

Fall is in the air



All of us make the transition from one season to another with similar feelings. Some of us share a favorite season. Some of us are not looking forward to the next one. Whatever feelings we have, we know one thing for sure. There is constant change!

First, our thoughts and prayers are with all of the people caught in the devastation and disaster from Hurricanes Harvey & Irma, respectively. So far, everyone we've talked to is doing okay! Thank goodness for that- considering the impact of the damages-the aftermath of their wreckage-the tragedy in its wake. According to weather.com, 50+ inches of rain is the "top-end forecast amount" that will have fallen over nine days in Harvey. The monster hurricane is (unfortunately) historic. Irma is still making its way thru Florida, we will continue to hope and pray that it's damage is minimal.

Second, the busy conference season is here. September and October are-by far-the busiest time of year for us, in terms of attending industry events. If you'd like to get together at any of the many upcoming events, please send an email to info@forwarderslist.com. We always prefer to meet in person and welcome the opportunity to make a personal connection with all of our clients and colleagues.

Third, and finally, I'd like to recognize The Commercial Law League of America (CLLA) and the International Association of Commercial Collectors (IACC) for their work in cultivating tomorrow's leadership. CLLA's Young Member Section and IACC's Emerging Leaders Task Force are promoting the future stability of our business. Kudos to these industry partners for recognizing the importance of connecting with our promising leaders!

Sincerely,
Gary

Trivia:

1. What is the official end of Autumn?
 - a. The Winter Crest
 - b. Thanksgiving
 - c. The Winter Equinox
 - d. The Winter Solstice
2. What fruit is freshest in the fall?
 - a. Pineapple
 - b. Apricots
 - c. Apples
 - d. Oranges

Bonus Questions:

Why do leaves change color in the fall?

To participate in our trivia questions, submit your answer by clicking [here](#).



Powerful Hurricane Irma could be next weather disaster

by Brandon Miller

While much attention remains on Texas and the destruction left by Hurricane Harvey and its historic rainfall, powerful Hurricane Irma is rapidly intensifying in the open Atlantic and poses a major threat to the Caribbean and potentially to the United States next week.

With the storm still five days away from the outermost Caribbean islands and at least a week away from any potential US impacts, there is still a lot of uncertainty about where it will go. The range of possibilities presented by the forecast models more than a week out literally spreads from Mexico to Canada -- and everywhere in between.

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Hurricane Harvey: The Devastation and What Comes Next

by Niraj Chokshi and Maggie Astor

With rainfall topping 50 inches in some areas, Harvey devastated a swath of Texas stretching from the Houston area into Louisiana. "Our whole city is underwater," Derrick Freeman, the mayor of Port Arthur, Tex., said on Wednesday.

Even as the rain and wind moved on, the region continued to suffer consequences of the storm. Explosions rocked a chemical plant early Thursday, and many hazards lurk beneath the floodwaters that soaked the region. The storm has also forced Houston to grapple with the limits of its growth.

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Electric flying car startup gets Chinese cash

by Charles Riley

That ambitious idea has caught the attention of China's Tencent (TCEHY), the lead investor in a \$90 million fundraising round announced Tuesday by startup Lilium.

The German firm, which successfully tested a prototype two-seater jet in April, said it will use the money to add to its 70 staff and develop a larger five-seat jet that can take off and land vertically.

Founded by four students from the Technical University of Munich in 2015, Lilium has recently hired executives with experience at Airbus (EADS), Rolls Royce (RYCE) and Tesla (TSLA).

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Houston Rockets selling for huge price

by Ahiza Garcia

Tilman Fertitta agreed to buy the team for a reported \$2.2 billion from current owner Leslie Alexander, according to the Houston Chronicle.

If it goes through it would be the most expensive sports franchise sale, behind the sale of Los Angeles Clippers in 2014 to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for \$2 billion, according to Bleacher Report.

The sale must still be approved by the NBA's Board of Governors. Details haven't been released, but the team confirmed the sale in a press release.

"I am truly honored to have been chosen as the next owner of the Houston Rockets," Fertitta said. "This is a life-long dream come true."

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This Training Mistake Could Be Costing You Time, Money, and Good Employees

by John Hall

A company is like a great sports team: The coach leads the way and coordinates the team with his leadership skills, and the players score the points needed to win the game. But what makes a good player better than constant training?

A wise manager knows that an efficient employee needs to be adequately trained. Even the best athlete will eventually grow weak if he's not consistently challenged in training. But training doesn't just occur during an employee's first few weeks; effective training is an ongoing process.

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Quotes

"There is a time in the last few days of summer when the ripeness of autumn fills the air" ~ Rudolfo Anaya

"Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have tide always and a full moon every night" ~ Hal Borland

Calendar of Events

If you would like to meet with [Gary Tier](#) at any event he is attending, please click [here](#) to request a meeting.

DCS
Tucson, AZ
September 11 - 13, 2017
<https://www.debtconnectionsposium.com/>

FENCA
Sophia, Bulgaria
September 27 - 30, 2017
<http://www.fenca.org/landing>

NARCA
Washington, D.C.
October 11 - 14
<http://www.narca.org/page/Fall17Register>



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