Rows of sand-colored LMTVs (Light Medium Tactical Vehicles) and camouflaged humvees lined the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds parking lot on Sat-

Approximately 250 members of the Texas Task Force 1 and 2 and the Texas

"The military has the high-profile vehicles, we have the boats," said Task

Force 1 Assistant Leader Travis Maher,

who has been with the force for 18 years

and serves with the Austin Fire Depart-

"We work together to facilitate help

The areas they served, Maher noted,

included mainly Richmond-Rosenberg,

Cinco Ranch, Greatwood, Pecan Grove,

cess of an urban search and rescue mis-

Maher explained the evacuation pro-

and Sienna Plantation neighborhoods.

National Guard HAVE BEEN stationed at the fairgrounds to search for and rescue county residents affected by Hurri-

**BY DIANA NGUYEN** 

cane Harvey's flooding.

for the locals.

# **BREAKING NEWS!**



**TILMAN FERTITTA** set to buy Houston Rockets; see

## **Good Afternoon**

#### **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 Ave. N in Rosenberg. For more information, contact 281-342-3805.

#### **American Legion**

American Legion Post 271 and Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Post Home 4520 Highway 36 South. Covered dish meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call 281-341-9966 for more information.

#### **Needville Harvest Festival**

Needville Harvest Festival turkey, ham, dressing, and all the trimmings drive-thru dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 10, Proceeds will go toward scholarships. For meal tickets, call 713-254-1300.

#### **Deadline extended**

The 34th Annual Needville Harvest Festival Sponsorship has been extended due to the hurricane. Any business or individual interested in sponsoring the 2017 festival may call 281-468-9314. Deadline is Sept. 12.

## **Fort Bend Journal**

# Not running away

"Not all who turn their backs are running away." — Swedish proverb

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# **Around the Bend**

Rosenberg Mayor Bill Benton spotted at Home Depot on Monday... Richmond City Commissioner Barry Beard enjoying a meal at Jason's Deli before heading to Houston and checking on his mom and helping jump start his father-in-law's vehicle..

Fort Bend County Road & Bridge workers Brent McCauley, Wes Bratton, Mark Fleck, Doug Kinard, Glen Zawhr and Ruben Zavala help transport a fallen Oak Tree in front of the county courthouse on Jackson and S. 5th Street in Richmond...

Vanessa and Lance McClain, Elida Castillo, Kimberly, Frankie and Felipe Pena and George Ranch High School students Candace Hoang, Lexi McMillan, Catherine Phan volunteer their time organizing needed items at Common Threads by Jane Long Elementary School in Richmond...

## **Obituary**

Monica Sanchez-Oros, 32 Connie Lopez, 91 Jung Hun Youn, 43

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# **Today's Scripture**

Keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:13

## Thought for Today

"I am one of the people who love the why of things.

- Catherine the Great, Russian czarina (1729-1796)



# **Hurricane Harvey**

# Welcomed with open arms

Texas National Guard sets up camp at Fort Bend County Fairgrounds



HERALD PHOTO BY DIANA NGUYEN

1 and 2, have been stationed at the Fort Bend County Fairthroughout the county due to Hurricane Harvey. Back row,

THE TEXAS National Guard, along with the Texas Task Force from left, are: Cpl. Ramirez, Sgt. Cook, Spc. Lucido, Spc. Newman, Lt. Culver, Spc. Dellvalle, Sgt. Sangster and Pfc. Rios. grounds in order to carry out search and rescue efforts Front row, from left, are: Sgt. Molina, Pvt. Trevino, Lt. Pinon and and Spc. Rios.



HERALD PHOTO BY DIANA NGUYEN

TEXAS TASK Force 1 members, from left, John Nickles, Les Ward and Danny Watkins (holding the red frisbee), play a game of ultimate frisbee at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in Rosenberg on Saturday, after conducting about a week of search and rescue efforts due to Hurricane Harvey.

■ St. Paul's United Church of Christ is collecting pet supplies for lost pets. Story, Page 5.

■ FEMA disaster recovery center opens at George R. Brown Convention Center. Story, Page 5.

## HERALD PHOTO BY DIANA NGUYEN

TEXAS NATIONAL Guard members Raul Mendoza and Hannah Wells take a water break after playing a game of ultimate frisbee in the hot sun. The Texas National Guard, along with the Texas Task Force 1 and 2, have been stationed at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in order to carry out search and rescue efforts throughout the county due to Hurricane Harvey.

■ Mandatory, voluntary evacuation orders revised. Story, Page 8.

■ IRS offers tax relief to Hurricane Harvey victims in Fort Bend County. Story, Page 5.

# Fort Bend County cities may apply for FEMA disaster loans

AUSTIN — The Federal Emergency Management Agency has granted Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's request for Community Disaster Loan assistance for Texas localities impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

That means Fort Bend County communities recovering from the storm can now receive funding to help maintain their operating budgets and continue their full operations while also focusing on rebuilding their communities.

Abbott thanked FEMA for their quick response in helping these cities.

"The quick and focused work of our federal partners in response to Hurricane Harvey has been essential to the recovery

effort in Texas," Abbott said. "These loans are critical to providing cities with the resources and flexibility to recover while still providing important services to the Texans in their communi-

"I look forward to our continued work with the federal government and thank them for their help on behalf of the victims of this storm.'

# **Fort Bend County Hurricane** schedules debris pick-up

Fort Bend County residents affected floodwaters are hard at work cleaning out their homes and property after the

County emergency management officials will begin collecting residents storm debris starting this week.

County officials will coordinate debris removal efforts for all unincorporated areas and with our partnering jurisdictions.

It is important that residents abide by Hurricane Harvey and the recent by the debris sorting guidelines provided at http://fbceom.org/debris, county officials said.

These guidelines include separating debris into categories, never using trash or plastic bags for this debris, placing debris piles at the curb or roads edge, and restrictions on county officials entering private property.

SEE **DEBRIS**, PAGE 5

# Rosenberg council to set 2018 tax rate Tuesday

BY AVERIL GLEASON agleason@fbherald.com

The proposed 2018 fiscal year budget and supporting tax rate will be the main topics of the Rosenberg City Council meeting to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at City Hall, 2110 Fourth St.

Council members will consider adopting the proposed budget and tax rate (46.2 cents) for FY 2018.

The proposed budget appropriates funds necessary to fund city operations, including water and wastewater operations, debt service obligations, special revenue fund operations and internal service fund operations.

At an emergency city council meeting on Aug. 31, Police Chief Dallis Warren said that more than 250 homes in Rosenberg suffered water damage and at least 15 houses were confirmed flooded.

Because of Hurricane Harvey and the resulting flood, city staff recommend that council authorize a temporary waiver of building permit fees for construction re-

pairs related to the storm.

According to city staff, if approved, this will help minimize further hardship for the property owners that find it necessary to perform repairs and/or rehabilitate flood-damaged properties.

The fee waiver would be effective for building-related permits applied for and issued from Sept. 1 of this year through Aug 31, 2018.

In other business, council will consider taking action on roof repairs for City

Hall and fence repairs for the police department. As discussed at the August workshop meeting, the City Hall roof replacement

project has been removed from the FY 2018 proposed budget in order to find it from current year sales tax revenues, amounting to \$300,000. Council has requested that the police

department fence repair also be budgeted with the current year sales tax revenue, amounting to \$36,000.

Council members will consider ap-

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# Downtown Rosenberg planning September events

BY AVERIL GLEASON agleason@fbherald.com

Live music, an art exhibit, and a fall fun fest highlight Rosenberg Main Street Program's festivities for the month of September.

The downtown-based program works to create events catering to residents of the area, according to Main Street Program Manager Dan Kelleher.

The Rosenberg Railroad Museum is holding its fourth annual Fall Fun Fest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 16. The museum is located at 1921 Ave. F.

The theme for the fourth annual event is "May the Steam be with you."

The Houston Area Steampunks are

SEE DOWNTOWN, PAGE 8

# Deputies investigate home invasion robbery in Tara subdivision

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding a home-invasion style robbery case in the Richmond area.

Around 11 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to a residence in the 7000 block of Sharpsburg Drive in the Tara subdivision concerning the incident.

The initial report is that two black men carrying guns forced their way into the home and pistol whipped one of the residents.

Detectives believe there was another person waiting in the getaway vehicle, a Cadillac

SEE DEPUTIES, PAGE 8

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# **Your World**

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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-yearold girl whose body was found in a North Texas landfill. 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.

#### **Lone Star Flight Museum** planes fly from Galveston to Houston

GALVESTON — Some vintage military aircraft have been flown from a now-closed Southeast Texas museum to their new home in Houston. Lone Star Flight Museum spokeswoman Katie Jackman said Wednesday that the planes are being prepped for the Sept. 2 reopening at Ellington Airport.

**BREAKING NEWS!** 

■ Considering the recent weather

event in our community, the Liter-

acy Council of Fort Bend County

feels it is in everyone's best in-

terest to postpone the 2018 Great

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

■ Holy Rosary Catholic Church,

1416 George St., in Rosenberg, will

hold its 81st annual bazaar. Bar-

becue 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 in-

cludes children's activities and

game booths. Live music will be

performed by the Lazy Farmers

Sign Me Up!

Grown-up Spelling Bee.

# BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **NATION**

NY ex village mayor faces child-porn charges

STILLWATER, N.Y. — The mayor of Stillwater has resigned following his arrest on child pornography charges. Deputy Mayor Frank Tatum is serving as acting mayor of the village following Rick Nelson's arrest. Nelson could not be reached for comment. Tatum said that the village "will continue to move forward" despite the "incredibly difficult" situation.

#### **Next Miss America could** be pilot, governor, alpaca farmer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — One wants to be the first female governor of North Dakota. One is a half-blind baton twirler who performed at a Super Bowl. Another wants to chase tornadoes. One wants to run an alpaca farm, another is a former NFL cheerleader, yet another wants to sing the National Anthem at a Boston Red Sox game, and there is another who wants to be a criminal profiler for the FBI.

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

■ The Fort Bend County Fair will

kick off with a parade at 9 a.m.,

and the parade committee is pres-

ently accepting applications for

entries. For more information on

the Fair's schedule or parade en-

try forms, visit fortbendcounty-

fair.com or call the Fair Office at

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

ment on Oct. 2, at Sugar Creek

"Fore" Autism charity tourna-

lv Life Center.

281-342-6171.

p.m. in the Joerger-Lindsey Faminoon.



#### Kenya officials set fresh presidential polls on Oct.

NAIROBI — Kenya will hold fresh presidential elections on Oct. 17, the electoral commission announced Monday. The new elections will be between President Uhuru Kenyatta and opposition leader Raila Odinga following the Supreme Court's ruling last week to nullify the results of the Aug. 8 polls which gave victory to Kenvatta.

#### **US** to push for more North **Korea sanctions**

SEOUL, South Korea — U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley says the United States will circulate a draft resolution this week pushing further sanctions against North Korea. Haley made the comments Monday at the end of an emergency U.N. Security Council meeting during which members condemned North Korea's latest nuclear test.

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 pa-

per-based materials. No need to

remove staples, paperclips, or fas-

teners. Three-ring binders, metal

or plastic objects, and electronic

media will not be accepted. ID is

required. Bring your city of Rich-

mond water bill stub for identifi-

cation purposes. Keep Richmond

Beautiful volunteers will be on-

hand for any assistance needed.

For more information on the

shred event or to volunteer, call

## **Today in History**

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 5, the 248th day of 2017. There are 117 days

left in the year. Today's Highlights in History:

On September 5, 1997, breaking the roval reticence over the death **Princess** Diana, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II delivered televised address in which

**Princess** Diana

former daughter-in-law "a remarkable person." Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87; conductor Sir Georg Solti (johrj SHOL'-tee) died in France at age 84.

On this date:

she called her

In 1774, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

In 1836, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Tex-

In 1882, the nation's first Labor Day was celebrated with a parade in New York. (Although Labor Day now takes place on the first Monday of September, this first celebration occurred on a Tuesday.)

In 1914, the First Battle of the Marne, resulting in a French-British victory over Germany, began during World War I.

In 1939, four days after war had broken out in Europe, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a proclamation declaring U.S. neutrality in the conflict.

In 1945, Japanese-American Iva Toguri D'Aquino, suspected of being wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino was later convicted of treason and served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by

President Gerald R. Ford.)



Gerald R. Ford

In 1957, the novel "On the Road," by Jack Kerouac, was first published Viking Press. In 1972, the

Palestinian

group Black

September at-

tacked the Israeli Olympic delegation at the Munich Games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the resulting

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, California.

In 1977, West German industrialist Hanns-Martin Schleyer (SHLY'-ur) was kidnapped in Cologne by the Baader-Meinhof gang. (**Schlever** was later killed by his captors.) The U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2.

In 1986, four hijackers who had seized a Pan Am jumbo jet on the ground in Karachi, Pakistan, opened fire when the lights inside the plane failed; a total of 20 people were killed before Pakistani com-

mandos stormed the jetliner. In 2005, President George W. Bush nominated John Roberts to succeed the late William Rehnquist as chief justice of the United States. An Indonesian ietliner crashed, killing 149 people, including 49 on the ground; 17 passengers

survived. Ten years ago: German officials announced that three militants from an Islamic group linked to al-Qaida were planning "imminent" bomb attacks against Americans in Germany when an elite anti-terrorist unit raided their small-town hideout. Fred Thompson announced on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" that he was running for the Republican presidential nomination; his candidacy lasted less than

five months. Alicia Sacramone's floor routine rallied the United States to the world women's gymnastics title in Stuttgart, Germany.

Five years ago: In an impassioned speech that

following day.

Alicia Sacramone

House; in a roll call that lasted past midnight.

rocked the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North

Carolina, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed, "I know we're

coming back" from the worst economic mess in generations, and he appealed to hard-pressed Ameri-

cans to stick with Barack Obama

for a second term in the White

**Area Birthdays** 

Note: The deadline for Area Birthdays is 9 a.m. Monday through Friday, and 4 p.m. Friday for the weekend edition. Any birthdays called in after that will go in the

#### Keep Richmond Beautiful Chair Country Club, 420 Sugar Creek Polka Band. Auction begins at 1:30 Barbara Johnson at 281-342-4114. Blvd., Sugar Land. Tee time is Palace announces Prince William, Kate expecting third child

LONDON (AP) — Prince William and his wife, the Duchess of Cambridge, will soon welcome a

third child to the royal nursery. Kensington Palace officials announced Monday that the Duchess is pregnant but that the former Kate Middleton was not feeling well enough to attend an engage-

ment later in the day. As with her other two pregnancies, the duchess is suffering from hyperemesis gravidarum, or acute morning sickness. She is being cared for at the royal couple's apartment in London's Kensington

The sickness failed to dampen

Palace.



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Sunset: 7:35 pm | Sunset: 7:34 pm

the buoyant mood among the roy als, however.

"The queen and members of both families are delighted with the news," the palace said in a statement.

No details were immediately available about when the third baby is due, though the duchess is less than 12 weeks pregnant. That would put the due date somewhere between mid-March and mid-June.

William and Kate, both 35, already have two children: Prince George, 4, and Princess Charlotte,

The announcement comes as the royal couple prepared to mark another milestone for their young family: Prince George is scheduled to start school Thursday at Thomas's Battersea in south London.

Their choice of a south London school indicated that the royal couple was settling into their Kens-

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**MORNING** 

ington Palace apartment, having moved recently from their Norfolk home Anmer Hall

Betting agencies were quick to start offering odds on possible names for the soon-to-be addition to the House of Windsor.

Paddy Power offered 8-to-1 odds on Alice and 10-to-1 odds on Arthur. Also popular is Diana, after Prince William's mother, particularly given the timing of the announce-

William and Kate took a leading role in marking the 20th anniversary of Diana's death last week.

The couple, joined by William's brother, Prince Harry, toured the garden of Kensington Palace to commemorate the princess's contributions to their family and the many charities she supported.

"Given the recent anniversary, there'll be plenty of interest in the name Diana if the baby is a girl,"



8-3-7-1 2-9-0-3 0-1-4-6 6-5-8-2

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The Fort Bend Herald is not responsible for the accuracy of the lottery numbers. See State Lottery website

**EVENING** 

2-2-8

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4-5-1

# **TASK FORCE:** Texas National Guard, Texas A&M veterinarians camp at Fairgrounds

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"We have someone embedded in the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) when we get a call," he said. "Or we'll hear it on the radio if we don't have any phone devices working.

"They'll give us an address. From here (the designated station), we'll dispatch either a boat squad or a boat squad with high-profile vehicles. They'll make their way to the incentive, the house or wherever, and they'll boat to where it's dry.

"On the backside of it, we're calling the EOC for transportation, whether it's medical transportation like the ambulance, or a bus or a van to take those folks to a shelter. And then we'll come back here."

Texas Task Force 1 member Juan Velez added that the forces are branched into separate squads.

"There's four squads, but each squad is divided up," he said. "So they can send just two guys out depending on what the call is.

"But if we're going to search a whole neighborhood, they'll send a whole squad out, which is roughly 11 people."

The squad always includes a dog handler and a hazardous materials (hazmat) member, Velez noted. "Those guys take care of us and make sure we decontaminate once we get back," he said. "They have special sprays they put on us."

Velez, who is originally from San Antonio and has been on the force since 1997, pointed out the dangers of flooding waters.

"We have to put on dry suits because the water's contaminated," Velez said. "Being in drysuits is extremely hot. It's got rubber around the neck and the wrists. The feet have sealed booties. You zip it across your chest.

"The only thing exposed is your face and your hands. You have to be real careful not to swallow water or get splashed in the face. If you do, you gotta clean up real quick.

"There's sewage in the water. This area is [a lot of] farmland and hydro products. You get a lot of animal feces, gasoline and oil."

After several days of flooding, Velez said the water becomes infected with animal carcases.





Tactical Vehicle) to flush out any water from the vehicle's transmission.

Texas National Guard Sgt. Cook

and Sgt. Molina slowly roll the

wheel of a LMTV (Light Medium

Texas Task Force 2 US&R (Urban Search and Rescue) members Andrea Sutcliffe, on left, and Keri Grant, on Saturday, hold up two puppies sheltered at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds in care by the Texas A&M University Veterinary

"The water becomes very, very contaminated and dangerous as time goes by; you can start smelling it in the air," he noted. "You just gotta be careful."

And it isn't the Texas military forces' first time serving Fort Bend County. Maher added that the force was stationed at the fairgrounds a year ago due to the Memorial Day flood.

"We have responded to numerous, numerous hurricanes," he said. "Hurricane Katrina, Ike, Gustav, Harvey, Rita, all of those kind of stand out.

"We're starting to make plans to go to Brazoria County, but we haven't been released here yet."

After 10 days of being stationed in Fort Bend County, Maher is looking forward to returning home.

"I have two boys and my wife at home, so I miss them a lot," he shared.

Once back in Austin, Maher plans to catch up on sleep and wrestle with his sons, Riley and Maddox, 10 and 13, and spend time with his wife and 1-and-a-half-year-old black lab.

The best part of his time serving? "Helping the people who need help in times of need, without a doubt," said Maher.

"People are very grateful," added Velez. "You show up to their house and they start crying. They're just happy to be [rescued]. It makes you feel like you're accomplishing something. It's a good feeling."

Along with the Texas National Guard and Task Force 1 and 2, members of the Wentzville and Mehville Fire Dept. from St. Louis, Missouri and a few from various states across the United States, also served Fort Bend County during Hurricane Harvey.

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#### Pat on the Back

Kudos to Texas National Guard and the Texas Task Force 1 and 2 for searching and rescuing Fort Bend County residents during Hurricane Harvey.

#### **Our View**

# Congress must tie Harvey aid to debt limit bill

victims in Texas get the help they need.

it should be tied to the Harvey fund- to oppose the debt-limit bill. ing," Mnuchin said Sunday. "If Conmoney and pay for it, we're not going to be able to get that money to aside."

the weekend, expressing hope for cover expenses.

ongress needs to combine a speedy congressional action on Har-\$7.9 billion disaster relief vey aid. But some House conservapackage for Harvey with a tives are opposed to directly pairing contentious increase in the disaster aid with an increase in the nation's borrowing limit, Treasury debt limit, saying it sends the wrong Secretary Steven Mnuchin says, ar- message on overall government guing it is needed to ensure storm spending. Democrats have also been cool to the approach.

Linking the two issues could make "The president and I believe that it politically difficult for lawmakers

Trump plans to meet with congresgress appropriates the money but I sional leaders from both parties this don't have the ability to borrow more week as lawmakers return to Washington after their summer recess.

The government's cash reserves the state. So, we need to put politics are running low because the debt limit has actually already been reached, President Donald Trump visited and the Treasury Department is usstorm-ravaged areas in Texas over ing various accounting measures to

# The kindness of strangers

After Hurricane Harvey rapidly made its frightening way into

southeast Texas, fear and panic began to slowly seep into people's minds. Grostores cerv and gas stations became flooded with customers.

Plans to evacuate and phone

calls with worried voices were made. Others intended to remain cooped up in their homes for days. Hurricane Harvey was all over

Diana

Ngyuen

As a journalist still busy with interviews and events to cover, I didn't take the time to prepare

with groceries and gallons of water or pause to conduct a game My family group text messages

news links about the hurricane  $\,$  out to my mom to let her know. and urged my sisters and me to come home.

'OK. If our house gets flooded, we'll stay upstairs the whole time, I thought to myself. 'But wait... Would that be dangerous? What if the crazy wind rips off the roof?'

On Sunday night, while all I wanted to do was watch the season finale of "Game of Thrones," it was preparation time!

My sister, Christina, and I brought all our important belong-

Korean President Moon Jae-

in has told Russian President

Vladimir Putin that the Unit-

ed Nations Security Council

off oil supplies to North Korea.

In a 20-minute phone call

with Putin, Moon also urged the

U.N. Security Council to review

measures to cut off sources of

North Korea's foreign curren-

cies, including banning coun-

Lee Hartman

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CHAIRMAN

ever was I more proud to ings upstairs, the vital documents and how or if I could get to work, be a Texan than this past like our birth certificates, photo but I had faith it would all be OK albums, my laptop, camera, and loads of DVDS in fear of being

> In the pouring rain, Christina and I lined the doors with taped garbage bags to keep the water from entering and sacks of soil to weigh the bags down. We all slept in my mom's room downstairs, for my mom was afraid the hurricane might hit our house.

The water levels kept rising and rising. Our neighborhood streets and plants completely disappeared under the flooding

'This is it!' I thought. I was ready to be holed up for the week.

Come Monday afternoon, my mom started freaking out and refused to stay home. "We need to leave!" she yelled, stressing out. We weren't sure who to call or

who could help us out. After a series of phone calls, and my family stressing out, suddenly, we were saved by the bell! I opened the door to find volun-

ing if we needed help. I was over- for all they have done and continwere blowing up. My mom sent whelmed with emotion. I yelled ue to do.

I grabbed my backpack and packed my dog, Kina, in a tote bag to make her easier to carry.

I looked at the two men at my doorstep. They were holding onto an air mattress. An air mattress! I found it humorous and inventive.

As soon as I sat down on the air mattress, my shorts became completely soaked. But my main concern was my dog Kina. She was shivering and scared. I was a little worried about the house, my car,

**Topic of discussion** 

South Korea, Russia talk missile testing

That's according to a state-

ment released by Moon's pres-

idential office. The office said

Korea's nuclear and missile

programs threatening interna-

tional peace and security, but

emphasized finding a diplomat-

has spoken with South Korean

President Donald Trump

WASHINGTON(AP)—South tries from importing North Ko-

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in the end.

As we were carried out via air mattress by these beautiful strangers in the rain, they treaded deeper and deeper, eventually reaching chest deep water.

All around us were neighbors evacuating. We boarded onto an LMTV filled with other people and dogs. I wish I could have given the helpers a hug. But with the rainfall increasing and residents in need of evacuating, it was 'Go, go, go!' time.

Thankfully, my family and I made it out safely and stayed at my aunt's place. Reflecting on it all, I feel so incredibly proud of humanity and grateful for the kindness of strangers, my friends' and family's well-being, everything. My thoughts and prayers go out to those affected.

While Hurricane Harvey brought a great deal of suffering, loss and destruction in its wake, the kindness of good Samaritans and first responders never fall teers from my neighborhood ask- short. I can't thank them enough

Hurricane Harvey is certainly a tale of trauma and devastation through what seemed like an endless storm. But it is also a greater story of kindness, love, courage and heroism.

As we experience these crazy, unfortunate times, it's always nice to know you're not alone. Helping hands, open ears and an open heart go a long way.

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President Moon Jae-in Monday

for the first time since North Ko-

from South Korea's presidential

office, Moon and Trump agreed

to remove the limit on the pay-

load of South Korean missiles

in response to the North's nu-

clear test. They also both agreed

that the latest test was a grave

provocation that was "unprece-

According to a statement

rea's recent nuclear test.

# Fort Bend proud

# A community that stands together triumphs

the path to healing.

It will be a long and frustrating journey, no doubt about it, but we will recover — especially considering how we've come

The last time I found myself proud and in awe of this community's ability to unite was during last year's flood.

together.

Much like current conditions, that flood displaced people,



Griffin

destroyed property and devastated our sense of security.

High waters crept into places in a way never seen before and people, including myself, were terrified.

I teared up when I heard about the Brookshire couple that died in the flood waters.

Although I did not know them personally, nor their family, I ached as if they were my own family, because despite our differences and even our disagreements, Fort Bend County is a family. We are at odds at times and

we fight, just like any family, but when it matters we know how to come together no matter our

statuses and backgrounds.

And this is the silver lining I choose to focus on.

We have no control over nature or the hardships it can cause, but we have complete control over how we take care of one In his column that ran this

past weekend, Bill Hartman said: "It was spiritually encouraging to hear the world 'prayer' spoken so often during the week. I hope we become re-addicted to our religious faiths." I agree 100 percent. This re-

cent experience was probably the first time I saw so many people start prayer chains online for Fort Bend, and I didn't see one negative comment.

When someone asked, "How can I help?" the suggestions came flying from all corners of the county. Whether it was a county organization or the woman down the street trying to collect clothing for a neighbor, people focused their energy on helping.

Herald staff worked around the clock through the high waters, rough weather and power outages to ensure our readers and this community had the latest updates and the information they needed in efforts to regain that damaged sense of security.

There were rescues by first responders and non-emergency personnel alike, food and cloth-

his community is again on races, cultures, socioeconomic ing drives, and messages circulating on the web and social media, not just proclaiming that we will recover, but also detailing

efforts to make it happen. It's easy to post a catchy hashtag or meme that can be shared across the web; it's another thing to put recovery efforts in

motion. What makes me proud is that the people rallying to help are the same people now facing hardships. I know a few people whose homes were flooded and they lost so many valuables, but they are out there right now contributing to recovery efforts.

This speaks volumes to our humanity, of our compassion.

I finally ventured to a couple of stores the other day, and I could be imagining this, but everyone seemed a bit kinder, a bit more compassionate than usual.

People smiled more and helped fellow shoppers reach items on a shelf they couldn't reach. People were more patient and willing to wait on their fellow man.

These may seem like slight actions, but sometimes the largest impact can be made by the smallest means.

We will continue to take steps toward healing and I have no doubt that we will get there because a community that stands together, triumphs together.

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# **Outside View**



# Realistic choices must be made

Then summer ends and ISIS, crushing al-Qaida, preventing autumn begins, one tends to feel instinctively, if fool-

ishly, that other things will end and begin, too. That's certainly not true when it comes America's far-flung wars.

ident spoke recently on stan, he posited the choices

When Pres-Trump Afghani-**Georgia Ann** Geyer we face in the

war as essentially only two. We could suddenly withdraw, leaving the Middle East in utter chaos, or we could stay in for the long run, adding a small number of American troops and praying for a miracle (and thus also leaving the Middle East in chaos).

I should say for the record that there was a third suggestion. Erik Prince, the former Navy SEAL and founder of Blackwater, the private security firm accused of crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan, put forward the perfectly amazing idea of contracting a 5,000-man "mercenary" force for Afghanistan. But for some strange reason, the regular military men in the White House were not nice about the idea at all.

Meanwhile, the president went so far as to say: "From now on, victory will have a clear definition. Attacking our enemies, obliterating the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan and stopping mass terror attacks against America before they emerge.'

So, fellow citizens, this is where we are — once again. Our leading military men say repeatedly that we can't "win" in Afghanistan in any conventional sense of the word (and if anyone in Washington actually knows what "winning" would mean, that wisdom has not been shared with any of us). Perhaps London's well-versed The Guardian headlined the situation best: "Afghanistan: unwinnable and unlosable.

But before we get too glum, allow me to suggest that there IS another alternative that is not nearly as crazy as Erik Prince's. It is not an easy alternative, and it would not be a painless one for us, much less for the Afghans. But if it truly involved a change in our strategic thinking, it could, I believe, save us from incalculably painful mistakes in the future.

Our problem, exemplified by the Afghan war, is that we are overextended as a nation. We have 800-plus military bases across the world. We have spent at least \$1 trillion in Afghanistan, while we are 20 times that amount in debt. We talk about nation-building, but in truth, we are doing more nation-destroying. We claim at every turn to be the arbiter of the world, while we have forgotten how to keep our own cities safe.

This problem is to be found almost everywhere we look. The U.S. Navy has been involved in four count them, FOUR! - accidents this year resulting in the tragic and unnecessary deaths of multiple American sailors in the Pacific and the South China Sea.

The situation was considered so serious that U.S. Navy ships worldwide were ordered to pause their activity so the Navy could investigate whether ships are being overused and whether the deployable battle force, at 277 ships, is smaller than what is needed to meet demand. In short, our Navy is overextended.

Yet the answer to such problems is always to somehow fund more military action, more demand, and never to pause and ask: "What is within our capacity?"

Many immediately jumped into the discussion over Afghanistan, blaming the military. It is easy to say that it's the generals who want war, but that is actually not true. Vietnam was created by civilians filled with ego after American victory in World War II. Iraq and Afghanistan were pushed by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who was ambitious to have "his" war, and by Vice President Dick Cheney and his group of civilian Pentagon "neocons," who saw attacking Iraq as a means to defend Israel.

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## The First Amendment

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# Trump left politically damaged? WASHINGTON (AP) — After at Kelly after a boisterous rally in tangling with some of the same

a summer of staff shake-ups and self-made crises, President Donald Trump is emerging politically damaged, personally agitated and continuing to buck at the confines of his office.

For weeks, the West Wing has been upended by a reorganization that Trump has endorsed and, later, second-guessed, including his choice of retired Marine Gen. John Kelly as chief of staff. The president recently lashed out

Phoenix, an incident relayed by a person with knowledge of the matter. In private conversations, Trump has leveled indiscriminate and harsh criticism on the rest of his remaining team. Seven months into his tenure,

Trump has yet to put his mark on any signature legislation and his approval ratings are sagging. Fellow Republicans have grown weary of his volatility, and Trump spent the summer

lawmakers he'll need to work with in the coming weeks to pass a government funding bill, raise the country's borrowing limit and make a difficult bid for tax overhaul legislation. "He's in a weak position," said

Christopher Ruddy, the CEO of Newsmax and a longtime Trump friend. "A lot of the Republican establishment has not been supportive, his poll numbers are

# Disaster recovery centers open in 4 Texas counties

AUSTIN—Four state of Texas/ FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers are open: one in Jackson County in the city of Edna, one in Harris County in the city of Houston, one in Colorado County in the city of Columbus, and another in Fayette County in the city of La Grange.

Disaster recovery centers offer in-person support to individuals and businesses in 32 counties included in the Texas federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent floods.

Recovery specialists from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration the State and other interests will be at the centers to talk about assistance and to help anyone who needs guidance in filing an application.

The new centers are at these locations ■ George R. Brown Convention

- Center, 1001 Avenida de las Americas, Houston
- Cowboy Memorial Football Stadium, 1303 West Gayle St., Edna
- Colorado County Services Facility, 305 Radio Lane, Columbus
- Randolph Recreation-Activity Center, 653 East Pearl St., La The U.S. Small Business Ad-

ministration's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible. SBA representatives are avail-

able to answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program and help business owners and residents apply to SBA.

Disaster Recovery Centers are accessible to people with disabilities. Centers have assistive technology equipment allowing disaster survivors to use amplified telephones, phones that display text, amplified listening devices for people with hearing loss, and magnifiers for people with vision

Video Remote Interpreting is available and in-person sign language is available by request.

The centers also have accessible parking, ramps and restrooms.

If possible, homeowners, renters and businesses should register with FEMA before visiting a

Eligible residents may register for assistance the following ways: ■ Online at DisasterAssistance.

- Phone 800-621-3362
- Via the FEMA app, available for Apple and Android mobile devices. To download visit: fema.gov/ mobile-app.

The following information is helpful when registering:

- Address of the location where the damage occurred (pre-disaster address)
- Current mailing address.
- Current telephone number. ■ Insurance information.
- Total household annual income. ■ Routing and account number for checking or savings account (this allows FEMA to directly transfer disaster assistance funds
- into a bank account). ■ A description of disaster-caused damage and losses.

Disaster survivors can visit any of the centers for assistance. Locations of other recovery centers are online at www.fema.gov/

"Homeowners, renters and businesses in Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Dewitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Sabine, San Jacinto, Refugio, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Waller, Walker and Wharton may be eligible for help.'

# **DEBRIS:** Pick up begins this week

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"Please put your debris as close to the curb and the sidewalk as you possibly can," said Marc Grant, Fort Bend County's debris management

"If you put it past the sidewalk, we cannot go on private property to pick up your debris. If you have more debris past the sidewalk we will pick up as much as we can and then we will have to come back once you've moved the rest of your debris to the curb line."

Grant said residents who have a debris piles," he said. adside ditch in front of their prop erty shoould follow similar guide- vehicles in locations that block our lines but treat the ditch like they would the sidewalk.

debris along the roadside so that it does not impede traffic or the flow of water in the bottom of the ditch.

"Items that are on your private property side will not be picked up on the first trip through by our trucks, but we will return once you

out to the roadside," he explained. The restriction of the use of trash bags to contain the debris is something many residents may not

Storm debris is compiled and processed differently than normal household garbage, and bagged storm debris will not be picked up by county debris removal trucks, Grant said.

"If you have already placed debris at your roadside, please reference the guidelines at fbceom.org and remove trash bags from these

"It is also important access to debris piles. If a vehicle is parked on a roadside in front of He said residents should place a debris pile, workers will have to move on and return at a later date to retrieve the debris."

Fort Bend County officials will be working hard for many weeks to collect and properly dispose of the Hurricane Harvey debris, Grant added. "We greatly appreciate your help in have moved the remaining debris making this process a success.'



# St. John's collecting pet supplies

St. John's United Church of Christ, located at 1513 West St. in Rosenberg, is a pet supply drop off and distribution site. For information, you may call the church office at 281-342-5159. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon daily, Monday through Friday. The site is also available for supply drop offs on Sunday from 9-11 am. The site manager is Sandra Flarity, assisted by Cisco Kolkmeier. The church also has parking in the rear, located behind the church at Avenue M and Brazos Street. On Saturday, Sept. 2, six members of Rescuers Without Borders and rescue group MASA from Midland, Texas, delivered supplies to the site. The site is accepting needed supplies, such as cat and dog food, non-clumping kitty litter, litter pans, food bowls, carriers, wire collapsible crates, leashes, collars, toys, dog chew bones and treats. During their time in Fort Bend County, they have rescued several dogs for a trip back to Midland. The Fort Bend County and Rosenberg AC Shelter is overflowing, and many dogs and cats need rescue.

# IRS offers tax relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey

may qualify for tax relief from the Internal Revenue Service.

The president has declared that a major disaster exists in the State

Following the recent disaster declaration for individual assistance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the IRS announced today that affected taxpayers in Texas will receive tax relief.

Individuals who reside or have a business in Fort Bend County, may qualify for tax relief.

The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area.

For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after Aug. 23. and before Jan. 31, 2018, are granted additional time to file through Jan. 31,

This includes taxpayers who had a valid extension to file their 2016 return that was due to run out on Oct. 16.

It also includes the quarterly estimated income tax payment originally due on or after Aug. 23, and before Jan. 31, 2018, and the quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on or after Aug. 23 and Jan. 31, 2018. In addition, penalties on payroll and excise tax deposits due on or after Aug. 23 and before Jan. 31. 2018, will be abated as long as the deposits were made by Jan. 31, 2018.

If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate

The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies automatic

filing and payment relief. Taxpayers considered to be af-

Victims of the Hurricane Harvey fected taxpavers eligible for the postand certain excise tax returns), that due date occurring on or after Aug. ponement of time to file returns, pay have either an original or extended 23, 2017, and before Jan. 31, 2018. taxes and perform other time-sensitive acts are those taxpayers listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(d)(1),

> covered disaster area. Taxpayers not in the covered disaster area, but whose records necessary to meet a deadline listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(c) are in the covered disaster area, are also entitled to relief.

and include individuals who live,

and businesses whose principal

place of business is located, in the

In addition, all relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster area and any individual visiting the covered disaster area who was killed or injured as a result of the disaster are entitled to relief.

Under section 7508A, the IRS gives affected taxpayers until Jan. 31, 2018, to file most tax returns (including individual, corporate, and estate and trust income tax returns; partnership returns, S corporation returns, and trust returns; estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax returns; and employment

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# Water District **Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The FIRST COLONY L.I.D. #2 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm at 4330 Knightsbridge Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77479. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Ron Frerich and Christine M. Lukin

**AGAINST** the proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Zach Weimer

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

Last Year This Year Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) \$ .20000/\$100 \$ .20000/\$100 Adopted Proposed Difference in rates per \$100 of value \$ .00000/\$100 Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) Average appraised residence homestead value \$ 464,305 464,400 General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions) Average residence homestead taxable value \$ 464,305 464,400 \$ 928.61 Tax on average residence homestead 928.80 Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) .19 and percentage of increase (+/-).02%

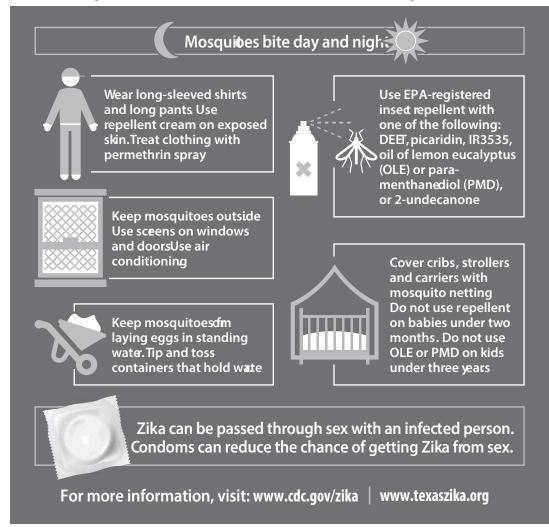
## NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Bob Leared, Tax Assessor-Collector 713-932-9011

# **PROTECT YOURSELF** FROM MOSQUITO BITES

Local mosquito-borne Zika virus transmission has been reported in the U.S.





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# **High School Sports Calendar**



Saturday, Sept. 16

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



Thursday, Sept. 14

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



Traylor Stadium, 3 (Homecoming)



Football: Mustangs vs. Brazoswood, Traylor Stadium, 7



Thursday, Sept. 14

Football: Rangers vs. Spring Woods, Traylor Stadium, 7



Saturday

Football: Travis at Katy Taylor, Katy Taylor

H.S., 10:30 a.m. (Scrimmage)



Friday

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



Friday

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

# **Professional Sports Calendar**



Tuesday

MLB: Astros at Mariners, 9:10

Wednesday

MLB: Astros at Mariners, 9:10



Dash Saturday

**NWSL:** Dash at North Carolina Courage





MLS: Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30



Sunday

NFL: Texans vs. Jaguars, 12



Tuesday

Atlantic League: Skeeters at

Bridgeport Bluefish, 6:12

**NBA** 

# Report: Fertitta to buy Rockets for \$2.2 billion

BY RYAN DUNSMORE dunsmore@Fbherald.com

The Houston Rockets may have a new owner by the start of the 2017-18 season.

According to KRIV TV sports director Mark Berman, Rockets owner Leslie Alexander has reached an agreement to sell the franchise to Tilman Fertitta.

Fertitta is a Houston-based billionaire and the chairman, CEO, and sole owner of Landry's, Inc.

ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski is reporting that the sale price is \$2.2 billion, the highest sales

price for a franchise in NBA his-serving the city of Houston and

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The price tag surpasses the previous record set by Steve Ballmer, who bought the Los Angeles Clippers in 2014.

The emergence of Fertitta fulfills one of Alexander's goals for a new owner to keep the team in Houston. Fertitta has been a staple of the Houston community and is currently the chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston System.

"It is an honor to be a part Houston's

continuing

SHCCess of the Houston Rockets.' Fertitta said Twitter Tuesdsay. Fertitta

has previous ties with the Rockets as advisory director during



Tilman **Fertitta** 

1994 and 1995.

Alexander leaves a championship legacy as the first owner to win a major professional sports championship in Houston.

In 1993, Alexander purchased the Rockets for \$85 million. The franchise was most recently valued as a \$1.65 billion franchise by

Alexander announced in July he was putting the team up for sale. He hoped to focus more on philanthropic tasks.

of the NBA. I look forward to two championship seasons in honor to own the Houston Rock-throughout the years."

ets for the past 24 years," Alexander said in a statement in July.

"I've had the incredible opportunity to witness true greatness through the players and coaches who have won championships for the city, been named to All-Star and All-NBA teams, enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame, and done so much for our franchise and our fans.

"And the Houston community has been home to me; I will continue to support the charities "It's been my great joy and I have made commitments to

# High school notebook

# Lamb snags touchdown in 1st collegiate game



PHOTO COURTESY OF IOWA STATE ATHLETICS Former Travis tiger Hakeem Butler caught his third collegiate touchdown on Saturday for Iowa State.

**Tyler** 

**Johnson** 

In his first collegiate game for the Oklahoma University Sooners on Saturday, Foster alumnus Cedarian "CeeDee" Lamb caught a touchdown pass versus the

University of Texas-El Paso. That pass came from quarterback Baker Mayfield and put the Sooners

up 34-6 right before halftime. The former Falcon standout finished the game with three catches for 21 yards and one touchdown.

## **Protect the nest**

Sophomore OL Eric David got his first start for Sam Houston State in the Bearkats' 48-34 win over the University of Richmond on Friday night.

Other Foster Falcons got their first glimpse of colle- University



HERALD PHOTO BY RHONDA TAORMINA

Foster alumnus Cedarian Lamb caught a touchdown pass versus the University of Texas-El Paso in his first game with the Oklahoma Sooners.

giate football action. Former players Alex Ramart of the University of Akron and Jacob Brammer of the University of North Texas dressed out, while Chandler Speights got on the stat sheet with a catch for Texas State in its win over HBU.

#### Tigers stand out

A couple of Travis High School graduates had career boosting games on Saturday.

Wide receiver Hakeem Butler of Iowa State caught his third career touchdown pass against the University of Northern Iowa. He finished with seven catches for 75 yards and one touchdown.

Wide receiver Steven Sims Jr. of Kansas University hauled in two touchdowns and racked up 142 yards on only four receptions against Southeast Missouri State



PHOTO COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS ATHLETICS Former Travis wide receiver Steven Sims Jr. of Kansas University hauled in two touchdowns and racked up 142 yards on only four receptions against Southeast Missouri State University.

George Ranch graduate and current UNT volleyball

outside-hitter Valerie Valerian had a career match against Princeton on Friday. She finished the match with 14 kills, which were a career high and a team high. **Practice begins** 

George Ranch will have voluntary practices for varsity and junior varsity teams Thursday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Foster will have voluntary practices for all teams Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. The varsity team only will have a voluntary practice from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Reach Tyler Johnson at sjohnson@fbherald.com and on Twitter at @FBHeraldSports and @STJfbherald.

# **College football**

# Coach: Texas A&M QB Starkel out with broken ankle

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M quarterback Nick Starkel had a screw put in his left foot. and senior free safety Donovan Wilson are out for perhaps the rest of the season after having surgery for leg inju-

Coach Kevin Sumlin disclosed the injuries Monday on his weekly radio show. Starkel, a redshirt freshman, broke his left ankle in the third quarter

of Sunday's 45-44 loss at UCLA. Wilson

Starkel got the start and completed his first three throws during an 11-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a touchdown. He was replaced on the sixth possession for Texas A&M by Kellen Mond. Starkel returned to the sideline on crutches with his foot in a walking

"I don't know if those guys will be back or not (by the end of the season)." Sumlin said. "Those two guys are out for a long time. We'll see where they are

at the end of the year." The Aggies blew a 34-point lead in dropping the opener. Afterward, Texas A&M University System Regent Tony Buzbee said in a Facebook post that he would vote to fire Sumlin.

"Our players were better tonight," wrote Buzbee, a Houston attorney. "Our players were more talented tonight. But coaches were dominated on national TV, yet again. I'm only one vote on the Board of Regents but when the time comes my vote will be that Kevin Sumlin needs to GO. In my view he should go now. We owe it to our school and our players. We can do better."

## MLB on deck

# Verlander ready to make Astros debut in Seattle

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at what's happening all around the majors today:

# **New stripes**

Justin Verlander makes his much-anticipated debut for the Houston Astros when he starts at Seattle. The AL West leaders got the longtime Tigers ace last week minutes before the trade deadline, hoping he can help them win the World Series for the first time. The 34-yearold righty waived his no-trade rights to accept the deal. Verlander (10-8, 3.82 ERA) went 5-1 and his last seven starts for Detroit, striking out 56 and only once permitting more than two earned runs.

# **Streaking**

J.D. Martinez and the Arizona Diamondbacks try to continue a pair of impressive streaks against the major league-leading Dodgers. Martinez homered in his final four at-bats during Monday night's 13-0 victory against Los Angeles, including the seventh, eighth and ninth innings. The Diamondbacks will go for their 12th straight win when the series resumes Tuesday night. Zack Greinke gets the ball for Arizona, while Hyun-Jin Ryu tries to cool off Martinez and company. **Getting close** 

# The Cleveland Indians go for their

13th straight victory, which would put them just one away from tying the longest winning streak in team history set last year. Jose Ramirez homered Monday as the AL Central leaders beat the White Sox 5-3 — on

Sunday, he tied a major league record by getting five extra-base hits in a game. Danny Salazar (5-6, 4.30 ERA) starts in Chicago vs. lefty David Holmberg (2-3, 3.55 ERA).

## Check him

The Cubs will see how pitcher Jake Arrieta is feeling, a day after he left his start in Pittsburgh because of tightness in his right hamstring. Brilliant in August, Arrieta says he thinks he'll be OK to keep pitching for the NL Central leaders.

# Hot and not

Mighty thin

Odubel Herrera has an 18-game hitting streak for the Phillies. He extended the string with a pinchhit single Monday against the Mets. The outfielder was activated from the disabled list earlier in the day after being out because of a strained left hamstring. ... Pablo Sandoval is hitless in his last 33 at-bats for San Francisco. The 2012 World Series MVP for the Giants returned to the team this summer after being cut by Boston, but has just one home run and four RBIs in 27 games following another 0-fer at Colorado.

The Yankees have only three outfielders on their roster — Aaron Judge, Brett Gardner and Jacoby Ellsbury. Aaron Hicks was put on the disabled list over the weekend. leaving New York without a backup who has a lot of outfield experience. Manager Joe Girardi says the playoff contenders could use infielders Ronald Torreyes or Tyler Wade as a fill-in this week in Baltimore.

## **NFL**

# Cowboys' Prescott, Elliott in Year 2 spotlight as suspension looms

Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott have quite a first act to follow as the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and league rushing leader for the team that finished with the best record in the NFC.

Losing to Green Bay in their playoff debut makes it easy for the quarterback-running back duo of the Dallas Cowbovs to say they're looking for more in the 15th season for tight end Jason Witten, following receiver Dez Bryant's first full offseason since his All-Pro year of

"For me it's only one year in," Prescott said. "It's only one year with this offense. There's things I can guarantee you 15-year veteran Jason Witten wants to get better at.

"I know Dez wants to get better. I think when we're all on the same page, whether it's right or wrong, as long as we're all thinking the same thing we give ourselves a shot each and every play." The first question is whether

Elliott will get a full season after breaking every significant rookie rushing record for a franchise with five Super Bowl wins and two Hall of Fame running backs: all-time NFL rushing leader Emmitt Smith and Tony Dorsett. The NFL suspended Elliott for

six games after concluding in a

yearlong investigation that he

roughed up his girlfriend in a do-

mestic violence case that prosecu-

tors in Ohio declined to pursue. He

has appealed, sued the NFL and

vowed that he is innocent of the league's claims.

If the former Ohio State star serves any or all of the suspension, Elliott likely won't repeat as rushing champ. But he should have plenty of time to help the Cowboys try to reach the playoffs for the third time in four seasons.

Darren McFadden, the team's leading rusher in 2015 before Elliott was drafted fourth overall, should get most of the carries if Elliott is out. Alfred Morris and Rod Smith also made the 53-man roster. Dallas opens at home against the New York Giants on Sept. 10.

"We feel good about that group of running backs if we have to go play," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "And that's what we're prepared

Some of the key story lines as the Cowboys seek consecutive 10win seasons for the first time since the last of six straight in 1996: GALORE:

**SUSPENSIONS** Besides the looming Elliott ban, three defensive ends are suspended to start the season. Randy Gregory won't be eligible until the playoffs because of multiple substance-abuse violations. David (performance-enhancing drugs) is out four games, and Damontre Moore (substance abuse) will miss the first two.

Cornerback Nolan Carroll and linebacker Damien Wilson faced suspensions over offseason incidents but are eligible for now.

JAYLON SMITH: The former Notre Dame star, and Rod Smith's younger brother, is set for his regular-season debut after a devastating knee injury in his final college game that sidelined him as a rookie. He isn't expected to start at middle linebacker, and the Cowbovs are closely watching how many

snaps he gets. The team and Smith say nerve regeneration is the biggest question with his injury. Therefore, they are optimistic he can eventually play at a level resembling what figured to make him a top 10 pick in 2016. Dallas gambled on him early in the second round.

YOUNG DEFENDERS: Firstround pick Taco Charlton was the latest attempt to boost a lagging pass rush. Cornerbacks Chidobe Awuzie and Jourdan Lewis were the next two choices, but both have seen limited preseason action because of injuries. The Cowboys believe these rookies have talent, and need to see it quickly for a defense that doesn't have much proven playmaking beyond All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee.

THE LAST WORD: "It's a young, motivated group that loves to play, they love to study and it's good when you have a group of guys like that. How many wins does that give you? I don't know but it's a hell of a job to go to work with these guvs and enjoy it." — 35-year-old Witten, who needs two games and 17 yards receiving to become the franchise leader in both categories.

# Saturday, Sept. 16 Football: Longhorns vs. UANL Tigers, **Lamar Consolidate** Friday, Sept. 15

#### **NFL**

# Osweiler excited to return to Broncos after long road back

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) to be back in Denver he swore the Broncos' water boy.

Of course, he's getting \$16 million this season, all but \$775,000 of it from the Cleveland Browns, so he's good for a round of drinks, and he had his pick of shiny white cleats in his locker next to starter Trevor Siemian.

The Broncos brought Osweiler back 18 months after he bolted to Houston in free agency because Paxton Lynch sprained his throwing shoulder four days after losing the starting QB job to Siemian for the second straight summer.

After passing his physical, signing his contract, diving into the playbook and hitting the practice field, Osweiler held an extraordinary nine-minute news conference Monday stuffed with honesty, humility and humor — but no heartache. a special city."

He said he has no regrets for Brock Osweiler was so excited leaving Denver in the first place but "I'm ecstatic to be back he would have signed for a buck, here" after an odyssey that inplayed in bare feet or even been cluded a playoff win, a benching, a blow-up, a trade, the birth of his daughter and a release to go with all those fat paychecks.

> Well, maybe he'd think better of declaring the Texans gave him the best opportunity to win. But Osweiler's not one to look back.

He is one to take stock, though.

"It's kind of like that old deal when you're a little kid and your mom tells you don't touch the hot stove," Osweiler said. "So, what do you have to do as a curious kid? You have to go touch the hot stove and you learn real quick how nice that stove is when it's not hot.

"Needless to say, I'm very thankful to be back here. My wife and I, we miss Colorado every single day. This is a special place, special organization and

## **College football**

# Mississippi State players outline Ole Miss recruiting violations

**SPORTS** 

(AP) — Mississippi State football immunity has a host of critics. players Leo Lewis and Kobe Jones have, according to court documents. told the NCAA they received free merchandise from a clothing store while on recruiting trips to Ole Miss, something that would violate NCAA rules.

They did so after being granted limited immunity by the NCAA, which protects them from being declared ineligible for wrongdoing as long as they told the truth.

Ole Miss officials vehemently dispute the claims that have been used as part of a major infractions case against the Rebels' football program. So does Oxford, Mississippi, clothing store Rebel Rags, which has filed a lawsuit against the players, alleging they gave false statements to the NCAA.

The use of limited immunity is somewhat uncommon in NCAA enforcement cases, but it is an option available to investigators who have no subpoena power to pursue information. They avoid using words such as witness and testimony, which have meanings in a court of law that are not applicable in an NCAA case—just one example of why the use of limited

"If there were due-process safeguards that were built into the system, I might feel different," said Donald Jackson, a Birmingham, Alabama, attorney who regularly represents athletes and coaches in NCAA infractions cases. "There are no due-process safeguards built into this system."

Charles Merkel, an attorney for Rebel Rags, added: "I would characterize it probably as far away from the American justice system as possible."

Ole Miss is facing 21 allegations in its NCAA case that will be heard on Sept. 11 in Covington, Kentucky. School officials have conceded some of the allegations of improper benefits and recruiting inducements came from members of its football staff and boosters to players.

If the lawsuit by Rebel Rags plays out, Lewis and Jones could eventually face the type of cross-examination under oath that doesn't happen during the NCAA's process. A Sept. 25 motions hearing is planned in north Mississippi.

# **US Open**

# Querrey-Anderson, Williams-Kvitova in QFs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A quick look at the U.S. Open for Tuesday:

When 6-foot-6 (1.98-meter) Sam Querrey takes on 6-8 (2.03-meter) Kevin Anderson in the U.S. Open quarterfinals in Arthur Ashe Stadium on Tuesday night, it will be the tallest combined matchup in a quarter, semifinal or final at any Grand Slam tournament in the Open era, which dates to 1968. That's according to the ATP. Both men are tall, both have intimidating serves and both are attempting to get to the final four at Flushing Meadows for the first time. Querrey, a 29-year-old American seeded 17th, made his major semifinal debut in July at Wimbledon. Anderson, a 31-yearold South African seeded 28th, lost his only previous quarterfinal at a major tournament two years ago in New York. This is their 15th career matchup, with Querrey holding an 8-6 edge. The winner this time will face No. 12 Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain or No. 29 Diego Schwartzman of Argentina, who meet in the afternoon. One member of this quartet will be a Grand Slam finalist for the first time. The women's quarterfinals are No. 9 Venus Williams vs. No. 13 Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, and No. 16 Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia vs. Sloane Stephens.

Williams owns seven Grand Slam titles, including two at the U.S. Open in 2000 and 2001, while Kvitova won Wimbledon twice. Theirs should be a showdown filled with powerful strokes from both. Sevastova, who eliminated Maria Sharapova in the fourth round, tries to get to her first major semifinal, while Stephens who missed the first half of the year after foot surgery in January — made it that far at the 2013 Australian Open.

TUESDAY'S FORECAST Sunny. High of 84 degrees (29

MONDAY'S WEATHER

Sunny. High of 81 degrees (27 Celsius).

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Men's fourth round: No. 1 Rafael Nadal beat Alexandr Dolgopolov 6-2, 6-4, 6-1; No. 3 Roger Federer beat No. 33 Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-4, 6-2, 7-5; No. 24 Juan Martin Del Potro beat No. 6 Dominic Thiem 1-6, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (1), 6-4; Andrey Rublev beat No. 9 David Goffin 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Women's fourth round: No. 1 Karolina Pliskova beat Jennifer Brady 6-1, 6-0; No. 15 Madison Keys beat No. 4 Elina Svitolina 7-6 (2), 1-6, 6-4; No. 20 CoCo Vandeweghe beat Lucie Safarova 6-4, 7-6 (2); Kaia Kanepi beat Daria Kasatkina 6-4, 6-4,

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# No. 25 Tennessee pulls off remarkable 42-41 win over Ga. Tech

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What a boost for embattled coach Butch Jones in the season opener.

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ATLANTA (AP) — This was a rushing touchdowns to new Georgia Tech quarterback TaQuon Marshall, the Volunteers rallied from a pair of two-touchdown deficits in the second half to somehow pull Despite getting dominated sta- out a 42-41 victory in the second overtime Monday night

Tennessee came up with a crucial turnover late in the fourth quarter, blocked a field goal attempt on the final play of regulation and stopped Marshall on an attempted 2-point conversion when the Yellow Jackets decided to go for the win

rather than settle for a tying PAT that would have forced a third over-

"We talked all week about the will to win," Jones said. "We knew this would be a game where we had to show some resolve, some grit.'

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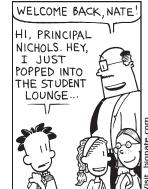


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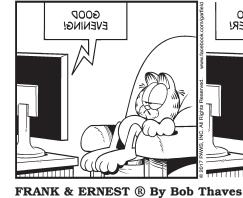












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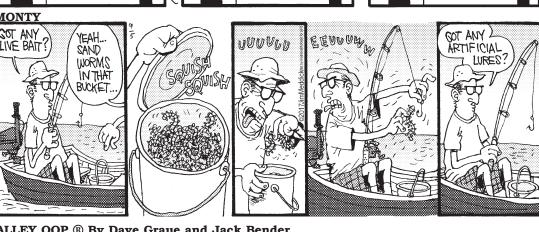
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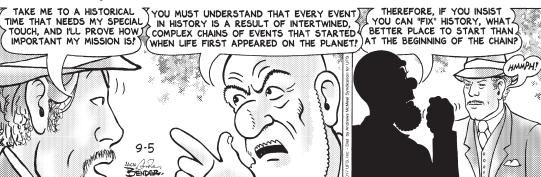
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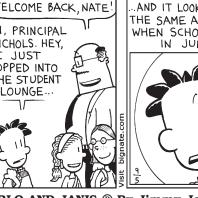




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# Zodiac Birthdays Tomorrow

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017-Protect your home, assets and important relationships. Take the time to find out how others feel. Keeping the peace and showing interest will help you maintain a healthy and stable environment that will allow you to use your skills and experience to get ahead and improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Changes at home will add to your comfort and encourage better relationships with the people you live with. Getting along and pitching in will bring good results. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Get ev-

erything in place before you share your plans. Someone you live with or deal with regularly will interfere if you are too open about the changes you want to make.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Creative endeavors, doing things with youngsters or networking with people who could help you get ahead will bring satisfying results. Participation is key to understanding and gathering information.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) --An emotional situation will leave you speechless if you aren't diplomatic when discussing personal matters with your peers, friends or relatives. Stick to the facts and offer fair solutions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- If you let your imagination run wild, you will come up with all sorts of interesting ideas and plans that can help you get ahead. Look for new ways to use your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Try hard to satisfy all the demands placed on you so that you'll make a greater impact when you lay out plans and ask for backup. Celebrate with someone you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Speak up, but be fair. You'll be contradicted if you don't stick to the facts and give an honest assessment of a situation that involves you. Keep an open mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be careful not to put blame on the wrong person. You are best off watching what happens before you act. High-pressure tactics will

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Learn from your mistakes and don't rely on someone else to take care of your responsibilities. Work diligently toward your goal, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Partnership problems will develop if honesty is not maintained. Communication will help

clear up any uncertainty that you or someone else is feeling. A romantic evening will alleviate stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A unique approach to an old idea will motivate you. If you believe in what you are doing, you'll gain the support you require to finish what you start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't miss an opportunity due to your responsibilities. Find alternatives that will allow you to follow your dreams and not fall short on your commitments. Hard work will reap

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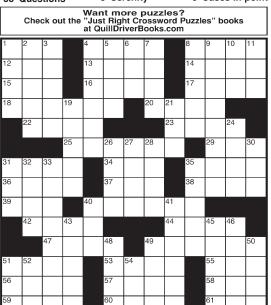
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# **Obituaries**



#### **Monica Sanchez -Oros**

Funeral services for Monica Sanchez-Oros, 32, of Rosenberg will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Caballero-Ryder Funeral Home.

A prayer service will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Caballero-Ryder Funeral Home.

She is preceded in death by her father, Gilbert Rodriguez.

Monica is survived by her husband, Juan Sanchez-Oros; children, Bobby Charles, Christopher Charles, Ivan Charles, Juan Sanchez; mother, Adela Jalomo Rodriguez; sisters, Josie Contreras, Frances Guerrero, Brenda Rodriguez and brother, Efrain Medel. She also leaves behind numerous nieces. nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Caballero-Ryder Funeral Home.

Tributes and words of condolences may be left for the Sanchez-Oros family at www.ca-

ballero-ryderfuneralhome.com Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Caballero-Ryder Funeral Home located at 722 Grillo Way, Rosenberg, TX. 281-238-4500.

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#### **Connie Lopez** Funeral Services for Connie

Lopez 91, of Rosenberg, Texas are pending with Hernandez Funeral Home 800 Fourth Street in Rosen-

#### **Jung Hun Youn**

Jung Hun Youn 43, of Sugar Land, Texas passed away August 29, 2017. He was born May 9, 1974 in Korea to Ikje Youn and Choonsil

Visitation will be held Tuesday September 5, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Hernandez Funeral Home 800 Fourth Street in

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# **COUNCIL:** Meeting is Tuesday

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pointing a replacement board member to the hotel occupancy tax evaluation committee.

James Urbish is currently a member of the committee and the Rosenberg Planning Commission.

However, according to city charter, a planning commissioner may not serve on any other city

Glenn Dresner and George Zepeda applied to serve on the

committee, and council members will appoint one of the applicants.

The evaluation committee was established to review applications for the use of tax revenues to ensure the proposed projects meet

Other members of the evaluation committee are council members Lynn Moses and Alice Jozwiak, Rosenberg Development Corp. Vice President Allen Scopel and city staff representative Joyce

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# County revises evacuation orders

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert has changed the evacuation orders for some areas adjacent to the Barker Reservoir.

Portions of neighborhoods below 98-foot elevation, or difficult to access due to high water in the roads accessing or within their neighborhood, are under a Mandatory evacuation with law enforcement discretion.

When law enforcement deems these areas safe to reenter they may be present to ensure safety and security of these areas; locals should heed their orders.

For information about recovery and safely returning to your home, visit http://fortbendrecovers.org/.

Residents may check on the pool levels of the Barker Reservoir and reference the Fort Bend County LIDAR data to determine if water may be in their homes or

Many neighborhoods adjacent to the Barker Reservoir area still have hazards present such as flooded roads, fallen trees, displaced animals, and standing water.

Residents should use extreme caution when returning to their

If law enforcement deems the areas to be unsafe, they may restrict entry to these areas at the sheriff's discretion.

"The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office will do everything possible to allow people to get back into their homes." said Sheriff Troy Nehls. "Some danger still exists. If

we let people into their neighborhoods, we want to be sure that everyone is safe. Please be patient."

Hebert thanked residents for their ongoing cooperation during

the storm and its aftermath.

"I want to thank you for your cooperation during this tragic flooding incident," he said.

"This has been difficult for everyone affected, especially for those displaced from their homes.

"Please let us know if you need assistance from the county in dealing with flood-related issues. We have resources and we are here to

Hebert has changed the evacuation orders for the following areas adjacent to the Barker Reservoir: Areas under mandatory evacu-

ation with law enforcement discre-

■ Canyon Gate Cinco Ranch, Section 1 - 8

■ Cinco Ranch, Greenway Village, Section 11 (North of Windmill Bluff Lanen and east of and including lots along Hollow

■ Cinco Ranch, Greenway Village, Section 12 (Southeast of Pinebury Lane.)

■ Cinco Ranch, Southpark, Section 1

Residents who live in those areas are encouraged to visit the following web site to find if their property is included in the revised evacuation orders: http://fbcoem. org/map-for-evacuation-zones-mapa-de-zonas-de-evacuacion/.

"For those in neighborhoods still under mandatory evacuations, please continue to honor the existing evacuation orders,' Hebert said.

"We will let you know if and when it is safe for you to return home. Please monitor social media and the office of emergency management website for further updates on the flooding situation.

# **DEPUTIES:** 2 robbers sought

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Two men from the residence got into a truck and chased the robbers' vehicle. After a chase through the area, the truck crashed into the vehicle and the driver of the Cadillac jumped out of the car and left the area.

Shortly after, that man was taken into custody by a Sheriff's Office detective who was in the

The robbers' vehicle was stolen out of Houston.

One man was wearing a green shirt and was described as being thin and tall. Besides the lime green shirt, he was wearing white boxers and had tattoos on his arms. The other man was wearing a washed-out brown shirt and blue jeans. He was described as shorter than the first robber and was heavier. Both men were wearing black ski masks.

"Our detectives are working hard to ID these crooks," said

Sheriff Troy Nehls. "Considering all the difficulties we've endured during the hurricane, these guys struck when our victims were not expecting an attack. If you have any information about these thugs, please call our Crime Stoppers TIPS line and get the reward money."

Anyone who has information on this crime is asked to call Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers, Inc. ■ Call (281) 342-TIPS (8477)

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fortbend.crimestoppersweb.com/ Information, which leads to the apprehension and filing of charges on the suspect(s) involved, could earn you up to \$5,000 cash reward.

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■ Visit Crime Stoppers on Facebook: https://www.facebook. com/fortbendcountycrimestoppers for details on a new easy way to submit tips via the P3 Global Intel App.

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holding a "steam punk station," which will include parasol dueling and croquet.

Attractions will include live music by local musician Kayla Gulley, a Brazos Bend State Park exhibit, museum open house and exhibits, up-close views of trains from the rail fan observation deck, bounce houses, face painting, crafts and model train displays.

Star Wars and steam punk themed costumes are encouraged.

"Every year, the fest has a theme," Rosenberg Railroad Museum President Greg Cauthen said.

"This theme has a play on Star

Wars, as well as steam locomotives. It's a blend for lovers of trains and science fiction.' Admission is \$8 for everyone 2

years and older. Admission is free for children under 2.

More information and speed pass advance purchase tickets are available online at http://www.rosenber-

grrmuseum.org/fall-fun-fest/.

**DOWNTOWN:** Events planned

When the railroad fun is over, patrons are invited to Robin Holley and Babs Wilson's artist reception at BR Vino, 1917 Ave. G, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Saturday night.

Another Time Soda Fountain, 800 Third St., will offer live music on Sept. 8. Cody Ray Henry is scheduled to perform from 6-8 p.m.

On Sept. 13 and Sept. 27, BR Vino will hold its monthly bingo night.

"About 40 to 50 guests attend every month," BR Vino business owner Mike Mercado said. "It's a big hit with work groups,

and it's nice for people to get together once a month.'

Reservations for bingo night can be made by calling 832-595-2881.

"Rosenberg Main Street Program is a coalition of volunteers who work in partnership to promote and improve downtown Rosenberg,' Kelleher said. "There will be lots of fun and exciting activities, entertainment and special events every weekend for the next few weeks."

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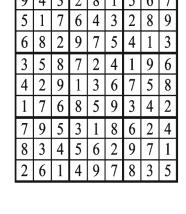
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# Trump rescinding DACA program protecting young immigrants

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Tuesday began dismantling the government program protecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children. Attorney General Jeff Sessions declared the Obama administration's program "an unconstitutional exercise of authority" that must be revoked.

New applications will be halted for President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program, which has provided nearly 800,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the U.S. in the form of ply—so long as their applications

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"I'm here today to announce that the program known as DACA that was effectuated under the Obama administration is being rescinded," Sessions announced.

But the administration is giving Congress six months to come up with a legislative fix - "should it choose to," Sessions said — before the government stops renewing permits for people already covered by the program.

According to Department of Homeland Security officials, people with permits whose renewals are set to expire between now and March 5, 2018, will be able to re-ap-

are submitted by Oct. 5, 2017, one month from Tuesday.

Trump had suggested in an earlier tweet that it would be up to Congress to ultimately decide the fate of the young immigrants, dubbed "Dreamers" in a reference to an earlier legislative effort. He tweeted, "Congress, get ready to do your job - DACA!'

'Make no mistake, we are going to put the interest of AMERICAN CITIZENS FIRST!" Trump added in a second, retweeted message. "The forgotten men & women will no longer be forgotten.'

Sessions' announcement came the same day as a deadline set by a group of Republican state officials who said they would chal-

lenge DACA in court unless the Trump administration rescinded the program. Administration officials argued the program might not hold up in court — and said that allowing the lawsuit to proceed would throw the program into chaos.

Trump has spent months wrestling with what to do with DACA, which he slammed during his campaign as illegal "amnesty." Many of his closest advisers, including Sessions, policy adviser Stephen Miller, and former chief strategist Steve Bannon argue that the program is unconstitutional and have urged Trump to follow through on his campaign promise to end it

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The deputy and marshals by a deputy and four people are in opened fire as the people in the custody after a chase and gunfire truck fled, then chased the truck that also involved federal mar- into an apartment complex where the driver tried again to slam into Sheriff's officials tell Houston the officers. Deputies shot again TV station KTRK the shooting and the woman was hit. The truck appears to be a road rage incident finally stopped at the back of the where people in a pickup truck di- complex and the four people were

# Floridians keep wary eye on Hurricane Irma, buying supplies

advantage of the Labor Day holiday to empty many store shelves Irma, which could affect the state by the weekend. By mid-day Monday, many gro-

cery stores across South Florida had been emptied of bottled water and stores were hoping to restock beginning Tuesday morning.

MIAMI (AP) — Floridians took Scott declared a state of emergency for the state's 67 counties to give local governments "ample time, of drinking water and other sup-resources and flexibility" to preplies in advance of Hurricane pare for the storm. He also urged Floridians to stay vigilant and monitor weather conditions.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami says Hurricane Irma is a Category 4 storm, centered about 320 miles (515 kilometers) east of the Leeward Islands and moving On Monday, Florida Gov. Rick west at 14 mph (22 kph).

# Haley lays out argument to say Iran not abiding nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi- Many of the accusations took United Nations is laying out the argument for the U.S. potentially of the nuclear deal.

U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley says she doesn't know what decision Trump will Trump does declare Iran in viomake on the Iran deal. She says it's his decision alone.

But Haley is detailing a litany of U.S. grievances against Iran and its Revolutionary Guard, could remain.

dent Donald Trump's envoy to the place before the nuclear deal was negotiated.

Decertification would be a first declaring Iran in formal violation step toward the Trump administration fulfilling its threat to pull out of the deal.

But notably, Haley says if lation, that doesn't necessarily mean the U.S. will withdraw from the deal. She's leaving open the possibility that sanctions relief

