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BRAZOS RIVER CRESTS!

River reached record-high peak of 55.19 feet at 5:15 a.m.

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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The Brazos River crested at 55.19 feet around 5:15 a.m. Friday, the National Weather Service reported.

The river was supposed to crest at 55.7 feet sometime late Friday or Saturday.

However, it appears the river reached its peak earlier and lower than expected.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert told reporters on Thursday that the 20 or so levee districts countwide should protect the neighborhoods within from flood waters.

"We are very confident our levees are sound at 55.7 (feet)," he said Thursday.

"We think they are good up to 57 (feet) or 58 (feet). Our worry was: were they any good at 59 (feet)?"

The Brazos was originally expected to crest at 59 feet, three feet above the record-setting 54.7 feet set during the 2016 Memorial Day Flood.

Hebert, who serves as director of the county's office of emergency management, said some communities inside of levees still contain rain water from Hurricane Harvey.

Because rain water is typically drained to the Brazos, it must now be



PHOTO COURTESY OF FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

FORT BEND County sheriff's deputies took this photo of the rain-swollen Brazos River at Richmond on Thursday. Notice the neighborhoods on the east side of the bridge are flooded.

pumped out, Hebert explained.

Most areas of Fort Bend County took in an excess of 30 inches of rain during Hurricane Harvey, he reported.

And some communities received close to 40 inches of rain, he added.

The rain upstream has swollen the Brazos River, which typically is around 44 feet high in Fort Bend County.

The Brazos was 55.19 feet high at the Richmond gauge on Thursday evening.

"The river continues to rise, although at a slow rate. It still continues to come up," Hebert reported.

"We are in new territory since the river reached 54.6 feet. Every inch we add is an inch we've never seen before in Fort Bend County."

Some residents are finding water on streets that have never seen water before, he added.

"That is where the danger lies. We don't know where the water is out there," he noted. "When people move around, they could find themselves in high water very, very quickly."

On Thursday, flood water began flowing into the Rivers Edge community in Richmond and Cinco Ranch area in Katy, he reported.

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Report: 10,648 rescued

First-responders rescued 165 people in Fort Bend County from rising water on Thursday, extending the number of rescues countywide to 10,648 since Hurricane Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast on Friday.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert shared the news with reporters during a news conference Thursday.

He said 29 shelters had been opened in Fort Bend County since last Friday.

At the peak of the storm and its aftermath, some 4,800 victims evacuated to the shelters, he said.

Sixteen of those shelters have since closed and 655 victims remained in the 13 shelters still open.

Storm victims requiring long-term long-term shelters are being transferred to large-capacity shelters in Houston, Hebert reported.



HERALD PHOTO BY BILL HARTMAN

CHILDREN IN the River Forrest Drive subdivision of Richmond kayak and stroll through the flooded streets on Thursday.

■ Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders have been revised. See story, Page 7.

■ Area school districts postpone first day of school. See story, Page 7.

■ Donations pour in for flood victims. More items needed. See story, Page 5.

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Drowning victims identified

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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A Brookshire woman who drown Wednesday along with her husband was talking to a 9-1-1 operator as their vehicle was swept away by flood waters near Simonton, authorities reported.

The bodies of Donald Ray Rogers, 65, and his wife Rochelle, 58, were retrieved from the flood waters on Pool Hill Road on Wednesday afternoon.

The road is located off of FM 1093, which connects Fulshear and Simonton.

The initial 9-1-1 call was received at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, Fort Bend County

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Herald Facebook page reaches 89,000 viewers during storm

Since the announcement of Hurricane Harvey making landfall, nearly 89,000 people have visited the Fort Bend Herald Facebook page.

Most of them were searching for information on Hurricane Harvey.

"When people wanted to know about road closures, evacuations, tornado warnings, school closings and weather updates, The Herald's Facebook page and website became the go-to source for that information," said Herald Facebook administrator Marquita Griffin.

"Because many subscribers lived in areas that had to be evacuated or deemed too dangerous to deliver to, The Herald also made the e-Editions free on its website this week to ensure residents had access to the news they needed.

"Despite the flooding obstacles and power outages, The Fort Bend Herald updated both its website and Facebook page, day and night, every day since Hurricane Harvey hit the county."

And just like The Herald's print editions, The Herald's Facebook page and website has been primarily dedicated to Hurricane Harvey coverage, detailing the most-recent information from Fort Bend County, local city and school district officials, Griffin explained.

The Fort Bend Herald's Facebook page — www.facebook.com/fortbendherald — has 6,819 followers and 6,937 likes. The Herald's website is www.fbherald.com.

Good Afternoon

Free food for flood victims

The Grill Smokehouse in Richmond will offer free barbecue sandwiches, chips and beverages to flood victims on Saturday.

The restaurant plans to give away the free meals from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 109 Liberty St. in downtown Richmond.

Fort Bend Journal

A good team

"Horse sense and a stable mind make a good team." — author unknown

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Around the Bend

Allie Hodges raises over \$300 to buy supplies for hurricane victims...

Gretchen Simmen happy to have water receding on her property...

Maria Gleason excited to get back to work after having evacuated last weekend... Christina Nguyen closely watching the Brazos River ...

Obituaries

Rosie Cabrera Fojtik, 61
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Today's Scripture

The King will reply (to those at his right hand), "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Thought for Today

"When nothing is sure, everything is possible."

— Margaret Drabble, British author

Rosenberg council debates curfew

After spirited arguments, they vote 4-2 to ask county judge to make decision

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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Rosenberg city council members on Thursday, fiercely debated imposing a curfew on the community.

The council voted 4-2 against the curfew. However, because Mayor William "Bill" Benton voted against the measure, the resolution was defeated.

Texas law gives mayors of Home Rule cities absolute authority to impose curfews during emergency situations.

Benton said he did not believe in imposing undue restrictions on citizens who were already stressed by a hurricane and flood.

Council member Jacob Balderas also voted against the curfew, saying it violated residents' constitutional rights.

Council members Jimmie Pena, Susan Euton, Alice Jozwiak and Lynn Moses voted for the curfew.

They said the chief of police sought the curfew because in his expert opinion a curfew was needed. Therefore, Euton said the council should accept his professional opinion and order a curfew.

Chief Dallas Warren said "thugs and criminals" find their way to disaster areas to take advantage of people in distress.

Moses and Jozwiak said the curfew will safeguard citizens.

They said some of the people staying at the emergency shelters leave to walk the streets with ill will.

Moses said one man staying in Terry

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Rosenberg transitions from response to recovery phase

BY AVERIL GLEASON
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Over 250 homes in Rosenberg suffered water damage and at least 15 houses were confirmed flooded as of Thursday afternoon, authorities reported.

Rosenberg city council members extended the local state of disaster in the city on Thursday.

According to Police Chief Dallis Warren, the city needs to continue to provide

documentation and data to the county, which in turn sends it to the state and FEMA.

Officials with FEMA will be in the community soon to tour the impacted areas, he said.

The declaration will allow the county to continue to apply for financial assistance from the state to cover damage to residences inside the city limits.

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Official: Stavinoha Bridge could collapse into river

BY SCOTT REESE WILLEY
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The Stavinoha Bridge on Grand Parkway could be closed to traffic for up to two years if it doesn't collapse into the Brazos River during the present flood, a county official confided Thursday.

The bridge, which spans the Brazos River near New Territory, has been closed since Hurricane Harvey slammed into the Texas Gulf Coast last Friday.

Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert said the bridge was closed when engineers could no longer determine whether its concrete pilings and beams were capa-

ble of supporting the span.

"Since we can't see what's happening and we know a relatively small amount of erosion could cause a collapse, the bridge will stay closed until the water recedes to the point engineers can determine the safety of the bridge supports," Hebert explained during a news conference on Thursday.

He said the bridge pilings and beams have laser reflectors attached that allow engineers to determine their exact location. Once the water covered those reflectors, the bridge was closed, Hebert added.

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HERALD PHOTO BY AVERIL GLEASON

City grilling

ROSENBERG CITY council members on Wednesday set up behind City Hall to grill hot dogs, hamburgers and brisket for first responders. Jimmie Pena watches some burgers and dogs grill. Other council members and city staff helped cook and serve as well.



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STATE

Supreme Court temporarily blocks new Texas state-house maps

AUSTIN — The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered Texas to hold off on partially redrawing state-house maps before next year's elections. A stay issued Thursday by Justice Samuel Alito is the second time the court has told Texas to wait on voting maps that a lower court says are fouled by racial gerrymandering. A three-judge panel earlier this month ruled that statehouse districts in four Texas counties need to be redrawn before 2018 elections. Alito's action is intended to delay a lower court hearing scheduled for next month on the issue until the full Supreme Court can weigh in. A similar action by Alito on Monday temporarily blocked a lower court ruling for Texas to redraw some of its congressional districts.

NATION

Illinois theme park to open 'world's largest' loop coaster

GURNEE, Ill. — A theme park north of Chicago says it will open the world's largest loop roller coaster next year. Six Flags Great Escape in Gurnee announced Thursday that the still-to-be-named coaster will take riders forward and backward on a giant loop. Riders also will be suspended upside down for an extended time.

Virginia city to pay man shot by police \$200K to settle suit

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — A Delaware man accidentally shot by a Virginia officer who was trying to serve a warrant will get \$200,000 from the city. The city of Chesapeake agreed this week to pay Michael Lee Smith to settle a lawsuit.

WORLD

American woman promises \$22 million donation to German zoo

BERLIN — A German zoo says a 93-year-old American widow of a Holocaust survivor is leaving it \$22 million (18.5 million euros) in her will. German-born Elizabeth Reichert told the local Koelner Stadt-Anzeiger newspaper it was her late husband Arnulf's wish to donate the money to the Cologne zoo.

France to push for new action for peace in Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria — French President Emmanuel Macron said his country is pushing for a diplomatic initiative for peace-building in Syria. Macron said Friday his proposal of a new international contact group on Syria would include Lebanon and other countries in the region that receive Syrian refugees.

Today in History

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2017. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1897, the first section of Boston's new subway system was opened.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1914, the last passenger pigeon in captivity, "Martha," died at the Cincinnati Zoo.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.



Aaron Burr



Wayne L. Hays

Elizabeth Ray

In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, resigned in the wake of a scandal in which he admitted having an affair with "secretary" Elizabeth Ray, who could not type or perform any secretarial duties.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1987, peace demonstrator S. Brian Willson lost his lower legs when he was hit by a train at the Concord Naval Weapons Station in California while protesting weapons shipments to Central America.

In 1995, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland. (The hall opened to the public the next day.)

Ten years ago: Idaho Sen. Larry Craig announced his resignation, saying he would leave office on September 30, 2007, in the wake of fall-out over his arrest and guilty plea in a Minnesota airport gay sex sting. (However, Craig later reversed his decision, saying he would serve out the rest of his term.) Clay Buchholz threw a no-hitter in his second major league start, just hours after being called up by the Boston Red Sox. Buchholz struck out nine, walked three and hit one batter to give the Red Sox a 10-0 victory over Baltimore.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama ridiculed the just-completed Republican National Convention as better-suited to an era of black-and-white TV and "trickle-down, you're on your own" economics, and declared that Mitt Romney "did not offer a single new idea" for fixing the economy. Lyricist Hal David, 91, who teamed with Burt Bacharach on dozens of timeless songs for movies, television and a variety of recording artists in the 1960s and beyond, died in Los Angeles.

Area Birthdays

Happy birthday to Andrea Hines, from husband Benny, son Landren, daughter-in-law Chantae, grandsons Jalen and Jeremiah, mother Mrs. Zelma Hicks, siblings Ricky, Jackie, Karen and Rodney, with love...

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.

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

Sign Me Up!

BREAKING NEWS!

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

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 Joerger-Lindsey Family Life Center.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

Keep Richmond Beautiful will host a free onsite document shred event at the Richmond City Hall, 402 Morton St. from 9 a.m. to noon. Shred items include all paper-based materials. No need to remove staples, 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.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

Actor George Maharis is 89. Conductor Seiji Ozawa (SAY-jee oh-ZAH-wah) is 82. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 79. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 78. Actor Don Stroud is 74. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 73. Singer Archie Bell is 73. Singer Barry



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Gibb is 71. Rock musician Greg Errico is 69. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 67. Singer Gloria Estefan is 60. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 56. Jazz musician Boney James is 56. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 54. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 53. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 51. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 47. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 46. Actor Maury Sterling is 46. Rock singer JD Fortune is 44. Actor Scott Speedman is 42.

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Area Cities

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Abilene	93	67	M Sunny	El Paso	93	70	P Cloudy	Midland	96	68	Sunny
Amarillo	89	61	Sunny	Fort Stockton	93	67	P Cloudy	Raymondville	95	74	P Cloudy
Austin	93	70	Sunny	Gainesville	87	67	Cloudy	Rosenberg	91	70	P Cloudy
Beaumont	89	71	P Cloudy	Greenville	89	71	P Cloudy	San Antonio	93	71	M Sunny
Brownsville	93	75	P Cloudy	Houston	93	73	P Cloudy	San Marcos	93	68	Sunny
Brownwood	94	68	M Sunny	Kingsville	95	70	M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	70	M Cloudy
Corpus Christi	92	71	P Cloudy	Livingston	90	69	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	93	67	M Sunny
Corsicana	90	69	M Sunny	Longview	88	69	P Cloudy	Tyler	88	71	P Cloudy
Dallas	90	72	P Cloudy	Lubbock	92	62	Sunny	Weatherford	90	69	P Cloudy
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Obituaries



Rosie Cabrera Fojtik

Rosie Cabrera Fojtik, 61 of Needville, passed away on Monday, August 28, 2017. She was born in Richmond, Texas to Florencia (Reyna) and Benito Cabrera.

Rosie is survived by her husband, David A. Fojtik; daughters,

Rosie Ann Carpenter and her husband Randy, Vicky Ruth and her husband Brad, Elizabeth DeLuna, Amanda Trevino and her husband Jessie, Cassandra Radke and her husband Gerd, Candace Fojtik and Clint Fojtik;

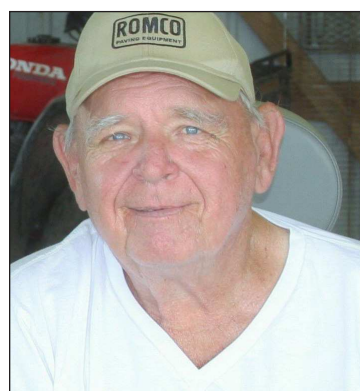
Grandchildren, Stephanie Green, Maegan Green, Marti Olivarez, Kristen DeLuna, Dimi Karavantos, Tristain Trevino, Kayla Cordova, Jessica Trevino, Angelica Cordova, Gabriel Cordova, Christopher Trevino, Lexi Trevino, Drew Pearce, Devon Trevino, Jonas Gonzales, Jonathan Clarida and Allison Fojtik; great-grandchildren, Brayden Green, Nicholas Green, Anabelle Silva, Samuel Seirra, Nathan Trevino and Benjamin Jackson; sister, Noemi Chitwood and her husband Will.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Florencia (Reyna) and Benito Cabrera and her brothers, Benito Cabrera and Carlos Cabrera.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. on Saturday September 2, 2017 in the Davis Chapel.

Tributes and words of condolence will be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com. Arrangements are under the di-

rection of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., (Hwy 59 South @ FM 2218) in Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.



Ernest Wendt

Ernest Wendt, also known to family and friends as Stubby or Buddy, was born October 9, 1945, to parents Edwin & Rosa Blome Wendt in Needville, TX. Buddy passed away on August 26, 2017 following complications after a heart attack and a surgical procedure.

Buddy is survived by brothers Delbert Wendt, Edgar Wendt and his special friend Lauraine Ognoski, Ralph Wendt and wife Joan, and brother-in-law Victor Rabata. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Rose Marie Wendt Rabata and sister-in-law Shirley Wendt.

He is also survived by the following nieces and nephews: Del Wendt, Tammy Miller, Pam Sullivan, Tommy Wendt, Janet Raesner, Mark Wendt, Lana Gallatin, Wade Wendt, Suzanne Mikeska, Dianne Sebesta, Michele Broom, Carmen Thompson and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Needville

High School in 1964, Buddy went into farming for a few years and later took a welding course in Houston. He went to work for WKM and later for McGuire Trucking. After several years of working for others, he went into business for himself by purchasing a dump truck and hauling gravel and dirt. Buddy did hauling until his heart attack in 2009. He officially retired in 2011 after suffering a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. At about this same time, he decided to build "Stubby's", where people could gather for an evening of fun. When Buddy felt good, he enjoyed going to "Stubby's" to visit and socialize with his many friends.

Buddy was a strong minded person. He accomplished a great number of his goals. He had a strong determination that allowed him to lead an independent life. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

The family of Ernest Wendt would like to extend a special thank you to friend and housekeeper, Patsy Christian for the excellent care she gave him.

A viewing will be held on Sat., Sept. 2, 2017, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at E. P. Compean Funeral Directors, 1223 6th St., Rosenberg, TX.

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Frances Marie Lycka

Funeral services are pending with Palms Funeral Home in Angleton, Texas for Frances Marie Lycka, 71, of Angleton, Texas

Mrs Lycka passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2017 in Houston.

FLOOD: Brazos River crest revised to 55.7 feet

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The water levels in those areas, however, are dropping because the flood gates at the Barker Reservoir have been opened, he said.

Still, "Our southern communities (in Fort Bend County) is only growing," he noted Thursday.

Hebert reminded reporters that this flood is the fourth FEMA disaster the county has faced in three years: 2015 Memorial Day flood, 2016 Tax Day Flood, and 2016 Memorial Day Flood.

"We need to remain diligent," he said. "One of the things that lulls you into doing things you might do is the sun comes up and the rain stops and it's a beautiful day," he said.

"We have a big river and it's at the highest it's ever been. We will be in a guarded situation for days to come."

The Brazos River isn't the only river at flood stage in Fort Bend County.

The San Bernard River crested Thursday night at a record 43.58 feet. It was projected to begin drop-

ping sometime Friday.

The combined rivers have resulted in 29 shelters opening in Fort Bend County since last Friday.

At the peak of the storm and its aftermath, some 4,800 victims evacuated to the shelters.

Sixteen of those shelters have since closed and 655 victims remained in the 13 shelters still open.

Storm victims requiring long-term shelters are being transferred to large-capacity shelters in Houston, Hebert reported.

DROWNING: Couple was checking on kinfolk

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Judge Bob Hebert told The Herald on Thursday.

Hebert said the couple had traveled the road frequently during the storm and must have thought they could get through again.

Unfortunately, their vehicle was swept away by a strong current about 1,000 yards into the flooded road, he said.

The road crosses a creek at the point where the couple perished.

Hebert, who is head of the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management, said the woman was talking to 9-1-1 operator when their SUV was swept into the rain-swollen creek and rolled over.

Family members said the couple were checking on kinfolk in the area when they drove into the high water.

A niece said there were no barricades set up at the time to warn drivers of the high water.

A Fulshear Fire Department official was responding to the call when he spotted an Arizona water rescue task force fueling at a local convenience store, Hebert explained. The rescue team had a boat.

They were able to retrieve the couple's bodies shortly afterward.

The Rogers are the only two deaths in Fort Bend County associated with Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, Hebert said during a news conference Thursday.

Although Hurricane Harvey has left the area and skies are clear, the rainfall upstream is working its way down the Brazos River to Fort Bend County.

Hebert warned county resi-

dents on Thursday to prepare for the Brazos River to crest at a record-setting 55.7 feet at the Richmond bridge.

He said the Brazos posted a record-setting crest of 54.8 feet last June and flooded thousands of homes.

If the Brazos crests at 55.7 feet, almost one foot higher than the 2016 Memorial Day flood, even more homes and businesses will

be affected, he said.

The river at the Richmond bridge crested Friday at 55.7 feet.

Hebert warned residents to prepare for the surge of water and protect themselves and their loved ones from harm.

"I've said this once and I'll say it again, protect yourself and your loved ones. We can always rebuild property. We can't rebuild lives."

BRIDGE: Span could be shut down for 2 years

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Once the river recedes below the reflectors, the engineers will use a laser to check the support locations, he said.

"If there is any movement at all, you can just plan on it being closed for up to two years while we replace the bridge or a portion of the bridge," Hebert said.

Contractors had been installing new concrete pilings and replacing earth that had washed away during

the past two flood events — the April 2016 Tax Day Flood and the 2016 Memorial Day Flood, Hebert explained.

However, the project had only been underway for about a month before Hurricane Harvey hit Texas.

"A significant amount" of dirt supporting the bridge has been washed away during the past two floods, he noted.

The Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority had attempted to make those repairs on its own rather than apply for federal funds in order

to repair the span before the next flood, Hebert told The Herald.

Obviously, they didn't have enough time to complete the project, he added.

"The amount of work done on that contract won't offer any protection from the river," he said. "There were not enough pilings in place to offer protection."

"It very well may be that that bridge goes into the river during this flood."

Powerball win leads to social media scams

CHICOPEE, Mass. (AP) — Police in a Massachusetts city are warning of fake social media accounts that have popped up to scam people since a local woman won the \$758.7 million Powerball jackpot.

Chicopee (CHIH'-kuh-pee) police

say fake Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts state they belong to Mavis Wanczyk (WAHN'-zihk), who was announced as the Powerball winner last week.

The fake accounts say following and answering private messages

will result in getting money. Police warn people not to provide personal information.

State Lottery officials say Wanczyk chose to take a lump sum payment of \$480 million, or \$336 million after taxes.

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Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

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For the proposal: Michael Gutierrez Patricia Olivas-Vitek
 Dale Clayton Elvira Garcia
 Mario Rios

Against the proposal: None

Present and not voting: None

Absent: None

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)	\$1.090000/\$100	\$1.090000/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$0.000000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		0.00%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$128,771	\$135,003
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$0	\$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$128,771	\$135,003
Tax on average residence homestead	\$1,403.60	\$1,471.53
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$67.93 4.84%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

Pat on the Back

Our hats off to **Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert**, who has done a great job of keeping residents informed of the hurricane and its aftermath.

Our View

Help the deputies on standby

By now most of our readers are well aware that volunteers have started collecting food, cleaning supplies and other necessities for victims of Hurricane Harvey.

And that's well and good.

But if you've got some spare time on your hands, perhaps a portable barbecue pit, and a few extra dollars lying around, maybe you would consider helping out some very deserving individuals.

I'm talking about the Fort Bend County sheriff's deputies who are sleeping in their vehicles while they are off shift.

Many of them can't go home because, well, they may need at a moment's notice.

So they're sleeping in their hot automobiles and grabbing lunch whenever possible.

Wouldn't it be nice for people to drop them off nice hot meals, wholesome sandwiches or nutritious snacks.

It's simple enough: Just take a to-go meal to the sheriff's office on Williams Way Boulevard in Richmond and tell them you want to help feed the deputies who are on standby.

We're also told these peace officers could use a comfy blanket or pad to sleep on.

We're certain anything you can do to alleviate their personal suffering would be appreciated.

They are there for you. Won't you be there for them?

Meeting people through disaster

Politicians, celebrities and the rich often set the world's idea of their cities and regions.

It takes a disaster to meet the regular folks.

We met average Louisianans during Hurricane Katrina and the commoners from New Jersey and New York for Superstorm Sandy. Hurricane Harvey has introduced America and the world to ordinary Texans.



Froma Harrop

And what the world sees is a multiracial society of victims and heroes joined by geography. It sees people waiting stoically for rescue as their homes, photos and cars are swept away — people escaping the floods with nothing but their drenched dogs.

And they heard locals saying things that required subtitles (and we're not talking about immigrants).

We saw the Cajun navy, small boats coming over from Louisiana to rescue people. Some of the boats capsized, and the rescuers had to be rescued. The scene was reminiscent of the Battle of Dunkirk in World War II, when

British civilians sailed their fishing and pleasure boats to a beach in France to rescue their stranded soldiers.

Shelters for evacuees in Port Arthur, meanwhile, themselves filled up with water. People were moved out on the backs of dump trucks. And hospitals tending to the wounded succumbed to the rising waters.

Houston experienced nearly 52 inches of rainfall in a handful of days. Seattle (one of whose nicknames is Rain City) typically sees 37 inches of rain in a year.

The residents of Houston are a politically mixed group, but Harvey seemed to lump them together into the party of humans. What other affiliation can you have when six-lane highways are under 3 feet of water — and there are whitecaps on Interstate 10?

Houston has just entered the recovery phase. This is the point when the drama recedes, leaving the victims stuck in the mud of loss, bureaucracy and relentless digging out.

My friend Frank, a veteran of Sandy, offers them a hint of what's ahead. His real struggle began after the waters flowed out of his house on the Connecticut coast. Getting insurers to pay up bent his soul. The expense drained his retirement savings.

He suffered most of all from a sense of violation.

Of course, there's no logic in

waving fists against an act of nature. And others had suffered far more tragic losses. But for Frank, this became a war to restore what he had. He defiantly abandoned his mold-covered first floor to live on the second floor, sleeping with a face mask. Even today, anxiety that this could happen again haunts him.

From Houston, my niece Amanda had been sending Facebook videos of her streets turned into fast-moving rivers. (Her husband, a Navy submariner, has been providing some pithy commentary.) I recall joining Amanda on a glorious springtime stroll along the nearby Buffalo Bayou, then a lazy stream, now a raging tyrant. It will never seem the same.

The recovery is where politics will raise its divisive head. There will be arguments on the role global warming played in the flooding. There will be debates on zoning, which Houston does not have. And what about understaffed federal government agencies?

Yes, there will be lots more to talk about. For now, though, the faces and voices of America's fourth-largest city are not oilmen, quarterbacks, pop stars or U.S. senators. They are the people of Houston in soggy sweatshirts and scraggly hair telling their stories.

Follow Froma Harrop on Twitter @FromaHarrop. She can be reached at fharrop@gmail.com.

Worth thinking about

Groups seek to halt president's transgender military policy change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two LGBT-rights organizations asked a federal judge in Washington on Thursday to bar President Donald Trump from changing the government's policy on military service by transgender people.

The groups, backed by several former military leaders, filed a motion asking the judge to grant a preliminary injunction to keep Trump from reversing course on a 2016 policy change that allowed transgender individuals to serve openly.

Trump slammed that change in a memo last Friday and announced he was directing a return to the former policy under which service members could be discharged for being transgender. Trump directed the Pentagon to extend indefinitely a ban on transgender individuals joining the military, and he gave Defense Secretary Jim Mattis six months to come up with a policy on "how to address" those who are currently serving, leaving the door open to permitting their continued service.

Until Mattis has made that determination, "no action may be taken against" the currently serving transgender individuals. Trump also directed Mattis to halt the use of federal funds to pay for sexual reassignment surgeries and medications, except in cases where it is deemed necessary to protect the health of an individual who has already begun the transition.

Lawsuits challenging the changes have been filed in courts in Washington, Seattle and Baltimore.

The First Amendment

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No time for infighting... FB officials showing leadership in disaster

Much is being made of the conflicting advice given to Houston area residents from Gov. Greg Abbott and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner prior to the flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Abbott said Houstonians should "strongly consider evacuating" even if they were told not to by local officials, but Turner and Harris County Judge Ed Emmett recommended they shelter in place.

As we saw, flood waters resulted in a number of people needing to be rescued by boats and helicopters from flood-ravaged homes.

Hindsight is 20/20 and the magnitude of this historic flood was impossible to predict. It's easy to get in a political fight, but so counterproductive in the midst of tragedy.

Obviously, it would've been fine for some people to evacuate if they could. But you also must have the means to evacuate, along with a plan and a place to go.

On the other hand, Harvey and all its fury made landfill down the coast in Rockport, not Houston.

Once weather forecasters realized the storm was making a northeasterly turn toward Houston, a mass evacuation would've caused all kinds of traffic problems and

gridlock. Turner said an evacuation would've been a nightmare, and he's right.

Both Turner and Emmett said people would've put themselves in greater danger trying to evacuate as heavy rains poured down.

It's also important to remember more than 100 people died trying to evacuate Houston in 2005 as Hurricane Rita was bearing down on the upper Texas coast. So far, the statewide death toll from Harvey is 30 people.

That's way too many people, but it's not 100.

To his credit, Abbott said now wasn't the time to second-guess each other, but don't be surprised if others start playing the blame game.

Meanwhile, in Fort Bend County, the Emergency Management Office and County Judge Bob Hebert deserve high marks for their leadership.

Hebert posted helpful video updates that were widely viewed and shared on such websites as Facebook and fortbendherald.com, along with Houston television stations. He didn't hesitate to issue mandatory evacuation orders for vulnerable areas, and also instituted a curfew Thursday that will extend through Wednesday.

Sheriff Troy Nehls also represented the county well Wednesday on Martha MacCallum's The Story on Fox News. She interviewed Nehls on the phone about how he and his deputies had rescued a number of Fort Bend residents by boat. Unfortunately, she also cut him off as they broke to a live press conference

with Turner.

While Hebert was happy to report good news about the Brazos River cresting at a lower than expected 56 feet, he also warned that the county is still going to have major flooding and devastation in many areas.

On the bright side, people in subdivisions with levees such as Greenwood will get a big break with the lower crest. The levee was built to withstand about a 60-foot crest, but residents have had many anxious moments.

Water started to rise on many streets due to heavy rainfall, and initial predictions had the river cresting at about 60 feet. That made it hard for many residents to drive through rising water and evacuate, including several of my family members.

On a personal note, my in-laws in Houston weren't so lucky. They live along Buffalo Bayou near Interstate 10 and Highway 6, and are sandwiched between the Addicks and Barker reservoirs. They evacuated in plenty of time, but ended up with about 3 feet of water in their house.

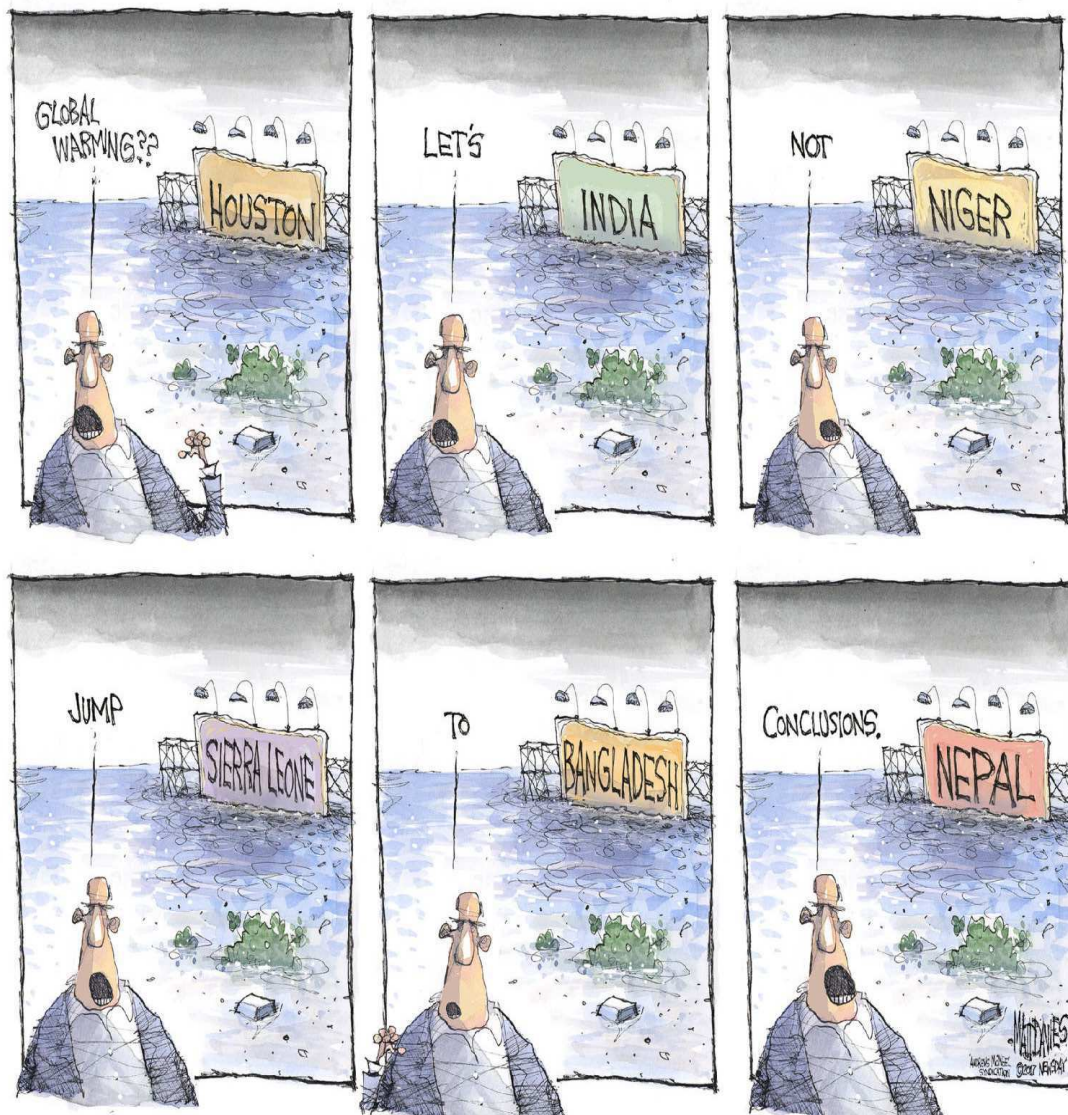
They aren't sure when the water will recede so they can further assess damage.

Flooding is awful stuff that will leave some scars, but Fort Bend and Houston will bounce back.

In the meantime, all of our spirits are being lifted seeing so many volunteers (some from out of state such as Louisiana's Cajun Navy) and neighbors helping so many people in their time of need.

Reach Fred Hartman at fbh@hartmannews.com.

Outside View



Pay heed to the Devil's Silence

Reflect for a moment, if you will, on a gathering of Christians in Nashville, TN, a week ago.

A few hundred of the most prominent Christian leaders in the country across all denominations came together to sign what is being called "The Nashville Statement."

The statement merely reaffirms two thousand years of orthodox Christianity. The statement reaffirms marriage is between one man and one woman. It reaffirms God made us male and female and therefore transgenderism is incompatible with the Christian faith.

It reaffirms the Bible lists homosexuality as a sin thereby rendering its acceptance as incompatible with the Christian faith.

These are not new ideas. In fact, they are ideas specifically found in any Bible you pick up.

They are New Testament ideas. These are ideas inside mainstream Christianity. They are views shared by more than one billion Christians around the world. Nonetheless, you would have thought John Piper, John MacArthur, Russell Moore and R.C. Sproul had murdered someone in Nashville last weekend.

The mayor of Nashville de-

nounced the Nashville Statement for using the name of the city to perpetuate hate.

For the record, the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, which organized the statement signing, names the statements generated by the group by the city in which they are signed.

Other people assailed the statement for being signed the same weekend Harvey hit Texas as if a long scheduled meeting in Tennessee needed to contemplate the weather patterns of the Atlantic Hurricane Season.

The hysteria from people who never read the Bible telling people who take the Bible seriously what is in it has been off the charts.

Some people, like author Jen Hatmaker, objected to the Nashville Statement purely on emotional grounds.

She, like so many others, has substituted Christian doctrine and sound theology for the emotion of what makes one's self feel good.

If you feel good, that must be what Jesus wanted.

I assure you he did not feel good when nailed on the cross.

Now, step away from religion and delve into the other subject one is not supposed to talk about in polite company — politics.

In Charlottesville, VA, white nationalists were met by Antifa protestors.

Even the police reported Antifa showed up looking for a fight.

But if anyone pointed that out, they were accused of excusing the white nationalists' behavior.

Last week, Antifa savagely beat people in Berkeley, CA.

Despite there being no white supremacists counter-protesting, many prominent leftwing activists denounced anyone who called out Antifa.

To them, Antifa had a moral calling to push back against their kissing cousins in the white supremacist movement.

And they are kissing cousins, just as the Nazis and Communists were.

In both instances, silence is a weapon.

The devil cannot perpetuate lies when truth is spoken.

As long as people speak up, it is harder to capture the minds of the young.

So you must shut up and be silent.

Those who would turn the world upside down are committed to ensuring your silence.

You will be bullied, harassed, chased out of business, and run out of the town square.

The devil's silence is coming most noticeably for the church in America. Cultural revolutionaries assail orthodox Christianity as hateful and bigoted. If you adhere to the faith, you must be one of those hicks or rubes bitterly clinging to guns and religion. What these cultural revolutionaries will not say, but know, is that you are a hopeless cause. They are, instead, targeting your children.

That is why you have an obligation to speak up. They only win in silence.

Contact Erick Erickson on Twitter at @EWErickson.



Erick Erickson



FRONT ROW from left to right Heather Patterson, Gigi McClain, Jill Davis and Brittany Roberts. Back row from left to right Jennifer Hernandez and Vanessa McClain. These LCISD staff members and students are loading up vans with food, clothes and supplies then taking them to families in need on Thursday.

HERALD PHOTO BY TYLER JOHNSON

LCISD lends helping hand after Harvey

BY TYLER JOHNSON
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Hundreds of volunteers have been working together at Jane Long Elementary School all week to raise food and clothing for families impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Director of LCISD Common Threads Jill Davis said she has taken the experience she learned from the 2016 Memorial Day Flood and put it to work after Hurricane Harvey hit last weekend.

"It's all a process," Davis said. "We have to remember this is a marathon, not a sprint."

Common Threads is a non-profit clothing assistance program, but because of the storm, they've also started collecting food, cleaning supplies, diapers and whatever the community needs during these tough times, she added.

"What haven't we been getting?" Davis said. "We've gotten pretty much everything under the sun."

Davis said they are pausing on all clothes donations, but if there's one thing Common Threads needs, it's food.

"We need staples, such as peanut butter and pasta," volunteer Monique Degeyter said. "We need real food. We're getting too much snack food."

Davis said there's also a need for can openers and canned food.

There has been an abundance of volunteers coming from all over LCISD to help Davis raise enough food and clothing to help the people who can't reach their homes due to flooding.

"I've easily had over 500 volunteers in the last three days," she said.

And they are still more people wanting to help.

Fort Bend County resident Andrea Smith was fortunate to not be badly impacted by the storm.

"I feel compelled to help people in need," she said.

Davis said social media has played a major role in getting vol-

unteers to sign up. "I'm getting teenagers who volunteered for me years ago," she said.

Many of the volunteers are LCISD staff members are just looking to get out of the house after being stuck in their homes since the storm began.

"Come in and find your therapy," Davis said. "This is OCD heaven."

Common Threads is working hard to keep strict open hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. because volunteers need to care of themselves as well.

However, Davis didn't leave until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday because families kept coming in needing food and other supplies, but she couldn't shut the door to those in need.

Donations can be sent to Jane Long Elementary School, 907 Main St, Richmond.

For more information on how to volunteer, visit the LCISD Common Threads Facebook page.

ROSENBERG: Emergency meeting held

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"The river is currently at 55 feet and after the river recedes, we can do a full assessment of the infrastructure in the city," Warren said.

Warren said that city is currently transitioning from response phase to recovery phase.

"We are transferring more departments in the city to regular work schedules," Warren said.

"However, the parks department, fleet department, utilities and public works department, police and fire department suffered water damage.

"And on top of that, we have a large number of employees who

have suffered a great deal of loss." Council member Jacob Balderas said he's seen something inspiring come from the catastrophic hurricane.

"Even in a time of disaster, we are there for our neighbors and that is incredible," he said. "I'm so proud of the people of Rosenberg, the citizens of Houston and the state of Texas."

City Manager John Maresh thanked city employees and first responders for working diligently through the hurricane.

Maresh then reminded the council that Republic Waste Services trash pickup will resume regular schedule as safety permits.

Republic Waste will run services to the best of their ability on Saturday to mitigate excess trash accumulation due to inclement weather and flooding.

"This means that if your regular trash pick-up day is Wednesday, your next trash pick-up will be Wednesday, Sept. 6," communications manager Jenny Pavlovich said.

"If there is an evacuation order or standing water on the roadways, the trucks will not be able to go into the area for a pick-up. Safety is the number one priority."

The next council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sept. 5 at City Hall, located at 2110 Fourth St.



ROSENBERG CITY council members on Wednesday set up behind City Hall to grill hot dogs, hamburgers and brisket for first responders. Pictured from left are Police Chief Dallis Warren, councils member Lynn Moses and Jimmie Pena and Stephen Ray with CobbFendley.

HERALD PHOTO BY AVERIL GLEASON

CURFEW: Council debate grows spirited

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High School's shelter attempted to prey on her mother-in-law.

Moses said she didn't want to have to explain the city's decision not to impose a curfew to a victim or family of someone victimized by a someone out after a curfew.

The proposed curfew called for people to be off the streets between midnight and 5 a.m. People

going to work would be allowed out between those hours, as would people who are facing an emergency situation.

Benton said the police are more than capable of handling law-breakers and that a curfew is unnecessary.

As far as citizens being robbed or attacked, the Second Amendment allows residents to arm and protect themselves, he noted.

The council voted 4-2 to allow

County Judge Bob Hebert order a curfew.

Hebert told The Herald late Thursday he was unaware of the request and unsure if he had the authority to order a curfew for a home-rule city.

"State law is pretty clear in that regard. The mayors of Home Rule Cities make that sort of call."

He said he will contact the county attorney for advice when he receives the council's request.

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WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE

The FORT BEND COUNTY W.C.I.D. #3 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 15, 2017 at 11:30AM at 503 FM 359, Suite 118, Richmond, Texas 77406. 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: Ann Heil, Lloyd Knapp, Chayo Huff, Gloria Couch, and Richard Wasser

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$.44000/\$100	\$.46000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value	\$.02000/\$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		4.54%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$ 623,486	\$ 554,170
General homestead exemptions available	\$ 0	\$ 0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$ 623,486	\$ 554,170
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 2,743.33	\$ 2,549.18
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -194.15	
and percentage of increase (+/-)		-7.07%

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.

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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 155 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2017 on September 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Bonbrook Plantation Recreational Center, 9210 Reading Road, Rosenberg, Texas. 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: Alice Janca, Donna Johnson, Brett Telford, James Hallmark, Christina Garcia

Against the proposal:

Present and not voting:

Absent:

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

	Last Year	This Year
	Adopted	Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$1.040000/\$100	\$1.020000/\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		\$-0.020000
Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-)		-1.92%
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$223,944	\$228,707
General homestead exemptions available	\$0	\$0
(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$223,944	\$228,707
Tax on average residence homestead	\$2,329.02	\$2,332.81
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-)		\$3.79
and percentage of increase (+/-)		0.16%

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION

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

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

Saturday

MLB: Astros vs. Mets (DH), 1:10, 7:10

Sunday

MLB: Astros vs. Mets, 1:10



Dash

Sunday

NWSL: Dash vs. Seattle Reign, Toyota Stadium 7



Dynamo

Saturday, Sept. 9

MILS: Dynamo vs. Colorado Rapids, 7:30



Texans

Sunday, Sept. 10

NFL: Texans vs. Jaguars, 12



Skeeters

Friday

Atlantic League: Skeeters vs. Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, 7:05

MLB

ASTROS LAND VERLANDER

Houston claims outfielder Cameron Maybin from Angels

WIRE AND STAFF REPORTS

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros acquired Justin Verlander in a trade with the Detroit Tigers on Thursday night, just before the deadline for having players eligible for postseason play.

The right-hander joins the American League West leaders and a rotation that is led by Dallas Keuchel and Lance McCullers.

“He adds a boost to our rotation,” Astros owner Jim Crane said. “He’s been pitching well. We think he’ll give us some leadership. He’s been in the playoffs before and adds a dimension we didn’t have.”

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

The 34-year-old Verlander is 10-8 with a 3.82 ERA in 28 starts this

season. The Tigers will receive minor league prospects outfielder Daz Cameron, right-hander Franklin Perez and catcher Jake Rogers as well as a player to be named later or cash considerations in the deal.

It was the second trade of the day for the Tigers who sent outfielder Justin Upton to the Los Angeles Angels for pitching prospect Grayson Long and cash or a player to be named.

Crane is optimistic that Verlander is the piece that can help the Astros make a deep run in the postseason.

“We hope it positions us to get into the playoffs, get by the first round, get into the second round and get to the world series and win it. That’s what we’ve been working at and that’s what we’ll continue to work at and we want to win.”

The Astros spent the week playing their home series against the



Justin Verlander



Cameron Maybin

Texas Rangers at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida because of catastrophic flooding in the area in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. They returned to Houston on Thursday night and will begin a series at Minute Maid Park with the New York Mets with a doubleheader on Saturday.

“We think it will be great for the town,” Crane said. “We need a little boost right now. So all the stars may be aligned here. We’re hoping

that it works out good for us.”

Now Detroit is shedding payroll, although the Tigers still have Miguel Cabrera’s huge contract. Verlander did not have a great start this season, but he went 4-1 with a 2.36 ERA in August. If he can perform like that down the stretch, he’ll certainly give the Astros a much stronger rotation entering the postseason.

AP Sports Writer Noah Trister contributed to this report.

Houston claims Maybin

The Astros claimed outfielder Cameron Maybin off waivers from the Angels on Thursday.

“I’ve got history with Cam. He’s a great human, a fun guy to be on our team,” Hinch said. “He’s got a ton of speed, can play all three outfield positions, so I’ll work him in.”

Maybin, 30, has played in 93 games for the Angels this season,

hitting .235 (79x336) with 19 doubles and 29 stolen bases. Entering today, he owned a share for the American League lead in steals, tied with the Astros Jose Altuve. Maybin has made 88 starts for the Angels this season, including 44 in left field, 40 in center field and four in right field.

A veteran of 11 Major League seasons, Maybin owns a lifetime .256 (785x3065) average with 160 stolen bases in 889 career games with Detroit (2007), Florida (2008-10), San Diego (2011-14), Atlanta (2015), Detroit (2016) and Los Angeles (2017). He had his best Major League season with the Tigers last year, hitting .315 (110x349) with an .801 OPS in 94 games.

The Astros have designated right-handed pitcher Dayan Diaz for assignment to make room for Maybin on the 40-man roster.

No word on the corresponding move for Verlander.

District 14-3A, Division-II football

East Bernard and Brazos eyeing return to playoffs

BY TYLER JOHNSON AND RYAN DUNSMORE

District 14-3A, Division-II holds some of the stiffest competition in Class 3A with powerhouse East Bernard and Boling making regular trips to the state championship.

Both East Bernard and Boling are hoping to return to the playoffs, while Brazos and Tidehaven are looking to dethrone the Brahmas and Bulldogs.

Bloomington Bobcats

Coach: Adam Arroyo; 2016 record: 1-9, 0-6 in district; Returning starters (O/D): 8/9; Players to watch: Deidrick Miller (Sr., RB), Brendan Davis (Sr., OL), Diego Salazar (Sr., OL), Charles Galindo (Sr., LB), Raymond Martinez (Sr., WR).

Notes: The Bobcats have a few weapons back to make a move out of the basement in District 14-3A. Running back Dedrick Miller and wide receiver Raymond Martinez lead the offensive attack for Bloomington. Linebacker Andrew Martinez will command the defense.

Boling Bulldogs

Coach: Kevin Urbanek; 2016 record: 13-3, 5-1 in district (D-II state finalists); Returning starters

(O/D): 6/6; Players to watch: Vernon Jackson (Sr., ATH), Jose Haro (Sr., OL), Robby Sanchez (Sr., OL), Vincent Rodriguez (Jr., OL), Cash Ricci-Ott (Sr., LB), LuisMares (Jr., DB).

Notes: Boling will have to figure out how to move on from head coach Stephen Dorr. Dorr left the Bulldogs to join George Ranch in Class 6A. New head coach Kevin Urbanek has 12 returning starters to work, with including quarterback Vernon Jackson and a strong base on both the offensive and defensive lines with Jose Haro, Robby Sanchez and Vicente Rodriguez.

Danbury Panthers

Coach: Michael Mason; 2016 record: 3-7, 1-5 in district; Returning starters (O/D): 3/8; Players to watch: Matthew Alexander (Sr., LB), Corbin Lawson (RB/LB), Brandon Vrasel (QB/DB, Jr.), Joshua Brooks (RB/DB), Drew Christian (TE/DE, Sr.), John Brockman (OL/DL).

Notes: The Panthers will lean on the defense to guide Danbury to the postseason. Coach Michael Mason has eight returning starters on that side of the ball including linebackers Matthew Alexander and Corbin Lawson. Quarterback Brandon Vrasel returns to lead the offense. He had

five passing touchdowns last season.



East Bernard Brahmas

Coach: Wade Bosse; 2016 record: 11-2, 6-0 in district (D-II regional semifinalists); Returning starters (O/D): 6/6; Players to watch: Hunter Goudeau (Jr., QB), DeLeon Perkins (Sr., RB), Locke Rowley (Sr., RB), Will Anderson (Sr., RB), Jared Fuechec (Sr., OL), Sebastian Muniz (Sr., DL).

Notes: The Brahmas rushing attack will again be alive and well with DeLeon Perkins leading the way. Perkins had over 1,500 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns in his junior campaign. Fullback Locke Rowley was close behind with 1,367 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. The Brahmas are looking for their seventh straight 10-win season with 12 returning starters.

Schulenburg Shorthorns

Coach: Brandon Brown; 2016 record: 5-5, 2-4 in district; Returning starters (O/D): 6/6; Players to watch: Cason Brown (Sr., RB/LB), Jack Seyle (Sr., WR/DB), Miles Marburger (Sr., WR/DB), Juan Reyna (Sr., OL/DL).

Notes: Nearly all of Schulenburg’s skill players graduated last season, minus running back Cason Brown, who had 170 rushing yards and wide receiver Jack Seyle caught nine passes for 95 yards. Brown also helped the defense with 82 tackles last season.

Tidehaven Tigers

Coach: David Lucio; 2016 record: 8-3, 4-2 in district (D-II bi-district finalists); Returning starters (O/D): 8/8; Players to watch: Jeffrey Williams Jr. (Sr., RB), Jacob Galvin (Sr., RB), Jacob Galvez (Sr., OL), Bryce Galvan (Sr., QB), RJ Morrison (Sr., DB), Xavier Torres (Sr., OL).

Notes: The Tigers biggest offensive threat returns with running back Jeffrey Williams Jr. He rushed for over 2,000 yards and 24 touchdowns last season. Defensive back Gordo Moreno had five interceptions and linebacker Cameron Green had 60 tackles to lead the defense.



Wallis Brazos Cougars

Coach: Ned Barrier; 2016 record: 5-6, 3-3 in district (D-II bi-district finalists); Returning starters (O/D): 9/8; Players to watch: Damian LaFrance (Sr., LB), Lyndon Hardin (Sr., RB), Luke Demny (Jr., QB), Jaeden Ward (Jr., MLB/OL), Hunter Vykukal (Jr., TE), Flo Combie (Sr., WR).

Notes: Head coach Ned Barrier will lean on his two top running backs returning with Daimon LaFrance and Lyndon Hardin combined to rush for nearly 3,000 yards and 40 touchdowns last season. LaFrance will also help at defensive back. Linebacker Jaeden Ward returns to command the defense. He had 136 tackles in sophomore season.

College football

Buckeyes survive scare from Indiana, pull away late

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — J.K. Dobbins broke Ohio State’s freshman record by rushing for 181 yards in his college debut, J.T. Barrett threw three touchdown passes and the second-ranked Buckeyes pulled away to beat Indiana 49-21 on Thursday night.

The Buckeyes have won 23 straight over the Hoosiers.

Indiana had big plans for what was billed as the biggest opener in school history — a

prime time, nationally televised game that included the first trip by ESPN’s “College GameDay” to Bloomington.

With Mike Weber, Ohio State’s top runner in 2016, out with a hamstring injury, Dobbins stepped in and surpassed Maurice Clarett’s previous debut record of 175 yards set in 2002 against Texas Tech.

Barrett was 20 of 35 for 304 yards. He added 61 yards rushing and another score to move within two touchdowns of matching Drew Brees’ Big Ten career record for total

touchdowns of 106.

NO. 10 OKLAHOMA STATE 59, TULSA 24

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Mason Rudolph threw for 303 yards and three touchdowns and ran for another score to help Oklahoma State beat Tulsa.

Rudolph completed 20 of 24 passes with no interceptions. The senior joined Brandon Weeden as the only Cowboys quarterbacks to surpass 9,000 yards in career passing.

James Washington caught six passes for 145 yards, including touchdown receptions of 77 and 40 yards.

Justice Hill ran for 132 yards and a touchdown, J.D. King had 95 and LD Brown 92 for the Cowboys, who are in the preseason Top 10 for the third time in school history. Oklahoma State gained 640 total yards.

Tulsa’s Chad President, who got the start over Luke Skipper, passed for 178 yards and ran for 69. Corey Taylor II ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

MLB on deck

Astros return home for doubleheader

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

Double dip

After a day off, the Astros will send RHP Charlie Morton and RHP Brad Peacock to the mound on Saturday against the Mets in a doubleheader at Minute Maid Park.

Beltran exits game

Astros DH Carlos Beltran was hit on the foot by a pitch in the seventh and was removed from the game. ... C Evan Gattis was placed on the 10-day DL with right wrist soreness. ... RHP Lance McCullers Jr. (back) gave up two runs over five innings for Double-A Corpus Christi in his second rehab start.

He’s back

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw makes his much-anticipated return to the rotation when he starts at San Diego. The lefty has been out since July 23 because of a bad back. Kershaw is 15-2 with a 2.04 ERA for

the runaway NL West leaders. Los Angeles has the best record in the majors despite a season-worst five-game losing streak.

Hear this

Yankees catchers Gary Sanchez and Austin Romine are expected to have their appeals heard, hoping Major League Baseball will cut their suspensions. Sanchez was penalized four games and Romine got two games after a fight-filled afternoon at Detroit.

As insurance in case they lose both players, the Yankees acquired catcher Erik Kratz from Cleveland for cash Thursday as they opened a four-game series against AL East-leading Boston. The 37-year-old Kratz was hitting .270 with 13 home runs and 37 RBIs for Triple-A Columbus. He has played in the majors for Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Toronto, Kansas City and Houston.

Helping hand

The Mets plan to spend their day off in Houston assisting recovery

efforts for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Astros will play at home for the first time since the storm when they host New York in a doubleheader Saturday — Major League Baseball altered the schedule, moving back the series opener by a day.

“One of the things we talked about yesterday as a team: It’s not a publicity stunt,” Mets manager Terry Collins said. “We don’t want any cameras. We just want to go and help out. The stuff that these guys are going to do and that I’m going to do is pretty much an individual thing. We’ll just see what we can do when we get there.”

Calling his number

Marlins lefty Dillon Peters will be activated from Double-A Jacksonville to make his major league debut vs. the visiting Phillies. Peters, who missed two months of the season with a broken thumb, will wear No. 76. “That was my spring training number,” he said. “As long as I have a number, I’m OK with it.”

Angels add Upton and Phillips for wild card run

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels have made the playoffs only once since Mike Trout and Albert Pujols joined their lineup six seasons ago. They’ve got another chance this September, and their su-

perstars are getting some big-time help in that push toward October.

The Angels acquired outfielder Justin Upton from Detroit and infielder Brandon Phillips from Atlanta on Thursday, adding two

veterans with seven combined All-Star selections to their lineup. Los Angeles addressed the two biggest problem areas in their lineup with fairly low-risk moves that could lead to big rewards.

NFL

NFLPA sued league on behalf of Ezekiel Elliott

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL players’ union sued the league on behalf of Ezekiel Elliott late Thursday night, seeking to vacate the upcoming ruling of an arbitrator on the appeal of the Dallas running back’s six-game suspension in a domestic violence case.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Texas, accuses the NFL’s appeal process of being “fundamentally unfair” because arbitrator Harold Henderson denied a request to have his ex-girlfriend testify at a hearing that wrapped up earlier Thursday.

The suit also claims that NFL executives hid information that was favorable to Elliott before Commissioner Roger Goodell imposed the punishment. The lawsuit accuses NFL special counsel Lisa Friel of withholding from Goodell the word of co-lead investigator Kia Roberts, who concluded the accuser wasn’t credible and that discipline wasn’t warranted.

Henderson is supposed to rule on the NFL’s decision to suspend Elliott “as soon as practicable,” according to the labor agreement.

Elliott, the NFL’s 2016 rushing leader as a rookie, was suspended after the league concluded he used physical force last summer in Ohio against Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

Skeeters return home

The Sugar Land Skeeters will host the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs at Constellation Field in a four game weekend series beginning on Friday.

Throughout the homestand parking will be free of charge and game tickets are \$5.

Fans are encouraged to contribute beyond the ticket price to support Fort Bend County disaster relief efforts in conjunction with the Skeeters Baseball Foundation. The Skeeters organization will also be matching all donations up to \$50,000 and are offering two free tickets to fans with first responders IDs for the remainder of the season.

NBA

Magic, Lakers get \$500,000 fine

NEW YORK (AP) — New Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka’s contact with Paul George’s agent violated the NBA’s anti-tampering rule and has resulted in Los Angeles being fined \$500,000.

The league said Thursday that a law firm’s independent investigation didn’t find evidence of an agreement or an understanding that the Lakers would sign or acquire George, who was with the Indiana Pacers at the time. Paul later was traded to Oklahoma City.

Revised evacuation order for Fort Bend County

In order to help residents get into their homes more quickly, Fort Bend County Judge Bob Hebert is modifying the evacuation orders for Fort Bend County.

"This is the most careful and pragmatic approach to balancing safety and security for residents with the need to allow people to begin their recovery process," Hebert said.

With the recent changes in the river and weather forecasts and after careful consideration and consultation with levee improvement districts in the county, Hebert has adjusted some of the evacuation areas in the low-laying areas along the Brazos River to allow citizens to reenter their neighborhoods.

These changes are made at the request of the levee districts after their careful consideration for the safety of their communities.

Districts changing From mandatory to voluntary evacuation:

- FORT BEND LID NO. 6;
- FORT BEND LID NO. 15; and
- FORT BEND MUD NO. 121.

Portions of districts changing from mandatory to voluntary evacuation:

- FIRST COLONY LID NO. 1 – North of Highway 6 and
- FORT BEND LID NO. 19 – North of Hagerson Road.

Districts remaining voluntary evacuation:

- FORT BEND LID NO. 2;
- FORT BEND LID NO. 10;
- FORT BEND LID NO. 11;
- FORT BEND LID NO. 14;

Districts remaining in mandatory evacuation:

- FORT BEND LID NO. 7;
- FORT BEND LID NO. 20;
- SIENNA PLANTATION LID;
- PECAN GROVE MUD;
- FORT BEND MUD NO. 46;
- FORT BEND MUD NO. 49;
- FORT BEND MUD NO. 115;
- PALMER PLANTATION MUD NO. 1; and
- PALMER PLANTATION MUD NO. 2.

The Fort Bend County OEM continues to monitor the Barker Reservoir and the Brazos River and encourages residents to exercise caution in this still-dangerous situation.

Texas gas prices spike after disastrous Hurricane Harvey

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices in Texas and across the country spiked by at least a dime following disastrous Hurricane Harvey.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported the average price at the pump statewide was \$2.26 per gallon. That's 12 cents higher than a week

ago, when Harvey threatened Texas, and 4 cents above Wednesday's price.

The association survey says U.S. gasoline prices Thursday averaged \$2.45 per gallon — that's 10 cents higher than a week ago and a nickel increase since Wednesday. Harvey made landfall in South

Texas last Friday, leading to coastal flooding and swamping of much of Houston. Parts of Beaumont and Port Arthur also flooded as Harvey lost strength and moved into Louisiana.

Dallas had the most expensive gasoline in Texas on Thursday at an average \$2.37 per gallon.

Animal rehab center in Central Texas welcomes all creatures

LORENA, Texas (AP) — A menagerie of injured and abandoned wild animals are finding care at Wildlife Rehab Lorena, a federally licensed nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation center in the Waco-area town.

"Our main goal is to help injured and orphaned wildlife back into the wild. We are not here to keep them as pets or show that they are pets, because we want to keep them wild and help with conservation," the director, Rachel Sine, said. "These animals are important to the environment."

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports more than a dozen types of animals, including opossums,

raccoons, a fox, owls, various other birds, deer and more call the regional sanctuary at 697 Monument Trail in Lorena a temporary home. About 60 animals are being rehabilitated at the nonprofit facility in hopes of reintroduction and reintegration into wildlife areas across Central Texas.

"Animals come from all over, but a lot of them come from members from the public stumbling upon something that was orphaned or injured," Sine said. "Residents will call the game warden, animal shelter or the humane society or various vet clinics, but we get a lot of support and animals from everywhere."

Texas inmate gets reprieve due to Harvey

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A 36-year-old condemned Texas inmate scheduled for execution next week has won a temporary reprieve because of Hurricane Harvey.

Bexar County prosecutors cited "extraordinary circumstances" in asking a state judge to move Juan Castillo's execution to Dec. 14 because some of his legal team is based in Harris County. Gov. Greg Abbott has designated the county a disaster area along with dozens of other Texas counties hit by the storm.

State District Judge Jefferson Moore signed the order Wednesday agreeing to move the date.

Castillo had been scheduled for lethal injection Sept. 7 in Huntsville for the slaying of 19-year-old Tommy Garcia Jr. during a 2003 robbery in San Antonio.

LCISD school start date pushed back another week

Lamar Consolidated, Needville and Fort Bend ISDs will resume classes on Monday, Sept. 11.

"With so many displaced, and roads being 'iffy' the decision was made to delay further," LCISD Communications Coordinator Phil Sulak said. "Many subdivisions are not accessible. I can't pinpoint just

one." According to executive director of community relations Mike Rockwood, all office staff and campus administration are scheduled to return work on Sept. 6.

LCISD buildings will be open and are available for teachers on a voluntary basis beginning Sept. 7.

Sulak noted the Fort Bend County commissioner offered a waiver to all school districts affected by Harvey, making it unnecessary for LCISD schools to hold make-up days for missing class time.

The school year was initially scheduled to begin Aug. 28. Brazos ISD will resume classes on Sept. 5.

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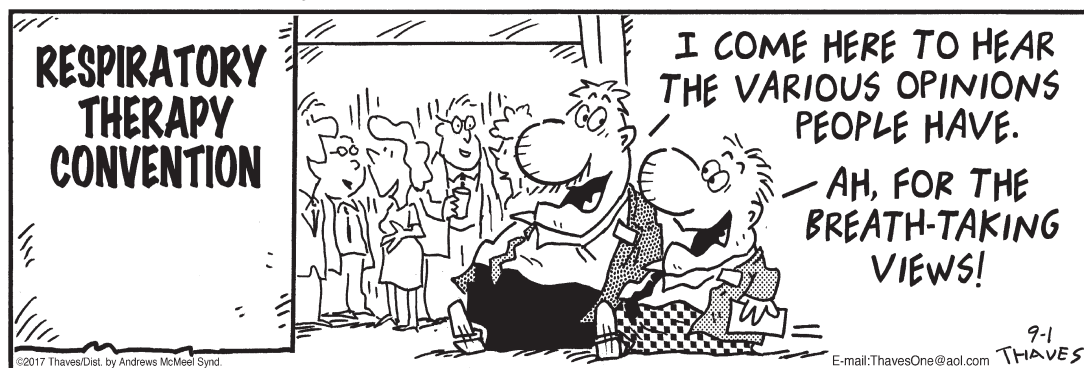
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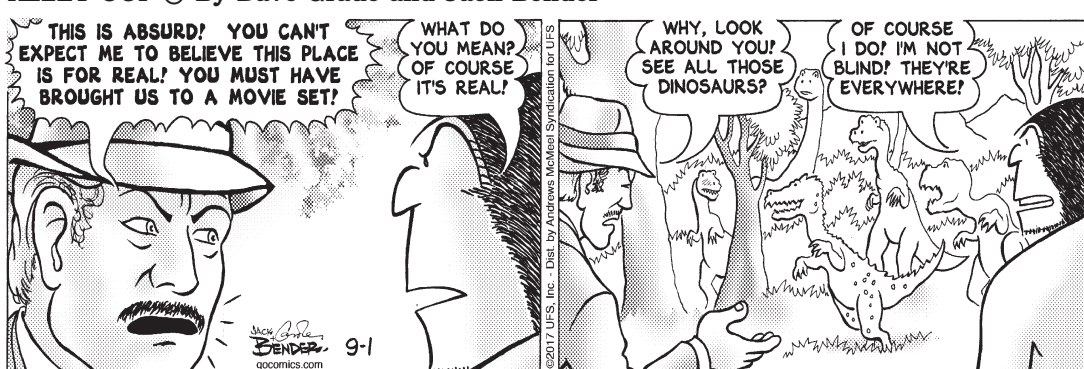
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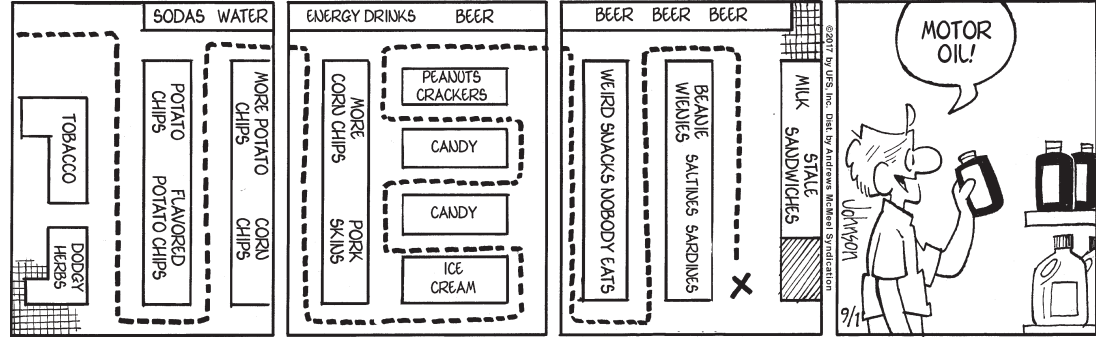
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Zodiac Birthdays Tomorrow

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 - Don't let emotions dictate important decisions. Use logic and show compassion and understanding when dealing with people you love or situations that could alter your lifestyle. Knowing what you want and implementing the best way to reach your goal is your best option. Don't wait for things to go wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Take part in entertaining and stimulating events or activities. Cozy up to the people you feel most comfortable spending time with, and make the most of your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A change that takes place at home or in an important partnership should be looked at carefully. Search for alternative options and make a focused effort to implement improvements quickly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Be careful while traveling or dealing with authority figures. You'll tend to overreact based on information and incidents that are unclear. Take a wait-and-see approach to avoid an altercation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Excess, overreaction and impulsive decisions will weigh heavily on your bank account and personal relationships. Focus on spiritual, emotional and personal growth. An honest assessment and reaction will be essential.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Assess your emotional attachments and whether they are healthy for you. Backing away from people who are a bad influence will open doors to better friendships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Make special plans that include the people you most enjoy being with. A physical change will result in compliments and romantic gestures. Make love a priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Think matters through. Don't let emotional distress lead to impulsive actions or regrettable mistakes. Honesty and integrity when dealing with partnerships will help you avoid confusion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Have some fun. Check out a hobbyist group or show, or plan an eventful day with children or someone you love. Live, love and laugh.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- An emotional situation will need to be handled discreetly. Disclosing information that you've been asked to keep secret will make you look bad and could be used against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- A get-together with friends or relatives will give

you something to think about. An emotional matter will surface, allowing you to address a bothersome situation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Control your emotions, regardless of what others do. A last-minute change should not stop you from following through with your plans, even if it means you end up going it alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Expect to face opposition if you try to make changes that aren't realistic. Don't let emotional spending or promising more than you can deliver lead to your downfall. Offer only what's reasonable.

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- Kind of hog
- Snooze site
- Yacht's pronoun
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"ATTENTION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code 2252.908, you must be able to provide Fort Bend County (the "District") with a printed, executed and notarized original of a completed Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) with the bid. Failure to do so will result in the District's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>."

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Scope of Project:

1. The rehabilitation of the existing ground storage tank and hydro-pneumatic tank through abrasive blasting of the interior and exterior and recoating as specified.

Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A **MANDATORY** pre-bid conference will be held on site: **FBCMUD No. 58 WP No. 1; 3603 Spring Green Blvd., Katy, TX 77494 on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. (attendance is mandatory)**

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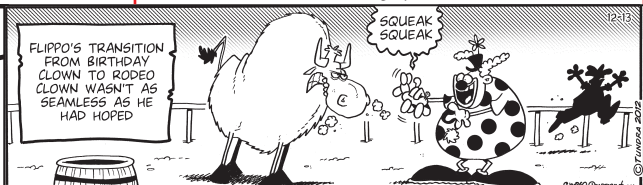
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Address of Bids: Bids, which must be submitted in duplicate on the Official Bid Form and plainly marked "Bid for Bonds," should be addressed to "President and Board of Directors of Sienna Plantation Municipal Utility District No. 5," and delivered to the District's Finan-

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cial Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010 prior to 11:00 A.M., Central Time on the date of the bid opening. Any bid received after 11:00 A.M. Central Time, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. All bids must be accompanied by a Bank Cashier's Check in the amount of \$132,900 payable to the order of the District as a good faith deposit.

Information: The Bonds are more completely described in the "Official Notice of Sale" and the "Preliminary Official Statement" which may be obtained from Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 1331 Lamar, Suite 1360, Houston, Texas 77010; Financial Advisor to the District. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all irregularities except time of filing. This notice does not constitute an offer to sell the Bonds but is merely notice of sale of the Bonds as required by law. The offer to sell the Bonds will be made only by means of the "Official Notice of Sale," "Preliminary Official Statement," and the "Official Bid Form."

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids in duplicate addressed to Vanbrooke Development, LLC on behalf of Fort Bend County M.U.D. No. 220 will be received in the offices of Jones|Carter, 22330 Merchants Way, Suite 170 Katy, Texas 77449 until 11:00 A.M., September 8th, 2017, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all plant, labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for the construction of: *Water, Sanitary and Drainage Facilities in Vanbrooke - Sec. 1.*

The project is located in Fort Bend County. From the City of Houston head West on IH-10, West of US HWY 99 Grand Parkway. Take exit 732 to FM 359, head south of FM 359 approximately 6.5 miles to Hunt Road. The property is located northwest of the intersection of Hunt Road and FM 359.

For construction contracts \$50,000 and over, the bidder shall submit either a 2% certified or cashier's check or a five percent (5%) bid bond of the maximum total bid amount. Make the cashier's check or bid bonds payable to the Owner. Plans, specifications, and bidding documents are available at www.civcastusa.com. Said docu-

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ments may be examined without charge in the office of Jones & Carter, Inc. Construction Division, 22330 Merchants Way Katy, Texas 77449.

"ATTENTION: Pursuant to Texas Government Code 2252.908, you must be able to provide Fort Bend County (the "District") with a printed, executed and notarized original of a completed Certificate of Interested Parties form (Form 1295) with the bid. Failure to do so will result in the District's inability to execute the contract. To complete the disclosure of interested parties form, or for further information, please visit the Texas Ethics Commission's website at <https://www.ethics.state.tx.us>."

There will be a pre-bid conference in the offices of Jones & Carter, Inc., 22330 Merchants Way Katy, Texas 77449 at 11:00 A.M., September 1st, 2017. Attendance is not mandatory.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all irregularities. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 90 days from the date bids are open.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids, in duplicate, addressed to Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 24, Attention: **Robert Atkinson**, President, Board of Directors, will be received at the office of the Engineer, LJA Engineering, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042, until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Friday, September 8, 2017, and then publicly opened and read for "Construction of the Detention Basin B7 Expansion to Serve Winfield Lakes North for Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 24, Fort Bend County, Texas."

Scope of Work of the Contract includes the detention basin. Bids received after the closing time will be returned unopened. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, at 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a bid bond or a certified or cashier's check, acceptable to the Owner, in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into the Contract and execute the Bonds on the forms

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provided and provide the required insurance certificates within 7 days after the date Contract Documents are received by the Contractor.

Bidding documents may be examined at LJA Engineering, Inc., AGC of Texas, Construct Connect, and Amtek or may be obtained by prospective bidders or suppliers upon payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00 non-refundable plus cost of delivery) (\$50.00 for electronic copy) for each set of documents at LJA Engineering, Inc., 2929 Briarpark Drive, Suite 150, Houston, Texas 77042.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive all defects and irregularities in bidding or bidding process except time of submitting a Bid. The Successful Bidder, if any, will be the responsible Bidder which in the Board's judgment will be most advantageous to the District and result in the best and most economical completion of the Project.

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 24

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