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Hurricane Ike Recovery Underway For State

AUSTIN - Hurricane Ike augged through the state Sept. 13-14, battering Galveston and other communities along its path.

Gov. Rick Perry pledged to residents of stricken areas that the state would see them through the restoration process.

Perry's office reported that as of Sept. 18, 211 shelters were open throughout Texas housing more than 21,941 evacuees; more than 1,360 truckloads of water and

1,201 truckloads of ice have been distributed throughout storm-affected areas.

Nearly 10,000 utility workers, many from out of state, set about the task of restoring power. As of Sept. 20, about one third of the estimated 3 million people were still without power.

Reopened businesses and many more signs of recovery from the hurricane are popping up, but there is much unresolved

for thousands of people. The governor urged displaced Texans "to remain patient and stay where they are until local officials deem their neighborhoods are safe enough for their return."

For those displaced by the hurricane, Perry ordered that hotel and motel taxes be waived through Oct. 14 and FEMA set up transitional housing help.

Evacuees may phone 2-1-1 from any Texas landline or Texas cell phone to get information on how and where to apply for food stamps and other assistance.

Insurance companies have been extra busy. For example, Farmers Insurance said that as of Sept. 16, the company had received more than 50,000 Ike-related claims.

Farmers sent claims buses to sites in Houston, Beaumont, Humble, Pasadena, Pearland and Sugar Land to help customers file on-the-spot claims.

And what about beloved pets and livestock left behind in the storm? The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals reported it was working with the Texas State Animal Resource Team and other credentialed animal care agencies to assist and provide resources.

AG provides info-aid to evacuees

Attorney General Greg Abbott and his office have had a big role in the return to normalcy after Hurricane Ike.

On Sept. 15, Abbott launched a hotline to help custodial parents get child support payments.

Also on Sept. 15, he announced that more than 3,300 evacuees had been screened in an effort to identify registered sex offenders staying in shelters.

On Sept. 16, Abbott reminded Texans to report price gougers. Also on Sept. 16, he detailed the rights of evacuees when they stay in hotels.

On Sept. 17, he offered tips on ways to avoid disaster-related scams and that same day he also said emergency shelters had called in 5,555 evacuee names for

his office staff to compare with the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry.

As of Sept. 18, Abbott's office identified 18 people residing in emergency shelters as sex offenders and 36 more people as possible matches with the sex offender database.

And on Sept. 19, Abbott said, "When disaster strikes, many Texans want to make generous donations to charitable organizations. Before reaching for their wallets, Texans should ask questions and check the facts to make sure they are not about to hand their money over to a scam artist posing as a charitable cause."

Combs parts with Lehman Bros.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 17 severed the state's contract with Lehman Brothers Inc. to provide market-

ing and client services to TexPool and TexPool Prime, investment pools used by local governmental bodies.

Lehman Brothers Inc. is owned by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Sept. 15.

Combs assured investors that the bankruptcy filing poses no threat to local governments invested in TexPool and TexPool Prime. Those kinds of investments are managed by a separate company, Federated Investors Inc., she said.

Eyes of Texas on bailout plan

Attention will be on Congress over the next few days, to see how lawmakers react to the Bush administration's proposed \$700 billion bailout of Wall Street financial institutions that are suffering

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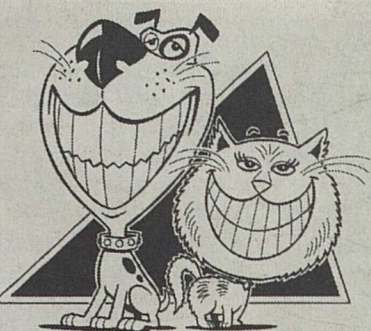


HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

the cascading effect of failed home mortgages. Texans will have a big stake in the outcome.

Big dates in upcoming election

Monday, Oct. 6, is the last day for Texas residents to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election. Early voting begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31.



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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

October 11, 1984

Mrs. Ruby Dee Mathis, 69, of Eagle Lake passed away October 5 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a lengthy illness. The remains were taken to the Calloway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan for services on Sunday, October 7 from the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bryan with **Rev. Scott Mikkelson** officiating. Burial was in Restever Memorial Park Cemetery in Bryan...

Miss Coaina Lynn Burkhart of Conroe and **Don M. Spence** of Conroe were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony on August 31 at the Northside Baptist Church in Conroe...

Amy Fearing, daughter of **John and Jeannine Fearing** of Eagle Lake celebrated her third birthday Saturday with a party at her home...

Joe Jr. and Judy Janecka of Richmond are the pleased parents of their third child, a son, born September 25 at 8:31 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. **Justin Gerard Janecka** weighed eight pounds and measured 21 1/2 inches long at birth...

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Price

of San Antonio are pleased to announce the arrival of their third child, a son, born at Northeast Baptist Hospital in San Antonio at 5:05 a.m. on Tuesday, October 2. He has been named **Roger Andrew** and weighed seven pounds, six ounces at birth and measured 20 1/2 inches...

Ralph and Leslie Bowers are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, of October 2 at 1:57 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Galveston. The baby was named **Josh Bowers** and weighed seven pounds, four ounces and measured 20 inches long at birth...

Anadina Rios "Annie" Coronado, 89, of Eagle Lake passed away October 8 at the Hermann Hospital in Houston from injuries received from an auto accident in September. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 5 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel led by **Eusebio Salazar**. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 6 from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the **Rev. Msgr. Victor M. Schmidtinsky** officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

Casimiro Torres, 69, of Eagle

Lake passed away October 3 at the Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 4 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel led by **Eusebio Salazar**. The funeral was conducted at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with **Rev. Lionel DeSilva, C.S.P.**, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery...

As the sun was setting in Bryan on Saturday, September 15 at 8 p.m. friends and relatives were gathering at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the wedding of **Miss Lori Anne Zemanek** and **Allan Haley Higgins**...

On Saturday, September 22, **Lana Mahalite** and **Jim Stein** were guests of honor at a party hosted by Lana's grandmother, **Mrs. Ethel Konvicka**...

Mrs. Jack Shaver and **Mrs. John Clipson** recently returned from King of Prussia, Pennsylvania where they visited Mrs. Shaver's sister, **Bernice Roth**. They left on September 16 and returned home on September 27 and reported visiting many interesting places and enjoyed the visit...

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending Aug. 28.

Friday, August 15

At 1:10 pm, Deputy Hudson located a purse in the bed of Skull Creek on CR 102 south of Columbus. After further investigation, the purse was determined to be stolen from Columbus. The purse was returned to the owner and the information was forwarded to the Columbus Police Department for further investigation.

Case closed.

Saturday, August 16

At 8:50 am, Deputy Abbott responded to the Columbus Emergency Room in reference to a dog bite. On arrival, it was determined the victim had been bitten by her own dog, which was current on all vaccinations. A report was filed and the case is closed.

Sunday, August 17

At 9 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt spoke with a complainant from Weimar in reference to an AR-15 rifle that was missing from his truck. A

description of the weapon was obtained and entered into the state and national database as stolen. Case is pending recovery.

At 10:57 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt conducted a traffic stop on Schulenburg Lane near Hwy 90 west of Columbus. After further investigation, Barret Lee Wilde, 17 of Cat Spring, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol by a Minor, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, and Minor in Possession of Tobacco. In addition, two passengers identified as **Ivan Galindo**, 17 of Columbus, and **Jonathan Thomas Chovanez**, 17 of Columbus, were arrested for Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. Case closed.

At 11:43 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to a residence on Bernardo Road near Cat Spring in reference to suspicious activity. The information was documented and the case is closed.

Monday, August 18

At 10:20 pm, Deputy Thumann conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 and Richter Road west of Columbus. After further investigation, **Rocky Glen Howe Jr.**, 31 of Austin, was arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Case closed.

Tuesday, August 19

At 2:30 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the Rice Medical Center in reference to a Peace Officer's Warrant for a mental patient. The patient was transported to the Austin State Hospital for treatment. Case closed.

At 1:13 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence on FM 102 near Eagle Lake in reference to a Burglary. On arrival, a description of stolen property was obtained and evidence was collected. Case is pending further investigation.

Wednesday, August 20

At 2:59 am, Deputy Thumann attempted to conduct a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 708 mile marker for a traffic violation. After

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