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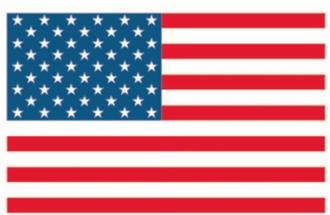


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## Boots and Bling kicks off United Way campaign

73rd annual event at Settles Hotel unveils \$300,000 fundraising goal for 2018

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The Hotel Settles was the scene of food, music, and auction excitement Saturday night...all in the name of not just one good cause, but several.

The event was the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 73rd annual "Boots and Bling" campaign kickoff event.



Bias

"We're about to start kicking stuff off at 6 o'clock," said United Way Director Meghan Bias. "We have Jody Nix and his West Texas Cowboys here playing. They go on at 7. Jay Hendricks of CBS 7 is going to be here to do our live auction at 7:30, and we'll have a silent auction going on from 6 to 9 o'clock. So tonight is going to be pretty casual. I'm not super formal. I want people to come and get dressed up and enjoy themselves and support a really amazing cause."

As people started filing in, checking out the silent auction offerings, and filling

their plates with baked chicken, rice, and other goodies, Bias spoke about the United Way's goal for the upcoming year.

"Our goal this year is \$300,000," she said. "I think that was the goal last year as well, but we're really hoping to meet the goal this year. We're really looking forward to meeting that goal."

Bias said the United Way is offering a new, simple way to donate.

"A new thing we're doing that I'm pretty excited about is, you can donate from your phone, which is easy," she said. "You just have to text 'bigspringunited' all one word, all lower case, to 40403. A little thing will pop up and you hit the link, and you can donate from your phone whatever amount you want. You don't even have to leave your home to donate to United Way. I mean, it's super easy for people to support us."

The phone donation prompts donors to enter credit card information to make a donation, she said. Bias said

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Western swing artist Jody Nix, right, chats with guests at the 73rd Annual Boots and Bling event Saturday night. Nix would perform later in the evening at the 2018 fundraising campaign kickoff for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

## KBSB Love our Lake cleans up shoreline



HERALD photos/Lyndel Moody

Tammy DePauw, left, and Jim DePauw pick up trash on the shore of Comanche Trail Lake Saturday, part of Keep Big Spring Beautiful's annual Love Our Lake project in conjunction with the Keep Texas Beautiful Clean Up Waterways campaign. About 30 people showed up to clean up the lake area.

## Healthy aging event on tap at SMMC

Special to the Herald

Healthy living is more than just physical health. It's emotional, financial, and educational, which is why Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Prudential teamed up to host Ageless - A Prescription for Healthy Aging by Robert Pokorski, M.D. at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Hotel Settles.



Krabill

"Encouraging the community to be proactive when it comes to health is one of our main goals at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, but that encouragement extends beyond their physical health. We want our community members to be healthy in all areas of their lives and that's what this presentation is about," SMMC CEO Emma Krabill, said. The presentation will be presented by Pokorski, Vice President and Medical Director with Prudential Insurance Company of America. Pokorski helps financial advisors, their clients and consumers better understand the health issues they need to consider when preparing for retirement years. "Partnerships are an important part of a healthy

community and what better way to show our commitment to this community's health, than through this joint venture with Prudential," Krabill said. "We are excited to hear Mr. Pokorski's advice on forming a healthy life so that we are better prepared to enter the 'Golden Years'."

Dr. Pokorski is certified by the Board of Insurance Medicine and American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and holds an MBA from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland, and a Doctor of Medicine from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

"Dr. Pokorski's presentation will discuss how a positive attitude can help reduce the chances of being disabled in the future. He stresses the importance of exercise, maintaining good health by receiving good medical care and encourages life long learning," said Troy Tompkins, local Prudential Insurance provider. "He also incorporates the importance of getting the proper amount of sleep, the importance of maintaining an active social life and eating healthy."

In addition to Dr. Pokorski's presentation, there will be a buffet-style meal served

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## Officials act to protect downtown Houston from hurricane floods

By **MICHAEL GRACZYK**

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials released more water from Houston-area reservoirs overwhelmed by Harvey early Monday in a move aimed at protecting the city's downtown from devastating floods but that could still endanger thousands of homes, even as the nation's fourth-largest city anticipated more rain.

Harvey, which made landfall late Friday as a Category 4 hurricane and has lingered just off the coast dropping heavy rain as a tropical storm, sent devastating floods pouring into Houston on Sunday. The rising water chased thousands of people to rooftops or higher ground and overwhelmed rescuers who could not keep up with the constant

calls for help.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Brock Long said during a news conference Monday that as many as 50 counties in Texas are affected by the flooding and that a tremendous amount of rainfall is in the cards for southwest Louisiana too. The rain and floods have been blamed in at least two deaths.

Even as the water rose Sunday, the National Weather Service issued an ominous forecast: Before the storm is gone, some parts of Houston and its suburbs could get as much as 50 inches (1.3 meters) of rain. That would be the highest amount ever recorded in Texas.

On Monday morning, emergency vehicles made up most of the traffic in an otherwise deserted downtown Houston — normally

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## Obituaries

### Jo-Ann Potter



Jo-Ann Potter, 78, of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2017 in a local nursing home. College Baptist Church will be hosting a memorial service on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the church, in her honor.

Jo-Ann was born Jan. 28, 1939 in Hurley, New Mexico. She grew up in Silver City, New Mexico and

moved to Big Spring in 1976. She graduated from Baylor University and was a private piano teacher. SJo-Ann is survived by her son, Thomas Furrh, of California; two brothers; and a whole host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Inez Godec and one sister, Mary Alice Godec.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be left at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Steve Gray

Steve Gray, 52, of Big Spring died Thursday, August 24, 2017, in Houston. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Brennan Darden

Brennan Darden, 20, of Big Spring, died Sunday, August 27, 2017 in Midland County. Arrangements are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

## Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

• **FORTUNATO BARRIENTES**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **WANDA HERON BROWN**, 44, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for issuance of a bad check and forgery.

• **CHRISTOPHER RYAN COLEGROVE**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for forgery and possession of marijuana.

• **DANIEL DAVID DEY**, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license.

• **STEVEN AUDIS EMMONS**, 52, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/giving false information.

• **CRYSTAL ARLINDA GARZA**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license.

• **DOLORES GARZA** 39, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **GABRIEL GARZA**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no driver's license (when unlicensed) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **COLLIN ROSS HANSEN**, 25, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license.

• **LYDIA MARIE HERNANDEZ**, 23, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **RODOLFO HERNANDEZ**, 46, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving with invalid license, violation of promise to appear, and charges of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) and possession of a dangerous drug.

• **JUAN JUAREZ ALVARADO**, 20, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

• **CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE**, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **LUCAS ANTHONY LOPEZ**,

22, was booked by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance (less than one gram).

• **FELIX GONZALES OLIVAS**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **AVEL ABREO RAMIREZ**, 70, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication and public intoxication with a prior conviction.

• **NATHAN PRESCOT RICHARDSON**, 28, was booked by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespassing

• **CODY SIMPSON**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for probation violation.

• **MANUEL SOSA IV**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JEREMY GLEN WILLIAMS**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **KORI NICOLE YANEZ**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of duty on striking fixture.

## Take Note

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see [www.ace-ministries.com](http://www.ace-ministries.com) for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Rob-

erts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30

p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or [danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

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# BOOTS

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she figures that if making a donation is as convenient as sending a text, more people will support United Way. "When I started in January, I kind of realized that there's just one of me, and as amazing as our board is, they're super busy and spread super thin, just like a lot of people in Big Spring," she said. "So I kind of wanted to use millennial technology to reach as many people as possible, and being able to text a donation is super easy. When things are easy, people tend to do them a little more, for the most part."

The United Way is an important

part of life in Big Spring, she said. "The United Way, we support 15 local health and human service agencies here in town," she said. "Almost everyone in this community probably knows someone, or has been helped by one of these agencies at some point in their life." Economic uncertainties make supporting United Way doubly important, she said. "Because we are a feast-or-famine economy, being in the oil business that's kind of how it is, you never really know when you're one paycheck away for needing one of our services," said Bias. "So I feel like it's important, because these agencies do so much with so little. They have continually helped, even before the United Way was assisting them. For some of

them, the United Way is the majority of their operating money. If we don't raise the money and we're not giving to them, they're not able to do what they need to do. So my whole job is to make sure that never happens, and they're always running, and we're able to raise money. It's important because you never know when it's you who needs help, or a neighbor, or a loved one. I love the quote by Audrey Hepburn: 'You have two hands: one to help yourself and one to help others.'" Bias thanked the United Way board and sponsors for making the event possible. "My board of directors has been really amazing. People in the community, different businesses, have just been overwhelmed by the support from them. I couldn't be more

appreciative," she said. "I think it's just an amazing example of how the community of Big Spring is just willing to step up and take care of each other when it comes down to it. We all might sit on different side of the table a lot of times, but when it really matters, I feel like people come out and they really are supportive. I think that's beautiful, and it's a great example of why I do what I do and of our mantra which is 'Live United.'" For more information about the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, call 432-267-5201 or visit [www.unitedwaybshc.org](http://www.unitedwaybshc.org).

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# HARVEY

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a bustling business area. Many traffic signals did not work and most businesses were closed. Residents living near the Addicks and Barker reservoirs — that were designed to prevent flooding in downtown Houston — were warned Sunday that a controlled release from both reservoirs would cause additional street flooding that could spill into homes. Rising water levels and continuing rain was putting pressure on the dams that could fail without the release. Harris and Fort Bend county officials advised residents to pack their cars Sunday night and leave in the morning.

"When the sun comes up, get out," said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist for the Harris County Flood Control District. "And you don't have to go far, you just need to get out of this area."

The Army Corps of Engineers started the reservoir releases before 2 a.m. Monday — ahead of schedule — because water levels were increasing at a rate of more than 6 inches (15 centimeters) per hour, Corps spokesman Jay Townsend said.

Officials in Fort Bend County, Houston's southwestern suburbs, late Sunday issued mandatory evacuation orders along the Brazos River levee districts. County officials were preparing for the river to reach major flood stages late Sunday. County Judge Robert Herbert said at a news conference that National Weather Service officials were predicting that the water could rise to 59 feet (18 meters), three feet (90 centimeters) above 2016 records and what Herbert called an "800-year flood level." Herbert said that amount of water would top the levees and carries a threat of levee failure.

On Sunday, incessant rain covered much of Houston in turbid, gray-green water and turned streets into rivers navigable only by boat. In a rescue effort that recalled the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, helicopters landed near flooded freeways, airboats buzzed across submerged neighborhoods and high-water vehicles plowed through water-logged intersections. Some people managed with kayaks or canoes or swam. Volunteers joined emergency teams in pulling people from their homes or from the water. Authorities urged people to get on top of their houses to avoid becoming trapped in attics and to wave sheets or towels to draw attention to their location. Police Chief Art Acevedo said Monday that drainage remains a concern.

"I'm not sure where the water is going because it's just so much that we can't really absorb more in the ground at this point. ... We have way too much water and not enough places for it to drain," Acevedo told MSNBC's "Morning Joe." And on the possibility of the rain subsiding, he said: "We're just keeping our fingers crossed"

FEMA's Long predicted that the aftermath of the storm would require FEMA's involvement for years.

"This disaster's going to be a landmark event," Long said.

The National Weather Service meanwhile warned that the catastrophic flooding would worsen due to heavy rainfall in the coming days and that it would be slow to recede once Harvey finally moves on. Director Louis Uccellini said during a news conference Monday that up to 20 inches (51 centimeters) of rain could fall in the coming days, on top of the more than 30 inches (76 centimeters) some places have already seen.

President Donald Trump issued a federal emergency disaster declaration for Louisiana on Monday, covering Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron,

Jefferson Davis and Vermilion parishes. The declaration authorizes FEMA to coordinate disaster relief efforts and the federal government to cover 75 percent of costs of certain emergency protective measures.

Vice President Mike Pence told Houston radio station KTRH Monday that the federal government will support all Harvey recovery efforts.

It was not clear how many people have been plucked from the floodwaters in Texas. Up to 1,200 people had to be rescued in Galveston County alone, said Mark Henry, the county judge. Rescuers were giving priority to life-and-death situations, leaving many affected families to fend for themselves. And several hospitals in the Houston area were evacuated due to the rising waters.

Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center was quickly opened as a shelter. It was also used as a shelter for Katrina refugees in 2005.

Gillis Leho arrived there soaking wet. She said she awoke Sunday to find her downstairs flooded. She moved some belongings upstairs then grabbed her grandchildren.

"We had to bust a window to get out," Leho said. Some people used inflatable beach toys, rubber rafts and even air mattresses to get through the water to safety. Others waded while carrying trash bags stuffed with their belongings and small animals in picnic coolers.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said authorities had received more than 2,000 calls for help and urged drivers to stay off the roads.

"I don't need to tell anyone this is a very, very serious and unprecedented storm," Turner said.

The deteriorating situation was bound to provoke questions about the conflicting advice given by the governor and Houston leaders before the hurricane. Gov. Greg Abbott urged people to flee from Harvey's path, but the Houston mayor issued no evacuation orders and told everyone to stay home. The governor refused to point fingers on Sunday.

"Now is not the time to second-guess the decisions that were made," Abbott, a Republican, said at a news conference in Austin. "What's important is that everybody work together to ensure that we are going to, first, save lives and, second, help people across the state rebuild."

The mayor, a Democrat, defended his decision, citing the risk of sending the city's 2.3 million inhabitants onto the highways at the same time.

"If you think the situation right now is bad, and you give an order to evacuate, you are creating a nightmare," Turner said. The Coast Guard deployed five helicopters and asked for additional aircraft from New Orleans.

The White House said Trump would visit Texas on Tuesday, accompanied by first lady Melania Trump.

The president met Sunday by teleconference with top administration officials to discuss federal support for response and recovery efforts.



Houston Police SWAT officer Daryl Hudeck carries Catherine Pham and her 13-month-old son Aiden after rescuing them from their home surrounded by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Houston.

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and a mini health expo will take place from 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. on the mez-

zanine at Hotel Settles. The dinner and presentation will take place in the ballroom and doors will open at 6 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person or \$200 for a

reserved table. To purchase tickets, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4699 or stop by Scenic Mountain Medical Center at 1601 W. Eleventh Place.



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# Can computers enhance the work of teachers? The debate is on

WASHINGTON (AP) — In middle school, Junior Alvarado often struggled with multiplication and earned poor grades in math, so when he started his freshman year at Washington Leadership Academy, a charter high school in the nation's capital, he fretted that he would lag behind.

But his teachers used technology to identify his weak spots, customize a learning plan just for him and coach him through it. This past week, as Alvarado started sophomore geometry, he was more confident in his skills.

"For me personalized learning is having classes set at your level," Alvarado, 15, said in between lessons. "They explain the problem step by step, it wouldn't be as fast, it will be at your pace."

As schools struggle to raise high school graduation rates and close the persistent achievement gap for minority and low-income students, many educators tout digital technology in the classroom as a way forward. But experts caution that this approach still needs more scrutiny and warn schools and parents against being overly reliant on computers.

The use of technology in schools is part of a broader concept of personalized learning that has been gaining popularity in recent years. It's a pedagogical philosophy centered around the interests and needs of each individual child as opposed to universal standards. Other features include flexible learning environments, customized education paths and letting students have a say in what and how they want to learn.

Under the Obama administration, the Education Department poured \$500 million into personalized learning programs in 68 school districts serving close to a half million students in 13 states plus the District of Columbia. Large organizations such as the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation have also invested heavily in digital tools and other student-centered practices.

The International Association for K-12 Online Learning estimates that up to 10 percent of all America's public schools have adopted some form of personalized learning. Rhode Island plans to spend \$2 million to become the first state to make instruction in every one of its schools individualized. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos also embraces personalized learning as part of her broader push for school choice.

Supporters say the traditional education model, in which a teacher lectures at the blackboard and then tests all students at the same time, is obsolete and doesn't reflect the modern world.

"The economy needs kids who are

creative problem solvers, who synthesize information, formulate and express a point of view," said Rhode Island Education Commissioner Ken Wagner. "That's the model we are trying to move toward."

At Washington Leadership Academy, educators rely on software and data to track student progress and adapt teaching to enable students to master topics at their own speed.

This past week, sophomores used special computer programs to take diagnostic tests in math and reading, and teachers then used that data to develop individual learning plans. In English class, for example, students reading below grade level would be assigned the same books or articles as their peers, but complicated vocabulary in the text would be annotated on their screen.

"The digital tool tells us: We have a problem to fix with these kids right here and we can do it right then and there; we don't have to wait for the problem to come to us," said Joseph Webb, founding principal at the school, which opened last year.

Webb, dressed in a green T-shirt reading "super school builder," greeted students Wednesday with high-fives, hugs and humor. "Red boxers are not part of our uniform!" he shouted to one student, who responded by pulling up his pants.

The school serves some 200 predominantly African-American students from high-poverty and high-risk neighborhoods. Flags of prestigious universities hang from the ceiling and a "You are a leader" poster is taped to a classroom door. Based on a national assessment last year, the school ranked in the 96th percentile for improvement in math and in the 99th percentile in reading compared with schools whose students scored similarly at the beginning of the year.

It was one of 10 schools to win a \$10 million grant in a national competition aimed at reinventing American high schools that is funded by Lauren Powell Jobs, widow of Apple founder Steve Jobs.



AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin  
**Britney Wray, a math teacher at Washington Leadership Academy, helps sophomore Kevin Baker, 15, with a math problem during class in Washington, Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2017.**

Naia McNatt, a lively 15-year-old who hopes to become "the African-American and female Bill Gates," remembers feeling so bored and unchallenged in fourth grade that she stopped doing homework and her grades slipped.

At the academy, "I don't get bored 'cause I guess I am pushed so much," said McNatt, a sophomore. "It makes you like you need to do more, you need to know more."

In math class, McNatt quickly worked through quadratic equations on her laptop. When she finished, the system spitted out additional, more challenging problems.

Her math teacher, Britney Wray, says that in her previous school she was torn between advanced learners and those who lagged significantly. She says often she wouldn't know if a student was failing a specific unit until she started a new one.

In comparison, the academy's technology now gives Wray instant feedback on which students need help and where. "We like to see the problem and fix the problem immediately," she said.

Still, most researchers say it is too early to tell if personalized learning works better than traditional teaching.

A recent study by the Rand Corporation found that personalized learning produced modest improvements: a 3 percentile increase in math and

a smaller, statistically insignificant increase for reading compared with schools that used more traditional approaches. Some students also complained that collaboration with classmates suffered because everybody was working on a different task.

"I would not advise for everybody to drop what they are doing and adopt personalized learning," said John Pane, a co-author of the report. "A more cautious approach is necessary."

The new opportunities also pose new challenges. Pediatricians warn that too much screen time can come at the expense of face-to-face social interaction, hands-on exploration and physical activity. Some studies also have shown that students may learn better from books than from computer screens, while another found that keeping children away from computers for five days in a row improved their emotional intelligence.

Some teachers are skeptical. Marla Kilfoyle, executive director of the Baddass Teachers Association, an education advocacy group, agrees that technology has its merits, but insists that no computer or software should ever replace the personal touch, motivation and inspiration teachers give their students.

"That interaction and that human element is very important when children learn," Kilfoyle said.

## Charities try to help Oklahoma teachers survive pay collapse

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Tiona Bowman was overcome with emotion when the walls were erected last spring on her first-ever new home, a three-bedroom, two-bath house in Tulsa built through Habitat for Humanity.

Bowman was flanked by her daughter and members of her family, work colleagues and a handful of local reporters who had come to document the event.

Unlike most of those who qualify for a subsidized Habitat home, though, Bowman, 28, wasn't a fast-food worker or other low-income service employee, but rather a teacher in Tulsa Public Schools with a master's degree and three years of experience.

"Obviously I was grateful and excited," said Bowman, who teaches middle-school English and whose \$34,000 salary made her eligible for a no-interest loan on one of the program's houses. "But on the other hand, I was like: I went to school for all these years, I have these degrees,

and I qualify for a program like this?"

Charity for teachers isn't that unusual in Oklahoma these days as more of them approach the ranks of the working poor, becoming the most visible victims of the state's seemingly endless budget problems.

With state revenues depleted by deep tax cuts and lower energy prices, Oklahoma's teacher salaries are now the second lowest in the U.S., even though the state's gross domestic product ranks 29th.

Teachers haven't had a pay hike in a decade, and 10-year veteran teachers who are single now make little enough that their own children qualify for reduced-price school lunches.

As schools reopen for the fall term, hundreds have left their jobs while communities and local charities are coming forward with gifts and incentives to try to keep others from departing.

"Habitat for Humanity was not intended to be construct-

ing homes for working teachers," said Cameron Walker, the charity's Tulsa director, but their income is approaching "typically hourly jobs, people who couldn't walk into a bank and get a mortgage."

While never high, teacher pay was squeezed when the GOP-led Legislature slashed taxes on both individual income and oil and natural gas production in 2014, just as oil prices began dropping sharply from a boom-era level of more than \$100 a barrel. Oil prices now are hovering below \$50.

Since then, while publicly making higher teacher salaries their top priority, lawmakers have not overcome strong conservative aversion to resetting the tax rates, especially on the powerful oil and gas industry. Over the past three years, state funding for public schools has declined by more than \$48 million, even as student enrollment increased by nearly 8,000.

While school budgets over-

all have suffered, teacher pay has taken the greatest hit because it alone is entirely funded by state appropriations rather than a mix of state, local and county revenue. Oklahoma's average teacher salary of \$45,276 trails only Mississippi, while the starting minimum salary is \$31,600.

Even affluent districts with new buildings and huge football stadiums are now hemorrhaging qualified teachers to other states or professions. Overall, there are about 1,500 fewer teachers in Oklahoma than in 2010, according to data from the Oklahoma State School Boards Association.

In some cities, a sense of emergency is growing. In Tulsa, a downtown church has begun providing free meals periodically to teachers at a nearby school.

Habitat for Humanity has built houses for two Tulsa teachers and has received applications from about a dozen more. A Tulsa-based charity, the George Kaiser Family

Foundation, is offering low-interest home loans, or, for Teach for America recruits, subsidized rent on newly refurbished downtown apartments.

In smaller communities such as Enid in rural northwest Oklahoma, the chamber of commerce is soliciting fitness centers and restaurants to offer discounts and freebies. And scores of organizations are soliciting donations to buy classroom supplies.

Still, it's a tough sell. Robert Romines, superintendent in the Oklahoma City suburb of Moore, had just two or three vacancies to fill at this time last year. This year, he's struggling to fill 25 vacancies, mostly hard-to-fill posts like science, mathematics and special education.

"It's due to the fact that there aren't any applicants," Romines said.

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# McCann, Astros rally to beat Angels 7-5

By JOSH COOPER

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brian McCann didn't feel like celebrating very much. He was too worried about Houston.

While incessant rain from Tropical Storm Harvey pounded Houston and much of Texas, McCann tripled with the bases loaded in the eighth inning to lead the Astros to a 7-5 win against the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

"It's tough, it really is tough," McCann said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the people in the city of Houston. This is not good. You see pictures and it's devastating. You just pray for everybody's safety."

The Astros tried to pay as much attention as possible to beating the Angels, but many admitted it was hard. Manager A.J. Hinch noted some players probably went into the clubhouse to look at their phones during the

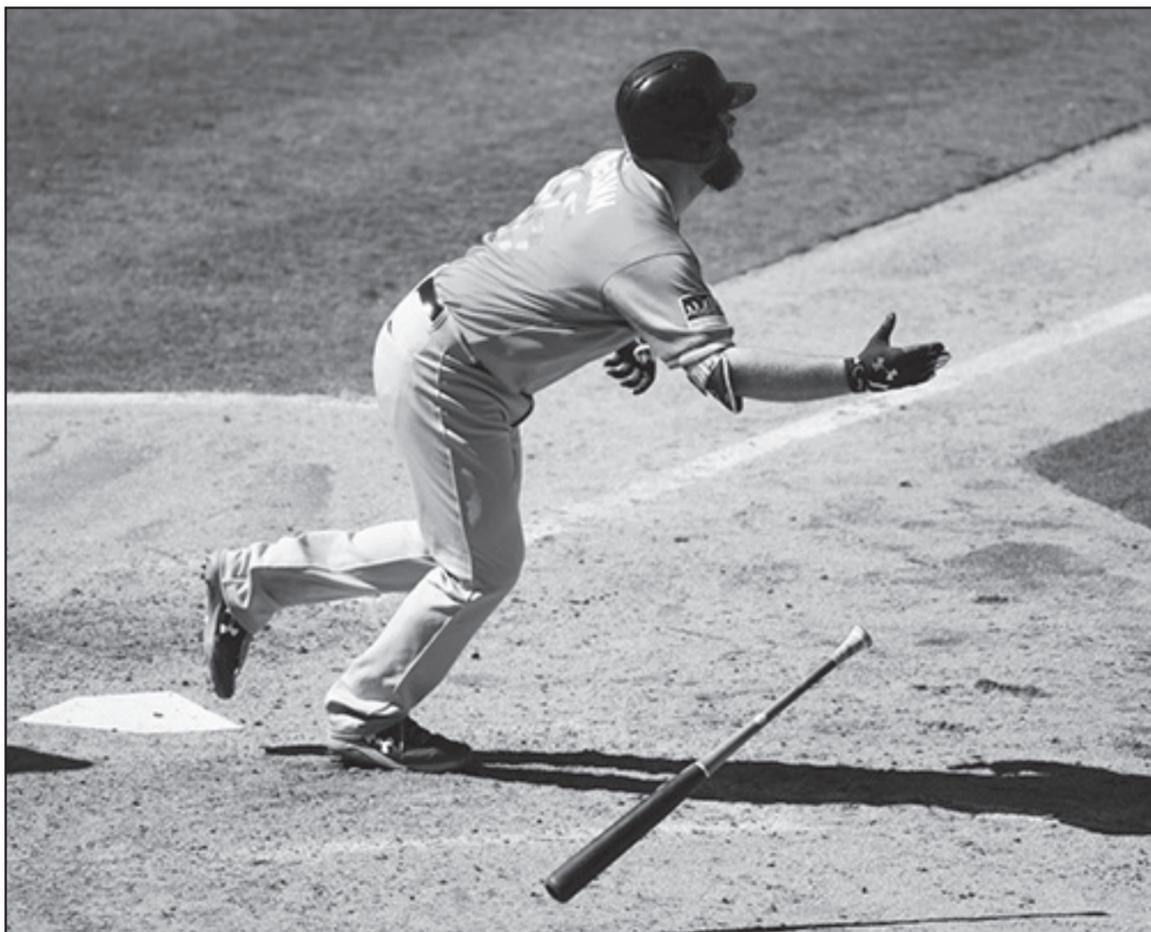
game to make sure their loved ones were safe.

"We have families that are stuck, we have families that are in closets worried about tornadoes, a lot of heavy hearts and that's not even counting what we don't know," Hinch said. "It's a game and we played hard and there's a lot of people going through a lot in the world, but I think our guys were really concerned and continue to be concerned. This is not going to be solved by one win, this is not going to be solved overnight and we want our people to be safe."

The Astros were headed to Dallas after the win. They are scheduled to host the Rangers on Tuesday night, but the fate of that three-game series is up in the air because of the devastating flooding in the area.

"Most of us are going to Dallas with an expectation that this whole series is going to be

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Houston Astros' Brian McCann tosses his bat after hitting a three-run triple during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.

AP photo

## Cowboys' Hitchens out at least 8 weeks with knee fracture



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Anthony Hitchens (59) tries to stop Oakland Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch (24) on a run in the first half of a preseason NFL football game, Saturday, Aug. 26, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Dallas linebacker Anthony Hitchens broke a bone in his right knee in a preseason game against Oakland and is likely to miss at least eight weeks.

The Cowboys feared the injury was worse after Hitchens went the ground clutching the knee in the final seconds of the second quarter in a 24-20 victory over the Raiders on Saturday night. The team said on its website Sunday that Hitchens sustained a tibial plateau fracture.

Although he won't miss the season, the loss of Hitchens is significant because of his ability to play multiple positions, and with the Cowboys bringing along second-year player Jaylon Smith slowly in his recovery from a devastating college knee injury.

Hitchens started all 16 games last season, his third, and had a career-high 104 tackles.

Justin Durant has been on the non-football injury list during camp after offseason elbow surgery but is a strong candidate to replace Hitchens as a starter.

## NFL 2017: Wide-open look in NFC, no clear favorite



AP photo

This Aug. 8, 2017, file photo shows New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. working out during NFL football training camp in East Rutherford, N.J.

By BARRY WILNER  
AP Pro Football Writer

If the AFC has the look of a slam dunk for the Patriots, the NFC is as wide open as Odell Beckham Jr. can get on a deep pass.

Sure, there are favorites, led by the Falcons, whose late collapse in the Super Bowl should

serve as motivation to get things right for a full 60 minutes. Seattle looks like the top dog in the West, and the Giants — if Beckham can stay healthy — appear dangerous back East.

No one wants to visit the tundra in winter, but the NFC North race looks like it will go through Green Bay.

Most intriguing is what might occur in Atlanta, where the Falcons have a sensational new home — complete with reasonable food prices, if you can imagine — and some sour memories to use as impetus in the South.

"I am demanding of them and of the staff and of myself, too," coach Dan Quinn says. "I definitely share the disappointment when

that happens or share in how much fun it is when we have a red-zone period ... where it's competing and battling for it. Those are the moments I try to really stay in and not look too far down the line."

Or too close back. But handing the Falcons the division title, let alone the conference crown, is something of a stretch.

NFC SOUTH  
This might be the most competitive sector in the NFC. All four teams have high expectations, and major weak areas.

For Atlanta, aside from its psyche, the question is how much the defense has improved around sackmaster Vic Beasley Jr.

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## Renovated baseball field to be named for 'Pudge' Rodriguez

ANNANDALE, Va. (AP) — A northern Virginia baseball field is being renamed in honor of Hall of Famer Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez.

The former Washington Nationals catcher and Fairfax County officials will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the field Monday in Mason District Park

in Annandale.

The field was renovated with funds from the Nationals Dream Foundation. They opened a similar field in the District of Columbia last year, dedicated to infielder Ryan Zimmerman.

The foundation plans to renovate a youth baseball or softball

field in the D.C. region every year.

Rodriguez, who was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame last month, played the final two years of his career in Washington after a career where he made his name with the Texas Rangers.



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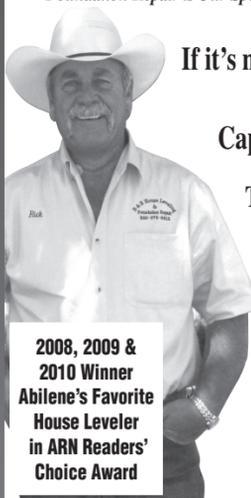
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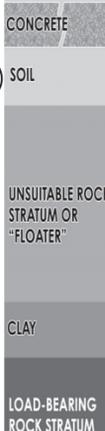
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**Lunar Shift Peels Back the Mask**

Trying to make something work is more frustrating when you're under the impression that others are doing this with no problem. Well, they aren't -- not all of them. Most put on a good face. You might be surprised what's underneath. The lunar change from Scorpio will peel back a few masks. However you feel, you're not alone in it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** On a gut level, you know the investments of energy, time or money that are right for you. Honor your limits and also your instincts toward outrageous generosity.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Stop

struggling. No one will gain from extra-neous effort. There's someone close with the power to help or maybe even make the whole dilemma go away. Reach out.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The pressure is off -- except for, of course, the pressure you're putting on yourself, which is more or less a constant. Is this really necessary? Ease up a little and then, if you feel OK about that, maybe a little more.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your instincts are honed. Believe it. You'll automatically make the right risk to save what's important. With that knowledge, you can go about your day worry-free.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Success is linked to your creativity. Before you make any actual efforts, put your imagination to the task. Daydream your way into solutions. Think of 10 different ways you might solve the problem.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Are you in love with a person or with the story you

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

have created about the person? Certainly, your projections affect the situation. Love and objectivity don't mix. The deeper the love the lesser the objectivity.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're not proud of every single thing you've done, but that's part of being human. Mistakes can't be helped. Anyway, doing nothing wrong is a mistake, too -- the mistake of being boring and scared to grow.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Someone who is truly on your wavelength -- well, it's a pretty rare find. Don't let that stop you from reaching out, though. Finish your thoughts before communicating them. Join the dots. Make it easy for people to understand you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It hasn't been easy to figure out what you really want, because the answer keeps changing. That's fine. All the more reason not to make a move yet. Wait until you're more certain.

**CAPRICORN**

**(Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Thinking energizes you. It doesn't have to be your own thinking, either; you'll be energized by what you read, hear and see, as long as there's a robust thought process behind it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Not all plans are conscious. When your subconscious plans come together today, the result will be a mixture of surprise and satisfaction.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're not going to win alone, and neither will the other person. Join forces in a game that's big enough for two. Become partners in seeking a solution with prizes for all.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28).** This solar return brings an exciting new social trajectory. You'll learn fast and much. The business you get into in November will be helped along by friends. There's a family addition in 2018 that opens up new horizons for the whole group. Take lots of pictures and records to keep track of this

fast-moving year. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 11, 34 and 18.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I know you believe in many magical things, and I was wondering whether you think that unicorns ever really existed? They are my favorite animal. I'm a Taurus, but I just can't get into claiming the cow as my favorite animal."

Though unicorns are today widely believed to be mythological creatures, they have been referred to in ancient texts as common animals -- no more special than dogs, horses or cows, which is part of the reason that many people believe that unicorns once actually existed and have since become extinct. There is an animal mentioned in the Bible whose Hebrew name is reem, which translates into "unicorn," although it has also been translated into English as "wild bull." Some scholars believe that the biblical unicorn was actually a one-horned ox, not

a horse at all. This theory's supported by Cro-Magnon cave drawings of a one-horned ox. You are right; I am one who tends to go with the magical theories. That's why I side with those who say that unicorns exist in some remote region of the world and can be found only by someone with exceptional honesty and virtue -- both qualities generally attributed to Taurus.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Jack Black is a diligent Virgo born under a soulful Pisces moon. Pisces is associated with music, art and intuition. Many great actors have Pisces energy featured prominently in their charts, as it lends the high degree of empathy necessary for a person to fully step out of himself and embody another character. Look for Black in the upcoming drama "Unexpected Race."

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**An Unwelcome Trip Down Memory Lane**

**Dear Annie:** My husband, "Matthew," and I started dating at 15, got married at 21 and have been happily married for 45 years. We have two happy and successful children and four beautiful grandchildren. I thank God everyday for what we have.

But something came up one night six months ago, when my husband's old roommate, "Will," called. We were telling those

"remember when" stories, when Will said, "Ask Matthew if he remembers the night I accidentally walked in on him and Tina sound asleep lying naked on his waterbed!"

We were on speakerphone, and when my husband heard this comment, it looked like he was about to fall through the floor. I immediately said, "Oh, sure, Matthew told me all about that, but I've forgotten the exact details over the years." Will proceeded to explain that he had been riding

around and picked up a couple of girls and brought them to the house. When it was time for Will to take the girls home, he knocked on the door but there was no answer. That is when he discovered the two asleep, unclothed, on the bed.

Matthew and I were engaged at the time he and Will were roommates. I had always trusted Matthew and thought that I had been his only sexual partner, as he was mine. Life the last six months between us has not been good. He swears to me he did not have sex with her, but when I question him about details his reply is: "I don't remember."

I am nagging the poor man to death, but I am so miserable I

can't stand it. I think if Matthew would come clean and answer all of my questions I could let this go. I would appreciate your take on this matter and I know he reads your column. I'll be waiting for your answer, as I feel it will be to go to counseling. -- To Let It Go or Not

**Dear To Let It Go or Not:** I'm sorry you're in this position. One foolish, reckless night does not negate the love you and your husband have shared for 50 years -- but the fact is you've been deeply hurt. Though this happened a long time ago, to you it's a fresh wound. Your husband needs to respect that.

Knowing the details of their encounter won't give you peace of mind. But as you

mentioned, talking out your concerns with a marriage counselor could help a great deal. The sooner you make that call, the sooner you and your husband can put this behind you and perhaps feel closer than ever.

**Dear Annie:** It seems bachelor parties have turned into moneymaking events. My 23-year-old son has been invited to many of them lately. Grooms hold gambling nights or raffles to offset the cost of the honeymoon. I would not have a problem with this, but my son gets invited to these events when he's not even invited to the wedding. I was under the impression that if you are invited to the prewedding festivities you are also invited to

the wedding. Am I just old-fashioned? -- Nancy in Ohio

**Dear Nancy in Ohio:** Weddings have changed a lot in the last few decades, but etiquette remains important -- and inviting someone to a prewedding event but not to the wedding itself is a major breach of etiquette. It makes people feel as if they're on the B-list. If your son won't be a guest at the wedding, he should not feel pressured to attend the bachelor party, period.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**Famous Hand**

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠AK843  
♥AKQJ52  
♦7  
♣10

**EAST**  
♠Q95  
♥1073  
♦852  
♣J985

**SOUTH**  
♠1076  
♥8  
♦AQ  
♣AK76432

The bidding:  
North East South West  
2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass  
3♠ Pass 4NT Pass  
5♥ Pass 5NT Pass  
6♥ Pass 7NT

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

**This deal occurred** in the 1974 Life Masters Pair Championship. South was surprised to hear his partner open with a forcing two-bid, considering that he had a solid opening bid himself, and, properly or not, he drove the hand to seven notrump.

**This turned out** to be a very poor contract, and — as the adverse cards were divided — the grand slam would ordinarily have failed.

**But South got a lucky break.** With the excitement of a grand slam permeating the air, East led a diamond — out of turn! The director was called, and he ruled that one of declarer's options was to call for a diamond lead from West — an option that South was only too happy to exercise.

**So West led** the jack of diamonds into South's A-Q, and declarer cashed both his diamonds, discarding a spade from dummy, before cashing five heart tricks to produce this position:

**North**  
♠AK84  
♥2  
♦10

**West**  
♠J2  
♥K109  
♦Q

**East**  
♠Q95  
♥J98

**South**  
♠107  
♥AK76

**The lead of dummy's deuce** of hearts at this point ruined East. He could not spare a spade, nor could he spare a club. Whichever he chose, South was sure to score the rest of the tricks, and East was left to rue the bitter fact that he had, in effect, been squeezed by his own out-of-turn opening lead.

**Tomorrow:** Reverse psychology.  
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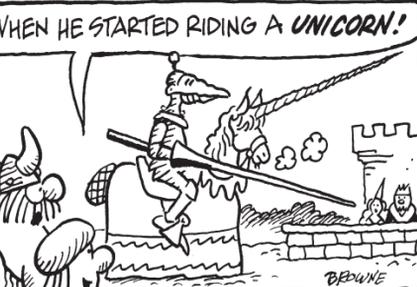


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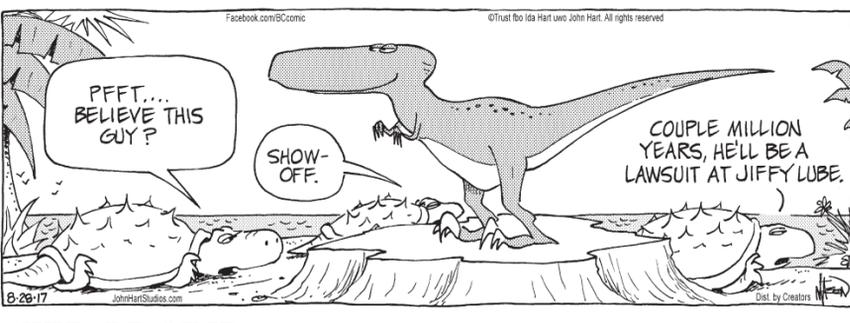
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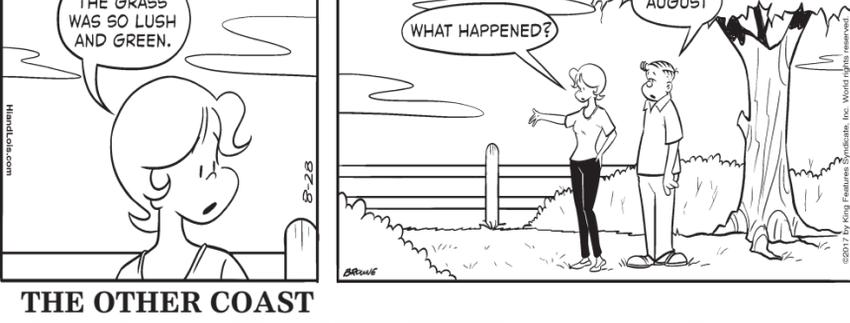
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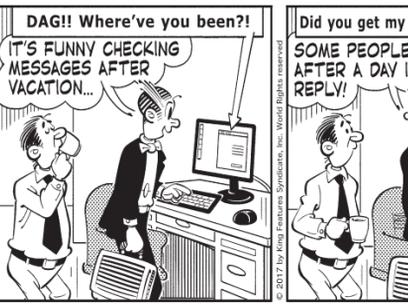
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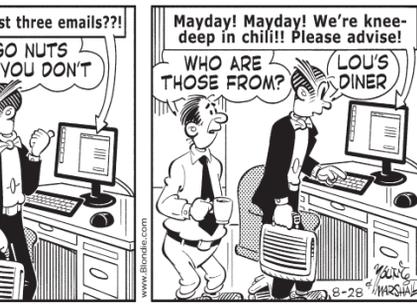
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**This Date In History**

Today is Monday, Aug. 28, the 240th day of 2017. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 28, 1917, ten suffragists demanding that President Woodrow Wilson support a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote were arrested as they picketed outside the White House.

On this date:

- In 1609, English sea explorer Henry Hudson and his ship, the Half Moon, reached present-day Delaware Bay.
- In 1862, the Second Battle of Bull Run (also known as Second Manassas) began in Prince William County, Virginia, during the Civil War; the result was a Confederate victory.
- In 1916, Italy declared war on Germany during World War I.
- In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAJ in New York City; the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Co., which had paid a fee of \$100.
- In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete (man-oh-LEH'-tay) was fatally gored during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died early the next day at age 30.
- In 1955, Emmett Till, a black

teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Mississippi, by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally slain three days later.

In 1963, more than 200,000 people listened as the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1972, Mark Spitz of the United States won the first two of his seven gold medals at the Munich Olympics, finishing first in the 200-meter butterfly and anchoring the 400-meter freestyle relay. The Soviet women gymnasts won the team all-around.

In 1987, a fire damaged the Arcadia, Florida, home of Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray, three hemophiliac brothers infected with AIDS whose court-ordered school attendance had sparked a local uproar. Academy Award-winning movie director John Huston died in Middletown, Rhode Island, at age 81.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein

(RAHM'-shtyn), West Germany.

In 1996, Democrats nominated President Bill Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago. The troubled 15-year marriage of Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana officially ended with the issuing of a divorce decree.

Ten years ago: After reports surfaced of his June arrest at the Minneapolis airport, Senator Larry Craig, R-Idaho, told a news conference the only thing he'd done wrong was to plead guilty to disorderly conduct after a police complaint of lewd conduct in a men's room; Craig also declared, "I am not gay. I never have been gay." A military court at Fort Meade, Maryland, acquitted Army Lt. Col. Steven L. Jordan of failing to control U.S. soldiers who'd abused detainees at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tiny, pesky flies
  - 6 Prepare for a bout
  - 10 Bowling alley targets
  - 14 Fastener in a girder
  - 15 Give as an example
  - 16 Notion
  - 17 Being chilled, as champagne
  - 18 Very much
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  - 20 Worry-free felt-tip pens
  - 23 Accomplished
  - 24 Wall-climbing plant
  - 25 Of odors and sonnets
  - 29 Buddies
  - 31 24-hr. bank device
  - 34 Chicago airport
  - 35 Husband or wife
  - 36 Model builder's adhesive
  - 37 Worry-free liquid for a tot's artwork
  - 40 A Great Lake
  - 41 Highway exit
  - 42 Banquet host
  - 43 Was in charge of
  - 44 Uses scissors
  - 45 War horses
  - 46 Point at a target
  - 47 Moral wrong
  - 48 Worry-free coloring-book implements
  - 57 Don't have
  - 58 Entice
  - 59 \_\_\_ Antoinette (French queen)
  - 60 Silent performer
  - 61 Deserve
  - 62 Make very happy
- DOWN**
- 1 Get taller
  - 2 One of Columbus' ships
  - 3 Hertz rival
  - 4 Computer support person
  - 5 Less wobbly
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  - 7 Stack
  - 8 Molecule part
  - 9 Store merchant
  - 10 Overly fussy
  - 11 Not doing anything
  - 12 Close by
  - 13 Drains of energy
  - 21 Paper Mate competitor
  - 22 Campers' vehicles, for short
  - 25 Electricity supply
  - 26 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
  - 27 Have dinner at home
  - 28 Family \_\_\_ (genealogy chart)
  - 29 Coconut sources
  - 30 Perched on
  - 31 Wonderland girl
  - 32 Adjusted, as a guitar
  - 33 Parcels (out)
  - 35 Water around a castle
  - 36 Scrabble or Monopoly
  - 38 Broke into little pieces
  - 39 Terms of affection
  - 44 US spy org.
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  - 49 Staircase banister
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  - 52 Makes a mistake
  - 53 New Haven university
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NFL

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Adding tackle Dontari Poe and rookie end Takkarist McKinley should help the pass rush, but the secondary, in particular, needs upgrading.

That said, 2016 MVP Matt Ryan and a strong corps of receivers and running backs are capable of 40 points any day.

Carolina's post-Super Bowl malaise was apparent from the outset last year, and Ron Rivera is too good a coach to let anything approaching halfheartedness rear its head again. Look for Cam Newton, if his arm is OK, to have a strong turnaround campaign, and the running game to be spiced by rookie Christian McCaffrey. The defense has Luke Kuechly and Thomas Davis as its foundation.

Tampa Bay must find such a foundation on D to go with an offense that will scare every opponent. Watch TE O.J. Howard, an Offensive Rookie of the Year favorite.

New Orleans is in an ugly trend of 7-9 finishes. A fourth straight, especially with Drew Brees still a sensational passer, could doom coach Sean Payton, who needs the defense to show up.

NFC WEST

The only remote challenge to the Seahawks — except, perhaps, for turmoil within — is Arizona. The Cardinals, though, come off an underachieving season in which they couldn't close the deal too often.

If Carson Palmer rebounds, David Johnson continues as the most versatile RB around, and Larry Fitzgerald remains, well, Larry Fitz, Arizona could push Seattle. The Cardinals were badly damaged by injuries in 2016 and their depth still is questionable.

Seattle also had injury issues, yet got into the playoffs in something of a down year. Its running game has been juiced up with the return of Thomas Rawls and the signing of Eddie Lacy (if he is in shape), and that defense can be scary, especially down the stretch.

Forget any thoughts of the Rams or 49ers contending for anything but high draft choices.

NFC EAST

During a year when Jerry Jones went into the Hall of Fame, how about them Cowboys winning it all?

Whoa! Dallas might not be the top team in this division.

While the Cowboys could take a step back, perhaps several if sizzling RB Ezekiel Elliott has to sit out all six games of his suspension, New York is primed to leap forward. That changes if Beckham keeps taking hits like he did against Cleveland last Monday, but with Brandon Marshall and impressive rookie TE Evan Engram, Eli Manning has more targets. The big if is New York's ground game, but no one — not even Dallas — figures to run well against Steve Spagnuolo's defense.



This June 15, 2017, file photo shows Atlanta Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan (2) throwing a pass during NFL minicamp football in Flowery Branch, Ga.

AP photo

Washington is paying QB Kirk Cousins as if he was a combination of Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers. The Redskins needs that kind of production from him to stay out of the cellar.

NFC NORTH

Detroit and Minnesota have designs on challenging the Packers. We don't see it.

Not if Rodgers is healthy and develops a symbiotic relationship with TE Martellus Bennett, among the best offseason signings by any team. Not if the secondary that was so damaged by injuries can stay healthier. Certainly not if the Packers find their form early after a 4-6 record last season forced them to get hot just to get into the postseason.

If Minnesota finds a balanced offense to go with a very strong defensive line, it could get it into the playoffs. The Vikings should be powerful on the ground with Latavius Murray and rookie Dalvin Cook, but the air game needs more consistency and downfield threats. Minnesota could lead the league in sacks.

The Lions were comeback kings in 2016 and will need to avoid falling in so many holes this time. Improvements up front could bolster the running game, and Matthew Stafford has proven he is worth franchise-QB money. It's hard to get excited about the D in Motor City, though.

The Bears won't resemble recent versions of the Cubs or Blackhawks.



AP photo

Houston Astros players celebrate their team's 7-5 win against the Los Angeles Angels in a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Anaheim, Calif.

ASTROS

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disrupted," Hinch said. "It's impossible for us to think based on the coverage that we're seeing out of Houston that there's going to be baseball that needs to be played and will be played."

Jose Altuve sparked the winning rally against Los Angeles with a two-out single against Cam Bedrosian (3-3). Josh Reddick then singled and Yuli Gurriel walked before McCann's drive just got over a leaping Mike Trout in center field, giving Houston a 7-5 lead.

"I knew it was hit pretty good. At night time, I catch it. I couldn't take my eye off it with the sun. We were battling the sun all day," Trout said. "The outfield was tough today. I told myself I had to jump. I just missed it." Los Angeles loaded the bases against Ken Giles in the ninth, but designated hitter Albert Pujols flied out to center field to end the game. Giles earned his 26th save.

The American League-leading Astros (79-51) took two of three in the weekend series. The Angels (66-65) fell 1 1/2 games back of Minnesota in the race for the second AL wild card.

Los Angeles erased a five-run deficit on its way to a 7-6 victory on Saturday night. It put together another big rally in the series finale.

Ben Revere got the Angels on the board with a three-run double in the fifth and Luis Valbuena belted a two-run homer against Joe Musgrove (6-8)

in the sixth, making it 5-4 Los Angeles.

"I'm very proud of our group. We play 162 of these (games). This one was played with a lot of emotion for a lot of reasons. Obviously it's just a game but it's a big win for us," Hinch said. "I thought our guys played hard and took a game when we could have just sort of backed down and taken another one on the chin and got back on the plane and tried to get back to Texas. Proud of our group obviously and kind of a tough day."

SLUMPING TROUT

Trout went 0 for 3 and is hitless in his last 17 at-bats. His career-worst slump is 0 for 18 in 2014.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Hinch said SS Carlos Correa (thumb) was expected to play Sunday for Triple-A Fresno. He has been out of the Houston lineup since July 17. ... RHP Will Harris (shoulder) was activated from the disabled list.

Angels: Manager Mike Scioscia said 3B Yunel Escobar (oblique) will begin a rehabilitation assignment Tuesday or Wednesday but didn't say exactly where. Escobar has been out since Aug. 6.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Mike Fiers (8-8, 4.17 ERA) is scheduled to pitch Tuesday at home against Texas, provided the game isn't delayed because of Hurricane Harvey. Fiers pitched seven solid innings in a 6-1 win against Washington in his previous start on Wednesday.

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# Trump praises spirit of Texans as they cope with Harvey

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has been showcasing the federal government's response to Harvey on Twitter and praising the spirit of Texans as they cope with the storm.

Trump plans to visit the state on Tuesday.

In a series of tweets Sunday Trump said his administration was handling its responsibilities well and, in a tangential aside, hawked a book on race and crime in America written by a supporter.

"Wow - Now experts are calling #Harvey a once in 500 year flood! We have an all out effort going, and going well!"

Later, he added: "Even experts have said they've never seen one like this!" and "HISTORIC rainfall in Houston, and all over Texas. Floods are unprecedented, and more rain coming. Spirit of the people is incredible. Thanks!"

Harvey is the first major natural disaster of Trump's presidency and a significant test for a White House that is often chaotic and rife with infighting. Attention on Harvey from officials, the public and the news media also allows Trump to refocus after a turbulent stretch that included his widely criticized response to the white nationalist protests in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump, who spent most of the weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, convened a Cabinet meeting by telephone Sunday which included Vice President Mike Pence. He tweeted a promise of a Texas visit "as soon as that trip can be made without causing disruption" — later announced by the White House as Tuesday.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott loaded heavy praise on Trump and the federal government, describing an "A-plus" effort.

"I've got to tell you, I give FEMA a grade of A+, all the way from the president

down," Abbott said. "I've spoken to the president several times, to his Cabinet members, such as secretary of homeland security, such as the administrator of FEMA, such as Tom Price, the secretary of health and human services."

The devastating storm has dumped more than 2 feet of rain, sending thousands of people in Houston to rooftops for rescue and prompting a warning from Federal Emergency Management Agency director Brock Long of a "landmark event" that could require years to get damaged areas back on track.

"All across the board, from the White House to the federal administration to FEMA, they've been very helpful," Abbott said.

Harvey made landfall along the Gulf Coast on Friday night as a Category 4 storm near Corpus Christi, and moved northeast along the Texas coast over Houston. Abbott said he expected heavy rain "for days to come."

The governor commended Trump for being "extremely professional, very helpful" in moving quickly to grant his request Friday for an immediate disaster declaration, which triggers additional federal assistance to aggrieved areas.

Abbott said the focus was on rescue in the Houston area, citing multiple high-level vehicles sent in late Saturday night that were being manned by the National Guard, but that boats and helicopters will be available all across east Texas for swift water rescue. Still, in many areas, Houston officials were reporting flooding so widespread that rescuers were getting too many calls to respond to each one and had to prioritize life-and-death situations.

"We're measuring rain these days not in inches but in feet," Abbott said.

In his tweets, Trump praised Federal Emergency Management Agency Admin-



AP photo

Residents are rescued from their homes surrounded by floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017, in Houston, Texas.

istrator Brock Long for "doing a great job" and touted the "great coordination between agencies at all levels of government." He also tweeted Sunday morning about his Cabinet meeting to address Harvey. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees FEMA, is currently without a secretary.

"Major rescue operations underway!" he wrote.

Trump's tweets had their oddities and non-sequiturs. He also addressed the North America Free Trade agreement, the need for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and tax cuts. Trump also found time to promote a book by Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, Sheriff David Clarke, a Trump supporter often on television discussing his conservative views of race, crime and law enforcement.

The White House released a summary of the Cabinet conference call, saying Trump "continued to stress his expectation that all departments and agencies stay fully committed to supporting the Governors of Texas and Louisiana and his number one

priority of saving lives."

The Trump administration efforts seek to offer a contrast to President George W. Bush's response to Hurricane Katrina, which hit New Orleans in August 2005 and left more than 1,500 dead. The mismanaged response of Bush's FEMA administrator, Michael Brown, to that hurricane, as well as Bush's praise of Brown for doing a "heck of a job" in the immediate days after, dogged Bush for the rest of his presidency.

On Sunday, Long said FEMA is now "vastly different" than in 2005 and that he has the power he needs to mobilize forces and coordinate staffing. He said the agency was already preparing to handle the aftermath in Texas for the next couple of years.

"This disaster's going to be a landmark event," Long said. "While we're focused on the response right now and helping Texas respond, we're already pushing forward recovery housing teams, we're already pushing forward forces to be on the ground to implement national flood insurance program polices

as well and doing the inspections that we need."

White House homeland security adviser Tom Bossert defended the early compliments between Trump and Abbott for the response to Harvey, citing the quick action to declare a disaster before landfall to get additional resources in place. But Bossert acknowledged the worst was yet to come, estimating "continued rain, upwards of 30 inches."

"I've been around dozens and dozens of major disasters and hurricanes, hundreds of disasters. I've never seen 30 inches of rain," he said. "We're going to posture ourselves for the long-term care of the medical needy, of the elderly, of the weak and then we'll put ourselves in the position to provide the resources to rebuild and recover," he said.

Abbott spoke on ABC's "This Week" and "Fox News Sunday," Long appeared on CNN's "State of the Union" and NBC's "Meet the Press," and Bossert was on ABC and CBS' "Face the Nation."

## Houston convention center gives refuge to Harvey's survivors

By NOMAAN MERCHANT

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Patricia Cain entered the George R. Brown Convention Center barefoot and carrying two oxygen tanks. The first was empty. The second was given to her by the Houston Fire Department after the U.S. Coast Guard rescued her from her flooded home.

She suffers from congestive heart failure, among other illnesses. Her son, William, and 9-year-old grandson were waiting for her inside. Both were barefoot as well.

"I live in a lake where there was once dry land," William Cain said.

The Cains were among hundreds of people who arrived Sunday by boat, by bus, and by foot to Houston's showcase convention center downtown, transformed by volunteers with few hours' notice into a shelter as Harvey ravaged Houston.

Weary and carrying little more than what was in their pockets, they prepared for what could be several days inside the convention center. Many of the roads and major highways nearby were impassable. The American Red Cross was expanding the shelter by the hour as more people arrived, including dozens of volunteers and local residents who saw reports on the news or social media and brought bags of donations.

Inside a cavernous hall humming with the sound of hundreds of conversations, volunteers served food, handed out towels and set up tables with donated clothes for a long line of evacuees. Some people huddled around a projection screen showing television coverage of the storm. Others collected bowls of pasta with parmesan cheese and cups of black coffee.

A long line of people carrying blankets and pillows waited to enter a separate space in the convention center serving as the dormitory. Volunteers

had set out around 1,300 cots and were quickly assembling more in anticipation of other evacuees arriving through the night. They have enough space and cots to house 5,000 people. Police officers and medics stood ready, though there were no reports of arrests or major incidents Sunday.

"We feel that we have the resources and the knowledge not to have this be anything but safe for families, children and others who need support and safety," said U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, who visited the shelter Sunday.

The American Red Cross mobilized at the convention center on a few hours' notice, said Ken Sandy, a shelter manager. The city of Houston had publicly announced just two shelters Saturday night, as the worst of the rain that pelted Houston and surrounding Harris County began. One of the shelters had to close because it was too close to high water.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner then announced Sunday morning that the convention center would become a shelter. A few hours later, the first group of evacuees arrived.

Most of the people at the shelter were African-American or Latino, and many of their stories reflected how Harvey affected low-income neighborhoods and the homeless.

Many were from the Clayton Homes, a public housing complex bounded on one side by an interstate highway and another by Buffalo Bayou, which flooded heavily along with all of Houston's major waterways.

Police used boats to evacuate many of the complex's residents and bring them to the convention center in trucks.

D'Ona Spears and Brandon Polson walked with their five children, bags full of belongings, and their 7-year-old Chihuahua, Missy. They decided to leave once the water in the first story of their home reached their knees. Polson said the management at the complex wouldn't open a community building on site that had stayed dry as the apartments around it were flooding.

"As soon as you step out, a lot of cars are in the water," Spears said.

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