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COVID-19

Cases as of
September 22, 2020

HOUSTON AREA 19 COUNTIES

**193,353 POSITIVE
2,655 DEATHS
163,016 RECOVERED**

TEXAS

**735,290 POSITIVE
15,133 DEATHS
611,856 RECOVERED**

UNITED STATES

**6,875,085 POSITIVE
200,284 DEATHS
2,615,974 RECOVERED**

WORLDWIDE

**31,424,898 POSITIVE
966,776 DEATHS
21,546,587 RECOVERED**

Garcia proposes County tax cut

HARRIS COUNTY – Precinct 2 Commissioner Adrian Garcia proposed this week a motion to cut Harris County property tax rates. The motion was approved by Commissioners Court unanimously. The Garcia plan proposes a rate that



will save taxpayers 1.3 cents per \$100 of assessed value on their homes. The plan not only saves taxpayers money, it also still funds crucial priorities such as Flood Control and Harris Health.

"This will be our first consecutive tax reduction in at least ten years, and I'm proud to have proposed the motion to put us on a path toward a rate cut. As we all deal with a pandemic and economic crisis, my hope is that property tax relief will help our neighbors who are struggling. At the same time, essential county services must remain a priority — to both support the local economy, as well as to keep us prepared for any future challenges. Pandemic or not, Harris County remains at risk for devastating flooding, so this proposed tax rate does an effective job of easing the tax burden on residents, while being able to continue to fund crucial county priorities," said Commissioner Adrian Garcia.

After an upcoming public input period, the Court will vote to officially certify the tax rate at the Commissioners Court hearing to be held on October 27th.

BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS & VIRUS

North Shore Mustangs 38 Shadow Creek Sharks 21

By Allan Jamail

Friday, September 25, 2020 at the Galena Park ISD stadium the 2019 defending 6A Region III District 21 state champion North Shore (NS) Mustangs(38) clashed with the 2019 defending state champion 5A Shadow Creek Sharks (21). Shadow Creek High School is located in Pearland, and in the Alvin school district. This year the Sharks moved up to 6A Region III District 23.

Due to the deadly Covid 19 virus and the need to social distance 6 feet apart the game was played before a half capacity crowd. Spectators were required to wear face masks which muffled their cheering that took the crowd noise out of the game.

The officials of the two school districts decided not to allow cheerleaders and halftime bands to perform so to eliminate those students from passing the virus to one another. Many high schools have canceled their football season altogether due to



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Nshores' senior quarterback #4 Demetrius Davis bursts for a 20 yard rushing score late in the game. (Photos by Allan Jamail)

In this most highly anticipated high school game of the season, the battle of champion's was considered the nation's high school highlight to kickoff the football season. It pitted the state's number one rated Mustang quarterback, Demetrius Davis against the number two rated quarterback, Sharks Kyrion

See **BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS**, page 8

North Shore Rotary distributes backpacks to a thousand families

NORTH SHORE HOUSTON- The Rotary Club of North Shore in association with the Galena Park Independent School district held a drive through backpack and school supply give away for children under 18 years of age on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the North Shore Senior High School.

The event began at 9 am and over 1000 backpacks, filled with school supplies, were given out to families that drove through in their cars.

The chair for the event was Rotary Club member Dr. Donald Niño, and helping with the distribution were members of the club, the local Boy Scout Troop, and the Channelview High School Interact Club.

The event is sponsored by the Rotary club of North Shore, and a donation of \$5000 from the Rotary Club of Torreon, Mexico. GPISD is partnering with



Rotarians preparing the Backpacks and inserting school supplies Saturday.

the Rotary Clubs and donating the use of the facility and providing security and promoting the event. There will be 1000 backpacks with supplies to be given away and the event will continue while supplies last.

For more information contact Donald R. Niño, MD at 281-452-4747 or email at drnino2003@yahoo.com

The Rotary Club of North Shore was chartered in 1958 and is one of the most famous Rotary Clubs

in the Houston area. They host their annual Catfish Fry, Crawfish Boil, Raffle and Auction every year to raise funds for service projects in the local community and around the world. One of the main projects is scholarships to

area students granting more than \$100,000 every year. To date, the club has donated more than \$4,000,000 for their service projects.

See **ROTARY BACKPACKS**, page 8



Over 1000 cars lined up around the North Shore High School, as Rotarians distributed Backpacks to each family.

Legacy Health Clinics open in two Galena Park schools

On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Galena Park I.S.D. (GPISD) hosted the Legacy Community Clinic Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House at North Shore Senior High School and Green Valley Elementary School.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was hosted by the North Channel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. John Moore, Galena Park I.S.D. Superintendent of Schools, was joined by Dr. Angi Williams, retired GPISD Superintendent of Schools, the Galena Park I.S.D. Board of Trustees, Senator Carol Alvarado, Legacy Community Health personnel, and the principals of Green Valley Elementary, North Shore 10th Grade Center and North Shore Senior High School to cut the ribbon.

Legacy Community Health (Legacy) is the largest federally qualified health center in Texas and



Pictured (left to right): Mr. Kenneth Bryant, principal of North Shore 10th Grade Center, Dr. Angi Williams, Retired GPISD Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools, and Dr. Wiley Johnson, Deputy Principal of North Shore Senior High School

a first-of-its-kind in our District with a clinic inside Green Valley Elementary School and North Shore

Senior High School for students and their siblings to visit. Legacy is committed to providing access to af-

fordable, high quality healthcare for children by providing a variety of pediatric and behavioral

health services. The clinics have telemedicine options for students with

special accommodations for in-person visits or on an as-needed basis.

"Galena Park I.S.D. is very thankful for the opportunity to partner with Legacy to provide two convenient and patient-friendly pediatric/behavioral health school-based clinics for our students. We look forward to a long, mutually beneficial relationship with Legacy," said Dr. Moore.

We would like to thank our Board of Trustees, Dr. Mechelle Epps, assistant superintendent for student support services, Dr. Angi Williams, Retired Congressman Gene Green, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, Legacy Community Health and the GPISD operations department for their hard work and dedication on this project.



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Water District

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 213-B will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by teleconference at 1-877-746-4263, Participant Pin: 2687404#. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR the proposal: Juanita Orsak, Mark Prause, Stacy Lord, Jimmy Flowers

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.80000 /\$100 Adopted | \$0.80000 /\$100 Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | \$0.00000 /\$100 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | 0.00% |
| Average appraised residence homestead value | \$225,155.00 | \$231,801.00 |
| General homestead exemptions available <small>(excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)</small> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$225,155.00 | \$231,801.00 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$1,801.24 | \$1,854.41 |
| Annual increase/decrease in taxes if | | |
| proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) | | \$53.17 |
| and percentage of increase (+/-) | | 2.95% |

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than 8 percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact the tax office at 281-482-0216.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of 0.169358 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of San Jacinto College District.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.169358 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.169358 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.178118 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for San Jacinto College District from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that San Jacinto College District may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that San Jacinto College District is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 05, 2020 at 7:00 PM via video conference - <https://www.sanjac.edu/about-san-jac/board-trustees> - click "Watch Regularly Scheduled Meetings".

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, San Jacinto College District is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting Board of Directors of San Jacinto College District at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount=(tax rate) X (taxable value of your property)/100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax rate as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| FOR: | |
| Marie Flickinger | Erica Davis Rouse |
| Dan Mims | John Moon, Jr. |
| Keith Sinor | Dr. Ruede Wheeler |
| Larry Wilson | |
| AGAINST: | |
| None | |
| PRESENT and not voting: | |
| None | |
| ABSENT: | |
| None | |

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto College District last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by San Jacinto College District this year:

| | 2019 | 2020 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.178169 | \$0.169358 | decrease of -\$0.008811 OR -4.95% |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$119,492 | \$129,366 | increase of 8.26% |
| Tax on average homestead | \$213 | \$219 | increase of \$6 OR 2.90% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$106,486,390 | \$110,551,109 | increase of \$4,064,719 OR 3.82% |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for San Jacinto College District at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hct.net, or visit www.hctax.net for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of 0.050000 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| PROPOSED TAX RATE | \$0.050000 per \$100 |
| NO-NEW REVENUE TAX RATE | \$0.049541 per \$100 |
| VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE | \$0.051366 per \$100 |
| DE MINIMIS RATE | \$0.059629 per \$100 |

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2020 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Harris County Emergency Services District 60 from the same properties in both the 2019 tax year and the 2020 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate, unless the de minimis rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 exceeds the voter-approval tax rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 60.

The de minimis rate is the rate equal to the sum of the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60, the rate that will raise \$500,000, and the current debt rate for Harris County Emergency Services District 60.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2020 tax year.

A public hearing on the proposed tax rate will be held on October 12, 2020 at 7:30 PM at 17432 Old Beaumont Highway, Houston, TX 77049.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 at their

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount=(tax rate) X (taxable value of your property)/100

The members of the governing body voted on the proposed tax increase as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| FOR: | |
| H. Lauersdorf | D. McCaslin |
| A. Adams | J. Collins |
| D. Langdon | |
| AGAINST: | |
| PRESENT and not voting: | |
| ABSENT: | |

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 this year:

| | 2019 | 2020 | Change |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value) | \$0.050000 | \$0.050000 | decrease of \$0.000000 OR |
| Average homestead taxable value | \$137,796 | \$150,513 | increase of 9.22% |
| Tax on average homestead | \$69 | \$75 | increase of \$6 OR 9.23% |
| Total tax levy on all properties | \$2,404,247 | \$2,499,810 | increase of \$95,563 OR 3.97% |

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Harris County Emergency Services District No. 60 at 713-274-8000 or tax.office@hctax.net, or visit www.hctax.net for more information.

ASK THE EXPERT

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: “What do you think about Zen Philosophy?”

While a lot of people consider Buddhism to be a religion, most practitioners will tell you it is more ‘a way of life’ or a life philosophy.

Buddha himself had often said he was not a god but just a human like all other people. Everybody can learn what he learned and to help us with that he laid down the basics of his discoveries in writings called the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. It will not bring you enlightenment the first time you read it but, it is a start.

Here are a few thoughts to ponder:
One must be deeply aware of the impermanence of the world.

All true artists, whether they know it or not, create from a place of no-mind, from inner stillness.

Have good trust in yourself ... not in the One that you think you should be, but in the One that you are.

Life isn’t as serious as the mind makes it out to be.

Things are as they are. Looking out into the universe at night, we make no comparisons between right and wrong stars, nor between well and badly arranged constellations.

If you are unable to find the truth right where you are, where else do you expect to find it?

As a bee gathering nectar does not harm or disturb the color and fragrance of the flower; so do the wise move through the world.

It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

To follow the path, look to the master, follow the master, walk with the master, see through the master, become the master.

Watch what you say, and whatever you say, practice it.

Nothing ever exists entirely alone. Everything is in relation to everything else.

Thank you for reading the “Ask Diamond Jim” column and for supporting the North Channel Star Newspaper!

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If you have questions pertaining to jewelry, watches, diamonds, precious stones, precious metals, and other questions related to the jewelry industry, email jmills@pineforestjewelry.com.

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HCPH's 10 Test Sites Locations, Monday 9/28 – Saturday 10/3
Testing is Free, Short Lines at the Sites, Get Your Results in 1-3 days

Houston – With 10 HCPH testing locations, there is sure to be one close to you! With more people being allowed into businesses, your chances of being exposed to COVID-19 may increase, but you can still protect yourself. Wash your hands frequently, wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others when you are out and get tested to protect yourself and the people you love.

Locations for September 28-October 3. Sites are open 6 am- 1 pm
Children can also be tested at these sites. Register at www.hcph.tx.org or call 832-927-7575.

- **M.O. Campbell Education Center**
1865 Aldine Bender Rd, Houston, 77032
Open Monday, Sept 28-Saturday, Oct 3
- **St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church**
11011 Hall Rd, Houston, TX 77089
Closed Tuesday, September 29
- **La Iglesia Del Pueblo**
1600 Pasadena Blvd, Pasadena, TX 77502
Closed Wednesday, September 30
- **Centro Cristiano Monte Hermon**
8811 Synott Rd, Houston, TX 77083
Closed Thursday, October 1
- **Klein Multipurpose Center**
7500 Farm to Market 2920, Klein, TX 77379
Closed Friday, October 2
- **University Baptist Church**
16106 Middlebrook Dr, Houston, TX 77059
Closed Saturday, October 3
- **Crosby Community Center**
409 Hare Rd, Crosby, TX 77532
Open Monday & Tuesday, Sept 28-29
- **Lee College**
200 Lee Dr, Baytown, TX 77520
Open Wednesday & Thursday, Sept 30-Oct 1
- **Christia V Adair Park**
15107 Cullen Blvd, Houston, 77047
Open Saturday, October 3

Surge Testing is still being offered at the site in **Pasadena, San Jacinto College Central Campus**. People must be 13 or older to be tested. Hours are 6am-1pm Monday-Saturday and 4-8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Register for the Pasadena site at www.doineedacovid19test.com or call 832-927-7575. Get your voucher ID, which is required for testing, and keep the username and password you signed up with to get your test results.

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Virtual Learning

Now that area students have been attending “virtual” classes for several weeks, parents and other caregivers are more than ready for schools to reopen for online classes. Or are they ready? As students are attending classes online, incidents are being reported of the events in the background as well as less of a structured environment causing more questions.

One mother reported that every time her second grader is online, there are parents in the background yelling at their significant others or at other children in the home. One grandmother was upset when she watched a toddler running through the background, only to be chased by an adult wearing little to no clothes herself. Another parent was concerned when he witnessed two men in the background of his sixth-grade son’s classmate’s background who appeared to be not only drinking beer but rolling what appeared to be a joint of marijuana. Others have reported that it appears that many students are alone at their homes during class

One student shared with his mom that almost daily, his classmate is in the same clothes and looking very disheveled. The classmate told her son that he is hungry but there is no food in the house and his parent is at work. Others have commented about seeing roaches running up the walls in the background of other classmates. Dogs barking and loud music and television in the background are also probably an indication that there may not be adults at home with the student.

Recently, while on a zoom call with several elected leaders who were asking how the families were adjusting to virtual learning there were some alarming comments. While everyone appreciates that the local school districts are taking amazing steps to help families such as providing laptops and internet hotspots as well having a central location for families to pick up lunch, what happens if the family has not transportation to get to the location? If a student is home alone, they are not going to be able to go. And if the family is typically supported by a parent who works while the students are on campus and now the parent cannot work as they must be at home, how long will they be able to have a roof over their heads?

It is awesome for the families who can drive to the locations where school districts are making it easier to get internet access, but again, if they do not have transportation to get there, how do they connect? At the same time, we have all heard in the news this week about one local district having to shut back down due to confirmed cases at the campuses.

Each day of the pandemic has been a learning experience for all of us. If nothing else, we should have learned the need to practice safety and to pray much more often than before. We need to take the time to buy some postage stamps, write some letters and remind our neighbors that we miss seeing them. Each week, I have talked to more and more people who are feeling isolated and we need to be sure to encourage others that there will be an end, sometime.

Bicyclist Shot riding on Woodforest Boulevard

Houston police are investigating the shooting of a man at 12300 Woodforest Boulevard that occurred about 7:20 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 28).

The victim, Michael Carter, 28, was transported to an area hospital.

HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division Officer A. Huerta reported:

Mr. Carter was riding his bicycle westbound at the above address when a truck, also traveling westbound, pulled alongside him. The driver of the truck fired several shots at

Carter, striking him once. Carter then rode his bicycle to his residence and called 9-1-1. Responding Houston Fire Department paramedics transported him to Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital in stable condition.

The unknown suspect fled the scene in a black pickup truck.

Anyone with information in this case is urged to contact the HPD Major Assaults & Family Violence Division at 713-308-8800 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

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Texas Renaissance Festival
Announces New Performers,
Vendors and Rides

TRF ready to open October 3 for 46th
Season.

Todd Mission, TX (September 24, 2020) – The grounds of the Texas Renaissance Festival have come alive with cast rehearsals and vendors preparing their shops for the opening of the 46th season on October 3, located just an hour north of Houston.

Visitors to this year’s festival will notice parking with six-feet between vehicles, line monitors ensuring social distancing, plexiglass partitions at some food booths, socially distanced seating at performance venues and eating areas, spot cleaning at high traffic areas, newly installed hand sanitizers throughout the festival grounds, and face mask break areas. Full 2020 TRF Safety Guidelines can be found at www.texrenfest.com/safety-guidelines.

New Performers

The Texas Renaissance Festival will welcome **The Washing Well Wenches** and their good clean fun to the new Forest Gazebo located in the new Enchanted Forest Expansion area. Singer, Songwriter, and Accordionist **Amanda Kitchens** will delight you at the Cloister in the Green with her toe-tapping tunes that may inspire to get out of your seat to dance! **Dangerous Curves** will make their debut at The Barbarian Inn this season. This adult “public roast” show will require your “boos”. **Thomas Wood the Pyrojuggler** will make you laugh, scream and squirm three times daily at the Cloister in the Green.

Fun for Everyone

Located by The Executioner and Head Toss game, the new **DaVinci’s Flying Machine** (695GR) is for young and the young at heart. Take a spin in this colorful ride propelled by humans! Climb the steps and slide down the **Dragon Tower Slide** (1EF), test your puzzle skills at **Airy Botter’s Escape Room** (17EF) and see the sights at the **Pirate Museum** (2EF) all at the new Enchanted Knoll.

Drunken Chicken, Absinthe and Tequila
Oh My!

As you make your way through the German area to the Polish area, stop by the **Kackle King** (625F) for drunken chicken and pork! Whet your whistle at the new **Wyrmwood Public House** (Booth #225) where you can enjoy a craft cocktail, indulge in one of the absinthe or tequila tasting parties, or share a drink with the internationally acclaimed performers of **The Green Hour**. For more information about The Wyrmwood Public House Green Hour, Absinthe/Tequila Tastings and Parade Soiree visit www.texrenfest.com/wyrmwood-public-house. If you are a connoisseur of bourbon or rum, tastings will be offered at the new Royal Tastings tent in the Enchanted Forest Expansion area. For those who enjoy teas, **Tea and Strumpets** offers unique and ethically sourced teas.

Shopper’s Delight

This season TRF welcomes new and guest vendors for the 2020 season. Please note that some shops will be following capacity limitations and may require a face mask for entry.

New Vendors

Bug in the Box (12EF)
Gem Stone Mine (692F)
Elisabella’s Royal Closet (#131)
Sabersmith Swords (#241)
Kiyan’s Cove (#264)
Petrified Dragon (#422)
Primal Dreams (#423)
Journeyman Leather (#511)
Pandora’s Box (F11)
Artemis Designs (9EF & 10EF)
Scribal Workshop (6EF)
Crimson Chain Leatherworks (18EF)
H&H Glass Castle (19EF)
Blackbeard’s Booty (4EF)
John’s Wood (15EF & 16EF)
Widgets and Gizmos (14EF)

Guest Vendors

Beaute and the Bath (#79)
Two Tarts’ Toppers (#203)
Blooms and Shrooms (#311)
Green Faerie Apothecary (#502)
Legacy Forge (#523A)
Tipsy’s Woodworking (#675WW)
Henna Body Art (Arena Location)
Hullabaloo Henna (5EF)
Face painting by Shandi (#640S)
Stone Wick (7EF & 8EF)
Mischief Masks (670WW)

Date specific tickets are available online at www.texrenfest.com, Groupon and at H-E-B Business Centers.

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.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler



Houston-Dallas Bullet Train
says its on fast track

Texas’ first- and third- largest cities could be in daily commuting distance from each other via the high-speed Texas Central Railroad.

Proponents of the proposed bullet train hailed two historic milestones last week: The Federal Railroad Administration released its rules of the road for the project and approved the environmental review and route for the track between Houston and Dallas.

Commuters would be able to travel the 240-mile route in less than 90 minutes on the Japanese-built train, with departures every 30 minutes daily during peak periods and every hour during off-peak periods. The train, holding about 400 passengers, is projected to travel at speeds of more than 200 mph. Construction could start as early as next year.

“This is the moment we have been working toward,” said Carlos Aguilar, chief executive officer of Texas Central Railroad. The Federal Railroad Administration approval “represents years of work by countless individuals, affirming a very thorough and careful regulatory process that will make the Texas Central Railroad the first high-speed rail system to be implemented in the United States.”

Opponents said the project still has a long way to go before final approval. Texans Against High-Speed Rail officials contend Texas Central is in financial trouble and has significant regulatory hurdles to clear.

“Texas Central will likely trumpet this decision as major progress for its project, but they are simply arranging deck chairs on the Titanic,” said Kyle Workman, chairman and president of Texans Against High-Speed Rail.

CLOSED FOR THE
PUBLIC’S BUSINESS

The U.S. treasury has



sent \$139 billion to the country’s state and local governments in COVID-19 relief funds, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Government.

To track this spending in the Lone Star State, a group called Texas Housers has filed public information requests with major city and county governments, seeking documentation of new expenditures and policies.

“However, recent guidance from Attorney General Ken Paxton has eviscerated Texas’ Public Information Act and given governments impunity to operate without public scrutiny,” Texas Housers, an advocacy group supporting affordable housing, said in a statement. “The guidance allows governments to ignore public information requests if they are operating ‘skeleton crews’ and working remotely during the pandemic.”

San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth responded to Housers’ requests with automated emails stating that they are “closed for business” when it comes to the Texas Public Information Act.

“The exploitability of this system is obvious,” Housers’ statement said. “A city can be open for business with regards to new expenditures and policies but closed for business with regards to divulging any information about these plans.”

The Freedom of

Information Foundation of Texas has joined in opposing this suspension of the Public Information Act and has asked the Attorney General’s Office for a clarifying opinion.

THIS OLD HOUSE

The Association of Texas Realtors is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020.

For a little perspective, the Humble Independent School District reports the price of a new home was \$6,296 in 1920. One hundred years later, the average home price in Humble is \$149,794. What will the price be in 2120? And what will a real estate agent’s job look like 100 years from now?

“We are at a crucial juncture within the history of the brokerage industry that will test the survival of every real estate agent ...” Jason S. Weissman, CEO of Bost Realty Advisers, wrote in a recent Fast Company opinion article. “The real estate agents and brokerages who survive and thrive in the coming crunch will be those who embrace technology, not fight it.”

PECAN PIE GOES WITH
EVERYTHING

Texans don’t really need a special month to remind them to celebrate pecans or wine, but October offers some emphasis.

October is specially designated for recognizing Texans pecans and Texas wine. The Texas Pecan Board and Texas Fine Wine invite people to celebrate by pairing the two tastes together during a virtual tasting event.

To participate in this tasting, purchase a tasting kit through Texas Fine Wine by Friday, Oct. 9, at texasfinewine.com/upcoming-events. Each kit is \$125 plus tax and includes five bottles of wine, a 1-pound bag of raw pecans and a tasting sheet, recipes and other information produced by the Texas Pecan Board to be used during the event.

“In addition to participating in the tasting, I encourage every Texan to visit their closest pecan orchard and winery to discover what makes Texas pecans and Texas wines so special,” said Bob Whitney, executive director of the Texas Pecan Board.

If \$125 is a little too pricey for your taste, individual Texas orchards and retailers may be running specials throughout the month, the Texas Pecan Board suggests. Share your favorite recipes and wine pairings on social media by using #TexasPecanMonth.

Chris Cobler is a board member and past president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He welcomes email at ccobler@texaspress.com.

THE
POSTSCRIPT

By
Carrie Classon

“Zooming”

Yesterday, I had a nice long Zoom chat with an old friend.

I know this is nothing remarkable these days, but it was the first time my friend, Andrew, had used Zoom and I was frankly a little surprised.

Andrew isn’t on Facebook. “It’s none of anyone’s business what I’m up to!” he tells me.

I don’t think Andrew is “up to” all that much, but he takes a particularly fierce view on privacy. He won’t buy groceries with his credit card if they are going to track what he buys.

“Why would you care if someone knows how much broccoli you’re buying?” I ask. “Maybe they’ll give you a coupon.”

“It’s none of their darned business how much broccoli I’m buying!” Andrew tells me.

He still has the same email account he’s had since the 90s. He still has the same telephone answering machine. He recently got a cell phone, but he doesn’t text. Andrew answers emails, but they take about as long as standard first-class mail to arrive and get a response. Still, it’s all worth it because he is a good friend and he always has a lot of interesting things to say—once I get ahold of him.

Like nearly everyone else, Andrew has been a little lonely. He lives alone and his work doesn’t involve much human interaction. I usually see Andrew a couple of times a year when we go to visit my family. But that hasn’t happened this year and it doesn’t look like it’s going to happen for a while.

I was contacted by a mutual friend of ours on Facebook about having a Zoom chat with a bunch of high school buddies. I told him that would be fun and he should invite Andrew—by email, of course. Andrew thought that sounded great and we decided to try out this Zoom thing in advance. That turned out to be a good idea.

Andrew didn’t use his real name (of course) so, for a time, I was looking at a blank screen that said, “GREAT.” But then he got the video working and he appeared in front of his bright kitchen window.

“Unmute,” I messaged him. He did. I still heard nothing. I called him on the phone. “I can’t hear you,” I told him. Then added, “Your hair is really short.”

“I cut it myself.” “Well, your mic isn’t working.”

“I know I’ve used this microphone before!” “Let’s see it,” Andrew waved the headset and microphone in front of the camera.

“Andrew, that is a really old headset.” “It is not old!”

“Yup,” I told him, “that’s a collectible. I think maybe you should call up the folks at Antiques Roadshow. I bet they’d be interested.”

“Ha, ha!” Andrew said. After several more tries he reluctantly admitted that the ancient microphone might not connect to his current computer.

“I guess I’ll need a new microphone,” he grumbled. “But we can still talk on the phone.”

And we did. We put our phones on speaker and we looked at one another in our monitors and we talked for a long time. I realized, once again and with force, how essential this connection is. It was so good to see my old friend’s face—even if his camera was a little fuzzy, even if the light was shining rather brightly behind his closely shorn head.

“Oh my gosh! I’ve got to go,” I said, when I realized how long we’d been talking.

“We should do this again,” Andrew said. “Yes!” I agreed.

We definitely need to do this again. Till next time, Carrie

Carrie Classon’s memoir is called, “Blue Yarn.” Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Water District
Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Crosby Municipal Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2020 on October 20, 2020 at 05:30 PM at 103 West Wahl Street Crosby, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

FOR:
Steven Schreiber
Eddie Foster
AGAINST:
None
PRESENT and not voting:
None
ABSENT:
William Wilkinson

Wesley Zarsky
Donna Davenport

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

| | Last Year | This Year |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | 0.490000 | 0.460000 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | -0.030000 |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | -6.12% |
| Average residence homestead appraised value | \$126,658 | \$141,953 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$126,658 | \$141,953 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 620.62 | \$ 652.98 |
| Annual increase/decrease if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) | | \$ 32.36 |
| and percentage of increase(+/-) | | 5.21% |

NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

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| | Last Year | This Year |
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| Total tax rate (per \$100 of value) | 0.860000 | 0.860000 |
| | Adopted | Proposed |
| Difference in rates per \$100 of value | | |
| Percentage increase/decrease in rates(+/-) | | |
| Average residence homestead appraised value | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled persons exemptions) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Average residence homestead taxable value | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Tax on average residence homestead | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Annual increase/decrease if proposed tax rate is adopted(+/-) | | \$ 0.00 |
| and percentage of increase(+/-) | | 0.00% |

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* There were no residence homesteads on January 1, 2019 or January 1, 2020, therefore the tax that would have been imposed on a residential homestead is \$0.00

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Jamail Golf Tournament,

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



Jaxson Daniele, Bryan Daniele, Jerrid Payton and Chelsea Kinard were the winning team with a score of 50 having eagled all par fives..



In second place was the team of Mario Windfont, Jaime Hudson, Lance Carrier and Brandon Cartwright, here with the Jamail family. The team had 57 strokes in 18 holes.



Third Place went to Cody Fulghum, Kyle Corey, Drew Tucker and Barry Bergeron's team also with 57 strokes. Fourth place would have gone to the Turner Chevrolet Team with 58 strokes.



Chelsea Kinard won both Women's Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive.



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SPORTS NEWS

Aggies visit Alabama in early-season SEC showdown: Texans look to right ship against struggling Vikings

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher will get a pretty good idea if his team is a contender or a pretender in the SEC West race when the Aggies travel to Tuscaloosa on Saturday to face off against Nick Saban's No. 2-ranked Crimson Tide. The game will be nationally broadcast on CBS.

Aggie fans entered the 2020 season with a lot of optimism anticipating this being Fisher's best squad in his first three years in College Station. A&M returns 16 starters and one of those returning starters plays the most important position in the game, quarterback Kellen Mond (2,897 passing yards in 2019, 20 TDs). Mond is back for his senior season hoping to lead the Aggies to the SEC West title. That might be a tall order considering 'Bama and LSU also reside in the West, but this should be the best team Fisher has assembled in his first three years in College Station.

Saban lost a ton of talent to the NFL draft and did not reach the SEC title game, but they don't rebuild in Tuscaloosa, they just reload and Tide fans are confident their team is primed for a bounce back season.

Another big one on Saturday in the SEC has Auburn, another West contender, visiting SEC East favorite Georgia, while in the Big 12, Oklahoma will hit the road to take on an Iowa State team that was upset at home in their season opener dropping a 31-14 decision to Louisiana.

While the Big 12, SEC and ACC will continue their seasons, college football fans received some more good news a couple of weeks ago when the presidents of the Big 10 member institutions voted to play a conference-only season beginning Oct. 23. About time.

In the NFL, the Texans might finally get a break when they host the woeful Minnesota Vikings on Sunday at NRG Stadium. There should be about 15,000 fans allowed in and let's hope Bill O'Brien's team gives them something worth watching because in their first two games the Texans have looked pretty bad in losses to Kansas City and Baltimore. Granted, they did lose to the defending Super Bowl champions and a team that won 14 games a year ago, but the Texans weren't competitive in either game and could very well be looking be 0-3 (they



played at Pittsburgh last week) when the Vikings arrive on Sunday.

In other NFL news, Week 2 was brutal from an injury standpoint. The Giants lost starting running back Saquon Barkley for the season with an ACL injury, while another top running back Christian McCaffery, is out four to six weeks with a high ankle sprain. The 49ers suffered a host of injuries to key personnel as quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo sustained a high ankle sprain, but should return. The news wasn't as good for stud defensive end, Nick Bosa, who was also lost for the season with a torn ACL.

There are some interesting games on the docket this weekend as Pittsburgh visits Tennessee, Buffalo visits Las Vegas and New England heads to Kansas City.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 7-3 week brought the season record to 13-9 (59%).

Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Oklahoma at Iowa State: Just like Saban, OU head coach Lincoln Riley just keeps reloading. After losing two Heisman Trophy quarterbacks in Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray and the talented Jalen Hurts over the last three years, Riley entrusted his offense to sophomore Spencer Rattler to lead the way in 2020. All Rattler did in his OU debut on Sept. 12 against Missouri State (a 48-0 victory) was throw for 290 yards and four touchdown passes. Rattler will get a better test in Ames when he faces an Iowa State that wants to make amends for its season-opening embarrassing home loss to Louisiana. ISU QB Brock Purdy needs a bounce back game after throwing for 145 yards and one interception in the season-opening loss. I think OU will have too much firepower on offense

for the Cyclones to handle as the Sooners get a big road win on Saturday. My pick, Oklahoma 33, Iowa State 23

Texas A&M at Alabama: This is only Week 2 in the SEC schedule, but this is a big one for both teams as they vye for the Western Division title. Mond has a young receiving corps after the team's leading receiver Jhamon Ausbon (66 receptions, 872 yards, 5 TDs) opted out of the 2020 season to prepare for the NFL draft. Fisher has recruited well at that position, but they are green and playing their second collegiate game at Alabama might be a bit of a shock for them. That's why A&M will need a big day from running back Isaiah Spiller (946 rushing yards, 10 TDs). Spiller can catch out of the backfield, so expect Mond to use him liberally in the passing game. Alabama is breaking in a new starter at quarterback as Mac Jones (1,503 yards, 14 TDs in relief of Tua Tagalovia). Jones led 'Bama to a Citrus Bowl victory over Michigan and has the speedy Devonta Smith (68 receptions, 1,256 yards, 14 TDs) back at wide receiver. You know the Crimson Tide are going to be solid on defense and I expect that unit to be the difference maker on Saturday. My pick, Alabama 31, Texas A&M 18

Auburn at Georgia: Another big one in the SEC has the Tigers playing between the hedges when they visit the Bulldogs. Auburn returns sophomore Bo Nix (2,542 yards, 16 TDs/313 rushing yards, 7 TDs) at quarterback and a talented running back in Ja'Tarvious Whitlow (869 yards, 10 TDs). While Auburn is experienced at QB and RB, the same can't be said for the Bulldogs who will rely on USC transfer J.T. Daniels (2,672 yards, 14 TDs in 2018 as a freshman at USC) to be the man under center. Daniels is dealing with a knee injury, but head coach Kirby Smart is hoping he will be ready for the Auburn game. My pick, Auburn 23, Georgia 20

NFL

Minnesota at Houston: Two teams that desperately need a victory meet on Sunday in NRG Stadium. The Vikings have been awful on defense, allowing 35.5 points per game in losses to Green Bay and Indianapolis, while the Texans have also struggled on that side of the ball allowing 34 points to KC and 33 to Baltimore. Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins (372 yards, 2 TDs, 4 interceptions) has also struggled, as has Houston QB Deshaun Watson (528 yards, 2 TDs, 2 picks). You think he might miss a certain wide receiver who now is starring in Arizona? Watson needs to come out and attack the Minnesota defense, take some deep shots and get David Johnson involved in the running and passing game. This might be the game J.J. Watt and his defensive teammates turn things around and continue the misery for Viking fans. My pick, Houston 30, Minnesota 17

Pittsburgh at Tennessee: This should be a good one as the revived Steelers visit the Titans in Nashville. Both teams won their first two games. Ben Roethlisberger (540 yards, 5 TDs) looks like his old self after missing all but two games last year after suffering an elbow injury. Big Ben has three solid weapons to throw to in Diontae Johnson (14 receptions, 149 yards, 1 TD), JuJu Smith-Schuster (13 receptions, 117 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie Chase Claypool. The Titans have been getting it done with quarterback Ryan Tannehill (487 yards, 6 TDs) and running back Derrick Henry (200 rushing yards). Both teams are solid on defense, so expect a hard-hitting, low scoring games. The team that does the best job of protecting the football wins this one and that will be Tennessee as they turn to Henry to wear down the Steeler front seven and control the clock. My pick, Tennessee 23, Pittsburgh 20

Cleveland at Dallas: This could be another wild one at AT&T Stadium when the Browns visit the Cowboys on Sunday afternoon. Two weeks ago, Dallas trailed Atlanta by 15 points, but made an amazing comeback to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat en route to a 40-39 victory. Dallas trailed 39-33 with less than two minutes to go and kicker Greg Zuerlein came through with a perfectly executed on sides kick to give the Cowboys one last

shot at the victory. Quarterback Dak Prescott, who passed for 450 yards, threw one TD pass and ran for three more scores, found rookie wide receiver CeeDee Lamb (11 receptions, 111 yards) for a big gainer to set up Zuerlein's game-winning kick. It appears Prescott (716 passing yards, 2 TDs), running back Ezekiel Elliott (185 yards, 3 total TDs), Lamb and fellow wideout Amari Cooper (16 receptions, 181 yards) to carry the load because the defense has been decimated by key injuries and has a suspect secondary. Expect plenty of points in this one as Browns QB Baker Mayfield (408 yards, 3 TDs) and running back Nick Chubb (184 yards, 2 TDs) and Kareem Hunt (158 yards, 1 TD) will look to exploit the Dallas defense. Prescott will face a decent Browns defense, but I think he has a big passing day at the Cowboys look to get on a roll. My pick, Dallas 38, Cleveland 34

Buffalo at Las Vegas: The Bills and Raiders both won their first two games of the season, but the Raiders might have the more impressive win by beating New Orleans last Monday night in their new multi-billion dollar stadium, 34-24. Quarterback Derrick Carr (521 yards, 4 TDs), running back Josh Jacobs (181 yards, 3 TDs) and tight end Darren Waller (18 receptions, 148 yards, 1 TD) are off to solid starts, as is Buffalo QB Josh Allen (729 yards, 6 TDs) and his new toy, wide receiver Stefon Diggs (16 receptions, 239 yards, 1 TD). Vegan will face a quality defense for the second straight week (they played at New England last Sunday), but I think the win over New Orleans gave this team a huge boost of confidence that should carry them to a win over the Bills. My pick, Las Vegas 27, Buffalo 23

New England at Kansas City: Another good one in the AFC has Cam Newton (552 passing yards, 1 TD/122 rushing yards, 4 TDs) paying a visit to Patrick Mahomes (513 yards, 5 TDs, zero interceptions) on Sunday afternoon. The Chiefs should be coming off a physical game with the Ravens, while the Patriots hosted the Raiders last Sunday. The key to this game will be how well the KC defense does in containing Newton and keeping him in the pocket. Newton is a beast once he gets rolling on the ground, so the Chiefs will need to contain him and let him beat them wit his arm. Mahomes will

face another top NFL defense when he faces Bill Belichick's defense on Sunday. Mahomes will once again rely on speedy WR Tyreek Hill (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs), tight end Travis Kelce (15 receptions, 140 yards, 2 TDs) and rookie running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire (176 yards, 1 TD). I think the Chiefs' firepower on offense will be too much for Belichick's defense as the Chiefs pick up a big home win. My pick, Kansas City 30, New England 24

Philadelphia at San Francisco: Something is not right with the Eagles as they lost their first two games, first blowing a 17-0 lead at Washington and giving up 27 straight points, then getting blown out by the Rams in their home opener, 37-19. Not only is the defense struggling, but so is quarterback Carson Wentz (512 yards, 2 TDs/4 interceptions). The NFL schedule maker didn't do the Eagles any favors sending them out to the West Coast to face a 49ers team that has been beset with injuries. Forty-Niner fans are hoping Garoppolo (390 yards, 4 TDs) is back after sustaining a high ankle sprain two weeks ago against the Jets. If he's unable to go, look for head coach Kyle Shanahan to give the Eagles a steady dose of the running game, led by Raheem Mostert (148 yards, 1 TD). This could turn into a long Sunday night for Philly fans. My pick, San Francisco 31, Philadelphia 20

Atlanta at Green Bay: So, who will be the first NFL head coach fired by midseason, Atlanta's Dan Quinn or Detroit's Matt Patricia? Two weeks ago, Quinn's team blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead to the Cowboys, while the Packers overcame an early 11-point deficit to the Lions before waking up and routing Detroit 42-21. In the win, GB running back Aaron Jones (234 yards, 4 total TDs) rushed for 168 yards, including a 75-yard scoring romp, and he also caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Aaron Rodgers (604 yards, 6 TDs). The only negative from that game came when star wide receiver Davante Adams (17 receptions, 192 yards, 2 TDs) suffered a hamstring injury. Even if Adams can't go on Monday Night Football, Rodgers has enough weapons in place to take care of Matt Ryan (723 yards, 6 TDs) and wide receiver Calvin Ridley (16 receptions, 233 yards, 4 TDs). My pick, Green Bay 36, Atlanta 20

North Shore Mustangs

2020 Football Schedule --- District 21-6A

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Varsity Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| Fri, Sept. 25 | Shadow Creek | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Thur, Oct 1 | Klein Collins | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Oct. 9 | Willis | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Oct. 16 | Manvel | Freedom Field | 7:00 |
| Fri, Oct. 23 | *Bmt Westbrook | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 29 | *Humble | Turner Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Nov. 6 | *Kingwood | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Nov. 13 | *Summer Creek | Turner Stadium | 7:00 |
| Thu, Nov. 19 | *CE King | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Nov. 27 | *Atascocita | Turner Stadium | 7:00 |
| Fri, Dec. 4 | Bye Week | | |

JV WHITE/RED Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| Thur, Sept. 24 | Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Sept. 30 | Klein Collins | Klein Collins HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 1 | Willis | Willis HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 15 | Manvel | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 22 | *Bmt Westbrook | Durley Field | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Oct. 28 | *Humble | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 5 | *Kingwood | Kingwood HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 12 | *Summer Creek | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 18 | *CE King | Panther Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 25 | *Atascocita | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Dec. 3 | Bye Week | | |

Freshman GRAY/WHITE/RED Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Thur, Sept. 24 | Shadow Creek | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Sept. 30 | Klein Collins | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 8 | Willis | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Oct. 14 | Manvel | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 22 | *Bmt Westbrook | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Oct. 28 | *Humble | Turner Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 5 | *Kingwood | North Shore 9 th Grade | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 12 | *Summer Creek | Summer Creek HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 18 | *CE King | GPISD Stadium | 4:30/6:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 25 | *Atascocita | Atascocita HS | 4:30/6:00 |
| Thur, Dec. 3 | Bye Week | | |

FRESHMAN C SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

* District 21-6A Game
** Homecoming Game
*** Senior Night

Galena Park Yellow Jackets

2020 Football Schedule --- District 11-5A

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Varsity Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------|
| Friday Sept. 25 | Baytown Lee | Stallworth Stadium | 7:00 |
| Friday Oct. 2 | Caney Creek | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 8 | *FB Marshall | Hall Stadium | 7:00 |
| Friday Oct. 16 | *Houston Sterling | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Saturday Oct. 24 | *Houston Madison | Cowart Stadium | 6:00 |
| Friday Oct. 30 | *BYE | BYE | |
| Thur, Nov. 5 | *Houston Northside | GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 12 | *Houston Waltrip | Cowart Stadium | 7:00 |
| Friday Nov. 20 | *Houston Sharpstown | **GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |
| Friday, Nov. 27 | *Houston Austin | Barnett Stadium | 1:00 |
| Friday Dec. 4 | *FB Willowridge | ***GPISD Stadium | 7:00 |

JV Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|------|
| Thur, Sept. 24 | Baytown Lee | Dement Field | 5:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 1 | Caney Creek | Away | 5:00 |
| Wed, Oct. 7 | *FB Marshall | Dement Field | 5:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 15 | *Houston Sterling | Away | 5:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 22 | *Houston Madison | Dement | 5:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 29 | *BYE | BYE | |
| Wed, Nov. 4 | *Houston Northside | Away | 5:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 11 | *Houston Waltrip | Dement Field | 5:00 |
| Thur, Nov. 19 | *Houston Sharpstown | Away | 5:00 |
| Wed, Nov. 25 | *Houston Austin | Dement Field | 5:00 |
| Thur, Dec. 3 | *FB Willowridge | Away | 5:00 |

Freshman Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Place | Time |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|------|
| Thur, Sept. 24 | Baytown Lee | Away | 5:00 |
| Thur, Oct. 1 | Caney Creek | Dement Field | 5:00 |
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Battle of Champions,

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Leading the Mustang herd, #2 senior Shadrack Banks and the East Side Boys. They take the field to begin the 2020 season defending their back-to-back state championship seasons. Banks was instrumental in the 2018 State Championship win over Duncanville. His 2019 season came to a quick end with a season ending break in his leg. He's 100 percent healed and he'll be one of the state's top pass receivers. As sophomores both he and quarterback Davis had set impressive pass-catch records before his injury. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

Jones. Auburn committed Mustang quarterback Demetrius Davis made two scores and junior cornerback Denver Harris made an impressive performance with two interceptions, and one was a 95 yard interception TD (pick-six). The Sharks were riddled with 10 penalties for a near hundred yards which may have cost them the victory. NS had 5 penalties costing them 40 yards. Mustang's offense totaled 431 yards, Davis completes 70 percent of his passes for 200 yards. Running backs Rannon Davis and Daveon Ford split duties with each making a TD. Kicker Andres Montes-Zamora kicked 5 extra points and a 30 yard field goal. The Sharks came with the game plan all teams will use on the Mustangs this year and that's targeting quarterback Davis. Numerous times Davis was bottled up and couldn't get his normal high productive pass-run option running-game going. He did manage several first down runs and a 20 yard TD run in the final quarter. Coach Kay said after the game, we all love football, it's a game we enjoy, but this was more than that... this was an opportunity to bring out the community who needed to get out and have some enjoyment. Superintendent Dr. John Moore said, because of the virus we limited attendance and took all the necessary precautions needed to protect the players, fans and coaches. Posting of mandatory mask wearing signs were everywhere. Mustangs host from Willis, Texas the 6A Region II District 13, Willis Wildcats Thursday, October 8th at 7 PM in another non-conference game.



Mustang junior defensive back #3 Denver Harris intercepts Sharks quarterback Kyron Drones pass on the Mustangs goal line and scampers 95 yards for a touchdown (pick-six). (Photo Allan Jamail)

Rotary Backpacks,

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ABOVE: Members of the North Shore Rotary Club, Boy Scouts, Channelview High School Interact Club, and volunteers teamed up to distribute 1000 Backpacks with school supplies inside, to families that drove through the line. RIGHT: Rows of Backpacks are lined up on the walk at North Shore High School, in preparation for their distribution last Saturday.



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