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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Astros move series to Tampa Bay; see **Sports**

Good Afternoon

School supplies giveaway

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

Bazaar rescheduled

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

Race for Grace

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

Ouch!

I speak my mind regularly because it hurts to bite my tongue all the time.

— BH

Around the Bend

Jorge Alberto Reyes Jr. of Richmond, graduated from Clemson University with a Master of Engineering in Industrial Engineering

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Today's Scripture

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

John 21:25

Thought for Today

"Harvey if he reaches 59 feet will constitute a 800-year flood. Let me say that again, a 800-year flood. It was will far exceed the design criteria for the levees."

— Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert

First-responders help evacuate thousands in Fort Bend County

Weather Service says Brazos River will stop rising at 57.5 feet

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY & RYAN DUNSMORE

First responders have helped evacuate thousands of residents in Fort Bend County, and at least 100 have been rescued from high water, authorities reported.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert said first-responders had effected 4,400 evacuations as of Monday.

On Tuesday morning, authorities at the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management had increased the evacuations to around 5,000.

Sgt. Stephen Woodard, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, told The Herald that 100 people had been rescued in Fort Bend County as of Monday evening.

No fatalities or major injuries in Fort Bend County as a result of Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath has been reported.

So far, 25 inches of rain has fallen on the Richmond-Rosenberg area since Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast late Friday, the office of emergency management reported.

More rain has fallen on the Missouri City area, OEM authorities said.

According to the National Weather Service, "a persistent area of moderate rain" will continue today across the eastern third of the area as Tropical Storm Harvey tracks slowly east/northeast offshore and accelerates off to the northeast on Wednesday and Thursday.

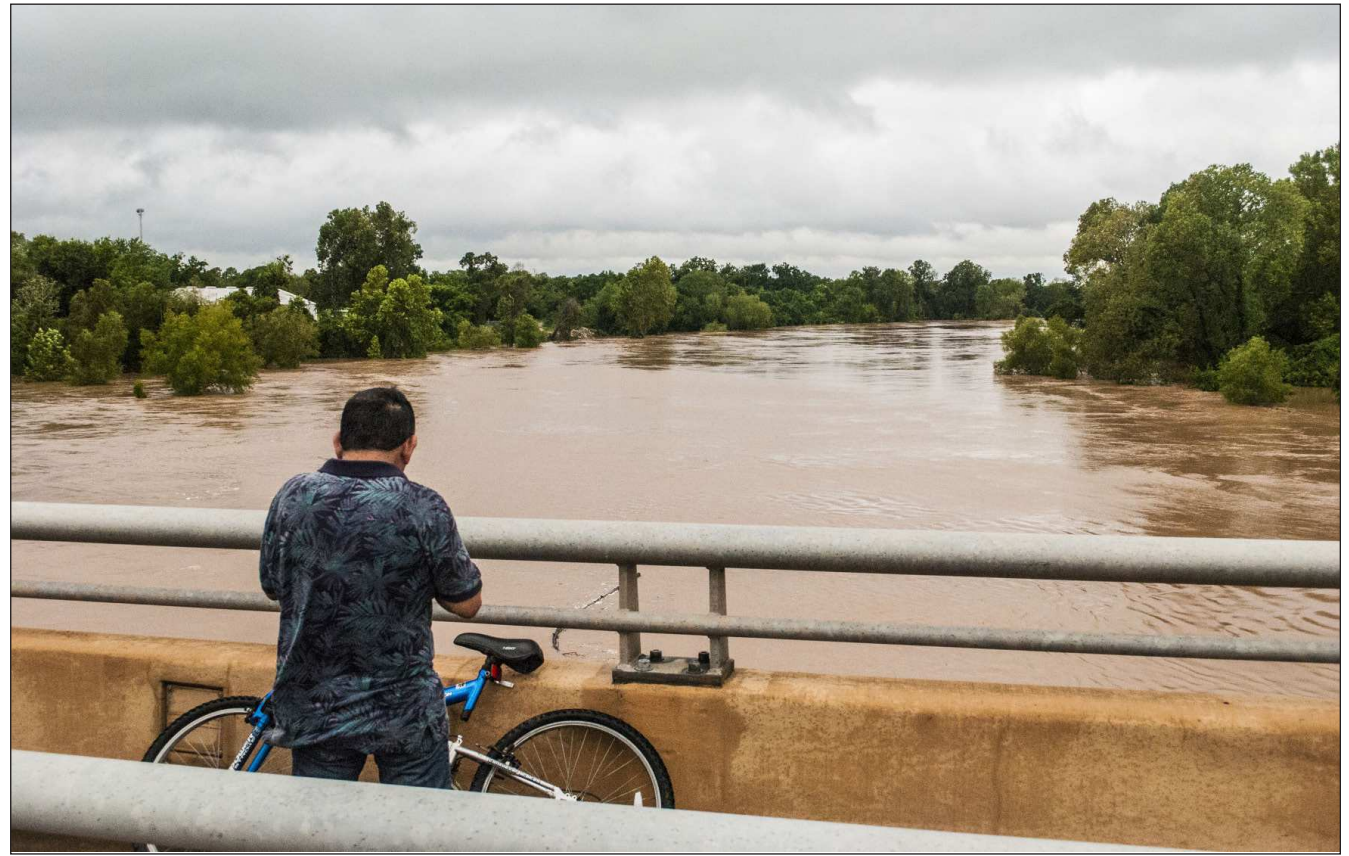
The National Weather Service is projecting the water will not recede at least for five more days.

As of Tuesday morning, the Brazos River is at 51.88 feet and was expected to reach new record high at 59 by Thursday morning — smashing the previous record at 54.7 feet set by the Memorial Day floods in 2016.

Mandatory evacuations have been issued for residents whose homes are located in the dozen or so levee districts.

Voluntary evacuations have been issued for residents living in other low-lying areas.

"Please if you live in one of these levee districts, move! You're living and sitting



HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

ROSENBERG RESIDENT José Santiago rode his bike over the SH 36 bridge over the Brazos River in Rosenberg to shoot a video. He said he is safe, but is ready for this to be over.

on low ground," Herbert said late Monday night.

"You are protected by that levee structure. (The levee is) designed to protect against the 100-year flood. The (100-year) flood has a one-percent chance of happening in any given year.

"Harvey, if it reaches 59 feet will constitute an 800-year flood. Let me say that again, an 800-year flood. It will far exceed the design criteria for the levees.

"Why are we so concerned out it?" said Hebert, who is director of the Office of Emergency Management.

"A levee creates a bowl. If the levee loses its ability to keep the water out, the river will fill the bowl to the level of the river.

"Heed this warning and move to higher ground."

Mandatory evacuations are still in effect for the City of Rosenberg, said City Secretary Jenny Pavlovich.

However, the National Weather Service announced late Tuesday morning that the Brazos River will reach 57.5 feet in Fort Bend County — almost three feet higher than the historic 54.8 feet-level set by the 2016 Memorial Day flood.

Forecasters had predicted the river level would rise to 59 feet — one foot lower than the height of the levee systems throughout Fort Bend County.

Even at 57.7 feet, the Brazos River will swamp much of Fort Bend County.

"This is going to inundate," Hebert said.

"People need to understand, that 2016 flood inundated 115 square miles of Fort Bend County.

"I haven't run the calculations but when you add four feet or so on top of that, we're going to inundate a significantly greater amount of property."

The San Bernard in East Bernard is at a new record high of 31.5 feet, three feet higher than the previous record at 28.5 feet set in 2016.

The San Bernard River has already overflowed its banks and has obstruct-

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Mandatory evacuations in effect in Fort Bend County

BY RYAN DUNSMORE
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Numerous neighborhoods and subdivisions are under a mandatory evacuation, according to the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management.

Mandatory evacuations grew from 10 to 14 levee districts: Sienna Plantation, Pecan Grove and Fort Bend County Levee Improvement District 15 and 19.

They are: First Colony LID #1, Fort Bend County LID #20, Fort Bend County LID #6, Fort Bend County LID #7, Fort Bend County MUD #115, Fort Bend County MUD #46, Fort Bend County MUD #49, Municipal Utility District #121, Palmer



HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

TEXAS GAME Warden head toward the Brazos River with boats in Rosenberg. Law enforcement is working hard to keep people safe during this difficult time.

SEE EVACUATIONS, PAGE 4

Trump 'cautious' not to disrupt Harvey recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spokeswoman says President Donald Trump wants to be "very cautious" about making sure that his activities in Texas don't disrupt Harvey recovery efforts.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders says Trump's stops Tuesday in Corpus Christi and Austin are intended to highlight coordination at all levels of government and lay the groundwork for what is expected to be a lengthy recovery after the storm.

Trump traveled with the Cabinet secretaries of Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development, and the head of the Small Business Administration. Sanders says the secretaries will meet with their Texas counterparts.

Air Force One flew a path to Corpus

Christi that avoided flying over Houston, where much of the downtown area is under water.

Trump has thanked Singapore's prime minister for his condolences and offer of assistance following Harvey.

The White House said Trump spoke by phone Tuesday with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who had offered the use of a Singaporean Air Force Chinook helicopter detachment that trains with the Texas Air National Guard.

The statement said Trump also thanked Lee for his country's support for the USS John S. McCain search, rescue, and recovery efforts. The McCain was damaged in a collision with an oil tanker last week near Singapore. The White House said the two leaders also discussed North Korea.

Trump is traveling to Texas to tour the flooding and other damage left by Harvey, the first major natural disaster of his presidency.

Trump's 2020-re-election campaign committee is encouraging supporters to donate to disaster relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey.

A note Tuesday to the more than 10 million email addresses the campaign has collected links to the Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way and local animal rescue operations. The email encourages people to "help our fellow Americans in need."

Lara Trump, an adviser to her father-in-law's re-election campaign, says in the email that this "is a time to come together as a nation to support those in need."

President: 'All options are on table' after North Korea launch

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump sought Tuesday to reassert an American military threat against North Korea, saying that "all options are on the table" in response to its launch of a missile over close U.S. ally Japan.

In a terse, written statement, Trump said that North Korea's missile launch "signaled its contempt for its neighbors, for all members of the United Nations and for minimum standards of acceptable international behavior."

"Threatening and destabilizing actions only increase the North Korean regime's isolation in the region and among all nations of the world," Trump said. "All options are on the table."

Trump later told reporters, "We'll see, we'll see" when asked what he would do.



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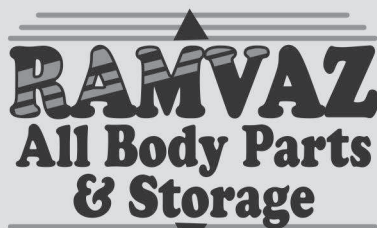


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WEATHER

Fort Bend county weather including the cities of Missouri City, Richmond, Rosenberg and Sugar Land.

531 AM CDT Tue Aug 29 2017
...FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT THROUGH LATE TONIGHT...

TODAY...Showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then showers

and isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms

may produce gusty winds in the morning. Some thunderstorms may

produce gusty winds in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s.

North winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 90 percent.

TONIGHT...Showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may

produce gusty winds. Lows in the mid 70s. North winds 15 to

20 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent in

the evening decreasing to 70 percent after midnight.

WEDNESDAY...Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some thunderstorms

may produce gusty winds. Highs in the lower 80s. Northwest winds

15 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 60 percent in the morning increasing to 70 percent in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT...Mostly cloudy until late night then becoming

partly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lows in the lower 70s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

THURSDAY...Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

THURSDAY NIGHT...Partly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms in the eve-

ning, then a 20 percent chance after

midnight. Lows in the lower 70s.

FRIDAY...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

FRIDAY NIGHT...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

SATURDAY...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

SATURDAY NIGHT...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

SUNDAY NIGHT...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of

showers

Your World

in Five Minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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TSTC in Fort Bend County Closed Week of Aug. 28

With current flooding and continued rain in the forecast, Texas State Technical College in Fort Bend County will close the week of Aug. 28.

TSTC employees and students in the affected areas are encouraged to heed all mandatory and voluntary evacuation warnings.

Weather permitting, the campus will resume classes no earlier than Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Driver accused of human smuggling in Texas pleads not guilty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — 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.

Suit: Aetna violated law with envelope revealing HIV status

PHILADELPHIA — A Pennsylvania man is suing health insurer Aetna, saying his sister learned he was taking HIV medication after the company mailed him an envelope with a large, clear window that showed information on where to purchase the drugs.

Statue of Martin Luther King Jr. unveiled in his hometown

ATLANTA — The daughter of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. stood beside her father's newly unveiled statue Monday, just a few blocks from where he grew up, handing out hugs and telling each well-wisher: "It's about time."

Board sues Puerto Rico governor for rejecting furloughs

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A federal control board overseeing Puerto Rico's crisis-ridden finances sued the island's governor on Monday for refusing to impose furloughs and take other measures it says are needed to save money.

Kenya bans plastic bags, may fine violators

NAIROBI, Kenya — A ban on plastic bags came into force Monday in Kenya and those found violating the new regulation could be receive maximum fines of \$38,000 or a four-year jail term. The ban applies to the use, manufacture, and importation of plastic shopping bags and gives a minimum fine of about \$19,000 or up to a year imprisonment, according to the government.

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

Sign Me Up!

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.

Friedens United Church of Christ in Beasley is hosting its 6th Annual Friedens Craft Show & Bake Sale on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, CCD Bldg., 407

S. Third St., in Beasley. Admission is free. Interested vendors should call 281-814-6301. (Outside space available only; covered pavilion).

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 Joeger-Lindsey Family Life Center.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

County Judge Robert Hebert is challenging mayors in Fort Bend County to put on their game face and join the Hope For Three Golf "Fore" Autism charity tourna-

ment 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 shredd 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.

Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2017. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 29, 1967, the series finale of "The Fugitive," starring David Janssen as a doctor on the run after being wrongly convicted of murdering his wife, aired on ABC-TV, drawing an estimated 78 million viewers.

On this date: In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa (ah-tuh-WAH'-puh), was executed on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at age 76.

In 1910, Korean Emperor Sun-jong abdicated as the Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty went into effect.

In 1944, 15,000 American troops of the 28th Infantry Division marched down the Champs Elysees (shahms ay-lee-ZAY') in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1952, the composition "433" ("Four Minutes, Thirty-three Seconds") by avant-garde composer John Cage premiered in Woodstock, New York, as David Tudor sat down at a piano, and, for four minutes and 33 seconds, played ... nothing.

In 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles "Pete" Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after 8 days in space.

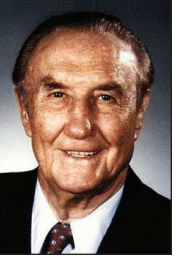
In 1972, swimmer Mark Spitz of the United States won the third of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter freestyle.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Arizona, at age 63.

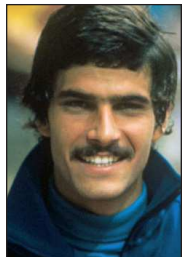
In 1996, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Bill Clinton's chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

Ten years ago: Fellow Republicans called on Idaho Sen. Larry Craig to resign and party leaders pushed him from senior committee posts as fallout continued over his arrest at a Minneapolis airport restroom and guilty plea to disorderly conduct.



Strom Thurmond



Mark Spitz



Dick Morris

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

Area Bingo

Wallis American Legion Post 200

Wallis American Legion invites the public to play bingo @ 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the post on 330 Legion Rd. in Wallis. Regular games \$40 - three \$200 jackpots. Food and beverages available. 979-478-2615.

V.F.W. Post 3903

V.F.W. Post 3903 invites the public for bingo at 7:30 p.m. every Saturday at 1903 First St. in Rosenberg. The minimum prize is \$100, and all prizes are guaranteed. Food and drinks available. Call 281-232-3011.

Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 3903

The Ladies Auxiliary of V.F.W. Post 3903 invites the public for bingo at 7:15 p.m. every Tues-

day at 1903 First St. in Rosenberg. All prizes guaranteed. Final Bingo prize is \$750. 281-232-3011.

American Legion East Bernard

Play bingo at 7:30 p.m. every Friday in the American Legion Hall, Highway 60 South in East Bernard. There will be several pull-tabs and homemade food available. 979-335-4226.

Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council

Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council #7067 holds "Blue Chip Bingo" every Monday at the KC Hall, 13631 Hwy 36, in Needville. Early bird game at 7:30 p.m., with regular games starting at 7:30. Smoke-free family fun, burg-

ers, fries and drinks. Jackpot is \$750, with total prize amount between \$1,900-\$2,500. Go to www.kc7067.com, or call 979-793-6224 or 979-429-0955.

Knights of Columbus No. 2801

Knights of Columbus No. 2801, Holy Rosary invites you to play bingo at 7:15 p.m., every Thursday at 2007 Kay Cee Drive and Highway 36 S in Rosenberg. Visit: www.kc2801.com or call 281-232-8691.

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Our View

Please don't spread rumors

Twice now someone in authority has had to dispel a rumor about Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert, who directs the county's office of emergency management, announced earlier this week that the Judge Stavinoha Bridge is safe and open to traffic.

He said a rumor was circulating that the bridge was unsafe and unusable by motorists.

Hebert said county engineers would keep a close eye on the bridge during the storm and flood and if it looked unsafe it would be shut down.

The bridge was damaged by the 2016 Memorial Day flood. It is under repair.

Rosenberg City Secretary Jenny Pavlovich dispelled a rumor that the city had shut off its fresh water supply to residents and businesses.

Look, it's best not to believe everything you read on social media.

People share false information on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, etc. — not to be mean necessarily but in an attempt to be informative and warn others.

It's always best to get your facts from an accredited media source or from authoritative sources, such as the office of emergency management, the sheriff's office, local police departments, etc.

Let's not make matters worse by scaring people unnecessarily.

Removing memorials to slavery

One of the latest universities to join the move to remove statues applauding leaders of the Confederate States of America is The University of Texas at Austin.

Following the murders of nine black church members in Charleston, SC, by white supremacist Dylann Roof, on June 17, 2015, UT President Gregory Fenves commissioned a study about how to deal with Confederate symbols on the university's campus.

Along with the Confederate flag, with which Roof had posed for pictures posted on social media, statues of Confederate figures had become racist symbols, as tributes to efforts to maintain slavery.

Fenves had become increasingly concerned about battles over removing such statues, considered endorsements of racial discrimination.

The tipping point for Fenves was the bloody clash in Charlottesville, Virginia — home of The University of Virginia — over the city council's plan to remove a mounted statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

An Aug. 12 rally of white nationalists opposing the removal became a violent confrontation, in which a white nationalist accelerated his car into counter-protesters, killing a woman and injuring almost two dozen others.

Fenves decided to quietly order removing four statues of Civil War figures from the university's South Mall, at night, without notice, beginning at 11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20.

Fenves, in an explanatory email to the university community that Sunday night, said events like the violence in Charlottesville "make it clear, now more than ever, that Confederate monuments have become symbols of modern white supremacy and neo-Nazism."

Three of the statues — of Confederate Gens. Robert E. Lee and Albert Sidney Johnston, and Confederate Postmaster John H. Reagan — are being relocated to UT's Briscoe Center for American History.

They will join the statue of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, which Fenves ordered relocated to the Briscoe Center in 2015. It went on display there, in a recently refurbished gallery, dedicated April 6, complete with a celebratory dinner.

The fourth statue, of James Stephen Hogg, son of a Confederate general, and the first native-born governor of Texas, will be rein-

stalled at an as-yet unselected campus site, Fenves said.

UT spokesman Gary Susswein said the removal was done late at night, without warning, for public safety reasons. The mayor of Baltimore, Md., had used a similar unannounced overnight removal of four Confederate statues a few days earlier.

"The historical and cultural significance of the Confederate statues on our campus — and the connections that individuals have with them — are severely compromised by what they symbolize," Fenves said in his email.

"Erected during the period of Jim Crow laws and segregation, the statues represent the subjugation of African Americans. That remains true today for white supremacists who use them to symbolize hatred and bigotry."

It is not without some historical irony that the recent flurry of decisions to remove Confederate statues from places of honor, like the UT campus, to places of historical study, like the Briscoe Center, is accompanied by current legal battles over racism.

Just in the past two weeks in Texas, a three-judge federal court has ruled that two Texas congressional districts, and nine state House districts, are unconstitutional because they were drawn to discriminate against minorities.

Contact McNeely at davemcneely111@gmail.com.



Dave McNeely

Worth thinking about

Scientists: warming makes storms

WASHINGTON (AP) — By the time the rain stops, Harvey will have dumped about 1 million gallons of water for every man, woman and child in southeastern Texas — a soggy, record-breaking glimpse of the wet and wild future global warming could bring, scientists say.

While scientists are quick to say climate change didn't cause Harvey and that they haven't determined yet whether the storm was made worse by global warming, they do note that warmer air and water mean wetter and possibly more intense hurricanes in the future.

"This is the kind of thing we are going to get more of," said Princeton University climate

scientist Michael Oppenheimer. "This storm should serve as warning."

There's a scientifically accepted method for determining if some wild weather event has the fingerprints of man-made climate change, and it involves intricate calculations. Those could take weeks or months to complete, and then even longer to pass peer review.

In general, though, climate scientists agree that future storms will dump much more rain than the same size storms did in the past.

That's because warmer air holds more water. With every degree Fahrenheit, the atmosphere can hold and then dump an additional 4 percent of water (7 per-

cent for every degree Celsius), several scientists say.

Global warming also means warmer seas, and warm water is what fuels hurricanes.

When Harvey moved toward Texas, water in the Gulf of Mexico was nearly 2 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal, said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters. Hurricanes need at least 79 degrees F (26 C) as fuel, and water at least that warm ran more than 300 feet (100 meters) deep in the Gulf, according to University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

Several studies show that the top 1 percent of the strongest downpours are already happening much more frequently.

A Little Lie

Sometimes a small fib can calm a child

I lied to my son. I looked him square in his eye and with a smile on my face I said: "It's not scary."

As the rain continued to fall and as the water began to rise I thought: I didn't think it was going to be that bad. Am I a fool?

Then the photos came in. Flooding in Beasley, Richmond, Rosenberg, Fulshear, Needville, Sugar Land and Guy. People on their roofs. People in rafts. A sinkhole in Rosenberg. Confusion. Panic. Fear.

Early Sunday morning my husband walked our street to get a grasp of what our neighborhood was like and came back soaked.

I pretended I wasn't too bothered by the sight, but inside a voice screamed: This is worse than I thought.

And that's why I lied to my son.

My husband had picked up my son to look out of the upstairs window to view the road behind our house, which at that moment looked like a dirty river:

"That's scary," my son said. "No, it's not," I lied to my son. "It's just water. It'll be gone in a

while." Then I shooed him and his younger brother away, the same way I do when I'm cooking with oil on the stove, but silently I said: Yes son, this is scary. Terrifying, in fact and Mommy doesn't know what will ultimately happen.

I spent most of the weekend glued to the computer, combing through every bit of news about the flooding and city evacuations, and posting that information on The Herald's Facebook page and website.

I answered questions from residents, viewed the photos and videos they shared and with each one my panic level rose.

As the day progressed, friends called and texted me asking about our safety.

"Oh, just a trapped in our subdivision, but we're A-OK" I would write back, trying to sound light and somewhat carefree.

What I wanted to say was: "I feel like we should have left." "I'm scared." "I wish I was with my parents."

One one hand, my heart swelled at the massive community unity I was seeing online. Strangers helping strangers. Emergency personnel rescuing people. Neighbors pulling together provisions for someone in need.

On the other hand, I saw photos with water touching traffic lights in Houston; people barley keeping their head above water; residents

screaming in all caps online demanding more information on how to evacuate, and I was shaken.

I read posts from people out of state begging, literally, begging for someone, anyone to check on their adult children or grandchildren and my eyes watered.

Helplessness settled over me. I ached for people in our community who wanted to leave but couldn't.

Who weren't expecting their homes to flood to the point where they had to retreat upstairs or to their roofs.

People who were combing through news reports but weren't finding the answers they needed.

I made a mental plan of how we could safely walk on submerged roads with our kids to my mom's or dad's house about 6 miles away if we needed to.

If I learned anything during Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding, it would be how small we are when standing against nature.

How we think we've seen everything, until something proves us wrong.

How we may think we control this world, but we don't.

When the skies open up, when the ground disappears, sometimes all we can do is pray for the best and lie.

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Outside View



Let's erect the right monuments

In the mid-'90s, after the Soviet Union collapsed, I went to an old park in Moscow where the Russians had deposited pieces of the monuments of the "great" communist leaders that had been knocked down.

I have pictures of myself mocking Lenin, questioning Karl Marx about economics and raising a pathetic little fist against Stalin!

But destruction of the past always goes many ways.

When the great Buddha of Bamiyan in Afghanistan was blown up in 2001 by the Taliban, I was nearly moved to tears.

And when ISIS destroyed part of beautiful Palmyra in Syria, a piece of my heart broke.

Of course, the communists were savages who destroyed millions of their people, while the Buddha was the vision of peacefulness in the world, and Palmyra was the center of a great and complicated empire.

Nevertheless, destruction of the past is a tricky business.

So after the vicious street fights in Charlottesville, Virginia, when I delved into the newest national debate — the question of whether Confederate monuments and statues should be taken down — I was not surprised to find various strains of history that I, at least, had known

little about.

Who knew that a great number of the statues of Confederate generals were put up not immediately after the Civil War, but between 1890 and 1920, and then again mid-20th century?

Who knew that most of the Confederate statues were raised as a kind of appendage to Jim Crow and that they were meant to monumentalize the losses of the South until the day came when the Union would, yes indeed, be finally defeated?

I certainly did not.

"In the 1890s, as the Confederacy was coming to be idealized as the so-called Lost Cause and the Jim Crow system was being fastened upon the South, and in the 1920s, the height of black disenfranchisement, segregation and lynching," Columbia University professor of history Eric Foner wrote recently in a New York Times editorial column, "the statues were part of the legitimization of this racist regime and of an exclusionary definition of America."

But it becomes more tricky, as one digs deeper; to use the morals of our age to judge the men and women of an earlier and very different one.

In Baltimore, for instance, the statue of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Roger B. Taney has come down after 144 years.

Yet Taney, who wrote the hated pro-slavery Dred Scott decision in 1857, had personally freed all of his own slaves.

So we have to ask: Where in our parks and city halls are statues of the scores of brave black lawmak-

ers who, during Reconstruction, were U.S. senators, civil servants and school board officials?

Where are the white people of the South who worked with them, struggling to make Reconstruction work?

Thus, I come out tentatively as a supporter of the "build it up" side, which in effect is the idea of taking down statues memorializing utterly egregious individuals and moving others to museums, cemeteries and foundation grounds — but also constructing new monuments to our best and most creative.

For I fear, as the wise writer Peggy Noonan wrote in The Wall Street Journal last week, that, "When a nation tears down its statues, it's toppling more than brass and marble. It is in a way toppling itself — tearing down all the things, good, bad and inadequate, that made it..." She ends with: "More statues, not fewer; more honor; not more debris. More debris is the last thing we need."

Meanwhile, I am hushed and amused by a story attendant upon these questions. Somewhere along the way, people realized that there was something namelessly similar, something jarring, about the Confederate soldier statues ("silent sentinels," they called them) and the Union soldier statues — depictions of foot soldiers, not the generals and captains who led them — erected across both the South and the North.

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Report: 28.1M in US lack health coverage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government says about 500,000 fewer Americans had no health insurance the first three months of this year, but that slight dip was not statistically significant from the same period in 2016.

Progress reducing the number of uninsured appears to have

stalled in the last couple of years, and a separate private survey that measured through the first half of 2017 even registered an uptick.

Tuesday's report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found 28.1 million uninsured from January-March, or 8.8 percent of the population.

That compares to 48.6 million people — or 16 percent of Americans — when the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010 under former President Barack Obama.

With Republicans still talking of repealing "Obamacare," it's unclear if insurance gains will be maintained or reversed.

Professional Sports Calendar



Astros

Tuesday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, Tropicana Field, 6:10

Wednesday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, Tropicana Field, 6:10

Thursday

MLB: Astros vs. Rangers, Tropicana Field, 12:10



Dash

Sunday

NWSL: Dash vs. Seattle Reign, 7



Dynamo

Saturday, Sept. 9

MLS: Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30



Texans

Thursday

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



Skeeters

Tuesday

Atlantic League: Skeeters at New Britain Bees, (Doubleheader), 11:05 a.m./TBA

Wednesday

Atlantic League: Skeeters at New Britain Bees, 11:05 a.m.

EVACUATIONS: Levees at limits

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Plantation #1, Palmer Plantation #2.

The following areas are under a voluntary evacuation order: Fort Bend County LID #2, Fort Bend County LID #10, Fort Bend County LID #11, Fort Bend County LID #14, Fort Bend County LID #17 and First Colony LID #2.

Officials can't determine the level of risk for many of the other homes in Fort Bend County that are not in levee districts.

The following subdivisions are affected by the estimated 59-foot flood elevation at Richmond gauge outside of levees, LIDs and MUDs: Andover Farms, Bella Vista, Braebend Estates Addition, Brazos Lakes, Brazos Valley, Brynmawr Lake, Canyon Gate At The Brazos, Canyon Lakes At The Brazos, Chelsea Harbour, Clayhead Manor, Colony West, Crystal Lake Estates, Cumings Road Area (C A Dickerson), Cumings Road Area (Duran

Subdivision), Cumings Road Area (Tinsley Estates), Cumings Road Area (Rio Brazos), Edgewood Addition, Estates Of Brazoswood, Estates Of Teal Run, Foster Creek Estates

Foster Crossing, Foster Island Estates, Fresno Gardens, Fresno Gardens Deluxe, Glendale Lakes, Glenwood, Goldenrod Estates, Grand Reserve, Grand River, Greatwood Crossing, Greatwood Knoll, Gulf View Acres, Heritage Farms, Heritage Heights Acres, Huntington Oaks, Jones Creek Estates, Karauh Ii, Lakes Of Mission Grove, Lakes Of Williams Ranch, Lakewood Estates, Lexington Settlement, Lomas Hills, Long Meadow Farms, Magnolia Place, Mccrary Meadows, Mp Estates, Oyster Creek Country, Pecan Bend, Pecan Chase, Pecan Creek

Pecan Estates, Pecan Hill, Pecan Lake, Pitts Subdivision, Plantation Meadows, Ridgewood Estates, Rio Vista, River Forest, Rivers Edge, Riverside Ranch, Rolling Creek, Rolling Oaks, Rosedale Addition, Royal Estates, Royal Lakes Estates, Royal Lakes Manor, Shadow Grove Estates, Sovereign Shores Estates, Sun Ranch, Tara, Teal Run, Teal Run Court, Teal Run Meadows, Tealview Terrace, Texana, The Retreat At Sovereign Shores, Westcreek, Windsor Estates and Woods Edge.

Flooding forces Astros; Texans to move home games

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Hurricane Harvey has forced both the Houston Astros and Houston Texans to play home games miles away from the flood-stricken city with players wondering when they will be able to come back.

The Astros will play a three-game series against the Texas Rangers at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, this week, starting Tuesday, and the Texans will wrap up their preseason schedule against the Dallas Cowboys at AT&T Stadium in Arlington instead of NRG Stadium.

"You have to go about your business and handle it," Texans cornerback Johnathan Joseph said Monday as the schedule for the week became clear and the misery of Harvey continued unabated.

"But it's kind of hard at the same time to kind of sit there and play football and then think about your family that's back home when there's constantly updates going on around the clock about things that are going on back in

your hometown."

Both the Astros and Rangers flew to Dallas after games in California on Sunday to await news of where the series would be held.

After a day off Monday, they will now head to St. Petersburg, where the Astros will have "home" games far away from home, just as they did in the wake of Hurricane Ike in 2008 when they played two scheduled home games in Milwaukee.

The team also said a three-game series against the New York Mets that begins on Friday may also be played at Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays. A person with knowledge of the decision told The Associated Press that the decision has already been made and shared with the players, though there was no word from the team or Major League Baseball. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the move was not disclosed.

If the Astros play both series in Florida, they will end up playing 19 straight games away from Houston, where the AL West leaders last played on Aug. 24. A

10-game road trip begins after the Mets series.

"The safety of our fans, players and staff remain our main priority," Astros President Reid Ryan said. "We are extremely grateful to the Tampa Bay Rays organization for allowing us to use their facility."

Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said the team was open to hosting the series in Arlington this week, but had no interest in swapping a series against the Astros later in the season to accommodate the change. He said the Rangers declined partially because of thoughts for the fans, but also because that change would have left the Rangers with a 12-game road trip late in the season.

"Just the competitive challenge of having our guys' last road trip of the year, (a) four-city trip was not something that we wanted to do," he said. "We were prepared, we offered to host the series, but the decision was made to go to Tampa instead."

The Texans have been in the Dallas area since leaving New Orleans after playing the Saints

there on Saturday night. As the flooding dominated the news for another day, athletes with ties to Houston kept nervous watch, worrying about loved ones.

Nationals star Anthony Rendon, who grew up in Houston, has been stressed out hearing tales of his relatives struggling back home. He spoke to his parents on Monday morning.

"They were saying the water was creeping up to their garage now," he said. "They've got a lot of land so it has to cover the land first before it gets to their house. It's tough to know they're not in a flood zone. They're in the middle of nowhere so how can the water reach over there?"

Teams and athletes got in on the fundraising efforts for what will undoubtedly be a long rebuilding process. The Texans and owner Bob McNair donated \$1 million to the United Way of Greater Houston Flood Relief Fund. The NFL Foundation said it would match the \$1 million donation, and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and his family pledged to match all funds donated to the

American Red Cross in support of Harvey flood relief up to \$1 million.

This came after Texans star J.J. Watt started a fundraising page that had raised more than \$620,000 by Monday afternoon and Houston Rockets and owner Leslie Alexander donated \$4 million to hurricane relief. Astros owner Jim Crane and the Astros foundation also pledged \$4 million to the cause and Major League Baseball also contributed, joining with the players association to donate \$1 million to the Red Cross and relief organizations chosen by the players.

"We are committed to doing our part to provide aid and assistance to the thousands of Houston-area residents that are desperately in need right now," Crane said. "We encourage others in our region and beyond to help out in any way that they can."

AP Sports Writers Stephen Hawkins, Schuyler Dixon, Jim Vertuno, Brett Martel, Ralph D. Russo and AP freelance writer Ben Standing contributed to this report.

Texas Kickoff moves to New Orleans

(AP) — The BYU-LSU game will be played Saturday night at the Superdome in New Orleans after massive flooding in Houston from Hurricane Harvey forced it to be relocated from NRG Stadium.

ESPN announced the move Monday. Finding a stadium to play the neutral-site game was in the hands of the television network and AdvoCare Texas Kickoff organizers who wanted to find a place that allowed convenient access to at least some fans already holding tickets.

The game is still scheduled to kick off at 9:30 p.m. Eastern and be televised on ESPN.

"Efforts are underway in New Orleans and we will work with the fans, the Superdome, the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau and both schools throughout the week to ensure the most optimal game day experience for all," said Pete Derzis, ESPN senior vice president of college sports programming and events.

College programs scramble after Harvey

(AP) — Richmond's season opener at Sam Houston State, postponed by Hurricane Harvey, will be made up Friday night at Baylor.

The school announced the rescheduling Monday night.

The Spiders and Sam Houston State were originally scheduled to open the season on Sunday night. The game was postponed as Hurricane Harvey bore down on Houston with expectations of widespread flooding that have proven true.

Cougars families safe

University of Houston football coach Major Applewhite says the families of all his players and staff have been accounted for and are safe.

The Cougars got out of Houston ahead of Hurricane Harvey on Friday and have been practicing at the University of Texas since then.

Applewhite said Monday he gave his players Sunday off because he could tell his team needed it as the images of flooding and dramatic rescues dominated the news and social media. The team gathered a list of family members and addresses

and gave it to Houston emergency officials. By Sunday afternoon, everyone on the list was determined to be safe.

A school spokesman said the school is still assessing damage to university facilities, including athletics. The Cougars open the season Saturday at UTSA.

TCU helping out Owls

TCU coach Gary Patterson says the Horned Frogs will do whatever they can to help the displaced Rice Owls.

The Rice team was scheduled to arrive in the Dallas-Fort Worth area Monday after traveling from Australia, where they started their season over the weekend with a 62-7 loss to 14th-ranked Stanford. Patterson says there are still specifics to work out to host Rice on the Fort Worth campus while the Houston area deals with severe flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

Patterson says the Owls are worried about loved ones, but also "all their belongings and their apartments, and their housing."

Rice coach David Bailliff was on

TCU's staff with Patterson from 2001-03 before going to Texas State as head coach in 2004, and then to Rice in 2006.

Herman welcomes Houston

University of Texas football coach Tom Herman says he hasn't seen any of his former Houston players yet, but figures that will change when the Cougars make their way to the Austin campus to resume practice Monday afternoon.

Houston's team went to Austin on Friday, ahead of Hurricane Harvey's landfall, and practiced there Saturday.

Herman spent the past two seasons at Houston and is now in his first season with the Longhorns. He says Texas will try to do anything it can to help the Cougars.

Herman says the Cougars canceled their scheduled practice Sunday when the flooding was getting worse back in Houston, and players were "worried and not really being focused on football, nor should they have been."



ROSENBERG RESIDENT Julian Alvarado and his parents, Ophelia and Margarito, check out the Brazos River as it continues to rise. "We're a little worried," Alvarado said. "We are more worried about the people over the railroad tracks."

HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

FLOOD: Brazos River expected to reach record levels

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ed highways and roadways in Fort Bend County.

The Colorado River also has overflowed its banks and appeared close to covering U.S. 59 early Tuesday morning.

The city of Rosenberg has set up a shelter for victims at Terry High School.

The shelter, which offered 3,000 beds, is full as of Tuesday, city officials said.

A second shelter has been opened at George Junior High School, located at: 4601 Airport Ave, Rosenberg.

The shelter does accept animals and asks that they be crated.

Other shelters open across Fort Bend County include: Gallery Furniture on Grand Parkway, Cinco Ranch High School in Katy, Cinco Ranch Junior High School in Katy, Thurgood Marshall High School in Missouri City, Morton Ranch High School in Katy, Sugar Land First United Methodist Church in Sugar Land, Christ United Methodist Church in Sugar Land and the City of Arcola Community Center Hall.

Stafford High School in Stafford and Sugar Grove Church of Christ in Meadows Place will open as shelters on Tuesday.

Due to weather, Republic Waste will not be able to run trucks for trash service in Rosenberg as it regularly does, Pavlovich reported.

Trash pickup updates will come as the conditions of the roads change, she added.

Tyler Johnson contributed to this report.

University fires professor who blamed Harvey on GOP vote

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The University of Tampa has fired a visiting assistant professor who suggested in a tweet that Hurricane Harvey's destruction is "instant karma" for Texas because it voted Republican.

Sociology professor Kenneth L. Storey posted the tweet and two responses on Sunday before removing the entire thread and his profile photo.

University spokesman Eric Cardenas said in a statement Tuesday that Storey was fired after the school weathered an out-

pouring of online outrage over the comments.

The Tampa Bay Times reports Storey issued an apology on Monday, writing that he "never meant to wish ill will upon any group."

In a Facebook post on Monday evening, the university said it "stands in solidarity with the people impacted by Hurricane Harvey."

Officials said another sociology professor will take over Storey's classes.

New Mexico firefighters, Red Cross team deployed to Houston

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico firefighters and American Red Cross volunteers and staff were deployed to Houston to assist in Harvey relief efforts.

Executive Director of the American Red Cross in New Mexico Kathy Segura-Salas says at least nine Red Cross workers from

throughout the state are on their way, as well as two Emergency Response Vehicles containing food, water, blankets, cleanup kits, and other supplies.

Las Cruces Fire Department spokesman Dan Trujillo says a six-member Swift Water Rescue Team left Monday for Houston.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Mar-

tinez activated Monday the state's Emergency Operations Center to help in the transfer of equipment and personnel that may be requested from Texas. Martinez also directed the state Transportation and Public Safety departments to waive overweight and oversize limits for vehicles transporting equipment to Texas.

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