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**Road repair and drainage upgrades continue Tuesday along CR 723 in Quintana. Crews are applying a different surface expected to last as much as three times as long as regular asphalt.**

## Quintana road repair costs to be shared

Freeport LNG to pay half the tab under agreement

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QUINTANA — The main road onto the island will see \$2 million worth of repair after calibration with Freeport LNG and Brazoria County.

The three entities are sharing the cost to fix CR 723, also known as Lamar Street, from FM 1495 to 16th Street, a stretch that has seen deterioration from heavy trucks using it for

construction of the liquefied natural gas facility, according to supporting documents filed with Brazoria County.

Freeport LNG will pay for half the cost of reconstruction, according to the agreement approved Tuesday by Brazoria County commissioners, totaling about \$1.35 million. Quintana and the county each will pick up one-quarter of the tab, or about \$675,000 each, county documents show.

“They are going to do 16th Street first and get that all finished and then we’ll move on to the rest of Lamar,

so once they get 16th Street with the prep work,” Quintana Mayor Sherri Wright said. “Hopefully, that ends this week, and next week the concrete and that will be about two weeks for them to concrete up to one side of 16th and back, and then they can move on to the rest of Lamar.”

The hope is to be finished by the first of the year, Wright said.

The stretch of CR 723 from 16th Street to Fifth Street is not included in the three-party agreement. Quintana will pickup the full cost of repairing

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## JUST GET IT FIXED

Sweeny resident expresses frustration over flooding

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**SWEENY** Mary Lou Heickmann Nairn has lived in Sweeny for 79 of her 82 years, but it is the last 20 of them that have her worked up.

She has seen floodwaters come into her house in the 100 block of North Frances Street multiple times, the last time being after heavy rains pounded the city May 1, she said. She doesn’t see the rain as the problem, however.



“Mary Lou is the small tip of the iceberg of all the drainage problems in Sweeny.”

— John Richers, drainage commissioner

“The water is supposed to go down the ditch, but it comes across and it can’t get down there,” Nairn said, “so it comes across here and cuts across the road and right to my house because the river is in the back there. My house is 6 1/2 feet above the river and is about 1 1/2 mile from the river.”

The blockage is on the main ditch, which she said is dammed up.

“The first time I got flooded was in 2002,” Nairn said. “Water from the town has gotten worse with all the building and concrete foundation causing the water to build up at the corner of McKinney and 1459. The water dammed up there and continues to back up until it flooded my house.”

The ditch it’s supposed to drain into has been covered by a surface drain, she said, and she is frustrated no one has taken responsibility.

“TxDOT blames the city, city blames the county and it goes on and continues to do the same thing,” Nairn said. During the May flood, “It rained Friday 5 inches and it should have drained, and Saturday we got 20

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Mary Nain shows an August article from The Facts featuring an appeal to correct drainage issues in Freeport. She is asking for the same attention to flooding issues at her home in Sweeny.



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Mary Nain believes this small nearby pipe that feeds into a large drainage ditch as the reason for a bottleneck which causes her Sweeny home to flood.

## Shooting suspect indicted

Houston teenager accused in slaying of Manvel 15-year-old charged with murder

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ANGLETON — A 17-year-old Houston man is under indictment for a fatal shooting after a pool party at a Manvel apartment complex, court documents show.

Jonathan Carlos Trooper is one of two people scheduled to stand trial for murder after the most recent meeting of a Brazoria County grand jury. Bradley Napier, 36, of Damon also had an indictment on that charge handed up last week.



TROOPER



NAPIER

Trooper’s arrest came July 29, almost six weeks after the shooting at the apartment complex in the 3800 block of CR 94 in Manvel left 15-year-old Kamron White dead.

White was among a group of people meandering around the complex after the pool closed, and the party broke up, Brazoria County Sheriff’s Investigator Buck Henson said in his probable cause affidavit. While several people were gathered around one building, witnesses reported hearing gunshots fired from a gray Dodge Charger occupied by an unknown number of people, the document reads.

A projectile hit White in the head, and he was lying in an internal roadway at the complex, Henson wrote.

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## House panel chair wants to know what’s on school book shelves

By BRIAN LOPEZ  
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AUSTIN — A Republican state lawmaker has launched an investigation into Texas school districts over the type of books they have, particularly if they pertain to race or sexuality or “make students feel discomfort.”

State Rep. Matt Krause, in his role as chair of the House Committee on General Investigating, notified the Texas Education Agency he is “initiating an inquiry into Texas school district content,” according to Monday letter obtained by The

Texas Tribune.

Krause’s letter provides a 16-page list of about 850 book titles and asks the districts if they have these books, how many copies they have and how much money they spent on the books.

His list of titles includes best-sellers and award winners alike, from the 1967 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel “The Confessions of Nat Turner” by William Styron and “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates to last year’s book club favorites: “Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women that a Movement Forgot” by Mikki Kendall and

Isabel Wilkerson’s “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents.”

But race is not the only thing on the committee chair’s list. Other listed books Krause wants school districts to account for are about teen pregnancy, abortion and homosexuality, including “LGBT Families” by Leanne K. Currie-McGhee, “The Letter Q: Queer Writers’ Notes to their Younger Selves” edited by Sarah Moon, and Michael J. Basso’s “The Underground Guide to Teenage Sexuality: An Essential Handbook for Today’s Teens and Parents.”

Krause, a Fort Worth lawmaker

and founding member of the House Freedom Caucus, is running for state attorney general against Ken Paxton. Krause declined to comment and no explanation was given as to how these books were chosen.

Krause sent notice of the investigation to Lily Laux, the Texas Education Agency deputy commissioner of school programs, as well as some Texas school superintendents. His letter did not specify which school districts Krause was investigating.

Krause informs districts they must provide the committee with the number of copies they have

of each book, on what part of campus those books are located and how much money schools spent on the books, as well as information on any other book that violates House Bill 3979, the so-called “critical race theory law” designed to limit how race-related subjects are taught in public schools. Critical race theory, the idea racism is embedded in legal systems and not limited to individuals is an academic discipline taught at the university level. But it has become a common phrase used by conservatives to

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