides offered by every other GOP presidential candidate for at least the past 30 years.

Instead, he looked around the country, saw what the problems were and said he’d fix them.

Here are the highlights from every speech by any Non-Trump candidate for the past several decades:

“I listened to the American people.”

“People are frustrated.”

“This election is about the future!”

It may not seem like it at first, but another one of those head-scratching cliches is: “Peace through strength.”

During the campaign, this was a staple of knuckleheads like Jeb!, but I’m sorry to report that our hero used it on the Arizona crowd, referring to his decision to send more troops to die in Afghanistan for no earthly purpose.

The Swamp is sticky.

When Reagan said, “peace through strength,” it meant something.

But 30 years after Reagan won the Cold War, anyone who uses this expression conveys only that he has no understanding of the

current war.

During the Cold War, America was facing an aggressively imperialistic, nuclear-armed Soviet Union.

By contrast, the main threat to Americans’ safety today comes not from a country, but from millions of individual savages spread throughout the globe.

Americans aren’t being slaughtered by invading Soviet troops, “Red Dawn”-style, but by Islamic terrorists on tourist visas flying commercial airplanes into our skyscrapers, and by first- and second-generation Muslim immigrants setting off bombs and shooting people at the Boston Marathon, American military bases, community centers and gay nightclubs.

Americans are raped, addicted and murdered not by the Red Army, but by millions of illegal aliens waltzing across our wide-open border.

Our freedoms are being taken away not by a foreign power, but by our own government — in order to protect us from terrorists, international crime rings and Mexican drug cartels operating in our own country.

Defeating a non-country adversary may seem an impossible task, but the savages are perfectly containable. Today’s enemy has no capacity to harm a hair on a single American’s head — as long as we don’t let them come here.

Zinc’s sale of motorhome questioned

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s dormant congressional campaign committee recently sold a 2004 motor home at a steep discount to an old friend in the Montana Legislature.

But a seemingly ordinary transaction between friends, when seen through the optics of stringent campaign finance laws, can raise a bevy of questions — especially when those friends are politically

high-powered and well-connected.

After learning about the transaction, campaign finance watchdogs are raising a \$25,000 question: Why would Zinke’s campaign committee sell the Kountry Star Freightliner for half the price of its apparent \$50,000 market value?

It’s a head-scratcher for Lawrence Noble, a senior director of the Campaign Legal Center, a non-partisan group of election law ex-

perts. “If the asset is worth \$50,000, and they sell it to somebody for \$25,000. It’s the equivalent of them giving \$25,000 to that person,” Noble said.

The Federal Election Commission prohibits political committees to sell assets, including campaign vehicles, below fair market value.

It’s akin to a gift, Noble said. “The campaign cannot give a \$25,000 gift to somebody,” he said.

Emergency supply list

The most important thing you can do as hurricane season approaches is to get yourself, your family and your home prepared.

By starting early, you'll avoid the rush at home supply stores, grocery stores and other venues typically crowded and often chaotic when hurricane watches and warnings are issued.

You should stock six basics for your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, and special items. Keep the items you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to carry container—suggested items are marked with an asterisk (*).

Possible containers include a large, covered trash container; a camping backpack, or a duffle bag.

Even though Hurricane Harvey has already hit land and has been downgraded, the potential for damage still exists.

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management has issued a mandatory evacuation order for those residents living inside of a levy and a voluntary evacuation order for everyone else.

Don't risk leaving without supplies. Everyone else is evacuating, which means supplies — even hotel rooms — may not be available.

Here's a supply list for anyone evacuating the area:

- Water**

A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

Take at least a three-day supply of water per person (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for each person in your household for food preparation/sanitation).*
- Food**

Take at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water. If you must heat food, pack a can of sterno. Select food items that are compact and lightweight. Include a selection of the following foods in your Disaster Supplies Kit:

 - Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, and vegetables
 - Canned juices
 - Staples (salt, sugar, pepper, spices, etc.)
- High energy foods
 - Vitamins
 - Food for infants
 - Comfort/stress foods
- First Aid and Non-Prescription Drugs**
 - First Aid Kit
 - Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.
 - (20) adhesive bandages, various sizes.
 - (1) 5 x 9 sterile dressing.
 - (1) conforming roller gauze bandage.
 - (2) triangular bandages.
 - (2) 3 x 3 sterile gauze pads.
 - (2) 4 x 4 sterile gauze pads.
 - (1) roll 3 cohesive bandage.
 - (2) germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - (6) antiseptic wipes.
 - (2) pair large medical grade non-latex gloves.
 - Adhesive tape, 2 width.
 - Anti-bacterial ointment.
 - Cold pack.
 - Scissors (small, personal).
 - Tweezers.
 - CPR breathing barrier, such as a face shield.
- Non-Prescription Drugs**
 - Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever
 - Anti-diarrhea medication
 - Antacid (for stomach upset)
 - Laxative
 - Activated charcoal (use if advised by the American Association of Poison Control Centers)
- Tools and Supplies**
 - Mess kits, or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils*
 - Emergency preparedness manual*
 - Battery-operated radio and extra batteries*
 - Flashlight and extra batteries*
 - Cash or traveler's checks, change*
 - Non-electric can opener, utility knife*
 - Fire extinguisher: small canister ABC type
 - Tube tent
 - Pliers
 - Tape
 - Compass
 - Matches in a waterproof container
 - Aluminum foil
 - Plastic storage containers
 - Signal flare
 - Paper, pencil
 - Needles, thread
 - Medicine dropper
 - Shut-off wrench, to turn off
- household gas and water

 - Whistle
 - Plastic sheeting
 - Map of the area (for locating shelters)
- Sanitation, Clothing and Bedding**
 - Toilet paper; towelettes*
 - Soap, liquid detergent*
 - Feminine supplies*
 - Personal hygiene items*
 - Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
 - Plastic bucket with tight lid
 - Disinfectant
 - Household chlorine bleach
- Clothing and Bedding**

*Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

 - Sturdy shoes or work boots*
 - Rain gear*
 - Blankets or sleeping bags*
 - Hat and gloves
 - Thermal underwear
 - Sunglasses
- Special Items**

Remember family members with special requirements, such as infants and elderly or disabled persons.

For Baby*

 - Formula
 - Diapers
 - Bottles
 - Powdered milk

For Adults*

Heart and high blood pressure medication

 - Insulin
 - Prescription drugs
 - Denture needs
 - Contact lenses and supplies
 - Extra eye glasses
- Entertainment**
 - Board games and other games that don't require batteries or electricity, books for adult readers and for children.
- For Pets**

In the interest of protecting pets, the Humane Society of the United States offers these tips for inclusion in your family disaster plan:

 - Do not leave your pets behind.
 - Securely fasten a current identification tag to your pet's collar and carry a photograph of your pet. It's important to include the phone number of a friend or family member on the tag so anyone who may find your pet is able to reach someone who knows you.
- ## Water District
- ### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate
- The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 106 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mike Stone Associates, Inc. located at 19875 Southwest Freeway, Second Floor, Suite 270, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.
- FOR** the proposal: L. Shultz, J. Sams, J. Molho & C. Bryant
AGAINST the proposal: (none)
PRESENT and not voting: (none)
ABSENT: S. Nowak
- The following table compares taxes on the average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.
- | | Last Year | This Year |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$ 0.300 /\$100
Adopted | \$ 0.300 /\$100
Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.000 /\$100 |
| Percentage increase in rates | | 0.0000% |
| Average appraised value | \$403,155 | \$393,537 |
| General exemptions available
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions) | \$ 0 | -\$39,354 |
| Average taxable value | \$403,155 | \$354,183 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 1,209.47 | \$1,062.55 |
| Annual decrease in taxes if | | |
| Proposed tax rate is adopted | | -\$146.92 |
| And percentage of decrease | | -12.1475% |
- #### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
- If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.
- Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to
Esther Buentello Flores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223 .
For general Greatwood information visit www.greatwooddistricts.com
- ## Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate
- The Fort Bend Municipal Utility District No. 81 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 26, 2017 at 9:00 am at Fort Bend County Commisioner Precinct 3 Office Building, 8100 Highway 359, Fulshear, Texas 77441. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.
- For** the proposal: Robert Machen Robert D. Riley
Stephen E. Utterback L.A. Meyers
Robert J. Pfaffenberger
- Against** the proposal:
- Present** and not voting:
- Absent:**
- The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.
- | | Last Year | This Year |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.3293/\$100
Adopted | \$0.3300/\$100
Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.0007 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | 0.21% |
| Average residence homestead appraised value | \$444,463 | \$437,867 |
| General homestead exemptions available
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$444,463 | \$437,867 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$1,463.62 | \$1,444.96 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if | | |
| proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) | | \$-18.66 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | -1.27% |
- #### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION
- If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.
- ## NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF RICHMOND
- A tax rate of \$0.710000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of City of Richmond.
- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.710000 per \$100 |
| PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE | \$0.735000 per \$100 |
| EFFECTIVE TAX RATE | \$0.712994 per \$100 |
- The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Richmond from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.
- #### YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:
- $$\text{property tax amount} = (\text{rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$
- For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:
- Patsy Schultz
City of Richmond Tax Assessor-Collector
1317 Eugene Heimann Circle
Richmond, TX 77469
281-341-3710
Patsy.Schultz@fortbendcountytexas.gov
www.fortbendcountytexas.gov

High School Sports Calendar

Foster

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Falcons vs. A&M Consolidated, Traylor Stadium, 7:30

Fulshear

Thursday, Sept. 7

Football: Chargers vs. Shadow Creek, Charger Stadium, 7

George Ranch

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Longhorns at Dickinson, Sam Vitanza Stadium, 7

Lamar Consolidated

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Mustangs at Ridge Point, Hall Stadium, 7

Terry

Thursday, Sept. 7

Football: Rangers vs. Dulles, Traylor Stadium, 7

Travis

Thursday, Sept. 7

Football: Travis vs. Katy Taylor, Edward Mercer Stadium, 7

Needville

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Blue Jays vs. Brookshire Royal, Blue Jay Stadium, 7

Brazos

Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Cougars at Burton, Panther Stadium, 7:30

Professional Sports Calendar

Astros

Tuesday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, TBA

Dash

Sunday

NWSL: Dash vs. Seattle Reign, 7

Dynamo

Saturday, Sept. 9

MLS: Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30

Texans

Thursday

NFL Preseason: Texans vs. Cowboys, TBA

Skeeters

Monday

Atlantic League: Skeeters at New Britain Bees, 3:05

HURRICANE HARVEY HALTS WEEK 1

Lamar CISD, Fort Bend ISD, Needville cancel sporting events

BY RYAN DUNSMORE
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Hurricane Harvey has devastated the Houston region over the weekend, putting homes and highways under water. Fort Bend County was spared the brunt of the force but it will feel the after effects with the Brazos River basin preparing for record floods.

Lamar Consolidated ISD, Fort Bend ISD, Needville ISD and Brazos ISD have cancelled school for Monday and many have already cancelled the entire week of school.

In a corresponding move, the athletics departments have cancelled sporting events for the upcoming week including the first week of football.

“Stay home, stay safe and take care of your families,” said LCISD athletic director Nikki Nelson said on Sunday after events were cancelled.

The local games that were cancelled include Foster at Katy Taylor on Thursday. The game scheduled to open Katy ISD’s new Legacy Stadium.

Thursday also had the Travis Tigers traveling to Delmar Stadium deep in the heart of Houston take on Houston Heights.

The home opener for Lamar Consolidated against Santa Fe and the reunion of the 2007 State Championship football team has been spoiled.

The first game under Cornelius Anthony at Waller and Needville’s trip to Huffman Hargrave have been put on hold.

No word yet if the Brazos Cougars’ game against Weimar has been cancelled but the field was under water as of Sunday.

The Saturday slate with Weslaco traveling to Rosenberg to face George Ranch has been cancelled.

The Foster-Katy Taylor game will not be rescheduled. No word if any other games will be rescheduled.

The following list of high school football games have been confirmed as of Monday



The Foster Falcons were scheduled to open the season on Monday against Katy Taylor. Foster’s game was cancelled due to the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey.

morning that have cancelled from Texas-football.com:

- Austin Westlake vs. Katy
- Clear Springs at Pearland
- Spring at Clear Falls
- Katy Cinco Ranch vs. Cy Ranch
- Katy Mayde Creek vs. Fort Bend Kempner
- Humble vs. Katy Tompkins
- Katy Morton Ranch vs. Aldine Nimitz
- Katy Seven Lakes vs. Houston Memorial
- Fort Bend Austin vs. Alief Hastings
- Fort Bend Elkins vs. Dickinson
- Fort Bend Marshall vs. Houston Madison
- Fort Bend Ridge Point vs. Humble Kingwood
- Pasadena Dobie at Humble Summer Creek
- Spring DeKanay at Galena Park North Shore
- Humble Atascocita at LaPorte
- Fort Bend Willowridge vs. Aldine
- Alief Taylor vs. Fort Bend Bush
- Houston Stratford at Alvin
- Montgomery at Houston Strake Jesuit
- Pasadena Sam Rayburn vs. Fort Bend Clements
- Pasadena at Galena Park
- Alief Elisik vs. Fort Bend Dulles

- Aldine Eisenhower vs. Fort Bend Hightower
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- Houston Bellaire at Clear Brook
- Houston Chavez at Houston Spring Woods
- Houston Lamar at Spring Westfield
- Houston Sam Houston vs. Houston Washington
- Baytown Lee at Houston Westbury
- Houston Westside at Brenham
- The Woodlands vs. CyFair
- San Antonio Southwest at Victoria West
- Victoria East at Edinburg Vela
- Clute Brazoswood at Port Lavaca Calhoun
- Crosby vs. Marvel
- Clear Lake at Baytown Sterling
- Corpus Christi Flour Bluff vs. Cedar Park Vista Ridge
- Aldine Davis vs. Klein
- Friendswood at Texas City
- Angleton at Galveston Ball
- Willis vs. Aldine MacArthur
- Pearland Dawson at Conroe Oak Ridge
- Conroe Caney Creek at Houston Northbrook
- Channelview at Dayton
- Goose Creek Memorial at Tomball Memorial
- Magnolia at Humble Kingwood Park

- Lumberton at New Caney Porter
- Houston Austin vs. Houston Scarborough
- Houston Furr vs. Houston Yates
- Houston Northside vs. Houston Kashmere
- Houston Sharpstown vs. Houston Wheatley
- LaMarque at Houston Sterling
- Huntsville at Houston Waltrip
- Tomball at Houston Widom
- Livingston vs. New Caney
- Houston King at College Station
- Deer Park vs. Bellaire Episcopal
- Alvin vs. Houston Stratford
- Victoria East at Edinburg Vela
- Houston Worthing vs. Freeport Brazosport
- Houston North Forest at Stafford
- Sealy at Wharton
- Cuero at Houston KIPP Generations
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- Robstown at Ingleside
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- Skidmore-Tynan at Freer
- Nixon-Smiley at Woodsboro
- Victoria St. Joseph at Bloomington

Texas teams’ plans upended by Hurricane Harvey

Astros and Texans travel to Dallas with Houston under water

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros and Texas Rangers won’t travel to Houston as planned after their games Sunday in California because of torrential floodwaters that have engulfed the city in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

The Rangers had been scheduled to head to Houston after playing Oakland to await the start of a three-game series with the Astros beginning Tuesday. Instead, they’ll return to Dallas to await word on its status. The Astros are in Anaheim and also will fly to Dallas while a decision is made on when and where the series will be played.

“We have been in continuous contact with the Astros and Major League Baseball regarding travel tonight and the status of this week’s series,” Rangers president and general manager Jon Daniels said. “We will continue to talk throughout the day to get updates on the situation.”

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said the team was in a holding pattern.

“We’re going to fly to Dallas and really just sit there and wait to see what happens,”

he said before Houston’s game against the Angels. “Really, I think everything is up in the air. We might get to Houston sometime in the next couple of days and play. We might not, so I don’t know what’s possible.”

MLB spokesman Michael Teevan said officials who handle scheduling are communicating with the teams and monitoring the situation.

While Hinch knows there is interest in when and where the Astros will play, he was quick to point out that they’re far more worried about what the storm has done to Houston than anything related to baseball.

“The most important thing is (that) baseball is secondary right now,” he said. “Our schedule, our flight times, where we’re going to be, the buses, like all that stuff is meaningless compared to what everybody is suffering through.”

Texas manager Jeff Banister echoed Hinch’s sentiments.

“The best thing for all of us is to allow them to survive through this, understanding that when all this water recedes and it’s gone, there’s still a monumental challenge for all of them, the cleanup and kind to assess where they’re at,” he said. “This is not

a situation where we put baseball in front of what’s important for these people. So for us to have to defer and go somewhere else, it’s no issue for us.”

Some have suggested that this week’s series with the Rangers could be moved to Arlington. If it is, it wouldn’t be the first time home games in Houston have been moved to another park because of a hurricane.

In the wake of Hurricane Ike in 2008, MLB moved two games with the Chicago Cubs to Milwaukee, about 95 miles from Chicago, effectively making the contests home games for the Cubs. Chicago won both of those games, with Carlos Zambrano throwing a no-hitter in the first one, leaving the Astros furious about the move.

The Rangers and Astros were just the latest teams to change their travel plans because of the storm, which settled over the Texas coastline Saturday before sending devastating floods pouring into the nation’s fourth-largest city.

The NFL’s Texans flew to Dallas after their preseason game Saturday in New Orleans instead of returning home and have said they’ll stay there until conditions improve enough for them to come back to

Houston. The Texans are scheduled to host the Cowboys at NRG Stadium on Thursday, but that game could be in jeopardy with massive flooding in the city and rain continuing to fall.

The University of Houston’s football team went to Austin on Friday, practiced there on Saturday and will resume practice Sunday on the University of Texas campus. It could make sense for the team to remain in Austin for the week with the Cougars scheduled to open the season on Saturday at Texas-San Antonio, which is just about 80 miles from Austin.

A team spokesman said Sunday that the team hadn’t made any plans for the rest of the week yet.

Rice opened its season this weekend in Australia against Stanford. The Owls are set to fly from Australia to Los Angeles on Monday morning and said they’ll decide if they can travel to Houston when they arrive there.

AP Sports Writers Jay Cohen and Dennis Passa and AP freelancers Josh Cooper and Michael Wagaman contributed to this report.

MLB on deck

McCann helps Astros win one for Houston

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at what’s happening all around the majors Monday:

McCann lifts Astros

Brian McCann didn’t feel like celebrating very much. He was too worried about Houston.

While incessant rain from Tropical Storm Harvey pounded Houston and much of Texas, McCann tripled with the bases loaded in the eighth inning to lead the Astros to a 7-5 win against the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

“It’s tough, it really is tough,” McCann said. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the people in the city of Houston. This is not good. You see pictures and it’s devastating. You just pray for everybody’s safety.”

Correa close to return

Astros manager A.J. Hinch said SS Carlos Correa (thumb) was expected to play Sunday for Triple-A Fresno. He has been out of the Houston lineup since July 17. ... RHP Will Harris (shoulder) was activated from the disabled list.

Up next

Astros: RHP Mike Fiers (8-8, 4.17 ERA) is scheduled to pitch Tuesday at home against Texas, provided the game isn’t delayed because of Hurricane Harvey. Fiers pitched seven solid innings in a 6-1 win against Washington in

his previous start on Wednesday.

Power vs. power

The surprising Marlins are making a run at an NL wild-card berth, and they’ve got a matchup worthy of a playoff race: Giancarlo Stanton against Max Scherzer. Miami opens a three-game series at Washington with Scherzer (12-5, 2.25 ERA) scheduled to start for the NL East leaders. The two-time Cy Young Award winner has been sidelined by neck inflammation and last pitched Aug. 13. Stanton hit his 50th home run Sunday and became the first National Leaguer in a decade to reach the mark. Scherzer took a no-hitter into the eighth inning against the Marlins on June 21 but then allowed two unearned runs and lost 2-1. “We beat him before,” Stanton said. “He’s a workhorse out there, but we’ve got to stick to our plan.”

Pair of aces

A big week for the Yankees at home begins with a marquee matchup between All-Star pitchers when Luis Severino (11-5, 3.10 ERA) faces Cleveland ace Corey Kluber (12-4, 2.65). New York plays three games against the Indians and then four vs. Boston, both division leaders in the American League. Gary Sanchez and the Yankees are 2½ games behind the Red Sox but lead the wild-card chase. Cleveland just outscored Kansas City 20-0 during a three-

game sweep and hasn’t given up a run in 28 innings.

Get his plaque ready

Rookie slugger Rhys Hoskins will try to homer for a sixth straight game when the Phillies host the Braves. Hoskins has 11 home runs over 64 at-bats in his first 18 games, making him the fastest player in major league history to reach that mark. Three of those long balls came while last-place Philadelphia took two of three from the World Series champion Cubs over the weekend, and Chicago manager Joe Maddon predicted Hoskins would be “going to the Hall of Fame next week” after he started a triple play with a diving catch in left field.

Heart of a Tiger

The Tigers are hoping for good news on Victor Martinez. The 38-year-old designated hitter went on the 10-day disabled list Sunday because of an irregular heartbeat, the second time he’s landed on the DL this season for the condition. Detroit manager Brad Ausmus said Martinez spent Saturday night in a hospital and his heartbeat was regulated. Martinez was expected to be released and travel by car to Detroit, where doctors will try to determine the cause. “You don’t mess around with the heart,” Ausmus said. “This is something you take very serious.”

Soccer

Dynamo, Dash reschedule matches

The Houston Dynamo and Houston Dash home games scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday at BBVA Compass Stadium have been postponed due to the pending arrival of Hurricane Harvey, which is projected to affect the Greater Houston area over the weekend.

The Dynamo game against Sporting Kansas City, which was scheduled for an 8 p.m. kickoff on Saturday night at BBVA Compass Stadium, has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Oct. 11 and will kick off at 7 p.m. CDT.

A makeup date for the Dash game against the North Carolina Courage, originally scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Sunday evening, has not been finalized at this time.

Atlantic League

Skeeters change course

Due to the effects of Hurricane Harvey, the four game home series against New Britain scheduled for Monday, August 28 through Thursday, August 31 will now be played in New Britain at the following times:

- Monday, Aug. 28, 3:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 29 - Double header (two 7-inning games), 11:05 a.m./TBD
- Wednesday, August 30, 11:05 a.m.

College football

Cougars head to Austin during storm

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The University of Houston is sending its football team to Austin to practice and get out Hurricane Harvey’s way.

The University of Texas has agreed to let the Cougars use their indoor practice facility. Austin is supposed to get some rain from the storm but nothing like the deluge expected for several days in Houston and along the Texas Gulf coast.

The move puts the Cougars in the backyard of their former head coach Tom Herman. Texas hired Herman away from Houston after last season.

Houston starts the season Sept. 2 at UTSA. Texas hosts Maryland on the same day.

The storm has impacted other sports as well. The Houston Dynamo announced that a Saturday match with Sporting Kansas City has been postponed until Oct. 11.

Texas Kickoff in doubt

The storm also raised questions about whether the AdvoCare Texas Kickoff game between LSU and BYU can be played Saturday night at NRG Stadium.

NBA

Cavaliers-Celtics blockbuster trade in limbo

CLEVELAND (AP) — Just when it appeared the Cavaliers' chaotic summer had calmed, there's a flare-up.

That blockbuster deal between Cleveland and Boston is stuck.

The Cavaliers have some concerns about guard Isaiah Thomas' health and are doing a "deep and thorough" review of the deal that brought him over from the Celtics, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Cavaliers rocked the NBA by honoring All-Star guard Kyrie Irving's trade request and dealing him to the Celtics — one of their biggest rivals — for Thomas and a lucrative package that included an unprotected 2018 first-round draft pick.

The two people said the trade has not been completed and the Cavs are continuing to do a medical evaluation on Thomas, who injured his right hip last season and had to drop out of the Eastern Conference finals against Cleveland. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team is not publicly discussing its plans.

According to the NBA's collective bargaining agreement, a trade can be voided if a player fails his physical.

NFL

49ers safety Eric Reid resumes kneeling protest during national anthem

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — San Francisco 49ers strong safety Eric Reid has resumed his kneeling protest for human rights during the national anthem, after joining then-teammate Colin Kaepernick's polarizing demonstration last season.

Reid knelt while the Star Spangled Banner was played at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minnesota on Sunday night, when the 49ers took on the Vikings in an exhibition. Reid stood for the anthem during the team's first two preseason games. He initially said he'd stopped because of frustration last year about the way the protest was portrayed and perceived by some factions of the public.

The change of heart, Reid said after the 32-31 victory by the Vikings, came after a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Aug. 12 resulted in the death of one counter-protester and injuries to many more.

"We've got to keep talking about the issues that are happening in this country," Reid said. "That's the only way things will change, if we keep shedding light on these topics. Our plan is to continue to do that."

Tennis

Murray withdraws from U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — His voice choking, Andy Murray unexpectedly announced that he was withdrawing from the U.S. Open because of a hip injury, adding to the lengthy list of top players who will miss the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Murray was seeded No. 2 at Flushing Meadows, where play begins Monday. Murray, who yielded the No. 1 ranking to Rafael Nadal this week, has not played a match since July 12 at Wimbledon, where he was the defending champion and clearly was hampered by his hip during a five-set quarterfinal loss to Sam Querrey.

The 30-year-old from Britain revealed during a news conference at the U.S. Open site that the hip first bothered him during his semifinal loss to Stan Wawrinka at the French Open in June.

Murray said he will decide in the "next couple of days" whether to end his season because of the injury.

Murray's exit from the U.S. Open further depletes an event that already was missing three of last year's four men's semifinalists, including 2016 champion Wawrinka, runner-up Novak Djokovic and Kei Nishikori.

Add in 2016 Wimbledon runner-up Milos Raonic, who has a problem with his left wrist, and Murray, and now five of the top 11 men in this week's ATP rankings will be absent.

College softball

Former Auburn players claim sexual harassment from coach


AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — A former Auburn softball player has filed a Title IX sexual discrimination complaint alleging sexual harassment by the coaching staff.

ESPN.com reports that Alexa Nemeth filed the complaint May 31, four days after the Tigers' season ended. The report cited a 14-page letter from Milwaukee attorney Martin Greenberg sent in July to university President Steven Leath, Auburn athletic director Jay Jacobs and Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey.

Nemeth's complaint says then-Auburn coach Clint Myers "knowingly let his son Corey Myers have relations and pursue relations with multiple members of the team."

Clint Myers announced his retirement Wednesday. Corey Myers resigned as an assistant coach in March.

In a statement, Auburn says it doesn't publicly discuss personnel matters but that it followed appropriate NCAA and Southeastern Conference regulations regarding the softball program.



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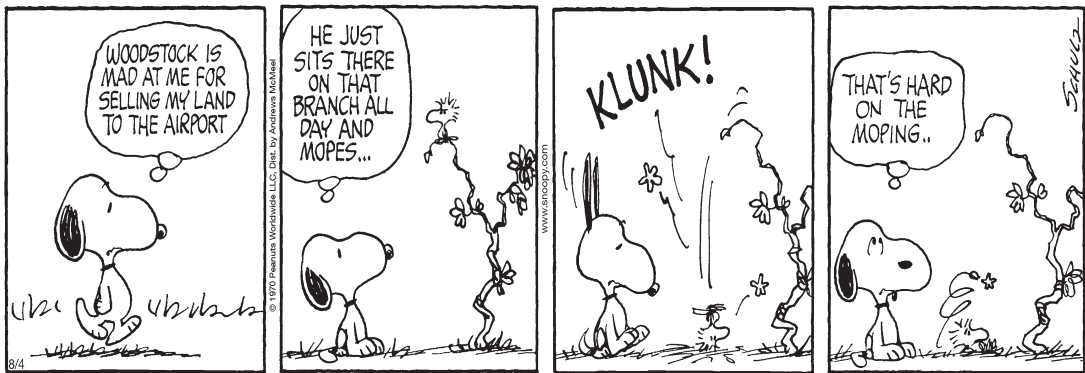
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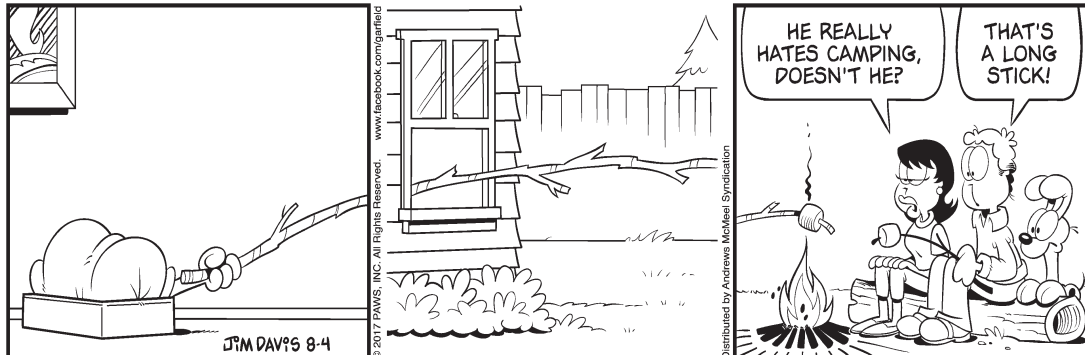
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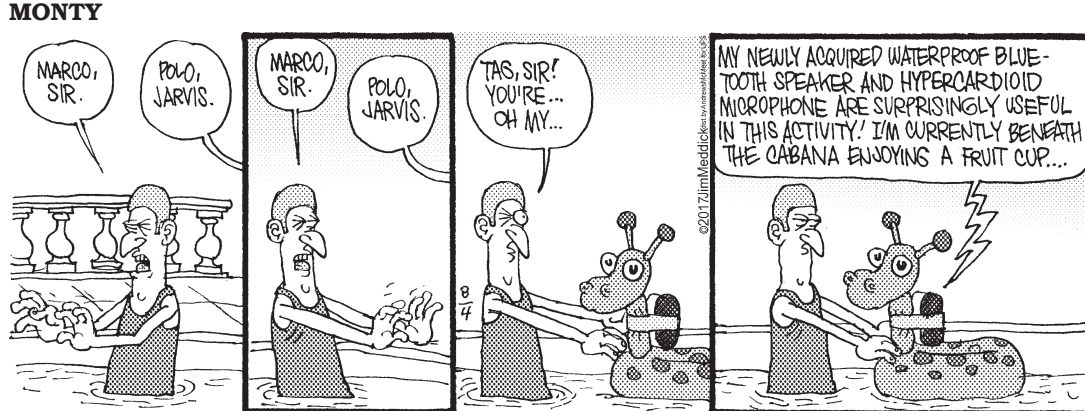
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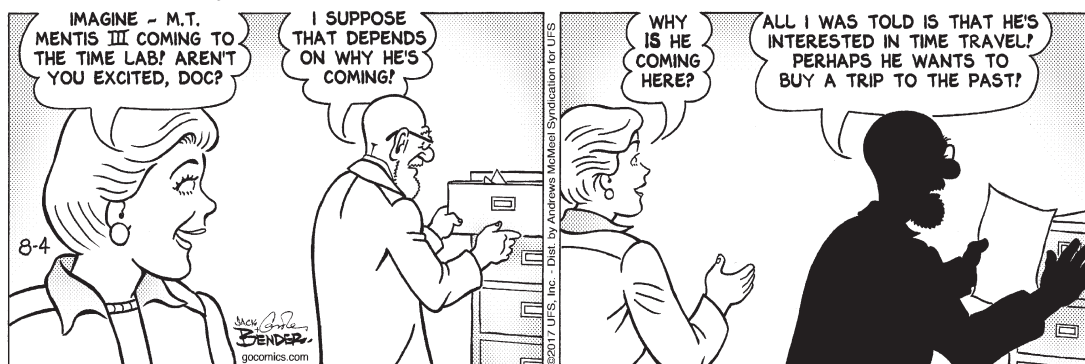
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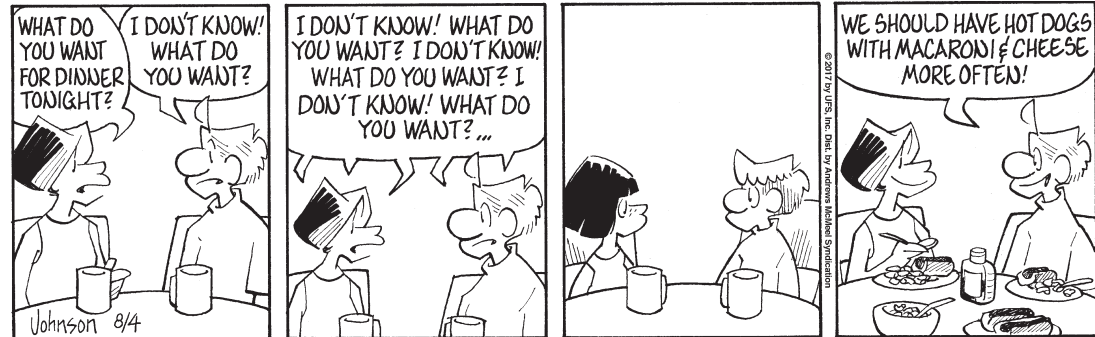
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Zodiac
Birthdays Tomorrow

Saturday, August 5, 2017 — A reserved approach to life and the changes you want to make will enhance your chances of achieving your goals. Jumping into a deal, partnership or expenditure too quickly will cause financial stress. Make long-term plans and be ready to put in the hours to reap the rewards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may desire change, but do a cost analysis before you make a move. Sticking to a budget will be vital if you want to avoid criticism or stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Fix up your surroundings and take care of personal matters that influence your income, assets or emotional outlook. A romantic gesture will improve your love life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An emotional incident will leave you feeling uncertain or confused. If you discuss your feelings openly, you will recognize what needs to be done to maintain the status quo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Putting your money or time into something that will heighten your chance to get ahead looks promising. Don't sell yourself short. Negotiate shrewdly on your own behalf.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Ask questions and read the fine print. Someone will manipulate you into something that will leave you in a vulnerable position if you are too accommodating. Don't trust anyone to negotiate for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Put your heart on the line and discuss your intentions with someone you love. A unique offer will give you reason to consider a move. Avoid unpredictable people and situations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Discuss your plans or form a partnership with someone you feel has as much to contribute as you do. Anger will not resolve issues, but positive input will.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — What you do to help others will be repaid twofold. Your kindness, understanding and innovative problem-solving ability will be rewarded. Physical improvements will turn out well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Keep your life simple. Don't make a fuss or promise more than you can deliver. Avoid people who are bad influences or who are indulgent emotionally, financially or physically.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Channel your energy into self-improvement and

home upgrades. Use your intelligence and physical skills to improve your life. Travel, communication and romance are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Proper diet, exercise and discipline will help you conquer whatever you set out to do. Don't be sidetracked by indulgent people. Strive

for personal perfection. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Cut corners if it will help you lower your overhead. Look for alternative ways to get things done for less. Good fortune will stem from smart, frugal plans.

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are closed: West Airport at Maple Downs; West Airport at Noblewood; South Post Oak at Andover Glen; South Post Oak at SH 6; Fry Road at Peek Road; Fry Road at Center Villiage; Bellaire Boulevard at Mason Road; Fry Road from Carriage Bend to Mason Road; South Mason at University Park Drive; Fry Road at Mason Road (Not verified); Jeske at Wolfgang; Jeske at Roesler; Old Needville Fairchild between Oberrender Road and Jeske Road (Not verified); Huggins Road from Dixon Street to Houston Street; Hunt Road from FM 359 to Pool Hill Road; Fulshear Bend from FM 1463 to Cross Creek Bend Lane; FM 723 at Bellaire Boulevard/Fulshear Gaston; Wallis Street between 5th Street and FM 359; eechnut between Harlem Road and Mason Road; South Fry Road from Carriage Bend to South Mason Road; Lakemont Bend at FM 1093; Mason Road at Bellaire Boulevard; Skinner Road west of Mason Road; Farmer Road south of Mitchell Lake

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FM 2977 Minonite Road); Sunrise Meadow subdivision (Koeblen Road area); Greenwood at Redbud; Frances and Land Drive; 1700 First Street; Sally Ann at Lane Drive; Brazos Town Crossing at Spacek; Avenue N at 8th Street to Louise Street; Avenue I at Mahlmann, Avenue I at Tobola; First Street at City Hall Drive and 300 First Street; Avenue I at Lane Drive; Avenue N at Radio Lane; Avenue H at Lane Drive; Hwy 6 at McKeever Road; West Airport at Kirkwood; Wright Road between US 50 and Kirkwood Road; US 59 Brazos River Turnaround; Austin Parkway at Commonwealth; Pheasant Creek east of FM 1464; University at Winding Waters; West Airport at Alston; Rabbs Crossing at Greatwood Parkway; University Boulevard at Elkins; US 59 frontage roads at Williams Trace; Williams Trace at US 59 frontage roads; Alston Road at Ashford Haven Drive; Williams Trace Blvd at Highlands; Austin Parkway at Autumn Lakes; West Airport near Dairy Ashford; 3900 Hwy 6; Austin Pkwy at Grants Lake in Front of Fire Station #4;

Alston Road from Reddington Road to Summerfield Place; Dairy Ashford Rd from Fountain Lake Dr to West Airport Blvd; Settlers Way at Honey Creek; Lexington Blvd at Oyster Point Drive; Corporate Drive from Dairy Ashford to US 59 (Not verified); Lexington Boulevard at Riverbend Crossing; US 59 Frontage Roads at Sweetwater Boulevard; Lexington Boulevard between Creekside and Colonist Park; Telfair at Addison; Williams Trace between Lexington and Edgewater; First Colony between SH 6 and Soldiers Field; SH 6 at Imperial Boulevard; Sugar Creek Boulevard at Fairway; SH 6 (northbound) at Town Center Boulevard; Ricefield Road at FM 762; Waterside Estates at Manor Court.

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If you have information about a road closure that is not reported above, or is reported inaccurately, please contact the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Grand Mission Municipal Utility District No. 2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 12:15 p.m. at the offices of Coats Rose, P.C. located at 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77046. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	W. Barnett, J. Ulke, M. Childs, F. Donnelly III & J. Puckett Jr.
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	(none)

The following table compares taxes on the average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 1.200</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>\$ 1.150</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>-\$0.050</u> /\$100
Percentage decrease in rates		<u>-4.1667%</u>
Average appraised value	<u>\$279,131</u>	<u>\$289,440</u>
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Average taxable value	<u>\$279,131</u>	<u>\$289,440</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 3,349.57</u>	<u>\$3,328.56</u>
Annual decrease in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted And percentage of decrease		<u>-\$21.01</u> <u>-0.6272%</u>

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to
Esther Buentello Flores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 123 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on Wednesday, September, 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP located at 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2400, Houston, TX 77027. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value on all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal:	L. Perkins, B. Whittaker, J. Caballero, J. Joseph, & M. Odums
AGAINST the proposal:	(none)
PRESENT and not voting:	(none)
ABSENT:	(none)

The following table compares taxes on the average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	<u>\$ 1.099</u> /\$100 Adopted	<u>\$ 1.090</u> /\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		<u>-\$0.009</u> /\$100
Percentage decrease in rates		<u>-0.8189%</u>
Average appraised value	<u>\$230,338</u>	<u>\$234,859</u>
General exemptions available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Average taxable value	<u>\$230,338</u>	<u>\$234,859</u>
Tax on average residence homestead	<u>\$ 2,531.41</u>	<u>\$2,559.96</u>
Annual increase in taxes if Proposed tax rate is adopted And percentage of increase		<u>\$28.55</u> <u>1.1278%</u>

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.

Questions or comments regarding this notice can be directed to
Esther Buentello Flores at the tax office at (281) 499-1223.

Earl and Mary Tipton back from Navasota, Texas, after having lunch with grandson **Joshua...**

Alfonse Drabek playing with his two great-grand-

Zwahr having dinner with **Richard** and **Donna Brewer...****Penni Paus-**

ewang telling everyone about her friend of 40 years...**Vicki Schodek**

dear friend...**Curtis Bishop** waiting in the morning sun for a cropduster...**Ethel Arrington** enjoying a dessert...**Debbie Antrich**

Kayes showing off pics of

tage automobiles...

Former Sheriff **Milton Wright** joining Czech friends for lunch...**Joyce Lolley** reading her secretary report...**Pat Parma** keeping everyone informed via email..**Gloria Mican** whipping up a batch of her delicious guacamole dip...

Joyce Bartos telling a friend about Sunday morning coffee and donutes...**Clarence Myers** recalling the days when he used film in cameras... Family and friends wishing **Ryland Rodriquez** an awesome college send-off to Blinn and starting his goal of obtaining a law degree ...**Christina Nguyen** celebrating her 25th birthday on Friday with friends and family singing her heart out at karaoke, **Carlos Rubio** laughing it up at his 28th birthday with friends...

Kathleen Qualia threw a “Pie Party” at the Bud O’Shieles Community Center for her fellow seniors, while **Sara Adams** enjoys a bite of her frosted brownie pie. ...

Richmond Commissioner **Jesse Torres** picking up maps of the city of Richmond at the Fort Bend County Annex in Rosenberg. ...

Richmond Commissioner **Barry Beard** stopping by Joseph’s Coffee and Cigars in Historic Downtown Richmond. ...

Jerry Tydlacka taking in a relaxing walk on the track during a break in the hot weather. ...

Kenzie McDowell excited about her upcoming Mickey Mouse clubhouse birthday party. ...

AgriLife Extension Service agent **Justin Saenz** catching his breath after a very busy summer full of camps for local youths ...

Brenda Mullinix participating in an Advanced Family Law seminar in San Antonio. ...

Steven Vasek taking in a fishing expedition in Galveston with family members. ...

Lorraine Fatheree showing pride of **Deuce Fatheree** after his effort at a Dallas basketball tournament. ...

Kirsten De Boer of Richmond earned academic distinction, being named to the Dean’s List at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. ...

Emily Cosgray of Simonton, **Kate Mann** of Richmond and **Rachel Polzer** of Fulshear saw their hard work pay off after being named to the University of Dallas Dean’s List. ...

Thumbs up to **Mohammed Earls** and **Daurius**

Tenas for their hard work at “What’s the Deal.”

Marilyn Emmons, Lariese Meyen, Marie Lopez, April Meyen, Sharon Patterson and **Pat Dirba** planning a bridal shower...

Hailey and **Zach Willey** driving home from their mother’s to visit their dad...

Emily Cosgray of Simonton, **Kate Mann** of Richmond, **Rachel Polzer** of Fulshear making the dean’s list at the University of Dallas...

Jeff Rayome still sharing stories of his June camping trip into the wilderness of Oklahoma. ...

Vaishali Pagidipally of Fulshear earned a degree from Fairfield University...

Having a great and wonderful summer camp at the YMCA were **Case Carlisle** and sister **Abby** with cousins **Mia Moore** and sister **Brianna...**

Terry campus coordinator **Tim Teykl** walking out to get the newspaper on a rare day off...

Jonghyun Sung of Rosenberg earned a master’s agree from Texas A&M University-Kingsville... **Patricia Rodriguez** and **Christine Sawnz** enjoy a meal together at Panera Bread at the Town Brazos Center.. **Glenda Hansen, Donovan** and sister **Abigail Surovik** playing Uno with **Donovan** being the overall winner... Richmond resident **John L. Davis IV** attending the NAACP convention in Cincinnati...

Michelle Biggs reminiscing about the Lamar National 11U All-stars’ state title comeback...

Matt Ramos stopping traffic in front of Terry High School to rescue a turtle crossing the road...

James White and son **Rusty** getting readjusted to Texas heat after spending some time in cooler Colorado...

Cindy Schaaf still beaming with pride after her son **Collin** earned Academic accolades at the University of Houston - Victoria....

Whitney I. Smith of Fulshear earned a degree from the University of Wyoming at the end of the 2016 spring semester...

Sandra Kresse, sister **Cheryl** and brother-in-law **Robert Burt** doing a fantastic job mowing and cleaning at their brother **Joe Fishbeck’s** lawn and home... Sisters **Chloe, Capri** and **Cait** excited to spend the day swimming with their aunt **Kelly Araguz...** Needville softball coach **Amber Schmidt** watching a new crop of players excel at the Lady Jay camp...

Rose Pickens celebrates

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Brenda and **Calvin**

spending an evening out with family...**Judy Poncik Hardin** sharing her fish plate with friends...**Soila Segura** and her husband singing happy birthday to a

ner grandson...**Fran-ces Michulka** talking with friends Saturday morning...**Neal Adam-reck** discussing his visit to a private museum of vin-

HARVEY: Storm dumps more rain

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Thousands of homes were affected by the flood water and hundreds of high-water rescues took place.

However, no levee was breached. A voluntary evacuation means residents should consider leaving to head for a safer area.

There is a chance that surrounding flood waters may hinder their ability to get in and out of their neighborhoods, Hebert reported.

“You may be stuck in your neighborhood for several days,” Hebert warned.

“A mandatory evacuation means that there is risk to life and safety as well as property.”

There is also a risk to the lives of first responders who might be called on to rescue you when the expected danger materializes, he added.

“During a mandatory evacuation emergency, personnel will not be able to respond to your calls for help,” Hebert cautioned.

“You will be on your own. “You cannot rely on help from others.”

A mandatory evacuation indicates the possibility of danger to life, Hebert continued.

“We urge you not to ignore it,” Hebert said.

“If you are in a mandatory evacuation zone, do the smart thing: leave and be safe. Local law enforcement and the Fort Bend County Sheriff’s office will patrol evacuated areas.”

Fort Bend County has partnered with the Red Cross and Sacred Heart Church in Richmond and opened a temporary shelter to serve residents affected and displaced by flooding related to Hurricane Harvey.

The Red Cross shelter is located at Sacred Heart Church at 507 South 4th St. in Richmond.

Local residents who require help with transportation or medical needs related to the evacuation should call 211 for assistance.

Please be advised that the Red Cross will not allow pets inside the shelter who are not service animals.

Pets will require you to make alternative accommodations.

Shelters set up

The shelter at Sacred Heart Church in Richmond will close as of 10:00 am. on Monday, Aug and transport residents to the new shelter at B.F. Terry High School in Rosenberg.

The shelter is located at 5500 Avenue N in the Rosenberg and housing evacuees in the gymnasium. Pets are accepted at the shelter and transportation is already in place for residents coming from Sacred Heart Church.

Rosenberg currently has Mandatory Evacuations in effect for the following areas:

- West Street and Mulcahy Street: North of Avenue D
- River Road area: All properties North of River Road, adjacent to the river
- North of Brazos: all properties North of the Brazos River; within City limits including the neighborhood of Kingdom Heights
- North Rosenberg: All properties East of 4th Street, North of Avenue B; all properties on 1st Street North of Avenue D
- Huntington Road properties

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management has flood maps and evacuation maps available on their website at fbcoem.org and the City of Rosenberg is posting updates at rosenbergtx.gov/Harvey.

Residents who wish to seek shelter in other areas are advised to visit ReadyHarris.org for a list of shelters. In case of emergency, please dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency assistance, please call police dispatch at 832-595-3700.

Tornado hits Sienna Plantation

Hurricane Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast late Friday night as a Category 4 hurricane.

It spawned at least one tornado that touched down in Fort Bend County.

One tornado damaged the Sienna Plantation subdivision, injuring one person and damaged as many as 50 homes.

The early-morning tornado struck shortly after Harvey made landfall near Rockport, Texas.

The tornado uprooted trees in the Sienna Plantation neighborhood and caused damage to Ridge Point High School.

The roofs of homes were ripped off and windows were broken throughout the subdivision.

Fort Bend County road and bridge crews fanned out on Saturday morning to remove damaged tree limbs for public roadways.

Evacuation routes

The Texas Department of Public Safety said Monday morning that U.S. 59 is still open to traffic. Grand Parkway (TX 99) is also open but there is high water at U.S. 59 intersection.

The Texas Department of Transportation advised motorists to avoid traveling in current conditions.

“The roadway network is inundated with water and not safe for travel. TxDOT is presently report-

ing more than 200 locations affected by high water on Texas highways and frontage roads around the Houston district; not including conditions on local streets,” said Quincy Allen, TxDOT Houston District Engineer reported Monday.

“The Houston area has experienced 18 inches or more of rainfall from Tropical Storm Harvey overnight and our system is taking on record amounts of water throughout the six-county area.”

Additionally, the Fort Bend County area is forecasted to continue to receive increasing rainfall amounts over the next couple of days, he said.

Shelter in place

“Citizens are encouraged to stay out of harm’s way by not getting on the roads today.”

“Please shelter in place.

“First responders are working diligently to address motorists already in distressed situations and we need everyone to do their part to help keep our roadways safe. Please stay off the roadways.”

The shelter in place advisory seems to contradict the mandatory evacuation order issued by the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Calls to the OEM were unanswered Monday morning.

Certain areas of Rosenberg and Richmond are under mandatory evacuations.

Kingdom Heights could be the next area to be evacuated.

A mandatory evacuation was issued for Sienna Plantation around 10:30 a.m. Monday.

The city of Rosenberg has set up an emergency shelter at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, 507 S 4th St. “We are currently trying to get more transportation to the shelter,” said Jenny Pavlovich, communications director for Rosenberg City Hall.

“The high water has flooded a number homes, which is putting an extra strain on first responders.”

Harvey stalls

As of Monday morning, Hurricane Harvey’s center was located about 25 miles northwest of Victoria. The storm is barely moving and is expected to make a second landfall later this week closer to the Texas-Louisiana border.

Rainfall so far

Dayton (Liberty County)	27.45”
Dixie Farm Road (Brazoria County)	26.76”
Santa Fe (Galveston County)	24.50”
Near First Colony (Fort Bend County)	24.34”
Near Pearland (Harris County)	24.27”
Near Bacliff (Maritime Station)	18.75”
Near Magnolia (Montgomery County)	17.80”
Near Carmine (Washington County)	16.95”
7 Miles E of Ellinger (Colorado County)	16.50”
Mont Belvieu (Chambers County)	16.27”
Near Coldspring (San Jacinto County)	14.19”
New Ulm (Austin County)	14.16”
Near Katy (Waller County)	13.42”
Near Boling-iago (Wharton County)	13.16”
Near Bay City (Matagorda County)	13.03”
11 Miles WSW of Huntsville (Walker County)	12.20”

Government, school closings

The Lamar CISD school district will remain closed all week due to Hurricane Harvey.

Needville ISD students were to have started school Monday, Aug. 28.

Because of Hurricane Harvey, we previously reset that date for Tuesday, Aug. 29.

However, we have now pushed the start date to Tuesday, Sept. 5. There will be no student activities until that date. Anyone with questions, call 281-633-1422.

Due to flooding and predicted forecast of more rains brought on by Hurricane Harvey, the Texas State Technical College campus in Fort Bend County will remain CLOSED on Monday, Aug. 28, and Tuesday, Aug. 29.

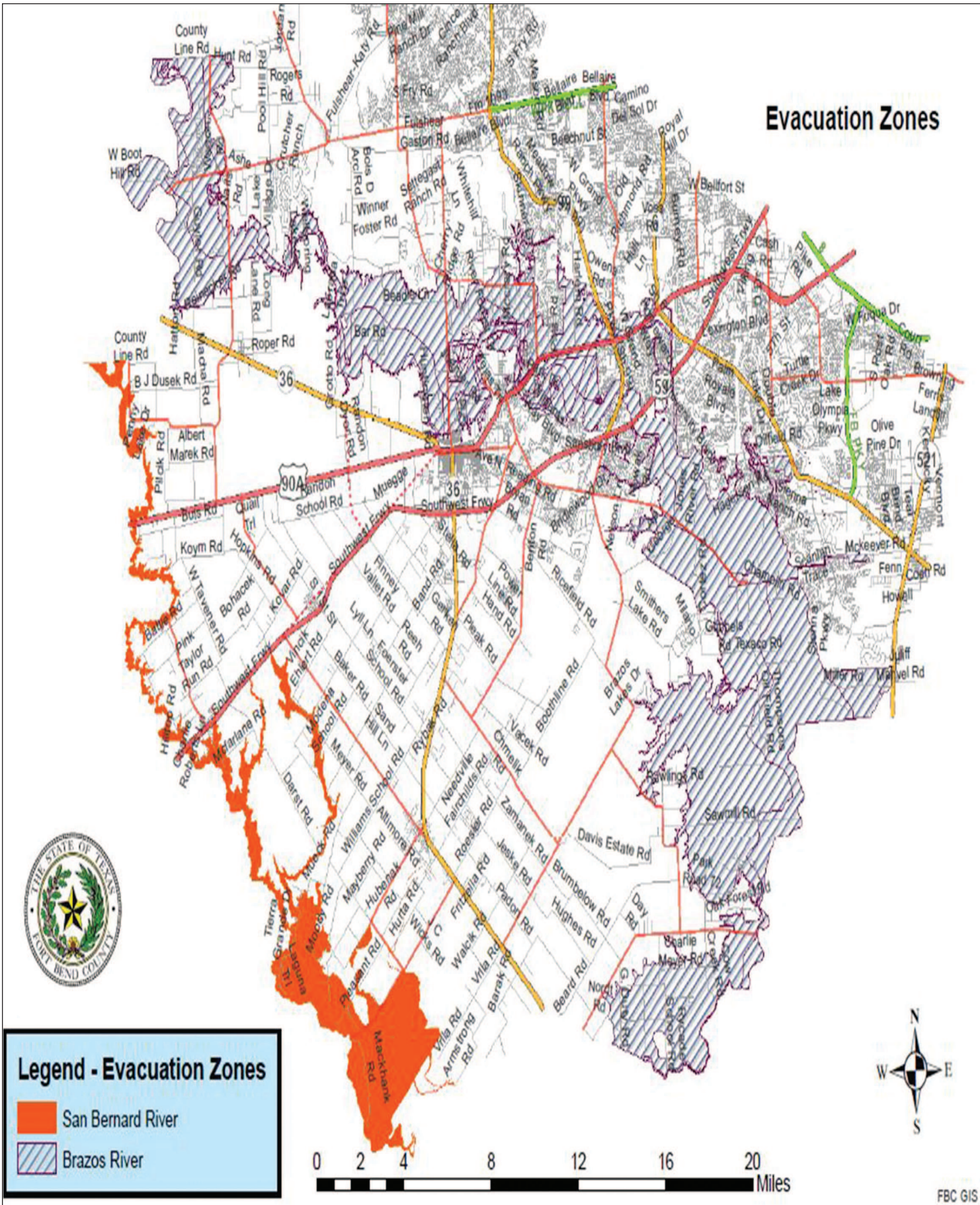
This decision has been made out of an abundance of caution for students and employees. We ask all members of the TSTC family to exercise caution and stay off the roads over the next few days.

TSTC will hold late registration for new students into next week to make up for the days off.

Texas National Guard responds

Gov. Greg Abbott announced Monday he has activated the entire Texas National Guard in response to Hurricane Harvey, bringing the total number of deployed guardsman to roughly 12,000.

These National Guardsman will assist in the ongoing search and rescue effort for any Texans in immediate danger, and will be heavily involved in the extensive recovery effort in the aftermath of the storm.



The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management issued a mandatory evacuation for residents living within levees and a voluntary evacuation for all others in the county. Here’s a look at the mandatory evacuation zones along the Brazos and San Bernard River.

Fort Bend County residents ordered to leave neighborhoods protected by levees

The following areas are under a MANDATORY evacuation order:

- First Colony LID #1
- Fort Bend County LID #20
- Fort Bend County LID #6
- Fort Bend County LID #7
- Fort Bend County MUD #115
- Fort Bend County MUD #46
- Fort Bend County MUD #49
- Municipal Utility District #121
- Palmer Plantation #1
- Palmer Plantation #2

The following areas are under a VOLUNTARY evacuation order:

- Fort Bend County LID #2
- Fort Bend County LID #10
- Fort Bend County LID #11
- Fort Bend County LID #14
- Fort Bend County LID #15
- Fort Bend County LID #17
- Fort Bend County LID #179
- Mandatory Evacuations
- FBC LID #6; Dell Webb-Richmond, Veranda, Williams Ranch
- FBC LID #7; Autumn Ridge, Blakely Bend, Clayton’s Bend, Foster’s Green, High Meadows, Lake Pointe, Meadowvale, Morningside, New Territory, Point Royale, Robinson’s Landing, Sanders Ridge, Spencers Glen, Stonehaven, Summerhill, Walkers Station, Wilkin’s Crossing
- FBC LID #20; Kingdom Heights
- FBC MUD #46; Brazos Crossing, Colony Lakes, Lake Bend Condominium, Water’s Edge at Colony Lakes, Rocky Creek Crossing,

- FBC MUD #49; Oyster Creek Place, Oyster Creek Village, Pearl Pointe, Rustlers Crossing
- FBC MUD #115; Riverstone
- FIRST COLONY LID #1; Colonial Lakes Office Park, Creekshire, Heritage Colony, Lake Colony, Lakefield, Lakes of Austin Park, Lakeway, Lexington Colony, Magnolia Plantation, Old Mill Park, Oyster Creek Plantation, Plantation Bend, Plantation Colony, Plantation Creek, Plantation Park, Plantation Trails, Riverbend, Sugar Crossing
- MUD #121; River Park, Williams Crossing
- PALMER PLANTATION MUD #1; Flamingo Estates, Flamingo Island, HarborView Village, Lakeside Estates, Lakeside Village, Palmer Plantation, Peninsula, Swan Isle
- PALMER PLANTATION MUD #2; Crescent Oak Village, Jade Island, Lakeshore Forest, Mustang Crossing, Parkview Village, Sunrise Bay, Villa Del Lago
- Voluntary Evacuations
- FBC LID #2; Alcorn Bend, Austin Meadows, Austin Park, Briarwood, Chimneystone, Colony, Condominiums at Grants Lake, Crescent Lakes, Crescents on the Green, Edgewater, Englewood, First Colony MUD #5, Grants Lake, Lake Pointe, Lakes of Edgewater, Landing at Grants Lake, Lexington Meadows, Meadow Lakes, Oakland Oaks, Old Mill, Oyster Point, Rivercrest, Settlers, soldiers

- Field Court, Stephens Grant, Sugar Creek, Sugar Land Town Square, Sugarwood, Sweetbriar, Sweetwater, The Highlands, The Lakes, The Towns of Grants Lake, The Village on Royal Oak, Town Center Square, Travis Park, Villas of Sweetwater, Williams, Woodstream
- FBC LID #10; Riverpark
- FBC LID #11 (and the portion of Mud #116 within their levee); Greatwood, Canyon Gate
- FBC LID #14; Avalon, Brazos Landing
- FBC LID #15; Alden Springs at Riverstone, Auburn Manor, Avalon, Brookside, Cabrera Dr, Crescent View Estates, Crossing Cove, CVS Riverstone, Discovery at Riverstone, Edgewood, Enclave, Hartford Landing, Ivory Ridge at Riverstone, Ivy Bend, Kensington, Landmark, U Parkway, Majestic Point, Marble Bend, Meridian Park, Nandina, Noble Seven, Olive Hill, Pecan Ridge, Prestwick, Providence, Riverstone North, Sanders Glen, Satya River, Senova, Silver Grove, The Crossing, The Enclave, The Island, The Village, Vintage Trail, Waterside, Wetlands Park, Whisper Rock, Winding Waters
- FBC LID #17; Telfair, The Crossing at Telfair
- FBC LID #19; Creekstone Village, U Parkway, Lost Creek, Millwood, Shadow Glen, Stonebrook, Sweetbriar, The Orchard

- FIRST COLONY LID #2; Alcorn Bend, Austin Meadow, Austin Park, Briarwood, Chimneystone, City Plaza, Colony Bend, Colony Cove, Colony Creek, Colony Grant, Colony Meadows, Colony Oaks, Colony Park, Colony Woods, Condominiums at Grants Lake, Creekside at Town Center, Crescent Lakes, Edgewater, Englewood, Englewood Place Estates, Englewood Place, First Colony Mall, First Colony MUD #5, Fluro Central, Grants Lake, Highlands Square, Lake Pointe, Lakes of Edgewater, Landing at Grants Lake, Lexington Meadows, Meadows Lakes, Oakland, Oaks of Alcorn, Old Mill Park, Oyster Point, Rivercrest, Settlers Grove, Settlers Park, Soldiers Field Court, Stephens Grant, Sugar Creek, Sugar Land Town Square, Sugarwood, Sweetbriar, Sweetwater, The Enclave at Lake Pointe, The Highlands, The Lakes, The Market, The Offices, The Towns, The Village, Town Center, Travis Park, Villas of Sweetwater, Williams Glen, Williams Grant, Woodstream
- PECAN GROVE MUD; Greens at Pecan Grove, Pecan Grove Plantation, Pecan Lakes, Plantation Place, The Greens, The Grove, The Terrace
- SIENNA PLANTATION; Avalon, Enclave, Hunnington, Pecan Estates, Sienna Acreage, Sienna Parkway, Sienna Plantation, Sienna Point, Sienna Steep Bank Village, Sienna Village, Southern Colony



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Brazos River rises

BRAZOS RIVER continues to rise and is expected to rise to nearly 60 feet by Tuesday evening. This photo was taken near Brazos Park on SH 36 in Rosenberg on Monday morning.