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COVID-19

Cases as of
November 17, 2020

HOUSTON AREA

19 COUNTIES

262,549 POSITIVE
3,624 DEATHS
234,294 RECOVERED

TEXAS

1,078,875 POSITIVE
20,147 DEATHS
883,223 RECOVERED

UNITED STATES

11,344,154 POSITIVE
248,581 DEATHS
4,293,640 RECOVERED

WORLDWIDE

55,562,616 POSITIVE
1,337,343 DEATHS
35,738,563 RECOVERED

State of the County focuses on COVID-19

Judge Lina Hidalgo discusses her ideal pandemic re-opening strategy

By Jada Mier

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and H.E.B.'s President Scott McClelland discussed some important topics at the Annual State of the County "Fireside Chat" held over Livestream. In a 33-minute conversation, the issues discussed were the pandemic, racial justice, and the Ike Dike coastal barrier.

Harris County has a total of 170,835 confirmed virus cases and 2,322 deaths; Judge Lina Hidalgo



HEB president Scott McClelland and Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo presented the annual State of the County address in the style of a "Fireside Chat."

go thinks it's time for a "necessary pullback." The number of new cases has increased by 40 percent, Hidalgo says. She feels that Harris county would benefit more from a gradual re-opening plan. Stating that she no longer has the authority to enforce this, she thinks what the country needs is a threshold re-opening strategy with scientifically based parameters. Addressing our suffering economy, Hidalgo says Covid-19 safety measures and the economy's health are synonymous. "When folks know it's safe out there, they'll have the confidence to go out and engage in the activities that are going to improve our economy."

McClelland pointed out the ongoing struggle students have to adapt to their new online school environment due to the global pandemic. In response to Harris County's lack of connectivity, the county has invested more money to bridge this digital divide. People are noticing the lack of broadband and cellphone towers in more impoverished areas, which leads to an inability to access the internet, Hidalgo said.

When asked about what sort of call to action people

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Fonteno Park Mountain Bike Trails dedicated on Veteran's Day



L - R: Yellowbird Veterans Eric Carrasco, Denise Sanders and Adrian Garcia, Pct. 2 Harris County Commissioner after unveiling the new park sign marking the location of the bike trail. (Photo Allan Jamail)

By Allan Jamail

Houston, TX. -- Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Jim and Joann Fonteno Family Park in Harris County Precinct 2 at 14350 1/2 Wallisville Rd. veterans of all branches of service and citizens gathered for the dedication ceremony of the new Yellowbird Mountain Bike Trail.

Chris Saddler, Harris County Precinct (HCPCT 2) Parks and Recreation Director was the Master of Ceremony for the dedication ceremony.

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Vietnam Veterans attending the new mountain bike trail dedication ceremony.
L - R: Jose Tony Palomo, Army, Donald Bobo, Air Force, Wayne O'Quinn, Navy, John Painter, Air Force and Bob Gebhard, Navy. (Photo Allan Jamail)

Mustangs shutout Summer Creek 58 - 0, have a 22 game win streak

By Allan Jamail

Friday, November 13, 2020 at the GPISD stadium the fairytale myth of Friday the 13th being a sign of bad luck didn't affect the undefeated two-time defending Class 6A Division I champion North Shore Mustangs.

The Mustangs protected their 22 consecutive game winning streak by shutting out their district opponent the Humble ISD Summer Creek Bulldogs, 58-0. The Bulldogs offense couldn't penetrate the Mustangs brick wall defense and were kept to just 97 yards for four quarters.

Head Coach Jon Kay's East-side Boys (Mustangs) offensive struck early in the first quarter making 3 touchdowns (TD's) and a Carlos Dominguez 29 yard field goal. In the first quarter they led 24 to 0, and at halftime they led 38 to 0 with 5 TD's, by game's end they had 8 TD's.

Quarterback Demetrius Davis led the offense to a 645 yard game, using his dual-threat pass run option he passed for 4 (TD's) and ran for another. He connected on 9 of his 12 passes for a 75 percent completion average and 313 yards. Backup

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#14 Mustang Charles King crosses the goal on a 75 yard pass play from Demetrius Davis. (Photo by Allan Jamail)

#8 David Amador North Shore's sophomore wide receiver hauls in a 48 yard pass from Demetrius Davis for a touchdown.

(Photos by Allan Jamail)



JC enjoys live music and vendor displays at Market by Night

Photos & Story by
Jada Mier

On Saturday at 3 pm local sellers arrived at the town center's courtyard to set up lights and canopies to display their items. Market by night included 19 vendors selling artisan handcrafted goods from 5-9 pm.

The Jacinto City community gathered to enjoy food from Trompo Loco and live music performed by Vianey Torres. The director of the market, Rebecca Mier, says their mission is to provide the community with direct access to local producers. As well as offering support to local consumers, artists, and entrepreneurs. Mier and her team, Christal Rodriguez and Geri Burkett created a fun and family friendly atmosphere while helping consumers become more conscious of who they buy from.

Among the many vendors, was Trina Dalcour, she flaunted her specialty

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Walking through the market people were talking and shopping sellers explaining how they made their products.



Trina's canopy as always was crowded with people looking to see what specialty cupcakes she made this month.

GPHS Yellowjackets' Steel Curtain Shutout Waltrip Rams 49 - 0

By Allan Jamail

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Houston's HISD Delmar Stadium the visiting GPISD Yellowjackets defense under head coach Spiro Amarantos, continue to play a crucial role in their winning season. The Steel Curtain shutout the Waltrip Rams 49 - 0.

GP's offense made 7 touchdowns (TD's) with 343 yards. The defense kept the Rams off the scoreboard allowing only 143 yards, causing 3 fumbles and one pass interception.

Touchdowns were made by A'marion Kelly (4TD's), Arturo Garcia (2 TD's) and Antonio Zamora's pass interception for a TD. Leading rushers were A'marion Kelly with 163 yards and Arturo Garcia 90 yards. Fernando Mendoza kicked the extra points.

Coach Amarantos' team has a four game winning streak and a 4 - 1 district record with three remaining district games in 5A-2 Region III District 11.

The Jackets next game is their district Homecoming game with the Sharpstown Apollos on Friday, November 20, 2020 at GPISD Stadium at 7:00 PM.



#4 A'marion Kelly, Jackets running back/quarterback crosses the goal for one of his four touchdowns.. (Allan Jamail photos)



#3 Arturo Garcia, running back breaks free from a Ram defender and gets a block from teammate #2 River Medina to score one of his two Yellowjacket touchdowns.

Traffic jam delays rescuers after Fatal ATV rollover



A person was killed last Saturday from an ATV rollover. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies, Crosby Volunteer Fire Dept. and HCESD#5, the ambulance service for Crosby, were impaired in getting to the scene by a tremendous crowd of trucks and other vehicles blocking entrance at 1927 Gulf Pump Road, the location of Xtreme Off Road Park and Beach. Harris County Sheriff's Deputies continue to investigate the accident, as of Tuesday, the name of the victim has not been released.

COVID-10 Test Sites Nov. 16 thru 21

<p>Houston – COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are increasing in our community. Wash your hands frequently, wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others when in public, get your flu shot and get tested for COVID-19. Testing locations are below. Most are open Monday-Saturday from 8am-3pm. Exceptions are highlighted in red. Children can also be tested at these sites. Register at www.hcphtx.org or call 832-927-7575.</p> <p>• M.O. Campbell Education Center Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm Open Sat., Nov. 14 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 1865 Aldine Bender, FM 525, Houston, TX 77032</p> <p>• South Belt Church Closed Tuesday, Nov. 10 13100 Beamer Rd Houston, TX 77089</p>	<p>• Greater Purelight Missionary Closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 12330 Vickery St Houston, TX 77039</p> <p>• Christ the King Episcopal Open Mon – Fri Closed Tuesday, Nov. 10 15325 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77083</p> <p>• New Hope Presbyterian Church Open Saturday, Nov. 14 1350 N Mason Rd Katy, TX 77449</p> <p>• Champion Forest Baptist Church Closed Friday, Nov. 13 15555 Stuebner Airline Rd Houston, TX 77069</p> <p>• Lee College Open Tues & Wed, Nov 10 & 11 200 Lee Dr Baytown, TX 77520</p> <p>• St. Mary Magdalene Open Thurs - Sat, Nov 12 - 14 527 S Houston Ave, Humble, TX 77338</p>	<p>• St Dominic Catholic Church Open Tues - Thurs, Nov 10 - 12 8215 Reservoir, Houston, TX 77049</p> <p>• St. Martin de Porres Church Open Mon & Fri, Nov 9 & 13 12606 Crosby Lynchburg Rd, Crosby, TX 77532</p> <p>• Bear Creek Islamic Center Closed Saturday, Nov. 14 17250 Coventry Park Dr, Houston, TX 77084</p> <p>For the Pasadena and Katy sites, register at www.doineedacovid19test.com or call 832-927-7575. People must be 13 or older to be tested at these sites.</p> <p>San Jacinto College Central Campus Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm Open Sun, Nov. 15, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 8060 Spencer Hwy, Pasadena, TX 77505 Katy Park Open Mon-Fri 12pm-7pm</p>
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDED NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 101616 AND NONATTAINMENT PERMIT NUMBER N214M2

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Targa Midstream Services LLC, 811 Louisiana St, Houston, TX 77002-1446, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 101616 and Nonattainment Permit Number N214M2, which would authorize construction of a Mont Belvieu Fractionator at 10319 Hwy 146, Mont Belvieu, Chambers County, Texas 77580. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 30, 2019. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants in amounts significant enough to require a Nonattainment Review: nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. The facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds. In addition, the facility will emit: carbon monoxide, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, ammonia, hazardous air pollutants, hydrogen sulfide, and sulfur dioxide. No other pollutant emission increase will result from this facility.

Chambers County has been designated nonattainment for ozone because Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Stations have shown that ambient concentrations of ozone exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Ground-level ozone is not emitted directly into the air, but is created by chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires that new major stationary sources and major modifications at sources in designated nonattainment areas must satisfy nonattainment new source review prior to commencement of construction.

As required by the nonattainment review, all air contaminants have been evaluated and the "lowest achievable emission rate" has been addressed for the control of these contaminants. The emission increases from this project will be offset with emission reductions by a ratio of 1.2 to 1. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated that the benefits of the existing facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification. Finally, the applicant has certified that all major stationary sources owned or operated by the applicant in the state are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable state and federal emission limitations and standards. The executive director, therefore, has made the preliminary determination to issue this permit.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, and the executive director's air quality analysis will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and at Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library, 1 John Hall Drive, Mont Belvieu, Chambers TX, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. These documents are accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/gotolcid: the executive director's preliminary decision which includes the draft permit, the executive director's preliminary determination summary, the air quality analysis, and, once available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application. Access the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) using the above link and enter the permit number for this application. The public location mentioned above Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library provides public access to the internet. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.841944&lng=-94.895555&zoom=13&type=r>.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, if requested by an interested person, or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all public comment. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.** The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comment. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.** The mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision.

A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. A contested case hearing request must include the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. Issues that are not submitted in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. If a timely contested case hearing request is not received or if all timely contested case hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the CID. If any timely hearing requests are received and not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting.


MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Targa Midstream Services LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jeff Myhra, Senior Environmental Specialist, at (713) 584-1597

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OPINION

By Eric Dick,
HCDE Board President

Harris County is
fortunate to have a
Department of Education

From the Desk of HCDE Board President Eric Dick

“Harris County is fortunate enough to have a Department of Education,” says Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) Board Chairman Eric Dick. “Though the various businesses HCDE owns, we are able to take a nominal tax rate and turn it into serious money. We turn \$1 of tax revenues into \$5 of governmental services. We love education and use the profits to support our local school districts.”

Harris County School Districts are the HCDE’s primary mission. The Harris County Education Foundation (EFHC), HCDE’s philanthropic arm, recently announced grant allocations of \$207,013 to local school districts to help districts deal with COVID-19 related funding.

The Education Partnership Partners awards range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 to support the school system with needs ranging from technology to pandemic health items to school supplies. The grants were made possible by the HCDE Board of Trustees, who voted for \$500,000 in funding during the school year 2020-2021 to assist Harris County districts.

County School Superintendent James Colbert Jr. noted that the Harris County Education Department is proud to fill holes in our county’s public education. At the beginning of COVID-19, HCDE saw the unique needs of our school districts. The board took immediate action requesting the foundation to administer grants to provide sufficient funding directly to meet these needs.

The 16 districts receiving grant funding are Aldine, Alief, Channelview, Clear Creek, Crosby, Galena Park, Goose Creek, Houston, Humble, Katy La Porte, Pasadena, Sheldon, Spring, Spring Branch, and Stafford. Applications were obtained from district administration or district-affiliated education foundation. Pasadena Independent School District and the PISD Education Foundation were the first to reveal via the EFHC its Partners in Education Project grant from HCDE.

PISD Associate Superintendent Dr. Troy McCarley describes Harris County’s generous support for Pasadena ISD. The grant is more than just offering our virtual learners money. It also is helping many students complete virtual training. Pasadena’s grant initiative provides underprivileged children with MiFi equipment and monthly online services so that students can complete online interactive education assignments. HCDE Board Amy Hinojosa shared the great news of a grant with PISD administrators, endorsing PISD as HCDE’s Precinct 2 trustee and Pasadena resident.

Colbert notes that the grants complement HCDE’s other district resources, including four special schools, educator professional development, school safety, teacher credential programs, Head Start, school-based counseling, and adult education. HCDE supports our districts in so many ways, and we’re excited to find another way to work with communities to help students and teachers.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Chris Cobler

Local, state leaders battle
COVID surge, and each other

Texas topped 1 million COVID-19 cases as some counties reimposed restrictions that had been loosened after this summer’s spike.

Particularly hard-hit El Paso extended its temporary shutdown of nonessential businesses, but the Texas Eighth Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 Friday to block County Judge Ricardo Samaniego’s order. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and some El Paso businesses had opposed the judge’s order, claiming it went too far.

“I will not let rogue political subdivisions try to kill small businesses and holiday gatherings through unlawful executive orders,” Paxton said in a statement.

Samaniego promised to continue the legal fight to protect El Paso residents and health care workers.

“So unfortunate that Paxton, the ‘Texas’ Attorney General, finds the opportunity to gloat instead of coming to El Paso to walk alongside me by the mobile morgues with 144 El Pasoans; or send his condolences to the families of his 741 constituents who died of COVID-19,” the judge responded in a statement.

On Friday, the state reported 7,083 people hospitalized with COVID-19, according to the Texas Tribune. Hospital beds in West Texas are scarce, and area morgues are overflowing with bodies.

The Texas Department of State Health Services urged Texans to continue to wear facial coverings, socially distance and wash hands regularly. The state also supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s guidelines for Thanksgiving gatherings. These include:

Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least 6 feet apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household.

Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear



masks when not eating or drinking.

Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors. Keep music levels down so people don’t have to shout or speak loudly to be heard.

PREPARING FOR VACCINE

Texas will work to quickly distribute a new vaccine developed by Pfizer and BioNTech as soon as the drug receives final regulatory approval.

The state health department has developed a vaccine distribution plan and is working with health care providers to enroll in the agency’s immunization program to be eligible to administer the shots. Over 2,500 providers already have enrolled in the program.

Meanwhile, the University of Texas celebrated the work of its McLellan Lab in Austin for co-designing the coronavirus spike protein used in the proposed vaccine. Also, the University of Texas Medical Branch served as a site for clinical trials for the Pfizer vaccine and engineered a way to evaluate the drug more quickly.

HIGH INTEREST IN INTERNET SERVICE

Many Capital Highlights readers reacted to last week’s column about the lack of broadband access in rural Texas.

They shared stories of driving miles to use a public library’s wifi for a few hours. Some described carefully po-

sitioning themselves just so in one corner of their home’s upstairs balcony to get service that was barely adequate.

Column reader Michael Phillips of rural Harrison County said his home is too remote for DSL and that satellite service is slow, expensive and unreliable at times. He has written letters to county officials, state legislators, his congressman and both of Texas’ U.S. senators.

“In today’s connected world, having access to fast, reliable Internet is essential,” he wrote. “More and more people are shopping online, banking and paying bills online, students need access to online research tools, many college classes are either partially or totally online, medical resources are online, streaming services, news and entertainment are online. In addition, many small businesses start up online.”

If you missed the panel discussion “Broadband is a Lifeline,” you still may view the replay at TexasTribune.org. Stay tuned to see what the Legislature will do when it convenes in January.

HOMEWARD REBOUND

The number of homes sold in Texas rose 18.4% in the third quarter of 2020 over the previous year.

Almost 120,000 homes sold in the state, even though listings dropped 32.4% from the prior year, according to the Texas Quarterly Housing Report by Texas Realtors.

“The Texas real estate market’s resiliency, especially in the middle of a pandemic crisis, is nothing short of incredible, though our housing supply is still critically low,” said Cindi Bulla, Texas Realtors chairwoman.

The statewide median housing price rose 8.6% to \$266,000.

TALKING TURKEY PRICES

Heading in to Thanksgiving, turkey supplies are down and prices are up, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

COVID-19 appears to be heavily influencing holiday turkey prices, said David Anderson, AgriLife Extension economist in Bryan-College Station. Although wholesale prices are up because supplies are down, Anderson said, retailers still might offer specials because of the pandemic.

About a third of Americans will have fewer people at their Thanksgiving celebrations, according to a marketing survey by the Food Industry Association and the Hartman Group. About 26% of respondents said they would avoid long-distance travel.

“If people are scaling back, it will be interesting to see how the market for turkeys and traditional Thanksgiving dishes plays out,” Anderson said.

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

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THE POSTSCRIPT

By Carrie Classon

“Freshly
Baked Bread”

“I’m going to bake bread!” my husband, Peter, announced.

Inwardly, I said, “Oh, no.” Baking bread is not easy—until it is. Every person I know who bakes bread will agree. If there’s someone out there who tried baking bread for the first time and it was a great success, I would like to hear about it because, in my experience, you have to bake a lot of bad bread before you bake anything close to edible. I was afraid Peter was about to find this out.

But what I said was, “Great, honey!”

A lot of people are trying to bake bread these days. Our store is still low on yeast and was out of flour for weeks. I wonder how many bags of flour and bottles of yeast are sitting around unused after a first, disastrous attempt. I remember when I first decided to bake bread.

“I’m going to bake bread!” I announced. There was no one around to discourage me.

I don’t know how many loaves of terrible bread I baked. I lost count. I tried all sorts of recipes. I blamed the altitude and the flour and the yeast. Nothing worked. I kept producing these heavy, unappetizing loaves and the only thing that prevented me from giving them to the birds was my landlord, a portly man, who came by to chat almost every day. He would eat absolutely anything with enough butter and honey on it.

So, my landlord ate loaf after loaf of terrible bread until one day I tried the “No-Knead Bread,” which my brother-in-law recommended and, quite unexpectedly, I made edible bread for the first time.

This was more than ten years ago and, since that time, I have not experimented with another kind of bread. I will put nuts and raisins and cranberries and wheat bran in my bread on occasion, but the basic recipe remains the same because I figure I am lucky to have found one kind of bread I can make.

Peter was inspired to bake bread because he remembered the bread his mother made when he was a child. The recipe was on a 3x5 index card she’d labeled, “My Good Bread.”

“Did she have bad bread?” I asked Peter. “No. This is the only bread she made.”

I never met Peter’s mother. She died before Peter and I met. But other than giving birth to Peter, I’ve no reason to believe she had any superhuman abilities. I’m guessing she learned to bake bread like everyone else—she failed until she found something that worked for her. That’s why she called it “My Good Bread,” to differentiate it from the countless loaves of terrible bread that preceded it.

And it was obvious she wrote the recipe for herself. There was no oven temperature given, no baking time, and the ingredients were arcane. I’ve never seen “cake yeast” in the store and I’d have to guess that “potato water” was water she had boiled potatoes in. She used a type of graham flour that, as far as Peter can determine, is no longer made. Still, Peter was optimistic.

A few hours later, the results were in.

“My bread is a failure!” Peter announced.

The bread was tasty enough, but it crumbled as soon as it was cut.

“Well,” I said, “you’ll just have to try again!” And I suspect Peter will.

Because there is a reason we bake bread.

It is frustrating and time-consuming and failure-prone. But, really, there is nothing in the world like a loaf of freshly baked bread.

Till next time,

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

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should take from the protests surrounding George Floyd's death, she replies, "Stay on Us." Encouraging people to stay informed and vote, she says, "I knew we succeeded when she saw that 1.7 million people in Harris County had voted in the general election." "It has been very important, necessary and, I hope impactful to see George Floyd's hometown come together and demand change" she said.

Hidalgo also commented on misdemeanor bail reform, immigration, and the need to promote minor-

ity-owned businesses. On the topic of immigration, she mentioned the court's recent approval of an affirmative action program for county vendors and \$2.5 million to help poor immigrants fight deportations.

Briefly discussing this year's narrow escapes from hurricanes Laura and Delta, McClelland addressed the possibility of a coastal barrier to better protect the region from a hurricane's effects. Although Hidalgo says that the Ike Dike coastal barrier has her support, it should be noted that since the project could take decades to complete; policy makers should pursue smaller-scale flood mitigation projects.

tion ceremony who introduced numerous guest speakers.

Sydney Penny the former HCPCT 2 Interim Parks Director spoke and said the bike trail planning began in August of 2019. He said under his administration Cassie Gibson an Army Veteran who represents Veterans as a HCPCT 2 staff person and other staffers contacted Yellowbird Veterans Organization with the idea of making a mountain bike trail for veterans. He said building mountain bike trails for Veterans is a way we all can express our gratitude to them for their service to the country and by allowing them to have some joy when using the bike trails.

Jose Jimenez, Director of HCPCT 2 - Neighborhood Services & Economic Opportunity spoke and thanked the Veterans and citizens who came out to participate. Cassie Gibson an Army Veteran who represents Veterans as a HCPCT 2 staffer did an outstanding job in organizing the dedication. Tanya Makany-Rivera, Director of Government Affairs & Community Relations helped provide information for this article.

Veterans recognized to speak were, Chief Warrant Officer Denise Sanders, 30 year Veteran of the Army and Air Force (helicopter pilot), Wayne O'Quinn, Navy, Jose Tony Palomo, Army, Donald Bobo, Air Force, John Painter, Air Force and Bob Gebhard, Navy. They each expressed their appreciation for the new mountain bike trail and for being recognized for their service to the country.

Bob Gebhard, US Navy Vietnam Veteran made presentations of certificates to the Vietnam Veterans in attendance.

Julie Sivia, Vice Regent, Daughters of American Revolution, Lady Houston Chapter made a presenta-

tion to Commissioner Adrian Garcia of a Texas flag flown at the state capitol and a commendation certificate to Harris HCPCT 2 for making the veterans mountain bike trail possible.

Commissioner Garcia spoke at the end of the ceremony and led the unveiling of the park sign for the Yellowbird Mountain Bike Trail. He said this is a big deal and he thanked the Rotary of North Shore, International Rotary, Operation Yellowbird, Precinct 2-2gether and others for their contribution of funds to get the trail built.

"You have made Precinct 2 a destination for Veterans to be able to come and relax, relief stress and emotions from their service to the country. These trails will save lives and we owe it all of you who helped us make this possible," Garcia said.

Commissioner Garcia said, "We owe our Veterans, they made Yellowbird, they are still serving us."

Those in attendance were given refreshments a souvenir lapel pin and cap.

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Indiana finds out if it's for real when they visit Ohio State: Texans look to add to Patriots misery on Sunday

The University of Indiana is known as a basketball school, but its football team is making a name for itself thus far in the 2020 Big 10 season.

The Hoosiers, under the direction of head coach Tom Allen, won their first three games of the season and are ranked No. 10 in the country. They already own home wins against Penn State and Michigan (their 38-21 win over the Wolverines two weeks ago was IU's first over Michigan in 33 years!).

Allen's team has been getting it done with an opportunistic defense and a big-play offense led by quarterback Michael Penix, Jr. The Hoosiers take a huge step up in competition this Saturday when they visit Columbus to take on No. 3-ranked Ohio State. Will the Hoosiers magical ride continue? We shall see. Ryan Day's Buckeyes are loaded on both sides of the ball. They are averaging 46 points per game in their first three conference games. This will definitely be IU's biggest test to date.

In the Big 12, Iowa State hopes to stay in the league title hunt when it hosts a Kansas State team that is pretty much out of it after losing at home Oklahoma State two weeks ago. Speaking of OSU, the Cowboys travel to Norman to take on archrival Oklahoma in the annual Bedlam game. Mike Gundy's Cowboys had their bye week last week to give them extra time to prepare for Lincoln Riley and his ever-improving Sooners, who were also, idle last Saturday.

In the NFL, the Texans will look to continue to add to the New England Patriots misery last 2020 season when they host Bill Belichick's team at NRG Stadium on Sunday. Two weeks ago, the Texans picked up their second win of the season



KEENEY'S KORNER

By
MIKE KEENEY

when they held off Jacksonville, 27-25. There is another good one for Thursday Night Football as Arizona, which dropped a 34-31 decision at home two weeks ago to a much-improved Miami team, visits Seattle, which fell at Buffalo, 44-34. Other interesting matchups have the Packers visiting the Colts and the Chiefs visiting Las Vegas, the only team to defeat them thus far this season. That game will be played on Sunday Night Football.

Before we take a look at those games and a host of others, let's review last week's record. A 10-2 week (another solid one) upped the season record to 62-30 (67%). Now, onto this weekend's games.

NCAA

Indiana at Ohio State: As stated earlier, the Indiana faithful will find out if they are contenders or pretenders when they take on the No. 3-ranked Buckeyes on Saturday in Columbus. Penix Jr., leads them on offense as he's passed for 750 yards and has thrown seven touchdowns in his team's first three games. The Hoosiers are also opportunistic on defense and they had better bring their "A" game when they face off against dual threat Justin Fields (908 passing yards, 11 TDs), running back Master Teague III (211 yards, 4 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Chris Olave (18 receptions, 288 yards, 4 TDs). The Buckeye

defense can be scored on as evidenced by the 25 points Penn State scored on them and the 27 points Rutgers put up on them two weeks ago. The problem is, Ohio State lights up the scoreboard like a pinball machine. I think Indiana hangs around in this one, but look for Fields and his mates to pull away in the fourth quarter. My pick, Ohio State 43, Indiana 28

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma: The Game of the Week on the Big 12 and possibly the country pits the one-loss Cowboys against the two-loss Sooners in Norman on Saturday. Both teams had an extra week to prepare for this one and both should enter the game relatively healthy. Two weeks ago, OSU picked up a hard-earned road win over Kansas State (20-18), while the Sooners rolled to a 62-9 pasting of Kansas. Gundy's team has starting quarterback Spencer Sanders (766 yards, 5 TDs) back after he missed a few game with an ankle injury. The Cowboys also have the services of stud running back Chubba Hubbard (581 yards, 5 TDs) and big-play wide receiver Tylan Wallace (35 receptions, 588 yards, 4 TDs). Look for Gundy to attack a young but improving OU defense. Riley has plenty of weapons on offense as well led by quarterback Spencer Rattler (2,018 yards, 18 TDs) and true freshman wide receiver Marvin Mims (25 receptions, 418 yards, 7 TDs). This one should be a high-scoring affair and

something tells me Riley will pull out a gadget play or two, which will be the difference makers. My pick, Oklahoma 36, Oklahoma State 33

NFL

Arizona at Seattle: The Seahawks will be out for revenge on Thursday Night Football when they host the Arizona Cardinals. On Oct. 25, Seattle blew a 10-point lead with a little over two minutes to go as the Cards and quarterback Kyler Murray (2,130 passing yards, 16 TDs/543 passing yards, 8 TDs) rallied for a 37-34 victory in overtime. Two weeks ago, Arizona lost at home to Miami, while Seattle dropped a 44-34 decision at Buffalo as quarterback Russell Wilson (2,541 yards, 28 TDs) fumbled twice and threw two interceptions. Look for Wilson to make plays downfield to speedy and big wide receiver DK Metcalf (43 receptions, 788 yards, 8 TDs). Seattle needs to tighten things up on defense, especially against a playmaker like Murray. Something tells me head coach Pete Carroll will make the necessary adjustments on that side of the ball, while Wilson will take care of things on offense. My pick, Seattle 34, Arizona 28

New England at Houston: After a brutal start schedule-wise to the season (games against Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Tennessee and Green Bay), the second half of the season looks a bit more promising for the Texans. After a game at Cleveland last week, the Texans host the struggling New England Patriots (Belichick's team was a very uncouth 2-5 heading into their Nov. 9 Monday Night Football game against the Jets) on Sunday in NRG

Stadium. While the Texans continue to struggle on defense, quarterback Deshaun Watson (2,376 yards, 17 TDs) is on a path for his best season as a pro. This might be a good week for the defense to get some stops, and possibly a turnover or two, from NE QB Cam Newton (picks here). Look for another big day from Watson as the Texans begin righting the ship in the second half of the season. My pick, Houston 26, New England 23

Green Bay at Indianapolis: Two weeks ago, Aaron Rodgers (2,253 yards, 24 TDs) threw four touchdown passes in a route over the 49ers to get the bad taste of last year's loss in the NFC title game out of his mouth. Rodgers was happy to have running back Aaron Jones (477 yards, 5 TDs) back as he picked the SF secondary apart with strikes to wide receiver Davante Adams (53 receptions, 675 yards, 8 TDs). This week, the Packers face a top-5 defense when they visit the Colts. But two weeks ago, that unit was run over in the second half by the Ravens as Baltimore rallied for a 24-10 road wins. Indy QB Phillip Rivers (2,057 yards, 10 TDs) hasn't been the savior Colt fans thought he would be, but he should be able to make some plays against a suspect GB defense. Look for Rodgers to outduel Rivers as the Packers look to take control of the NFC North. My pick, Green Bay 33, Indianapolis 20

Dallas at Minnesota: Two weeks ago, the Cowboys were double-digit underdogs against the Pittsburgh Steelers, but they played hard and were in the game up until the final play of the game when Garrett Gilbert's (243 yards, 1 TD) pass into

the end zone was broken up by Minka Fitzpatrick to save a 24-19 Pittsburgh victory. Garrett made plays with his arm and his legs and should keep the job the rest of the season. The much-maligned defense played hard, but they will need to be on top of their game this week when they face perhaps the league's hottest running back in Dalvin Cook (858 yards, 12 TDs) on Sunday in Minnesota. Don't look now, but the Vikings are getting hot at the right moment and could still factor in the playoff race. I don't see them letting up this week against the Cowboys. My pick, Minnesota 26, Dallas 21

Kansas City at Las Vegas: The Chiefs will be out to make amends for their 40-32 home loss to the Raiders on Oct. 11, which is thus far the only blemish for Andy Reid's team. KC quarterback Patrick Mahomes (2,687 yards, 25 TDs, just 1 interception) is having an MVP-like season and he has plenty of playmakers to toss the ball to in tight end Travis Kelce (58 receptions, 769 yards, 6 TDs) and speedy wide receiver Tyreek Hill (44 receptions, 650 yards, 9 TDs). Las Vegas quarterback Derek Carr (2,002 yards, 16 TDs) hit some big plays downfield in the first meeting against the Chiefs and with a strong running game led by second-year back Josh Jacobs (588 yards, 6 TDs), look for Carr to get Jacobs going early to set up the play-action pass, with hopes of making some more big plays in the passing game. This should be a good one for Sunday Night Football and look for the Chiefs to have the last laugh this time around. My pick, Kansas City 34, Las Vegas 30

Churches United hosts Holiday Market Sale



The parking lot of Churches United in Caring, the community outreach of several local churches that united to effectively use their funds, was packed with holiday shoppers last Saturday as shoppers came out to find quality items at garage sale prices with a special eye to Christmas items including decoration. This special event was to buy food and toys for distribution to Crosby, Huffman and Barrett Station families for Christmas. Locals thronged the parking lot Saturday morning buying decorations and gifts. "I'm so glad they take credit cards today, normally, they don't I was afraid I would have to tell the kids there would be no Christmas this year but now I am ahead of the holiday shopping and spent less than to do just the bare minimum," said one shopper, asking not to be identified, lugging a giant box to stuffed with decorations and gifts to his car.

New Harris County Animal Shelter Opens its Doors for Residents to Adopt a Pet

If your family is looking to adopt a fur baby for the holidays, visit the newly unveiled Harris County Pets Resource Center. The new shelter will provide three and a half times the amount of space as the original shelter that it replaces, increasing capacity to 525 animals, or 315 dogs and 210 cats. Dog pens in the new shelter have both indoor and outdoor space for them to play, cats have their own "cat condos," and quarantine areas are available to stop the spread of disease. The building also makes it easier for residents hoping to adopt — "Get Acquainted" areas allow you to get to know an animal before taking her home and a more ample and welcoming space is available for adoption events and counseling rooms. To find out how you can adopt a pet in need of a home, visit Harris CountyPets.com.

Harris County Commits Additional \$10 Million to Help Students Bridge Digital Divide

Harris County is still working hard to assist students struggling to complete school work from home without internet or laptops. Last month, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo and Commissioner's Court approved an additional \$10 million for the purchase of devices and hotspots for Harris County children attending school virtually during the COVID-19 epidemic. The County had previously allocated \$32 million for the purchase of devices in early August. 64,000 internet devices and 190,000 electronic devices have already been ordered via the programs. 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. The county is also funding an evaluation of long-term infrastructure solutions for areas of our county that do not have connectivity.

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The residence address of the administrator is in Harris County, Texas. The mailing address is:

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1500 Wallisville Rd
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this November 17, 2020

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Many people wonder why a diamond’s weight is measured in terms of carats. The use of grams, kilograms, or other commonly known units of measure might be more familiar to most people. The carat has a very interesting and unique history. The word carat actually originated from the word carob which refers to a locust tree that produces edible pods. Carob seeds, being even in weight, were used as weighing references by traders in the olden days, going back as far as the Roman Empire.



Without electronic scales, seeds were used as measurements

As recently as the 1890s, if you bought a “one-carat” diamond, the weight could actually vary anywhere between 0.94 to 1.06 metric carats! Standardization of measurement has been something of a challenge over the centuries. That’s a huge amount of uncertainty considering the big sums of money paid for a single stone. Much has changed since ancient times and the old days. While highly sensitive electronic weighing equipment has replaced the carob seeds, the industry stuck with the terminology of using carats to describe the weight of a diamond.

If you read my recent ‘Ask Diamond Jim’ column on Cut, you’ll remember that an “ideal cut” allows the best return of light in a diamond. The ideal cut also helps to ensure the relatively consistent size of a diamond. A one carat shallow cut diamond may appear bigger than one carat ideal cut; however, it will not return the light properly. A one carat diamond cut too deep will appear smaller and it too will likely disappoint the owner with a lack of fire and scintillation.

No matter what size diamond you’re interested in owning, take the time to consider all of the 4 C’s....Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat weight. Thank you for taking the time to read this brief summary of a Diamond’s Carat Weight.

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

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Mustangs shutout Summer Creek 58 – 0

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quarterbacks Jaylon Williams and junior Aubrey Broussard took over at halftime to finish the game.

The East-Side Boys made 8 touchdowns by, Shadrach Banks (2 TD), junior Damon Ford (2 TD’s), Demetrius Davis (1 TD), Charles King (1 TD), David Amador (1 TD), sophomore Jacoby Davis (1 TD). A field goal and the extra points were made by junior kicker Carlos Dominguez.

The Mustangs last home game of the season; they will host the C. E. King Panthers for a 6A Region III District 21 battle on Thursday, November 19th at 7 PM.



#4 Mustang quarterback Demetrius Davis runs for a score, teammate #14 Charles King pushes away a Bulldog defender. (Allen Jamail photo)



#2 Shadrach Banks outruns two Bulldog defenders for a 48 yard touchdown run.

GP Yellowjackets Steel Curtain Shutout Waltrip Rams 49 – 0

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#12 Keiran Sheppard Jackets defense tackle singlehandedly brings down Rams running back in the backfield for a loss of yards. (Allan Jamail photo)



The Steel Curtain Yellowjackets #73 Leo Garcia, #45 Luis Sanchez and #40 Brice Hernandez smother Rams running back #3 Kahlen Sam at their goal line.

CHARLOTTE’S WEB



We can make a Difference

As we begin to close out 2020, it would be so very easy to include many things that happened that were negative. Years ago I had a lady who challenged me to start each November off by posting something on social media each day that I was thankful for.

During the 49 years that I have lived in this community, I have seen natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes as well as tragedies such as murders, car accidents, child abuse and domestic violence. And each time our community experiences something like this, love wins. When my parents’ home was destroyed by the tornadoes that ripped through the area in November 1992, I witnessed volunteers from across the community getting involved to help feed those who had lost everything as well as gather supplies to hold the families over until Red Cross could arrive. When Hurricane Ike caused so much turmoil, again I saw families coming together to donate items as well as to donate their time and energy to help others.

When Hurricane Harvey devastated so many, I saw nonprofit groups, churches, former classmates, local business owners and are elected officials pulling together to reach out and help our area. Certainly during the last 8 months as we have experienced the COVID 19 pandemic, we have seen people come together and help each other out. Again it has been our churches, nonprofits and elected leaders who have pulled together to supply protective items such as mass, gloves and sanitizer.

I am so very thankful that even as we sometimes disagree with philosophies, we can all agree that we need to pitch in and do something.

Our community is greatly different than it was when I moved here. Yet the one thing that has been constant is the concern for others. Nobody likes the eyesores that we frequently associate with the homeless. While most residents recognize that mental illness often precedes homelessness, many still become frustrated.

Are you aware that there’s actually a task force working to come up with some type of solution? Representatives from various organizations are working on designing a facility which would provide basic necessities and representatives from agencies who would be able to help the homeless transition into a more productive life.

I still believe that we live in a wonderful community that cares about people. Maybe you are not led to go out and feed the homeless. Maybe you will never step foot into this proposed facility. Perhaps you cannot financially give to help with this facility. But the one thing I know you can do is to pray for the individuals affected by homelessness. And you can also be thankful that you have a roof over your head. We may only have six weeks left of 2020, but I know the love, compassion and empathy that are on the east side of Harris County. I know we can make a difference.



JC enjoys live music and vendor displays at Market by Night

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cupcakes and cookies and is responsible for Thankful Creations her baking business. Ali-B Honey handled by Sidler, a beekeeper, was the source of local honey. The market was not limited to food related products there were home goods and novelty items as well. Linda Johnson set up her large handmade wreaths. Becky Lopez had the attention of the younger crowd

with her hand sewn stuffed animals.

The market has proved to be beneficial, for local sellers looking to reach out to an audience. Vendors or those with small businesses have a chance to grow their already existing customer base. It’s a good networking opportunity, and more importantly a way to connect with the community.

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