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Newspaper delivery

The Fort Bend Herald will deliver its Monday, Aug. 28, edition along with its Wednesday, Aug. 30, edition together today. The Monday edition was not delivered because of Hurricane Harvey.

Good Afternoon

Bazaar rescheduled

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

Race for Grace

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

LCISD campuses closed

Due to inclement weather and mobility issues, all Lamar CISD campuses and facilities will be CLOSED on Monday, Aug. 28 through Friday, Sep. 1. Classes are scheduled to resume on Tuesday, Sep. 5, following the Labor Day holiday. We are closely monitoring the weather and will inform the community if there are any further changes. Please monitor our website—www.lcisd.org.

Fort Bend Journal

Poll results

Experience has proven some people should use a glue stick instead of chap stick.

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Around the Bend

Brandon Denny of Fulshear has enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo. Denny's major is computer engineering.

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Today's Scripture

(Job) said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21

Thought for Today

"We have thousands of homes taking water right now. Fortunately, we've had no loss of life."

— Fort Bend County Judge Robert Hebert

Brazos likely won't top levees

River still expected to flood 'tremendous area' of Fort Bend County

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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The Brazos River is predicted to crest at 56 feet sometime Friday, and likely will not top the levees in Fort Bend County, authorities reported Wednesday.

However, the river is expected to reach a record-high 56-feet and swamp "a tremendous area" of the county, said Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert.

"We have good news, and a warning," Hebert said before announcing the new river level.

The good news is that the river will not crest at 59 feet as originally predicted, which is "well within the design capabilities of our levees," said Hebert, who directs the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Authorities were worried the river might top the levee districts countywide.

The levees are designed to protect communities and neighborhoods, and subdivisions from a 100-year flood event, Hebert said.

The levees are 60 feet high.

A 59-foot river crest amounts to a 400-year flood event, which the levees cannot protect against, Hebert explained.

Hebert, broadcasting from the office of emergency management in Richmond, said the 56-foot crest will occur some time on Friday at the Richmond bridge and "removed the risk of water flooding into the levee districts."

Despite the lower-than-expected crest, the 56-foot river level will far exceed the disastrous 2016 Memorial Day flood, Hebert warned.

At 56 feet, the river will swamp many streets that have never been flooded before, he explained.

"This flood isn't over," he said at the conclusion of his broadcast.

"There's still danger out there. Protect yourself and the ones you love. Like I've said before, we can always rebuild property but we can't replace a life."

Hebert said Tuesday that the river will likely impact tens of millions if not hundreds of thousands of acres and cause



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

The Crawson family walks along a levee protecting their home in the River Park West subdivision on Tuesday. Residents in the subdivision were issued a mandatory evacuation earlier this week when authorities believed the nearby Brazos River might top the levee

sometime Thursday. The Crawson family temporarily moved in with friends in the Summer Lakes subdivision off of SH 36. Chris and wife Laci, brought Colton, 3, Chesney, 7, and grandmother Margaret to check on their home and see how high the water had risen.

untold millions of dollars in property damage.

"We have thousands of homes taking water right now," he said during the Tuesday broadcast. "Fortunately, we've had no loss of life."

He also cautioned people to avoid listening to rumors of doom and despair shared on social media.

He said rumors that the mandatory and voluntary evacuations have been rescinded are misleading.

Hebert said he is the only one who can cancel the evacuation orders, and he hasn't

yet.

He said he won't cancel those orders until he assured that the homes inside the 20 levee districts are safe from flooding.

So far, 140,000 residents have been evacuated from the levee districts, he said.

Hebert said many roads are extremely dangerous and impassable in certain areas.

Hebert said anyone thinking of getting out of driving through flooded areas may be putting their lives at risk.

He said they should "stay put" and call 9-1-1 if they need to be extracted.

Hebert advised people stranded by high

water to wave sheets, towels or other objects to attract passing rescue boats and helicopters.

He said the county has several rescue teams with boats to rescue people.

A DPS helicopter also is extracting people from flooded homes and neighborhoods. Rescue teams are combing flooded neighborhoods in search of flood victims, he said.

First-responders have helped evacuate more than 5,000 people in Fort Bend County and more than 100 have been rescued from high water, authorities reported.

New tropical storm forms in Atlantic

MIAMI (AP)—The National Hurricane Center says Tropical Storm Irma has formed over the far eastern Atlantic Ocean but poses no immediate threat to land.

At 11 a.m. EDT Wednesday, the storm was about 420 miles (676 km) west of the Cabo Verde Islands. Maximum sustained winds were 50 mph (85 kmp) with higher gusts. The present movement is west at 13 mph (20 kmp). The general movement is expected to continue for the next couple of days.

No coastal watches or warnings are in effect.

The Hurricane Center says some strengthening is forecast during the next 48 hours and Irma could become a hurricane on Friday.

Flood waters in Houston begin to fall

HOUSTON (AP) — Harvey's floodwaters are beginning to drop across much of the Houston area, emergency officials said Wednesday, offering a glimmer of hope to the hurricane's victims. But as the crisis eases, the storm could begin to give up its dead.

"The water levels are going down. And that's for the first time in several days," said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District.

The number of confirmed deaths rose to 20 when authorities reported that two men died in separate drownings.

Collection sites open to help flood victims

Many Fort Bend County residents want to help those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath.

Likely, thousands of homes will be flooded after the Brazos River reaches a historic 56-feet high.

Flood victims will need clothing, food, cleaning supplies, water and more.

Want to help?

Donation drop-off locations have been set up around the area.

Do not drop off donations at shelters. Drop-off locations are accepting bottled water and non-perishable foods only at this time.

Here are some of the collection centers: ■ Leadership Academy – 4100 Avenue N, Rosenberg, TX 77471

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■ Kingdom Church – 1112 Damon St. Rosenberg, TX 77471

■ Navarro Middle School – 4700 Avenue N. Rosenberg, TX

■ Peace Lutheran at 1026 Radio Lane is a collection/distribution location. For monetary donations, United Way has set up a fund. Please visit www.unitedway-houston.org/flood

No of other collection sites? Email the Herald at newsroom@fbherald.com and

GOP eyeing \$1B disaster funds cut to help wall

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is promising billions to help Texas rebuild from Hurricane Harvey, but his Republican allies in the House are looking at cutting almost \$1 billion from disaster accounts to help finance the president's border wall.

The pending reduction to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief account is part of a spending bill that the House is scheduled to consider next week when Congress returns from its August recess. The \$876 million cut, part of the 1,305-page mea-

sure's homeland security section, pays for roughly half the cost of Trump's down payment on a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

It seems sure that GOP leaders will move to reverse the disaster aid cut next week. The optics are politically bad and there's only \$2.3 billion remaining in disaster coffers.

Congressional aides say Trump will meet House and Senate leaders at the White House next Wednesday, as lawmakers return from an August break and plunge into a daunting pile of work.

Osteen's megachurch opens doors as shelter to flood victims

HOUSTON (AP) — Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch to those seeking shelter from floodwaters Tuesday after social media critics slammed the televangelist for not offering to house people in need while Harvey swamps the city.

Lakewood Church is a 16,000-seat former arena that was the longtime home of the NBA's Houston Rockets.

The church had announced on Twitter late Tuesday morning that it was receiving people who need shelter.

The move followed a day of online criticism from those who claimed the church closed its doors while other places of wor-

ship, including several mosques, opened theirs to people who needed help.

The church's decision to open up as a shelter came after a church Facebook post Sunday by Lakewood associate pastor John Gray that said flooded highways had made the church inaccessible.

"For the people spreading lies about my church. If WE could get there WE WOULD OPEN THE DOORS," Gray's comment read. "As soon as the highways aren't flooded please know @lakewoodchurch will do all they can alleviate the pain and suffering of as many people as possible. Love y'all! #CantStandLiars."



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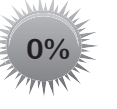
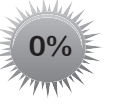
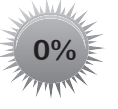


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Area Cities

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Del Rio	97	70	Sunny	Lufkin	85	68	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	88	63	Sunny

Your World in Five Minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Driver accused of human smuggling in Texas pleads not guilty

SAN ANTONIO — The driver of a semitrailer that was transporting people into the U.S. through Texas in an alleged human smuggling operation has pleaded not guilty to federal charges against him. James Matthew Bradley Jr. was indicted Wednesday on five charges, including conspiracy to transport immigrants illegally for financial gain resulting in death and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He entered a not guilty plea Thursday. San Antonio officers found the semitrailer with almost 40 people in July. Its refrigeration system wasn't working, and investigators say passengers had difficulty breathing as temperatures climbed to dangerous levels.

New Yorker accused of trying to join Islamic State group

NEW YORK — A New York City man faced terrorism charges Tuesday accusing him of trying to support the Islamic State group by travelling to the Middle East to fight with militants.

Save the date: Next Philly Naked Bike Ride just days away

PHILADELPHIA — The wheels are in motion for Philadelphia's next gathering of naked bicyclists. Organizers of the Philly Naked Bike Ride said Tuesday the ninth annual event will take place throughout the city's streets Sept. 9. Around 3,000 riders are expected to pass by sites including Independence Hall.

Montreal police arrest Lao-tian man on US most-wanted list

TORONTO — Canadian police officers on bicycles chased down and caught a Laotian-born alleged drug smuggler who is on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's list of 10 most wanted suspects, authorities said Tuesday.

Exploding e-cigarette causes scare at London train station

LONDON — British police say a scare at a busy London railway station has turned out to have been caused by an electronic cigarette. British Transport Police said in a statement on Tuesday night that officers responded to Euston station in north London after receiving reports of an explosion there.

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

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ONGOING

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

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

SUNDAY, Sept. 10

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

MONDAY, OCT. 2

County Judge Robert Hebert is

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

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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

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

‘Tom Clancy made Jack Ryan,’ author’s widow says in lawsuit

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tom Clancy's widow wants a court to rule that the author's estate is the exclusive owner of the rights to his famous character Jack Ryan. News media outlets report that Alexandra Clancy's lawsuit says that the author's estate should be the sole beneficiary of any posthumous books featuring the character who was first introduced in “The Hunt for Red October.” Alexandra Clancy is suing the personal representative of Clancy's estate, J.W. Thompson Webb, for allowing other entities to profit from posthumous book reviews. Clancy's first wife, Wanda King, is a partial owner of those other entities. The lawsuit says: “Tom Clancy made Jack Ryan; and in a sense, Jack Ryan made Tom Clancy.” The lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court in Baltimore. Tom Clancy died in 2013.

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Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017. There are 123 days left in the year.

On this day, in 257 St, Sixtus II begins his reign as Catholic Pope.

On this day, in 1146 European leaders outlawed the crossbow, intending to end war for all time.

On this day, in 1776 the Continental Army evacuates Long Island and falls back to Manhattan, NYC.

On this day, in 1781 the French fleet of 24 ships under Comte de Grasse defeat British under Admiral Graves at battle of Chesapeake Capes in the American Revolutionary War.

On this day, in 1791 the HMS Pandora sank after running aground on a reef the previous day, on her return from her search for the Bounty and the mutineers who had taken her.

On this day, in 1800 Gabriel Prosser leads a slave rebellion in Richmond, Virginia

On this day, in 1835 Melbourne, Australia is founded.

In 1836, the city of Houston is founded by Augustus Chapman Allen and John Kirby Allen.

On this day, in 1843 the first time African-Americans participate in a national political convention (Liberty Party).

In 1850, Honolulu, Hawaii, becomes a city.

On this day, in 1861 John Fremont issues proclamation freeing slaves of Missouri rebels.

In 1862, the Second Battle of Manassas (Bull Run) took place with a Confederate victory; Also, U.S. Gen. John Pope was defeated by Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Battle of Richmond, KY.

On this day, in 1862 the Battle of Altamont took place with the Confederates beating Union forces in Tennessee.

On this day, in 1884 Jack “Nonpareil” Dempsey wins the middleweight title in the first-ever fight with boxing gloves.

In 1885 13,000 meteors weeseen in one hour near Andromeda.

On this day, in 1887 the seventh U.S. Men's National Championship ended with Richard Sears beating Henry Slocum (6-1, 6-3, 6-2)

In 1888, Lord Walsingham kills 1,070 grouse in a single day.

In 1901, Hubert Cecil Booth patents a vacuum cleaner.

In 1904, Thomas Hicks wins 3rd Olympics marathon (3:28:53.0) (40 km).

On this day, in 1914 the first time a German plane bombs Paris, two are killed.

In 1914, Battle of Tannenberg (WWI) ends in destruction of Russian Second Narev Army; 170,000 killed or injured.

In 1918, Czechoslovakia forms independent republic.

On this day, in 1939 Isoroku Yamamoto appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese fleet.

In 1941, the siege of Leningrad by German troops begins during WWII.

In 1942, Nazi-Germany annexes Luxembourg.

In 1945, Hong Kong liberated from Japanese.

In 1956, USSR performs nuclear test (atmospheric tests).

On this day, in 1956 a white mob prevents enrollment of blacks at Mansfield High School in Texas.

In 1957, the U.S. performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site.

In 1957, U.S. senator Strom Thurmond speaks 24 hours and 27 minutes against civil rights.

In 1958, U.S. performs nuclear test at Atlantic Ocean.

In 1960 ,East Germany imposes a partial blockade on West Berlin.

On this day in 1963, a hotline communication link between the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and the Kremlin in Moscow installed. Often known as the “red telephone” no phones were ever used. Instead, both countries relied instead on teletype equipment, fax machines and most recently secure email.

In 1979, the first recorded occurrence of a comet hitting the sun, releases energy equal to one million hydrogen bombs.

On this day, in 1983 Guion Bluford becomes first African-American astronaut in space.

In 1995, Cable News Network (CNN) joins the internet.

In 1997, Greg Rudaski is the first tennis player to serve two 141 mph serves in a match (US Open).

On this day, in 2015 Rap artist Kanye West announces he will run for president in 2020 at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Area Birthdays

Happy birthday to Terricka, from mother Terry, and sister Taylor; grandmother Darlene, grandfather Elisha, uncles David, Elisha Jr., and Darrell, aunts Sheryl and Niecy, and Mrs. Zelma Hicks and Dano Flora. We love you...

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 following day.



HERALD PHOTO BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY

The river rises

Luis Garcia and Lupe Murrillo check on their home on San Carlos Road in Rosenberg on Tuesday. They and their grown children had moved all their belongings to the second floor before the flood waters reached their home, which only a block or two from the Brazos River.



HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

Terry High Volunteer

Volunteers Rene Torres (left) of Fresno David Ferdman (center) and Kevin Jackson (right) of Austin traveled to Rosenberg to lend a helping hand and donate a U-Haul truck full of goods to the shelter at Terry High School on Wednesday.

Caregiver support group meeting planned

Caregivers of patients with Alzheimer’s Disease or other related dementias are invited to attend the Richmond-Rosenberg area caregivers meeting. It is a place for you to share information and learn about coping with such a diagnosis.

The upcoming meeting is Thursday, Sept. 7.

The topic that will be covered is Hallucinations and Delusions in Alzheimer’s and Other Dementias. Our speaker is Cathy Harris. Following the speaker there will be a time for sharing.

The group meets the first Thursday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 400 Jackson Street in Richmond (across from the historic Fort Bend County Courthouse).

Free and open to the public, the Richmond-Rosenberg ACSG is presented by the Alzheimer’s Association-Houston and Southwest Texas Chapter (713-314-1313) or (1-800-272-3900) and by Faith and St. John’s United Methodist church-es.

The group’s Facebook Page: Richmond-Rosenberg Alzheimer’s Support Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RichmondRosenbergAlzheimersSupport/>

Or, questions may be sent to email: richmonddementia2014@gmail.com

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THURSDAY, OCT. 12 • 6 P.M.

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Cancer Survivorship Showcase

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 • 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Local cancer survivors and their caregivers are encouraged to attend an introductory evening to sample each of the survivorship program’s offerings.

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For the location, more information and to register for any of these events, visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call **281.274.7500**.

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Pat on the Back

Our hats off to the **Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management**, for keeping folks updated on Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath!

Our View

Brace for a rising Brazos River

After five straight days of rain, the sun came out Tuesday afternoon in Fort Bend County.

It was a welcome sight, and a welcome relief from all the wet stuff.

Most of Richmond-Rosenberg escaped serious flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

The drainage system in both towns seemed to keep up with the downfall.

But a lot of people in both communities, and across Fort Bend County, have been hard hit. Especially those who live by the Brazos River or creeks.

The Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management reported that more than 5,000 people in the county have had to be evacuated or rescued from high water since Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast on Friday evening.

And Harvey isn't finished just yet.

Even though it has been down-graded to a Tropical Storm, and is now heading to Louisiana/Texas border, the rain-swollen Brazos River is expected to reach a record-setting height in Fort Bend County.

The office of emergency management predicts the storm will crest at 57.5 feet sometime Friday, almost three feet higher than the 54.8 feet record set by the 2016 Memorial Day flood.

Last June, thousands of homes and businesses were impacted by flood waters and hundreds of people had to be rescued from high water.

So we can be certain that even more people will be effected this coming week when the Brazos River crests.

We're fortunate somewhat, however. Forecasters had originally predicted the river to crest at 59 feet, a foot lower than the 60-foot-high levees surrounding 20 subdivisions in the county.

Had the river reached that height, and topped the levees, there was great fear that every home in those communities would be flooded.

But we're not out of the woods yet.

In the coming days, many more of us will lose our homes and belongings to the river water.

You can help ease the suffering.

Now, while the sun is shining and streets still passable, would be a great time to help out your neighbors and strangers alike.

Knock on your neighbor's door and ask them if they are all right.

A box of candles or a homemade pie will always put a smile on a face.

Let them borrow your bathroom to clean up if their home is flooded, or let them stay in the spare room if they don't have electricity or indoor plumbing. Or donate food, water, cleaning supplies and clothing to the Red Cross shelter or any of our churches in the area who are collecting necessities for flood victims.

A little human kindness and compassion go a long way toward bonding neighborhoods and communities together.

Horrible Harvey

People help one another during storm

Right now, I'm sitting at the kitchen table, laptop illuminated by candles, listening to the wind howl outside. The rain is coming down sideways — the unrelenting, tireless rain — and I'm wondering when it's going to finally stop.

Wherever one grows up, there's a weather disaster to deal with. There's cyclones in Kansas, tornadoes in Oklahoma, snow storms in the northern states and drought in the west.

In Texas and Louisiana, we have hurricanes.

Much has been written about the cavalier attitude people had about hurricanes.

Until Katrina.

That hurricane was a game changer for the entire Gulf Coast area.

We no longer kidded about hosting hurricane parties while the rain fell outside.

We now listened to the weather stations, learned how to use a hurricane tracking map and kept batteries and bottled water on hand.

But this one, this horrible Hurricane Harvey, snuck up on us.

Maybe it's because we hadn't had a major storm in almost a decade that we'd forgotten how destructive wind and rain can be.

Maybe we'd grown complacent, thinking levees and computer-generated evacuation plans were enough tools in our arsenal to keep the weather at bay.

In the end, Mother Nature proved that she's a force to be reckoned with, and not a benevolent one.

Who could've seen that over 50 inches of rain would fall on our area in less than a week? Who could've ever imagined that the Brazos River would crest at almost 60 feet?

Nobody ever imagined the City of Houston would be forced to open reservoir gates and allow people's homes to be flooded.

Neighborhoods that had never seen rising waters found themselves evacuating the homes they'd lived in all their lives.

This flood touched every person's life in southern Texas and nobody escaped the worry or the wrath.

But in between the reports of the torrential rains were stories that made me proud to be part of this huge community.

There were people here who took their personal boats out to subdivisions and rescued thousands of people without being asked or told.

Watching the news reports, I saw people with boats drop people off on high ground and then turn around and go back into flooded neighborhoods.

There was the Cajun Navy, a group of recreational fishermen and boaters from Louisiana who hooked up their boats and drove over here to help rescue people trapped in their homes.

There was the group of people with boats who headed out at 1:30 a.m. in the rain to rescue people of all races, creeds and cultures.

Churches opened their doors to those needing shelter, and people gave what they had to help, including those who have little to give.

They still shared what they could, and they did so willingly and spontaneously.

Neighbors invited neighbors in for meals and to stay for as long as it takes. Social media lit up with offers of an extra bedroom, space in the living room to sleep and offers to go and get people who didn't think they could get out.

Teenagers and school staffers showed up at their schools to offer their services, and people who could get to shelters to help did so.

Small-town grocery store owners opened for business a few hours every day so people could restock their shelves.

People baked cookies and made sandwiches for firefighters and rescue personnel, desperately wanting to do something, anything, to help.

I watched emergency personnel of every ethnicity and color rescue people who needed rescuing.

Nobody was refused because of their culture, race or social status, this from a state that is constantly accused of being racist and prejudicial.

If you'd like to help contribute, consider a clothing pantry for our school districts.

For Lamar CISD, it's Common Threads, 500 Houston St. in Richmond.

All donations will go straight to those in need and almost immediately.

It will take months, maybe years, to rebuild from this disaster, and that's a tame word for what's happened to our beautiful part of Texas.

Mother Nature might've slapped our faces, but we pulled up our britches, and we're going to work to make life better than it was before.

Denise Adams' email is dhadams1955@yahoo.com.

Outside View



Racial lies and racism

Earlier this month, The New York Times ran an article titled "U.S. Rights Unit Shifts to Study Antiwhite Bias" on its front page.

The article says that President Donald Trump's Justice Department's civil rights division is going to investigate and sue universities whose affirmative action admissions policies discriminate against white applicants.

This is an out-and-out lie.

The truth is that the U.S. departments of Justice and Education plan to investigate racial bias in admissions at Harvard and other elite institutions where Asian-Americans are held to far higher standards than other applicants.

This type of practice was used during the first half of the 20th century to limit the number of Jews at Harvard and other Ivy League schools.

Drs. Thomas Espenshade and Alexandria Radford documented discrimination against Asians in their 2009 award-winning book, "No Longer Separate, Not Yet Equal: Race and Class in Elite Colleges Admission and Campus Life."

Their research demonstrated that, when controlling for other variables, Asian students faced considerable odds against their admission.

To be admitted to elite colleges, Asians needed SAT scores 140 points higher than whites, 270 points higher than Hispanics and 450 points higher than blacks.

An Asian applicant with an SAT score of 1500 (out of a possible 1600 on the old SAT) had the same chance of being admitted as a white student with a 1360 score, a Latino with a 1230 and a black student with a 1050 score.

Another way of looking at it is that among applicants who had the highest SAT scores (within the 1400-1600 range), 77 percent of blacks were admitted, 48 percent of Hispanics, 40 percent of whites and only 30 percent of Asians.

The case of Austin Jia is typical of what happens to Asian students.

In 2015, Jia graduated from high school and had a nearly perfect score of 2340 out of 2400 possible points on the new SAT.

His GPA was 4.42, and he had taken 11 Advanced Placement courses in high school.

He had been on his school's debate team, been the tennis team's captain and played the violin in the all-state orchestra.

His applications for admission were rejected at Harvard, Prince-

ton and Columbia universities, as well as at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jia said that his rejection was particularly disturbing when certain classmates who had lower scores but were not Asian-American like him were admitted to those Ivy League schools.

California universities present an interesting case.

At one time, they also discriminated against Asians in admissions, but now it's a different story.

As of 2008, Asians made up 40 percent of the students enrolled at UCLA and 43 percent at the University of California, Berkeley.

Last school year, 42 percent of students at Caltech were Asian.

You might ask what accounts for the high numbers.

It turns out that in 1996, Proposition 209 (also known as the California Civil Rights Initiative) was approved by California voters.

The measure amended the state constitution to prohibit state governmental institutions from considering race, sex or ethnicity in the areas of public employment, public contracting and public education.

The experience of California, where racially discriminatory admissions policy has been reduced, suggests that if Ivy League universities were prohibited from using race as a factor in admissions, the Asian-American admissions rate would rise while the percentages

Michael Moore and the Democrats

Michael Moore's one-man show on Broadway is at times hilarious, at times tedious. While theater critics found "The Terms of My Surrender" greatly wanting, the liberal audiences seemed grateful for some comic resistance to the Trump era.

Problem is, Moore is their problem. Or, at risk of inflicting a narcissistic injury on the lefty provocateur's sense of centrality in great liberal causes, (SET ITAL) part (END ITAL)

Had ticket buyers known his history of aiding and abetting the forces he purports to fight, they might have added Moore to their boycott lists.

They certainly would have choked at Moore's opening complaint: "How the f — did this happen? The second time in the last 16 years we got the most votes!"

Ah, 16 years ago. That's when Moore and other purifiers of the rigid left openly urged liberals to throw the election to George W. Bush. The race was so close that Republicans were sending checks to the campaign of left-wing spoiler Ralph Nader. It was in all the papers.

But Moore worked the Nader rallies with his rumpled-working-man shtick. "A vote for Gore is a vote for Bush," he insanely belated. "If they both believe in the same thing, wouldn't you want the original than the copy?"

Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote by a half-million but lost the Electoral College, as Nader siphoned off a few progressives in Florida.

Later in the show, Moore bitterly denounced Democrats who voted for "Bush's war" and the liberal publications that endorsed it. Truth is, the claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction were more believable at the time than the contention that Gore was just like Bush.

The lesson of 2000 had clearly been forgotten by 2016, when Bernie Sanders and allies caricatured Hillary Clinton as a handmaiden of dark Wall Street forces. They condemned her as a toady of corporate America for having backed the Trans-Pacific Partnership. Actually, the TPP was a good deal for most American workers but an easy target for demagoguery. (Trump ditched TPP, and now most Democrats support it.)

Sanders was not a spoiler in the Ralph Nader sense. He vied for the Democratic nomination and eventually came around to supporting the Democratic candidate. But self-importance — stoked by adoring followers — so clouded his judgment that he saw little danger in letting the "witch" bleed until

almost the end.

Even after Clinton amassed 3.6 million more votes than he, Sanders withheld his endorsement for weeks. At the Democratic convention, some Sanders ninnies booed Clinton's name without serious reprimand by their leader. And — shades of 2000 — a Bernie group put out a flyer reading, "Join us to hear why Hillary Clinton is more dangerous than Donald Trump."

Trump picked up the talking points where Sanders left off. Clinton admittedly ran a flawed campaign, but when Sanders said after the election that she should have been able to put Trump away, you just wanted to...

So what should Democrats do? They should encourage states to hold primaries attracting a broad swath of voters rather than caucuses dominated by a few well-trained strategists. They should require Democratic candidates to be registered Democrats. And they should insist that candidates for president release their tax returns.

All the above Sanders opposed. He does get some grievance points for the party leaders' favoritism toward Clinton. They should desist.

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Trump to kick off tax overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will kick off his lobbying effort for a tax overhaul at an event with a Midwestern manufacturing backdrop and some economic tough talk.

The one thing missing? A detailed proposal.

Instead, in Springfield, Missouri, Wednesday, Trump will give remarks that the White House said will focus on his "vision" for spurring job creation and economic growth by cutting rates and revising the tax code. Details will come later; officials said, when lawmakers work them out.

After a year with no major legislative wins, the stakes are high for the White House and GOP leaders, who face mounting pressure to get points on the board before next year's midterm elections.

Complicating matters, the tax push comes amid an intense September workload that requires Congress to act by month's end to fund the government and raise the debt limit, as well as pass emergency spending for the Harvey disaster.

Pleak Speaks

Hurricane Harvey swamps streets in Pleak

The past week has been tragic all through Fort Bend County. So much travesty and loss to many county residents. Pleak fared pretty well with only a few streets flooding and remaining flooded during



Marsha Goates

the entire hurricane event. Pleak Fire Station was staffed 24/7 beginning Friday and remains staff until all roads are accessible. We had several water rescues including a few dogs. Our area was lucky. Roads were checked on a daily basis to ensure information was accurate and reported to the EOC regarding flooding. We at the fire station would like to thank Cristino and Dilia Medrano, Aziz with Valero, Word of God Fellowship, The Shimkus family, Malcolm

and Nancy Zurek and Larry and Kathy Bittner for the food and supplies to help us get through Harvey. Thank you to the City Council for calling and coming to check our needs as well. Remember it will take time for the waters to go down so please show patience during this time. If you need assistance you can reach FEMA at 1-800-621-(FEMA) 1-800-621-3362. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing stories of your plans for the summer, your chil-

dren's school accomplishments OR good news from your neighborhood or your church. You can call me at 281-703-9939, or send me an email to mlgoates@gmail.com with any news that you would like to share. To find out what is happening in the Village of Pleak you may visit their website of http://villageofpleak.com/home/ for scheduled meetings, to read minutes from previous council meetings. For more information, you may also call the Pleak Village Hall of fice directly at 281-239-8504.

Flights restricted over Fort Bend County

During the last 24 hours there have been over 5,000 rescues in Fort Bend County. As of Tuesday morning, helicopters have started rescue operations in the county. The rescue helicopters need free airspace that is unimpeded by other aircraft operations. This includes operation of drones and other hobby related aircraft. To ensure the safety of our rescuers, Fort Bend County has requested and the Federal Aviation Administration has issued a temporary flight restriction order for Richmond and Rosenberg and the surrounding area. This restriction prohibits air traffic, including civilian aircraft, personally operated drones, quad-copters, radio controlled aircraft including any and all aircraft used by hobbyists in an area 10 miles around the Rich-

mond-Rosenberg area and below 500 feet above ground level. FAA regulations prohibit civilian and drone aircraft flight activities within a temporary flight restriction zone. This TFR will be in effect from Aug. 29 through midnight Sept. 30. Aircraft — even small aircraft used by hobbyists — could interfere with disaster response and recovery operations. Drone flights in the restricted area will be a danger to helicopters used in rescue operations and can jeopardize responder safety. We strongly urge you not to operate aircraft of any kind inside the TFR boundaries, authorities reported. Both Fort Bend County and the FAA take this restriction very seriously, authorities added. The FAA will take all appropriate measures to enforce this TFR. For questions, call 281-342-6185.



A Department of Public Safety helicopter makes a high-water rescue in the Fulshear area on Tuesday. Airspace over Fort Bend County has been restricted to allow such rescues to take place.

OakBend Medical Center invokes Code Grey

OakBend Health Systems is currently under Code Grey Disaster due to Hurricane Harvey. The Williams Way Campus will undergo a coordinated and organized evacuation throughout Tuesday to the Jackson Street

Campus. The Grand Parkway ER is closed, Hospital for Surgical Excellence and the Ambulatory Surgery Centers are closed through Friday, Sept. 1. The Jackson Street hospital is

at capacity and the emergency department is on diversion. At this time the decision has been made to restrict access areas to the Jackson Street Hospital. If it is necessary to access the

hospital for any reason please use the Emergency entrance. Employees will be able to use their badge access to enter as usual. The command center is located at the Jackson Street Location.

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WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #185 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 20, 2017 at 12:00PM at 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1100, Houston, TX 77046 . Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Allen Thomas, Wesley Noonan, Al Menconi, and Terrell Berger

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Scott Donahue

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)	\$1.03000/\$100	\$1.03000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.00000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		.00%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 321,828	\$ 320,349
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 321,828	\$ 320,349
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 3,314.82	\$ 3,299.59
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -15.23	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-.45%

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

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED
PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE

A tax rate of \$0.832000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Meadows Place. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Meadows Place proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of maintaining its current infrastructure, revenue, and level of service.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.832000 per \$100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	\$0.832000 per \$100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.803291 per \$100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	\$0.866825 per \$100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Meadows Place from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Meadows Place may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: September 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Meadows Place City Hall, 1 Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, TX 77477.

Second Hearing: September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Meadows Place City Hall, 1 Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, TX 77477.

High School Sports Calendar

Foster



Friday, Sept. 8

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

Fulshear



Thursday, Sept. 7

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

George Ranch



Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Longhorns at Dickinson,
Sam Vitanza Stadium, 7

Lamar Consolidated



Friday, Sept. 8

Football: Mustangs at Ridge Point,
Hall Stadium, 7

Terry



Thursday, Sept. 7

Football: Rangers vs. Dulles, Traylor
Stadium, 7

Travis



Thursday, Sept. 7

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

Needville



Friday, Sept. 8

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

Brazos



Friday, Sept. 8

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

Professional Sports Calendar

Astros



Wednesday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, 6:10

Thursday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, 12:10

Dash



Sunday

NWSL: Dash vs. Seattle Reign, Toyota
Stadium 7

Dynamo



Saturday, Sept. 9

MLS: Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30

Texans



Thursday

NFL Preseason: Texans vs. Cowboys,
AT&T Stadium, 7

Skeeters



Wednesday

Atlantic League: Skeeters at
New Britain Bees, 9:05 a.m.

High school notebook

GR’s Menefee named to USA Baseball 18U National Team
Sooners speak highly of new teammate Lamb



George Ranch senior left-handed pitcher Joseph Menefee was named to the USA Baseball 18-and-under national team.



Former Foster Falcon Cedarian Lamb shines with the Oklahoma Sooners.



HERALD PHOTO BY RYAN DUNSMORE
Former Travis Tiger basketball player Morris Udeze narrowed down his list of possibly suiters he will pick from to TCU, LSU, Ohio State University, Wichita State University and Butler University.

BY RYAN DUNSMORE
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Before Hurricane Harvey stopped the sports calendar across the Houston area, USA Baseball announced it’s 18-and-under national team.

Among the ranks of the red, white and blue was George Ranch senior left-handed pitcher Joseph Menefee.

Menefee and Team USA will compete in the 2017 World Baseball Softball Confederation U-18 Baseball World Cup in Thunder Bay, Canada, from Sept. 1-10.

Menefee was the 2017 Fort Bend Herald Pitcher of the Year

and the District 23-6A Most Valuable Player during his junior season.

The George Ranch Longhorn has had a busy offseason. He participated in the New Balance Area Code games and helped the Texas 12 Maroon team make a deep run in the Premier Baseball Junior Championships.

Udeze names Top 5

Former Travis Tiger basketball player Morris Udeze had numerous scholarship offers pouring from possible college destination. Udeze has narrowed down his list of possibly suitors he will pick from to TCU, LSU,

Ohio State University, Wichita State University and Butler University.

Udeze averaged 12.6 points, 7.7 rebounds and 1.2 blocks per game. He shot 68 percent from the field and 76 percent from the free-throw line during his most recent Travis campaign.

Udeze graduated this past season from Travis high school and transferred to Montverde Academy in Florida.

Sooners gush about Lamb

Former Foster Falcon Cedarian Lamb has already caught the eye of his quarterback Baker Mayfield and University of Okla-

homa special teams coordinator Jay Boulware.

Mayfield was asked about Lamb in preparation before the Sooners’ first game against UTEP.

“(Lamb is) a talented, nature athlete. He has that ‘it factor’ on the outside as a receiver. He has the ball skill to go out there and attack it,” Mayfield said.

“The thing I most respect about him is that he has that ‘dog’ in him.”

Boulware said of Lamb, he is a “natural” in the punt return game. Boulware said it’s easy for him.

UH postpones weekend games amid flooding

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Cougars could have played their football game at Texas-San Antonio on Saturday.

Instead they chose to postpone it, deciding there were things much more important than football this week with Houston besieged by catastrophic flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

“We felt like it wasn’t the right thing to do in terms of where our city is,” Houston coach Major Applewhite said. “Sports are important and sports are fun and its entertainment, but with casualties in our city, and the state of mind of our players and our players’ families, it’s not the right thing to do, to play a game.”

Applewhite spoke in Austin where the Cougars have been

practicing since evacuating there ahead of the storm on Friday. He said football is secondary right now and they’ll figure out how to make the game up when conditions improve.

“Houston is across our chest for a reason,” he said. “It’s our city, a lot of people on our team from our city and we need to help not only our immediate family ... but go back and give to a city who has given a lot to us and concentrate our efforts there. We’ll get to our season.”

Officials said they will explore options for rescheduling the game against UTSA. Houston has an off date on Nov. 11.

The Cougars will not compete in any sports this weekend with events in cross country, volleyball and soccer also being canceled.

Many of the Cougar football players are from the area and have

been nervously getting updates on friends and loved ones from television broadcasts and social media.

“This is bigger than football,” senior running back Dillon Birden, who is from the Houston suburb of Cypress. “We’re ready to get back to our city and help our city.”

The storm has also forced the Houston Dash to play their scheduled home game against the Seattle Reign FC on Sunday at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. Tickets to that game are \$20 with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

The changes are the latest to hit Houston sports teams. The Astros were forced to play their series against the Texas Rangers at the home of the Tampa Bay Rays while the Texans are playing their “home” preseason game on the road against the Dallas Cowboys

instead.

Bailiff taking one day at a time

The Rice football team hasn’t been home in days, holed up in Fort Worth on the TCU campus after a game in Sydney, Australia, over the weekend.

“Basically it’s a day-to-day plan,” Rice coach David Bailiff said Tuesday. “We meet every morning, and we meet every evening just to make sure we’re ensuring, first their human needs. This right now is so not about football. It’s about taking care of people and that’s what I just told the team, too.”

Bailiff isn’t sure when he and his team will be able to get back home.

“We all want to be back in Houston,” he said. “We just can’t get there.”

Atlantic League

Skeeters sweep double-header

BY HERALD STAFF

The Sugar Land Skeeters had to quickly shift gears and move a home stand to New Britain this week with Hurricane Harvey pounding Fort Bend County.

The Skeeters swept a double-header with the New Britain Bees on Tuesday, 6-4 and 1-0.

The Skeeters walked off with a win in the 1-run game with a RBI from Kevin Ahrens.

Mitch Talbot pitched seven scoreless innings.

Joe Benson went 2-for-2 with a home run the Skeeters’ 6-4 win in game two.

Atlantic League Standings					
	All Times EDT				
Freedom	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Lancaster	29	22	.569	—	
York	29	22	.569	—	
Sugar Land	25	27	.481	4½	
Southern Maryland	21	30	.412	8	
Liberty	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Long Island	31	20	.608	—	
Bridgeport	24	27	.471	7	
Somerset	23	27	.460	7½	
New Britain	22	29	.431	9	
Tuesday’s Games					
Sugar Land 1, New Britain 0					
Sugar Land 6, New Britain 4					
York at Long Island, p.p.d.					
Bridgeport at Southern Maryland, p.p.d.					
Lancaster at Somerset, p.p.d.					

Column

Arlington Rangers?

Baseball origination shows true colors

The Houston Astros lost game one of their “home” series to the “Arlington” Rangers 12-2 Tuesday at Tropicana Field in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey, the Astros have not been able to make it back to Houston and the “Arlington” Rangers have their season ticket holders as their top priority.

Before the series began, the Astros organization asked the Rangers for one simple request and that was to switch home series where the Astros would be playing at Minute Maid Park Sept. 25-27 instead of playing at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

I refuse to call them the Texas Rangers any longer. To me, they are the “Arlington” Rangers because they don’t care about anyone else but themselves.

The Rangers reasoning for not switching series was they didn’t want four straight series on the road at the end of their season and they couldn’t do that to the season ticket holders.

Are you kidding me? First of all, the Rangers are one game under .500 at 65-66. They aren’t even close to making the playoffs so why are they so concerned about having to play four series on the road at the end of the season?

The “Arlington” Rangers will have plenty of time at home when they’re sitting on their couch watching the playoffs.

Secondly, I’m sure the Rangers’ season ticket holders would understand why they made the switch considering Houston is almost completely underwater.

If they can’t then that would be a clear indication of the kind of character the people of the Dallas/Ft. Worth/Arlington area has.

Starting pitcher of the Astros Lance McCullers Jr. said it best, “Greed never takes days off, I guess.”

With people in South Texas struggling to find anything to help distract them from this devastating storm, the Rangers made the decision to not help and kept their wants and needs more of a priority than their neighbors south of them.

For a team that calls themselves the Texas Rangers, they sure do a horrible job at representing and supporting the state of Texas.

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NFL

Texans-Cowboys preseason game canceled

BY HERALD STAFF

The National Football League has opted to cancel Thursday’s preseason game between the Houston Texans and Dallas Cowboys.

The move is centered around allowing Texans players, coaches and staff to be able to return home to their families sooner, per sources.

The game was originally scheduled to take place in Houston on Thursday at NRG Stadium. The game was moved to AT&T Stadium in Arlington as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

Over 40,000 tickets had already been sold for the game, with the proceeds going to the hurricane relief fund. The Dallas Morning News is reporting that fans will have the option of getting a refund or donating the funds to relief efforts.

Thursday would have marked the final preseason game for both teams.

The NFL has not yet announced if the Texans season opener next week against Jacksonville will remain in Houston.

MLB
Stanton
bashes
51st homer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Miami Marlins slugger Giancarlo Stanton tied the major league record with his 18th home run in August, bashing his 51st of the season in the first inning of a game against the Washington Nationals.

Stanton matched the mark set by Rudy York with the Detroit Tigers in August 1937. Stanton's drive Tuesday night off Edwin Jackson landed deep in the left-field stands and came after a 26-minute rain delay. He extended the Marlins' franchise record for most homers in a month.

Stanton is two shy of tying Sammy Sosa for the most homers in any month. Sosa had 20 in June 1998 and finished with 66 that season.

Stanton entered Tuesday batting .381 with 35 RBIs in August. He's won a pair of NL Player of the Week awards this month.

On Sunday, Stanton became the first NL player since Prince Fielder in 2007 to hit at least 50 home runs in a season.

Tennis
Nadal
questions noise
at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — It's too loud under the U.S. Open roof for Rafael Nadal.

Even though the U.S. Tennis Association tried to lessen the noise in Arthur Ashe Stadium after the retractable cover's debut during last year's tournament, there was still quite a bit of ambient sound when the top was shut because of rain.

"Too much noise, no?" the No. 1-seeded Nadal said after beating Dusan Lajovic 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-2 in the first round. "I was not able to hear the ball when you are hitting, no?"

Nadal, who counts two U.S. Open championships among his 15 Grand Slam titles, actually participated in the first match contested under the shut roof at the 2016 U.S. Open, when the \$150 million sliding cover made its debut atop the event's main arena. Back then, he called it an "unbelievable improvement," because it finally allowed for play when it rains in New York. The man he beat that day, Andreas Seppi, was the one who made a point of saying, "There really was a lot of noise."

College football
Stetson
football player
drops dead at
practice

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — A sophomore from Georgia collapsed and died during football practice at a Florida university.

Stetson University officials said in a statement that 19-year-old Nicholas Adam Blakely collapsed during a Monday evening practice. The accounting major from Lawrenceville, Georgia, was on the sidelines when he complained of not feeling well. He collapsed and was taken to Florida Hospital Deland, where he died.

The statement said Coach Roger Hughes broke the news to his team and counselors are on hand to help them deal with their loss.

Blakely was a defensive back who was redshirted last season and never played in a college football game. The team was preparing for its season opener at Sacred Heart University on Saturday in Connecticut.

He attended Archer High School, which is northeast of Atlanta.

NFL
Browns
release Joe
Haden

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Former Pro Bowl cornerback Joe Haden has been released by the Cleveland Browns.

Haden has been slowed by injuries the past two seasons. The Browns felt he was no longer going to help them and terminated his contract Wednesday. The team had been trying to trade Haden, who was one of its captains last season.

The 28-year-old Haden made the Pro Bowl in 2013 and 2014 before the team signed him to a five-year, \$67.5 million extension. Haden's departure leaves the Browns, who went 1-15 last season, thin on experience and depth in their secondary.

Haden played in just 18 games the past two seasons because of injuries. He played in 13 games last season despite a serious groin injury.

The former Florida standout was one of Cleveland's most popular and visible players, often attending Cleveland Cavaliers games. He played in 90 games for Cleveland.

Border rivalry renewal for No. 22
West Virginia with Virginia Tech

(AP) — Some things to watch in the Big 12 Conference the first weekend of this season:

Game of the week

No. 22 West Virginia vs. No. 21 Virginia Tech, Sunday, at Landover, Maryland. The border rivals meet for the first time since 2005. West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen likes starting the season against a Power Five team from another league, and is excited about the renewal of the rivalry. Former Florida quarterback and preseason Big 12 newcomer of the year Will Grier makes his debut for WVU, which leads the series 28-21-1. The Mountaineers also have running back Justin Crawford, the Big 12's top returning rusher.

Best match up

Texas coach Tom Herman vs. Maryland coach DJ Durkin. The 23rd-ranked Longhorns, coming off three consecutive losing seasons, make their debut under Herman, a 22-game winner the past two seasons at Houston after a national title as offensive coordinator at Ohio State. Durkin also had assistant roles at Power Five schools before becoming a head coach. The Terrapins, who last played Texas in the 1978 Sun Bowl, doubled their win total to six games last year in Durkin's first season.

Inside the numbers

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder's 202 career wins are the most by an ac-

tive coach at his current school. Snyder is starting his 26th season with the 20th-ranked Wildcats. Gary Patterson, TCU's 17th-year head coach, is second on that list with 149 wins. ... No. 10 Oklahoma State, which hosts Tulsa on Thursday night, has won 21 consecutive home openers. ... Baylor's assistant coaches have 37 combined years of NFL experience, the most in college football. The Bears play their first game under coach Matt Rhule when they host Liberty.

Long shot

No. 7 Oklahoma is unlikely to lose a season opener for the second year in a row. The Sooners, who lost 33-23 to Houston to start last season, play their first game since 1998 without coach Bob Stoops and are favored more than six touchdowns in coach Lincoln Riley's debut. They are home against UTEP, opening its 100th season.

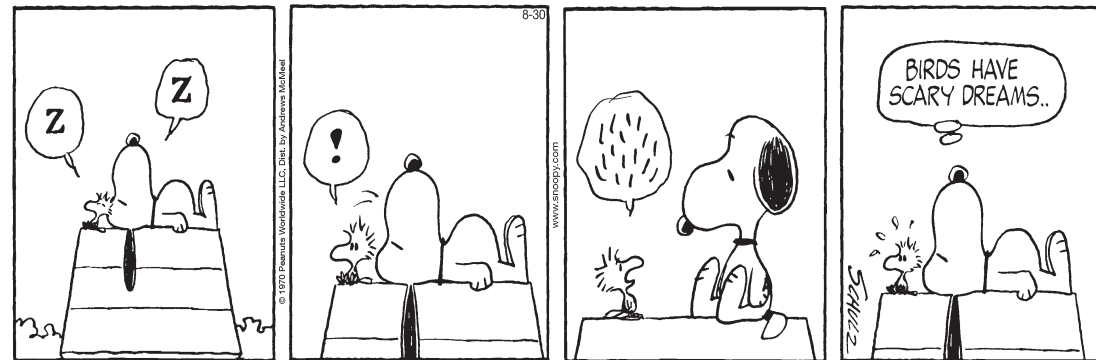
Players to watch

After starting 14 games as Iowa State's quarterback the past two years, Joel Lanning goes into his senior season as a starting linebacker. But the 6-foot-2, 230-pound Lanning will likely still see some time on offense, especially in wildcard formations. While not saying how much that would be, coach Matt Campbell said the Cyclones "would be foolish not to use his skill set on offense and certainly his ability to help us offensively when needed." Iowa State opens at home against Northern Iowa.

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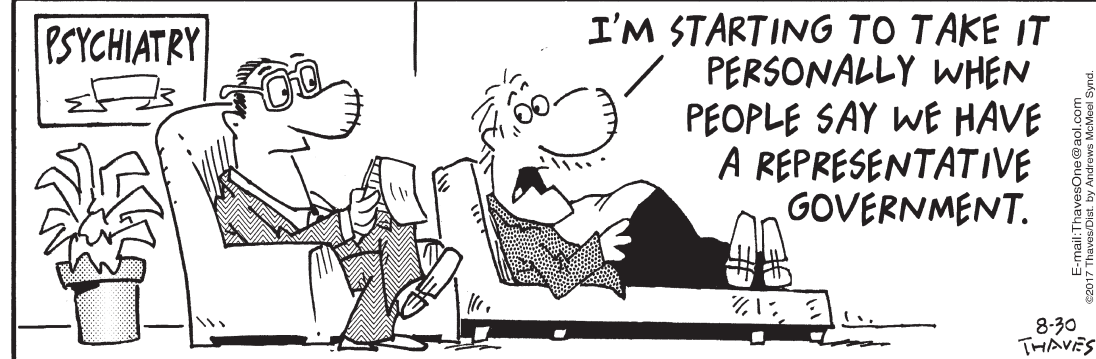
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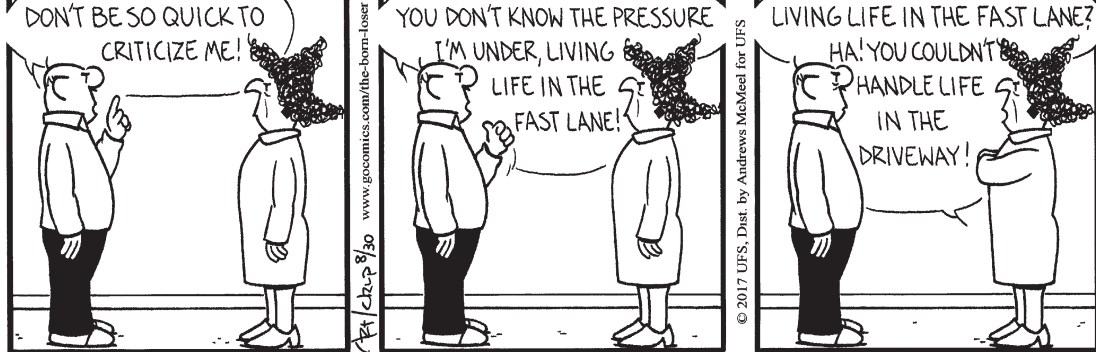
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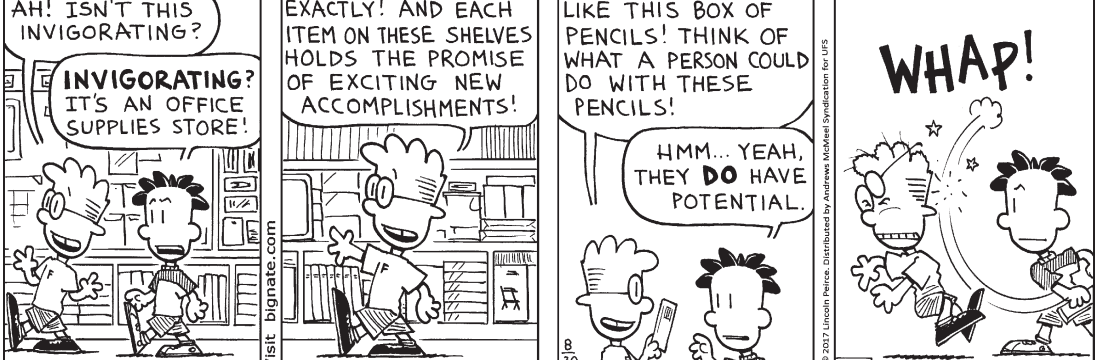
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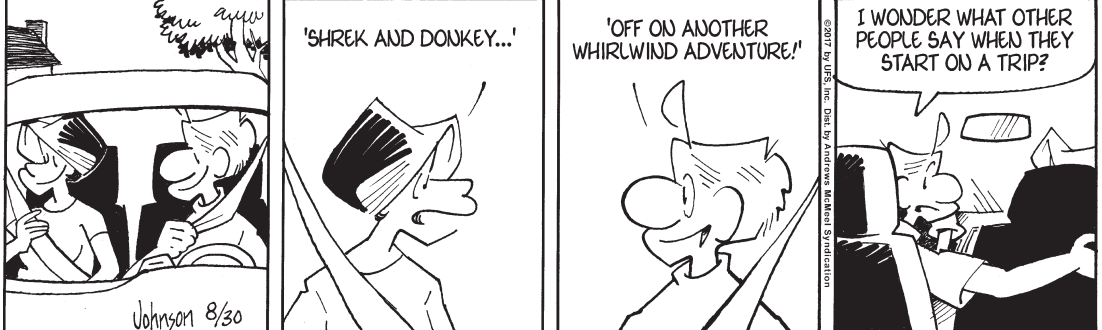
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Zodiac
Birthdays Tomorrow

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017- Take care of personal matters this year. Buying and selling property or making changes that will improve your lifestyle or bring you financial relief should be your priority. Question anyone who doesn't give you a straight answer or who uses excuses to take advantage of your kindness or hospitality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Clear a space that you can use to work on something that brings you joy. Domestic changes will motivate you to rethink your future and the direction in which you are heading.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Accept the inevitable and keep moving forward. Apply common sense to situations that appear unstable and to relationships that are affecting your ability to get things done. Do what's best for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Discuss what's on your mind. Talks will bring about positive change if you are honest about the way you feel and what you want to pursue. Don't live in denial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Soul-searching will do you good. Consider what you want and what you are putting up with. Lower your stress by doing what's best for you mentally, physically and financially.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Emotions will rise to the surface, causing some stress if you get caught up in someone else's dilemma. Keep your distance and protect your money, personal data and possessions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- An act of kindness will put you in the spotlight. Make it clear what your objective is and what you need to be successful in your effort. Persistence will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Do whatever it takes to achieve your dreams. Don't let minor setbacks stop you in your tracks. Adjust to whatever comes your way and turn negatives into positives.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Focus inward and be insightful when dealing with peers, your boss or someone who can influence your future. Positive changes will result if you are understanding and industrious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- A business trip, meeting or interview will help clarify your beliefs and set you on a path that looks promising. Collaborate with someone you find inspiring in order to learn something new.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Look over contracts, personal documentation and

your finances, and make adjustments to them. Altering your lifestyle or updating your surroundings will be rejuvenating. Do the work yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You'll have the upper hand if you rely on experience to be your guide. Use your insight and practical outlook to help coordinate your plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- If you want

something, go after it. Bring about the changes that will position you for future advancement and get involved in activities and events that encourage schmoozing and gaining support.

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Neck and neck

5 Took the risk

10 Summer annual

12 Rio Grande town

13 Straightens

14 Not susceptible

15 Singer Seeger

16 Cure leather

18 Whirlpool locale

19 Rackets

22 All geared up

25 New York cagers

29 Brownies

30 Taj —

32 Play footsie

33 Fallback strategy (2 wds.)

34 Approval

37 Advances, as money

DOWN

1 Scrabble piece

2 — — for keeps

3 Gives rise to

4 Loud, confused noise

5 River tamer

6 Starfish features

7 Enlist again (hyph.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

EMMA	ABS	FETA
GIRD	KOA	OVAL
GRILLING	RICE	
	IAN	ACETIC
DOUBT	PSAT	
AMT	EFFORT	
UNIV	ARN	ROAR
BILE	SAC	YOGA
	HITTER	PUN
EMIR	EASED	
KNACKS	WAG	
ITLL	HARDROCK	
TETE	ALI	ETRE
ERAS	GET	ETON

8 Novelist — Ferber

9 Forest grazer

10 Use a ray gun

11 — spumante

12 Nubby fabric

17 Invite

20 Type of cracker

21 Easy

22 Ump's cousin

23 Jazzy Fitzgerald

24 Car rental name

26 Scotland, to poets

27 Genghis —

28 Hourglass filler

31 Scale meas.

35 Female relative

36 Cable network

39 Gallop or trot

40 Wheel shaft

41 Sotto —

42 Like — — of bricks

45 Cap visor

46 News morsel

47 Always, to Keats

48 Chow down

49 Creeping vine

51 DDE's org.

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The 2017-18 George Ranch High School Longhorn Band



Retired educators hold luncheon

The Fort Bend- Harris Retired Educators welcomed new retirees to the ‘Oh Happy Day Luncheon’ held August 22, the first day of school. A pot-luck lunch was served and entertainment was provided by The Sugar Sisters. A legislative update was given by Marcy Cann, TRTA Secretary/Treasurer. The next meeting will be September 14 at 1pm in the Great Hall of First United Methodist Church, 431 Eldridge Rd., Sugar Land. Dr.

Charles Dupre, FBISD Superintendent will speak on ways retirees can help in Fort Bend Schools. Front row, from left, are Nancy Porter, Ana Alegria and Martha Lesikar. Middle row, from left, are Lynda Roulin, Gus Evans and Daphne Pemberton. Back row, from left, are Carl Peters, Karen Rice, Carol McDonough, Elizabeth Stevenson, Theresa McCown, Diana Urbanovsky and Joyce Sutherland.

Flood insurance policies plunge in Houston in past 5 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Houston’s population is growing quickly, but when Harvey hit last weekend there were far fewer homes and other properties in the area with flood insurance than just five years ago, according to an Associated Press investigation.

The sharp, 9 percent drop in coverage means many residents fleeing Harvey’s floodwaters have no financial backup to fix up their homes and will have to draw on savings or go into debt — or perhaps be forced to sell.

Houston’s Harris County has 25,000 fewer flood-insured properties than it did in 2012, according to the AP’s review of Federal Emergency Management Agency data.

In percentage terms, the drop was even more dramatic in certain sections of the county: In Pasadena, just southeast of Houston, policies were down nearly 20 percent. Baytown, east of Houston, saw a 22 percent drop.

A former head of the federal flood insurance program called the drops “unbelievable,” and criticized FEMA, the agency overseeing the program.

“When you start to see policies drop like this, FEMA should have done something about this,” said

Robert Hunter, who ran the program in the late ‘70s. He estimates that fewer than two of 10 homeowners with flood damage have flood insurance.

FEMA’s director, Brock Long, told the AP on Wednesday he was uncertain what was driving the drop in insurance coverage in Houston. He said storm victims who have lost their homes and are uninsured could seek assistance through the Small Business Administration, which offers loans.

Experts point to a mix of reasons for Houston area residents deciding to drop coverage but lack of fear was a big one. The last big flood, Tropical Storm Allison, was 16 years ago, and people stopped worrying and wanted money they would have spent for insurance premiums for other items. The average cost for premiums in Harris County increased from \$514 per year in 2012 to \$555 annually this year; an increase of 8 percent, according to FEMA data.

Jesse Trubia, president of a metal fabrication company, decided to pass on flood insurance when he moved to his two-story home on the outskirts of Houston several years ago. That decision will now cost him up to \$30,000, he estimated. Up to one foot of water seeped into his home

in Cypress.

In total, Harris County residents were paying premiums on nearly 250,000 flood insurance policies in June, down from almost 275,000 policies at the end of 2012. There were roughly 1.75 million housing units in Harris County, but that includes apartment and condominium buildings, making it an imperfect figure to try to calculate what overall percentage of families are covered by flood insurance.

The number of policies in Houston itself fell from 133,000 to 119,000, an 11 percent drop — roughly in line with the trend nationally. Over the same period, the number of flood policies across the U.S. dropped 10 percent, to 4.9 million.

Jiles Daniels, a retired oil company manager, never wavered when he bought flood insurance on both his homes: one in Houston and another on an island near Cleveland, northeast of Houston. The cost is considerable: about \$1,800 a year in premiums for the two houses combined. He thinks it’s worth it: The lower level of his island house went about four feet under water, he estimates, though his city home had been spared so far.

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Water covers Wallis community

The roof of a truck sticks out of flood waters in Wallis on Tuesday. Lawns, fields and roads in and near the community were inundated by rainfall from Tropical Storm Harvey and the rising Brazos River.



HERALD PHOTO BY REBEKAH RAMOS

Flooded out

The Dollar General Store on SH 36 in Wallis is closed because of flood water. Weather experts say skies in Fort Bend County will be clear for a few days but rain is forecast for Tuesday and several days afterward. The National Weather Service said a tropical depression has formed in the Atlantic Ocean.

Email flood photos to: fbherald.com

WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The FORT BEND COUNTY M.U.D. #118 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Greater Fort Bend EDC, One Fluor Daniel Drive, Sugar Land, TX 77478. 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: Alex Reid Garrett, Dennis Rooney, James Waltz & Jaime Benoliel

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: James Hines

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)	\$.70000/\$100 Adopted	\$.68000/\$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.02000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)	-2.85%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 268,245	\$ 273,449
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 268,245	\$ 273,449
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 1,877.71	\$ 1,859.45
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -18.26	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	- .97%	

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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San Bernard River overflows

The San Bernard River overflows SH 60 between Wallis and East Bernard on Tuesday. The San Bernard crested at 31.98 feet on Tuesday afternoon at the East Bernard gauge, almost four feet higher than the last record-high of 28.5 feet. The San Bernard has presently has dropped to 29.6 feet.



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Common Threads collects supplies for flood victims

Common Threads at Jane Long Elementary has begun collecting supplies for flood victims. Common Threads is already full and no longer needs clothing, but their donation location at the old Jane Long gym/cafeteria really needs canned goods, some contact solution, can openers, bedding, and toiletries.

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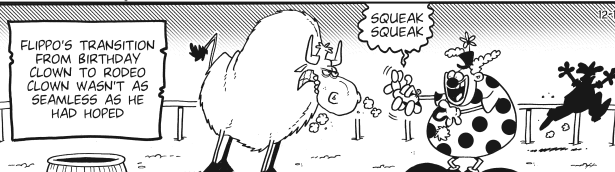
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1	16-DCV-231031 04/26/17	7400000003300910 JULY 19, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. ALVIS HARRISON, ET AL	LOT 33, STA-MO ANNEX NO.1 SUB'D, VOL 364, PG 109*	\$46,910.00	\$14,200.00
2	16-DCV-233378 05/24/17	6250030012200907 JULY 19, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. RODOLFO RUIZ, ET AL	LOT 22, BLK 1, RIDGEMONT SUB'D, SEC 3, VOL 20, PG 2*	\$98,390.00	\$11,600.00
3	16-DCV-233406 05/24/17	6254020022200907 JULY 19, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. NGO TUNG QUOC, AKA PHILLIP TUNG QUOC NGO, ET AL	TRACT 22, BLK 2, UNRECD RE-SUBD, RESERVE A, RIDGEMONT SEC 2, VOL 10, PG 11 & VOL 833, PG 174*	\$91,030.00	\$18,900.00

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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Fort Bend County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on July 19, 2017, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in September, 2017, the same being the 5th day of said month, at 301 Jackson Street, William Travis Building, 1st Floor Meeting Room in the City of Richmond, Texas 77469, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Fort Bend and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value	Estimated Minimum Bid
1	10-DCV-180900 05/24/17	0039000000321901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. MANDELL & WRIGHT PC FKA MANDELL & WRIGHT, ATTORNEY'S AT LAW, ET AL	1.7548 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, HENRY JONES SURV. ABST 39, CLERK'S FILE NO. 20025130703*	\$56,580.00	\$20,000.00
2	14-DCV-217725 06/24/16	0085110013204903 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. ALONZO JOHNICAN, JR., ET AL	UND 16.67% INT IN & TO 29.71 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SHELBY, FRAZIER & MCCORMICK LEAGUE, ABST 85, VOL 198, PG 622, & VOL 340, PG 214*	\$34,870.00	\$9,300.00
3	15-DCV-228675 03/09/17	6245010000040901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. RIO VISTA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.	0.7424 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, RESERVE D, BLK 4, RIO VISTA, SEC 1, REC'D UNDER PLAT NO. 20060206 & CLERK'S FILE NO. 2014080812*	\$253,910.00	\$28,700.00
4	16-DCV-229355 11/16/16	6460120010080901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. AGHAEGBUNA ODELUGO, AKA AGHAEGBUNA CHIBUIKE ODELUGO, ET AL	LOT 8, BLK 1, RIVERPARK, SEC 12, REC'D IN SLIDE NO. 2208/A*	\$223,590.00	\$16,800.00
5	16-DCV-232578 06/13/17	0325000160007901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. HECTOR BORJA	10.153 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOT 16, TURKEY CREEK SUB'D, VOL 53, PG 233 & CLERK'S FILE NO. 2009005268, SAVE & EXCEPT ANY PORTION LYING IN RIGHT-OF WAY*	\$84,090.00	\$3,600.00
6	16-DCV-232578 05/31/17	3010020150075901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. ALFRED BRADLEY, ET AL	LOT 7, BLK 15, DAVE FIELDS, 2ND ADDIN, VOL 234, PG 228 & VOL 478, PG 289*	\$56,490.00	\$21,000.00

7	16-DCV-233291 05/23/17	0850000433060906 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. NELLIE RAY WILLIAMS	BERNARD STERN S/D, ACRES 1.04, MORE OR LESS, PT 43, VOL 53, PG 235*	\$57,630.00	\$13,400.00
8	16-DCV-237287 05/24/17	8531010020030901 JULY 18, 2017	FORT BEND COUNTY VS. CANDICE NICOLE PALMER ISENHOWER, ET AL	LOT 3, BLK 2, VISTAS OF GREATWOOD, REC'D IN SLIDE NO. 2437B*	\$223,460.00	\$10,900.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Fort Bend County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE PROPERTY TAX CODE NOW REQUIRE PURCHASERS OF TAX SALE PROPERTY TO HAVE A STATEMENT FROM THE FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR CERTIFYING THAT THE PERSON/FIRM/COMPANY PURCHASING PROPERTY AT A TAX SALE OWES NO DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES TO ANY TAXING ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A TAX SALE DEED TO ANY PROPERTY YOU PURCHASE WITHOUT THIS CERTIFICATE.

TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FORT BEND COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SALE.

Dated at Richmond, Texas, July 19, 2017

Constable Mike Beard
Fort Bend County, Texas

By
Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP., attorney for plaintiffs, at (713) 844-3576

930 Legal Notices

CAUSE NO. 17-CPR-030495 IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT FRANCIS GRASMEDE, ALSO KNOWN AS ROBERT F. GRASMEDE, DECEASED, IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4, FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration with Will Annexed for the Estate of Robert Francis Grasmeder, also known as Robert F. Grasmeder, Deceased, were issued on July 24, 2017, in Cause No. 17-CPR-030495, pending in the County Court at Law No. 4 of Fort Bend County, Texas to: Mindy Jean Ramirez a/k/a Mindy J. Ramirez f/k/a Mindy Jean Grasmeder. The address of the Independent Administrator is: 12421 Buvaria Drive, Austin, Texas 78739. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. All persons having claims should address them in care of the representative at the address stated above. DATED the 28th day of August, 2017.
Respectfully submitted, THE DEAN LAW FIRM, PLLC BY: JULIA DEAN State Bar No. 11768560 STACEY K. SKILLMAN State Bar No. 24094287 1650 Highway 6 South, Suite 100 Sugar Land, Texas 77478 (281) 277-3326 TEL (281) 277-1534 FAX Attorney for Mindy Jean Ramirez, Independent Administrator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE THAT JXJ WANG, INC. DBS TAKUMI ASIAN BISTRO HAS FILED APPLICATION FOR WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT. SAID BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT 1853 PEARLAND PARKWAY, SUITE 117, PEARLAND, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS, 77581; LIZHEN WANG, PRESIDENT; MING X LIN, SECRETARY.
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NO. 17-CPR-030190 ESTATE OF BARBARA RAWLINS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BARBARA RAWLINS, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **BARBARA RAWLINS**, Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2017, in Cause Number 17-CPR-030190 pending in the County Court at Law #2 of Fort Bend County, Texas, to **DAVID RAWLINS**. The residence of such Executor is Fort Bend County, Texas. The address is: 503 Lakeview Dr., Sugar Land, Texas, 77498. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 21st day of August, 2017.
LAW OFFICE OF DANNY L. HOKE, P.C. BY: **DANNY L. HOKE** Attorney for Applicant State Bar #09813500 800 Jackson Street Richmond, Texas 77469 Phone: 281-633-9919 Fax: 281-232-9915 Email: danhoke@aol.com

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Trump says ‘talking is not the answer’ regarding North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump says that “Talking is not the answer” when it comes to North Korea. And he’s claiming the U.S. has been paying North Koreans what he calls “extortion money” for decades.

“The U.S. has been talking to North Korea, and paying them extortion money, for 25 years,” Trump tweeted Wednesday morning, adding: “Talking is not the answer!”

The tweet comes on the heels of the North’s recent missile test over Japan, a close American ally.

Trump’s tweet did not spell out what he meant by “extortion” in

the current standoff over North Korea’s nuclear program, and the White House did not immediately respond to questions.

North Korea has in the past temporarily halted nuclear development when the U.S. and others provided food aid or other types of compensation.

But the North hasn’t been making such demands, at least publicly, since Trump came into office.

Instead, it has been focused on finishing its decades-long effort to master the technology for fitting a nuclear warhead on a missile that can striking the U.S. mainland, calling such capability essential

for its national defense.

Trump’s assessment about the need for dialogue also appears at odds with his top diplomat, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who had in recent weeks been softening the conditions for a possible, formal dialogue with Pyongyang.

The U.S. also has been maintaining a diplomatic back channel with North Korea.

Trump offered a surprisingly subdued response to Pyongyang’s latest missile test Tuesday, avoiding a repeat of his bombastic warnings earlier this month of a potential military confrontation.

Nonetheless, U.S. officials an-

nounced Wednesday morning that they had conducted a missile defense test that resulted in the successful intercept of a medium-range ballistic missile off the coast of Hawaii.

The test was conducted by the Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy sailors.

“We are working closely with the fleet to develop this important new capability, and this was a key milestone in giving our Aegis BMD ships an enhanced capability to defeat ballistic missiles in their terminal phase,” Missile Defense Agency Director Lt. Gen. Sam Greaves said in a statement.

President, Hill leaders to meet next week

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump will meet next week with House and Senate leaders at the White House, congressional aides said Wednesday, as lawmakers return from August break to face a pile of legislative bills they must tackle and pursue a goal that Trump and Republicans covet: Tax cuts.

The meeting follows a recess that has seen Trump lambast several top Republicans, especially Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, after the collapse of the GOP health care bill in his chamber.

That has wounded the president’s relationship with his own party, and the coming weeks should offer a test of how much clout he has with fellow Republicans.

McConnell is scheduled to attend next Wednesday morning’s White House meeting. Also going are House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Following the crash of their health care bill, most Republicans — including Trump — want to

move on to a sweeping revamp of the tax code. Their goal is to include a reduction in rates for businesses and individuals while not reducing federal deficits — a difficult balancing act.

Like the push to repeal former President Barack Obama’s health care law, that effort is likely to encounter strong Democratic opposition and divisions among Republicans, leaving its fate uncertain.

Trump planned to deliver a speech later Wednesday promoting the effort.

Harvey added a new item to law-

makers’ must-do list. The massive, ongoing flooding means that officials still don’t know how much aid the metropolis will need to recover; but it’s expected to be many billions of dollars.

By late September, lawmakers will have to pass one bill preventing a first-ever federal default, which would likely jar the economy. They also must pass another bill by September’s end averting a government shutdown.

The aides spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose a meeting that hadn’t yet been announced.

Massachusetts police officers warned about visiting strip clubs

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts police department has warned its officers about the “negative public perception” of patronizing strip clubs following a brawl between several off-duty officers and a known gang member.

Masslive.com (http://bit.ly/2gov5L4) reports in a story Tuesday that no one was arrested following the brief melee in the Mardi Gras strip club in Springfield last December that involved an off-duty

officer exchanging punches with another man. The gang member and his associates were thrown out of the bar, and the officers called in a report about the fight.

A lawyer for the club says the city did not punish the bar in any way.

After an internal investigation, the officers were retrained in proper notification procedures and warned about public perception of police frequenting strip clubs.

Pittsburgh zoo euthanizes baby elephant with feeding issues, rejected by mom

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh zoo says a baby elephant that had a feeding tube inserted to help it gain weight has been euthanized.

Officials at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium announced Wednesday that the unnamed female calf had died.

The calf was born about 30 days prematurely in May, and at 184 pounds (83.6 kilograms), it was about 52 pounds (23.6 kilo-

grams) underweight at birth.

The calf’s mother at the zoo’s International Conservation Center in Somerset County rejected the calf, forcing keepers to feed it a combination of formula and elephant milk pumped from another female.

Teething caused the calf to stop eating. It responded well to the feeding tube inserted earlier this month, but it didn’t gain enough weight.

Meeting times of boards, councils and committees

Want to know what the city council, school board, county commissioners or MUD district board is considering?

Here’s the times and dates of their meetings:

Rosenberg

- City Council – Regular Meetings first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. (City Hall Council Chamber)
- City Council – Workshop Meetings fourth Tuesdays of every month at 6 p.m. (City Hall Council Chamber)
- Image Committee- third Monday at 6 p.m. at the City Hall council office
- Parks and Recreation Board – Fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Rosenberg Civic Center.
- Main Street Advisory Board – Fourth Thursday of month at 8:30 a.m. downtown Rosenberg.
- Planning Commission, third Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chamber
- Rosenberg Development Corporation- second Thursday at 4 p.m. at Rosenberg Civic Center

LCISD

- Lamar CISD, Board of Trustees typically meets on the third Thursday of each month. A workshop session is normally held the Tuesday before each regular meeting, where Trustees review agenda items and can have their questions answered. Trustees each receive detailed information regarding agenda items the week before meetings are scheduled. Lamar CISD Board meeting videos are uploaded the following week and remain archived on the Lamar CISD YouTube channel.

Fulshear

- Fulshear City Council, Third Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at City Hall
- Planning and Zoning Commission, first Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall
- Municipal Court, held three times a month at 2 p.m. at City Hall
- Fulshear Area Chamber of Commerce- meetings seem to be member only
- Keep Fulshear Beautiful- contact Ramona Ridge to get meeting time date
- City of Fulshear Development Corporation, second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at City Hall
- Fulshear Development Corporation, third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
- AARP Chapter 1772- meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Rosenberg Civic Center at noon

Richmond

Richmond meetings

- Planning and Zoning Commission: Meets first Monday of the month at 5 p.m. at 600 Morton St. in the City Hall Annex.
- Parks and Recreation Board: Meets first Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. at 600 Morton St. in the City Hall Annex.
- Richmond Historical Commission: Meets the third Tuesday morning of the month at 8 a.m. at 600 Morton St. in the City Hall Annex.
- Development Corporation of Richmond: Meets monthly, usually the second or first Tuesday of the month, at 6 p.m. at 600 Morton St. in the City Hall Annex.
- City of Richmond regular Commission meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at 600 Morton St. in the City Hall Annex, unless determined otherwise.
- Historical Richmond Association: A non-profit volunteer

group not affiliated with the city, meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Richmond Police Department meeting room at 600 Preston St.

Fort Bend County

- Commissioners Court- Tuesday (except third Tuesdays) at 1 p.m. at 1909 Courthouse, Commissioners Court Room
- Executive Committee meeting: Historical commission- second Monday at 1:30 at FBCHC of-fices, 401 Jackson St.
- Quarterly meeting: Historical commission- at 3 p.m. in Gus George Academy Auditorium (days vary)
- West Fort Bend County Management District, 4:30 at 301 Jackson, first floor conference room

Pleak

- City council- Every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall
- Planning and Zoning Commission- Aug 3 at 7 p.m. in City Hall

Greatwood

- Board meetings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at Rec Center 1

Kendleton

- Planning and zoning commission meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m at the Kendleton City Hall.

Pecan Grove

- Pecan Grove Municipal Utility District- 5:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month.
- Pecan Grove Women’s Club- doesn’t meet at 9:30.

Needville

- City Council, 9022 Main Street, second Wednesday of each month.
- Needville ISD, Board of Trustees meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the library at 7 p.m. at the Needville High School, 100 Fritzella Street.

Christie: I erred in hiring people

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Chris Christie said his biggest mistake was “hiring the people who pulled the shenanigans” at the George Washington Bridge in 2013.

The Republican, speaking Wednesday on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” program, said the lane closures were “done by a group of folks who clearly were on their own agenda and not mine.”

Christie says he does not want to see anyone go to jail, “but people have to be held responsible for their conduct.”

Bridget Kelly, Christie’s former deputy chief of staff, and Bill Baroni, Christie’s appointee to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, were convicted of wire fraud, conspiracy and misusing the bridge for improper purposes.

Kelly faces 18 months in prison while Baroni was sentenced to two years. Both have appealed and say their actions did not amount to criminal conduct under the law.

Another Christie appointee, David Wildstein, pleaded guilty to orchestrating the traffic jams to punish a Democratic mayor who didn’t endorse Christie’s re-election bid.

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Notice of change of drinking water produced by the City of Richmond.

The City of Richmond plans to begin using chloramines to disinfect its public drinking water in September 2017. This change from chlorine to chloramines is necessary as Richmond transitions to the use of legislatively mandated surface water early next year. This change is intended to benefit customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBP’s) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne disease.

The change to chloramines can impact people dependent on dialysis machines. A toxic condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from water used in dialysis machines. Dialysis patients typically utilize a device such as a charcoal filter to remove the chloramine from their water. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment.

In addition, chloraminated water can also be toxic to fish; however, it is safe for all other animals. If you have a fish tank, please make sure that the chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramines.

For more information, please see the City’s Public Works Department web page at <http://www.richmondtx.gov/departments/public-works/water-department>

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