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Correcting Some Numbers

A letter to the editor in Sunday's Courier stated that the City of Houston has been releasing water from Lake Houston at a rate of 12,600 cubic feet per second, and the writer surmised that this was the reason that Lake Houston's water level hasn't risen in the last four weeks since releases of water began from Lake Conroe. The letter also stated that 26,000 cubic feet per second was being released from Lake Conroe.

I knew these numbers were way off since 26,400 cfs is almost the same amount of water that was being released during the flood of October 1994, and after some research, I was able to determine the error. The Houston Chronicle publishes a "Weather Page" where they post release rates for local lakes. The Weather Page contains incorrect data for both Lake Conroe and Lake Houston. It was certainly an innocent mistake by the writer of Sunday's letter, and we have contacted the Chronicle to get these numbers corrected.

The actual numbers are as follows: Lake Conroe is releasing water at a rate of 232 cubic feet per second. Lake Houston is not releasing any water at all.

The level of Lake Houston hasn't risen any because the City's goal in calling for water from Lake Conroe was simply to stabilize the level of Lake Houston – not to raise it.

Please continue to pray for rain and be safe while boating on Lake Conroe.

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