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### LOUISIANA AND GULF COAST NEWS:

**PROPOSED FLOOD-PROOFING AID HITS BUMP.** A \$12 billion Trump administration proposal to help make cities in Louisiana and elsewhere more resilient to flooding is meeting skepticism in Congress, reports [Bloomberg](#) (12/5/17, Flavelle). Expiration of the National Flood Insurance Program could upend real-estate markets unless Congress takes fast action, reports [The Advocate](#) (12/4/17, Stole). It will take longer than the two-week reprieve under discussion

to reform the troubled NFIP, according to [The Advocate](#) (12/6/17, Grace). The New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (12/5/17) called on lawmakers to make overhauling the program a priority. Meanwhile, FEMA manufactured homes head from Louisiana to Texas to house Hurricane Harvey victims, reports [The Advocate](#) (12/6/17, Hardy).

### **STORM SEASON CLOSES, 2018 NAMES ALREADY**

**KNOWN.** The just-ended 2017 hurricane season “mostly spared” Louisiana and we already know the name of the first major storm of 2018, reports the New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (12/5/17, Morris). A weather expert described recent U.S. storms as “for the record books,” reports [The Advocate](#) (12/2/17, Roberts).

### **STATE MUST ARGUE COAST-RESTORATION BENEFITS.**

Louisiana must advance a convincing cost-benefit analysis that spending \$90 billion to fix its vanishing coast is something the rest of the nation should support, according to the New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (12/4/17, Marshall). A federal official promises faster progress on coastal work, reports [The Advocate](#) (12/2/17, Hardy). Gov. Edwards called on Congress to renew the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which soon runs out of money in Louisiana, reports [The Advocate](#) (12/6/17, Stole).

### **BUYOUTS NEAR FOR SOME ASCENSION**

**HOMEOWNERS.** Property owners in an area of Gonzales that has flooded repeatedly face the prospect of buy-outs as a long-term solution, reports [The Advocate](#) (12/2/17, Couvillion).



## **NATIONAL INDUSTRY NEWS:**

**POST-HARVEY REBUILDING LOOKS FAMILIAR.** Post Hurricane Harvey rebuilding in Houston includes projects in flood-prone areas being built in ways that are little different than before the disaster, reports [Reuters](#) (11/30/17, Sullivan). The Federal Emergency Management Agency will file more than \$1 billion in Harvey

reinsurance claims, reports the [Insurance Journal](#) (12/6/17, National News).

**DISASTER TOLL CLIMBS AS FIRES RAGE.** The cost of 2017 disasters is rising this week as wildfires burn across California, reports [The Canadian Press](#) (12/6/17, Myers). There are indications that 2018 will bring another active hurricane season, reports Florida's [Sun-Sentinel](#) (11/29/17, Clarkson).

**COST OF ROBO-CARS TO PLUNGE.** An industry executive wants to reduce the cost of driverless cars by more than 90 percent to about \$5,000 in less than a decade, and other experts also expect big reductions in cost, reports [Reuters](#) (12/5/17, Lienert).



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