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CHANNEL CHATTER

Harris County HazMobile

Neighborhood Collection Event, Saturday, March 25, 2017, Jacinto City Fire Department, 1126 Mercury Dr., Jacinto City, TX. 77029. 8 am - 11 am only. The HazMobile is a mobile collection system that can accommodate Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) from approximately 100 households. HHW will be collected on a first come, first served basis until the unit reaches capacity. The containers must be 5 gallon or less in size.

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 - Mercury Thermometers
 - Small and BBQ size propane
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For more information call 281-560-6200.

Old River Terrace UM Church Spring Fest

Old River Terrace United Methodist Church is hosting a Spring Festival with BBQ, yard sale, games and more on Saturday April 1st from 9AM to 3PM. The church's address is 16102 East Freeway, in Channelview.

CHS alumnus Moore returns 'home' to lead Falcon baseball program

By Mark Kramer

New Channelview High School Head Baseball Coach John Moore has found his way back home.

The 1998 alumnus and standout athlete for the Falcon football and baseball team served as a varsity assistant at CHS from 2004-2009 before becoming the first head coach at Bastrop ISD's Cedar Creek High School in 2010. Moore established himself as a winning coach, guiding his teams to the playoffs the past three years, which included a state-ranked squad last year.

Moore was happy as coach of Cedar Creek and had



New Channelview High School Head Baseball Coach John Moore

thoughts of a long-term career in Central Texas. However, the opportunity he had

dreamed about presented itself – a chance to lead the Channelview Falcons baseball team.

"We built a great program from the ground up at Cedar Creek and we were really hitting our stride," Moore said. I could have stayed there for a long time, but then I heard about the opening here in Channelview. It was the only job that could make me turn my head. After giving it a lot of thought, I knew my heart was leading me back home."

With his family still living in the Channelview area, Moore has remained connect-

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Pct. 2 road repaving will start Thursday

EAST HARRIS COUNTY, PCT. 2 – Commissioner Jack Morman has announced that construction will start on a new BetterStreets2 Neighborhoods (BS2N) project on Thursday, March 23rd along various roadways throughout the Huffman, Crosby, and Highlands area. BS2N is a Precinct 2 program dedicated to preserving asphalt roadways by conducting base repairs, asphalt milling and overlay, roadway striping, and signage replacement.

This \$6.2 million project will repair nearly 28 miles of roadway in East Harris County through the end of the year. Construction begins in Huffman and is expected to last six weeks on the

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GALENA PARK

Controversy over closed Galena Manor building unresolved



GALENA MANOR resident Rosemary Coreathers asks Mayor Esmeralda Moya the status of the remodeling work on the Evelyn Churchill Community Center, but she didn't get an answer. Coreathers then asked the mayor to place this issue on the next agenda so citizens can find out what's going on and when the center will reopen.

NC STAR PHOTO/JAMAIL

By Allan Jamail

GALENA PARK, March 21, 2017- Controversy continued at the Galena Park Commissioner's meeting over the reopening of the Evelyn Churchill Community Center in Galena Manor.

Residents from Galena Manor, a predominantly minority community located within Galena Park, regularly attend council meetings asking Mayor Moya for a reopening date of the community center which was closed in August of 2016 for repairs, mold remediation, and renovation.

The residents say the Mayor won't give them an answer, they say it's frustrating to ask her for answers and never get at least one word back. They're beginning to wonder if she's hearing their pleas to return their building that's been used for decades, for workout exercising and other community events near their homes.

The renovation contractor Lionel Palimares, owner of Petro De Luna Company, says he can't get answers either as to why his company hasn't been paid for the two invoices he's given the May-

or, City Secretary Mayra Gonzales or Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Villarreal.

Palimares said he's performed many contracting jobs with the city before. "I've complied with everything I've always done in times past on city jobs, this is the first time I haven't been paid for a job. I've turned in two bills, one for about \$49,600 and one for about \$18,000."

Palimares said, "on several occasions while my workers and I were renovating the building Mayor Moya and the City Secretary Mayra Gonzales would come visit the work site. Mayor Moya complimented us for the good job we were doing, so I'm confused as to why now the payment is held up without any explanation. The city issued me all of the permits for the electrical and building renovations; I performed all of the work according to the codes required. In August the city gave me a key to the building so I could begin the work."

Palimares continued working on the center until one day Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Wendy Villarreal called

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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Troop 707 Boy Scouts earn Eagle Rank



Troop 707 Eagles-Antelmo Reyes, Ariel Juarez, NEW EAGLE DEVIN ESCOBAR, Mario Johnson, NEW EAGLE HIPOLITO JUAREZ, and Gerardo Reyes.

Two Boy Scouts joined the rank of Eagle Scout on Sunday, March 19, 2017. They were Devin Escobar and Hipolito Juarez of Troop 707. About 100 troop leaders and members

from the Scout community, local community and family members came to Eagle Ceremony and to congratulate the scouts. The ceremony was held at the Woodforest Presbyterian

Church, 15330 Wallisville Road Houston, TX 77049. Troop 707 meets at the church every Monday evening. For more information on scouting, visit beascout.scouting.org.

JACINTO CITY HEALTH CENTER

Seniors celebrate St. Patrick's Day



Photo by Allan Jamail

Activity Directors Kathy Meador far left and Bo Vega far right with residents of the Jacinto City Health Care Center.

By Allan Jamail

Jacinto City, TX. Friday, March 17, 2017 St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at the Jacinto City Health Care Center. Volunteers entertained with folks songs which included Irish favorites, Danny Boy and Sweet

Molly Malone. Residents were given green derby style hats, wrist bands, bracelets, buttons, balloons Hawaiian neck leis and horns to toot during the celebration along with refreshments of green icing cake and punch.

Administrator Melissa Armstrong along with

Kathy Meador and Bo Vega activity director's for the center scheduled the event on the Activity Calendar so residents and family members could attend.

Bonnie Keane-Davis a volunteer whose grandparents came to the

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Communication enacted in Chamber and Precinct



At the Crawfish Shack last Thursday the Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce had their membership speak in open forum to market their business or talk of where their charitable institution is situated. Prior to the March 23 Public Awareness Meeting concerned with Making Crime Unprofitable in Our Neighborhoods to be held at the David H. McNerney American Legion Post 658 in Crosby from 6 to 8 p.m. Deputy Landon McDonald, above, Public Information Officer for Harris County Precinct 3 Constable Sherman Eagleton, announced a new phone number to report a crime (832)927-8477. The point is that this line will keep the caller anonymous under the theme, "See IT. Report IT!" McDonald indicates that tips can stop crime and that this is the Precinct's version of Crime Stoppers. Sherman Eagleton has hit the

ground running for Seniors with a Free Program aimed at those that live alone or have no one to check in on the Seniors. The phone number of this service is (281) 427-4792 and ask to speak with Wanda Asbeck. Wanda is the program coordinator. Deputy McDonald will supervise the program. The Program is called Are You Okay or RUOK Senior Program. Those that wish to participate will fill out a form and state when they would like to be called upon. A Precinct 3 representative will call the senior at a designated time to check on the Senior, if no answer, a deputy will be sent to check on the Senior. Dan Meaux, proprietor of Crawfish Shack is depicted above with the deputy just behind Crosby-Huffman Chamber of Commerce President Kim Harris. For the Luncheon Meaux provided a Crawfish Etouffee to hungry Chamber attendees.

Sen. Garcia files Bills to help end Texas roadway fatalities

AUSTIN, TX – With spring break just around the corner, we know that there will be more cars and trucks on Texas roads. With safety and increased traffic in mind, Senator Garcia has filed a roadway safety package of legislation. Ten people die every day using the Texas transportation system, the second highest fatality rate in the nation. It doesn't have to be this way. TxDOT, cities, counties, municipal planning organizations, and non-profits do important work to cut down on the amount of traffic fatalities. But sometimes, they run up against old laws and codes from another era when we did not understand the breadth and causes of the epidemic of traffic deaths.

Attributable to Senator Sylvia Garcia: "These bills address the urgent need to make our transportation system safer from our state highways to neighborhood streets. We must set a goal that no one dies on Texas roads so that the public knows that safety is our top priority. I've been working on transportation issues for long enough to know that we must change our mindset, not just our laws. If we can't look Texans in the eyes and tell them we're working in a methodical way to end roadway tragedies, then we are simply failing the people who elected us. Antiquated state law shouldn't get in the way of protecting our communities."

SB 2101 relates to the inspection, maintenance and repair of guardrails by the Texas Department of Transportation. TxDOT does not keep an inventory or conduct regular inspections of guardrails. The results from a deadly school bus accident in Senate District 6 in 2015 illustrate why current standards fail to keep us safe. TxDOT found there had been a previous severe impact to the bridge rail in the same location where a Houston ISD school bus had surmounted the bridge rail on September 15, 2015. TxDOT could not determine when the previous severe impact occurred because they do not keep records. How many other guardrails, meant to keep us safe on highways, aren't up to current standards? TxDOT says they don't know. In order to make safety at the core of our infrastructure design, SB 2101 would require TxDOT to conduct a study and formulate a plan based on its findings for guardrail inspection, maintenance, and repair.

SCR 42 is a zero fatalities resolution. The passing of this resolution is meant to set a clear goal from the legislature to TxDOT and help direct and motivate their hard work toward making our roadways safer. Traffic fatalities and injuries are a preventable, public health issue. Every death on our highways and streets is a tragedy. People will make mistakes; the transportation system should be designed so



Sen. Garcia

those mistakes aren't fatal. "Design can influence behavior, and if zero fatalities is our goal, I know we can achieve it," stated Garcia.

SB 2102 would allow cities to reduce traffic deaths and injuries on neighborhood streets.

If you hit a pedestrian while driving at 30mph the pedestrian only has a 50/50 chance of survival. The bill would simply allow Texas cities to change their default speed limit from 30 to 25mph to dramatically increase the survivability of car-pedestrian accidents.

SB 2103 would allow Texas cities to respond to resident requests for safer streets by allowing them to set a 20mph speed limit under carefully delineated circumstances including a comprehensive pilot program with clear signage, a traffic study, and data reported back to TxDOT. Individual neighborhoods and cities could design a safer transportation system for their children and families.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

HCDE Tidwell Head Start program recruits students ages 3-5 for immediate openings



Tidwell Head Start parent Kimmerberly Coutino with 3-year-old daughter Kaily Morales.

Harris County Department of Education Head Start Tidwell Center located at 8302 John Ralston Rd. is recruiting students ages 3-5. The program ensures future success for students both academically and socially and provides comprehensive health, education, nutrition and financial services to the families.

For Tidwell Head Start parent Kimmerberly Coutino, the HCDE Head Start program is a blessing in a variety of ways. Coutino, a full-time college student, knows her daughter Kaily Morales is in good hands while she attends classes. In addition to the logistic help the program provides Coutino and her family, Kaily gains social and academic skills that prepare her for elementary school.

"Kaily has grown so much since being enrolled in Tidwell Head Start," said Coutino. "Head Start has

given her the opportunity to explore her creativity and take part in activities that will transition into a solid foundation for the future."

The Head Start program also emphasizes the important role parents play in their child's education. In addition to being a full-time student, Coutino attends all parent committee meetings, family connection events and is the Policy Council Representative for the Tidwell center.

HCDE provides services through 15 Head Start centers located in northeast Harris County. Additional locations include Baytown, J.D. Walker, Pugh, Fonwood, La Porte, Humble, Fifth Ward, Channelview, Compton, Coolwood, Dogan, Barrett Station, San Jacinto and Sheffield.

For information about enrollment or locations, call (713) 672-9343 or visit www.hcde-texas.org/head-start.

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Live Your Dream

The DoroTom Company is conducting a Singing Talent Competition Food Drive Benefitting the Star Of Hope Mission Food Pantry. This Singing Talent Competition called Live Your Dream is Free to the public with a donation of Non-Perishable Food Items. If you would like to donate food items to the Star Of Hope, please call 832-699-1595 for more details.

We are holding auditions for those who can sing and would like to participate in this event. If you have talent and would like to perform, please pre-register at www.thedorotom.com or call (832) 699-1595 or you can come by our offices Mon-Sat 8am-5pm at 1146 Sheffield Blvd. Suite N Houston, Texas 77015.

CHANNELVIEW ISD
Falcon boys soccer will face Deer Park in playoffs on Friday

The Channelview Falcon Boys Soccer Team advanced to the playoffs as they stormed through District 21-6A play with a 11-1-2 record and an amazing 17-1-5 mark overall.

Channelview will face Deer Park this Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Bi-District round of the playoffs at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

This is the second year in a row that the Falcons have earned a postseason berth. Last year, they advanced to the third round of the playoffs and finished the season as Regional Quarterfinalists.

The Falcons are led by Head Coach Carlos Galuppo and assistant Stephen O'Sullivan.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

San Jacinto Pilot Club Bunco & Burgers

San Jacinto Pilot Club's 5th Friday Night Social, March 31, 2017, 6:00 pm. Dinner must be purchased at Fuddruggers, \$10 to play, 855 Normandy. RSV Joan Van Fleet at 713-451-5768. Great prizes, bring a friend!

Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club Meeting

This newly chartered club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Woodforest Presbyterian Church. For more information, see the Facebook page entitled Evening San Jacinto Pilot Club or call 832-264-1565 / 832-289-4762.

The Buckshot Jamboree

Enjoy Classic Country music every Saturday night from 7 pm - 10 pm with The Buckshot Jamboree at 7414 Hartman near Old Beaumont Highway. More info, call 281-458-0729 or 832-444-5000.

Galena Park Senior Dance

Senior Dance is every Monday at the Alvin D. Building, 1302 Keene St., Galena Park. 7 pm - 9 pm. No cover charge. Live band Country music. Call for more information: 713-455-7335.

North Shore Senior Dance

North Shore Seniors holds a dance every Thursday from 1 - 4 pm at the Grayson/Baldree Building, Corpus Christi street. Live bands and refreshments. Cost is \$ 5 per person. For more information call 713-455-3660.

San Jacinto Pilot Club meeting

The Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Lyondell-Basell on Sheldon Road at noon. For more information, please visit www.SanJacintoPilot.com.

North Channel Library events

- Saturday, March 25, 10:30 am, Project Peep: Foster Chick Reunion; 3:00 pm, Pokémon Club.
- Monday, March 27, 6:00 PM, STEAM Camp: Rainbow Science.
- Tuesday, March 28, -10:30 am, Toddler Time; 1:30 pm, Preschool Story Time.
- Wednesday, March 29, 4:30 pm, Tween Time: Washi Tape Projects.
- Thursday, March 30, 10:30 am, Baby Time; 12:00 pm, AARP Tax Help.

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ROADWAY Work,

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following roadways:

- Huffman Cleveland Road (FM 2100) from FM 2100 to Plum Grove Road
- Plum Grove Road from FM 1485 to the Liberty County Line
- Huffman Cleveland Road (FM 2100) from Plantation Hills Drive to FM 2100

Roadwork will require single-lane closures, so drivers are encouraged to plan their commutes accordingly and drive with caution through the construction zones. Be sure to visit www.hcp2.com or like the "Harris County Precinct 2" Facebook page for updates on the project and roadwork locations.

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OPINION PAGE

**STARLITE**
By Gil Hoffman, Publisher



Willie is Texas
and remembering other places



WILLIE NELSON AT THE HOUSTON RODEO LAST SATURDAY.

A trip to Rodeo Houston last Saturday, got me thinking about the first time I heard about Willie Nelson and the cult following he had.

Around 1980, the architectural firm I worked for, 3D International, sent me to Saudi Arabia for some work on their building project there. This was the first time I had been out of the country, except for a short visit or two to Canada.

I was picked up at the airport in Riyadh by one of the 3D employees who was more or less permanently on duty in Saudi. As we settled into Ray's old Chevrolet, he said, "I can't go until I put one of Willie's tapes in the cassette player."

Willie who? That was the first time I had heard of Willie Nelson (woe is me, I am from the Northeast) and didn't understand at that time, but the only way Ray could stand to be assigned to long-term duty in Saudi Arabia was if he could get some of Texas from the Willie tapes.

Well, apparently others feel the same way, and 75,000 showed up for the show at the Rodeo last Saturday, breaking attendance records.

Like many others, I have come to be a great Willie Nelson fan, and I thoroughly enjoyed this concert. 60 minutes of old and new songs.

He opened with "Whiskey River" and closed with "Shoe Shine Man." In between we heard his classics, such as "Still is Still Moving to Me," "Nightlife," and "Always on my mind."

Several new songs seemed to center on his advanced age of 84, including "Fly Away" and "Still Not Dead" from his album about to be released.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening for this person who now considers himself a Texan, including understanding why someone alone in the desert in Saudi Arabia would feel the need to have Willie close by.

That assignment from my architectural firm, by the way, was the first of many exciting adventures around the world.

I ended up working on the design of projects in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia, Doha, Qatar, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Johannesburg, South Africa, and Singapore.

A liberal travel policy made these assignments even more attractive, as we had time to make side trips that were momentous.

In Saudia Arabia, I walked the back streets of Riyadh and Jeddah, and dipped my feet in the Red Sea. Safe to do in those days, but perhaps not now. In Qatar, we worked in the Emir's palace, with an armed squad of soldiers. They were told they were guarding against a government overthrow, but it didn't make our work space very comfortable. We toured a prince's palace, with a private zoo, and drove out to see the sand dunes.

Over a few short years, I had the opportunity to visit London, Paris and the Eiffel Tower and the Moulin Rouge, Rome and St. Peters, including seeing the Pope, Egypt and a tour inside the Great Pyramid, the British Museum with King Tut's gold, and even the Valley of the Kings, where I entered King Tut's tomb. This was along the Nile River, near Karnak, also a world historical site.

In Peru, I saw Lima and Cusco, and then travelled to the top of the Andes, to spend a day in Machu Pichu. I also got to Brazil, and the Copacabana Beach. On a return trip from the middle east, I stopped in Athens and toured the Parthenon and surrounding historical buildings.

In South Africa, my side trip was to an underground gold mine, and then to the Kruger Game Park, where I rented a VW and made a self guided tour through the elephants, giraffes, monkeys, and hippos.

On of my longest overseas assignments was Malaysia, where we worked on the design of three new buildings for the government. A side trip to the Genting Highlands, by helicopter, showed me how the rich locals spent their time and money gambling. Malaysia was rich in Chinese and Malay culture, with modern buildings and transportation thrown in. Not what I expected, but a great assignment. But in the small world category, note that I met two young men at the pool at the hotel, wearing Texas A & M shirts. I forgot to ask them if they liked Willie.

In addition to Malaysia, I had assignments in Singapore and Hong Kong, which was thoroughly enjoyable and beautiful. Victoria Peak was reached by tram, and then later a trip across the bay on the famous Star Ferry.

So when Willie sings "Mama don't let your son grow up to be a Cowboy" I think he might miss quite a Texan's adventure.



State budget progresses
toward vote by full Senate

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS**
By Ed Sterling

**HIGHLIGHTS**

AUSTIN — The Senate Finance Committee, at work on the 2018-2019 state budget since January, on March 16 approved workgroup recommendations in preparation for a final vote.

Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, said she expects her panel to vote on the state budget, Senate Bill 1, this week, March 20-24. After the committee votes, the next step for the budget is consideration by the full Senate.

So far in the process, the committee has approved more money to reduce the caseload for foster care workers, an increase in payments for people who take in foster children and an expansion of a privatized case management program. Funding for mental health would be maintained at current levels while adding beds for maximum-security patients.

Health and human services takes up the largest share of the state budget. Senate Health & Human Services Committee Chair Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, who serves on the Senate Finance Committee, commented on SB 1, saying, "Just like the people of Texas, we must live within our means. With that said, I believe the product before you represents a responsible budget that will meet the health and human services needs of Texans and address the most pressing issues we will face in the coming biennium."

SB 1 would include less money for education — the second-biggest element in the state budget. One issue is funding for so-called "special items" or one-time appropriations to help colleges start new programs or increase capacity. Higher education institutions that have come to rely on the renewal of special items every budget cycle would be at a disadvantage under SB 1, according to Senate Finance Committee member Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, who serves as chair of the body's Higher Education Committee. Previously, the state spent more than a billion dollars on "special items." On March 15, the Senate Finance Committee approved language cutting that amount to \$700 million.

Immigration bill is heard

An overflow crowd numbering in the hundreds gathered in the state Capitol on March 15 to testify on a House committee substitute for SB 4, the immigration law enforcement bill written by Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, and passed by the full Senate on Feb. 8.

The bill proposes to prohibit "sanctuary city" policies that prohibit local law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status and complying with detainer requests by the federal government.

Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, laid out the committee substitute, followed by hours of deliberation by the House State Affairs and five hours of public testimony.

Among those testifying against the bill was Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops. Vásquez called immigration reform a moral issue and said Pope Francis' position is that immigrants should be supported.

Jackson County Sheriff A.J. "Andy" Louderback of Edna, a member of the Sheriff's Association of Texas, was among those testifying in favor of the bill.

Senate OKs bathroom bill

On a vote of 21-10, the Texas Senate on March 15 approved Committee Substitute SB 6, legislation to require people in public buildings, including schools, to use the bathroom that corresponds with the sex marked on their birth certificate.

Opponents said the bill unfairly targets transgender Texans, but the bill's author, Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, said the legislation is necessary to keep men out of women's restrooms.

The bill, which has moved to the House for consideration, applies to multi-stall restrooms, showers, dressing rooms and locker rooms in public buildings. Private entities and businesses would be left to decide their own policy, and government entities would not be able to use those policies as criteria when deciding how to award government contracts.

Study examines health care

Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar on March 15 posted notice that the cost of health care is rising faster than both the general inflation rate and the growth of the state's population. In fiscal 2015, he said, the state spent \$42.9 billion on health care services, or 43.1 percent of all appropriations from state, federal and other sources.

The March issue of Fiscal Notes, a publication produced by the Comptroller's office, examines and quantifies health care spending by 68 state agencies and higher education institutions over a five-year period.

"Emerging technologies, demographics and the growth of our great state will ensure the demand for health care services continues to increase even while the cost of these services is on the rise," Hegar said. "The question for policymakers is how to contain these costs."

Declutter
your home
and give
unused items
a 'Second
Chance'

(NAPSI)—Here are five simple, effective tips to help you clean out any junk you've accumulated—and make some quick cash in the process.

1. Start with storage spaces. Formulate a plan and take it one room at a time, starting with storage spaces (closets, basement, attic, the garage). You'll need the space as you move through each room and reorganize your items.
- If you find that you haven't used the things in your storage spaces since last year, you can sell them on 5miles, a free local marketplace app. You'll create plenty of space to properly store needed items.
2. Use the "Four Bucket" method. This makes it simple and efficient to organize your clutter. In every room, evaluate each item and pick one of four buckets:
- Store it—If you think it's useful and necessary to keep in your home.
- Sell it—Make some money off your old items (or donate them).
- Trash it—If it's worn out or broken, just toss it.
- Recycle it—Determine which items, if any, can be recycled.

Separate all the items in each room or space into the four categories, and move forward accordingly.

3. Ruthlessly purge. For some, it can be hard to get rid of old items. However, it's worth clearing out old junk for the joy of a clear, uncluttered home.
- When deciding what to do with an item, ask yourself: Does it improve your life? Does it really hold sentimental value? Would it be hard to replace? If the answer to those questions is no, it's time for that item to go.
4. Give things a chance. For items that are in good condition, give them a second chance by listing them in the Free & Donations category on the 5miles app. There's always someone in need so not only are you clearing up space in your home, you are also helping others find something they've been looking for.
5. Sell as you go. Selling your items can be as simple as snapping a few pictures, writing a quick description, and uploading them to the app. Keep your phone handy so you can easily post items as you move along.

The faster you list, the faster you'll sell and the faster your home will be emptier. Just make sure to move the rest of your clutter out of the photo.

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Vivle Maurine Sharp

Vivle Maurine Sharp, 86, of Houston, Texas, passed into her heavenly home in the morning hours of Friday, March 17, 2017.

Maurine was born October 04, 1930 in Temple, Texas to parents Dawl L. Gray and Winnie Mae (Pate) Gray.

She is preceded in death by her parents and by her beloved husband, George Sammie Sharp; and by two grandchildren, Abigail and Aidan Menke, and brothers, Louis Gray and Floyd Gray.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Sharp and wife, Rochelle, Kenneth Sharp and wife, Terri, Sharon Hansen and husband, Chuck and Kelly Menke and husband, John; by grandchildren, Bradley & Dina Sharp, Brandon & Kelly Sharp, Brittani & Josh Toppass; Richard & Kaylyn Sharp, Greg & Kristin Sharp, Derek Sharp & fiancé, Lauren; Eric & Lana Hansen, Sarah & Tommy Ferguson; Michael Menke, Mark Menke, Thomas Menke and Elizabeth Menke; by great-grandchildren, Sabine, Beckett & Hugo Sharp; Jackson & Jovi Sharp; Alyssa, Travis & Kara



Toppass; Nathaniel & Lila Sharp; Madelyn, Ashlyn, Brooklyn, & Katelyn Sharp; Sam, Ava, & Jake Hansen; Ty, & Lauren Ferguson, and Cole Ferguson who is on the way; as well as by sister, Alice Lewis and brothers, Glen Gray, Durrell Gray and Jeff Gray; by other family and many, many dear friends.

Visitation and Services will be Monday, March 20, 2017 at Carter Conley Funeral Home with visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and services to celebrate her life at 1:00 p.m. Graveside will follow at 3:00 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, 600 block of Sawyer Street, Houston Texas under the direction of Carter Conley Funeral Home.

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 3. Which "Mount" provided a contest scene between Elijah and the prophets of Baal? Calvary, Sinai, Bethel, Carmel
 4. From Luke 6.1, who, with companions, went through cornfields and picked ears of corn on a Sabbath? Jesus, Mark, Luke, Samson
 5. Which city often is referred to as Zion? Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem, Nazareth
 6. Who was the first-born son of Jacob? Aaron, Joseph, Reuben, Simeon
- ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Mark; 3) Carmel; 4) Jesus; 5) Jerusalem; 6) Reuben

Frederick David Haydon

Frederick David Haydon, 82, of Kingman, Arizona passed away Thursday March 16, 2017. Dave was born and lived most of his adult life in the Houston, Texas area. He and his wife Kate retired to Kingman and have resided in the Hualapai Mountain community of Pine Lake for the past 20 years.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents Robert Louis and Ada H. Haydon, his brothers Louis William Haydon and Robert Charles Haydon and two children Angeli Celeste and David Louis Haydon.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Katheryn "Kate" Haydon, sister Gena Wiley and children Ada Lucille "Lucy" Nix (Jimmy), Deborah Alain Murray (Sheryl), Samuel James Haydon (Terry) and Patricia Dianne Haydon Ekstrom (Bill) and the children's mother Patricia Francis Federwisch as well as stepson James Christopher "Chris" Weiskopf and loyal canine companion Ruby Do. Dave was blessed to have 21 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren.



Dave was a master machinist and could build anything from metal or wood. He was the top machinist at the American Can Company in Houston, Texas before becoming a Business Representative for a number of Machinist Unions in the Houston area. His reputation as a contract negotiator grew to such a point that the President of the American Can Company offered him a Vice-President position for Labor Relations. He turned down the offer and remained true to his Union loyalties eventually becoming an International Representative for the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. At the time of his retirement his area of representation covered Arkansas, Louisiana,

Oklahoma, Mississippi and parts of Texas. In retirement he obtained his pilot's license and retained an avid love for aeronautics. He enjoyed golf, boating, camping and dancing.

He and Kate were members of St Mary Catholic Church. Dave also was a member of the BPOE, a volunteer with the Pine Lake Fire Dept. and active member of Guide Dogs of America. He served several years as President of the Pine Lake Fire District Board and was a prior President of the Hualapai Mountain Homeowner's Association.

Although he was disabled by an episode of septic shock on his 75th birthday, he continued to live a full and rewarding life. Over the last seven years Dave attended graduations, weddings and escorted a granddaughter in a beauty pageant. He traveled to Hawaii twice, went white water rafting and zip lining in Costa Rica. He cherished time with family and friends.

A Catholic Mass funeral service is to be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kingman at 10am Friday March 24. In lieu of flowers a donation to the American Cancer Society in memory of Dave Haydon to 1-800-227-2345 or online at cancer.org.

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Diamond Jim: "Can you tell me about the different types of Pearls?"



ASK DIAMOND JIM

Pearl Education
Welcome to the world of pearls. With the tremendous variety of pearls on the market today, pearls are considered the least understood of all gemstones. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the different types of pearls, pearl grading, their history and care before you make a new pearl purchase.

Types of Pearls
Akoya Pearls
The Classic Pearl
For nearly 100 years, akoya pearls grown off the coast of Japan have been the classic pearl of choice. When one pictures a round strand of white pearls, they are usually thinking of akoya.

Although rare baroque shapes and natural colors like silver-blue and gold do exist, akoya pearls are best known for their perfectly round shape and sharp, reflective luster.

While exceptions do exist, most akoya pearls produced today range in sizes from 4 to 10 mm.

If you are looking for a classic strand of round, white pearls, you are probably looking for a strand of akoya pearls.

Freshwater Pearls
The Fashion-Forward Pearl

The most affordable pearls sold today, freshwater pearls are known for baroque shapes, white and pastel body colors and softer luster than akoya (except in the case of rare metallics).

With natural pastel colors and shapes that range from perfectly round to free-form baroque, freshwater pearls offer a widest range of options.

Common sizes range from 5 mm to 12 mm, but recent advances have led to the development of round and baroque pearls as large as 20 mm.

If you are looking for an

affordable piece or something more fashion-forward with unique combinations of colors and shapes, shop freshwater pearls.

Tahitian Pearls
The Dark, Exotic Pearl
Tahitian pearls grown in French Polynesia are the only naturally dark pearls. Although often referred to as black, Tahitian pearls come in a rainbow of exotic colors.

Round Tahitian pearls are quite rare but other fun shapes like drops, baroques and ovals are highly-sought and still considered very valuable.

When measured perpendicular to the drill hole, most Tahitians range in size from 8 mm to 15 mm regardless of shape.

If you are looking for a naturally dark pearls that go well with almost any style, Tahitian pearls may be your best choice.

South Sea Pearls
The Rolls Royce of Pearls

Grown primarily in Australia the Philippines and Indonesia and ranging in color from white to gold, South Sea pearls are the largest saltwater pearls grown today.

Because of their tremendous size, perfectly round South Sea pearls are quite rare. Other more common shapes are drops, baroques and ovals. All are considered very valuable.

While South Sea pearls range in size from 8 mm to 18 mm, the most common sizes range from 10 mm to 14 mm.

If you looking for the statement piece of jewelry with large pearls, South Sea may be the way to go.

Selecting a Pearl

One of the most important considerations in selecting a piece of pearl jewelry is determining the type of pearl that is best suited to your budget and

preference. There are two basic varieties of cultured pearls; freshwater and saltwater. Freshwater pearls are grown primarily in man-made lakes and reservoirs in China. Saltwater pearls, which include akoya, Tahitian and South Sea, are grown in bays, inlets and atolls in many places around the world. Saltwater pearls are considered more valuable than freshwater pearls, although rare and very high-quality freshwater pearls can be exceedingly valuable.

Grading Pearls

Pearl grading is one of the most difficult aspects of pearl selection to understand. There is no officially recognized, standard system for grading pearls, except in the case of Tahitian pearls, where grading and export is controlled by the French Polynesian government. For that reason, it is important to understand the grading used by the company from which you purchase. A detailed explanation of luster, surface, shape and color is necessary to make an educated purchase decision. We invite you to examine our grading system in detail.

Pearl Care

Pearls are the world's only organic gemstone, and therefore, tend to be quite delicate. Proper care of your pearl jewelry is essential to ensure your investment will last a lifetime. Personal care products, such as perfume or hairspray, can severely damage the luster and beauty of a pearl.

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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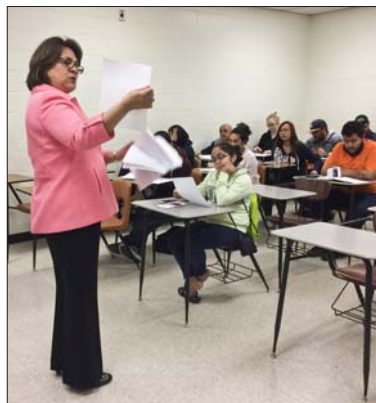
Judge Jo Ann Delgado visits San Jacinto College

HOUSTON – Judge Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 1, recently paid a visit to San Jacinto College government professor Dr. Nancy Liounis' Texas government class.

"The students were excited to see a real, practicing judge and politician, especially after we've been reading about Texas government all semester" said Liounis. "What made the biggest impression on the students was Judge Delgado sharing her personal story of her path to leadership in the Texas judicial system. She emphasized that students can aspire to do anything, but sharing her personal story really enabled the students to connect with her and see that potential within themselves."

Judge Delgado also gave students advice on being prepared for any opportunities that may cross their path and going the extra mile with any task they are given. She welcomed students to visit her office any time they have questions on an issue of interest and invited them to drop off their resumes for potential clerkship vacancies.

"That really made them feel valued and welcomed by an esteemed member of our court system. Several students



The Honorable Jo Ann Delgado, Harris County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, Place 1, recently paid a visit to San Jacinto College government professor Dr. Nancy Liounis' Texas government class. Judge Delgado shared her personal story to her path to leadership in the Texas judicial system and encouraged the students to work hard and be prepared for opportunities when they present themselves.

-Photo credit: Nancy Liounis, San Jacinto College

felt comfortable enough to share personal situations of their own current or past legal issues, and Her Honor was nonjudgmental, open and practical with her comments. Her message to them was, 'Okay,

you made missteps, but now you're on the right track, in college, headed towards a degree. You've learned from the situation, so now it's time to proceed with your life and succeed."

Galena Manor Building Controversy,

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and said to stop work. He said the work was finished except for putting on a few door handles which he did do and then stopped.

Commissioner Eric Broussard, the Parks and Recreation Commissioner said, "in the middle of 2016 when it was decided by the Mayor and City Commission to renovate the center, three bids was submitted to the city as always required. After review we decided Mr. Palimares had the best bid and the city would get more work from Mr. Palimares than the other two bidders. I placed on the August 2016 agenda to amend the budget so the work could begin and the Mayor said we wouldn't need to amend the budget because in Oc-

tober when we would have the new 2016-2017 budget there'd be sufficient funds in it to do the renovation. I've asked numerous times of the mayor to pay the city's debt and to get the building back open so the citizens can begin using it. At the most recent council meeting I again asked the Mayor to pay the debt and she said she couldn't find any contract."

Upon contacting Mr. Palimares he said he gave his renovation contract to the City Secretary and the Parks and Recreation Director and can't understand why it's not available to anyone.

Commissioner Broussard says the mayor asked for an inspection of the building, the work and for

a mold inspection which Garner Environment Services of Deer Park performed. They said there was the typical normal amount of mold that's found in most buildings and would only need to do normal maintenance cleaning with regular air conditioner filter replacement.

NOTE: At the time of this writing Mayor Moya and other city staff weren't available for their comments to this story. A follow up story will be made along with other City Commission meeting business that took place at the March 21st meeting.

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Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 455-277 Estate of THEOPHILUS ROBINSON, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on March 2, 2017.

THEOPHILUS ROBINSON

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

c/o Weston Cotten
5223 Garth Rd.
Baytown, TX 77521

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 March 8, 2017.

Weston Cotten

by WESTON COTTEN
Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Administration for Docket No. 454-653; Estate of JOY HARRISON GOING aka JOY HARRISON, Deceased; In Probate Court No. 2, of Harris County, Texas, Deceased, were issued on February 14, 2017.

JANA KAY MILLER

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Channelview ISD's March Students of the Month



Channelview ISD recently honored their March Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. The March Students of the Month include, top row, from left, Daniela Arevalo (McMullan Elementary), Carolina Herrera (Channelview High School), Melanie Guerrero (Aguirre Junior High), Nataly Anchondo (Alice Johnson Junior High), Briana Lyn Andrade (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center) and Chlo'e Ontiveros (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center). Pictured bottom row, from left, Aryana Fabian (Cobb Elementary), Eli Picasso (Hamblen Elementary), Seth Owens (Schochler Elementary) and Kaydence Ely (Crenshaw Elementary). Not pictured are Dillon Lane (Brown Elementary) and Mai'Le Kopecky (DeZavala Elementary).

Burned body of a man found on Market Street

Houston police are investigating the death of a man found at 4621 Market at about 12:30 a.m. last Friday, March 17.

According to HPD Homicide Division Sergeant M. Miller and Officer C. Elder Houston Police officers responded to a report of a person on fire behind an apartment complex on Market Street. Upon arrival, Houston Fire Department personnel extinguished the fire and pronounced the victim deceased. The victim is described only as a black male, 35 to 40 years of age. He had sustained additional injuries other than those caused by the fire.

The identity and cause of death of the vic-

tim are pending verification by the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences.

Anyone with information on the identity of the victim or in this case is urged to contact the HPD Homicide Division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS.

Coach Returns Home,

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ed with the community and his alma mater.

"One of the things that drew me back here is that Channelview is still a close-knit community and remains a very strong baseball community," Moore said. "From T-ball to the teenage leagues, the programs here have been extremely solid over the years. It is our job to continue to bring out the very best in those players once they reach the high school level."

Moore was a three-year varsity letterman at second base and shortstop for the Falcons, including the 1997 playoff team during his junior year. After graduating from CHS, he received a full scholarship to play at Texas Southern University. However, Moore's playing career came to a halt during his senior season as he suffered a shoulder injury.

With a marketing degree in hand, Moore spent a year away from baseball. Then some advice from a good friend and mentor led him back to the baseball diamond.

"I still felt very connected

to the game," Moore said. "My former coach Kerry Cox then suggested to me that I should pursue an alternative teaching certificate and go into coaching."

In August 2004, Moore was hired as a Life Skills teacher at Channelview High School and served as an assistant baseball coach.

"I owe a lot to Coach Cox," Moore said. "He knew how much I loved the game and felt like I had something to contribute. Teaching and coaching is a perfect fit for me, because I like the interaction with the students and just being involved with the game. I'm very blessed."

In 2006, Moore was part of the coaching staff that saw the Falcon baseball team make their way to the state semifinals in Austin. "That was Coach (Cory) Bowyer's first year and we had an outstanding group of young men on that team. It was exciting to be one of the top four teams in the entire state," he recalled.

The Falcons would advance to the playoffs again in

2009. Moore's experience serving as an assistant coach on playoff teams then guided him to his first varsity head coaching job at Cedar Creek.

Now that Moore has returned to Channelview, he has high expectations of his players on and off the field.

"Our motto is 'live every day like a champion,' which means that we will work hard in our preparation in practice and have the right mindset every time we take the field," he said. "I also expect our student athletes to approach their academic studies with the same enthusiasm and represent our community as well-rounded individuals."

The Falcon players have embraced Moore's expectations and expect to be in the middle of the District 21-6A playoff picture.

"We have a great group of players, with our seniors providing strong leadership," he said. "I want them to enjoy the game of baseball and stay committed to the goals in front of us. If we can do that, the wins will take care of themselves."

St. Patrick Day,

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United States from Ireland in 1923 organized the entertainment and she gave the history of the beginning of St. Patrick's Day. She said, "the first St. Patrick's Day parade was held not in Ireland but in New York city on March 17, 1762. It consisted largely of Irish soldiers. To-

day, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by wearing green, which symbolizes spring as well as Irish culture. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the world claims Irish heritage making it the top country for people to claim ancestry."

Mathilda Davis gave a speech as to why it's cele-

brated throughout the world; Madelyn Quiroz told the story of how St. Patrick used the shamrock leaf to explain the religious connection of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit and Esperanza Quiroz ended the entertainment with the Irish Blessing.

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Category C: Ages 13 - 15 - Easter Egg Design

Category D: Ages 16 - 18 - Painting Contest

Theme: "Spring"

Spring is a spectacular experience. Everything comes alive after the winter, filling the world with color and vitality. Spring goes beyond the season and is a time to renew the excitement and enthusiasm for life.

Registration ends March 30, 2017. Winners will be published on April 13, 2017.

Contestant may only submit one entry.

All entries must be done at THE ART HUB. Schedule will be given upon registration.

Registration Fee: \$10 which includes use of materials: crayons, oil pastel or acrylic paint. Contestants may bring additional coloring materials of their choice.

Prizes:

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