Volunteer rescuers helped evacuate people stranded by the flood waters near Bush Airport off Beltway 8 in Houston.

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Storm could become one of the nation's costliest disasters, analysts say.

With few clothes and no way home, survivors search for answers — including whether other family members survived.

Some wanting to help should be cautious when choosing where to donate.

President Trump predicts Congress will act swiftly on a multi-billion-dollar recovery package.

From Web fringes, the seeds of Trump's ire

Postings, theories from alternative media find their way into White House

WASHINGTON — President Trump bewildered security experts in February when he stated without evidence that Sweden's refugee policies made the country less safe.

“What has he been smoking?” Americans asked.

“By Astead W. Herndon

Complete report, A3.

Local, state and federal officials conceded that the scale of the crisis was so vast that there were nowhere near enough resources to measure it, much less fully address it.

Across a region that is home to millions of people and includes Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, no one has a clear idea how many people have been rescued from the rooftops in their war-torn neighborhoods, how many immmitted homes and vehicles are beyond saving.

It is one of the largest disasters America has ever faced,” Governor Greg Abbott said, warning against expecting anything resembling recovery anytime soon or a return to the way things were.

“We need to recognize it will be a new normal, a new and different normal for this entire region.”

Streets of people and pets being rescued from the roofs and upper floors of houses revealed memories of 2005.

As the rain fell and the flooding exponentially increased, the president's most loyal fans had been obsessed with claims that Sweden was being overrun with migrant crime.

It did not matter that the truth was more complex or that Sweden's higher rate of reported rapes predated any influx in refugees.

The narrative had already taken hold, beginning in internet message boards before migrating to popular pro-Trump social media accounts, and, eventually, to the president.

Understanding the ecosystem of non-mainstream, pro-Trump media is critical to a fuller understanding of the Trump presidency itself.

The alternative media, nicknamed the "alt-media," can often be a sign post for where Trump is going, a predictor for a seemingly unpredictable president.

No matter how true, misleading, or based in derogatory stereotypes its claims are, the information churned out by the alt-media's most prominent members has consistently built up from anonymous Internet forums to the president's official statements.

Citizens told to take cover amid provocative test

By Cheo Sang-Hun and David E. Sanger

SEOUL — North Korea carried out one of its most provocative missile tests in recent years early Monday, hurling a ballistic missile directly over Japan — only the third North Korean projectile to fly over the country since 1999 — in usually dull terms.

The missile flew over the northern island of Hokkaido and landed harmlessly in the sea, after flight of nearly 1,700 miles. But the propaganda value of the test was apparent.

Public television programs in Japan were interrupted with a rare warning screen announcing the missile's flight over the country. Several bullet train lines were halted and the government spoke of the missile — only the third North Korean projectile to fly over the country since 1999 — in unusually sharp terms.

North Korea's reckless action of launching a missile that passed over Japan is an unprecedented, serious, and grave threat,” said Japan's prime minister, Shinzo Abe.

The test was also a direct challenge to President Trump. Last week, at a political rally in Arizona, Trump suggested that the North's next move could be a "real war" and "fire and fury" on North Korea if it enhanced the United States' nuclear weapons.

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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson had also cited a "serious, and grave threat," Boston Police spokesman Lieutenant De-

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just four weeks after clearing it to accept new patients, the troubled Westwood Lodge psychiatric hospital, citing "serious safety issues." Westwood Lodge and the Norfolk district attorney’s office, in 2016, the department's analysis of police records.

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