

# LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL!

There's an old saying "when one person dies, another is born, or one life ends and another begins." I never quite understood what this actually meant until I experienced it.

Before I left on a trip to Dallas to visit my family, my pregnant neighbor, Zen and her husband, Yibrah delivered chocolate on Valentine's Day, she went into labor the same day and the next day delivered their firstborn a baby boy.

Almost a week later I attended a neighbor's, Sandy baby shower. Accompanying me to the shower was one of my friends Cheryl. The shower was for their firstborn, which will be a boy also. It was decorated so well, and it exhibited some great games. It was the best shower I had ever attended, it was absolutely amazing. Later I dropped by another neighbor's, Zevenique daughter's birthday party which featured the "Frozen Theme."

I left for Dallas a few days later, on the night we arrived I received a call that my youngest brother's girlfriend's mother had died and the day after I arrived home my step sister's husband died. All I could think about was if these unfortunate events are just coincidences or the circle of life?

I believe that the loss of a life means another life will be given a chance in the world. Both happiness and sadness are spread evenly in this world like a circle and a way of life. It's the basis of the "guardian angel" concept.

The bottom line is that human life is extremely valuable. That's why it is so important to show your love and support to those who are living and for the little ones when they arrive. In all honesty, the balance of life, never fails.





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**NEWSLETTER INFO** 

### A NEIGHBORLY TOUCH

Have you ever wondered how your neighbor felt or who is your neighbor? I've learned that one of the best feelings is to know that you're wanted, that someone wants to talk to you, know how you're doing, or just wants to see you.

When someone is on your heart pick up the phone to send them a quick text or stop by their house to catch up. After all, someone or something reminded them of you specifically. It's a really nice feeling knowing that you've been on someone's mind and that they care enough to let you know that.

Let's learn to meet our neighbors where they are. Remember there is a story behind every person, a reason why they are the way they are. Learn how to respect them for who they are. There's some good in all of us.



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### **APRIL ADVENTURES**

#### Free Dance Classes

Monday's 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., Zumba lessons Wednesday's 10:30a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Beginner level adult tap lessons Juergen's Hall Community Center 26026 Hempstead Hwy. www.pct3.hctx.net

Classes are free to the public unless supplies are needed for the lessons.

### **Super Hero Sundays**

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. PDQ 25686 NW Freeway 10723 Louetta Rd. http://www.eatpdq.com

### **Technology Festival Technspired**

Cypress-Fairbank ISD Apr. 7, 2016, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm The Berry Center - 8877 Barker Cypress Rd. Cypress, TX





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#### Bayou City Cajun Festival

Saturday and Sunday, April 9 – 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Traders Village 7979 N. Eldridge Rd. Enjoy Cajun music, Creole food prepared by the French Quarter Market & Grill.

> Admission is free and parking is \$4.00. www.tradersvillage.com

#### Comicon

Saturday and Sunday, April 16 - 17, 2016 Traders Village 7979 N. Eldridge Rd. Come and visit with Comic Book, Science Fiction, Cosplay dealers, and artists from all over the world. Admission is free and parking is \$4.00. www.tradersvillage.com

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### Big Little JC 5K

Saturday, April 30, 2016 Lone Star College Cy-fair/North Parking Lot 9191 Barker Cypress Rd.

Big Little IC Association is a Non-Profit Organization that helps families with Children with Severe Disabilities to perform their everyday needs and find the best provisions for them. Race events will entail a 10K, 5K, Kids 1K, Wheel Chair 1K, and Fun Kids Duathlon. www.biglittlejc.org.

#### 2016 Career Fair

The Berry Center – 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX April 28, 2016, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM CFISD welcome applicants interested in professional and support positions.

### **Healthy Kids Day**

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Langham Creek Family YMCA 16725 Longenbaugh Drive, Houston, TX 77095 Free community event that is open to all kids and families. It will be a morning filled with fun, active play, and educational opportunities.

## AM I COVERED?

Purchasing a home is likely to be your greatest investment. Buyers of newly built homes normally have warranties, which promise to repair or replace certain elements of the home, if necessary, within a certain time. It's important to understand what it covers, how to make a claim, and the process for resolving disputes that may arise between you and the builder or warranty company.

At your home closing you should had received a "Welcome to Meritage Homeowners Manual." It explains how their warranties for newly built homes generally offer limited coverage on workmanship and materials relating to various components of the home, such as windows, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, and electrical systems for specific periods. It also defines how repairs will be made and online it list the ten most common requests for servicing that is not covered under your warranty.

When the need arises, review the warranty or service contract carefully to make sure that your problem is covered. Please pay particular attention to the duration of specific types of coverage. Next, file your claim according to the instructions in your warranty. Keep a record of your correspondence and conversations with the company. If a dispute arises, it's good to have a record of your dealings with the builder and the warranty company.

Many warranties on newly built homes provide for mediation of disputed warranty claims normally followed by mandatory binding arbitration. The neutral third party or mediator helps the home owner and the company resolves the problem by facilitating discussion between both parties. However, it is up to the home owner and the company to reach an agreement.

Before your one year is up, have your own third party inspection report done so you know what is in need of repair under the warranty.

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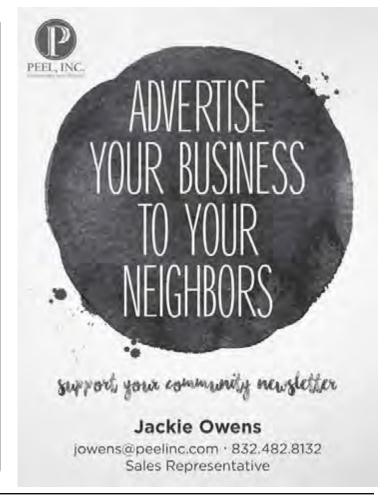
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### SPRING TIME TIPS

**Organizing Closets:** Get rid of unused clothes and accessories, and organize the rest by how you get dressed in the mornings and by colors.

**Painted Walls:** Start with a clean cloth or sponge and water. For stubborn stains use water and dishwashing liquid.

**Carpet Cleaning:** Walk on the carpet with your shoes off and socks on, walking around barefooted leaves natural oils which attracts dirt. Try to vacuum daily with HEPA filter.

**Tile Cleaning:** The bathroom and kitchen tiles should be cleaned with products labeled, "neutral ph." Mixing baking soda and water is a great homemade solution.

**Wood Floors:** For avoiding water damage use trivets and saucers under plants and furniture protectors. Once a week use a damp mop with a mild solution like Murphy Oil Soap or Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner.

Wash walls, Cabinets, Baseboards, and Woodwork: Use a sponge and hand dishwashing detergent and wash in sections. A sponge mop can be used to reach higher spots. Always use two buckets: one for dishwashing detergent solution and another for wringing your sponge. With a clean cloth dry the walls and woodwork. The Magic Erasers do the trick also.

Refrigerator: For removal of dust and lint, clean the refrigerator's

condenser coil, usually found behind the toe grille, with a long-handled bottle brush and a vacuum cleaner with an attachment hose. Remember built-up dust can shut down the unit by causing it to overheat.

**Garbage Cans:** Banish garbage odors by taking the plastic garbage cans outside for a quick hosing out, and leave them upside down to dry. For keeping the cans odor free, sprinkle the bottoms with baking soda.

**Jewelry:** Add a cup of water and one tablespoon each of salt, baking soda and Dawn dish detergent. Heat the water for one-to-two minutes in the microwave, then place the hot water in a bowl lined with foil. Add the other ingredients and then drop your jewelry in and let it sit for about five-to-ten minutes.

**Pet Hair:** A rubber dishwashing glove will do the trick. Get it slightly wet and then just rub your hand over the furniture. Watch the pet hair will clump together and then can be easily removed.

Stinky Plastic Containers: Take one tablespoon of baking soda and wash the container thoroughly with hot water. It will neutralize the food smell.

**Dishwasher:** Run a cycle with one cup of vinegar in a dishwashersafe bowl on the top rack. Sprinkle a bit of baking soda on the bottom of the washer and run it again.



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### APRIL OBSERVANCES

Alcohol Awareness Month Arab American Heritage Month Celebrate Diversity Month Community Service Month Couple Appreciation Month Deaf History Month Defeat Diabetes Month Fair Housing Month Financial Literacy Month Genocide & Human Rights Awareness Month Jazz Appreciation Month Keep America Beautiful Month National Child Abuse Prevention Month National Minority Health Month National Multiple Birth Awareness Month World Habitat Awareness Month

April's Fool Day – April 1st U.S. Air Force Academy Day - April 1st National Love Our Children Day - April 2nd World Autism Day - April 2nd Army Day – April 6th National Day of Hope – April 6th Zoo Lovers Day - April 8th ASPCA Day - April 10th Worlds Parkinson's Disease Day - April 11th Equal Pay Day – April 12th Tax Day - April 15th Husband Appreciation Day - April 16th Earth Day - April 22nd Passover - April 23rd Hug a Friend Day - April 26th Kiss Your Mate Day - April 28th



# GREEN APRIL THUMB

It is better to wait and fertilize late spring, (late May/early June) just before the heat of summer begins. It better prepares the grass for summer when it slows down carbohydrate production and begins utilizing the reserves.

De-thatching manually is hard work and less effective but is nothing more than vigorously raking the lawn with a hard tooth rake. It will wake up your yard by removing old, dead material, cutting old rhizomes and stolons (which encourages new growth), and allow better access for nutrients and water to penetrate the surface.

Top-dress your lawn, flower beds, and gardens with compost. Do this at least once a year to replace the organic matter that gets used by plants and washed away by watering. (Add compost each growing season in vegetable gardens.)

Try to pull or treat weeds before they go to seed. Pulling weeds is still one of the best methods for getting rid of them. Another effective method is sheet mulching: scalp the weeds, cover them with at least 10 layers of newspaper (overlap the edges), slightly dampen each layer, and then cover everything with at least 3 inches of compost.

Add to bare soil areas an inch or two of compost, and two or three inches of mulch to get the benefits of weed suppression and moisture retention.

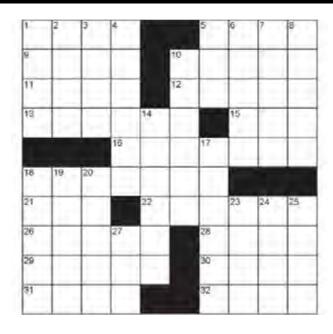
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### **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



#### ACROSS

- 1. Father
- 5. Water carrier
- 9. Radar target
- 10. English architecture style
- 11. Corporation (abbr.)
- 12. White poplar
- 13. Hastily write
- 15. Official canine registry (abbr.) 8. Build
- 16. Peers (2 wds.)
- 18. Mother-of-Pearl mollusk
- 21. Wipe
- 22. Asian nation
- 26. Unripened
- 28. One of Columbus' ships
- 29. Great ape
- 30. Swirl
- 31. Very large book
- 32. Fewer

#### DOWN

- 1. The alphabet
- 2. Group of nations
- 3. Vigor
- 4. Sicken
- 5. English bar
- 6. Thoughts
- 7. Folk dance
- 10. Claws
- 14. Dating
- 17. Marrow
- 18. Jargon
- 19. Donkey
- 20. Right angle to a ships length
- 23. Military officer
- 24. Ceases
- 25. "You can't eat just one" brand
- 27. Vane direction

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