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Good Afternoon

Disaster relief drive

The George Ranch Lariettes and Belles, along with the Terry Rangerettes, will be sponsoring a gift card and bedding drive to benefit local victims of Hurricane Harvey. The benefit will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the Target parking lot in Brazos Town Center. The following gift cards are recommended: H-E-B, Kroger, Wal-Mart, Randalls, Target, Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Bedding of pillows, blankets, sheets and comforters are also needed. The items will be provided to Common Threads, a non-profit organization collecting items for storm victims. For more information, contact TaShane O'Haver at thillohaver@lcisd.org or Jessica Wilson at jwilson@lcisd.org.

RR museum closed

The Rosenberg Railroad Museum will be closed until Sept. 6, after Labor Day.

LCISD, Needville ISD campuses

Lamar CISD and Needville ISD will resume classes on Monday, Sep. 11. All central office staff, auxiliary staff, front office staff and campus administration are scheduled to return to work on Wednesday, Sept. 6. LCISD buildings will be open and available for teachers on a voluntary basis beginning on Thursday, Sept. 7.

Church unveils new name

On Sunday, Sept. 10, the Embassy Church (formerly First Assembly of God Rosenberg) is hosting Embassy Day. It is a day for the church family to gather together with members of the community to worship, connect with others, and enjoy a hot meal together. Hurricane Harvey has given us an opportunity to open our doors to our neighbors to offer prayer, a helping hand and cleaning supplies for flooded homes. Everyone is invited to come join the congregation for worship at 10:30 a.m. as the church unveils its new name to the community and celebrate afterwards with a meal together. The Embassy Church is located on 2512 Avenue N in Rosenberg. For more information, contact (281)342-3805.

Fort Bend Journal

The little things

"Doing little things well is the first step toward doing big things better," — Harry F. Banks

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Around the Bend

Rory and Terry Calhoun thrilled to find their Rio Vista home just as they left it during the mandatory evacuation....Robert and Kim Wilbanks taking in storm refugees by long-distance...Sheridan Smith, Camille Paschal, Ally Walters and Mia Conde go back-to-school shopping on Saturday...Averil Martin Gleason has one last chance to clean her house before returning back to work at Terry High School on

Today's Scripture

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 14:27

Thought for Today

"I am one of the people who love the way of things."  
— Catherine the Great, Russian czarina (1729-1796)



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Apply for FEMA aid now, says Fort Bend County real estate agent | Life inside a shelter: Rosenberg, Pecan Grove residents find safety | Authorities offer advice on cleaning up after storm | Needville family left on a cruise before hurricane hit their hometown

'OUR ANGELS HAVE ARRIVED'

Volunteers offer food, water, warm smiles and sympathy

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY  
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Sylvia Rendon, 68, returned to the Edgewood Trailer Park in Richmond on Sunday to see how much the flood water had receded. Her home was among the dozen or so swamped by the Brazos River, which crested Friday at a record-high 55.1 feet. "Everything's gone," said Rendon. "I didn't get anything out." It was the second time in 15 months that Rendon's home was flooded by the Brazos. The 2016 Memorial Day Flood also forced her out of her home. This year, however, she left before the first raindrop fell. "I learned my lesson last year," she said. "I battled the Brazos last year and



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

TINA RIGSBY, a volunteer with The Friends of North Richmond, gives flood victim Sylvia Rendon an understanding smile and tender pat on the arm on Sunday in front of her flooded home in the Edgewood Trailer Park. Rendon lost all her belongings in the flood. The Friends of North Richmond collected supplies for flood victims and distributed them to residents at the trailer park Sunday.



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

A FORT Worth DPS officer, right, and Brandon Baca with Attack Poverty, left, help volunteers unload a pickup truck full of watermelons on Saturday at the Edgewood Trailer Park in Richmond. The area was inundated by the Brazos River this week. The melons were donated by Calvin Kimble of Rosenberg.



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

ELISE KAUFMAN, programs coordinator with The Friends of North Richmond, tells a flood victim in Spanish on Sunday that the non-profit agency will eventually help muck and gut the flood damaged homes in front of them as soon as possible. Kaufman handed the woman the last of the donated hamburger meat. The Friends handed out food, water and other supplies.

Thousands head to Navarro Middle School to help Hurricane victims



HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

KOBE BADILLO happily helps the hurricane relief effort by unloading trucks filled with bottled water at Navarro Middle School in Rosenberg.

BY AVERIL GLEASON  
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Pastor Emilio Frias of The Church in Rosenberg has been working around the clock since Hurricane Harvey invaded Texas. And when he saw how catastrophic the storm was in Fort Bend County, his church coordinated with Navarro Middle School officials to help victims in need. "Navarro has become a point of pick-up," Frias said. "People in the community have brought things to us so we can deliver them to people in Fort Bend and Harris County." On Wednesday, The Church had 500 volunteers. And by Saturday, thousands of people were sorting, organizing and packaging donation boxes at the middle school. "We've gotten so many donations that we're using the old Tractor Supply (store) as a warehouse," Frias said.

SEE SUPPORT, PAGE 8

Abbott announces 'Rebuild Texas Fund' program

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott is encouraging Americans across the country to come together and assist Texans as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Abbott announced the formation of the Rebuild Texas Fund, which was established by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation in partnership with the OneStar Foundation to provide relief to the victims. For those who donate now through midnight on Monday, Sept. 4 to the Rebuild Texas Fund the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation will match \$1 for every \$2 in donations for the first \$36 million raised. Those wishing to donate can do so by visiting www.rebuildtx.org or by texting "Rebuildtx" to 91999. "I continue to be amazed at the outpouring of support the victims of Hurricane Harvey have received from their fellow Americans," Abbott said. "I encourage those who can, to contribute to this fund that will help those affected by Hurricane Harvey rebuild their lives."

Trump expected to end 'Dreamer' program for young immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is expected to announce that he will end protections for young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children, but with a six-month delay, people familiar with the plans said. The delay in the formal dismantling of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA program, would be intended to give

Congress time to decide whether it wants to address the status of the so-called Dreamers legislation, according to two people familiar with the president's thinking. But it was not immediately clear how the six-month delay would work in practice and what would happen to people who currently have work permits under the program, or whose permits expire in the next six months.

Mattis: NKorea threat would bring massive military response

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Sunday shot back at North Korea's claimed test of a hydrogen bomb with a blunt threat, saying the U.S. will answer any threat from the North with a "massive military response — a response both effective and overwhelming." Earlier, President Donald Trump threatened to halt all trade with countries

doing business with the North, a veiled warning to China, and faulted South Korea for its "talk of appeasement." The tough talk from America's commander in chief and the retired Marine general he picked to oversee the Pentagon came as the Trump administration searched for a response to the escalating crisis.



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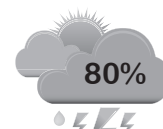

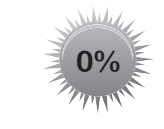
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Amarillo	88	62	Sunny	Fort Stockton	92	67	Sunny	Raymondville	94	74	M Cloudy
Austin	91	69	P Cloudy	Gainesville	89	67	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	89	70	P Cloudy
Beaumont	88	72	M Cloudy	Greenville	92	72	P Cloudy	San Antonio	92	70	P Cloudy
Brownsville	91	74	T-Storms	Houston	90	73	M Cloudy	San Marcos	91	67	P Cloudy
Brownwood	91	66	P Cloudy	Kingsville	94	71	M Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	90	71	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	90	74	M Cloudy	Livingston	88	70	M Cloudy	Sweetwater	91	67	P Cloudy
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Your World in Five Minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Boy, 16, a suspect in death of girl found dead in landfill**  
BEDFORD — A 16-year-old boy has been detained as a suspect in the death of a 14-year-old girl whose body was found in a North Texas landfill.

In a statement issued Friday, the Bedford Police Department said the youth detained in the death of Kaytlynn Cargill had been an acquaintance of the girl. A police affidavit said text messages showed that she had gone to meet the boy to buy marijuana on June 19, the day she disappeared.

**Boy, 13, says he's running for governor in Vermont**  
BURLINGTON, Vt. — A candidate for governor in Vermont is too young to vote but he's not too young to run. Ethan Sonneborn said he can run because Vermont is one of two states without age restrictions. He needs 500 signatures of registered voters, a requirement for the ballot.

**2nd Utah police officer on paid leave over nurse arrest**  
SALT LAKE CITY — A second Salt Lake City police officer has been put on paid leave as authorities investigate the use of force in a nurse's arrest. The July 26 incident captured on police body-camera video showed a detective dragging a nurse from a hospital and handcuffing her after she refused to allow blood to be drawn from an unconscious patient in a car-crash investigation.

**North Texas boy, 9, killed in apparent accidental shooting**  
HALTOM CITY — Police in Haltom City just northeast of Fort Worth say a 9-year-old boy has fatally shot himself with a gun he found in a home.

**Authorities: Assaultants attack Iraqi power station, 7 dead**  
BAGHDAD — At least three attackers entered a power station in Samarra Saturday and blew themselves up, killing seven workers and wounding eight security forces, Iraqi authorities said. Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool said two attackers disguised themselves as workers and a third wore a security forces uniform. Samarra is 125 kilometers (78 miles) north of Baghdad.

**Activists: Dozens of IS members sneak into Syria despite US strikes threat**  
BEIRUT — Syrian opposition activists say dozens of Islamic State group members and their families have crossed into areas controlled by the extremists despite U.S. threats to bomb the convoy.

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**BREAKING NEWS!**

■ Considering the recent weather event in our community, the Literacy Council of Fort Bend County feels it is in everyone's best interest to postpone the 2018 Great Grown-up Spelling Bee.

**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 Joerg-Lindsey Family Life Center.

**MONDAY, OCT. 2**

■ County Judge Robert Hebert is challenging mayors in Fort Bend 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.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 29**

■ The Fort Bend County Fair will kick off with a parade at 9 a.m., and the parade committee is presently accepting applications for entries. For more information on the Fair's schedule or parade entry forms, visit [fortbendcountyfair.com](http://fortbendcountyfair.com) or call the Fair Office at 281-342-6171.

**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, paper-clips, 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.

Clooney depicts American dream as nightmare in 'Suburbicon'

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Affable, handsome George Clooney was all charm at the Venice Film Festival on Saturday, but don't be fooled.

The actor says his latest directorial effort, "Suburbicon," is an angry movie for an angry country — his own. It's a twisted tale of darkness at the heart of the American dream.

"A lot of us are angry — angry at ourselves, angry at the way that the country is going, angry at the way the world is going," Clooney told reporters Saturday in Venice, Italy, where "Suburbicon" is competing for the festival's Golden Lion prize.

Clooney was joined by his wife, human rights lawyer Amal Clooney, on the Venice red carpet Saturday. The couple are parents of twins, born in June, and have an Italian home nearby on Lake Como.

At a news conference earlier in the day, Clooney said the U.S. now is "probably the angriest I have ever seen the country, and I lived through the Watergate period of time."

"There is a dark cloud hanging over our country right now," he said.

America's divisions give an unnerving timeliness to "Suburbicon."

The satirical film noir stars Matt Damon and Julianne Moore as residents of a seemingly idyllic — and all-white — 1950s suburban community that erupts in anger when a black family moves in.

It fuses a script by the Coen brothers with a narrative about racial divisions inspired — in a negative way — by Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

"I was watching a lot of speeches on the campaign trail about building fences and scapegoating minorities," Clooney said.

That set Clooney and writing-producing partner Grant Heslov to thinking about other points in United States history when forces of division were in the ascendant.


They remembered 1957 events in Levittown, Pennsylvania, a model suburban community where white residents rioted at the arrival of a black family.

They fused that idea to an unproduced script by Joel and Ethan Coen about a similar white-picket-fence community where a crime goes horribly wrong in farcically bloody ways.

The images of white rage in the movie feel unnervingly contemporary, recalling last month's rallies in Charlottesville, Virginia.

"Unfortunately, these are issues that are never out of vogue in our country," Clooney said ahead of the film's red carpet premiere.

"We are still trying to exorcise these problems. We've still got a lot of work to do from our original sin of slavery and racism."



George Clooney

Today in History  
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Monday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2017. There are 118 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 4, 1917, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital in Camiers.

On this date:

In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

In 1886, a group of Apache Indians led by Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") surrendered to Gen. Nelson Miles at Skeleton Canyon in Arizona.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1948, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands abdicated after nearly six decades of rule for health reasons.

In 1951, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock. Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1967, Detroit TV station WKBD aired an interview with Michigan Gov. George Romney in which the Republican presidential hopeful attributed his previous support for the war in Vietnam to a "brainwashing" he'd received from U.S. officials during a 1965 visit.

In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics in the 400-meter medley relay.

In 1987, a Soviet court convicted West German pilot Mathias Rust of charges stemming from his daring flight to Moscow's Red Square, and sentenced him to four years in a labor camp. (Rust was released in August 1988.)

In 1998, Internet services company Google filed for incorporation in California.

In 2014, comedian Joan Rivers died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office during a routine medical procedure.

Ten years ago: Toy maker Mattel Inc. recalled 800,000 lead-tainted, Chinese-made toys worldwide, a third major recall in just over a month.

Five years ago: Democrats opened their national convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, by ridiculing Republican Mitt Romney as a millionaire candidate who "quite simply doesn't get it"; first lady Michelle Obama lovingly praised her husband as a devoted spouse and caring father at home and a "man we can trust" to revive the nation's weak economy as president. The Treasury Department reported the national debt had topped \$16 trillion.

One year ago: Elevating the "saint of the gutters" to one of the Catholic Church's highest honors, Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa, praising her radical dedication to society's outcasts and her courage in shaming world leaders for the "crimes of poverty they themselves created."




Orval Faubus




George Romney



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# Realtor: Time to contact FEMA

BY AVERIL GLEASON  
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Since Hurricane Harvey hit west Fort Bend County more than a week ago, hundreds of homes have suffered water damage and dozens of homes have been confirmed flooded. And although the hurricane has passed, residents realize the hardest part is just beginning. The community is doing its part. The American Red Cross has been set up all across the county. Numerous groups have sprung up to help those in need and those helping with recovery. The next step for residents who were impacted by the flood is figuring out how to put the pieces of their lives back together.

And that includes clean up, and paying for repairs. One step is to pre-register for Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance.

Greatwood resident and Realtor specializing in Fort Bend County Audra O'Neal said her team wants to be a resource for families who have lost their homes or suffered damages.

"Everybody I've talked to wants to help and give and if I don't know the answer to your question, I'll make sure to point you in the right direction," O'Neal said.

"My first tip to anyone who was affected by the flood is to contact FEMA — (whether they have) flood insurance or not.

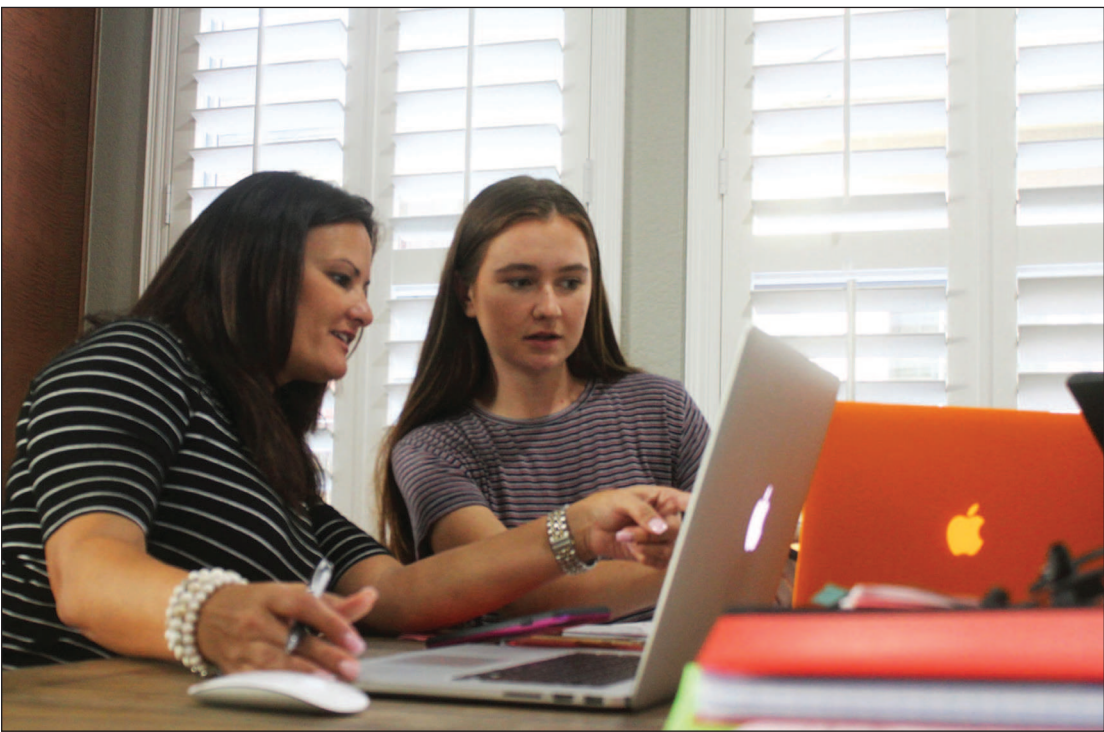
"The sooner you contact FEMA, the better."

According to Gov. Greg Abbott, over 440,000 people have registered for FEMA assistance in Texas.

"FEMA only has so much money for non-insured people," O'Neal revealed. "And once that money runs out, it's out.

"That's what happened with Hurricane Sandy, that's what happened with Hurricane Katrina, and that's why so many homes in New Orleans still haven't been fixed."

According to FEMA officials, individual assistance can include rental payment for temporary housing, grants for home



REAL ESTATE agent Audra O'Neal, who lives in Greatwood, and marketing manager Aileen McComiskey look into ways to help Hurricane Harvey victims after the flood.

HERALD PHOTO BY AVERIL GLEASON

repair, grants for personal property replacement and unemployment payments.

Residents with flood insurance have 240 days from the date of loss to file a flood insurance claim.

FEMA officials said anyone who suffered losses in the designated disaster areas can apply for assistance by registering online at [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

"Every house I've ever sold, I tell buyers to get flood insurance," O'Neal said. "This hurricane brought on an 800-year flood, but there was flood damage last year with the Memorial Day Flood and the 2016 Tax Day Flood from the year before.

"Fort Bend County is prone to flooding. If you don't have it yet, I recommend you getting it now because it's a very small price to pay for a security blanket."

O'Neal said she is eager to help anyone who has questions about their property.

"We're putting together a list of contractors for people to get in touch with without breaking

the bank," O'Neal said.

To contact O'Neal, call 281-315-1000, email [audra@oneal-teamhomes.com](mailto:audra@oneal-teamhomes.com) or visit [www.onealteamhomes.com](http://www.onealteamhomes.com) for more information.

Rick Mathews, vice president of CenterPoint Energy, created a list for families whose houses have suffered water damage.

"For everyone we know who flooded, FEMA provided two months of living assistance," Mathews said.

"This was not need-based, but rather based on number of people in your family. After the two months, you can apply for more assistance."

The following is a list of tips for people who suffered water damage:

1. Call the insurance company now and make a flood claim not a homeowners claim. Homeowners insurance will not kick in for a flood.

2. Call car insurance to claim the automobiles. Cars will be a separate claim from the home. Once receiving a claim number, victims should be able to get a

rental car. Contact rental cars immediately because there will be a high need.

3. Call FEMA and be sure to get a case number and point of contact. FEMA will need the social security numbers for all family members.

4. Call a water recovery service and get on a list. Make sure to sign a contract that specifies the cost of the remediation.

5. Take pictures of everything. All damage including water lines, air condition compressors, windows and all flooded content.

Mark a water line on the outside and inside the house to show the adjuster how high the water got. Victims cannot make a claim if they do not have a picture of the item.

6. Those on a long list for recovery, start to pull up carpets and cut dry wall (minimum off our feet high).

Turning on A/C will help the drying process as will dehumidifiers. Let furniture/contents dry out before wrapping and packing for a move.

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## SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A caption line and a small headline on Page 1 in the Sunday edition of the Herald incorrectly reported the Brazos River crested at 51.5 feet on Friday. It crested at 55.1 feet as the story reported correctly.



Abby Urbina

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We need volunteers for the **Autumn Arts & Antiques Festival** on **October 14<sup>th</sup>** in downtown Rosenberg. Interested volunteers should contact Volunteer Coordinator Abby Urbina (832) 490-9856 [abbyssoccer12@icloud.com](mailto:abbyssoccer12@icloud.com).





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## VOLUNTEERS: 'Everyone wants to help'

lost. This time I called my daughter and said 'come get me.' I didn't want to battle the river again."

Rendon arrived at the trailer park on Sunday in time to see Attack Poverty and Friends of North Richmond volunteers unloading bags of hurricane relief supplies.

Victims filled boxes with diapers, cleaning supplies, wet wipes, canned goods, bottled water, clothing and other foods. Volunteers helped cart the heavy boxes to waiting vehicles.

As other flood victims arrived, so did more volunteers, and more donations.

"Before we were finished setting up tables, more people showed up with donations," said Brandon Baca, senior director of operations for Attack Poverty.

"Everyone wants to help. It was amazing."

An American Red Cross bus arrived with donations. Volunteers, including a group of Buddhists, DPS officers from Fort Worth, and what appeared to be the entire Richmond Police Department — quickly unloaded the supplies.

Calvin Kimble of Rosenberg arrived around 5 p.m. with a truckload of watermelons.

"I thought maybe someone would enjoy these melons," he said. "I started driving around, handing them out, and noticed this crowd."

He was greeted with pats on the back, enthusiastic handshakes and a few tears.

"Our angels have arrived," Sylvia said. "We know we can count on them."

The melons quickly disappeared. "We showed up and all of a sudden people who were driving by just stopped and pulled in with bags and bags of groceries, clothing and other items," said Sarah Beth, a volunteer with The Friends of North Richmond.

"They asked us, 'Do you need anything? Can we bring you anything?' It was very touching."

Tina Riggsby, a volunteer with Attack Poverty, said the flood victims are grateful for any help.

"For many of these people, this may be all the food they will get for a while," she said. "Many of them lost their homes in the flood. Some lost their jobs. They have no money. They have no place to go. No way to earn a living. Nothing. They live paycheck-to-paycheck. So every little bit helps."

Sometimes, Riggsby added, a sympathetic smile and human touch go a long way.

Around 6 p.m., members of Reach Church in Austin arrived at the trailer park.

"How can we help?" Pastor Chris Gilkey asked Elise Kaufman, pro-



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**Rene Lasoya, a delivery driver for Papa John's in Richmond, delivers 10 pizzas to the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy on Saturday. "We wanted to help the people who were helping hurricane victims," said John Becerra, manager of the pizza restaurant. "This is our community. We wanted to our part."**

grams coordinator with The Friends of North Richmond. "What do you need? Just ask."

Gilkey said his church had collected a warehouse full of supplies for hurricane victims.

He offered Kaufman diapers, hygiene products, nonperishable foods, canned foods, clothing.

"Whatever you need, we have it. It's yours," Gilkey said.

He said his group already had provided supplies to The Church in Rosenberg. The Church has spent the past several days collecting supplies at Navarro Middle School.

Kaufman thanked him for the offer.

"These people will need help for months and months to come," she said.

"The river rose 10 inches (higher) than the 2016 Memorial Day Flood," she added. "It flooded homes that have never been flooded before. Homes that were unaffected by last year's flood flooded this week."

After the city of Richmond assesses the damage to each home, The Friends of North Richmond and its parent agency, Attack Poverty, will begin the "Muck and Gut" operation — cleaning the flooded homes, gutting them if needed, and rebuilding them.

Although the Edgewood Trailer Park and the entire Edgewood community lie outside of north Richmond, The Friends of North Richmond have adopted the area, Kaufman explained.

The Friends of North Rosenberg, also turned out in force on Saturday to help flood victims in that community.

Baca said the number of homes damaged and the number of lives impacted in both communities is staggering.

"We have over 100 volunteers," he said. "But we will need a ton more — tons of volunteers. If anyone wants to grab a broom or mop or hammer and help, we'd could use the help."

He said Attack Poverty is coordinating its efforts with Fort Bend Recovers and the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Jonathan Wiles, his son and his dad, were among the members of Living Waters International in Stafford helping Attack Poverty and The Friends of North Richmond on Sunday.

"Everyone wants to help whatever way they can, whether it's simply providing food and clothing or helping distribute supplies," Jonathan said. "I just hope they have the same enthusiasm a week or a month from now."

He said he fears volunteers will eventually get "compassion fatigue" or "Bystander Syndrome."

"After a week or two, most people are too overwhelmed by the misery to do any more," he said. "Or they get Bystander Syndrom. They see all these volunteers working away and they say to themselves: Well, they have enough volunteers already. They don't need me."

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Our View

Celebrating our carriers

Newspaper carriers work to deliver the news to customers’ doorsteps every day, and in The Herald’s case, each afternoon. There are many people who work together to create a newspaper, but Monday honors the newspaper carriers. Because today is Newspaper Carriers Day. This holiday honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier, or paperboy, hired in 1833, as well as all current newspaper carriers. Flaherty was 10 years old. It is celebrated on Sept. 4, which is

the anniversary of the boy’s hiring by Benjamin Day, publisher of the New York Sun. There is a Newspaper Carrier Hall of Fame, started in 1960, created to acknowledge some famous newspaper carriers in our nation’s history. Included in the Newspaper Carrier Hall of Fame are Martin Luther King Jr., Warren Buffet and John Wayne. If you see your newspaper delivery boys, men or women, be sure to give them a wave as they drive down the street. Because, without them, we couldn’t get our paper out to you.

Trump vs. the filibuster

President Trump brings an outsider’s perspective to the long debate over the Senate filibuster. An overwhelming majority of the Senate disagrees with his desire to kill the filibuster, which means he doesn’t have a prayer of winning. But he’s not entirely wrong, either. Set aside Trump’s sledghammer tweets directed at Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. In private conversations, Trump has made a reasonable and sophisticated case against the filibuster. Not only has the filibuster been eliminated for appointments, Trump has noted, it has also been eliminated (through the process of reconciliation) for some of the most important things the Senate does — that is, for the budget and related bills it passes each year. So now, after all those changes, what remains of the filibuster is somehow supposed to be sacred and can never be changed again? Trump’s question not only recognizes the reality of former Majority Leader’s Harry Reid’s nuclear-option destruction of the filibuster for appointments, and McConnell’s extension of that to Supreme Court nominations. It also takes into account the reality of reconciliation, by which, a generation ago, the Sen-



Byron York

ate killed the filibuster for budget-related bills, allowing those measures to pass on a simple majority vote. In other words, the filibuster has been steadily whittled down — by the Senate itself, of course, and not by a headstrong president — so why can’t the Senate do it again? Trump doesn’t have the slightest chance, of course. In May, when the president called for an end to the filibuster, McConnell said, “There is an overwhelming majority on a bipartisan basis not interested in changing the way the Senate operates on the legislative calendar. And that will not happen.” In return, Trump has railed against McConnell and Senate tradition. Recently the president tweeted, “If Senate Republicans don’t get rid of the Filibuster Rule and go to a 51% majority, few bills will be passed. 8 Dems control the Senate!” A month ago, Trump tweeted, “The very outdated filibuster rule must go. Budget reconciliation is killing Rs in the Senate. Mitch M, go to 51 votes NOW and WIN. IT’S TIME!” It would be an understatement to say McConnell is not convinced, and he has essentially ended the discussion with his over-my-dead-body pronouncements. One of the problems in the Trump-McConnell relationship is that Trump tends to treat leaders in Congress as if they are his employees instead of leaders elected on their own and not beholden to the president. Plus, Congress is not only a sep-

arate branch of government, it is the first branch of government; a united Congress can remove the president, while it doesn’t work the other way around. Nevertheless, Trump whacks away at some of the lawmakers he will need to pass his agenda. Hypocrisy is often at play when it comes to the filibuster; senators in the majority oppose the practice, while senators in the majority support it. But there is also a principled, consistent position on the filibuster. Veteran senators like McConnell know that while they might be in the majority now, they could be in the minority next year. They know a lot of bad bills might have become law had the filibuster not existed. So many of them protect the filibuster whether they’re in charge or not. The president is an outsider who shares none of those concerns. But that doesn’t mean he doesn’t have a point. The Senate has changed its rules, including those on supermajorities, many times over the years. And in the future, it might change them again — in Trump’s direction. Now, stonewalled by McConnell, Trump might look for a compromise that moves him closer to his goal. Indeed, short of fully eliminating the filibuster, Trump could propose getting rid of the 60-vote standard on motions to proceed, streamlining voting on procedural matters, and other initiatives. Those might not succeed either; but at least the president would have tried.

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Topic of discussion

Co-founder of political party dies

DUMMERSTON, Vt. (AP) — Political activist Peter Diamondstone, who helped found the Vermont political party that first launched Bernie Sanders for office in the 1970s, has died at age 82. Diamondstone, a perennial political candidate and the co-founder in 1970 of the anti-war Liberty Union Party, defined as a nonviolent socialist party, died Wednesday, his daughter said. “Peter’s life of service in the

struggle to protect human rights and our nation’s Constitution began at an early age and continued through his last weeks,” his family said. Diamondstone frequently ran for office in Vermont. In 2014, he told The Associated Press his run for governor that year was likely his 23rd total run for five statewide offices since the start of the party. He also had been escorted from events for using profanities

and was arrested for crashing candidate forums to which he wasn’t invited. None of the Liberty Union candidates, including Diamondstone, has been close to winning. But Diamondstone said victory was not the goal. Sanders ran for U.S. Senate and governor two times each in the 1970s as a Liberty Union candidate but never received more than 6 percent of the vote.

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Storms are frightening  
Disasters and fear go hand in hand

At the height of Hurricane Harvey, Pastor David Rose jotted down his thoughts on the storm, the flooding and how people respond to disasters.

Here in Greater Houston, Hurricane Harvey has brought much fear. It may be the worst natural disaster in American history. People are still being rescued from their flooded houses. Disaster shelters are packed. Roads are closed, and bayous are overflowing. 1220 feet from by back door is the mighty Brazos River. It is expected to crest at historic levels later in the week. We are praying that the levee’s hold.



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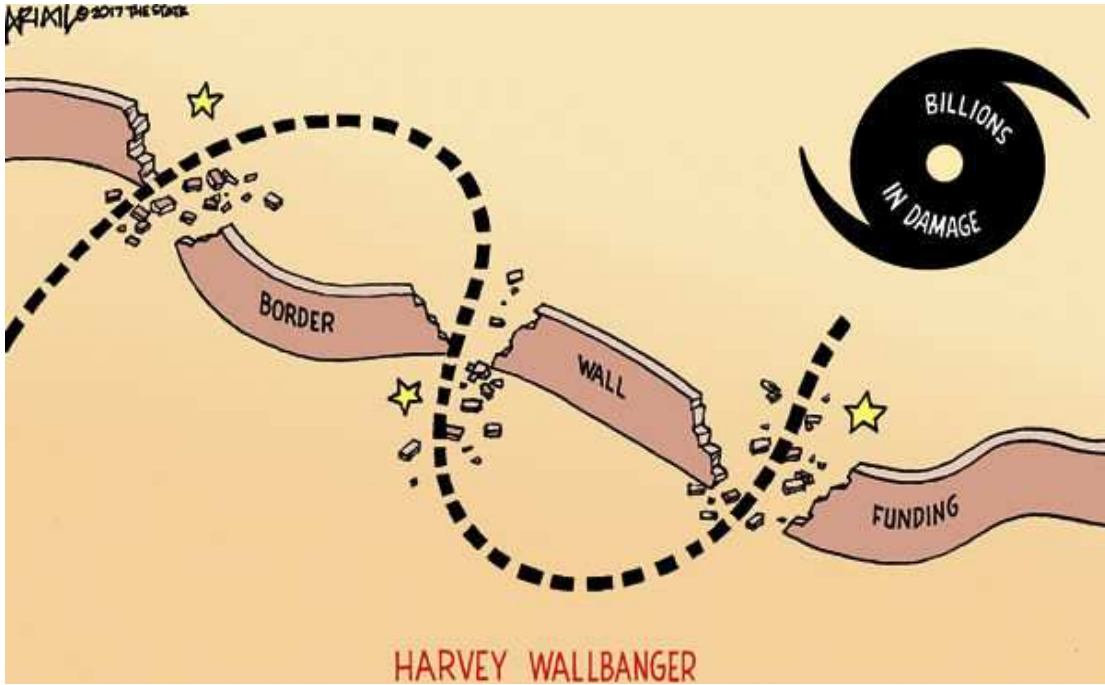
Can we talk about fear for a moment? In April 2016, Chapman University in California released a nationwide survey of the top fears of average Americans. The 79 different fear possibilities were placed into eleven “domains of fear,” like crime, economic, manmade disasters, environment, government, technology, etc. The top three fears were:

- 1. Being dominated by corrupt government officials (government) – 60.8%
- 2. Terrorists attacks (manmade disasters) – 41%
- 3. Not having enough finances for future needs (economic) – 39.9%

Some of the other extreme fears included being afraid of the death of a loved one, needles, identity theft, serious personal illness, the sight of blood, and clowns. Feel free to discount or argue with the poll, but I think we can all agree that many people live with some kind of fear. Filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock, made a living by exploiting our fears. He is quoted as saying, “Nothing has changed since Little Red Riding Hood faced the big bad wolf. What frightens us today is exactly the same sort of thing that frightened us yesterday. It’s just a different wolf.” What wolf scares you? Almost every prayer request that I receive, has some quantity of fear included. The “what ifs” can keep us awake at night, and may even paralyze personal progress. Fear can be a cruel tyrant. There is some good news for fearful Americans: The power of God is greater than any fear that attacks you! He can defeat the enemy that would defeat you! In the Bible, you will often see the phrase, “Do not be afraid!” When the angel came to Mary (Luke 1:30), his first words were, “Do not be afraid.” When the angel spoke

to Joseph (Matthew 1:20), and to the shepherds (Luke 2:10), he said “Do not be afraid!” Fear can cause us to become erratic and unstable. In fear, we may do or say something that we would never contemplate in more steady times. Adam and Eve loved God. They cherished the personal camaraderie they experienced each evening when God came to visit. But one day, fear caused them to hide from their wonderful Friend. Every human has had to deal with fear. Even the Apostle Paul experienced fear: In 1 Corinthians 2:3 ESV he wrote, “And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling.” So often, we fear that which we cannot control. And this brings me back to this: The power of God is greater than any fear that attacks you. He can defeat the enemy that would defeat you! Believe it! I do! I must! How do we overcome fear? 1. Confront your fears with faith (2 Corinthians 7:4-5) 2. Do not doubt the power of God to help you. (Joshua 21:45) 3. Remember; regardless of what happens, God has promised to never leave or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5) David G. Rose has been a credentialed minister for over 48 years. He is the founder of Rose Chapel Ministries in Richmond, TX. Comments may be sent to [www.davidrosemministries.com](http://www.davidrosemministries.com) or [parsonrose@aol.com](mailto:parsonrose@aol.com)

Outside View



President Trump’s missing ExComm

In the latest provocative act, North Korea fired a missile over Japan, prompting President Trump to tweet, “Talking is not the answer.”



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What the answer is, he leaves to others in the government, and to our imagination. Everybody agrees that North Korea’s nuclear ambition and aggression is a major national security challenge. Yet Trump seems to treat it as a personal annoyance that can be handled with tough tweets. In contradiction, Defense Secretary James Mattis said, “We’re never out of diplomatic solutions.” Voters worried about a commander-in-chief with Trump’s erratic temperament having his finger on the nuclear button are reassured by the strength and stability conveyed by Mattis and his fellow generals in the administration. However, with all due respect to Generals Mattis, H.R. McMaster, chairman of the National Security Council, and John Kelly, White House chief of staff, this is not the

way to determine policy for one of the most significant national security crises facing the United States and the world. In normal times, this would be upsetting since the Constitution clearly established civilian-led government. But these aren’t normal times, and people are much more accepting of the military calling the shots than leaving it up to Trump. The problem is that these generals, however wise they may be, represent a narrow band of advice. Contrary to the myth that the military is trigger-happy, those who have served, seen war up close, and experienced losses can often be just the opposite. Trump, on the other hand, famously asked one of his briefers after becoming the Republican nominee. “What is the point of having nuclear weapons if you can’t use them?” That question should be answered in all its complexity, and not just by the president or the military, but by a full range of expertise available in and outside the government. Meanwhile, administration officials go on television to say there are no good alternatives, which perhaps unwittingly gives North Korea a free pass. Trump so far has not delivered on any of his tough tweets, so he

has a credibility problem, and like many bullies, he tends to back down. But Trump needs to learn the lessons of history; and when President John Kennedy faced down the Russians over Cuba, he convened some of the most experienced and intelligent people available to form his 16-member ExComm (Executive Committee of the National Security Council) which met regularly at the White House over those dire 13 days in October 1962. It was a diverse group, including Republican Douglas Dillon, who had served in the Eisenhower administration. He was retained by Kennedy as Secretary of the Treasury and became his direct link to congressional Republicans. Another member, Llewellyn Thompson, had served in the U.S. embassy in Moscow during the 1941 German invasion and later as ambassador to the USSR in both Eisenhower’s Republican and Kennedy’s Democratic administrations. Trump’s small coterie of competent generals cannot possibly offer the range of informed opinions Kennedy received from the ExComm, and every world leader knows it. They know the Trump administration has a credibility deficit. Contact Cohn at Twitter: @douglas\_cohn.

Obama offers advice to Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before he left office in January, President Barack Obama offered his successor accolades and advice in a private letter that underscored some of his concerns as he passed the baton. In the letter, published Sunday by CNN, Obama praised President Donald Trump, saying: “Congratulations on a remarkable run. Millions have placed their hopes in you, and all of us, regardless of party, should hope for expanded prosperity and security during your tenure.”

Obama went on to urge Trump to “build more ladders of success for every child and family,” to “sustain the international order” and to protect “democratic institutions and traditions.” Obama wrote: “We are just temporary occupants of this office. That makes us guardians of those democratic institutions and traditions — like rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection and civil liberties — that our forebears fought and bled for.” It is customary for presidents

to leave notes for their successors. But typically these missives do not come to light so quickly. The hand-off letters from President George W. Bush in 2009 and President Bill Clinton in 2001 were revealed earlier this year. CNN reports it received the Obama letter from “someone Trump showed it to.” After taking office, Trump praised the note from Obama, calling it a “beautiful letter” in an interview with ABC. Trump added that he called Obama to thank him for the note.



# Needville family anxious about storm, ready to get home from cruise

## SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

While most Fort Bend County residents wished they had gotten out of Fort Bend County during Hurricane Harvey, one Needville family was aboard a ship in the Gulf of Mexico, longing to get back home.

Here's the story they shared with family and friends upon their return this week:

The Raybion family happily boarded the Carnival Breeze in Galveston on Aug. 20, anxious to get to their first port of call in Cozumel for one last summer hurrah before school began.

After soaking up the sun in Cozumel, they were to head to Roatan Island in Honduras, and then Belize, before returning to Galveston on Aug. 27, refreshed and ready for school to start the following day.

They knew then-tropical storm Harvey was in the Gulf, so mom Carissa decided to check with the cruise line to see whether it would affect their trip.

"We called a few days before we left, because Carnival never contacted us to tell us anything was changing," Carissa said. "They just assured us that they would reroute around the storm and that they didn't have anything indicating any reason to change our schedule."

But on their first full day at sea, the decision was made to go to Roatan first, followed by Belize, then Cozumel, still returning to Galveston on Aug. 27.

"Then we got to Cozumel on Friday and the storm was still so bad and the port of Galveston was closed, so they added a day to Cozumel and we stayed there overnight and got to spend a whole extra day there," said Carissa.

Also overnight, what had become Category 4 Hurricane Harvey slammed ashore between Port Aransas and Port O'Connor, packing 130-mile-an-hour winds, and the destruction was just beginning.

Carissa and her husband, Lucas, and their three children enjoyed the extra day of fun in the sun, as did most of the other passengers, unaware of the devastation that lie ahead for much of Fort Bend County.

Sixteen-year-old Justufer, a junior at Needville High School, along with his sisters, 14-year-old Gracie, a freshman at that campus, and 7-year-old Maddison, a second-grader at Needville Elementary, were all too happy to trade the first day of school for a bonus day of excitement.

And their parents weren't exactly disappointed, themselves. But they kept an ear tuned to weather reports, concerned about family in Needville and other parts of the greater Houston area.

Dad Lucas said passengers were able to come and go from ship-to-shore Friday morning until about 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

"During the day on Saturday," said Carissa, "two other Carnival ships showed up in port, the Sensation and the Triumph."

Carissa said she was told their ship received supplies such as food and other necessities from the other two ships, but she was unable to



Needville residents Lucas and Carissa Raybion and their 7-year-old daughter Maddi, from left, have been aboard the Carnival Breeze cruise ship for two weeks, along with 14-year-old Gracie and 16-year-old Justufer. Hurricane Harvey extended the family's one-week vacation to two weeks, and they're ready to head home.

confirm that report.

"We left there on Saturday, anticipating being able to go back to Galveston and disembark on Monday morning," Lucas said. "But we were informed that the port of Galveston was still closed and we were headed to New Orleans to refuel and reload on provisions, which makes me think we may not have gotten anything from the other boats in Cozumel."

By then, the Raybion children had learned that Needville ISD postponed the start date of the 2017-2018 school year to Tuesday, Sept. 5. Catastrophic flooding across Fort Bend and Harris counties had just begun, and the Brazos, San Bernard and Colorado rivers were only a few days from reaching historic heights.

The Carnival Breeze reached the mouth of the Mississippi River the night of Sunday, Aug. 27, and docked at New Orleans early the following morning.

"It took about eight or nine hours to go up river to the Port of New Orleans," Carissa said. "People who wanted to were able to get off and make their way back home or try and catch flights at their own expense. But everyone had to get off and go through customs. Those wanting to travel back to Galveston by boat had to get back on the ship by 1 p.m."

Some 2,000 of the 4,800 passengers, many of them from states other than Texas, decided to disembark and head home.

Explaining their decision to stay aboard, Carissa said, "It's been a really smooth trip; actually, one of the best we've been on, and we've taken about 10 cruises. The boat has had lots of activities to keep you busy, and they keep having to revise the schedule due to the itinerary changes. There has been plenty of food, water, drinks, etc., and at no point have we felt in

danger."

Carissa said their teenagers have had the run of the ship throughout the adventure, checking in with mom and dad on schedule, and bashful Maddi has also had tons of fun except for an encounter with customs in New Orleans.

"Everyone had to get off and go through customs, and then we came back onboard as we wanted. But Maddison got stopped in customs," Carissa said with a laugh. "She is very anti-social and shy, and when the customs officer asked her what her name was and when her birthday was, she wouldn't talk to him."

The officer explained to red-haired, blue-eyed Maddi that she had to speak to him to be allowed back on the ship, but she was having none of it.

"So he finally asked how old she was, and she still wouldn't answer," Carissa said. "I told her to at least show him her age by holding up her fingers, but nothing doing. Then he asked Justufer and Gracie questions like when their birthdays are, and then went back to Maddi and asked her what she calls me. I had to tell her again that she had to respond to him. He was really centering in on her; and thank goodness she finally said, 'Mom,' and we were able to walk on through. I guess they thought we picked her up in Mexico."

On Tuesday, the Carnival Breeze headed up the Mississippi River, where it remained docked Wednesday. That night, it headed back to New Orleans, and is scheduled to arrive in Galveston on Saturday, Sept. 2.

Although its passengers have been joking about their "buy one week, get one week free" cruise, most seem to be ready to get home, with many anxious about what they will find.

The community outpouring of aid by young and old alike is wonderful.

There are many districts in much worse shape than us and our prayers go out to them."

In addressing rumors that Wharton ISD students may transfer to Needville ISD in the wake of the destruction in that area, Rhodes said he has not received any such request from Wharton administrators; however, if their students do need to attend class in Needville, they will be welcome with open arms.

"We are a public school, and in these situations when children are evacuated or displaced, they are considered homeless," he said. "The Federal Law called the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act requires us to provide educational services just as we would for students within NISD boundaries."

Rhodes said Needville ISD weathered the storm with relatively few problems, among them its sewer plant at capacity due to fresh water; but it is fine now.

In addition, the fire alarm at one campus was malfunctioning, causing the air conditioning unit to shut down until it could be repaired.

"Our facilities came through the storm pretty well, but without staff we cannot take care of the students. We want the first day of school to be outstanding for our students and staff," Rhodes said.

"Our administrative team and school board feel the best option for NISD is to wait and start with everything ready on Sept. 11 and have the greatest year in Needville history."

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## Needville trustees delay first day of class

Needville ISD administrators have made the decision to delay the start of school one more week, in the best interest of staff and students.

Staff will report to work Friday, Sept. 8, and students will start classes Monday, Sept. 11. The first day of school for NISD was originally scheduled for Aug. 28, but was postponed to Sept. 5 because of Hurricane Harvey.

"We will start school on the 11th of September and make this 2017-2018 school year one to remember," said Superintendent Curtis Rhodes.

At this point, he said, the last day of school will remain as scheduled on Friday, June 1, with graduation at 7 p.m.

"We have built-in additional days for emergencies, so there is not a problem with NISD completing the required time within our current calendar," said Rhodes.

He said the Texas Education Agency has announced that it will waive the two weeks of school students will miss.

"A main concern is truly compassion for those who lost everything and need a little time to take care of their personal property and lives," said Rhodes.

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Rhodes participates in daily Region 4 Education Service Center conference calls with all 52 school superintendents in the area, as well as representatives from various offices of emergency management.

He also communicates with some of NISD's neighboring districts to the west.

"Lamar Consolidated ISD, Fort

Bend ISD, Katy ISD and Needville ISD work closely because we have many staff that live and work in each other's districts; so we try to coordinate with each other for the benefit of all," said Rhodes.

He said several factors came into play in making the decision to delay the start of school for NISD another week.

"Our particular issue, besides families being displaced and losing personal property, is primarily lacking sufficient staff to open," he explained.

"As we took roll call of all our district staff, including transportation, food service, and instructional employees, we were at about 30 percent who couldn't be back next week, or were very unsure. Many of our staff live outside Needville, across rivers or in flooded areas."

Also of concern to Needville ISD administrators is the flow of traffic on State Highway 36 South when the district's students start back to school. Because the highway is a major transportation route for the coastal areas, safety for students and their families is an issue.

"This is truly a devastating disaster, from the lack of food in the region to the possibility of limited fuel," Rhodes said. "In the grand scheme of life, starting school as soon as possible when families are struggling just did not make sense for NISD. I am so proud of our community, helping each other out through this disaster. I visited the shelter at Creekside Christian Fellowship several times last weekend and earlier in the week."

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High School Sports Calendar

**Foster**



Saturday, Sept. 16

**Football:** Falcons vs. Seven Lakes, Traylor Stadium, 6

**Fulshear**



Thursday, Sept. 14

**Football:** Chargers vs. George Ranch JV, Charger Stadium, 7

**George Ranch**



Saturday, Sept. 16

**Football:** Longhorns vs. UANL Tigers, Traylor Stadium, 3 (Homecoming)

**Lamar Consolidated**



Friday, Sept. 15

**Football:** Mustangs vs. Brazoswood, Traylor Stadium, 7

**Terry**



Thursday, Sept. 14

**Football:** Rangers vs. Spring Woods, Traylor Stadium, 7 (Homecoming)

**Travis**



Saturday

**Football:** Travis at Katy Taylor, Katy Taylor H.S., 10:30 a.m. (Scrimmage)

**Needville**



Friday

**Football:** Blue Jays vs. Brookshire Royal, Blue Jay Stadium, 7:30

**Brazos**



Friday

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

Professional Sports Calendar

**Astros**



Monday

**MLB:** Astros at Mariners, 5:40

Tuesday

**MLB:** Astros at Mariners, 9:10

**Dash**



Saturday, Sept. 9

**NWSL:** Dash at North Carolina Courage, 6:30

**Dynamo**



Saturday, Sept. 9

**MLS:** Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30

**Texans**



Sunday

**NFL:** Texans vs. Jaguars, 12

**Skeeters**



Monday

**Atlantic League:** Skeeters vs. Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, 2:05

LCISD football teams to wait until week 3

Travis, Needville, Brazos have games this weekend

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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Athletic competition has always been a cornerstone of the high school experience. But sports took a back seat after Hurricane Harvey ripped through Fort Bend County.

Coaches, staffers, athletes and athletic trainers jumped into action to help their fellow man from Fulshear to Missouri City.

But with Fort Bend County slowly getting back to normal, the question became, when will the high school teams return to the field and court?

Lamar CISD

The Lamar Consolidated ISD

will resume classes on Sept. 11 and LCISD athletics will begin after that. All football, volleyball, tennis and cross country events have been canceled up to that point.

“We will focus on assisting our students and families to regroup from this disaster,” Lamar CISD athletic director Nicole Nelson said.

Football opens its delayed season in week three with four games slated at Traylor Stadium, including homecoming games with Terry and George Ranch.

Coaches will oversee voluntary practices starting on Thursday, Sept. 7.

“We know that for some, getting the chance to be with their coaches and teammates will be a welcome step towards normalcy as we all work together through this recovery,” Nelson said.

Nelson said she was also proud to see the outpouring of support

from the LCISD athletes at Common Threads, the Red Cross shelters and with cleanup in neighborhoods.

“This chance to help their friends and neighbors is not just helping them to heal from this tragedy but is also reinforcing that some of life’s most important lessons aren’t taught in classrooms or on athletic fields,” Nelson said.

“It also reminds all of us that we have some remarkable young people in LCISD, their acts of service and commitment to their community are inspirational to us all.”

Nelson added that junior athletics will be pushed back but more information will be available this week.

Fort Bend ISD

Like LCISD, FBISD will return to school on Sept. 11. But unlike LCISD, there will be foot-

ball this weekend.

Fort Bend ISD teams will not be playing official games. Instead, each team has set up scrimmages.

The Travis Tigers will be at Katy Taylor on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in tuneup for their week three game against Fort Bend Elkins.

Needville ISD

Needville ISD will not return to school until Sept. 11 but the football team will begin action on Friday. The Blue Jays opener was canceled but coach Mike Giles’ squad is slated to take on Brookshire Royal on Friday.

The Needville football team will practice on Monday.

Brazos ISD

The Brazos Cougars will play their scheduled game on Friday against Burton on the road.

Fielder’s indifference

A win-win for Houston Astros right to acquire Verlander

The Houston Astros aren’t known for making a splash on the trade market.

Carlos Beltran in 2004 and Randy Johnson in 1998 come to mind for moves that shook up the baseball world.

But for the most part, the Astros’ trades have been around prospects coming and going that have been a double-edged sword. For every Jeff Bagwell and Mike Scott there is a Ken Caminiti,

Steve Finley, Curt Schilling and Kenny Lofton. Even Joe Morgan.

The Astros have been even more stingy with trades under General Manager Jeff Luhnow. The team clearly values prospects, and for the most part,

he has been right to do so.

But it was the right time to part ways with a few prospects last week.

It was too perfect of an opportunity for the Astros to pass up on Justin Verlander.

I truly believe that the Astros did have enough pitching currently on the staff to get through the playoffs, but the playoffs aren’t a time to be average. Frankly, a handful of the Astros starting pitchers have been average over the month of August: Dallas Keuchel was 2-3 with a 5.05 ERA, Mike Fiers was 1-4 with a 7.44 ERA, Charlie Morton was 1-2 with a 4.20 and Brad Peacock was 1-1 with 4.45 ERA.

On top of that, the No.2 starter Lance McCullers can’t stay on the field. McCullers has been put on the disabled list twice in 2017 with back issues.

Verlander comes in on a hot streak, he was 4-1 with a 2.36 ERA in August.

On top of his current play, the Astros got a pitcher with World Series experience. Verlander has just under 100 playoff innings under his belt with a 3.39 ERA.

The playoff rotation is all but set. Expect Dallas Keuchel, Justin Verlander and Lance McCullers Jr. to start the first three games.

The experience has already paid dividends for Houston in 2017 with Brian McCann, Carlos Beltran and Josh Reddick proving to be perfect pieces for the American League’s top offense.

It’s now time for the veteran pitcher to impart his wisdom to the Astros staff.

That experience is also a key injection. The Astros lead in American League’s No. 1 seed is only three games over the Indians, who have won 10 games in a row.

For all the positives of Verlander, the cost wasn’t as high as it could have been. The Astros sent three top 15 prospects to Detroit: RHP Franklin Perez, outfielder Daz Cameron and catcher Jake Rogers.

All have their upsides but Houston didn’t have to send any of its key cogs like Alex Bregman, Francis Martes, Kyle Tucker or Forrester Whitley.

This is a win-win for the Astros. Even if 2017 doesn’t pan out, Verlander will anchor the Astros rotation for the next two seasons for \$20 million per year. Far less a cost, compared to his nearly \$30 million per year previously.

Astros, now go win it all for Houston and Verlander.

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Lady Jays finish 3rd at Saint Mary’s Hall

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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The Needville Lady Jays earned third-place recognition at the Saint Mary’s Hall volleyball tournament in San Antonio over the weekend.

After a going undefeated on day one, the Lady Jays finished with an overall record of 5-1 through day two.

Needville defeated host Saint Mary’s Hall (2-0), dropped its lone losing match to St. Stephen’s Episcopal (1-2) and swept Devine for a second time in the third-place game.

The Lady Jays made short work of the Baronesses, 25-16, 25-10 in the opening match on Saturday.

Junior Anna Gadway had nine kills and three aces. Senior Sydney Sacra had four blocks and senior Kaitlyn Kovarsik had 10 digs. Senior Janssen Cain had 12 assists.

The loss to St. Stephen’s Episcopal was a tight one, 21-25, 26-16, 13-15.

Sacra again led the Lady Jays in kills with seven and Gadway had six. Senior Peyton Sulak had three aces.

Kovarsik had 11 digs and senior Hayden Smyers had eight digs. Senior Janssen Cain had 10 assists.

Needville won its second match against Devine, 25-16, 25-21.

Sacra had eight skills and Gadway had seven. Kovarik had 13 digs and Cain had six. Gadway also had 14 assists.



Needville head coach Amy Schultz and the varsity volleyball team pictured in San Antonio after capturing third place at St. Mary’s Hall Tournament.

MLB

‘Winner’ Justin Verlander introduced in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander only had about 30 minutes to decide whether to accept a trade the Houston Astros.

In the end, he figured he simply couldn’t pass up a chance to join the team with the American League’s best record.

“Ultimately it came down to winning and joining an organization that is set up to win for a long time,” he said.

The right-hander was acquired from the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night in exchange for three minor leaguers just before the deadline for having players eligible for postseason play, and was introduced in Houston on Sunday.

“We’ve done a lot of work since Jim Crane bought the team in 2011 to put this team in a position to potentially bring the first championship to the city of Houston,” general manager Jeff Luhnow said. “And adding a top of the rotation-caliber pitcher, All-Star, Cy Young, MVP to

our club is exactly what we need to maximize our chances of not only winning this year but potentially in the years to come.”

Verlander beamed as he donned his Astros cap, a different look for the 34-year-old after he spent his entire 13-year career playing for the Tigers. The trade came amid a difficult week for the city after Hurricane Harvey caused catastrophic flooding throughout the area.

“Hopefully we can bring a championship to a city that really could use something like that right now and hopefully I can be a part of that and we can give this city something to rally around,” Verlander said.

The addition of Verlander bolster’s an already solid rotation led by 2015 Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel and Lance McCullers. Keuchel, who voiced displeasure after the Astros failed to make any big trades in July, is thrilled to add another ace to Houston’s pitching staff.

“Excitement is an understatement,” Keuchel said. “Anytime you get a perennial All-Star and pitcher of this caliber and what he’s done it just makes the team that much better.”

Verlander is looking forward to getting to know Houston’s pitchers and hopes he can learn from the group.

“I’m excited to work with these guys and see these guys up close,” he said. “I think this rotation has a chance to be something pretty special.”

The six-time All Star is a playoff veteran having appeared in the postseason five times. He is 7-5 with a 3.39 ERA and 112 strikeouts in 16 career starts in the playoffs.

He is 10-8 with a 3.82 ERA in 28 starts this season. The Tigers got minor league prospects outfielder Daz Cameron, right-hander Franklin Perez and catcher Jake Rogers as well as a player to be named later or cash in the deal.

Manager A.J. Hinch loves the experience he brings to the team and joked that he was already 2-0 with the Astros after they won both games of their doubleheader on Saturday after Verlander arrived at Minute Maid Park.

“He’s a winner,” Hinch said. “We’ve had a couple of seasons here in a row that we’re very proud of that are winning seasons and he’s going to create more of that for us ... he’s as big of a potential impact as we could have imagined.”

Verlander will make his debut for the Astros on Tuesday at Seattle. He’s already thought about what it will be like to pitch for team other than the Tigers for the first time in his professional career after he was drafted by Detroit in 2004.

“It will be different in my routine and everything getting ready and just getting accustomed to everything around, but once you step on the mound it’s business as usual,” he said.

MLB on deck

Lance McCullers set to return for Mariners series

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

McCullers off DL

Astros RHP Lance McCullers (back discomfort) will come off the disabled list to make his first start since July 30 on Wednesday at Seattle.

UP NEXT

Astros ace Dallas Keuchel (11-3, 2.91 ERA) is scheduled to pitch in the opener of a series against the Mariners on Monday. He allowed six runs in six innings in an 8-1 loss to the Rangers in his last outing.

Labor of love

The streaking Cleveland Indians try to win their 12th in a row when

they open a series in Chicago against the White Sox. The AL Central leaders are having their best run since setting a team record with 14 straight wins last year, and have outscored opponents 79-18 during this string. Trevor Bauer (14-8, 4.46) is set to start for the Indians — he’s won a career-best seven consecutive decisions.

Arizona ahead

The Diamondbacks have either led or been tied for 79 straight innings. That’s resulted in a 10-game winning streak for Arizona, its best since a franchise-best 12 wins in a row in 2003. Next up is a series at Dodger Stadium, with lefty Robbie Ray facing Los Angeles lefty Rich Hill. The Dodgers have the best record in the majors despite losing eight of their last nine.

Soccer Seattle ‘Reigns’ on Dash, 1-0

BY HERALD STAFF

The Houston Dash were forced out of their home at BBVA Compass Stadium on Sunday due to the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

The Dash lost 1-0 to the Seattle Reign at Toyota Stadium in Frisco.

Dash GK Jane Campbell stopped a penalty kick in the ninth minute but couldn’t stop a shot from Merritt Mathias in the 49th minute.

Atlantic League Blue Crabs hold Skeeters down

BY HERALD STAFF

The Sugar Land Skeeters could only muster three hits on Sunday against the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs.

The Skeeters fell 6-1 at Constellation Field.

Sugar Land’s one run came from Caleb Ramsey, who lifted a sacrifice fly plating Travis Scott in the second inning.

NFL

Season preview: Watt back to anchor Texans defense, Savage gets chance

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON TEXANS

New faces: QB Deshaun Watson, RB D’Onta Foreman, LB Zach Cunningham, K Ka’imi Fairbairn, linebackers coach Mike Vrabel promoted to defensive coordinator.

Key losses: QB Brock Osweiler, CB A.J. Bouye, S Quintin Demps, offensive coordinator George Godsey.

Strengths: Houston’s defensive front should be strength of team with three-time Defensive Player of Year J.J. Watt returning after missing most of last season after two back surgeries, and 2014 top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney coming off best season. Lamar Miller returns to lead strong group of running backs after rushing for 1,073 yards last season in first year in Houston. Group should get boost this year with addition of Foreman, last year’s Doak Walker Award winner, who will be good complement to smaller Miller.

Weaknesses: Questions abound on offensive line with veteran left tackle Duane Brown still holding out and unit looking shaky in preseason. Texans need center Nick Martin, who missed all of rookie season with injury, to develop quickly and guard Xavier Su’a-Filo to improve if they hope to have more potent offense. Team is set at cornerback with veterans Johnathan Joseph and Kareem Jackson, but Houston

could be suspect at safety after losing Demps in free agency.

Fantasy Players To Watch: WR DeAndre Hopkins, Miller, defense.

Expectations: If Watt is healthy and back to form, Houston’s defense featuring him and Clowney should be among best. Question is if Tom Savage, expected to start, or Watson can step up and provide consistent quarterback play after years of problems at position. If Houston finally gets its QB situation solved and Miller has another good season, Texans could contend for championship after failing to get out of divisional round of playoffs in previous four postseason trips.

Novack, Weeden cut

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans released kicker Nick Novak, their starter for the past two seasons, and veteran quarterback Brandon Weeden as they reduced their roster to the 53-player maximum Saturday.

Novak lost his job because of the performance in camp of former UCLA standout Ka’imi Fairbairn. Fairbairn signed with the Texans last season after going undrafted and spent all of last year on the injured reserve.

Novak appeared in every game last season and made 35 of 41 field goals and 22 of 25 extra points. He signed with the Texans in 2015 after spending the previous four seasons with the Chargers.

Weeden appeared in two games with one start for Houston in 2015, but did not play last season. Houston’s starter is Tom Savage and former Clemson star Deshaun Watson, who was drafted in the first round this year, is the team’s backup at quarterback.

Houston also released offensive lineman David Quessenberry, a cancer survivor who had been on the team’s non-football illness list since 2015, but finished chemotherapy and returned to practice this offseason.

The Texans also released safety Lonnie Ballentine, who had appeared in four games over the last two seasons, speedy receiver Wendall Williams, who played three games as a rookie last season and safety K.J. Dillon who appeared in five games last year.

Also released on Saturday were receivers Dres Anderson, Justin Hardee, Germon Hopper, Riley McCarron, Chris Thompson and Marcus Leak; linebackers Avery Williams, Sio Moore, Mike Catapano, Tony Washington, Shakeel Rashad, Gimel President and Eric Lee; offensive linemen Erik Austell, Chad Slade, Josh Walker and Laurence Gibson; defensive linemen Eli Ankou, Rickey Hatley and Daniel Ross; cornerbacks Bryce Jones and Marcus Robertson; tight end Evan Baylis and running back Dare Ogunbowale.



US Open  
Quarterfinals to be set  
after Labor Day play

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A quick look at the U.S. Open :

Look-ahead to Monday

The remainder of the men's and women's quarterfinals will be set. Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer play their fourth-round matches, and another former champion is in action in a match where he considers himself the underdog.

No. 24 Juan Martin del Potro, who won the 2009 title when he beat Nadal and Federer back-to-back, faces No. 6 seed Dominic Thiem.

"He's having a great season already. He's the favorite for the match.

But I like to play him," del Potro said.

Federer will play the winner of that match if he can beat No. 33 Philipp Kohlschreiber, while the top-seeded Nadal goes against unseeded Alexander Dolgoplov.

On the women's side, top-seeded Karolina Pliskova and No. 4 Elina Svitolina both face American opponents.

Pliskova opens play against unseeded Jennifer Brady, while Svitolina takes on No. 15 Madison Keys in a night match.

Sunday's forecast

Partly cloudy. High of 71 de-

grees (22 Celsius).

Monday's weather

Sunny. High of 80 degrees (27 Celsius).

Sunday's results

Men's fourth round: No. 12 Pablo Carreno Busta beat Denis Shapovalov 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3); No. 29 Diego Schwartzman beat No. 16 Lucas Pouille 7-6 (3), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

Women's fourth round: No. 9 Venus Williams beat Carla Suarez Navarro 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; No. 16 Anastasija Sevastova beat Maria Sharapova 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; Sloane Stephens beat No. 30 Julia Goerges 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Stat of the day

5-foot-7 — The height of No. 29 seed Diego Schwartzman, making him the shortest Grand Slam quarterfinalist since Jaime Yzaga, also 5-7, at the 1994 U.S. Open, according to the ATP.

Quote of the day

"The good thing is I know I'm not going to be in an MRI machine tomorrow. I think that's a pretty big positive. Had a few of those in the summer." — Maria Sharapova.

Rosen, UCLA  
overcome 34-point  
deficit to top A&M

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA practiced a fake spike last week, never imagining that it would cap off the biggest comeback in school history.

Josh Rosen faked the spike and threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Lasley with 43 seconds remaining and UCLA overcame a 34-point deficit to stun Texas A&M 45-44 on Sunday night.

"How many seconds were left when we did it? 40? That's when we thought of it. Not before then," UCLA offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch said.

Rosen was 35 of 59 for 491 yards and four fourth-quarter touchdowns, and Jalen Starks and Soso Jamabo had scoring runs for the Bruins in the opener for both teams.

UCLA overcame a deficit of more than 20 points for the first time since overcoming a 22-0 hole in the first quarter of the 2005 Sun Bowl against Northwestern.

Rosen threw for 292 yards and the four scoring passes in the final 15 minutes to overcome a 27-point margin.

"My career at UCLA, we've had a lot of times where the chips didn't fall in our favor, and I think it's time that finally it did," Rosen said.

UCLA scored touchdowns on five straight possessions after trailing 44-10 with 4:08 to play in the third quarter. Rosen threw touchdown passes of 9 and 42 yards to Darren Andrews before finding Theo Howard for a 16-yard score on a broken play with 3:08 remaining.

Herman's  
Texas debut  
was a dud

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Bad defense, bad special teams and bad penalties. And the same old result.

Outside of those \$10 million locker rooms, Tom Herman hasn't really fixed much at Texas so far.

With a 51-41 loss to Maryland on Saturday, Herman's Longhorns tripped into the 2017 season looking a lot like the team from 2016. And 2015. And 2014.

Once again, Texas got pushed around at the line of scrimmage and gave up big plays on special teams along with big-play touchdowns in a loss that deflated a fan base eager for Herman to turn things around after three consecutive losing seasons under Charlie Strong.

Texas is back? Back to where it was before. And Strong isn't around to blame for this one. Herman praised his team for fighting to the end of the game but that will be of little solace in a program that lost its home opener for the first time since 1999.

"I told our guys never to get used to this feeling, but that we all thought that we were going to come in here and in nine months, sprinkle some fairy dust on this team and think that we've arrived, then we're wrong," Herman said.

Herman didn't sound angry in his postgame comments. He was rather subdued. And his players said the problems can be fixed.

Liberty shocks  
Baylor 48-45 in  
Rhule's debut

WACO, Texas (AP) — Matt Rhule said he didn't see any finger-pointing or yelling after his coaching debut for Baylor ended with the Bears losing to a lower-division opponent for just the second time ever.

The son of a minister and football coach already knew there was plenty of work to do following a sexual assault scandal that rocked the nation's largest Baptist university near the height of its Big 12 success.

Stephen Calvert threw for 447 yards and three touchdowns and Liberty opened its final FCS season with a stunning 48-45 win over the Bears on Saturday night.

"You didn't see any guys in the locker room saying, 'Hey defense you did this. Hey offense you did this,'" Rhule said. "You saw a bunch of guys that said, 'Hey this is what happened. Let's move forward.' Hoping every guy in this room says, 'Hey what could I have done differently.' If we all have that approach, we'll be fine."

The Bears lost their seventh straight regular-season game since starting 6-0 last season, while a 19-game regular-season winning streak against nonconference opponents ended.

Rhule was hired after a year with interim coach Jim Grobe following the scandal that led to the firing of two-time Big 12-winning coach Art Briles. The Bears lost an opener for the first time since Briles' first game in 2008.

Florida State QB  
Francois to miss  
rest of season

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State quarterback Deondre Francois will miss the rest of the season after tearing the patellar tendon in his left knee in the fourth quarter Saturday night in a 24-7 loss to No. 1 Alabama in Atlanta.

People familiar with the situation confirmed the injury to The Associated Press on Sunday night. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the school's medical information policy.

The Tallahassee Democrat first reported the injury.

TCU opens  
season with rout  
of Jackson State

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kenny Hill threw for 206 yards and four touchdowns as TCU cruised past Jackson State 63-0 on Saturday night.

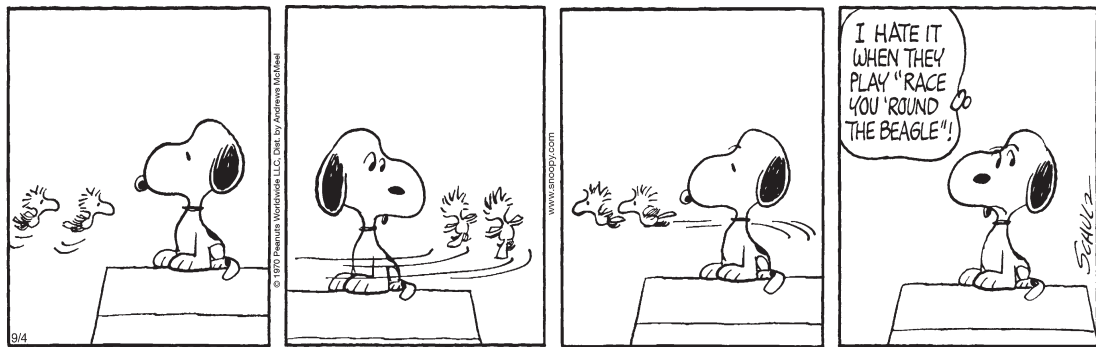
Desmon White had a pair of touchdown receptions and TCU won its 16th straight home opener, the nation's fifth-longest streak.

"I was proud of the group. Proud of how they handled themselves," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "They acted more like that was what we were supposed to, which probably excited me more than anything else."

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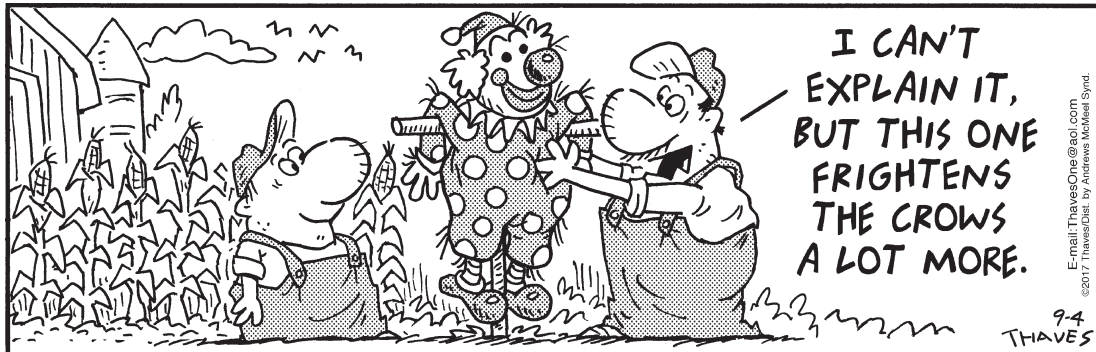
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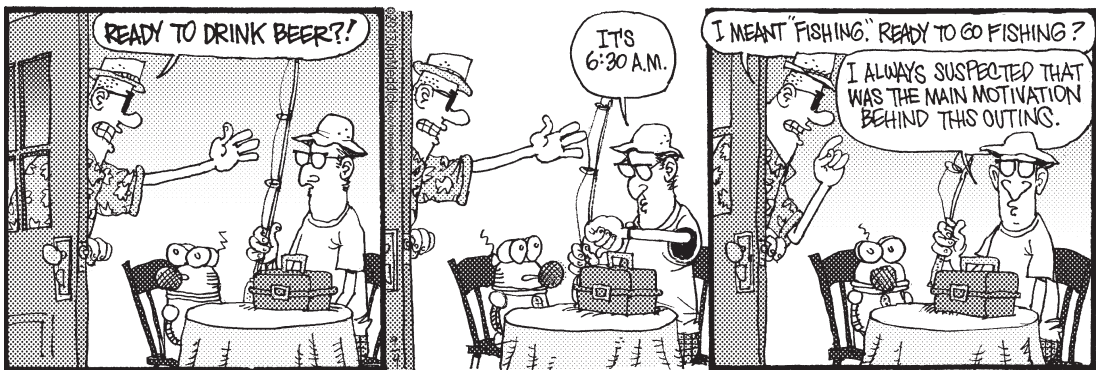
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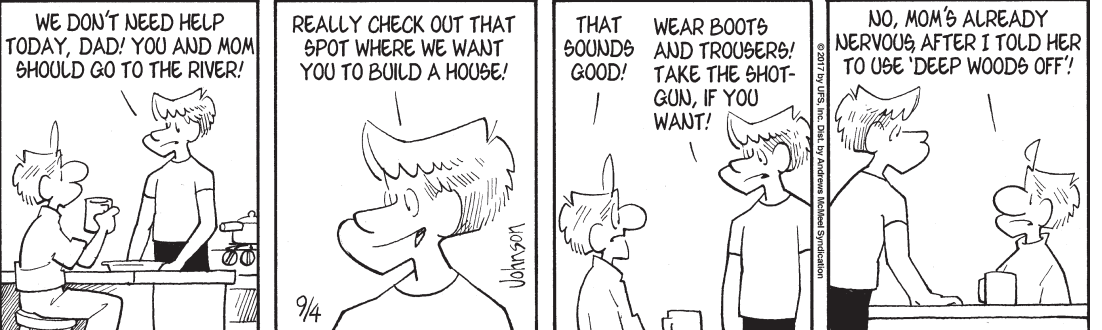
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Express your feelings and take responsibility for your actions. You can solve a lot of problems this year if you are open, honest and have a plan or solution ready to initiate. Organization and preparation will help you put the past behind you. Do your own thing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Stay active and get involved with groups that can help you succeed. Listen to what a youngster in your life says. Don't dismiss an insightful suggestion.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A unique opportunity will arise if you volunteer your time or work with a group of people interested in achieving a similar goal. Personal growth and an update to your appearance are favored.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stay focused on your plan and be reluctant to share it with others. It's important to have everything in place before you make a presentation. Your instincts will be reflective of what's happening.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You'll be disillusioned by the information someone gives you. Consider the motives behind the actions, and refrain from making assumptions. Collect facts and observe others' actions and responses.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Delve into a hobby or activity that you haven't done for years. The memories will come roaring back, giving you insight into what you want to do in the future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Listen to what others say. Think about the reasons behind an emotional plea. Don't let an opportunity to improve your finances, health or environment pass you by.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- An emotional situation is best handled openly and honestly. Being realistic about your expectations will help you avoid a stalemate with someone you live or work with.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Hidden matters will keep you from finding out the facts. Emotional tactics will be used to divert you from making a wise choice. Focus on personal growth, truth and happiness.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Put a little steam behind your ideas. It's up to you to make things happen. Don't let anger distract you when you should let it become your motivation.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Not everything will be as it appears. Taking

what someone says at face value will leave you out in the cold when it's time to make an important decision.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Getting along with your colleagues, a partner or those you live with will be essential if you want to bring about positive change. Be willing to compensate when necessary.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You'll be offered an unusual perspective about your past and how you have handled situations up to this point in your life. Listen, learn and make positive, life-altering adjustments.

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## SUPPORT: ‘People are coming together to make a difference’

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“That’s 20,000 square feet, and we have about 1 million pounds of donations in there.”

The Church distributes to over 250 businesses and companies to relieve victims, Frias revealed.

Frias said that although The Church is not in direct contact with victims of the hurricane, their donations have reached thousands of people.

The Church is giving donation to Border Patrol, the National Guard and HEB, for them to distribute to victims in need.

“We’re reaching out to other churches affected by the flood. I want to do what I can to help the county rebuild.”

Frias said that people from Florida, Louisiana, Alabama and California have come to volunteer with The Church.

The Texas Southern University women’s soccer team came to Navarro to volunteer between games.

“Now that was cool, seeing those girls take time off from training to help us out,” Frias said.

“A lot of people are coming together and making a difference. It feels amazing because we live in a time where people criticize other people for who they are or what they’re doing or what they believe in.

“But when people step through these doors, all that judgment, all those differences wash away, because we are here to help out people in need.”

Rosenberg resident Benny Dilworth packed his truck with water, food, cleaning supplies and diapers to deliver to victims of the hurricane staying in Harris County.

“There are a lot of families in need who aren’t getting any relief yet, and I wanted to do what I can



HERALD PHOTO BY AVERIL GLEASON

**MORE THAN 1,000 new people come to Navarro Middle School to volunteer by packaging together donation bags for Hurricane Harvey victims.**



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**CHARLES FISCH, left, and Michael Alonzo fill a truck bed with donations at Navarro Middle School for victims staying at Safari Texas.**

to help,” Dilworth said.

Frias said The Church will continue to offer aid to the hurricane victims until it runs out of dona-

tions.

“With everything we have, I don’t see that happening for at least a couple of weeks,” he said.

Donations can be dropped off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Navarro Middle School, located at 4700 Ave. N in Rosenberg.

## Mamie George collecting for flood victims

Catholic Charities assisted more than 1,300 individuals Thursday with basic necessities, referrals, emergency funds and gift cards to help them deal with the challenges caused by Hurricane Harvey.

“Now that floodwaters are receding, we are just beginning the long, slow recovery process,” said Cynthia N. Colbert, president and CEO.

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Donations of specific items will be welcomed at the relief centers

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Most-needed items are: food, bottled water; canned goods, can opener; children’s items — diapers (all sizes), formula, school supplies (elementary through high school; cleaning supplies — bleach,

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# Shelter: A temporary home in a time of disaster

## At one point, 59 shelters opened in Fort Bend County, offering safety to almost 5,000 souls

When Hurricane Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast last week, Herald reporter Diana Nguyen and her extended family moved in with family to escape rising water. Diana took time to visit one of the 59 shelters opened to hurricane victims. Here is what she saw.

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After Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast and made its disastrous way through Fort Bend County, sunshine slowly returned and the rainfall finally departed.

Volunteers, coming from both unaffected and flooded homes, were present at the Gallery Furniture store in Richmond on Thursday to lend a helping hand in whichever way they could.

Foster High School junior Breven Jackson, 16, heard about the need for volunteers through the news.

“Where I live, right there by Highway 99 and Bellaire, our house was perfectly fine,” said Breven. “The only thing that was flooded was the streets. As soon as we were able to get out of our neighborhood, we came straight here. I’ve been here for about six hours.”

Along with his younger brother and dad, Breven packed essentials like toiletries and paper towels for residents whose homes have been affected by Harvey.

The people came across, he described, were easy to get along with.

“Everyone back there, all the volunteers, I got to know them,” he said. “I got to meet a lot of nice people.”

Inside the shelter sat an elderly woman by the name of Joyce Daugherty, along with her husband and two dogs. The family left their house in New Territory house Monday morning due to a mandatory evacuation.

“We’ve been here since Monday. We heard about the evacuation Sunday night and at about 11 o’clock, we started working at our house and stayed up until 3:30 a.m. [moving] things upstairs,” Joyce recalled. “Then we started looking for a place to stay.”

Joyce noted that some houses in her neighborhood were flooded.

“They’re waiting for the levee to go down, or it’s going to go over the levee, which will make more houses flooded,” she said.

“But if the levee breaks... That’s why it’s dangerous. We’re waiting to see if the Brazos Rivers is already out of its banks.”

When the couple first arrived at the shelter, there wasn’t enough room, so they slept in the car.



AFTER FACING the effects of Hurricane Harvey, New Territory resident Ivan Pidjirsky, 12, and his family sought shelter at Gallery Furniture in Richmond. Here, Ivan, with his dog Sirius, lies down on a mattress in the Green Room.



FOSTER HIGH School junior Breven Jackson, 16, carries bags of toilet paper, hygiene products and paper towels to give out to those affected by Hurricane Harvey, while volunteering at the Gallery Furniture store in Richmond.



JOYCE DAUGHERTY of New Territory, with her Maltese Bandit, evacuated her home due to Hurricane Harvey’s overflow of rainfall in the Brazos River, and sought shelter at the Gallery Furniture store in Richmond.

Joyce came in the next morning and spoke with a man who offered her his bed.

“It was really cool,” she said. “So we put our pets in here. The dogs were so nervous.”

She held up a fluffy, white Maltese. “This is little Bandit,” said Joyce.

“It’s worked out. This is lovely. We cannot believe they brought in portable showers. They have everything. They have a cat room, a dog room, you cannot be hungry here.

“The food is delicious. Different people from the community have brought in food. Everyone will go out of their way to make sure you’re comfortable. It’s been wonderful.”

Volunteer Christina Arca, a Pecan Grove resident and mom of two, shared that her house was listed under voluntary evacuation map.

“I’ve been here since Monday and all around me was already red,” she said of the mandatory evacuation zone. “I was the only one that stayed yellow.

“A few hours after I was here, everything turned mandatory.

“Everyone has been wonderful. They had portable showers delivered by Monday evening. They had catered food brought in, the kitchen opened up the first Monday night, they had everything.

“Monday night, they sent in 50 more mattresses and on Tuesday morning, they had breakfast brought in.”

Christina noted that due to the hurricane, she hasn’t been able to go to work. “My boss is so generous, he paid us for the week,” she said. “They wired money to our accounts.

“Today was supposed to be payday. We got our money yesterday. Some people are working from home.”

Christina’s mom and one of Christina’s two daughters (the other daughter is safe at the University of St. Thomas) also stayed at the shelter.

“My mom has been walking around with her walker, keeping herself busy, exploring a new place,” she said. “I told her, ‘Get your walk in, get your steps.’”

And the kindness of the community seems to be endless.

“A grooming person came,” Christina added. “She voluntarily showered and groomed the dogs. That made the dogs and the owners feel so much better.”

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FROM LEFT, Allie Mabrey, 13, sister Leann, 16, mom Karen, and Allie Kaiser, 24, volunteer at Gallery Furniture organizing hygiene products into gift bags to hand out to those whose homes have been affected by Hurricane Harvey.



VOLUNTEER PAT McGraw organizes bottles of water at the Gallery Furniture store in Richmond, which serves as a shelter for those displaced during Hurricane Harvey.



KOBE BADILLO happily helps the hurricane relief effort by unloading trucks filled with bottled water at Navarro Middle School in Rosenberg.

Fort Bend County residents turned out in droves to help neighbors and strangers alike after the hurricane. Got photos of your kids or students helping out? Email them to [newsroom@fbherald.com](mailto:newsroom@fbherald.com) and we’ll share them with our readers online at [fbherald.com](http://fbherald.com)



AFTER EVACUATING their Rosenberg home due to Hurricane Harvey, Leo, Sarah and Helen Munoz were brought to a shelter in Richmond. They play with donated toys with other children.