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**Hurricane Ike Slams Into Texas Coast; Brings Devastation**

AUSTIN - Hurricane Ike's 40-mile wide eye crossed Galveston Island early on Sept. 13, laying waste to the city of Galveston before plowing its way north through Houston, then heading northeast

and out of Texas.

Ike brought with it powerful winds and a 12-foot wall of seawater that wrecked or swamped Galveston homes, businesses and infrastructure. FEMA-directed search and rescue crews moved in to Galveston and other communities as winds and high water began to recede. An estimated 140,000 coastal residents did not obey evacuation orders. On Sept. 14, the governor's office reported more than 1,900 storm victims had been rescued.

On Sept. 15, nearly 3 million homes were still without power in scores of communities in Ike's path. Crews began to distribute water, ice and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) on Sept. 14. Authorities asked that residents not return to stricken areas until further notice.

For evacuees and rescuees whose homes and businesses are still habitable, it could take weeks before power and city services are restored.

The National Weather Service on Sept. 12 had predicted a life-threatening storm surge to hit the Texas coast in advance of Ike as it spun toward Texas as a Category 2 hurricane with winds in excess of 100 mph.

**Service to protect Ike evacuees**

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Sept. 11 launched Operation Safe Shelter, an emergency service to provide registered sex offender information to evacuation shelter personnel.

The Office of Attorney General established a 24-hour a day, toll-free emergency hotline to allow shelter personnel to inquire whether evacuees are registered sex offenders.

When evacuation shelters contact the Safe Shelter Hotline at (866) 385-0333, officials will access and share information from the state's registered sex offender database.

Callers should be prepared to provide evacuees' names, addresses and dates of birth. Shelter managers can use this information as necessary to coordinate specialized housing arrangements or take other action as appropriate, according to the attorney general's office.

**Texas tops California in study**

Gov. Rick Perry and economist Arthur Laffer on Sept. 9 unveiled a study comparing Texas and California.

Laffer's study suggests that Texas' lower taxes, reasonable regulations and limited government have created a better economic climate with growth in income, wealth and employment projected to strengthen relative to California and the nation as a whole.

Perry and Laffer presented the study at a forum hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation, Texas Association of Business and Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute.

A news release from Perry's office said the study compares the two states' taxes on labor income, capital income, consumption, overall tax environment, government spending policies and government regulatory policies. The study found Texas' economic

environment more competitive than California's in five of the categories and equal to California's in taxes on consumption.

Perry credited "controlled government spending and a reasonable tax environment with creating prosperity and attracting businesses to move to Texas" and expressed the value of "continued government spending restraint and transparency."

**New prepaid tuition fund debuts**

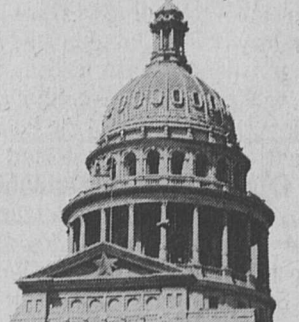
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 10 rolled out the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, a way for parents to lock in current prices for college tuition and fees for their children.

"You can prepay for a four-year degree, or you can prepay in small bites - for just a few classes or a few semesters. And, best of all, you don't have to worry about future tuition increases, because you lock in current prices," Combs said.

The Texas Tuition Promise

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

Fund offers three levels of pricing to prepay undergraduate tuition at schools ranging from public community colleges to four-year state universities. The money also may be used at out-of-state or private universities, with students and their families making up for the difference in cost.

Prepaid tuition accounts must be paid in full and open for at least three years before tuition benefits can be paid, a feature that encourages parents to begin saving early, the comptroller stipulated.

**Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant**  
 20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake  
 979-234-3984


**Breakfast Specials:** Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

**Lunch and Dinner Specials**  
 Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.


**Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Hours:**  
**Mon.-Thurs.:** 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.  
**Fri. and Sat.:** 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

**Happy Birthday Annie September 21**



Love Your Family,  
 Willie, Robbie, Junior,  
 LaQuisha, Jay, Melvin, Anita, Melvion,  
 Amaya and Ana



**30TH ANNUAL COLORADO COUNTY FAIR**  
**Rescheduled For September 18-20**

Colorado County Fairgrounds  
 Hwy. 71 @ I-10 (Exit 695) • Columbus, Texas

**New Entertainment Lineup**

Johns Guns - Thurs. 8 p.m. to Midnight  
 Southbound 955 - Friday 8 p.m. to Midnight  
**Saturday**  
 Kaitlyn & Chris Hobaugh - 7 to 8 p.m.  
 Steel Country - 8 to 10 p.m.  
 Todd Fritsch - 10 to 11:30 p.m.  
 Steel Country - 11:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Many of the Events Will Be Held at The Originally Scheduled Times, One Week Later, Including: Livestock Show and Sale, BBQ Cookoff. Ranch Rodeo is Sat. - 7:30 p.m.

**Season Passes Will Be Accepted!**  
 Go to [ColoradoCountyFair.org](http://ColoradoCountyFair.org) for the latest info.

**Let's Look Back... 24 YEARS AGO**

**October 4, 1984**  
 Miss Becky Almanza was crowned queen of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church on September 2 by parish president Leo Cordova. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Almanza...

Mrs. Peter Kallina was honored with a baby shower on Saturday morning in Garwood at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Waligura...

On September 23 Stephanie Braden, joined by her friends and relatives, celebrated her third birthday. The party given by her parents, Earl and Ann Braden was held at their home. Her actual birthday was September 22...

Robert R. Pratt, son of Robert T. Pratt of Garwood entered the United States Air Force Delayed Enlistment program on September 15...

Funeral services for Guy N. Wynn, Sr., 90, of Richmond, were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26 at First Baptist Church of Richmond with the Rev. John Lockhart officiating. Burial followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Driik of Garwood announce the birth of their daughter, Melissa Victoria. She was born at Gulf Coast Medical Center on Saturday, July 21 at 5:13 p.m. and weighed six pounds, two ounces...

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leopold of Nada announce the birth of their third child, a son, born on September 27 at 9:44 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Jeffrey James and weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and measured 21 inches long...

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peroni of Chesterville announce the birth of their third child, a son born on September 12 at 5:04 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Russell John and weighed seven pounds, three ounces and measured 19 inches at birth...

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gertson of East Bernard announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 6:34 p.m. on September 13 at the Gulf Coast Medical Center. The baby was named Timothy Neil and weighed seven pounds, four ounces...

Colonel and Mrs. Richard H. Terrell of Fairfax Station Virginia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Faira Lee, to Dean Lowell Stevick of Lawton, Oklahoma. The couple are planning a November 24 wedding at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma...

Miss Donna Lynne Treka of Eagle Lake and Houston was united in marriage to Duane Winston Farthing of El Campo and Houston in a lovely double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 29 at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo with Rev. James C. Brunner officiating...

Elizabeth Ann (Liz) Schneider, 40, of Columbus passed away September 18 at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Columbus under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home. Rev. Bill Huth officiating at the services. Burial was in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Columbus...

Emily Pauline Boenisch, 61, a native of the Garwood community, passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on September 25 after an extended illness. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, September 28 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada with Rev. Bishop Hugo Gerbermann officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery under the direction of Triska Funeral Home in El Campo.

**COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT**

Twenty-eight individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Sept. 10. They included:

Jaime Cruz, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Autry L. Ellison, evading arrest/detention. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.

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Megan Evans, theft. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 plus court costs, 20 days in jail as condition of probation.

George Flores, driving while license invalid. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Patrick A. Garamillo, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs, interlock device.

Matthew Garcia, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Tressell Hawkins, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$2,000 plus court costs.

Aniekan Bassey Isaiah, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs, interlock device.

Bobby Molano, Jr., possession of marijuana. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Christopher T. Orzabal, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C, fined \$100 plus court costs.

Alimohomed N. Panjwani, sale to minors-alcohol. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Maria D. Rico, sale to minors-alcohol. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Carmen M. Rivera, sale to minors-alcohol. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs.


Rogelio Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.

Benjamin A. Parke, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to nine months deferred adjudication, fined \$250 plus court costs and

**ASHES TO BEAUTY PRESENTS**

**Eagle Lake Community Outreach**  
**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**11am - 2pm**  
**Eagle Lake Community Park**  
**FOR ALL AGES!!**

Free food, music, entertainment, games, and prizes.  
**See you there!**



"Changing families, one person at a time."

For more information you may call 234-3002.

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