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FOOTBALL SEASON for the NFL and some colleges starts this week. Thursday night Houston plays Kansas City. See our Preview Column by Mike Keeney on Page 3

Pct. 2 provides "Study Zones" at Rotary Pavilion

NORTH CHANNEL – Harris County Precinct 2 is now offering study zones with free wi-fi access for the community at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion located at 14350 1/2 Wallisville Rd, behind the Fonteno Courthouse.

Students and parents are welcome to study and use for virtual learning. The Study Zone is open daily, from 8am to 6pm. Additionally, the Harris County Public Library will be onsite every Tuesday from 12 noon to 4pm with their mobile library providing e-cards, support with their digital material and book give-away services.



STUDY ZONE at the North Shore Rotary Pavilion, behind the Fonteno Courthouse.

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KING MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES BACK TEACHERS

Public input by ZOOM meeting for Pct 2 Parks & Trails Comprehensive Plan

Harris County Pct. 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia held a Zoom meeting last Monday night, to get the public's input and ideas on how to develop a Comprehensive Plan for Parks and Trails in Precinct 2.

About 100 persons participated in the session, which lasted about an hour, exceeding the time planned because of the enthusiasm of the callers and the commissioner.

Adrian Garcia said that he wants Pct. 2 to have a reputation for outstanding parks, that attract people and publicity, and where people can have a good time. He noted that good parks also increase property values.

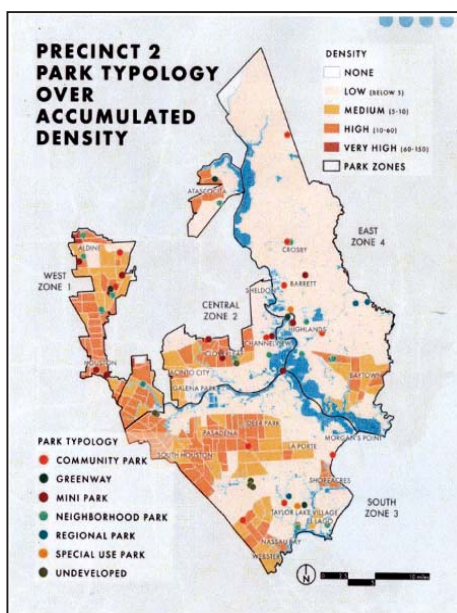
Garcia revealed that he has an experienced architectural landscape and urban planning firm working on the project. This is Asakura Robinson, headed by Keiji Asakura.

Also participating in the Zoom meeting and the planning for the parks are representatives from Pct. 2 and also the Harris County engineering department. Another consultant is Jose Eduardo Sanchez, a community engagement specialist.

The team's goals are:

1. Outline how parks, trails and open spaces can best serve the communities in the precinct.
2. Examine existing parks and trails.
3. Make recommendations for new and improved facilities.
4. Develop clear goals and objectives for the future of parks and trails in the precinct.

The schedule for the Parks & Trails plan is a Hike and Bike Trail map by October 2020; a Priority Parks Plan by December 2020; and a Comprehensive Parks Plan by June 2021.



A map of Precinct 2 shows the extent of population density, and location of parks as indicated by colored dots.

Garcia is also working on a more general Community plan, and this parks plan will synchronize with that one.

Ideas expressed in the Zoom meeting included diverse uses, all day/every day usage, different personalities for different parks, unique designs, parks that reflect the types of neighborhoods, inclusion of WiFi capabilities, and several more.

A website is available for more information and to make suggestions:

www.pct2parksandtrails.com. There is also a survey at that site for your input.

Garcia said that he will add parks where needed, hopefully using old unused land, and flood control land. With great enthusiasm, Garcia said "Now more than ever, parks are essential public spaces. Let's make sure they're serving you."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Starting Tuesday, New Locations for most HCPH Test Sites

All Harris County Public Health COVID-19 Testing Sites are closed Labor Day, Monday, September 7th. Starting Tuesday, there will be 7 new mobile locations and the stationary site that was at Pidgeon Stadium has moved to Aldine. Testing is now faster, it's still FREE and you get your test results back quickly, in 2-5 days.

If you were around people you don't live with this Labor Day weekend, you should get tested, but not immediately. Wait 5-6 days. Even if you have COVID-19, getting tested too soon will likely give you a negative result because you don't have enough virus in your nose for the test to detect. While waiting to get tested, since you may be infected, avoid other people, especially those who are older or have underlying health conditions. Even if you don't have

symptoms, if you are infected, you are contagious. If you didn't have contact with others this weekend but are concerned you may have COVID-19 from previous exposure, get tested as soon as possible.

Children can be tested at mobile sites. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-7575. Keep your authorization code to be tested.

Mobile locations for September 8-September 12, Tuesday-Saturday

-- Thompson Elementary School 12470 Walters Rd, Houston, TX 77014

-- Macroplaza Mall 171 Pasadena Town Square Mall, Pasadena, TX 77560

-- Pin Oak Middle School 4601 Glenmont St, Bellaire, TX 77401

-- Klein Multipurpose Center 7500 Farm to Market 2920, Klein, TX 77379

-- Cathedral St. Matthew 9101 Airline Dr., Houston, TX 77037

These two mobile locations are open specific days:

-- Dueitt Middle School Tue, Sept. 8 only 1 Eagle

Crossing, Spring, TX 77373

-- Planet Ford Stadium Wed-Sat, Sept. 9-12 23802 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77373

There is a new stationary site at the M.O. Campbell Education Center in Aldine. Children of any age can be tested at this site. Hours this week, Tuesday-Saturday, are 6am-1pm. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-7575.

The Pasadena stationary site is still operating at the San Jacinto College Central Campus. People must be 13 or older to be tested at this site. Hours this week, Tuesday-Saturday, are 6am-1pm, with expanded hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4pm-8pm. Register for the Pasadena site at www.doineedacovid19test.com or call 832-927-7575. People need to keep their assigned voucher ID to be tested and remember the username and password they registered with to get their test results, in 2-5 days.

Crosby Mail

thieves delivered

CROSBY – Local neighborhoods have reported stolen mail from right out of mailboxes lately and on September 4, Precinct 3 Constable's Deputies arrested two people in Summerwood for exactly that.

Crosby residents had video of a white U-Haul truck where mail was stolen from mail boxes and they posted this information on Facebook, Precinct 3 Deputy K. Hutcherson watches those posts for command as an anti-crime intelligence gathering source.

While patrolling in Summerwood, that deputy saw that familiar looking truck parked in the 13,400 block of Sandy Mountain Trail. Now that he was able to see the vehicle plates, and check with the Houston Police Departments records, the deputy received the report that this vehicle was stolen.

Moving in, the deputy detained driver, James South and passenger, Cassandra Ford. A check of the contents of the truck produced opened mail with other individual's names, packages, prescription medication, and over 30 checks all belonging to Atascocita, Summerwood and Crosby residents.

So, Deputy Hutcherson took James South into custody for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and discovered that Cassandra Ford was wanted for two warrants related to having a controlled substance out of Tarrant County.

Currently both are in Harris County Jail, multiple charges are pending against the pair related to the contents of the vehicle.



Checks, letters and packages that were not in the mail found inside a white U-Haul truck alleged to be stolen and seen near where mail had been stolen.



James South



Kassandra Ford

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CROSBY'S HOME TOWN HOME CARE

SPORTS NEWS

Texans travel to KC to take on defending champs: Cowboys begin McCarthy era against Rams on SNF

The NFL kicks off the 2020 season on Thursday night when the Texans travel to Kansas City to face the defending Super Bowl champion Chiefs in prime time on NBC. Bill O'Brien's team will return to the scene of the crime where he watched a 24-0 lead last January in the AFC Divisional playoff round disintegrate into a 51-31 embarrassing loss at the hands of Patrick Mahomes and Co.

Mahomes then led the Chiefs over Tennessee in the AFC title game and then he led them to their first Super Bowl victory in 50 years with a come-from-behind win over San Francisco.

Much has changed for the Texans during the offseason. Trader Bill traded quarterback Deshaun Watson's favorite target in DeAndre Hopkins to the Cardinals for running back David Johnson. If Johnson returns to his 2016 self (1,239 rushing yards, 16 TDs/86 receptions, 879 yards, 4 TDs) then the trade might work out. But that's a big 'might.' He traded away a top three receiver in the league who caught 104 passes for 1,165 yards and seven touchdowns in 2019. Hopkins had a great working relationship with Watson and now Watson will have to count on Will Fuller, Kenny Stills and newly acquired Brandin Cooks to pick up the slack. That's asking a lot. There are expected to be fans at Arrowhead Stadium on Thursday night, but it will not be filled to capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the Texans open on the road in prime time, so do the Cowboys who will begin the Mike McCarthy era on Sunday Night Football when they take on the Los Angeles Rams in their Sofi Stadium, the latest billion-dollar gem that will be home to the Rams and the LA Chargers. It is not known if fans will be allowed in due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a big season for Cowboys QB Dak Prescott (4,902 passing yards 30 TDs), who is playing on the franchise tag (\$31 million) with hopes of earning a big payday from owner Jerry Jones with a big season in 2020.

Speaking of new stadiums, the Raiders will unveil their new digs in Las Vegas in Week 2 on Monday Night Football when they host the Saints. The Raiders moved from Oakland during the offseason to the land of lost wages.

Other key moves during the offseason included Washington giving up the name "Redskins" and they will simply be known as the Washington Football Team until a new nickname is chosen.



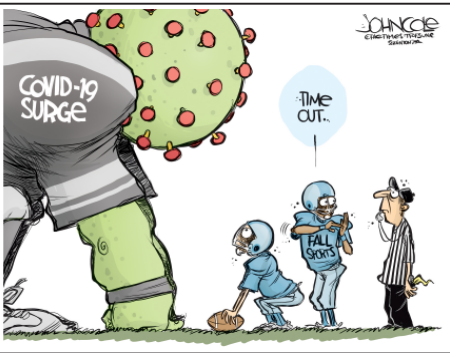
Also during the offseason, the NFL added a seventh playoff team to both conferences meaning Wild Card weekend will have three games on Saturday and three on Sunday (let's just hope we get a complete season). The No. 1 seeds in both the AFC and NFC will be the only teams to earn first-round byes.

In Cincinnati, Bengal fans are hanging their rebuilding hopes on rookie QB Joe Burrow, who led LSO to the national championship as he compiled perhaps the greatest statistical season in the history of the NCAA by throwing for an amazing 60 touchdowns (Burrow added 5 rushing TDs) in leading the Tigers to a 15-0 record.

So, without further ado, let's take a look at Week 1's key games in the NFL (the next column will be a mix of college and NFL games).

NFL
Houston at Kansas City: This is going to be a tough opener for the Texans who will face a Chiefs team that will be celebrating its Super Bowl title and is loaded on offense. J.J. Watt and his defensive teammates will have their hands full containing Mahomes (4,031 passing yards, 26 TDs), wide receiver Tyreek Hill (58 receptions, 860 yards, 7 TDs) and tight end Travis Kelce (97 receptions, 1,229 yards, 5 TDs). Head coach Andy Reid added another weapon for Mahomes when he drafted LSU running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire (1,414 rushing yards, 16 TDs) who will replace Damien Williams who opted out of the 2020 season due to COVID-19 concerns. Watson should keep the Texans in this game with his passing and mobility. It would help if Johnson gets off to a solid start running the ball to help Watson set up things in the passing game. Look for plenty of offense in this one, but look for Mahomes to be the difference maker down the stretch. My pick, Kansas City 34, Houston 30

Indianapolis at Jacksonville: The new look Colts travel to Jacksonville to take on the Jags in an AFC South divisional game in Week 1. The Colts have a new quarterback in Phillip Rivers, who left the Chargers to join a Colts team that could very well contend for the AFC South crown. Rivers (4,615 passing



yards, 23 TDs) has a plethora of talented receivers to throw to led by speedy T.Y. Hilton, but he also has two capable backs in veteran Marlon Mack (1,091 yards, 8 TDs) and rookie Jonathan Taylor (2,003 yards, 21 TDs in his three seasons as a Badger). The Jags will be led by quarterback Garner Minshew, III (3,271 yards, 21 TDs), but will not have the services of running back Leonard Fournette, who was released by the Jags last Monday. Look for the Colts to get off to a good start in the Rivers era. My pick, Indianapolis 33, Jacksonville 18

Miami at New England: For the first time in 21 years, Bill Belichick's team will not have Tom Brady at quarterback when the 2020 season begins for them on Sunday at home against the Dolphins. Cam Newton was signed to replace the irreplaceable Brady, but Newton has the talent to keep the winning ways flowing in Foxborough. Newton played in just two games last year, but appears healthy and ready for big things in 2020. Brady may be gone, but NE still has the best head coach in the league (and one of the best in the history of the game) and you had better believe he wants to prove to the rest of the NFL that he may be the most important employee on Bob Craft's payroll. Look for the Pats to run a lot in the opener and turn things over to one of the league's best defenses as the Newton era gets off to a solid start. My pick, New England 23, Miami 12

Seattle at Atlanta: This should be a fun game to watch with plenty of offense on display at Russell Wilson (4,110 yards, 31 TDs) and Matt Ryan (4,466 yards, 26 TDs) duel in Mercedes Benz Stadium. Both teams have plenty of weapons on offense as Wilson will make plays down field to speedy wide receiver Tyler Lockett (82 receptions, 1,057 yards, 8 TDs) and let Chris Carson (1,230 yards, 7 TDs) handle things in the running game. Ryan still has one of the league's best wide receivers to throw to in Julio

Jones (99 receptions, 1,394 yards, 6 TDs) and another big-play receiver in Calvin Ridley. Gone is former starting running back DeVonta Freeman, who has been replaced by former Ram Todd Gurley (857 yards, 12 TDs). Gurley has a subpar season in 2019, but a return to Georgia, where he played college football at the University of Georgia, may be the shot in the arm he needs to have a bounce back season. After a rough start, the Falcons won six of their last eight games. Look for Gus Bradley's team to get off to a good start with a big win over a playoff team. My pick, Atlanta 31, Seattle 29

Green Bay at Minnesota: A big one in the NFC North as these two long-time rivals open with a divisional game in Minnesota. Last year, the Packers, who finished 13-3 and reached the NFC title game, swept the Vikings, so expect Mike Zimmerman's team to be totally focused for this one. The Packers will once again be led by quarterback Aaron Rodgers (4,002 yards, 26 TDs) and his top target wide receiver Davante Adams (83 receptions, 997 yards, 5 TDs). Adams will be counted on to lead an young and inexperienced receiving corps, and to help with the learning curb will be running back Aaron Jones (1,084 yards, 16 TDs) to lead the way on the ground. Rodgers will be facing one of the better defenses in the NFC when he faces the Vikings on Sunday. The same can't be said for Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins (3,603 yards, 26 TDs). Cousins will be without his to wideout from last year in Stefon Diggs (63 receptions, 1,130 yards, 6 TDs) who was traded to Buffalo in the offseason. But he still has the reliable Adam Thielen (30 receptions, 418 yards 6 TDs in just 10 games) and one of the best running back in speedy Dalvin Cook (1,135 yards, 13 TDs). Look for Cooks to be a bigger factor in the passing game in 2020. Cousins and the Vikes extract some revenge over the Packers in Week 1. My pick, Minnesota 26, Green Bay 20

New York Jets at Buffalo: Many believe Buffalo will supplant New England (I am not one of them) atop the AFC East in 2020 due to Brady's departure

to Tampa Bay. We shall see. Opening with a division win over the Jets might be a good start for the Bills and quarterback Josh Allen (3,089 yards, 25 TDs). Allen has a new weapon to throw to in Diggs, who should open up the vertical passing game for the former Wyoming Cowboy. Buffalo is hoping second-year running back Devin Singletary (775 yards, 2 TDs) has a breakout year in his second NFL season and it appears he has the talent to do so. Buffalo has one of the top defenses in the AFC. This will be a good test for that until when they face a Jets team that is young and has some talent, led by quarterback Sam Darnold (3,024 yards, 19 TDs). New York is hoping running back Le'Von Bell (789 yards, 3 TDs) returns to the form his flashed as a Steeler when he was a running and receiving threat. If Bell can rebound, that would be a big boost to the Jets offense, but it isn't going to happen in Week 1 in Buffalo. My pick, Buffalo 27, New York Jets 16

Cleveland at Baltimore: Another divisional game in Week 1 pits these bitter AFC North rivals as the Browns pay a visit to the Ravens. Baltimore won 14 games in 2019 but were upset by Tennessee in the AFC Divisional round, so you had better believe the will be motivated to finish things in 2020. The Ravens are led by dual threat quarterback Lamar Jackson (3,127 passing yards, 36 TDs/1,206 rushing yards, 7 TDs), who is the reigning league MVP. Jackson was joined in the 1,000-yard rushing club by tailback Mark Ingram (1,018 yards, 10 TDs). Jackson has a host of talented receivers, and a rising star in tight end Mark Andrews. The Browns are hoping first-year head coach Kevin Stefanski, the former offensive coordinator in Minnesota, can turn quarterback Baker Mayfield (3,827 yards, 22 TDs, but 21 interceptions) into a more consistent QB. The Browns have two premiere receivers in Jarvis Landry (83 receptions, 1,174 yards, 6 TDs) and Odell Beckham, Jr. (74 receptions, 1,035 yards, 4 TDs). He also has a top-flight running back in Nick Chubb (1,494 yards, 8 TDs). Opening with a win at Baltimore is asking for a lot in Stefanski's debut, so he might have to wait a week or two for his first win as a head coach. My pick, Baltimore 31, Cleveland 23

Tampa Bay at New Orleans: Tom Brady begins his career in Tampa Bay taking on Drew Brees and the Saints in the Mercedes Benz Superdome and what a game this has the potential to be. This should be an offensive shootout as both teams are loaded on that side of the ball. If you have either of these team's defenses in your Fantasy Leagues, sit both of them in Week 1. Buccaneer fans are excited to have Brady under

center and playoff fever is sunning high in Tampa. Saints fans want to get the bad taste out of their mouths after their 2019 season ended in the Divisional Round of the playoffs when the Vikings strolled into the Big Easy and upset the Saints to end their season. Look for plenty of big plays in this one as Brady will be flinging it around to two quality receivers in Mike Evans (67 receptions, 1,157 yards, 8 TDs) and Chris Godwin (86 receptions, 1,333 yards 9 TDs). He also has his old buddy Rob Gronkowski back after a one-year hiatus. The Bucs have another quality tight end in O.J. Howard. Brees (2,979 yards, 27 TDs) has perhaps the top wide receiver in the game in Michael Thomas (an NFL record 149 receptions in 2019, 1,725 yards, 9 TDs) and a dual threat running back in Alvin Kamara (797 rushing yards, 5 TDs, 51 receptions, 533 yards, 1 TD). The Saints would like to see Kamara increase his rushing numbers this year and I expect he will. This one should go down to the last possession and I'm going with the home team in the opener. My pick, New Orleans 36, Tampa Bay 33

Dallas at Los Angeles Rams: McCarthy coaches his fist game as the Cowboys head coach on Sunday Night Football against the Rams who will be christening their new multi-billion stadium. A year after playing in the Super Bowl, the Rams managed nine wins in 2019 but missed out on the playoffs. The Cowboys finished 8-8, which brought an end to Jason Garrett's tenure as the Dallas head coach. Prescott wants to get off to a good start and he has one of the game's top running backs in Ezekiel Elliott (1,357 yards, 12 TDs/54 receptions, 420 yards, 3 TDs) to take some pressure off of him. He also has a burner in wide receiver Amari Cooper (79 receptions, 1,189 yards, 8 TDs) and Jones added potential big-play wideout in rookie receiver CeeDee Lamb (62 receptions, 1,327 yards, 14 TDs in his final year at OU). The Rams hope quarterback Jared Goff (4,638 yards, 22 TDs) bounces back in 2020, which means he needs big years from wide receivers Cooper Kupp (94 receptions, 1,161 yards, 10 TDs) and Robert Woods (90 receptions, 1,134 yards, 1 TD). LA will turn the running game over to rookie Cam Akers after the Rams parted ways with Todd Gurley. LA still has a solid defense led by defensive tackle Aaron Donald, so Elliott might have a rough time finding running room in the opener. I say Prescott outplays Goff in Week 1 as McCarthy gets his first win as the Cowboys head coach. My pick, Dallas 26, Los Angeles Rams 21



JULY 30, 2020 NORTH CHANNEL STAR PICK-UP LOCATIONS

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Pineforest Jewelry, Uvalde Rd
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Sellers Brothers Market, Uvalde Rd
YMCA, Wallisville Rd.
Kroger's, Woodforest @ Beltway 8
Sen. Sylvia Garcia office, in Woodforest Bank Bldg
North Channel Library, Wallisville Rd
Water District # 21, Sheldon Rd

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Channelview Admin Bldg, Sheldon Rd
Holiday Inn, I-10 E
Martin Luther King Community Ctr., Lorenzo St.
Water District #47, Woodforest Blvd
Chevron, Woodforest & Uvalde
Bonfire Wings, Woodforest Blvd
Serena Donuts, Woodforest Blvd
Pine Trails Community, Woodbend Dr

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Grayson Community Center, Corpus Christi St
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Chevron, I-10 West

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Community Center/Senior Center, Oates Rd
Capital Bank, I-10 E
Jacinto City Branch Library, Akron St
State Rep Ana Hernandez office, Mercury Drive
Sellers Brothers Market, Market St
Market Street Feed Store, Market St
Mr. Mercury Gas Station, Mercury Dr
Jacinto City Parks & Recreation, Mercury Dr
Chevron, Market St

GALENA PARK

Baggett Community Center, Keene St
Galena Park City Hall, Clinton Drive
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Harris County Judge
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Time is Running Out

We got lucky, but we also did everything right as a community. As Tropical Storm Laura travelled through the gulf, our team was data-driven, relying on projected storm surge data from the National Weather Service's Sea, Lake and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) model, traffic patterns, and evacuation timelines to guide our decisions. We carefully considered forecast and tracking information from the National Hurricane Center advisories and advice from local meteorologists. When it became clear Laura was going to be a bad storm, we considered every possible scenario and weighed the dangers with each. We discussed mandatory evacuations and were ready to make the call, knowing the herculean effort that it would take. Human life is always the priority, and when there is potential for a catastrophic event, we must err on the side of information.

I'm proud of our community's response — we did everything we could do. Thank you to all the folks who took the steps to prepare, recognizing that hope is not a strategy. And we don't stop when the storm takes a different course or even at the end of hurricane season — we are constantly preparing for future storms. County mitigation projects are moving forward, faster than ever before. We've completed 21 flood mitigation projects valued at \$123 million. There are 144 active bond projects, and \$427 million in bond funds have been authorized. Read more about the county's spending on flood mitigation projects at HarrisThrives.org. We are raising bridges to safer levels and carving out millions of gallons of increased detention capacity. With an eye toward smarter development, we tightened development standards in the county as much as legally possible, so upstream developments don't flood downstream neighbors. We're buying out homes that flood repeatedly and turning them into green space. We created a new framework for post-disaster recovery, so recovery happens first in the areas that are worst hit, not just in those areas with big pockets, or with connections downtown. We are exploring all possible alternatives when it comes to a coastal barrier, and we'll continue to leverage every local dollar to support flood control.

But we cannot do this alone. We need our federal government to discuss flood mitigation, invest more in long-term mitigation, and, on the most basic level, to acknowledge the reality of climate change and the historic storms we are seeing now. It shouldn't take a near miss of a catastrophic hurricane to force our national leaders to recognize the urgency of investing in flood infrastructure. Congress should follow our lead in expediting flood projects and they must do everything in their power to fund a coastal barrier for Galveston Bay, now. Time is running out.



with Slim Randles

September

September.

Our month of change. Our month of happy change. Once more we can stand the thought of wearing a sweater as the summer sun burns itself down. Once again we can think about a new school year and the special challenges we face this fall. Once again, the house is quiet during the day.

September.

In the forest, the animals are polishing antlers, sleeking muscles for the mating ruts to come, marking their territories. The deciduous trees are showing those awe-

some changes of color as the mountains become a splendid quilt of transient beauty.

September.

A resting time for the older folks. They can sit on the patio now even in the afternoons. It's a time for barbecued ribs and football, and picking fruit. On the farms, the canning pots are boiling with treasures for the coming winter.

September.

Time for the Fall gatcher. Time to see what's out in those far pastures. Time to brand and work any late calves. Time to sort those who will stay

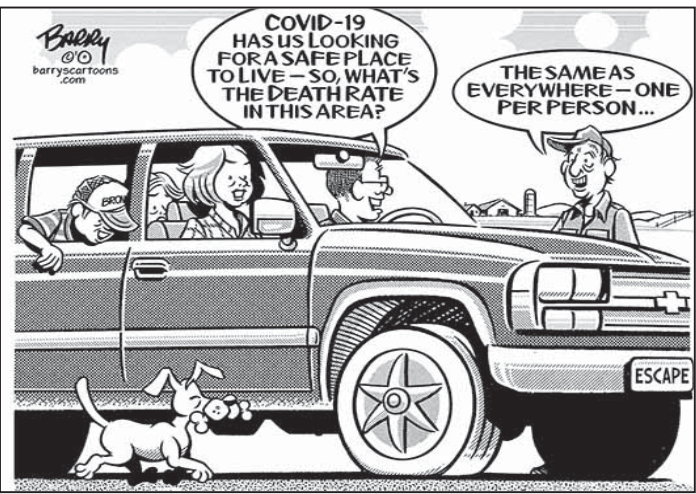
and those who will go to the sale. Time to make money for the ranch.

September.

Time to sit and sip something hot and think about things past and yearn for certain future things and to plan ... plan how we can finish this year in a better fashion than last year.

September!

Brought to you to honor those masked folks who wait on us in the coffee shops and take our temperature at the doctor's office. Thank you for your courage.



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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



High Tech Lincoln Logs

HIGH-TECH LINCOLN LOGS TURN HEADS IN TEXAS

Trees are almost as old as dirt in the construction industry, but they're new to Texas in the form of the state's first mass timber office building.

The Texas project generating the buzz is The Soto, which opened last week at Eighth and Broadway streets in San Antonio. The six-story building, which will anchor the Cavender neighborhood, has 140,000 square feet of leasable office space and 6,000 square feet of retail on the first floor.

The cost of the project was not released, and BOKA Powell partner Don Powell said "mass timber is not an inexpensive way to build an office building."

Proponents of mass timber construction say it's an attractive new way to build because it uses a renewable resource that allows developers to reduce their carbon footprint. The most common form is cross-laminated timber that allows for faster construction and is more resistant to fire.

"The Soto's beauty offers a striking alternative to mundane office buildings, and it takes my breath away when I see it," Powell wrote for D CEO Real Estate.

Walmart also sees the potential for growth in mass timber. The retail giant wants to build its new headquarters using Arkansas pine trees, so it recruited Structurlam to invest \$90 million in the country's first mass timber manufacturing plant. The operation is scheduled to open in 2021 in Conway, Arkansas.

The new construction also may be seen in Fred-



ericksburg, where First United Bank recently opened the state's first full mass timber building. The bank features southern yellow pine, a native Texas species.

NEW GROWTH FOR WICHITA FALLS

A General Motors' Delphi assembly plant that closed 14 years ago in Wichita Falls will spring back to life as the country's largest hemp processing center.

Panda Biotech of Dallas announced that it had contracted for the 500,000-square-foot plant and 97-acre campus to create the Panda Texas Plains Hemp Gin. After opening in 2021, the plant will be the country's first to cottonize hemp fiber on a commercial scale, the company said in a news release.

In a recent post, Levi's touted cottonized hemp for its jeans because the plant grows faster, uses less water and leaves behind cleaner, healthier soils. "Something you'll see a lot of this season (and beyond) is cottonized hemp," the jeans company predicted.

Panda Biotech's move brings a capital investment of about \$110 million, a possible \$30 million investment in local farming and 50 jobs to Wichita Falls.

LOVING THAT SALARY

Texans may see how much their county elected officials are paid via a newly updated state report.

The Texas Association of Counties publishes the report on its website during

even-numbered years. Dice and slice the numbers as you will. Here's one way to look at them:

The county judge in Loving County, the least populated of the state's 254 counties, is paid \$98,045 to govern 169 residents. His counterpart in Harris County, home to about 4.7 million people, makes \$190,851.

'THAT'S WHAT TEACHERS DO'

The pandemic spotlights how indispensable public schools are, Texas' teacher of the year writes in an essay for the Texas Association of School Administrators.

"Educators provide vital community services such as childcare, regular meals, counseling, social services and even healthcare in addition to providing each child with a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment," said 2020 Teacher of the Year Karen Sams of the Weatherford Independent School District. "We do this in an underfunded education system and yet, we always find a way to make things work because that's what teachers do."

RETIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

If the pandemic is leading you to consider an early retirement, Forbes' annual list might be of heightened interest this year.

Two Texas cities, Dallas and San Antonio, made the 2020 list of the magazine's 25 best places to retire in the US.

Along with the lack of a state income tax, both cities made the list for affordable home prices, good climates and rich cultural scenes. Forbes knocked both for serious crime rates above the national average, however.

For the first time, the magazine considered climate change in forming its list, using data on the impact of future flood, heat, cold, sea level rise and drought. Both Dallas and San Antonio scored low on risks from climate change.

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

Gladiolas

Yesterday, I bought gladiolas. They are nearly three feet tall and bright fuchsia. It is safe to say they are the most exciting thing to appear at my desk in ages.

When I walked in the front door my husband, Peter, said, "Oh my gosh."

Translated, that means: "You have gone overboard on the flowers." But Peter is too nice to say that.

I always have flowers on my desk. I used to feel guilty, spending good money on flowers every week. It seemed to me it was a little frivolous, an unnecessary expense like buying a coffee I could make at home or buying a book I could get at the library. Except, I can't make flowers or check them out from anywhere. I sit at my desk all day and, almost all day, I am looking at my flowers.

My love for flowers probably comes from my mother. My mother is good about bringing flowers into the house although, being my mother, she always goes with the minimalist approach. Her flowers are tiny, and they are in a tiny vase. The whole thing is lovely in miniature, a sort of bonsai bouquet. I admire what my mother does. But I am not like that.

When the pandemic started, it was hard to get flowers. The floral section of the grocery store was closed. But then the bushes and flowering trees started to bloom and I poached branches from the neighbors (usually with their permission) and put those on my desk. They shed something terrible and most of the flowers were dead the next morning. But the next day I would go foraging again.

Later, my roses started to bloom and that was nice. But now my roses have taken a sabbatical and so yesterday I went to the grocery store to buy more flowers.

I figured I'd end up with alstroemeria. They are always cheap because, amazingly, they can be shipped flat as a pancake and they bounce back into shape. It's miraculous. Then they last for at least two weeks—three weeks if they are very fresh. Restaurants love them for this reason. I think they are pretty, and I can get them year-round.

But then I saw the gladiolas.

Once a year, the gladiolas come into the store. They are huge and weird-looking and absolutely splendid. I should note, I have a small desk. One bunch of gladiolas fills all the available space at my desk, towers high above it, and forms a canopy over my coffee cup. Gladiolas are not a decoration on my desk; they are the main event.

So now I am writing under the looming spikes of the gladiolas and feeling more than usually happy. The best part about gladiolas is that they are only four dollars a bunch. I can assure you that gladiolas provide far more than four dollars' worth of happiness.

Being at home so much these days has made me realize that I own a lot of things I do not need. Like everyone I know, I've been cleaning out closets and cupboards and finding lots of things that have no reason to be in my house or my life.

But this time has also made me appreciate the things that make me smile every day: a good cup of coffee, clean sheets, an uncluttered desk, and flowers—always flowers. Having flowers on my desk makes me feel special, as if every day is a little celebration.

And flowers do not lie. Because the truth is, even the most ordinary day is worth celebrating.

Till next time,
Carrie
Carrie Classon's memoir is called, "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

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OBITUARIES

Jason Anthony Godoy

Jason Anthony Godoy, 33, entered into heaven on August 30, 2020 in Houston, Texas. Jason was born in Houston on September 23, 1986. He played little league baseball and was also on the swim team as a youth. After graduating high school from Adaptive Learning Systems, Jason was a dedicated employee at Fudruckers and Papisitos. He loved horses from a child and also got to ride in the Houston Rodeo. He enjoyed agricultural livestock, and took pride in raising chickens. Jason was also a 2nd Degree Brown Belt in Taekwondo and Aikido. Most importantly, Jason was an honest, kind hearted, and giving person. He truly enjoyed helping others, and showing his generosity in always taking friends out to eat. Jason will remain in the hearts of those who knew him.

He is preceded in death, in a joyful reunion in heaven, with his maternal grandmother, Betty Street; and paternal grandparents, Leonard and Mary Godoy. Jason is lovingly survived by his mother, Elizabeth Langhoff; father and step-mother, Leonard and Theresa Godoy; grandfather, Leon Street; siblings, Jeremy Godoy, Robby Crook, Nicole Kitts and



husband Jay, Leah Steele; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, extended family members and friends.

Friends are welcome to join his family for visitation at 10:30 AM Tuesday, September 8, 2020, followed by funeral services, officiated by Rev. Bobby Miller, which will begin at 11:30 AM in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 1:00 PM where he will be laid to rest at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

Amos 3: 7, 8

"His Royal Highness" by Herbert Dicksee (1892)

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Classic Gun reproduction will help fund Battleship Texas Foundation restoration work

HOUSTON- September 1, 2020. In order to help fund the Foundation's Come On Texas plan, the Battleship Texas Foundation will partner with Browning & Baron Engraving to produce a Browning 1911 380 Caliber Side Arm. Proceeds will help in the restoration of the Battleship Texas and fund the planned new homeport.

Battleship Texas Browning 1911 380 Caliber. Hear the cry "Come on Texas." It was the cry associated with the Battleship Texas. Soldiers would see her drawing near and yell, "Come on Texas." They knew that her approach meant great power. Come on Texas meant help had arrived. Her presence was a game-changer.



The Battleship TEXAS Foundation will partner with Browning and Baron Engraving to produce a Browning 1911 380 Caliber Side Arm.

Fast forward to today and it remains our favorite battle cry. So, once more we shout, Come on Texas. Come on to the shipyard where much-needed restoration will occur. Come on Texas to a

new home where more people can enjoy her great history. Come on Texas to a bright and shining future.

To commemorate that future, we have partnered with Baron Engraving and Browning to produce this 1911 380 Caliber masterpiece. Images of Texas from 1914 to 1948 are engraved and proudly mark the famous cry of Come on Texas.

You can help with your purchase of one or more. The price is \$1,250. You will also receive a charitable tax deduction of \$400.

Purchases can be made by contacting the Battleship Texas Foundation at 713-827-9620 and info@battleshiptexas.org

Production is expected to take 120 days.

Texas Renaissance Festival set to open October 3

Todd Mission, TX (September 1, 2020) – The Texas Renaissance Festival is just over 30 days from opening the gates for the 46th season of the largest Renaissance festival in the nation. The outdoor, open-air festival is nestled on 60 acres in the Piney Woods of Todd Mission, Texas, with an additional 220-acre campground at The Fields of New Market located adjacent to the festival grounds. TRF management has worked closely with county and local government and health agencies. Following Open Texas and CDC guidelines, the festival has published Safety Guidelines that will be followed by TRF staff, Vendors, Participants and Patrons throughout the season.

DISCOUNT TICKETS ON SALE AT H-E-B

In anticipation of capacity limitations during the 2020 season, ALL tickets are DATE SPECIFIC and must be purchased in advance of arriving at the festival. The only tickets being sold onsite are Military, First Responder, Student, and Senior discount tickets, as they require an ID to receive the discount. In addition to purchasing date specific tickets online at www.texrenfest.com and Group, starting September 1, discount date specific tickets will be



available at H-E-B store business centers.

Tickets received in 2019 for Vendor Appreciation will be honored as Any Day tickets.

Children 12 and under are admitted every Sunday for free.

NEW FOR 2020

Highlighting the 46th season of the festival will be the opening of the new expansion area that will feature a Pirate Ship Museum, Tower Slide, Royal Bourbon and Rum tastings, new vendors Crimson Chain Leather and local Houston artists Bug in the Box, the return of the Washing Well Wenches to the Forest Gazebo and the Airy Botter and the Sorcery School Headmaster's Office Escape Room.

The Texas Renaissance Festival will welcome Pyro Juggler Thomas Wood and Accordionist Amanda Kitchens to the Cloister in the Green along with The Dublin Harpers. The popular Full Armored Combat will move to the Joust arena to provide even better views of the action, and you can fly on the new DaVinci's Flying Machines ride in the Dove Meadow area.

In addition to guest vendors throughout the festival, making its debut this season will be the multi-story Wyrwood Public House featuring entertainment and absinthe and tequila tastings,

and Kackle King Booth 625F offering delectable delights such as drunken chicken and drunken pork.

Along with the the daily costume contest, a face mask contest will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Forest Gazebo in the new Enchanted Forest expansion that will be judged on the weekend's theme and creativity.

2020 SEASON CHANGES

Three hundred and forty-nine vendors will be selling their unique wares including 11 Guest Vendors and 20 New Vendors. Over 30 stage acts are set to entertain and delight festival patrons each day of the festival along with the capstone fireworks event at dusk.

Working closely with partners and participants, the Texas Renaissance Festival has announced the following changes for the 2020 season.

- After Dark - The After Dark Saturday evening entertainment experience will not open this season. We look forward to greeting guests in 2021.
- Costume Rentals - There will be no costume rentals available this season.
- Games and Service Providers – Some games will not be running with limited service providers.
- Deaf/Blind Event –

Due to scheduling conflicts, ASL Faires Texas will not be hosting a deaf/blind event this season but is looking forward to returning with two events in 2021.

- School Days - After careful consideration with educators, parents, and Festival participants, TRF has made the difficult decision to cancel School Days for this season. More information can be found at www.texrenfest.com/school-days.

- The King's Feast has undergone considerable changes for the 2020 season with only one seating for the feast each day, limited seating and added value with the purchase of the King's Feast pass. More information can be found at www.kingsfeast.com.

- Tea & Strumpets high tea will take place with limited seating to maintain social distancing and to follow all CDC and food service guidelines. To make reservations visit www.trftea.com.

ABOUT THE TEXAS RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

The Texas Renaissance Festival is the nation's largest Renaissance event. Each year over 450,000 patrons enter through the gates of the festival into a 16th Century European Village where performers immerse you in the enchantment of the village that feature 21 stages of music and stage acts, 400 shoppes, artisans, and a world tour for the taste buds that of course include turkey legs! The Texas Renaissance Festival is located one hour north of Houston. 2020 TRF season dates are Saturdays and Sundays, October 3 – November 29. More information can be found at www.texrenfest.com



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ASK THE EXPERT

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Diamond Jim: “Where can I find people with manners and decency?”

Here we are...the year is 2020 and we're asking ourselves what ever happened to good manners, decency, and mutual respect. This is such a sad time in the history of the world.

In days past, as Americans we collectively knew who the enemy was and how to protect ourselves. From the Revolutionary War to the Gulf War, we came together as a country (with few exceptions) and gave everything to protect liberty, freedom and human rights for Americans, as well as for people in far away lands.

Today, no matter where I travel, I hear many people having different conversations about the exact same question. They all know that many young people today display rude, disgusting, disrespectful, perverted behavior in the clothes they wear, their immoral behavior, and the vile garbage that spews from their mouths disguised as language. The decent people of our society are dazed and confused as to how all of this has happened...how it came to be, who's to blame and, most importantly, "HOW can we fix it?"!

As any credible military strategist knows, the only way to defeat your enemy is to know who the enemy is and to know their tactics. Once you have this information, you can and must implement a counter offensive that will cripple and defeat them quickly in order to achieve success.

So, who is the enemy of our youth and who's responsible for the degradation of our society during the last two generations? We can blame television "programming", social media, the obvious changes in the education curricu-

lums across our nation, politics, and even the sports and entertainment industries for leading children to believe that "celebrities" are worthy role models. I, however, choose to let the responsibility rest with the child's parents and/or grandparents. It is not society's job to raise the children to be kind, obedient, and respectful. That awesome responsibility rests solely with the mother and the father. They agreed to take on this enormous task the very moment they conceived that new life. It is they who the child looks to for shelter, guidance, nutrition, security, love, rewards, and punishment. It's the parents who MUST be the answer for our children, not the school, not the church, and definitely not the Government.


Being over the age of 18 does not make one an adult. And, being a biological parent does not make one a "Dad" or a "Mom". Do all of humanity a favor....be a real dad or a real mom! Teach your children to say "Please" and "Thank you", "Yessir" or "No Ma'am", demand their respect while teaching them humility. But, most importantly, lead your children by your example. Show them what "manners and decency" are and how to apply these two pillars of moral character in every day life.

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Session 4: Thursday, October 1, 2020 / 10:00-11:00 a.m. "Risk Management, Bonding & Insurance, & Central Maintenance" Register here: <https://porthouston.webex.com/porthouston/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2ff1e5cdeb4222eff9fac5bc19cb96579>

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To learn more about the Port's Small Business Program, please register on links shown. For COVID-19 business resources and trainings available for small businesses, please call 713-670-2597 or email smallbusiness@porthouston.com
Pedro Gonzalez Mentoring Program Manager
For questions, contact Pedro Gonzalez at (713) 670-2673.

**COUNTY TALK**
Harris County Judge
Lina Hidalgo



Harris County Approves Historic Investment to Improve Access to Voting

The upcoming election will be one of the most important in the history of the United States — and it is up to every eligible resident to take part in deciding our nation's future. In late August, Harris County Commissioners Court approved a historic \$17 million investment to expand access to the ballot box for our residents to ensure everyone has the chance to make their voice heard, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. The court approved:

- tripling the number of Early Vote locations;
 - extending early voting hours until 10pm for 3 days, and 24 hour voting for one;
 - drive-thru voting;
 - and mail-in ballot applications mailed to all registered voters.
- No excuses — regardless of who you decide to support, the most important thing you can do is VOTE! For more information on voting in Harris County and to apply for a mail-in ballot, visit the HarrisVotes.com.

Digital Access Program provides Computer Devices and Hotspots

Keeping our children home from school is a smart move to protect them from COVID-19, but many Harris County families don't have the means to get their kids connected virtually and learning online. In Texas, one in four students do not have devices at home for virtual learning, and 34% of these students lack adequate access to the internet. 66% of these students are African-American, Hispanic, or Native American.

To begin to address these substantial inequalities, Harris County Commissioners Court approved the creation of the Digital Access Program in early August. The program designates \$32 million in Federal Cares Act dollars to provide 82,000 WiFi hotspots and 211,000 devices to families in need. Harris County will partner with Texas Education Agency's "Operation Connectivity" and T-Mobile's "Project 10 Million" for distribution of the devices and hotspots, respectively.

COVID-19 Relief Fund Disbursement Distributes Funds to Over 20k Households

The Harris County COVID-19 Relief Fund is in the process of distributing its final grants and is close to completion. The \$30 million fund opened its application in late June for the most vulnerable residents of Harris County suffering the financial effects of COVID-19. Over the span of two days, the fund hosted 1,898,555 sessions on its website (including visitors who visited the website multiple times), and assisted 24,136 people over the phone. All \$30 million has been released to intermediary organizations to distribute to families, and 20,618 households have been served by the

fund to date. An estimated 400 to 450 additional families will receive re-granted funds that could not be distributed. A final count of all families served, as well as an evaluation and assessment of the program will be available in October. Families looking for COVID-19 related assistance are encouraged to call the 211 Texas/United Way helpline to find an organization in their geographic region. Individuals can also visit ReadyHarris.org and www.harriscountyrelief.org/resources for more information and other options for available aid.



Say YES! to Census 2020

Dear Fellow American:

Hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As many of us continue spending time at home and kids are virtually starting school, it is important for everyone to take 5 minutes to complete the 2020 Census.



The Census will determine how billions of federal dollars will be allocated to communities like the Houston region and all across the country for education, school meals, healthcare, transportation, senior services, community centers, and much more.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE in our community by filling out the 2020 Census today! Remember to count every person in your household. If you are a parent, make sure to count your child. And if you have a roommate, please make sure to count him or her too.

- You have three ways to fill out the Census:
- You can go to my2020census.gov to fill out the Census online;
 - You can call 844-330-2020 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish) to complete by phone; or
 - You can mail in your completed Census.

Have you and your family already completed the 2020 Census?

Do your part today and get counted in the 2020 Census! It will make a big difference for everyone in the Houston region. If you have any questions, feel free to call my office at 832-325-3150.

Say YES! to Census 2020,

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Member of Congress

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• UPDATE REGISTRATION: OCT 5

• IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING STARTS: OCT 13

• APPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL: OCT 23

• IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING ENDS: OCT 30

• VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT BY: NOV 3

• ELECTION DAY: NOV 3

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CHARLOTTE'S WEB

September Mornings

Where have 19 years gone?

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As I drop my daughter in love off at her job every morning, I am blessed to see one amazing sunrise after the other. It may be my favorite part of the day. To see the matchless colors, fill the eastern sky makes my heart happy.

As I turn to travel back to my apartment, I see 10 to 20 active older adults walking along Castlegory between the baseball park and Wallisville Road. As I go through the neighborhood, I see young adults out jogging and even some young mothers pushing strollers with their toddlers. There is a certain feeling in the air, perhaps it is just the anticipation of cooler weather. As I cross Uvalde Road, I see some retired community members making their way from one end of Woodforest North to Normandy. In talking with one of these couples, it is amazing how many new friends they have made since beginning their daily walks throughout the neighborhood.

This week as I passed by Green Valley

Elementary as well as North Shore Elementary, I saw parents walking with little ones trying to finish up the details of getting everything straight for virtual learning. I joked with my son that perhaps that first day wore the parents out and now they were trying to drop the students off at school. If nothing else comes from the pandemic, it is a new respect for educators. Having worked for San Jacinto College for 22 years, I saw the transition from “chalk and talk” classes to online teaching and learning. It is a big difference and sadly some of the most devoted teachers have decided to retire instead of “shortchanging” their students. Learning to move to online teaching finally go the best of several of my friends who at taught at local community colleges 25 years and longer.

With the Labor Day Holiday opening this work week and September 11 closing out the week, it seems like extra emotions are added to the stress of the virtual learning. I have found that anytime you try to cram five workdays into four, you are exhausted. You add in the experience of the “new normal” of working from home or monitoring children with virtual teaching and you are so ready for Friday to arrive.

Yet this Friday marks the 19th Anniversary that Americans will never forget. In the words of country singer Alan Jackson, “Where were you on that September morn?” is deeply ingrained in many of our minds. Some lost loved ones, some enlisted in the military. Many turned to God for the first time in years. Many others decided it was time to slow down and spend time with family and those that mattered most to them. I do not think any of us will remember where we were or how we felt when we learned of the attacks that morning.

Perhaps these next few September mornings, you will remember to look at the community. You will notice changes and while you are out, notice some of the familiar businesses that have been here and are still standing strong. Stop in an support them if you can. Count your blessings. Love people.

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