

# The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1967, Hurricane Beulah, the third largest hurricane of the 20th century, struck South Texas. It battered the state for two days. The storm hit Brownsville with winds estimated at 140 miles an hour, moved northwest across South Texas to the vicinity of Alice, then turned southwest, crossed the Rio Grande between Zapata and Laredo, and finally blew itself out in Mexico. Tornadoes spawned by Beulah did extensive damage to South Texas and northeast Mexico.

On Sept. 28, President Johnson declared 24 counties in South Texas a disaster area. Official estimates in these counties set the number of dead at 18, the injured or sick at 9,000, and the number of homes destroyed or heavily damaged at 3,000. Property damage was estimated at \$100 million, crop damage at \$50 million.

Some 300,000 people were evacuated during the storm and subsequent flooding.