Residents stock up ahead of storm in Gulf

By Shelly Webb

While storm chasers advised in recent weeks that the likely path of Hurricane Barry meant the Gulf Coast was not in serious danger, residents have stocked up on water and other supplies in case the storm changes course or if it cuts off power. Supermarkets and local grocery stores were barely able to keep up with the demand for water and nonperishable food items.

Many residents said they planned to ride out the storm in their homes, and some were making sure they had enough supplies for family members who might be staying with them during the storm.

“I’ve made sure I have enough food and water for the week,” said Sarah Johnson, who lives in a beachside community. “I don’t want to be caught off guard if the storm changes course.”

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“For our city, this is a dangerous storm, and we must be prepared,” Mayor Turner said. “We urge all residents to stay safe and follow the advice of local officials.”

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Residents were also reminded to keep their emergency bags and supplies ready, including water, food, medications, and other essentials.

“It’s important to have a plan in place for unexpected situations,” said Mayor Turner. “We urge all residents to stay safe and follow the advice of local officials.”

For more information, residents were encouraged to visit the Houston City website or contact their local emergency management agency.

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Radio show host was defined by wit, humor

By Julian Gill

John Walton — a popular local radio figure who was well-known for his wit and humor — has died.

According to a Facebook post by his friend Vinod Hopson, Walton died peacefully in his sleep at home on Friday, July 12, 2019.

The post says that Walton's death was unexpected and that it has left his family and friends devastated.

Walton, who hosted the KPRC-AM radio show "Fire and Movement," was known for his quick wit and ability to keep listeners entertained with funny stories and inside jokes.

"We'll miss his laughter, his energy, and his presence in our community," Hopson wrote.

Walton was a long-time resident of Houston and a native Texan. He was a graduate of the University of Houston and had a degree in communications.

He began his radio career in the late 1980s and became known for his unique style and ability to connect with listeners.

"He had a unique way of making people laugh," Hopson said. "He was a master of making the impossible seem possible.

Walton was also known for his philanthropy work. He was a co-founder of the "John Walton Fund," which raises money for local charities.

"John was a true friend to many organizations," Hopson said. "He would give anything to help others.

Walton leaves behind his wife, Cindy, and his children, all of whom are active in the community.

"I'm heartbroken right now," Hopson said. "I can't even imagine what Cindy and the kids are going through.

"But I know that John would want us to keep smiling and carrying on with our daily lives.

"I'm so grateful for the memories I have with John and all the laughs we shared."