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CHANNEL CURRENTS

SPECIAL NOTICE ON PUBLICATION

Due to the unprecedented flooding of streets and neighborhoods, because of Hurricane Harvey, the NORTH CHANNEL STAR was unable to publish last week. Therefore, this is a combined issue for last week and this week.

Home delivery has been suspended in most neighborhoods, until the floods subside.

Thank you for your understanding.

East Houston Regional Medical Center continues suspension of services

Houston, Texas, Sunday, September 3, 2017 – East Houston Regional Medical Center continues suspended services until further notice for the safety of our patients, physicians and staff. For all healthcare needs our Bayshore Medical Center Campus only 12 miles away from East Houston Regional Medical Center, at 4000 Spencer Highway, Pasadena, Texas 77504 is fully operational and accepting patients.

San Jacinto College establishes emergency relief fund

Fund to assist College students, employees

PASADENA, Texas – The San Jacinto College Foundation has established an Emergency Relief Fund to assist College students and employees affected by Hurricane Harvey and the subsequent flooding.

"While College facilities sustained minor damage, we know that many San Jacinto College students and employees are facing hardships from the devastating effects of this storm," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College Chancellor. "We appreciate the support of our community in helping our students and employees through this difficult time."

The amount to be distributed will be contingent upon donations received. To contribute to the fund to provide emergency funding for San Jacinto College students and employees, visit the San Jacinto College Harvey Relief website at <http://www.sanjac.edu/harvey-relief>.

Arkema plant catches fire, explodes

Evacuation zone around Crosby chemical plant

CROSBY – Locals are returning home near the Arkema Chemical Plant in the 18,000 block of Crosby Eastgate, that was subject to explosions and fires for almost a week now as of Monday, Sept. 4, now to contend with flooding issues that arose from Hurricane Harvey and Tropical Storm Harvey.

Officials say that an active investigation of the Arkema incidents are underway.

The area was evacuated on August 29 at about 2:00



The Arkema chemical plant in Crosby had multiple fires and explosions, due to flooding and power failure of refrigerated chemicals.

p.m. and US 90 closed at Bohemian Hall. Inquiring residents were told the evacuation was mandatory for 1.5 miles from the plant and that if there were explosions they would not be dangerous outside that area. The closing of US 90 was backed up to Lindstrom Road the following day.

On August 31, the first of a series of fires erupted inside the plant at about 2:00 a.m. Irritated eyes and throats of about 15 law enforcement officers were reported by Sheriff Ed

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Flooding threatens integrity of Waste Pits

EAST HARRIS COUNTY – The San Jacinto River Coalition, and the Galveston Bay Foundation, held a joint news conference Tuesday, Sept. 5 to call attention to the potential damage to the Waste Pits caused by Hurricane Harvey, and the subsequent flooding of the San Jacinto River.

Scott Jones of the GBF called on the EPA to make a thorough inspection of the waste pits, looking for failure of the Cap that now is meant to contain the toxic materials. He also said that EPA has had enough time to answer comments, and make a Final Decision on the method to be used to solve the problem.

Jackie Young of the SJRC said that residents along the river were fearful of returning to their homes, not knowing if any of the toxic material was on their property, in their homes or in their wells. Using a map of the river, she pointed out that it narrowed as it went past the waste pits and under the I-10 bridge. This means that the velocity and strength of the river is

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Jackie Young (San Jacinto River Coalition) and Scott Jones (Galveston Bay Foundation) explain how the river channel can be changed in a strong weather event such as Hurricane Harvey, and damage or dislodge the waste pits.



Bumpers meant to protect the I-10 bridge were damaged by Harvey.



The San Jacinto River washed out Market Street, taking a new path.

Hurricane Harvey ravages Texas

Thousands rescued from flooded homes, autos

Evacuees must now turn to rebuilding

By Gilbert Hoffman

Harris County and much of Southeast Texas is trying to recover from the most horrendous hurricane and subsequent flooding in the state's history.

Hurricane Harvey approached the Texas coast slowly the last week of August, and then on Saturday September 2nd torrential rains started and continued for two days. After that, the fun-off and release of damed water brought severe flooding to a number of Houston and Harris County neighborhoods.

The total numbers are staggering, if not complete. The deaths from the floods are now above 40, and the total number of houses affected by flood water will exceed 100,000. Mayor Sylvester Turner said that about 5% of the houses and Houston have been damaged by high water. Another major casualty is vehicles that were stranded in the water as it rose quickly, and this number is estimated to be above 80,000.

Total rainfall for the last week is above 50 inches in most areas of Harris County and southeast Texas.

First responders, such as the Houston police and fire departments, and Harris County Sheriff's office,

have made over 1000 deep water rescues, and a total of over 6000 responses to all types of calls.

It is reported that as resources came into the city from other parts of Texas and the nation, the number of Coast Guard helicopters involved in rescues was 22, airplanes 3, and boats 28. In addition, Governor Abbott declared a state of emergency in 11 counties, and later added more.

The hurricane first made landfall at the city of Rockport, some 150 miles west of Houston. It then proceeded on to Victoria, and then returned south, heading up the coast to Houston, and eventually Baytown, Beaumont, and Arkansas. Reports from Rockport were of heavy structure damage, with tornadoes accompanying the hurricane along its path.

The governor also sent Task Force 1 and 2, specialized military units trained in storm rescues. One of these went to San Antonio, and the other was housed at NRG stadium in Houston, with a number of high water vehicles and boats.

As the rain and flooding continued over the weekend, the city closed both airports. Over 200 highway intersections were reported with impassible water



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, coordinated rescue efforts from the Transtar Headquarters.



Flooded homes throughout East Harris county meant ripping out walls and floors, as seen at this house on Serpentine Street in Jacinto City near Hunting Bayou.

over the road, and this continued for several days. I-10 was closed for almost a week in several locations, including the bridge over the San Jacinto River. The rainfall was intense in some places, such as Hobby airport which reported 10 inches of rain in only 1-1/2 hours.

Weather experts were

comparing Harvey with hurricanes and storms in the past, specifically Allison 2001, Katrina/Rita 2005, Ike 2008, and the tax day/Memorial day floods in 2015. It was clear to them that this storm would exceed all of the others in size, duration, impact on structures and neighbor-

hoods, and dollar amounts of damage and rebuilding. The latest estimate for rebuilding the area has risen to \$125 billion dollars.

The federal emergency aid agency, FEMA, has pledged much of this money, although President Trump called for a reduced budget for this agency. It will probably take action from Congress to make the enough money available.

President Trump was in Texas last Tuesday, in Rockport, and last Saturday in Houston and Beaumont. Governor Abbott and Vice President Pence have also made inspections of the damage.

Due to the high volume of water, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Harris County Flood Control District decided that two large dams, Addicks and Barker, could not hold back that much water without the risk of catastrophic failure, and ordered a release of water into the neighborhoods and Buffalo Bayou below the spillways. This resulted in flooding of several feet in about 10,000 homes in West Houston, according to officials. It also meant that water was in major buildings in the downtown Houston area, including Wortham Center, the Alley Theater, and their parking garage, and Channel 11 television studios.

In East Harris county,

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New statewide law prohibits texting while driving

Effective Sept. 1, law aims to reduce crashes and deaths caused by distracted driving

AUSTIN – Effective Sept. 1, texting while driving will be illegal across the state of Texas as the result of a new texting-while-driving ban passed during the 85th Texas Legislative Session. The law prohibits motorists from reading, writing or sending electronic messages while driving.

“One in five crashes in Texas is caused by distracted driving,” said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. “We are pleased the Texas Legislature recognizes the extreme danger caused by texting and driving. The new law sends a very

clear message to Texans to put down their phones and focus on the road. We are hopeful this new law will help save lives and reduce injuries.”

Last year, 109,658 traffic crashes in Texas involved distracted driving. Those crashes resulted in 455 deaths and 3,087 serious injuries.

While distracted drivers risk injuring or killing themselves and others, they also now face penalties under the new statewide law. A first offense is punishable by a fine up to \$99; any subsequent offense carries a fine up to \$200. Drivers should be aware that some cities have additional ordinances that are more restrictive. Exceptions to the new law in-

clude emergency communication or electronic messaging when the vehicle is stopped.

For those under 18 years of age, Texas law already bans all cell phone use while driving, including hands-free, except in the case of emergencies. Additionally, drivers are currently banned from texting and using hand-held cellular devices while driving in school zones. School bus operators also are prohibited from using cell phones while driving if children are present.

To help educate the public on the new law, TxDOT will be posting information on portable roadside message signs as well as permanent signs along interstate and U.S. highways.

Deputies catch wayward Pig



Deputy Greg Nason of Crosby and friend here pose with wild pig that got stuck in the Wal-Mart Parking lot August 29 at the height of Harvey's deluge. Deputy Greg caught the pig on foot and presented it for barbecue for rescue operations going on from Crosby Church the following day. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies, local volunteers and some members of the Cajun Navy were in town effecting rescues in the easternmost sections of the county near the Bayou and Holy Road. Numerous animal rescues were done for livestock and people in the area. The moral is you cannot escape these guys, they can catch a wet wild pig on foot in a tropical rain.

How to support victims of Hurricane Harvey

DONATE TO HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF FUND

After receiving an overwhelming number of inquiries from citizens and companies who want to help, Mayor Sylvester Turner has established the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund that will accept tax deductible flood relief donations for victims that have been affected by the recent floods.

The fund will be housed at the Greater Houston Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity. <https://ghcf.org/hurricane-relief/> or call (713) 333-2200.

HELP THE RED CROSS WITH TIME OR BLOOD DONATIONS

With our hospitals inundated with patients, there will be a high demand for blood. The Red Cross' "Rapid Pass" pre-register you for donating.

If you want to donate time, visit

www.redcross.org/volunteer or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

HELP ON THE GROUND IN HOUSTON

Home Repair
Hurricane Harvey left many Houstonians with leaky roofs and flood damage, and not everyone is fortunate enough to be covered by home-owners insurance. Houston Habitat

for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) uses construction and volunteer knowledge to repair and revitalize existing homes.

Visit www.houstonhabitat.org or call at 713-671-9993 for more information.

HELP THE HOUSTON FOOD BANK

With so many Houstonians rebuilding their lives with nothing but the clothes on their back, nutritious meals will help families get back on track. Volunteers produce the equivalent of a meal a minute while helping the Houston Food Bank sort, process and pack food. Contact them via phone at (713) 223-3700 or 713-661-9993 for more information. Text "DisasterVOL" to 51555 to be notified when they're ready for volunteers.

DONATE FOOD

Individuals who wish to donate by come by the Houston Food Bank and drop off items curbside during these hours:

Now through Saturday, September 9, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday AND 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Saturday/Sunday

Most needed items during disaster include:

- Canned ready-to-eat items with pull tops: vegetables, fruit
- Protein in pouches or pull-top cans: tuna, beef stew, chili, canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Snacks: granola bars, breakfast bars, etc.
- Toiletries
- Paper goods
- Diapers
- Cleaning supplies: mops, mop buckets, brooms, bleach wipes, bleach, garbage bags, bug spray

They cannot accept baby food, clothing, household items and other items not on this list.

REPLACE STUDENTS' SCHOOL SUPPLIES/UNIFORMS

AfterHarvey.ORG is connecting families of students needing school supplies and/or uniforms with those wanting to lend a hand. Whether you're a family in need, or a donor wanting to help a family, fill out the form at AfterHarvey.ORG.

FEMA REGISTRATION

Register for FEMA assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362. Those who have a speech disability or hearing loss should call 1-800-462-3362 (TTY) or 1-800-621-3362 (711/VRS).

Social Security information for people affected by Hurricane

Many Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit payments are scheduled for Friday, September 1. The following information covers the various delivery methods for these payments in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

Payments by Paper Check Delivered by the US Postal Service

Hurricane Harvey's impact on the Gulf Coast resulted in the temporary suspension of mail delivery service, as well as the closure of some postal facilities in the Houston area. The U.S. Postal Service is providing additional information on how customers displaced by Hurricane Harvey can retrieve checks they receive via the mail.

You may check with your local Post Office. People must have proper identification to receive their check.

Payments by Direct Deposit

Nearly all payments issued by direct deposit will arrive as scheduled. If a person's payment is delayed, they should contact their financial institution. If the financial institution is not operating, please see the "emergency payment" information below.

Payments by Direct Express Debit Card (a Treasury Department program)

For recipients in the affected areas who receive their payment through a Direct Express card, fees will be waived, even if they have evacuated out of the

area. Payments will be posted to Direct Express cards on September 1. People may contact Direct Express at 1-888-741-1115.

For people who cannot receive their regularly scheduled Social Security payment as a result of Hurricane Harvey, in most cases they can go to any open Social Security office and request an immediate payment. A list of offices that are currently closed, as well as additional information for the public, is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency.

To find the nearest open Social Security office outside of the affected areas, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or go to www.socialsecurity.gov/locator.

Gov. Abbott suspends registration, Inspections

AUSTIN – August 31, 2017 – Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles have temporarily suspended rules relating to vehicle registration, titling, and inspection for victims of Hurricane Harvey. With this suspension, Texans who reside in affected counties can avoid penalties for failure to timely register a vehicle, obtain a vehicle inspection, or transfer title to a vehicle. This suspension will alleviate these regulatory burdens for Texans currently

dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

"I hope that this suspension will make the lives of Texans affected by Harvey a little less complicated so that they may focus on rebuilding their homes and communities," said Governor Abbott. "Making sure that all Texans impacted by this storm can fully recover is my number one priority, and I want to make sure that these victims are not dealing with burdensome rules and regulations. I will continue to use everything at my dis-

posal to get the victims of the storm what they need to get their lives back on track."

The Governor will work with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and Texas Department of Public Safety to help ensure that law enforcement officers throughout the state are aware of this suspension.

The suspension is set to last for 45 days. For additional information Texas should contact the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles at (888) 368-4689.

Harris County announces debris operations

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS-The Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline is now open to assist Harris County residents living in unincorporated areas of the County with recovery and rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey.

Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline 713-274-3880

The Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline staff is available to help residents answer questions about the following list of services:

. Debris separation and removal from public roads and residential subdivisions.

. Residential/Commercial Permits for repairing or replacing a damaged structure.

. Phone numbers for other general recovery resources related to other basic needs.

The major goal of the Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment Hotline is to ensure that public roads and other infrastructure do not pose an immediate threat to public safety. Harris County Residential Debris and Damage Assessment teams are currently working to conduct safety and damage assessments, while clearing debris from public roads in areas where flood waters have receded.

If you are in the process of clean-up and debris removal from your property, please take precautions to prevent disaster-related casualties and fatalities.

. Be aware of damaged water, gas, and electric lines.

. Be aware of damaged building and construction materials.

. Do not attempt to conduct major tree work or reconstruction without proper equipment, permits, and training.

. Be aware of household hazardous waste and contaminants.

. Report any hazardous materials spills to: Harris County Pollution Control Services Department at 713-920-2831.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Six members of the Saldavar family perished when this van ran off Ley Road into Greens Bayou.



TRANSTAR camera captured flooding at I-610 East Loop at Market Street exit.



Raging waters of the San Jacinto River wash against the side of the I-10 bridge.



The I-10 bridge over the San Jacinto River was closed for most of the week due to high water and possible damage to the bridge.



Hundreds of people fled flooded neighborhoods, as shown here on Tidwell near Beltway 8 East.



Grace Church in Sheldon served hot meals to hundreds of evacuees for several days.



Long lines at the gas pumps formed, as refineries along the Gulf Coast shut down.



Empty shelves at the grocery stores were typical the first few days.

Galena Park-Jacinto City CIP meeting

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 HAS BEEN CANCELLED. The group will meet again on Thursday, October 5. The topic will be Hurricane Harvey and related topics. The agenda will allow to hear from the plants and others and to talk about what went well and how to improve. The September emissions report will be presented on November 2. The display of emergency response equipment and the TranStar tour will be postponed until early 2018. The Program Planning Committee will not meet because there is any need of those topics for a while.

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club

This newly chartered club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5/per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at LyondellBasell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

Trip Israel

Join Wayne & Patsy Moss on a trip to ISRAEL! March 2018. Call for more information. 281-447-4307.

Volunteer Voter Registrar Training

Registered Voters in Harris County are encouraged to attend the upcoming Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Training on Saturday, September 23 at 11 a.m. The Training is being taught Harris County Tax Assessor Collector and Voter Registrar Anna Harris Bennett's staff at the North Channel Branch of Harris County Public Library. The event is hosted by East Houston Democrats. Participants must attend the entire 60 minute training in order to complete the training. Should you have any questions, please contact Linda Britten at 281.782.6437.

Flooding,

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greater when it is necked down, and therefore the waste pits are at greater risk of dislodging.

Young pointed out that the membrane and rock cover over the pits has required repair work each year since it was placed. She raised the question of how many times the Cap would be damaged and need repair, if left their the 750 years that it would take for the material to degrade.

In an exclusive interview with the *Star-Courier*, the contractor for the membrane, Brett Crawford of EcoSeal Protective Coatings, said that the type of membrane installed over the Waste Pits by his company would not withstand long term use, and ultra-

violet light from the sun would eventually cause pinholes and deterioration of the ability of the membrane to contain the toxic material.

Scott Jones said that after the flood from the hurricane, that the rock cover had been displaced and some of the fabric membrane had peeled back. In fact, workmen could be seen in the background of the press conference area, working on the Cap to correct these very problems.

Jones called on the EPA to test for proof that no toxins had been released, rather than just a visual inspection. Greg Groogan pointed out that the toxicity of the fish and crabs in the river had not been tested in the last five years,

due to budget constraints at Texas Parks and Wildlife. Jackie Young added that testing of only sediment and water did not expose the problems that might be in the fish.

When questioned by the press about whether there had been any recent inspection of the waste pits since the flood waters had subsided, no one in the assembled group could say they had seen any inspection by foot or by boat. This is in spite of the fact that the San Jacinto Citizens Against Pollution had posted a statement this week that no toxic release had occurred according to an inspection by the contractors for the PRP.



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OPINION
By SEN. JOHN CORNYN



Cornyn on Trump Administration's DACA Announcement

"These children who were brought here illegally through no fault of their own continue to make positive contributions to Texas and the nation, and it's important for us to achieve a long-term resolution."

WASHINGTON—September 5, 2017—U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) today released the following statement after the Trump Administration announced their intention to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program put in

place by the Obama Administration:

"This policy, while well-intentioned, was implemented without the approval of Congress by a President who exceeded his authority under the Constitution. This President now has the chance to work with Congress towards finding a solution to this issue where his predecessor failed. These children who were brought here illegally through no fault of their own continue to make positive contributions to Texas and the nation, and it's important for us to achieve a long-term resolution."

Governor Abbott warns against price-gouging in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation reaffirming Texas' firm stance against price-gouging across the entire state in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Texas law strictly prohibits price-gouging and gives the Attorney General the authority to prosecute anyone exploiting a declared disaster by charging exorbitant amounts for food, fuel, or other necessities. In his proclamation, the Governor assures Texans that the Attorney General and other law enforcement officers will seek to identify and prosecute

those who use price-gouging to take advantage of the public during this crisis.

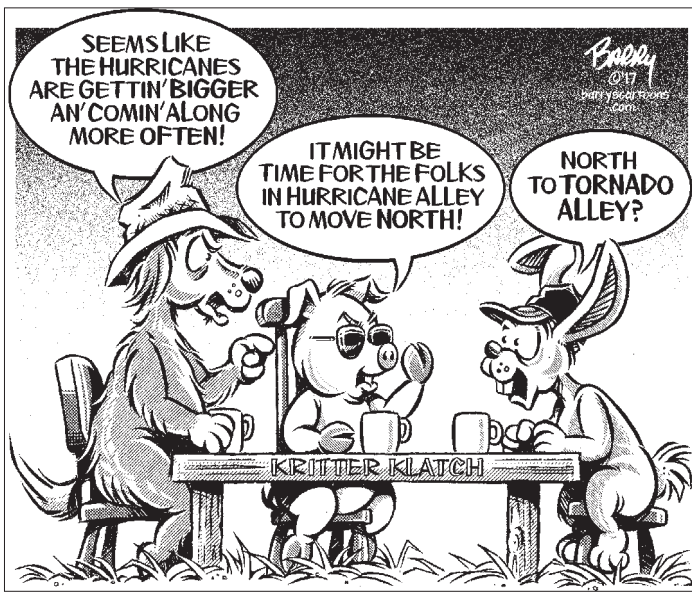
"Price-gouging is unlawful throughout Texas, and I will work with Attorney General Ken Paxton to ensure all who engage in this reprehensible act are vigorously prosecuted," said Governor Abbott. "Taking advantage of victims of Hurricane Harvey is indefensible and Texas will punish these lawbreakers to the fullest extent of the law. We must be helping our fellow Texans in need, not seeking to exploit their struggles."

Governor Abbott statement on rebuild Texas Fund

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today released a statement encouraging Americans across the country to come together and assist Texans as they rebuild their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. On Friday the Governor announced the formation of the Rebuild Texas Fund, which was established by the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation in partnership with the OneStar Foundation to provide relief to the victims. For those who donate now through midnight on Monday, September 4 to the Rebuild Texas Fund the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation will match \$1 for every \$2 in donations for the first \$36 million raised.

Those wishing to donate can do so by visiting www.rebuildtx.org or by texting "Rebuildtx" to 91999.

"I continue to be amazed at the outpouring of support the victims of Hurricane Harvey have received from their fellow Americans," said Governor Abbott. "With the match deadline looming, I encourage those who can, to contribute to this fund that will help those affected by Hurricane Harvey rebuild their lives. A Texas-sized storm requires a Texas-sized response, and I have no doubt that those throughout the country will assist in this response effort."



Flood-related suffering, relief efforts grow in Harvey's wake

AUSTIN — Emergency relief operations expanded and intensified last week as floodwaters caused by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey-generated rains inundated and overwhelmed Harris County and dozens of other stricken counties.

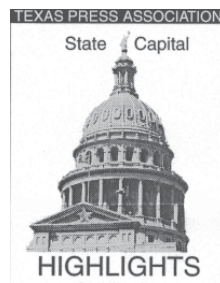
While damage estimates continue to increase, at least 45,000 people have moved to public shelters, more than 100,000 homes have been destroyed and the death toll is rising.

On Aug. 25, President Donald Trump declared a major disaster exists in Texas. He ordered federal aid to supplement state and local recovery efforts in affected areas. Assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Also, Trump said, federal funding is available to the State of Texas and to eligible local governments and certain nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work in designated counties. More counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed, according to a White House bulletin.

On Aug. 28, Gov. Greg Abbott activated the entire 14,000-member Texas National Guard in response to Harvey. On Aug. 31, Abbott added some 10,000 Nation-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling



Storm claims to be paid

The Texas Department of Insurance on Aug. 30 reassured Texas policyholders that storm claims will be paid and that the agency will enforce state laws and policy provisions aggressively to protect victims of Hurricane Harvey and the widespread flooding that followed.

"The claims filing process and deadlines aren't changing September 1," the agency stated in a news release. "House Bill 1774 from the last regular session does not change how homeowners file a claim, deadlines to file claims, or how insurers process claims. It also does not apply to claims with the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association or the National Flood Insurance Program."

Furthermore, property owners with covered damages maintain the same rights to an insurance claim whether they file their claim before or after September 1.

The Texas Department of Insurance operates a toll-free consumer help line, 1-800-252-3439.

al Guard troops to help, bringing the estimated total to 24,000. Those deployed forces, along with contingencies of first responders, ordinary citizens and every branch of the U.S. military, remain in the area, assisting in search and rescue efforts.

Even after rains ended on Aug. 31, standing and running water covered a huge region of Texas, impeding efforts to restore the power grid. Various officials warned that Texans should be prepared for a long recovery process. Recovery cost estimates already stand at more than \$150 billion. As a point of perspective, the Texas Economic Stimulus Fund, widely referred to as the "rainy day fund," is about \$10.3 billion, according to the state comptroller's office.

Statement by EPA/TCEA on Arkema ignitions,

EPA/TCEQ statement on controlled ignition of trailers at Arkema facility in Crosby

WASHINGTON (September 3, 2017) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality released the following statement along with Unified Command regarding the decision to conduct a controlled ignition of remaining trailers at Arkema's facility in Crosby:

It is the understanding of personnel on the ground that the remaining trailers are at risk of catching fire over the next few days. Rather than risk additional damage to the facility or spreading into the surrounding area, the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department and the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office will perform a controlled burn of the material.

First responders are outside the evacuation zone, but remain in the area, for quick response to ensure the safety of the

community around the facility.

We continue to monitor smoke and air quality, the potential for additional fires in the area, and have aerial assets ready to be deployed, as needed. Everyone in the area should follow the safety instruction of local authorities, specifically staying out of the evacuation zone, avoiding smoke and flood waters.

Additional Background: As with all smoke, people can limit the potential for adverse health effects by limiting their exposure. This includes staying indoors with doors and windows closed and running the air conditioning (if possible) with the fresh intake closed. If it is absolutely necessary to be outdoors, try to move out of the plume of smoke and minimize heavy work, exercise, or children's playtime.

As of Sunday, Sept. 3, multiple trailers of organic peroxide caught fire following the refrigeration units being compromised

by catastrophic flood waters. EPA has been sending aerial surveillance aircraft to test resulting smoke and continues to do ground-level air quality monitoring. EPA's plane instrumentation is capable of measuring 78 different chemicals, including peroxides. Neither testing methods found toxic concentration levels in areas away from the evacuated facility.

Local officials are maintaining a 1.5-mile area of evacuation to assure that the public is protected. Air monitoring has confirmed that this is sufficient based on current conditions and anticipated events.

The EPA and the TCEQ are providing direct support to incident commander Michael Sims of the Crosby Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Bob Royall of the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, who are leading a coordinated local, state, and federal effort as part of the Unified Command to control the fire at the Arkema facility in Crosby.

Judge stops Senate Bill 4

Chief U.S. District Judge Orlando L. Garcia of San Antonio on Aug. 30 forbade the State of Texas from implementing Senate Bill 4, controversial immigration reform legislation passed by the Texas lawmakers in May and signed into law by Gov. Abbott in June.

SB 4, also known as the "sanctuary cities" and "show me your papers" bill, was scheduled to take effect Sept. 1. In his 94-page ruling finding parts of the law unconstitutional, Judge Garcia sided with plaintiffs in enjoining local and state law enforcement agencies from complying with, honoring or fulfilling any immigration detainer request issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Gov. Abbott decried the ruling, saying, "U.S. Supreme Court precedent for laws similar to Texas' law are firmly on our side. This decision will be appealed immediately and I am confident Texas' law will be found constitutional and ultimately be upheld." Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's reaction was in line with the governor's statement.

On the other hand, State Rep. Evelina Ortega, D-El Paso, welcomed the ruling, saying SB 4 "has already brought fear among our significant Latino population" and "Texas should be promoting safety and cooperation among its residents and our local law enforcement, especially in times of crisis as we are currently experiencing with Hurricane Harvey." El Paso County and the City of El Paso are among many plaintiffs challenging SB 4 in the case, titled City of El Cenizo et al. v. State of Texas et al.

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- Aug 31—Glenn & Linda Conard
- Sep 2—Skip & Thelma Bauman
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- Lila Olaine Pitman
- Debra M. D'Antonio
- Pugh
- William Lee Loftin

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OBITUARIES

Debra Marie D'Antonio Pugh



Debra Marie D'Antonio Pugh, 57, of Crosby, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2017, at the Memorial Hermann Hospital Northeast. Debra was born February 2, 1960 in Houston, to parents; Wiley and Jacqueline Jofferion D'Antonio. Debra is a former resident of Dayton, and has resided in Crosby for the past 10 years. She was a graduate of Galena Park High School class of 1978 and a self-employed florist. She also enjoyed fishing, camping, yard work, drinking her Diet Coke, and especially loving her grandbabies.

Mrs. Pugh was preceded in death by her mother: Jacqueline Jofferion D'Antonio and brother: Daniel Jerome D'Antonio. She is survived by her husband of 35 years: Michael Pugh, daughters: Nikki Prater and husband Heath and Natalie Kramer and husband Andrew, grandchildren: Brylee Kramer, Blakely Kramer, and Hank Prater, sister: Jacqueline Chase, brothers: Wiley D'Antonio and wife JoAnn,

Tommy D'Antonio and wife Mary, and Timmy D'Antonio and wife Carmen, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The family will receive friends from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorial services will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at the Crespo & Jirrels Funeral & Cremation Services Chapel with services concluding thereafter.

Arrangements are under the direction of Crespo & Jirrels Funeral and Cremation Services, 6123 Garth Road, Baytown 77521, 281.839.0700. To view the obituary or post a tribute to the family, visit www.crespoandjirrels.com.

Refineries begin post-Harvey startups to stabilize fuel supply

Hurricane Harvey has forced refineries along the Texas coast to temporarily suspend their full production capabilities. Precautionary measures to activate controlled and temporary suspensions of operations were conducted to ensure refineries remained safe and capable of returning to full capacity once Hurricane Harvey passed.

"This is an unprecedented event that has challenged many industries," said Paul Hardin, President of the Texas Food & Fuel Association. "The entire petroleum distribution chain has been challenged with meeting an increased demand for gasoline and diesel during a time when fuel distribution is disrupted and supply is strained," Hardin added.

Refineries are currently in the assessing whether or not they have suffered any damage. They are also developing timelines to resume full production.

Adding to the strain of the fuel distribution network are long lines at terminals for fuel distributors. Hardin said, "Gas stations get their fuel delivered to them from terminals via trucks — think of terminals as gas stations — this process normally takes about an hour, today, we are hearing of fuel distributors waiting six to ten hours."

In addition to long lines at fuel terminals, distributors are having to conduct their own assessments of equipment and property damage. The good news is that fuel retailers (gas stations) near the Harvey impact zone have begun to conduct their own assessments and have returned to full operation, dispensing as much fuel as possible.

As each day goes by the number of retailers returning to full operation will continue to increase. However, consumers will see gas stations without fuel as the fuel supply will vary by location. There is no master list of gas stations that are out of fuel.

"The industry is on allocation due to the number of terminals that have been taken out of service,

which has constrained the loading ability at fuel terminals across the state," said Hardin.

At the moment, demand is outweighing supply; however, the refineries have an abundance of crude oil to refine and are poised to respond when refineries are back in operation. A number of waivers have been activated by various levels of govern-

ment which serve to increase options for supply points to extend existing inventories for their maximum benefit. As emergency relief efforts continue in and around the impacted areas, ensuring emergency responders have the necessary fuel resources will continue to be the highest priority.

Huffman's new ambulance service started Sept. 1



From left; Chris Cook, Paramedic, Nathan Parent, EMT, Buckley Taylor, Paramedic, Kacey Sammons, Paramedic-Director of Operations, Rhiannon Long, EMT, Rhonda Dees-Lockwood, Advanced EMT, Lon Treannie, Paramedic

Huffman will see a different ambulance and uniform beginning September first. Many of the faces will be the same. Four Acadian employees have agreed to stay on as medics for the newly formed Huffman EMS.

Said Kacey Sammons, "We will provide the same standard of care and level

of service the community has become accustomed to."

Harris County Emergency Services District 4 and its current provider of EMS in Huffman made a mutual agreement last year not to renew the contract the two entities have had in place for the last six years. The district has considered for many years to be-

come a direct provider of EMS for the Huffman community and the time has come.

The District has purchased a new ambulance and received the one depicted above as a donation.

"We are anxious to get started serving our community," said Kacey Simons

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Psalm: 46:1

OBITUARIES

Lila Olaine Pitman

Lila Olaine Pitman age 61, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday August 29, 2017. She was born in Houston, Texas on June 29, 1956 to Lila Mae Middleton Babineaux and Eural Joseph Babineaux. She enjoyed ceramics and macramé, but most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a very loving, caring, helpful, happy, cheerful "people" type person who never met a stranger and will always be loved and missed by all who knew her. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Kimberly Lynn Pitman. Lila is survived by her beloved husband,

Michael Ray Pitman Sr; her son, Michael Ray Pitman Jr. and her grandchildren, Marissa Lynn Cooper and Nathan and Matthew Pitman. Also survived by other relatives and many friends.

William Lee (Buck) Loftin

William Lee (Buck) Loftin 92, of Crosby, Texas went to be with the Lord on August 21, 2017. Buck was born on July 3, 1925 in Bullard, Texas to John Kennedy and Lula Belle (McAnally) Loftin. He served his country during WWII and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant. At 25 he was ordained as a deacon. He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Crosby for 59 years and loved serving the Lord. He witnessed to others as often as he could. When his children were young, Buck was an active participant in the 4-H, Crosby Fair & Rodeo and was a member of the Crosby School Board. He was known to be a strong worker and many young men learned a work ethic from his example. He was a strong man, known for being honest, fair, kind and generous and believed in doing things the right way. He enjoyed hunting,

ber and husband David; son in law, Stan Wright; sister, Mary Anne Tarrant; thirteen grandchildren; twenty-nine great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Buck's grandsons.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, August 25, 2017 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm, at Sterling-White Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church Crosby, 615 Runneburg Rd, Crosby, TX 77532. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX 77562. To offer the family condolences, please visit www.sterlingwhite.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in Buck's memory can be made to Star of Hope Mission Houston, TX or The ALS Association in memory of his daughter Kathy.

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Weston Cotten

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Gonzales of the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

One officer was taken to the hospital and so were ambulance crews. All were observed at the hospital and treated and released. More over other first responders were injured by the fumes and remnant of the "flare off."

At a press conference on August 31, the Sheriff, and Akema representatives faced the press at Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. Station 2. Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. had insisted that Arkema officials face the press concerning events at their plant. Arkema representatives indicated the plant would catch fire and there would be explosions, indicating that there was nothing they could do about it. Richard Rennerd, President of Arkema's Acrylic Monomers division, addressed reporters Thursday calling the plume of smoke an irritant, but declined to explain further. He warned that inhaling the smoke emanating from

the blaze could still pose health risks to the lungs and eyes, "like any fire."

Arkema also indicated via their website, "As we communicated in recent days, our site followed its hurricane preparation plan in advance of the recent hurricane and we had redundant contingency plans in place. However, unprecedented flooding overwhelmed our primary power and two sources of emergency backup power. As a result, we lost critical refrigeration of the products on site. Some of our organic peroxides products burn if not stored at low temperature.

We have been working closely with public officials to manage the implications of this situation, and have communicated with the public the potential for product to explode and cause an intense fire. Organic peroxides are extremely flammable and, as agreed with public officials, the best course of action is to let the fire burn itself out.

We want local residents to be aware that product is stored in multiple locations on the site, and a threat of additional explosion remains. Please do not return to the area within the evacuation zone until local emergency response authorities announce it is safe to do so."

Federal Emergency Management Agency's Brock Long, an administrator, said Thursday that "plume modeling," predicted "By all means, the plume is incredibly dangerous."

For a while on Sept. 1, US 90 was opened in the afternoon then closed again further from the plant.

A "pop offs" and "flare" occurred on Sunday, Sept. 3 near 4:00 p.m. Most of US 90 was closed to FM 2100 by law enforcement. A department of public safety officer was asked by this reporter if there were air quality issues reported, "Not to my knowledge," he responded.

STRAHAN VIEWS FLOOD DAMAGE AT C.E.KING ON NATIONAL TV SHOW



ABOVE: Michael Strahan, now a TV personality and former graduate of C. E. King, appears with students, coaches, and Sheldon ISD superintendent King Lewis on Tuesday, when he toured the flood damage and broadcast it on his TV show.



RIGHT: TV personality Michael Strahan, a former athlete at C. E. King high school, appeared on his show "Good Morning America" Tuesday, viewing the warped floors in the gymnasium.

GO BIG OR GO HOME FUNDRAISER RESET FOR OCT. 14



The Annual Benefit dinner and auction and celebration for the Cody Stephens GO BIG OR GO HOME Memorial Foundation fundraiser has been reset for Saturday, October 14, from 7pm to 10pm, at the Crosby American Legion Hall. Tickets are \$50, call 713-451-3600 for more information. This year, in addition to funding heart screening, the event will also benefit flood victims.

In the photo above, North Shore Rotarians are honored at last year's event for being a major Platinum sponsor. Scott Stephens is at center, with hat, and other Rotarians include Amir Khan, Robert Lunde, Cary Stephens, Lucia Bates, and Ronny Dwairy.

Body found in JC flood waters



Jacinto City resident Benito Juarez Cavazos drowned in flood waters near the I-10 feeder road and Federal Road. His family and friends has posted notices after his car was found, and his body was located on Wednesday, August 30th.

Hurricane Harvey,

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environmentalists were concerned with two potential catastrophies. A chemical plant that processes organic peroxide lost its power, and flooded, leaving nine container loads of this chemical overheating, and due to explode. In fact three of them did catch fire, with minor explosions, and authorities destroyed that other six as the best method to deal with them. The other concern was strong currents and flood waters over the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, with its toxic waste "capped" to

contain it. As of Monday, Sept. 4 the EPA planned to investigate the cap on-site for damage or possible releases.

By the end of the week, rescued families were in 4 major Red Cross shelters, totalling about 28,000.

Offers of aid and donations of goods and money have come from all over Texas and the nation. One fund, set up by Texans player J. J. Watt, has received a total of \$26 million dollars, which will be used for water, food, and domestic supplies.

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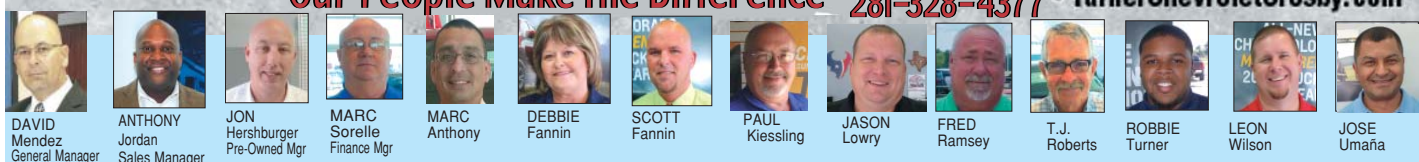
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