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CHANNEL CHATTER

Channelview FFA Livestock Show events set to begin April 3-8

The Channelview FFA will hold its 54th annual Livestock Show April 3-8 at the Allen Hall Fairgrounds, located on Wood Drive in Channelview.

The FFA will host a horticulture plant sale at the Channelview High School greenhouse from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 3. Show activities will begin Tuesday night at 6 p.m. with the broiler show, followed by the meat pen of rabbits show and concluding with the breeding rabbits.

Move in and weighing of all the market animals will occur on April 5. Later that evening, the sheep and meat goat shows will start at 6:30 p.m. The swine show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. On Friday, April 7, the cattle show will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. The check-in for the chili cookoff will be at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 8.

The annual Channelview FFA Parade will start at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade route will leave from Schochler Elementary, proceed east down Woodforest and north on Sheldon Road into the stadium parking area. The auction sale of placing market animals will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

If you are interested in participating in the parade, contact Suzanne Hutchins at 281-457-7310. For inquiries about having a food booth (for non-profit organizations), call Lisa Sowell at 713-703-0564. The Mighty Thomas Carnival will open on Wednesday, April 5 with a special preview price for all rides from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday. The carnival will continue the remainder of the week with a double session for rides on Saturday.

By Allan Jamail

Galena Park, TX. March 21, 2017@ 6 PM: Mayor Esmeralda Moya called the council meeting to order after Interim Police Chief Reese Martin explained to the citizens the meeting rules that no one is allowed to speak out in a manner which would disrupt the business of the council.

Commissioner Rodney Chersky led the invocation and pledge of Allegiance to the flag followed by the unanimous approval of the previous council meeting minutes.

The Financial Accounts Payable report through March 21, 2017 received two no votes by Commissioners Eric Broussard and Oscar Silva Jr. but it was approved by votes of Mayor Moya, Commissioners Rodney Chersky and Barry Ponder.



Photo by Allan Jamail

Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya (center) with Veterans at the March 21, 2017 council meeting said the city will install bronze plaques for each branch of the Armed Forces on the benches in front of city hall and have the city's Veteran's names on a wall.

Commissioners Broussard and Silva Jr. voted against amending the city's budget so the city could spend over \$270,000 to purchase three pieces of property. Again it was the same three officials, Mayor Moya, Commissioners

Chersky and Ponder who voted together to approve purchasing the property. No explanation was given for the city's future use of the properties. The agenda listed 1900 Clinton Dr., 2114 Clinton Dr. and 105 S. Main where the

properties are located.

Commissioners Broussard and Silva Jr. again voting together against the hiring of Jorge Flores as a Economic De-

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Mayor's statement on re-opening the Churchill Building

Galena Park Mayor Esmeralda Moya submitted this statement to the North Channel Star concerning the Evelyn Churchill Community Building:

"As we all know, the Evelyn Churchill Community Building was closed by order of the Fire Marshal due to dangerous conditions disclosed by Commissioner Eric Broussard at a City Council meeting. The City learned upon inspection by the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector that no

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Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee founder appoints new leadership

In 1973, then city councilman Allan Jamail created a citizens committee named Keep Jacinto City Clean (KJCC) to help the city locate and report unhealthy public nuisances. Now 44 years later Jamail says it's time to pass the baton onto a younger generation.

Jamail says through the years thousands of health violations have been reported to the city by the KJCC committee (KJCCC). When Jamail became the city's police chief in the late 70's he revised the name to, Keep Jacinto City Clean, Say Nope To Dope. As mayor in the late 80's Jamail said the committee reported violations directly to him, which he gave to the city administration for enforcement action.

"I've kept the committee active reporting health violations plus added volunteer services for the



Photo by Chief of Police Joe Ayala

L - R: Allan Jamail Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee founder, Secretary Linda Jamail, new President Teresa Arzapala with gavel & Vice-President Irasema Salinas.

residents of the Jacinto City Health Care Center" Jamail said.

City Manager Lon Squyres said, "KJCC helps identify unhealthy conditions, allowing the city to take early corrective action. It is a great example of citizen's volunteering to assist local government."

Teresa Arzapala the new president and Irasema Salinas Vice President were in-

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Judge Stephens holds his first Teen Court



Students from North Shore HS, Crosby HS, C. E. King HS, and a Home School Group participated in a mock trial in Judge Joe Stephens first Teen Court last Tuesday night, March 21 in the Wallisville Court House.

Also attending were JP Carter and staff. After the Teen Court proceedings, pizza, dessert and soft drinks were provided as the students shared their experiences.

This first trial was a Mock Trial. Real trials will commence later, and take place about one per month during the school year.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Relay for Life of Houston North Channel receives generous donation



Pictured in the photo: L to R is Charlotte Daigle, Bonnie Preuss, Lydia Goins Blackwell, Cathy Stumpo, Sophia Schmidt, Betty Castillo-Smith and Sam Humeniuk

Last month, The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Houston North Channel received a \$25,000 donation from Briggs Equipment.

Briggs Equipment began donating to North Channel Relay for Life in

2013 and has since committed over \$60,000. They also support the cause by sending employees and families to annual event.

The North Channel Relay committee would like to send a huge thank

you to Briggs Equipment for their generous donation and support throughout the years.

Relay for Life will be on Friday, May 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the North Shore 9th Grade Campus track.

COMMUNITY ANGELS

Refinery donates over 1,200 meals to two local organizations

PASADENA, TEXAS – Pasadena Refining System, Inc. (PRSI) delivered over 1,200 meals to the Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center in Pasadena, Texas, and the Galena Park Resource and Training Center on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

"We are always looking for ways to support our local community and what better way to do so than by providing food to our neighbors in the Pasadena and Galena Park area," said Mark Berlinger, Health, Safety and Environmental Director at PRSI. "Our team is dedicated to helping the people in our area that need it most."

The Neighborhood Center and the Galena Park Resource and Training Center provide resources, education and assistance to over half a million people in the Greater Houston



Volunteers get food cans and donations from truck.

region. Both organizations indicated that the donations would be distributed quickly and provide swift and direct assistance to families fighting hunger.

For 50 years, the Cleveland-Ripley Neighborhood Center in Pasadena has provided workforce development and job skills training and currently serves more than 41,000 Pasadena area residents each year. The Galena Park Resource and Training Center houses a children's health and psychiatric clinic and provides a variety of services to families in need.

COMMUNITY NEWS

United Community Credit Union announces new leadership

March 21, 2017 - - (Houston, TX) The Board of Directors at United Community Credit Union (UCCU) joins the staff to welcome Mac McDermott as the new President and Chief Executive officer (CEO) of the \$92 million Houston area Credit Union.

McDermott was recruited by former CEO, Joe Harwell, in 2015 as part of the Credit Unions succession plan. Following Harwell's passing, the Board voted unanimously in support of electing McDermott to be promoted from his previous role of Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President.

"The decision was clear," said Wayne Oquin, United Community Board Chairman. "McDermott has worked diligently since joining our team, and 2016 was one of the strongest financial years on record. I have the very highest level of confidence in his ability to lead this intuition to even greater successes in the future."

Before being promoted into the role of CEO, McDermott worked in the credit union industry for nearly a decade. His previous experience included working for a multi-billion dollar credit union in the Houston area, as well as serving as a financial examiner for the State of Texas, managing a district of credit unions with over \$2.5 billion in total assets. Over the years, McDermott has built a successful and knowledgeable career in banking and financial institutions. He also holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance, as well as a Bachelors in Banking and Financial Institutions.

"We are excited to have Mac take on this new role," said Shalonda Dawkins, Chief Operations Officer and Senior Vice President of United Community.

"His work experience makes him uniquely qualified to manage the credit union, and his dedication to our staff and community cannot be overstated."

United Community Credit Union was founded in 1950 to serve Galena Park ISD. Today, United Community boasts more than \$92 million in assets, nearly 12,000 members and serves anyone living, working or attending school within the east Houston area. For more information, visit www.UnitedCCU.com.

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HLSR School Art Winners

Skylar Newton, 9th-grader from Goose Creek Memorial High School, is recognized as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art winner at a recent meeting of the GC-CISD board. She is under the direction of art teacher Johnna Morris (second from left), who received a School Bell Award. They are congratulated by Randal O'Brien (left), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, and Al Richard, Goose Creek CISD board president.



Vianey Trejo, 8th-grader from Highlands Junior School, is recognized as a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art winner at a recent GCCISD board meeting and congratulated by Randal O'Brien (left), Goose Creek CISD superintendent, and Al Richard (right), Goose Creek CISD board president. She is under the direction of art teacher Carla Griffin, who received a School Bell Award.




Music educators to All-State Choir



Courtney Riffle (front, second from left), Ja'Lon Douglas (back middle) and Erica Inman (front, second from right), receive recognition at the recent Goose Creek CISD board meeting for being named to the Texas Music Educators Association Mixed Choir. This is Douglas' third time as an All-State Choir member. Choir directors Holly Lewallen (front left) and Lorin Hilyard (front right) received a School Bell Award. Congratulating them are Randal O'Brien, Goose Creek CISD superintendent (back left) and Al Richard, Goose Creek CISD board president (back right).

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COMMUNITY NEWS

TX-District 143 Legislative update



State Representative Ana Hernandez, joined by Speaker Joe Straus and Representative Armando Walle, hosted Dr. Donald Niño of East Houston Primary Care in Channelview as the Texas House's Doctor of the Day.

As the legislative session progresses, both the House and Senate are taking steps to finalize their respective versions of the state budget. The House Committee on Appropriations will vote on House Bills 1 and 2 this week, while the Senate will take action on its appropriations bill on the Senate floor.

Though debate over the final budget has only just begun, I look forward to working with my colleagues in both chambers on a document that provides for accessible health-care, quality local schools, and improved job opportunities for all Texans.

--Ana Hernandez

North Shore native graduates from Caribbean medical school

Siddiqua Noor, a native of North Shore has received the Community Outreach Scholarship Award from American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC). She grew up near Cunningham Middle School on Wallisville and Normandy Roads. She attended De-bakey Magnet High School for Medical Professionals.

Siddiqua became interested in medicine after a doctor withheld medical treatment from her diabetic grandmother—all because she was uninsured. Her grandmother died as a result and Siddiqua made a vow to help other people in vulnerable health situations.

She has volunteered at Memorial Hermann Hospital, the Houston Food Bank, United Muslim Relief, and Healthcare for the Homeless—a clinic that provides care to Houston's homeless population. And, in 2016, she participated in the University of Houston's Medicine, Education, and Research through International Travel (MERIT) program, which allowed her to provide medical aid assistance in remote villages of India.

Siddiqua looks forward to becoming a physician (preferably at a nonprofit hospital) who never has to turn away a patient because of insurance.



Leaving a Legacy

Within a 48 hour period last week, the North Channel Area lost two men who together impacted thousands of lives. On Tuesday, March 21 Howard Fontenette passed away due to complications from a stroke last October. On Thursday, March 23 Ken Smith passed away of a heart attack.

Howard Fontenette was known by many in the area out of his love from youth sports. He was a 1970 graduate of Wheatley High School who moved to the North Channel Area in 1980. By 1992, he saw the need to found Wallisville Road Athletic Club (WRAC) as an alternative for families who wanted their youth to learn about football, basketball and cheer. Over the years, WRAC participants grew to over 300 per season. The number of community members who jumped in to serve as coaches, Team Moms and volunteers over the years is in the hundreds. Serving as the Founder and Commissioner of WRAC was in addition to being a local business owner. His legacy will continue not only through his six children but the many lives he touched.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Troy Smith Funeral Home and Homegoing Celebration will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Wesley AME Church on Dowling.

Ken Smith retired after 18 years from Galena Park I.S.D, where he worked as a Coordinator of Careers and Technology for GPISD. Ken was also a teacher at North Shore Senior High, and later worked in administration. He also had owned and operated Woodforest Mail and Package for several years. Ken was a former member of Woodforest Baptist Church and currently a member of Fellowship of the Nations Church where he and his wife, Patsy taught Sunday School and shared his Christian faith to all who knew him. He was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather.

Ken also taught as a part-time faculty member in the Business Management Program at San Jacinto College North where he touched countless lives.

His visitation was held on Tuesday, March 28 at Carter-Conley Funeral Home and Homegoing Service was held on Wednesday, March 29 at Fellowship of the Nations.

With the passing of these two men, it is more important than ever before to get involved in the lives of young people. Time is passing quickly and each of us have a responsibility to make a difference and leave a legacy.

Charlotte Jackson

Falcons advance to Area round of boys soccer playoffs

The Channelview Falcons Boys Soccer Team advanced to the Area Round of the Class 6A playoffs as they defeated Deer Park 2-1 last Friday.

With the win, Channelview improved its record to 18-1-5 on the season. The Falcons will host Alief Hastings at 6 p.m. this Friday at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium.

In the contest against Deer Park, goals by Channelview's Pedro Cortazo and Emilio Rivera led the Falcons to victory.

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.

New Leadership,

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roduced to the mayor and council at the March 23rd city council meeting. Linda Jamail serves as secretary.

President Arzapala said, "Our committee will carry on the founder's ex-

ceptional work and we'll strive to become a role model for other cities by keeping the city clean and beautiful. I am only one, but one is more than enough to make a difference in the city."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 (please pre-register at www.thedorotomcompany.com). If you would like to donate food items to the Star Of Hope, please call 832-699-1595 for more details.

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!

Old River Terrace United Methodist 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.

Port Houston Construction Safety Workshop

Monday, April 3, 9:30 AM - 11 AM. Port of Houston Authority, 111 East Loop North Houston, TX 77029 (Exit 29 from East Loop 610). RSVP to: Pricilla Burroughs, Small Business Coordinator at pburroughs@poha.com or 713-670-2418.

GPISD Vendor Appreciation Breakfast

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 8:30 am - 10:30 am. The Galena Park ISD Administration Building Boardroom, 14705 Woodforest Boulevard, Houston, TX 77015. Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, April 4. Contact Toby Castro, tcastro@galenaparkisd.com, or 832-386-2296 for more information.

Chamber Luncheon

Friday, April 7, 11:30 AM. San Jacinto College N, 5800 Uvalde Rd., 77049 (inside the Monument Room of the Slovacek Student Center). Speaker: Robert Boudwin, former Rockets mascot, "Clutch". Sponsored by: Woodforest National Bank.

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.

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.

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.

Senior Honor Student's Luncheon

Friday - April 28, 2017. San Jacinto College North - Monument Room. SPONSORS NEEDED. Sponsor a student for \$20 or become a Contributing Partner for \$250 (LIMITED SPACE). Please contact blanca@ncachamber.com or 713-450-3600 for more details.

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OPINION PAGE

Facts on filing Tax extensions without paying a penalty

(NAPSI)—There's good news, bad news and better news for people who can't file or pay their taxes on time.

The good news: Just because you can't file your tax return by the April deadline (the 18th in 2017) doesn't mean you'll be in trouble with the IRS. You can request an automatic six-month extension of time to file the tax return.

There are several ways to request an automatic extension. Tax professionals can file the application, which can be found on the IRS website (look for Form 4868), printed and mailed to the IRS or e-filed. Whether taxpayers use a tax professional or submit the application themselves, all or part of the estimate of the income tax due can be paid with a check, credit or debit card or by using the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System.

The bad news: But beware, there is a catch. An extension is just an extension on the time to file the return; it's not an extension on the time to pay.

Taxpayers are required to estimate the amount of tax that may be due with the tax return and remit payment with the extension to avoid Failure to Pay penalties. These penalties, plus interest, could accrue until the tax is paid, regardless of the

extension. If a balance is still owed when the actual tax return is filed, at least the penalties and interest will have been minimized.

If it turns out you owe more money than you can pay, try to file on time or file for an extension and remit as much as possible to minimize penalties. Payment plans may be worked out later.

If you get a notice from the IRS at any time, contact your tax preparer immediately. If you didn't have someone prepare your return, you should contact a licensed tax professional.

The better news: You can get help before and after you file from the only federally licensed tax practitioners, enrolled agents (EAs). EAs, considered America's tax experts, have unlimited rights to represent you before the IRS. Enrolled agents are so called because one can act as your "agent" before administrative levels of the IRS and talk to or meet with the IRS in your stead. EAs must abide by a code of ethics and complete many hours of continuing education each year to ensure they are up to date on the constantly changing tax code.

To find an enrolled agent nearby, visit the searchable "Find a Tax Expert" directory at www.eatax.org.

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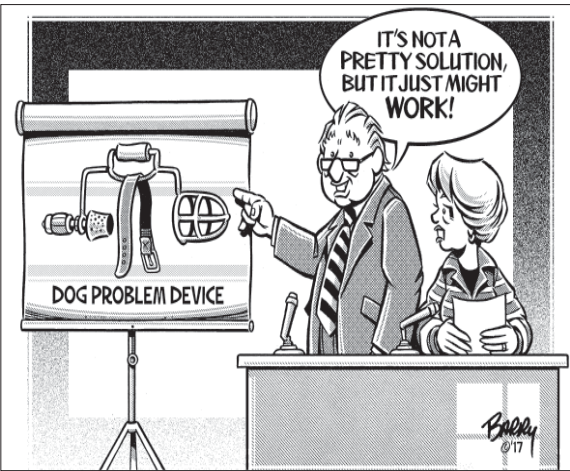
(NAPSI)—Whether it's Earth Day or any other day, it can be a good time to ask just how "earth minded" your household is. Many of our daily activities such as driving a car, using electricity, or disposing of waste can cause greenhouse gas emissions, which in turn create a carbon footprint. The question is, what does that footprint look like for you?

By taking the new Think Earth online Environmental Survey, families can assess their environmental habits and get practical tips on how to conserve energy, save water, and reduce waste and pollution.

The free survey can be taken in just a few minutes on a computer, smartphone or tablet.

Once it's completed, respondents receive personalized recommendations specifically targeted to their survey answers. These recommendations can help families reduce their environmental footprint and, in some cases, even save money. Home and school versions of the survey can be found at www.thinkearth.org/surveys.

The Environmental Surveys were created by the Think Earth Environmental Education Foundation. Founded in 1988, the nonprofit organization developed comprehensive lesson plans to teach environmental awareness to elementary and middle-school students. Educators can download these free lesson plans at www.thinkearth.org.



Senate panel OKs budget for upcoming two-year period

AUSTIN — A state budget for fiscal years 2018-2019 cleared the first in a series of hurdles when the Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved committee substitute Senate Bill 1 on March 22.

The legislation next moves to the full Senate for consideration.

"This budget remains a work in progress, but we will continue our work to make the most of every dollar, meet our priority needs and keep Texas moving in the right direction," said Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. "This committee left no stone unturned looking for savings, examining our budget drivers and looking for ways to make smarter use of our limited resources."

Nelson said the bill establishes a \$106.3 billion two-year state budget. Just a few things the measure would do, if enacted, are:

- Continue the current funding formulas for public education;
- Dedicate approximately \$5 billion for transportation, as required by a recent amendment to the state constitution;
- Provide \$3.4 billion for Child Protective Services, an increase of \$430 million over current levels;
- Add \$2.65 billion to cover student enrollment growth, which is projected to be more than 80,000 per year over the next two years;
- Maintain the \$800 million earmarked for border security approved by the 2015 Legislature;
- Provide a \$780 million commitment for new construction and significant repairs to the state hospital system, plus \$145 million for other critical life and safety capital needs at state hospitals and state supported living centers;
- Add \$316 million to mitigate a funding shortfall in the Teacher Retirement System; and
- Increase funding for Medicaid to provide case-load growth at fiscal year 2018 levels. The Medicaid budget assumes over \$400 million in cost containment initiatives.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, commended Nelson and her committee for passing the budget bill on a 15-0 bi-partisan vote.

County tops ICE list
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 20 issued its first weekly U.S. Immigration

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling



and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Declined Detainer Outcome Report.

The document was produced in accordance with President Donald Trump's Jan. 25 executive order, which was titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States."

Counties that are not cooperating with ICE detainer requests are named in the report, covering the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 3. Travis County, Texas, tops the list with 142 declined detainer requests.

Gov. Greg Abbott referred to the report as "deeply disturbing" and reiterated his short-list emergency item wish for the Texas Legislature to pass a ban on sanctuary cities.

On Feb. 8, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 4, the sanctuary cities measure, on vote of 20-10, with Republicans in favor and Democrats in opposition of the heavily amended legislation. On March 15, the House State Affairs Committee considered SB 4 in a public hearing in which amendments were considered and testimony was given but no vote was taken.

The legislation, if passed by the House and signed into law by the governor, would require sheriff and police departments to detain undocumented arrestees or face criminal penalties and funding cuts.

Franchise tax bill moves

The full Senate on March 21 passed legislation to phase out the state franchise tax over time if sufficient revenue is available. SB 17 now moves to the House for further consideration.

Sen. Jane Nelson, primary author of the bill, said, there is widespread support to eliminate the franchise tax, and that

her bill "responsibly phases out the franchise tax while ensuring we retain the revenue necessary to meet the needs of our state."

SB 17 aims to reduce the franchise tax every biennium if the Texas comptroller certifies that the state will experience at least 5 percent revenue growth. If that occurs, half of general revenue-related funds over the 5 percent growth would be dedicated to reducing the franchise tax rate.

Fiscal challenges detailed

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 21 announced the availability of a special edition of his office's Fiscal Notes publication, highlighting long-term financial obligations facing Texas state government.

Prior to the legislative session, Hegar sent a letter to lawmakers outlining some of these obligations. If left unaddressed, the obligations could negatively impact the state's credit rating and limit the amount of revenue available for general spending.

The report examines the funding of state employee pensions; TRS-Care, the program that provides health care coverage for retired public school employees and their dependents; the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan; and deferred maintenance projects for state buildings.

Fiscal Notes may be accessed by clicking the "See What's New" tab at Comptroller.Texas.gov.

Gardening Tool Care

(NAPSI)—Before diving into yard care, make sure your lawn and gardening tools are up to the task with proper maintenance. The tips below could save you money and time by extending the life of your tools.

Hand Tool Maintenance

To protect your investment in quality hand and gardening tools, clean them after each use, removing any dirt and debris. Then, wash and dry them, and lightly rub rusted areas with fine sandpaper.

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Nelscie Corine Taylor

Nelscie Corine Taylor, 81, passed away March 23, 2017 surrounded by her family in Baytown, Texas. She was born October 10, 1935 to parents Archie and Mittie Davis in Rusk, Texas. Corine married William "Billy" Taylor, Sr. January 22, 1955 and they began a beautiful life together. She loved and cherished every minute spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Corine was a free-loving spirit and enjoyed spending time outdoors with the beauty of nature and caring for animals; tame or wild was just fine with her. She will be remembered for her colorful and joyful outlook on life. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 55 years, Billy Taylor, Sr.; and dear friends, Pearl Doyal and Imelda Josey. Corine is lovingly survived by her sons, William C. Taylor, Jr. and wife Lisa, Joseph A. Taylor and wife Cindy, Robert L. Taylor and wife Glenda, Peggy Sue Haseloff and husband Joe, Dutch D. Taylor and wife Martha; sisters, Janis Davis, Linda Taylor; 12 grandchildren;



26 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; dear friend, Barnell Harsey; as well as numerous extended family members and friends. Friends are welcome to join the family for visitation Monday, March 27th from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the chapel of Carter-Conley Funeral Home. Graveside services will immediately follow at San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter-Conley Funeral Home.

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Pilate said to them,
"Shall I crucify your King?"
The chief priests answered,
"We have no king but Caesar."
So he then handed Him over
to them to be crucified.

John 19:15,16

Detail of woodcut by James Reid (1930)

Kenneth Wayne Smith

Kenneth Wayne Smith, 65, of Houston, Texas, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on March 23, 2017.

Ken was born May 13, 1951 in Houston, Texas to parents, Junius William Smith and Marcella (Callicott) Smith. He had retired after 18 years from Galena Park I.S.D where he worked as a Coordinator of Careers and technology for GPISD.

He was also a teacher at Northshore Senior High and later worked in administration; He also worked for San Jacinto Jr. College as an Adjunct Faculty Professor for 17 years. He also had owned and operated Woodforest Mail and Package for several years. He was a former member of Woodforest Baptist Church and currently a member of Fellowship of the Nations Church where he and his wife, Patsy taught Sunday School and shared his Christian faith to all who knew him. He was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by two sisters, Mary Nichols & Nell Crowwell; He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patsy Serenil Smith, by children, Alisha Serenil Brummett, Shawn Michael Smith, Karen Solt, Kody Wayne Smith and Lauren Nicole-Frances Smith; grandchildren, Lily, Noah, Ella, Ezra & Cora Brummett; Caleb, Caden and Carter Smith, Michelle Guerra, Lauren Guerra, Austin Guerra, James and Jamie Riemer; great-grandchildren, Alexis



Hickam, Gabriel Guerra, Braydon Melendez and Dillon Hickam; sister, Helen June Wardlow & husband Ernest and brother, Charles Smith & wife, Doris; nieces & nephews, Charlie Nichols & wife, Cheryl; Daryl Nichols & wife, Deb, Tim Wardlow & wife, Diane, Kevin Wardlow, Cynthia & Eric Awwad and Jerri Thedford.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Carter Conley Funeral Home from 6-8:00 p.m. with services to celebrate his life at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Fellowship of the Nations Church, 13305 Woodforest Blvd. Houston TX. He will be laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter Conley Funeral Home.

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Russell Sherman McDonald

Russell Sherman McDonald, 77, of Houston, Texas, passed into his heavenly home on March 27, 2017.

Russell was born February 24, 1940 in Pitkin, Louisiana to parents, Jeff & Janice Joy McDonald. He retired in 2003 from Texas Petrochemical after 34 years of employment. He served in country in the U.S. Army and he was member of First Baptist of Jacinto City.

He is preceded in death by his parents and by wife, Margie McDonald and Charlene Lucas McDonald. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Margaret McDonald; by daughters, Julie King and Katrina Flores; by stepchildren, James Richardson, Roger Pittman and Linda Pitt; by brother, Harold Clayton McDonald and sister, Sandra Whitlock; by five grandchildren,



Paula, Rhonda, Russell, Sarah and Maddy and several great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Carter Conley Funeral Home from 5-8:00 p.m. with services to celebrate his life on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Carter Conley Funeral Home. He will be laid to rest in San Jacinto Memorial Park under the direction of Carter Conley Funeral Home.

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. During biblical times, what rough, coarse cloth was worn as a mourning symbol? Sackcloth, Shadrach, Shiloh, Sling
3. What Old Testament book's ninth chapter mentions the constellation of "Orion"?

- Joshua, Judges, Job, Jeremiah
4. From Luke 13, which king was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"? Herod, Solomon, Ahab, Caesar
5. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out"? Matthew, David, Noah, Moses
6. What is "Jebus" another name for? Jericho, Jerusalem, Judah, Joshua

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Sackcloth; 3) Job; 4) Herod; 5) Moses; 6) Jerusalem

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Diamond Jim: "Why should I get an appraisal on my fine jewelry and how often should I have that done?"



An official appraisal is necessary for insurance and estate planning. Fair market value appraisals indicate the amount a piece would be sold for between a willing buyer and seller. This appraisal can be used for estate tax determination and division of property in a divorce. A fair market value can be helpful to fair division of jewelry assets among loved ones.

Insurance replacement appraisals provide you protection for reimbursement in case of loss. This appraisal will give you a document that describes your item exactly (stone clarity, size, color, quality and value). By having a relatively recent appraisal, you will be better able to get the lost item replaced with a similar item or receive a settlement from your insurance company. Gems of the same size can have significantly different values so you need an appraisal to ensure your replacement is comparable to the original.

Listed below are the most common reasons to have your jewelry appraised by a professional.

- Insurance coverage is the most common reason for getting an appraisal. A full appraisal is a detailed document that will assure you of a comparable replacement in case of loss.

ASK DIAMOND JIM

- placement in case of loss.
- With the popularity of purchasing jewelry over the internet, an appraisal from an independent appraiser can verify that diamonds and other jewelry match the certification or appraisal that accompany the item. Schedule an appointment to give you an idea of the value and peace of mind.
 - A detailed appraisal is a valuable document to have whenever you choose to dispose of (sell, trade or bequeath) your jewelry.
 - An appraisal is necessary in the event of Estate Settlement, forming a Trust, or Equitable Distribution.
 - You will need an appraisal to claim a casualty loss for your insurance company or uninsured loss for the IRS.
 - You should have an appraisal for division of property in a divorce.
 - You will need an appraisal for tax deduction of a charitable contribution.

How Often Do I Need to Have Jewelry Appraised?
You may think that if you get your

jewelry appraised immediately after purchase you are set for life. However appraisals are only valid for a limited period of time. The reasons jewelry needs to be appraised every few years include:

- Jewelry markets can be volatile and prices for certain stones change from year to year. You will want to have up to date information.
- As the inflation rate changes the values of your jewelry may change. Again up to date information is necessary especially for insurance purposes.
- Any damage to your jewelry may impact the value. If you are passing jewelry on to beneficiaries and want to divide equitably you will want to verify the condition has not changed.

The Insurance Institute of America recommends that you have your jewelry appraisal updated every 2 years. If you are insuring your jewelry you will want to check your specific insurance policy to find out how often they require appraisals. It is unlikely they will provide you an appraisal reminder so you will need to keep track yourself.

Is there a cost to have my jewelry appraised?
Yes. When asking any professional for their appraised value of an item, you should usually expect to pay a reasonable amount for their expert opinion. How much that amount is can vary from professional to professional. It's safe to say that the most important factor to consider when selecting someone to appraise your fine jewelry is trust. Work with a professional that you trust to appraise your jewelry.

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GALENA PARK ISD Green Valley Principal named as finalist for Texas National Distinguished Principal

Eight Texas principals were recently selected as Texas National Distinguished Principal (NDP) finalists by the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA). The award recipient will be announced in May at a surprise school visit. That principal will receive \$10,000 and represent Texas in Washington, D.C. as the 2017 NDP.

Grace Devost, Green Valley Elementary, Galena Park ISD is one of the 2017 National Distinguished Principal Finalists.

"The school principal is critical to student and teacher success," TEPSA Executive Director Harley Eckhart said. "These exemplary principals are making a difference in the lives of students across Texas."

TEPSA received 123 nominations for the 2017 NDP



Grace Devost, Green Valley Principal

then showcased their achievements during a school visit by a team of educators. Finalists will be recognized at the TEP-SA Awards Reception June 14 in Austin.

The NDP program promotes PreK-8 educational excellence and focuses on the fundamental importance of the school principal. The program honors principals who exhibit extraordinary leadership, commitment to their students and staff, service to their communities and contributions to the profession, including their professional associations. The

National Association of Elementary School Principals sets award criteria. The Texas award is sponsored by TEPSA, and the program is supported with a generous donation from Mentoring Minds.

GP hires New Staff,

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velopment Coordinator but Mayor Moya, Commissioners Chersky and Ponder voted to hire Flores. Before the vote was taken Broussard said he asked the mayor how much the salary was going to be for the new position and the mayor said she couldn't say because that was a personnel matter and couldn't be disclosed publicly. And when he asked the mayor what was the new position needed for and if the Coordinator was going to be a supervisor over department heads, then Mayor Moya again told him it's a personnel matter and couldn't be disclosed publicly.

Broussard said he asked the mayor if the new position is in the city's charter and she said it was, but he said he couldn't remember seeing it. Broussard said, "Without any idea as to the job description or the salary to be paid or where the salary would come from I had little choice but to vote no."

Receiving unanimous council approval was the hiring of a full time police officer (Daniel Vasquez), two full time police dispatchers (Bernadette Sellers & Anabel Reyna) and two full time water meter readers (Rafael Rubio & Alex Ochoa). Also approved was the police

department's Tier 1 racial profiling report, an assignment letter from LJA Engineering services for a wastewater discharge permit renewal and the interlocal agreement for the Goodbuy purchasing program.

Public comments at the end of the meeting came from former Commissioner's Robert Clowers, Maricela Serna and Galena Manor citizen Rosemary Coreathers about the re-opening of the Evelyn Churchill Community Center and the non-payment to the remodeling contractor Lionel Palmares owner of Petro De Luna company.

Mayor Moya's Statement,

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building permit had been sought for what was supposed to only be 'work to bring the building up to minimum building codes.' As we learned, walls were taken out, many never mentioned 'improvements' were made and it now appears that mold remediation work was improperly done. The building has since been tested by experts and two types of mold and asbestos were found inside the building.

For a second opinion on what must now be done in order to address these issues, additional experts were retained

and they recently inspected and tested the building further. I have requested that they provide a complete report on the condition of the building and what must be done so it can once again be utilized by the community, and to advise the City as to the costs for any required remediation and finishing the build back. Only then will we know when the building might be re-opened.

I have also asked the experts to make a presentation of their findings at a City Council meeting when their work is complete. I expect this will occur in April.

I look forward to the experts' reports and working to promptly resolve this issue.

With respect to the claims for payment related to the 'work' that was done, I have asked the City Attorney to evaluate that issue, particularly since the City never signed or agreed to any contract, and I have also asked him to evaluate and investigate claims the City may have against responsible parties for the costs we face to now properly remediate the building and rebuild it."

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RACHEL ROBINSON

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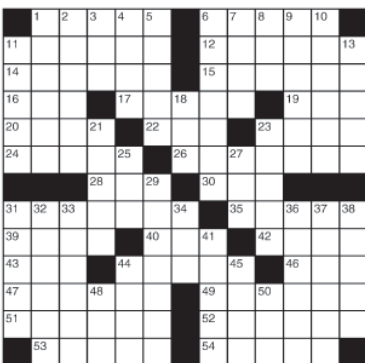
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Classic cars on display at Channelview Band Booster event

Many classic cars were showcased at the Channelview ISD Band Boosters "Car Show in The View" the Ray Mad-dry Memorial Stadium complex on March 25. A variety of restored older cars and newer sport ve-hicles with upgrades caught the attention of those in attendance. Proceeds from the event go toward the district's band programs.



SHELDON ISD

KHS drumline places first in Pasadena competition



Congratulations to the King High School Drumline for placing first at the Texas Color Guard Circuit competition in Pasadena. Also, the KHS Winterguard took third at its recent TCGC competition in Cy-Falls.

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PRESENTS

Spring Coloring & Painting Contest

The contest is open to children ages 5 – 18.

Categories are as follow:

- Category A: Ages 5 – 8 – Coloring
- Category B: Ages 9 – 12 – Coloring
- Category C: Ages 13 – 15 – Easter Egg Design
- Category D: Ages 16 – 18 – Painting Contest

Registration starts March 5th and ends March 30. 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: crayon, oil pastel or acrylic paint. Contestants may bring additional coloring materials of their choice.

Prizes:

1st Place Winner for each category will win: Summer Art Class (valued at \$195) plus other sponsored prizes.

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