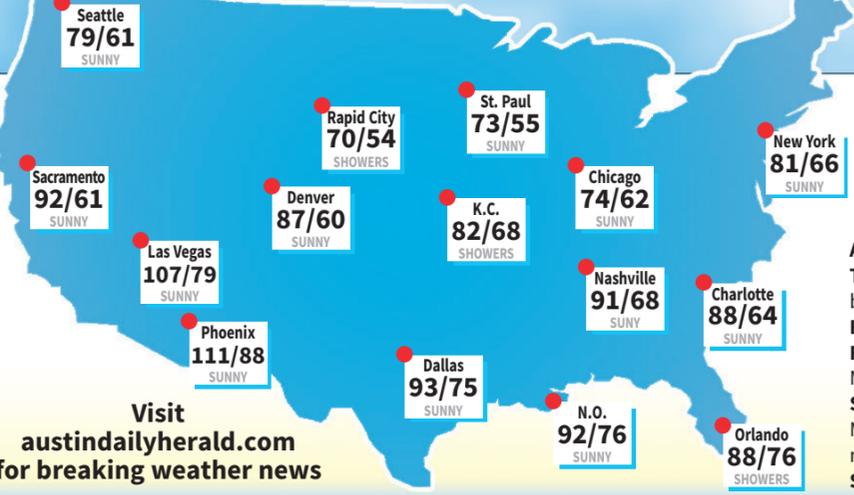


## Friday Temperatures



Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Labor Day
HIGH 79° LOW 49° Sunny	72° 53° Mostly sunny	67° 50° Chance of showers	73° 55° Mostly sunny	79° 61° Partly cloudy

### AREA FORECAST

**Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 49. Northwest wind 5 to 9 mph becoming light after midnight.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Calm wind.  
**Friday night:** A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Calm wind.  
**Saturday:** A 40 percent chance of showers, mainly before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Calm wind becoming east 5 to 7 mph in the morning.  
**Saturday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Records
High 94° in 1973
Low 41° in 1946
Precip. 4.55" in 1947
Precipitation
Year To Date x.xx"
Today / Tomorrow
Sunset x:xx p.m.
Sunrise x:xx a.m.

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# Larick: Partnership helped build Legacy of Brownsdale

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### In the quiet

Inside Larick's apartment, she was reclining in a comfortable armchair with pillows fluffed and laid out in a way that would support her taking long naps. She was sleeping, having been given medication.

Taking a seat by Larick's bedside, Burke reached over and grasped her friend's hand. These days, Larick has been sleeping longer periods of time, and using all her strength to speak just above a whisper. Her grandchildren visited a couple weeks prior to say their goodbyes. Though it is uncertain when, it could be any day and that uncertainty meant every minute was precious.

"Hey Carol," Burke spoke while gently waking Larick. "It's good to see your shining eyes today."

If there was evidence of Larick being afraid, she didn't show it. She acknowledged Burke's presence, and gripped her hand for comfort. She was very tired, but her friends would sit by her side all day and night, taking in the quietness together. Sometimes, just being present was all that was needed when words didn't seem sufficient enough.

"She has so many friends in the community," Burke said. "They all elected to sit by her side and be with her so that she's not alone. Carol does get scared sometimes, but her



Deidra Burke, director of the Legacy of Brownsdale, left, and Carol Larick, resident and former Brownsdale city councilwoman, share a laugh. Hannah Yang/hannah.yang@austindailyherald.com

friends love her and want to be with her so that she will never have to be alone in this apartment and that there's someone always by her side."

Taking sips of water to quench her thirst and struggling to speak, Larick still held Burke's hand and tried to hold her eyes open as she spoke. Summoning her inner strength, Larick wanted to talk to Burke and let her know what was on her mind.

"I wish I could do more to help you," Larick said hoarsely. "I want you to know how proud I am of you, and of what you've done. I'm proud of this structure and all that you've done."

Those words affected Burke, whose eyes brimmed with tears. She

gently kissed Larick's forehead and shook her head at the woman's statement. This was the same woman who had strongly supported Burke's vision in taking a devastating situation and turning it into a physical representation of Brownsdale's commitment to supporting their loved ones through thick and thin.

"I did nothing," Burke said through her tears. "We did this. I didn't do this by myself."

"You saw a picture," Larick responded in a firm whisper. "We didn't know that everyone would work toward it. We saw something. We did it ... you're my angel."

**'Brazen women'**  
Sharing in this vulnera-

ble and intimate moment, the two friends recollected their time together on the project. Despite the town being challenged with the school's closure, Burke approached the city council about purchasing the building and turning it into an assisted living center.

Larick was on the council during that first meeting and was the first one to fully extend her support to Burke. All five city council members voted to approve the sale for a dollar, of which Burke fondly remembered.

"Remember Carol? You talked to me and said, 'You and I are a lot alike. We're both brazen women,'" she laughed, to which Larick cracked a smile. "We're a couple brazen women we are."

Larick's friendship with

Burke during the process of building the assisted living center blossomed. It took a couple years, but when the doors to the assisted living center opened, it was a culmination of the duo's vision of healing a community, as well as sending a strong message that Brownsdale could overcome obstacles to do what was necessary to uplift the town.

"(Brownsdale) is a great place to live," Larick whispered. "We need to have a wonderful place for our children. I'll always be proud of Brownsdale. I want this town to have pride in itself. It has always been a grand little town and we need to continue that pride."

A closed school where children who were starting the beginning of their lives now could become home for those near the end, thanks to the Brownsdale City Council, Larick and Burke, as well as the full support from the residents in Brownsdale.

Currently, the center is at 60 percent capacity and more people are coming to make this place their home.

"You know, it's fun naming this place Legacy of Brownsdale," Burke beamed. "It's like leaving a legacy for you and me. For you supporting it, and for me building it."

As a way to always remember Larick, Burke des-

igned an area near the center where a memorial garden will be created and be named the Larick Memorial Garden. A magnolia tree will be planted and a plaque dedicated to Larick will be installed.

Magnolias were a special flower to Burke, who had planted magnolias for her children when she lived in Blooming Prairie. They were her favorite flower, and she felt that it was fitting to have magnolias represent Larick's and her vision of a new beginning for Brownsdale. Magnolia trees will continue to be planted in the garden whenever a resident passes away.

Now that her legacy is permanently kept and feeling assured that Brownsdale will continue to thrive, Larick felt at peace. She was home, and that's what she always loved.

"I always take pride in this town," she whispered. "Lots of generations went through these doors. A lot of good people did. We will have this. We love our little town. God bless us all."

With that, Larick sank into a deep sleep. Gently patting her hand, Burke told her that she would stop in again before heading home for the night.

"We love you too, Carol," Burke said. "You're an amazing woman, Carol. Yes you are."

# Dorian hits US Virgin Islands as Category 1 hurricane

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Dorian became a Category 1 hurricane on Wednesday as it struck the U.S. Virgin Islands, with forecasters saying it could grow to Category 3 status as it nears the U.S. mainland as early as the weekend.

The British Virgin Is-

lands and the Puerto Rican islands of Vieques and Culebra were also in Dorian's path, the first major test of emergency preparedness for the U.S. territory since the 2017 devastation of Hurricane Maria, though the main island appeared to have been spared the brunt of the storm.

"Dorian brings uncertainty, and, for those of us who experienced the storms of 2017, uncomfortable memories," said British Virgin Islands Gov. Augustus Jaspert. "Take heart."

Dorian prompted President Donald Trump to declare a state of emergency Tuesday night and order

federal assistance for local authorities.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Dorian was located 45 miles (70 kilometers) northwest of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said it had maximum sustained winds of 80 mph (130 kph) while moving northwest at 14 mph (22 kph).

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