

Moore offers scholarships

Moore Elementary Student Council will offer four scholarships to graduating seniors at Dobie High School who attended Moore in fourth grade. Applications are available through the Dobie senior counselor's office and must be returned by Thursday, April 2, to be considered.

JFD baseball bingo

The Dobie Diamond Club, the official booster organization of the school's baseball program, is making final preparations for the annual spring bingo night. Baseball players are currently offering presale tickets for the Saturday, March 28, event, which will feature 10 games of bingo. Tickets are \$20 each, before and at the door. Doors will open for the event at the school cafeteria at 5 p.m., and the bingo games will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Game payouts are \$100 each, with the exception of the fifth game (\$250) and the 10th game (\$500). Concessions will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be awarded between games.

Knights sell fish dinners

Knights of Columbus at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 11011 Hall Road, will serve fish dinners Fridays through March 27. Dinners consist of breaded USA catfish fried fillet, hush puppies, cole slaw, corn-on-the-cob, fries and iced tea or lemonade. Baked fish fillets will be available in limited quantities. Dinners will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. All money raised will benefit local and community projects. Dine in or take out dinners are \$10 each.

Mount Olive rummage sale

Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd., will hold its annual rummage sale on Friday, March 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are currently being accepted.

Post 490 Easter egg hunt

American Legion Post 490, 11702 Galveston Road (across from Ellington Field), will hold its annual Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 29, at 1 p.m. The hunt is for ages 1-12. There will be a moonwalk and prizes. Hot dogs, juice, soda and snow cones will be served. Volunteers are needed starting at noon that day.

Book donations accepted

Friends of Parker Williams Library is currently requesting donations for the library. Recent fiction, nonfiction, children's books and DVDs and CDs can be donated at 10851 Scarsdale Boulevard.

Life Church hosts event

Life Church, located at 9900 Alameda Genoa, will have a special Celebrate Recovery fourth anniversary on Sunday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. The public is invited to this special event with songwriter and worship leader Ryan Bell for a worship concert; guest speaker Shirley Molina, Regional Celebrate Recovery leader from Lakewood Church; and Pastor Jim Kilgore of Life Church.

Kirkwood meeting set

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 26, at the Sagemont Community Center, 11507 Hughes Road, at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held the last Thursday of the month. For more information, call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

Dobie 40-year reunion set

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1975 will hold its 40-year reunion Sept. 25-26 at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, 2500 S. Shore Blvd. in League City. Tickets are \$85 per person if paid by Aug. 1.

Tickets purchased at the door or after Aug. 1 will be \$100 per person. This includes dinner and entertainment for Saturday night. A block of rooms at a special rate will be available. For more information, call Susie Holmes Holt at 281-222-4140, Pam West Saxton at 832-330-8368, or Debbie Green Harrell at 832-818-5028.

Tax-Aide at Library

Volunteers from AARP Tax-Aide will be at the Parker Williams Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd., to assist with tax questions and filing tax returns Mondays and Fridays through April 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This service will be available in the library meeting room on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring Social Security cards or other official documentation for oneself and all dependents, copy of last year's income tax return, W-2 forms from each employer, unemployment compensation statements, and other necessary forms to help the volunteer complete the return. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

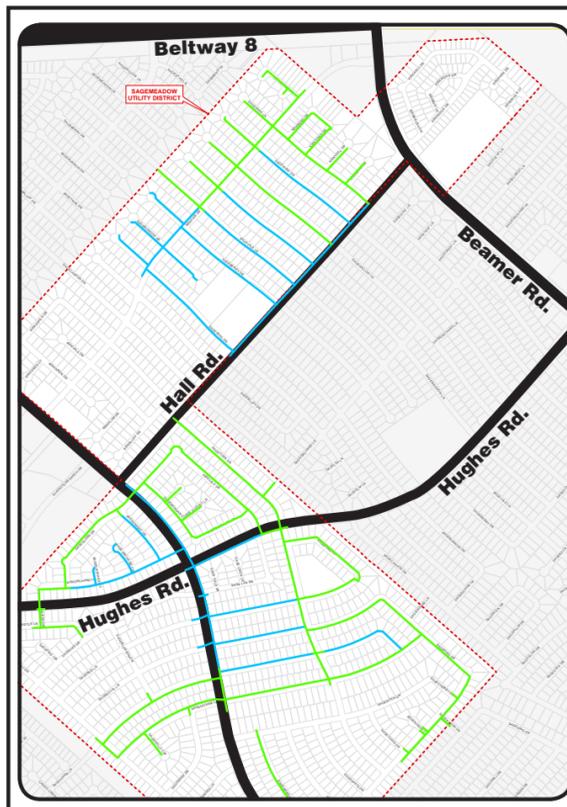
Melillo seeks vendors

Melillo Middle School will hold its seventh annual spring carnival on Friday, April 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Attractions will include a rock wall, bungee trampoline, train, dunking booth, concessions, booths including hairspray paint, face painting, cake walk, silent auction and more. Tickets may be purchased pre-sell beginning March 31 through April 10 and at the event.

Sagemeadow MUD to replace waterlines

The Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District is planning to replace existing waterlines throughout much of its district. The work is necessary because many of the MUD's outdated pipes have deteriorated over

time. The majority of the homes in Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South, which consists of more than 2,000 homes and 20 miles of water lines, were constructed more than 40 years ago – before PVC pipe was available.



MUD repair maps released

The Sagemeadow Municipal Utility District is set to begin a massive project to replace much of the district's aging waterlines in the Sagemeadow and Kirkwood South subdivisions. The lines will be replaced on a worst-first basis. Phase I of the project (shown to the left in green) is scheduled to begin this week. Phase II of the project (shown in blue) will take place at a later date.

With the exception of Section 7, Section 8 and the newly constructed Lake at Golfcrest, all of the district's homes – including those in the Kirkwood South subdivision, which are also serviced by the Sagemeadow MUD – are equipped with what is referred to as AC pipe, which is made from a combination of asbestos and cement.

The later-built homes are all equipped with PVC pipe and will not likely require upgrades.

Recent droughts, particularly in the summer of 2011, exacerbated the problem and accelerated the need to replace the lines. The work will be done on a worst-first basis, according to Sagemeadow MUD board member Glenn Williams.

Planned construction will be broken down into two phases. See map on this page.

Phase I is already paid for, Williams said, using funds raised from selling off old bonds. Phase II will be financed through the selling of later-issued bonds that Sagemeadow residents approved in a \$15 million bond election in May 2013.

Engineers from the City of Houston recently approved the design of Phase I, and work was scheduled to begin sometime this week.

At this time, it is unclear when construction on Phase II will take place.

Williams said the MUD intends to eventually replace the remainder of the district's aging waterlines at a later date after these two phases are complete.

\$30K reward in former resident's death

Originally thought accidental, Sax death now ruled homicide

A former South Belt resident, originally believed to have drowned in April 2014, was likely murdered, police said after new evidence surfaced in the case.



Edith Sax

Edith Sax, 50, was found floating dead in her swimming pool in the 3600 block of Blue Bonnet on April 25. A nurse by trade, Sax was still dressed in work scrubs and lab coat at the time of her death.

Her death was initially ruled accidental, but at a press conference last week, police said they now believe she was murdered. Crime Stoppers of Houston is now offering \$30,000 for information leading to arrests in the case.

Police said Sax was an avid swimmer and

couldn't have drowned in 5 feet of water, further suggesting that someone probably staged the incident to appear accidental.

Autopsy results showed that Sax had injuries that indicated she was forced underwater, police said.

Two unidentified men were seen near Sax's home around the time of her death. Investigators believe the killer(s) was someone familiar with Sax's routine and the layout of her home.

Detectives said money was likely the motive, as Sax had a multimillion dollar estate.

Police said Sax's husband has been cleared as a suspect. Other family members have also undergone questioning and polygraph tests.

Anyone with information about the case is urged to call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477). Tips can also be sent by text message by texting TIP610 to CRIMES (274637).

All tipsters remain anonymous.

Paul introduces bill on tax districts

By James Bolen

Freshman state Rep. Dennis Paul has introduced legislation aimed at giving affected property owners more control over controversial municipal management districts.

Also known as special purpose districts, these little-known government entities are created by the Legislature to promote and encourage economic growth and development within a certain geographical area.

Critics, however, contend that the districts are managed with little oversight and that the taxpayers responsible for funding the improvements have little or no input on how their tax money is spent.

"It's a thiefdom," said one local business owner who wished to remain anonymous. "The pie is only so big. We pay enough taxes as it is. There's only so much you can squeeze."

The closest management district for South Belt residents is the Harris County Improvement District No. 9. Established in 2007, the district is located in the Hobby Airport area. There are at least 100 others like it in the county.

Funding for projects in District No. 9 come from assessments levied on commercial property owners within the district's boundaries. The assessment for each year is \$0.15 for each \$100 of value based on the taxable property value as certified by the Harris County Appraisal District. Annual assessments total roughly \$1.5 million per year.

Residential property owners are not levied the assessments.

For a district to be created, a petition must merely be signed by "the owners of a majority of the assessed value of the real property in the district subject to assessment ... or at least 25 owners of real property in the district that will be subject to assessment."

In other words, the outcome is often dependent on the nod of residents living within the district who will not be subject to the assessment and are often promised major neighborhood improvements at zero cost to them.

Furthermore, once a district is created, it requires the signatures from owners whose com-

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Molina blood drive set for March 27

A blood drive will be held in the honor of Samantha Molina on Friday, March 27, at Stuchbery Elementary from noon to 4:30 p.m.



A first-grader at the area school, Molina has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatment at Texas Children's Hospital.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.giveblood.org, login to Digital Donor and then enter code S752 or call Anita Guerrero at 713-740-0752.

Lariaette alumni reunion planned

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes will celebrate their 45th anniversary with an alumni reunion luncheon Saturday, May 2, at the Fox & Hound Smokehouse & Tavern, 12802 Gulf Freeway at Fuqua, at 1 p.m.

Organizers are currently trying to locate all alumni who are not on Facebook. Contact information may be emailed to LariaettesAlumni@gmail.com.

Tickets are \$40 and include lunch and beverage.

admission to the Spring Show to be held later that night and keepsake. Payment for the event will be accepted through PayPal only sent to this same email address. Payment must be received by Tuesday, March 31.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LariaettesAlumni.

The Spring Show will take place in the Dobie auditorium, 10220 Blackhawk, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Boykins helps seniors repair homes

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins recently launched a program aimed to help area seniors make needed home repairs.

Applicants must be 65 or older and reside in District D. Qualifying residents may apply for repairs up to \$500.

The requested work must be a necessary repair, rather than merely an upgrade.

An eight-member volunteer board meets monthly to verify requests before contacting a prescreened contractor to complete the work.

A recent job involved repairing a collapsed

ceiling for a blind veteran, said Gilbert Deleon, who volunteers in the program.

No tax dollars are used for the repairs. Instead, Boykins relies on donations and funds raised through his annual charity golf tournament.

If repair bills exceed \$500, the board attempts to find supplemental funds from other sources, such as the city's ReBuild Houston program and various veterans groups. Habitat for Humanity is also involved with the program.

For more information, call Boykins aide Rosario Wilson at 281-389-9690 or Deleon at 832-606-4337.

Precinct 2 collects \$17,000+ in warrants

The Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office collected more than \$17,000 during the annual Great Texas Warrant Round-Up.

On the combined dates of Saturday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, March 7, the department took in \$17,372.

In all, there were 44 arrests and a total of 128 warrants cleared. Eight of the arrestees were transported to jail.

The Great Texas Warrant Round-Up is a statewide initiative that involves more than 300 jurisdictions.

Residents advised to secure weapons

Sgt. Robert Sanchez from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office is warning South Belt residents who have concealed handguns to always take them inside their residences rather than leave them in their vehicles, as many have been stolen in recent weeks.

Sanchez said about one weapon a week has

been stolen from area cars for the past month. "They (the guns) need to be put away," Sanchez said. "Now, we have these criminals running around with all these guns."

Anyone with any information about the thefts is urged to contact the constable's office at 281-481-9189.

Mitchell to retire from area chamber

Sally Mitchell recently announced she will be retiring as executive director of the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce after serving more than seven years in the position.

"It was a very hard decision because I'm walking away from something I treasure and really love," Mitchell said, jokingly adding, "I just didn't want my next stop to be at Niday (Funeral Home)."

Mitchell will remain a member of the chamber through her husband's company, PCR Inter-



Sally Mitchell

ests. "Sally is leaving on very good terms," said South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce President Chris Clark. "And I look forward to her being a chamber member."

Mitchell said she plans to continue working in the community through volunteer work. She said she also plans to spend some of her free time traveling.

Mitchell is grateful for her time with the organization and the people she got to work with.

"It's been an absolutely beautiful experience," Mitchell said. "I treasure the community and the wonderful board of directors. It's been nothing but a pleasant experience."

Mitchell will remain in the position until a replacement has been selected.

Better than Halloween



Halloween came early this year for many area children, as they are shown above scurrying around looking for candy thrown out near the intersection of Blackhawk and Sagegate during the annual Sagemont-Beverly Hills Little League opening-day parade Saturday, March 14. This year's parade was the league's largest to date. Photo by Marie Flickinger

In My Opinion

Removal of towing signs on Kirkshire

My name is Wade Cocek & I am writing this email for a friend who lives on Kirkshire & would like to know who she can contact to have tow away signs removed of their street. Let me explain.

I have lived in the South Belt all of my life. I know the reason behind the tow away signs placed on Kirkshire at the corner of Beamer to where it crosses into Kirkdale.

The signs were placed after residents on that very street complained about the students from the former J. Frank Dobie (Now Beverly Hills) parking on both sides of the street, even sometimes blocking the owners drive-ways, making it difficult for the residents to get in & out of their homes.

Back in those days you could either purchase a parking tag or park on the side of the road at the corner of Beamer & Kirkholm to Kirkholm & Kirkdale.

When over crowding started, that is when students started parking on Kirkshire & the tow away signs came up.

They apparently did the job & students stopped parking there.

Let us fast forward to now. Dobie has become relocated onto Blackhawk but the signs still remain. Now, here is the problem. Residents are now receiving citations & even being towed for parking in front of their own homes.

The friend I am writing this for just received a citation two weeks ago for parking in front of her own home. She has told that the citation was issued from the City of Houston (Jones was the issuer on the citation) & that there is a wrecker service (Was unable to get the name of the company) constantly driving up & down the street to tow vehicles parked there. I bring up the name Jones because we have seen her driving up & down Southbelt issuing citations for the littlest of things.

My question is since there are no reasons to keep the signs up, who can be contacted to start a process for the removal of these signs so residents may park in front of their homes without the risk of being issued a citation or worst case being towed? Also, to keep from having to block the sidewalk as Ms. Jones is notorious for issuing citation on this as well.

Thank you for your time & look forward to hearing back from you.
Have a blessed day!
Wade Cocek
Publisher's note: Thank you so much for bringing this to our attention. We worked on it once previously and were able to get a couple of tickets that were given dismissed.

But the signs did not get removed. City Councilman Dwight Boykins and his aide Chelbi Mims are working on getting this problem resolved. With their help, I am sure it will be fixed.
Marie Flickinger

Jarvis on freedoms of religion, speech

Feb. 2, 2015
President Thomas S. Monson's closing remarks in last October's LDS General Conference admonished us all to "stand up for what you believe in."

The tone of the January 27th LDS Church press conference was very Christ-like in terms of love and compassion towards our LGBT brothers and sisters.

I question its timing, however, as the U.S. Supreme Court is just now gearing up to rule on same-sex marriage nationwide. The LGBT got the same kind of compassionate endorsement from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints just prior to the vote that allowed openly homosexual boys into the Boy Scouts of America.

We may well hear Elder Uchtdorf in a future General Conference admit that "we made a mistake" again like they did with the Boy Scouts.

It could be, however, that President Monson needs us to stand up on this issue because he, his counselors and the Twelve Apostles cannot do other than state the Church's position on marriage and cooperate with the LGBT after the fallout from Church support of Proposition 8 and the hateful hostile harassing homo-horde that use to gather around Temple Square at conference time.

The LGBT is a well organized international network with political power in high places. Some of my letters on this subject have been published internationally.

One country has advised me that because of those letters I am now "quarantined" from that country and to make note of it on my passport.

Imagine the impact on the missionary program of the Mormon Church if its missionaries were suddenly banned from entering various countries. They will be banned in the U.S.A. some day, along with all other Christian activities, if the LGBT persuades the U.S. Supreme Court to redefine marriage to the detriment of a further encumbered United States of America.

If the U.S. Constitution is saved, it will not be the Church that saves it; but individuals that will not let evil triumph.
Sincerely,
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Muecke responds to council meeting

Mayor, council members and children,
First I want to make it perfectly clear, I am and have been a long time strong supporter of all police and firemen. They do a fine job, often times under very difficult conditions. I am a member of the PIP.

With that said, the city is facing a very difficult decision on how to resolve the cost involved in the fireman's pension plan. It is real and it is now. The mayor made the decision to kick the can down the road 3 years without consulting the city council members. Why have council members if they are not allowed to be in the city decision making.

Four (4) council members stood up and called a special city council meeting. They showed up, a couple of other council members came and some did not even show up including the mayor. Some even got up and walked out. Why were you acting as CHILDREN. Remember, each of you were elected to represent the people. They expect you to show up at every council meeting and represent them. If you had a different opinion, this was when you had the opportunity to speak up. You have an assigned chair and you should be sitting in it. If you chose not to speak, make you views known, want to object, so be it. But it was your duty to be there. Lucky your not in my district, I would not vote for you. My councilman will get my vote, he was there, as were several at large. Maybe I need to bring you my college government book to read.

The city only has X number of dollars to spend on many many departments and programs. Right now, there is not enough money for many of these programs, much less handle the pension plan. Yes, the state government is also involved. But without your input, what will they do? It is your job to present to them the city needs.

I watch the municipal channel often, as I did this meeting. There was some exchange of ideas and methods. But in the end without a quorum nothing was accomplished. I do hope you are proud of that.

Now grow up and act as elected city council members and do your job for the people that elected you. In other meetings, I see you sitting there smiling and patting each other on the back. What for, just sitting there smiling?
Sincerely,
James E. Muecke

Tamijani remarks on religious IMO

I recently read a "In My Opinion" involving a lady openly criticizing another's Islamic faith and urging the person to reconsider. Refraining from blatant anger in response to this offensive intolerance, I'd like to reference a recent article by writer & editor Cher Martinetti:

"There are 19 major religions in the world, most of which you've never heard of. Within those 19 are a ton of subgroups, sects, and denominations, and every one of them thinks theirs is "the one true religion". That's a pretty bold statement. And one that humanity will probably never be able to discuss at the dinner table without family members declaring holy wars and cutting off supplies of mashed potatoes from each other.

I'm intrigued when people pull the whole "I'm right and you're not" ploy when it comes to religion. Especially when they try to discredit someone else's on the basis of it being "crazy." Just like everyone's family, pretty much every religion has at least one bit of crazy they never bring up or talk about in public. So before you go throwing stones, calling someone's religion wrong on the grounds of their [lifelong] beliefs, keep in mind that sometimes, it takes crazy to know crazy."

I'd like to also add that I myself am a lifelong Christian, and if you ask me, as a lifelong South Belt resident, "right and wrong" religious arguments have no place in my community newspaper, and it needs to be put to a stop. For all I care, just stick with complaining that our president has to be a secret Kenyan spy or whatever.
Samson Tamijani
Publisher's note: Had a great talk with this individual during the process of confirming who he was. I shared with him the reason we run such items.

I explained that from the very beginning of the paper 39 years and 2 months ago, we established our policy for allowing letters to be printed. That includes having the writer identified, no obscenities, and nothing libellous.

If we were to just pick and choose which letters to run, the paper would be expressing my opinion, or our staff's opinion. We run the letters whether we agree with them or not because we want the community to have their voice heard -- not ours.
Marie Flickinger

Dimicelli out, urges HOA participation

To the Homeowner's of Kirkmont, Sec. 1:
After 18 months on the Board of Directors for Kirkmont, I have resigned. It was increasingly apparent that I dreaded going to the meetings due to the constant fights. Nothing was getting done.

Our last meeting was March 11. I had to leave due to the Board arguing about me in front of me. It was childish and absurd. Reasons for leaving:
August, 2013, the 120+ delinquent accounts = \$31,230.12.
January, 2015, the 120+ delinquent accounts = \$43,578.90.

Collections had not been a priority, no matter how much I brought attention to the fact as the treasurer.
Deed restrictions had to be stopped due to the cost of mailing so many violations. The

only accomplishment was approving minutes of meetings.

The January meeting was my sign to leave. That meeting only had 3 homeowners in attendance, but they had to raise their hands because the board was fighting so much no one would pay attention to them. I motioned to the president to get order.....did not happen.

This weekend, I heard Joel Osteen's sermon on the affects of being around people who can turn a person's positive into negative by the way they behave....."If you want to soar like an eagle, don't hang out with chickens."

The Board has 9 directors, but I can only speak for myself.... I do take full responsibility for failing you. I apologize!!

That being said, I ask you to please attend the meetings each month to monitor how they spend your money.

All homeowner's associations have the same problem of no attendance. Your Board of Directors cannot succeed if you don't take an honest effort to find out what's going on. They are limited by law on what they can do with

your money. That has to be watched carefully.

I will continue to be active in the community in other ways.

Again, I do apologize to the 346 homeowners in Section 1.

As a former Board Member, I will be at every meeting on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Kirkmont MUD Building.... Join me!
Bonnie Dimicelli

Sadaf Alam responds to Susan Arhelger

I would like to thank Susan Arhelger for her response to my letter. However, I do find it unfortunate that she is mistaken in her perception of Islam.

Allah is the God all prophets have worshipped, and their message was for all humanity: have faith in the One God, who is Compassionate and Merciful.

No prophet, including Jesus, ever claimed divinity, but taught worship of the God alone.
Sadaf Alam

Shelley places at livestock show



South Belt area resident Elizabeth Shelley, a student at Sam Rayburn High School, won ninth place in weight/class Hampshire Hog at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. Pictured are, left to right, Charles Shelley (dad), Savannah Campbell (cousin), Elizabeth Shelley, Laura Shelley (mom), and Johanna Mikolajchak (teacher). Elizabeth is the granddaughter of longtime South Belt residents C.J. and Lera Leslie.
Photo submitted

Brook excels at Galveston Ball

Galveston Ball High School hosted one of the last competitive speech and debate events for UIL practice on Saturday, Feb. 28. Clear Brook speakers and debaters, as they've been all year long, were in attendance and again performed with a great degree of excellence.

Prateesh Vijayakumar, newcomer, and incoming ninth-grader in the 2016-2017 academic year and brother of team president

Rakesh Vijayakumar, came away with an eighth-place finish in informative speaking.

Prateesh is one of two students from Westbrook Intermediate who has been an active participant this year in the "Brook Bound" initiative wherein Brook is trying to develop a deeper relationship with its feeder campuses to increase enrollment in academic electives such as speech and debate.

Both he and Adarsh Suresh have shown great skill this year.

The varsity portion of the team came away with various finishes including top placements in public forum debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate and informative/persuasive speaking. Those wins were brought home by Arian Shariatmadari, Rakesh Vijayakumar, Sheri Naqvi, Anish Chotai and Keion Rasti.



Clear Brook debate team members pictured at Galveston Ball are, left to right, Prateesh Vijayakumar, Arian Shariatmadari, Sheri Naqvi, Anish Chotai, Rakesh Vijayakumar and Keion Rasti.
Photo submitted

Congregation Shaar Hashalom hosts Passover 2nd Seder

Join Congregation Shaar Hashalom for a lively community Second-night Passover Seder on Saturday, April 4, 2015, 15 Nissan 5775 at 6 p.m. Share in a kosher Passover dinner and experience the thrilling Afikoman Scavenger Hunt.

The Seder will be led by Shaar Hashalom Rabbi Stuart Federow and will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashalom, located at 16020 El Camino Real in Houston. Shaar Hashalom is the conservative synagogue in the Bay Area.

Investment in this tradition is: CSH members - \$27 for adult and \$11 for a child between 3 and 12 years old; nonmembers - \$36 for adult and \$13 for a child between 3 and 12 years old (2 and younger attend free). One does not have to be Jewish to attend the Seder.

Reserve a place by March 25 at the CSH office. After this date the ticket price will be \$36 for a member adult and \$45 for a nonmember adult. Payment, made and sent to Congregation Shaar Hashalom, serves as the registration.

For information, contact Shaar Hashalom at 281-488-5861 (office hours Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), or at csh@shaarhashalom.org, or visit www.shaarhashalom.org.

CDA supports troops, donations accepted

The St. Luke's chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is currently accepting donations to be delivered to U.S. military troops overseas. Desired items include white or black long tube socks (no crew socks) and individually sealed moist wipes.

The group has joined together with Operation Interdependence in the collection effort and to carry on Mary Galvan's legacy.

A donation box will be located in the church narthex and at the *South Belt Leader* through May 3, 2015.
For more information call Pat Arp at 281-481-5611 or Betty Dixon at 281-543-1061.

Support group at Cokesbury

Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, Well Spouse, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare provided. This month's meeting is set for Thursday, March 26. For more information, contact Jennifer Miller at sicknesshealthhoustons@gmail.com or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at http://www.wellspouse.org.

Deaths

Deanna Brogdon Benfiglio



Deanna Brogdon Benfiglio, 72, died on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

The family has resided in the South Belt area for 45 years.

Benfiglio is preceded in death by her parents, William and Lutha Brogdon; husband Frank Benfiglio; and daughter Donna Benfiglio.

She is survived by her daughters, Josie Parker and husband Robert, and Paula Borusheki and husband Devin; brother Glenn Brogdon; and grandchildren Courtney Parker, Kailin Parker and Kaylee Segura.

Services will take place Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 11011 Hall Road. Interment will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery, 6900 Lawndale in Houston.

Esther Cortez Chavez



Esther Cortez Chavez, 87, of Woodmeadow, died on Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, after a brief tussle with liver cancer.

She was born in San Marcos, Texas, on Sept. 30, 1927, to Alejandro and Diega Cortez, the only girl of four children.

Her brothers were David, Lupe and Antonio. She lived in San Marcos as a child until she moved to various areas of Mexico with her parents and brothers, aunts, uncles and cousins. She especially loved Matamoros and San Luis Potosi. In the mid-1950s she moved to Houston where she met her husband, Brigidio "Benny" Chavez, and had two children of her own, Benny Jr. and Janie Marie.

Chavez was happy to be a housewife and mom and was widowed at the age of 38. She never remarried for the sake

of her children. After her children were married, Chavez moved to the Sagemont area with her daughter Janie and son-in-law Jimmy, and has lived there for the past 26 years. She was a member of St. Luke the Evangelist.

Chavez was preceded in death by her grandmother, Julia Campos Ayala, parents Alejandro and Diega Cortez, and brothers David, Lupe and Antonio Cortez.

She is survived by her son, Benny Chavez, his wife, Sandra, and grandchildren Christopher Chavez (wife Frances) and Kimberly Chavez; and her daughter, Janie De Los Santos, husband Jimmy, and grandchildren Emilio and Julia De Los Santos.

Though she could no longer get out much over the past year, Chavez was sure to keep in touch by telephone with distant relatives and longtime friends.

A vigil and rosary was held Monday, Feb. 16, 2015.

The funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 17, at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. The rite of committal followed at South Park Cemetery in Pearland.

Leader obituary policy
Obituaries submitted to the *Leader* are published free of charge. They are edited to conform to the *Leader* style.

Elected officials share their words

News from the office of State Rep. Dennis Paul

Texas House of Representatives fights to eradicate human trafficking

The House of Representatives recently passed HB 10, a bill aimed at curbing, catching and stopping the criminals committing the crime of human trafficking in the state of Texas. Specifically, HB 10, would among other things, create a Child Sex Trafficking Prevention Unit, require the Texas Education Agency to report trafficking of a child, and make it easier for victims of trafficking to seek compensation from the Crime Auxiliary Fund.

The intent of HB 10 is to curb coerced prostitution and sex trafficking within the state of Texas. To achieve that goal this bill would expand the power and authority of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force that is under the jurisdiction of the office of the Attorney General. According to data from the Texas Crime Information Center, the number of state charges for trafficking has increased annually over the past five years so this clearly continues to be an ongoing issue in Texas. I was happy to support this bill to help put a stop to this horrible crime in Houston and across Texas.

Border Security - A top priority of Texas House of Representatives

\$418.3 million in available funds have been appropriated to DPS, TPWD, the Trustee Programs within the Office of the Governor, and Texas Department of Criminal Justice in House Bill 1 for border security. The majority of the funding, \$407.2 million, was provided to DPS for border security. Through the committee process, an additional \$105 million was appropriated to provide 300 additional troops over the next biennium, 250 to be at the border.

All funds for Article V, Public Safety and Criminal Justice agencies for the 2016-2017 biennium total \$11,378.8 million, a reduction of \$386.4 million or 3.3 percent from 2014-2015 biennium. All fund reductions are primarily the result of the reduction in estimated federal funds. The House is taking immediate action on border security, and will begin floor debate on HB 11 soon. For more information on legislation, please visit the Texas Legislature Online.

House Appropriations Committee to fully fund TRS-Care

The House will commit an estimated \$768 million in the supplemental bill (HB 2) to fully fund TRS-Care, a health insurance program for retired teachers (TRS). TRS-Care covers more than 250,000 people. This conservative measure will fill the short-term gap in retiree health insurance funding. It will also help retired teachers avoid premium increases over the biennium. Without new money, TRS-Care will have accrued an estimated \$768 million shortfall by the end of the fiscal year 2017. Given the uncertainty that the Affordable Care Act has brought to the healthcare system, it is important to make this commitment to our retired teachers. We can fix the underlying issues once we get a better grasp of what healthcare in Texas will look like going forward.

Texas House proposes its fix to Employee Retirement System

House Bill 1 provides the necessary funding to make the Employee Retirement System pension system actuarially sound. Employees, who are already scheduled to have a 7.2-percent contribution rate, will now be putting in 9.5 percent. The state is constitutionally forbidden from contributing more than 10 percent and HB1 provides for 9.5 percent state contribution and .5 percent agency contribution (total of 10 percent).

Capitol visitor information

My staff and I welcome everyone to visit our office as well as the historic Capitol building. If planning a trip to the Capitol be sure to stop by our office, Room E2.814 or call the Texas State Capitol office at 512-463-0734.

Care Partners meet March 20

Interfaith Care Partners Ministry group at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St. (near Almeda Mall), a gathering for persons with Alzheimer's, dementia or memory loss, meets the third Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Gatherings consist of a continental breakfast, arts and crafts, exercises, entertainment, a singalong, a devotional break, lunch, and ends with a game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges, are welcome to attend. All services are provided free of charge. An initial interview must be conducted by Interfaith Care Partners staff to welcome new participants into this program.

The next gathering will be held in the Mother Cabrini Center at the church Friday, March 20. For more information or to register a loved one, call Interfaith Care Partners at 713-682-5995 or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Local library events set

Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd. Join the library in making some Minecraft-themed crafts on Thursday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Wii Games (Super Smash Bros) will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.

Wednesdays - Preschool storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Thursdays - Toddler storytime is at 10:30 a.m.

Saturdays - Vietnamese Storytime: Level 2 begins at 10 a.m., Level 1 begins at 11:15 a.m., and Level 3 begins at 2:30 p.m. For more information, speak with Loc Bui.

Computer classes for April will cover Internet Basics. Classes will be held on April 1, 8, 22 and 29 at 3 p.m. Space is limited. Phone the library at 281-484-2036 to register for classes or ask at the reference desk.

For more information on programs, call the Parker Williams Library at 281-484-2036.

Bracewell Branch Library

The following events are scheduled for March at the Bracewell Branch Library, 9002 Kingspoint Road.

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a storytime craft and playtime; 4:30 p.m. - Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Baby/toddler storytime, followed by playtime; 2 to 3 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3 to 4:30 p.m. - Kids' Gaming; 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Basic PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 to 3 p.m. - Computer Help; 4 to 5:30 p.m. - Citizenship Class.

Saturdays: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Computacion Basica 1.

On Thursday, March 19, at 6 p.m., Not Your Mamma's Book Club will discuss *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

Bracewell hours are Sunday and Monday - Closed; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday 1 to 5 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Bracewell Branch Library at 832-393-2580.

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Meador enjoys Rodeo Day/Go Texan Day



Meador Elementary and more than 500 parents enjoyed a fun-filled Rodeo/Go Texan Day complete with square dancing and line dancing.

Photos submitted

Joaquin Ramirez, Yareli Canastuj, Jayden Robinson, Jaylen Robinson and Liani Mercado.



Pictured are, left to right, Coach Jeanie Cowan, Assistant Principal Veronica Grimaldo, Principal Beverly Bolton, first-grade teacher Paulina Rivas-Lopez, counselor Tara Merida, technology teacher Rebecca Aronson and Coach Nichol Vargas.



At right, Zachary Staten rides a horse while mom Tiffanie Staten and dad Kendrick Staten walk along. Kendrick is a Houston Livestock Trail Rider and brought a team of riders and horses to Meador to provide rides for all first-graders.



Meador staff takes a horse ride. Pictured are, left to right, KJ Jefferson, Counselor Tara Merida, Kendrick Staten, Principal Beverly Bolton, Assistant Principal Veronica Grimaldo and John Brossard.

San Jac Chancellor Hellyer added to Greater Houston Partnership Board

Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor, has been named to the board of directors of the Greater Houston Partnership.

At its annual meeting recently, Gina Luna, chairman of JPMorgan Chase in Houston, assumed the role of chair of the board, and together with GHP President and CEO Bob Harvey, plans for the upcoming year were outlined. Included in those plans are continuing the work of the UpSkill Houston workforce program.

Hellyer is a member of the Greater Houston Partnership Regional Workforce Development Task Force, the group responsible for the development of the UpSkill Houston program.

"I'm excited and honored

to be asked to join the Greater Houston Partnership board of directors," said Hellyer. "The work that the organization is doing to move Houston forward is aligned with the work we are doing at San Jacinto College to train tomorrow's workforce and graduate more students so they can transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue their higher education."

UpSkill Houston is an industry-led workforce development program launched last year by the Greater Houston Partnership, aimed at filling the need for skilled workers in the Gulf Coast region. It is a blueprint for leaders across the board – in the business community, at educational institutions, and

within social service organizations – to build a quality workforce that meets employers' needs.

The initiative is supported by a \$250,000 grant from JPMorgan Chase, the largest ever private-sector effort aimed at addressing the skills gap.

In addition to plans to continue the work of the UpSkill Houston initiative, Luna outlined plans for the organization's Talent Attraction initiative, and Early Matters, a coalition of organizations focused on early childhood education. The partnership will also focus on investments needed in transportation infrastructure, along with the state of the city of Houston's finances and the need for action in

these areas.

Hellyer was appointed the fifth chancellor of San Jacinto College in 2009. She has been with the college since 1996, serving as an inaugural director for the San Jacinto College Foundation, executive vice president for resource development, vice chancellor for fiscal affairs, chief financial officer, and executive vice chancellor before being appointed chancellor.

Hellyer holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Fort Hays State University, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, and a doctorate degree in community college leadership from the University of Texas at Austin.

South Belt Elementary VIPs selected



South Belt Elementary recently announced its students who were chosen by their teachers to be VIPs for the month. Students are selected based on their consistent demonstration of the character trait of the month. VIPs pictured are, left to right, (front row - kindergarten) Jetzeli Velasquez, Abby Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez, Gissel Renovato, Richsmnd Huynh, (second row - first grade) Lance Heath, Jesse Marfil, Julian Acevado, Kendall Ashworth, Damian Cano, London Herrera,

(third row - second grade) Vanessa Moreno, Mason Harris, Suzeth Velasquez, Nathanael Pinon, Ximena Leal, Lakiitha Green (counselor), (fourth row - third grade) Mohammad Rehan, Austin Corwin, Caden Wright, Hailey Mendiola, Angel Cavazos, Melania Salazar, (back row - fourth grade) Alexander Rios, Connor Mohwinkel, Yvonne Thai, Jacob Roppolo, Colin Dang, Noah Gaytan and Nicholas Ponce.

Photo submitted

CCISD students get a broad education

The Clear Creek Independent School District strives every day to prepare students for their future. A recent program evaluation of the CCISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) program shows student participation in career-readiness

courses in grades seven through 12 continues to climb, prompting the district to add new courses.

To keep pace with workforce needs and student interest, a dental assistant program will open at Clear Creek High School in 2017, a

specialty robotics program will open in fall 2015 at Clear Brook High which also is home to a new broadband communications program.

CCISD recently announced that every student enrolled in the broadband communications program at Clear Brook

High School just passed his or her fiber optics certification test. Open to all CCISD high school students, the broadband communications program prepares participants for jobs in copper and fiber network cabling, home and commercial audio, video,

Internet, and alarm security systems design and installation. Students have the opportunity to earn multiple certifications that are recognized by companies such as AT&T, DirectTV, Comcast, T-Mobile, Time Warner and Verizon.

The robotics program has grown and flourished as an extracurricular program in CCISD, but the new Clear Brook High School program is the first series of robotics courses at the high school level offered for graduation credit.

This is a specialty CTE program housed at Clear Brook, but is open to all students in the district.

This summer, the old construction shop at Clear Brook will be converted into an industrial robotics lab where students will design, engineer, and build robotic devices and machines from scratch.

CCISD offers an array of CTE courses and up to 15 certification opportunities. Over a four year period, nearly 1,000 students earned state certifications with the highest number of certifications earned in the following programs: Core Construction Technology, Pharmacy Technician and Certified Nurse Aide.



Clear Brook High School Broadband Communication students hold proof they all earned their fiber optics certification. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Juan Alvarez, Tristin Flores, Carlos Maldonado, Omar Kazi, Austin Livingston, Brandon Kraftcheck, Nathan Lee,

(middle row) Gretchen Jefferies (certified instructor) Connor Devries, Andre Boudreaux, Brandon Larouque, (back row) Jeremy Brooks, Garrett Williams, Jarrett Magee, Gerardo Gonzales, Shedrick Coleman and Baily Walker. Not pictured is Maricruz Rivera.

AARP Chapter 199 meets March 20

AARP Webster Area Chapter 199 will meet Friday, March 20, at 10 a.m. at Bay Area Community Center, 5002 E. NASA Parkway in Seabrook (the large building with a blue roof inside Clear Lake Park on the north side of NASA Parkway).

Everyone is invited to come to the meeting, and to enjoy coffee, cookies and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. before the meeting starts at 10 a.m.

The March meeting entertainment will be a performance by a local tap dance

group, the Bay Area Chorus Line Tappers. March is also the group's potluck lunch month, so members and guests are asked to bring a dish to share after the entertainers finish.

Every month, the group has different speakers to discuss various topics of interest to seniors.

Every two months they have a potluck lunch. They also organize day trips by bus to local area points of interest at minimal cost.

The next day trip will be on Thursday, April 2, to tour West Bay Common School House Museum in League City and the Bayou Wildlife Park in Alvin. Lunch will be

at Kelley's in League City.

For those who are interested in joining the group, annual dues are \$6 per year/person. However, one must be a member of national AARP to join any local chapter. For more information, contact Quin Shepperd at 281-486-7770 or Qeshepperd@yahoo.com.

Mayor, Fire Pension board reach agreement to reduce taxpayer spending by millions

Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston Firefighters Relief and Retirement Fund (HFRRF) have finalized a three-year agreement that will cap escalating taxpayer contributions to the pension system.

Under the terms of the arrangement, which still needs legislative approval in Austin, firefighters will contribute 3 percent more to the pension system for the next three years. Correspondingly, the city's payroll contribution to the fund will be locked in at 25.8 percent for fiscal year 2016, and 24 percent for both fiscal years 2017 and 2018. This represents a more than \$70 million decrease from the amount the city would have to pay in the absence of this arrangement.

The HFRRF board proposed that the firefighters who benefit from the system should pay more. "This protects taxpayer interests and

provides budget certainty for the next three years," said Parker. "The agreement was achieved through good faith negotiations by both parties. While it is not the pension reform I have sought, it is a step forward. The work must not end here."

The agreement is the result of informal discussions between the city and HFRRF over the last several months. State law gives the city the ability to meet and confer with the police and municipal pensions, but no such mechanism exists for HFRRF.

"Despite our differences, both of us came together to do what is best for the city," said Parker. "This doesn't change my position. I still strongly believe that those who fund our employee pensions should have a say in how we pay for them. These are decisions that must be made here at home, not in Austin."

There are four other key provisions in the agreement:

1. The mayor will agree not to seek City Council approval of the new pension plan she proposed last August for incoming fire cadets
 2. Two lawsuits filed by the city against HFRRF will be dismissed
 3. Both parties will oppose any proposed legislation during the current session that impacts city firefighter pensions
 4. Any payment owed a retiring firefighter for unused leave time will be made as a pre-tax contribution into the employee's deferred retirement option account as opposed to being a taxable lump sum cash payment.
- At a news conference announcing the deal, Parker expressed her gratitude to state Rep. Sylvester Turner and state Sen. John Whitmire for agreeing to carry the legislation in Austin. The agreement becomes null and void if not approved by the legislature.

Brook debate attends state meet

The Clear Brook Speech and Debate Team members who qualified for the annual Texas Forensics Association State Tournament attended the annual state tournament March 4-8 and returned both exhausted and accomplished from this multiday event.

At the end of six grueling rounds of debate – whether public forum or Lincoln Douglas – for all competitors and subsequent rounds of extemporaneous speaking and oratory for a few others, most all competitors came away with at least a 3-3 win/loss ratio, and one came away with a 4-2.

The public forum team with the greatest win/loss ratio was the qualified team of Rakesh Vijayakumar and Arian Shariatmadari. Although they were within striking distance of the double-octo round (top 32 in the state), they were less than half of a speaker point from advancing to the first qualifying out round.

Additionally, Vijayakumar, the team's first five-event qualifier (Lincoln Douglas debate, public forum debate, domestic extemp speaking, foreign extemp speaking and original oratory) advanced to the semifinal round of domestic

extemporaneous speaking, making him one of the top 18 speakers in the state for this event.

Those who did not advance past the first six rounds spent the rest of their time auditing some of the best debaters and speakers in the state, gaining expert knowledge from those who placed among the top in the state. This experience was brought back to Clear Brook and will aid all team members going forward so that next year, when the meet is hosted closer to home, an even more accomplished team will represent Clear Brook at its best.



Clear Brook Debate Team members pictured at the Texas Forensics Association State Tournament are, left to right, (front row) Suketh Subramanya, Keion Rasti, Dhiren Wijesinghe, Elizabeth Isabell, Michael Rutledge, (back row) Rakesh Vijayakumar, Arian Shariatmadari, Anish Anthony, Gabe Rivera, Nolan Wu and Matt Garcia. Not pictured is Lizna Lakhani.

Photo submitted

Constable Chris Diaz's corner

How do I safely use the Internet?

by Christopher E. Diaz, Constable, Harris County Precinct 2

The World Wide Web has created an enormous opportunity to benefit our social, political, and economic environment in many ways that advance our lives, but the Internet may also be a very dangerous technological tool. The business of Internet advertising is booming and it has surpassed the newspaper as the means by which buyers and sellers interact. In North America alone, over 310 million people use the Internet. This month's discussion will focus on several commonly known websites that represent some of the concerns, particularly advertising scams and personal safety issues.

What is the Internet?

The Internet is a computer network which links smaller computer networks worldwide and includes commercial, educational, governmental and other networks. Collectively, this means that the world is now more connected than ever as more users access the World Wide Web, this medium is reliable, and many individuals and businesses are manipulating the Internet for their benefit, including illicit enterprise and victimization of subscribers through identity theft, cyberespionage, hacking, phishing, destruction of data files and more. Therefore, without adequate controls, the Internet may be a dangerous tool.

Websites

Although it would be unrealistic to discuss a majority of the websites that tend to serve as covers for crimes, such as sex and child trafficking, identity theft, espionage, or several types of fraud, there are a few popular sites that merit a brief discussion. Because of U.S. laws, sites that tend to provide an opportunity to be exploited

for illegal purposes, remain in operation.

When using any of these sites, individuals should exercise caution in sending payments to persons who the buyer has not met, the wiring of funds to a remote location, acceptance of cashier's checks, money orders, or certified checks, the release of financial information, and requests for background or credit checks.

Finally, consumers are warned that their involvement is at their own risk.

Craig's List is the nation's largest classified listing service, where buyers and sellers meet at any point in time, and engage in a buyer-seller transaction. Everything from household items, vehicles, clothing and cellular phones to adult services is made available.

Backpage also provides electronic classified listings for sale of goods, such as vehicles, sporting equipment, clothes, jewelry, – nearly anything that would be of interest to buyers looking for a good deal. At the same time, Backpage has been at the center of controversy for many years, but recently, it has come under the spotlight as the main site where sex crimes are planned but executed elsewhere. If a citizen is accessing this site, my advice is for them to "get out as soon as possible."

Other commonly used websites include eBay, Half-price Books, and Amazon. The websites that enable social networking, for business and personal or professional reasons include Facebook and LinkedIn.

Facebook is considered a social media upon which subscribers may post images, videos, and text to be visible

to the public and to their friends.

LinkedIn is considered a means for networking and employment, but ads are also placed within the webpages that exist. Through LinkedIn, employers and recruiters may seek dialogue with members.

Precautions to take

- Protect your personal financial information, including Social Security numbers, passwords, usernames and account information
- Inspect each credit and bank account statement to ensure the purchases are authorized
- Keep account information, particularly credit cards, in a secure place
- Immediately report suspicious account activity, along with lost or stolen cards
- For credit bureau fraud alerts, contact any of the major credit bureaus: www.experian.com www.equifax.com www.transunion.com

What to do if you suspect fraud or theft?

Each website discussed above that serves as a broker for advertisements does provide a means for consumers to make Internet fraud complaints or complaints to the Federal Trade Commission or to any of the locations listed below:

- USA.gov, Internet Fraud Information: www.usa.gov
- U.S. Department of Justice, Reporting Internet Crime: www.justice.gov
- Internet Crime Schemes: www.ic3.gov
- Internet Safety Sources: www.nepc.org
- I-SAFE America: www.isafe.org
- Microsoft: www.microsoft.com
- National Consumers League: www.fraud.org

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BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR B.J.
 Longtime local optometrist **Dr. B.J. Garner** celebrates his birthday Friday, March 20. Best wishes are sent from wife **Laura**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff.

CONGRATULATIONS SENT TO DOBIE WINTERGUARD SQUADS
 Congratulations are sent to **Tyler Scarberry** and his **Dobie Varsity** and **Junior Varsity Winterguard** teams from proud parents **Jannie** and **Robert Scarberry**. Varsity earned a second-place trophy in their division, and JV earned a third-place trophy in their division at the **Dobie High School Invitational** on March 14. The teams' next competition will be state at **Morton Ranch High School** in Katy later this month. Tyler is a 2010 **Dobie High School** graduate.

SCHOOL DAZE
 The following personnel and staff members of the **Pasadena Independent School District** celebrate birthdays March 19 through March 25.

Atkinson Elementary
 Special birthday greetings are sent to **Jennifer Garcia** March 19.

Burnett Elementary
 Blow out the candles on March 19 for **Mary Alvarez**. March 22 is the day for a birthday for **Maria Vargas**. Marking a day of celebration on March 25 is **Carmen Norris**.

Bush Elementary
Danielle Knight enjoys a birthday March 23.

23. Maria Trela celebrates a birthday March 25.

Frazier Elementary
 On March 20, **Bertilia Guerrero** celebrates a birthday. On March 21, **Maria Campos** celebrates a birthday.

Moore Elementary
 The day for a birthday cake for **Shelby Willis** is March 22.

South Belt Elementary
 A birthday greeting is sent to **Jae Lee** March 20.

Beverly Hills Intermediate
 Share in the birthday celebration for **Sara Gunn-Meche** March 20. Blow out the birthday candles for **Dan Mullen** March 23. Sing a happy birthday song to **Ashleigh Havard** on March 24.

Thompson Intermediate
 Celebrating a birthday on March 19 is **Nita Boehm**. A triple birthday celebration is in order March 21 for **Hannah Arning**, **Ayana Swift** and **Patricia Castillo**. **Brooke Jordan** enjoys a birthday March 22. Blow out the candles for **Travis Meyer** and **Joshua Pruneda** on March 24. On March 25, birthday wishes are sent to **James Sky-Eagle Smith**.

Dobie High
 Warm birthday greetings are sent to **Jennifer Johnson** on March 19. On March 21, birthday wishes are sent to **Carol Declercq**. **Dora Hernandez** enjoys a birthday March 22. Special birthday wishes are sent to **Maggie**

Tiernan on March 23. Double birthday greetings are sent to **Tyler Coker** and **Angela Gaston** March 24.

FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS
 The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:

Thursday, March 19: **Tammie Little, Tonyka Smith, Cindy Dominguez, Shanna Young** and **Keith Pinchbeck**; Friday, March 20: **Roxanne Wheeler, Ken Dittrich, Martinez Joaquin, Carol Dawkins, Al Vanek, James Leslie, Martha Heinrich** and **Sheri Rose**; Saturday, March 21: **Suni Ballard, Jamacia Zabala-Gonzalez** and **Joseph Block**; Sunday, March 22: **Kristy Poole, Crystal Pettibone, Maria Ybarra, Michael Hansen, Edwin Watson** and **Gary Hooks**; Monday, March 23: **Cindy Kiessling, Monica Garza, Michael McKissick** and **James Lucadou**; Tuesday, March 24: **Jessica Faulkner, Jaime Napoli, Rainbow Montenegro, Larry Bischof** and **Michelle Noble**; and Wednesday, March 25: **Joe Dominguez, Iris Scentsy, LaMagnolia Trattoria Italiana, Chris Williams** and **Jeff Wright**.

LEADER WANTS YOU IN THE NEWS
 Email birthday, anniversary, vacation, congratulations, etc., to mynews@southbeltleader.com with OTBF in the subject line. Items must be submitted by Friday noon for the next week's publication.

Kirkwood South meets, election set for March 26

The 2015 election assembly and annual meeting of the **Kirkwood South Committee** is scheduled for **March 26, 2015**, at 7:30 p.m. at **Judge JoAnn Delgado's** courtroom, 10851 **Scarsdale**, Suite 500, **Houston 77089**.

Homeowners will be electing three homeowners to fill the board of director positions for terms expiring.

The meeting notice and proxy have been mailed out by **Crest Management**. After the election, the annual meeting agenda will proceed.

This is the most important meeting of the year, and all homeowners are requested to attend.

If unable to attend, return the proxy to **Crest Management** in sufficient time to be counted.

Bay Area Singles Dance set

The **Bay Area Singles Club** monthly dance will be held **Saturday, March 21**, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the **VFW Lodge**, Post 6378, at 5204 **Highway 3** in **Dickinson**.

Bring party snacks to share. Cost is \$7 for members and \$9 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 409-948-1156 or 281-484-4762.

Lions Club meeting set

The **Houston Space City Lions Club** will meet **Tuesday, March 24**, at 7 p.m. at the **Golden Corral**, 12500 **Gulf Freeway**.

For more information, call **George Malone** at 281-438-7243.

Learn to play bridge

Bridge games are held every day at the **Clear Lake Bridge Club**, located at 16614 **Sealark**, in the heart of **Clear Lake City** just off **El Camino Real**. The weekday games are at 10 a.m., and the **Saturday and Sunday** games are at 1 p.m. Game cost is \$6.

If interested in bridge lessons, they are held almost daily at the club. The bridge teacher is **Dr. Dave Glandorf** who can be reached at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or by calling 281-488-6318. He is currently teaching a conventions class every Thursday at 2 p.m. for \$15 per lesson, pay-as-you-go.

Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.



Above: Left to right are choir members **Zaybran Cooper, Maddie Montes, Israel Aranda, Maria Barahona, Haleigh Jones, Sydnee Pector** and **Mariana Cuevas**.

Moore Choir performs at Jones Hall

The **fourth-grade choir** from **Moore Elementary School** delighted patrons at **Jones Hall** on **Saturday, March 7**. The group performed for 40 minutes after the **Houston Symphony's** performance of the *Star Wars and More* show.

Photos submitted



Moore Fourth-Grade Choir members pictured are, left to right, (front row) **Rylan Navy, Olivia Lugo, Johnny Martinez, Evan Kruschinsky, Vaneli Gonzalez, Zaybran Cooper, Maria Barahona, Mariana Cuevas, Jason Alfaro, Jasmin Garcia**, (second row) **Sieryn Rocha, Rachel Torres, Natalie Hernandez, Katie Nguyen, Alex Rivera, Maddie Montes, Haleigh Jones, Giselle Flores, Gavin Carrillo, Ashley Uszakow**, (third row) **Moore music teacher Sheryl Munn, Charati Leopold, Ainsley Willis, Chelsey Blanton, Katherine Alvarez, Logan Vanek, Israel Aranda, Sydnee Pector, Kate Wang, Kaylynn Lugo, Celina Garcia, Johnny Tran**.

Photos submitted

Remember When

35 years ago (1980)
 Residents of **Gulf Palms** continued their fight against a nuclear site in their neighborhood.

All local subdivisions were under contract with **Storer Cablevision** since the **Sageglan Community Association** and **Wood Meadow Civic Association** entered into contracts with them.

Pasadena Independent School District did not require sex education to be taught in the schools.

30 years ago (1985)
 Two early morning rape attempts by two different suspects were averted. One victim was a 23-year-old female who was accosted behind **Dobie's** agriculture building, and the other was a college student inside a **Sagemont** home.

The **Houston Parks and Recreation Department** prepared to plant crape myrtles in the esplanades in the **South Belt** area.

The **South Belt-Ellington Leader** received the **School Bell** award for journalism excellence at the state convention of the **Texas State Teachers Association** for the second straight year.

25 years ago (1990)
Pasadena Independent School District officials were disappointed that their \$100 million bond issue was defeated by a nearly 2-to-1 margin.

Clear Creek ISD officials selected an independent consultant to determine any health risks for students and personnel at **Weber Elementary**.

State Sen. Chet Brooks secured a slot in the upcoming general election by defeating **Lloyd Criss** in the Democratic primary.

The **South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce** was preparing for its second annual trade fair.

South Belt teenagers were invited to attend various sessions of **Dobie High School's Say Whoa** program. Sessions concerning problems and challenges were available for teens to talk about, one of which was suicide.

20 years ago (1995)
 Single-member voting districts were favored by four of the seven member board at the **Clear Creek Independent School District**.

Plans for a \$1 million professional building on **Highland Meadow Drive** at **Resource Parkway** were announced.

15 years ago (2000)
Jonathan Barrica was shot at his **Kirkwood South** home. Students were affected and began fundraising to help the family establish a reward for the capture of the perpetrators.

A house fire severely damaged the house directly across from **Barrica's**.

Jo Ann Delgado won the **Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2, Place 1** position. **Jo Ann Matranga** defeated Democrat **Virginia "Ginny" Stogner** and was to face **Tom DeLay** in the November general election.

10 years ago (2005)
 Three current and former **Dobie** students and one southwest **Houston** man were arrested and charged with capital murder in connection with the homicide of **Luan Cong Pham**. **Pham, 18**, was shot inside his home to keep him from testifying against one of the suspects on an assault charge.

Sandra Sanchez, 33, was found dead in the backyard of her leased **Sagemeadow** home. As personnel from the **Southeast Volunteer Fire Department** arrived, she was surrounded by two dogs. While she had numerous bites on her body, there was no evidence the bites caused her death.

Explicit language in the book *Forever*, by **Judy Blume**, caused a **South Belt** parent to contact **PISD** officials to begin steps to remove the book from school libraries. Superintendent **Dr. Rick Schneider** ultimately ordered the removal of the book.

5 years ago (2010)
 Longtime **South Belt** resident **Bob Mitchell** was one of 28 travelers who made a trip to **Washington, D.C.**, to lobby federal officials to re-examine President **Barack Obama's** proposed 2011 **NASA** budget.

Mitchell, who currently serves as president of the **Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership**, has a long history of dealing with the aerospace industry. He joined **BAHEP** in 2000 to oversee the statewide implementation of the **Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program**, and in 2009, was appointed by **Gov. Rick Perry** to the **Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee**. Joining **Mitchell** were **Friendswood Mayor David Smith** and **Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2 Commissioner Sylvia Garcia**, among others.

1 year ago (2014)
 The website for **Haywood Management** had gone blank, renewing concerns on the current state of the company that once oversaw the majority of homeowner as-

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San Jac's Foxley nominated for national AACC award

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) has named San Jacinto College math professor Kristen Foxley of the South campus, as a finalist for its 2015 Awards of Excellence Faculty Innovation Award.

"I am absolutely honored and thrilled to represent San Jacinto College in this incredible way," said

Foxley. "Math is a significant stumbling block for so many students and to help them get over this hurdle and move on to reaching their academic goals has truly been a privilege."

Foxley is a recognized leader in transforming developmental education at the institutional and state levels. She was part of the team of developmental and

academic faculty that created the AIM (Acceleration in Mathematics) program, a co-requisite remediation program that allows students to complete two developmental math courses and college algebra in a single semester.

This award-winning program consistently has a success rate of 64 percent, surpassing traditional col-

lege algebra classes by 20 percent. The course is offered at all three San Jacinto College campuses and is recognized across the state as one of the most successful co-requisite remediation programs.

"It is wonderful to be a part of something that is making a huge impact on students' lives and it's exciting that other colleges are

recognizing the success of AIM and wanting to implement similar programs on their campuses," added Foxley. She is also known among her students to be an extremely engaging faculty member. She created more than 300 instructional videos for her students to access anytime online, and also created custom workbooks that eliminated cost-

ly textbook and online access codes.

"Kristen is a faculty leader and innovator," said Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto College chancellor. "She maintains the highest academic standards and consistently looks at how to understand and engage her students at the highest level."

Dr. Rebecca Goosen, San Jacinto College vice chancellor for College Preparatory, adds that Foxley's emphasis has always been on keeping her students engaged and motivated. "She has always focused on students and provided them with an excellent learning environment so that they would be challenged but also validated in their learning," said Goosen.

In addition to being lead math faculty at the college, she has served as a representative on the State Developmental Education Advisory Committee; the New Mathways Project Student Development Team at the University of Texas; and last year along with the rest of the AIM team, received the Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation. She has also presented information on AIM to the Texas College Academic Support Program, National Association for Developmental Educators, Gulf Coast PASS, and the Texas Gulf Coast Mathematics Consortium.

Foxley is undoubtedly a great contributor to student success by embracing modern teaching methods and continuing to develop innovative approaches to developmental education.

Higgins, Snuggs engaged



Ashley Higgins of Seabrook and Darrin Snuggs, also of Seabrook, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Steve and Sheila Higgins of Santa Fe, Texas, formerly of South Belt. She is the granddaughter of longtime South Belt residents Loy and Peggy Higgins. She graduated in the top 10 percent of her class at Dobie High School in 2007 and is currently the quality assurance manager at Turbo Non-Destructive Testing, Inc. in Pearland. The prospective groom is the son of Leenan Milligan of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the late William Snuggs. He was a resident of Panama City, Fla., until 2007 when he moved to the Clear Lake area. He graduated, No. 11 in his class, from Mosley High School in Lynn Haven, Fla., in 1989. He now owns Fulcrum Consulting Corp. The couple is planning an early May wedding.

Lassos successful at dance competition

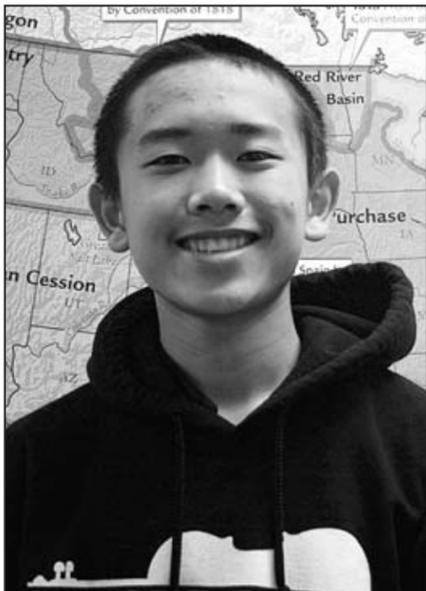


The Dobie High School Lassos were very successful at the American Dance/Drill Team Competition on Saturday, March 7, at the Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston. After competing with two routines, the JV dance team received a 90 or above from all judges and took home a trophy for a Division I rating. The girls also earned a Judges Award for both kick and pom. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Jazmin Rodriguez, Sarah Lewis, Monica Gonzalez, Michaela Berryman, Ana Gracia, Alei-

da Gonzalez, Alexis Chicas, Jazmin Guerrero, Celeste Covarrubias, Reyna Nering, (middle row) Maritza Hernandez, Andrea Orrego, Daniela Zuniga, Malorie Rosas, Catherine Fuentes, Hannah Klugh, Maria Pedroza, Darianne Monreal, Amber Terrell, Amanda Hernandez, (back row) Adamaris Ceja, Miranda Calderon, Alexis Lopez, Julissa Davila, Jacqueline Mendoza, Jazmin Tabarez, Victoria Onozie, Kennedi Southall, Karyn Williams and Marissa Rodgers.

Photo submitted

Westbrook Intermediate student Wu named National Geographic State Bee semifinalist



Steven Wu

Westbrook Intermediate's Steven Wu is on his way to the 2015 Texas National Geographic State Bee. The eighth-grader was notified by the National Geographic Society that he is one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the annual geography bee sponsored by Google and Plum Creek. The contest will be held at the Pat May Center in Bedford, Texas, on Friday, March 27.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 27th year. School bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion.

School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.

The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to com-

pete in the state bees. Steven Wu, the son of Simon Wu and Wendy Pan, will be busier than many students in March as he also qualified for the Math Counts State Competition. That competition is being held in Austin on March 28, the day after the geography bee.

Each state champion will receive \$100, the National Geographic Atlas of the World, 10th Edition, a medal, and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent his or her state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 11-13, 2015.

The national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the society. The national champion will also travel (along with one parent or guardian), all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands, where he or she will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the islands' unique wildlife and landscapes. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic.

For more information on the National Geographic Bee, visit www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee.

Raelynn Parkin speaks to NASA Aglow April 9

Raelynn Parkin will speak at the NASA Aglow meeting on Thursday, April 9. NASA Aglow meets the second Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at Praise Chapel, 18516 Highway 3 in Webster to worship and learn.

Parkin is an ordained worship leader, speaker, author, recording artist and cofounder of Bride Song Ministries, along with her husband, Paul. Parkin has recorded several studio projects, including *Out of the Secret Place* and *Bride Songs*. She has authored four books, her most recent, *Unlocking Worship and the Heavenly Worship Room*, and coming soon her 20-year compilation, *Conversations, Bride Songs and Psalms to the King*.

Bride Song Ministries is a

worship and teaching ministry. For more information, visit the website at www.bridesongministries.org or RaelynnParkin.com.

For more, visit Parkin's Facebook page at Bride Song Ministries and the new Worship Houston. Her resources are available on her website, downloadable MP3s through CD Baby.com/Artist/RaelynnParkin as well as Amazon.com.

For more information on NASA Aglow, call 281-910-1971.

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Moore has fun at Game Night

Students and parents came out to Moore Elementary to join the staff for Game Night. Parents, students and staff played board games, life-size chess, and bingo. Several students and parents won prizes.

Photos submitted



Third-grader Chyna Osborne and kindergarten Kylie Ndegwa show off their prizes.



Cousins Anthony Le (kindergarten) and Kayla Lam (second-grade) show their chess skills.



Second-grade teacher Ana Chapa and her son, Victor (second-grade), play a game of Connect Four.



Second-grader John Ramirez shows off his moves on the life-size chess game.

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Leader reflects on past 39 years

Two more favorite photos from Leader's archives

In honor of the *Leader's* upcoming 40th anniversary, Feb. 5, 2016, the paper will run nostalgic photos during this year. These photos are some of the *Leader* publisher's favorite photos.



Since the very beginning of the *South Belt-Ellington Leader* (originally called the *South Belt Press*) the newspaper and its staff have been very politically involved on all levels. Including school districts, city, county, state and national levels. So have many community members as shown by these two photos. In the top photo, left to right, are members of the Clear Brook City MUD board in 1988: Bill Jones, Jim Bishop, Gov. William Perry "Bill" Clements Jr., Ralph Patterson and Chris Clark. Clements was the first Republican to have served as governor of the U.S. state of Texas since Reconstruction. Clements' eight years in office were the most served by any Texan governor prior to Gov. Rick Perry. Jones is still involved in the community, Bishop chairs the Clear Brook City MUD board, Patterson still lives in the district, and Clark is the manager of CBC.



Bottom photo from 1982 shows former South Belt resident Jack Pickren, former home builder Bob Perry, state Sen. Mike Richards, resident and realtor Sandra Yandell, and Gov. John Connally. Connally served as governor from 1963 to 1969. On Nov. 22, 1963, Connally was seriously wounded while riding in President John Kennedy's car at Dealey Plaza in Dallas when the president was assassinated. Pickren was the first sports writer for the *Leader*. He and his wife, Eva, after living many years in South Belt, have moved back to Oklahoma. Bob Perry started his business, Perry Homes, in the South Belt area. Mike Richards served one term. Yandell has lived in the area 42 years and has been in the realty business 45 years.

Photos taken by Marie Flickinger

Moore celebrates Lunar New Year

Moore Elementary School students and staff recently celebrated Lunar New Year, the year of the sheep, with a parade and music.



At right are, left to right, (front row) Christina Le-Tran (ESL teacher), Jathan Obregon (dragon), Jennifer Meier (ESL teacher), (back row) Salet Lovo and Joseph Vu.



Celebrating Lunar New Year are, left to right, (front row) Priscilla Nguyen-Vo (ESL Para), Christina Le-Tran (ESL teacher), Jathan Obregon (dragon), Jennifer Meier (ESL teacher), (middle row) Megan Ly, Sophia Ho, Kayla Lam, Jathan Obregon, Caitlyn Tran, Riley Nguyen-To, David Le, Andrew Nguyen, Tripp Harris, (back row) Jade To-Nguyen, Katie Nguyen, Joseph Vu, Salet Lovo, Anson Huynh, Ann Nguyen, An Huynh and Kate Wang.

St. Luke's hosts celebration

Vietnamese culture was shown at the TET Celebration at St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Photos by Hung Truong



At left, Xuan Pham is dressed in the kitchen god costume. Traditionally, many Vietnamese believe there is a kitchen god in each home. One week before TET the god will ride a carp to the heaven to report good and bad things people living there have done. Therefore, people should do good things if they do not want to be reported about bad things. The carp that the kitchen god rides is a special one - after training for thousands of years, it can become a dragon.



the Rev. Douglas Guthrie gives the red envelope to Taylor Tran while Lan Pham watches.



Above: left to right, The Rev. Douglas Guthrie, The Rev. Desmond Daniels and Huyen Luu (master of ceremonies) are in the traditional Vietnamese ao dai (tunics) and khan dong (turbans). Below: Daniels and Lily Pham sing in the celebration as Huyen Luu announces. Bottom: Siblings singing are, left to right, Marilyn, Taylor, Vincent and Joann Tran.



Clear Brook art student and senior Hunny Patel's painting, *Preamble of Ceremony*.

The artwork of two students has been chosen to represent Clear Creek Independent School District in the Celebration of Youth Art Month for the state of Texas.

Their pieces will be displayed in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.

Student artwork was submitted for review from each region in the state. *The Unique Horse*, created by Devon Harris, a seventh-grader in Sherry White's art class at League City Intermediate, was

selected to be displayed in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month exhibition. Harris' artwork is a colored pencil drawing of a rural setting.

Clear Brook's Hunny Patel, a senior, painted *Preamble of Ceremony*. Patel's mentor and teacher is Alicia Moore. "Hunny set up the lighting, then arranged her still life and

focused on the fabric movement and the reflective items of glass and metal," explained Moore.

The artwork of both students can be viewed in the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum from March 8 to 22, 2015. The students will also be honored at a reception on Sunday, March 22, in Austin.

Paul introduces bill . . .

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bined property comprises 75 percent of the value of the entire district (again, not just the commercial property owners being assessed) to dissolve it.

Paul is hoping to change this. "The bill (HB 3097) would make it a much higher threshold to create (a district) and a much easier threshold to get rid of it," Paul said. "And it would hold the (management) board more accountable."

Current law prohibits commercial property owners within a special purpose district from serving on its management board.

Paul's proposed bill, however, would require a potential director to "be at least 18 years old and; an owner of property in the district; an owner of stock, whether beneficial or otherwise, of a corporate owner of property in the district; or an owner of a beneficial interest in a trust that owns property in the district."

The bill has been filed and is currently in committee.

"I've talked to the chair of the committee, and he said it will get a hearing," Paul said.

Paul is hopeful that any final legislation would be fair for all. "We'll hear testimony from both sides, then go from there," Paul said.

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Dobie soccer wins 22-6A boys' title

The Dobie varsity boys' soccer team has added another chapter to its history, bringing home the District 22-6A regular season championship with an unbeaten record.

The Longhorns had already claimed the championship with a 4-0 win over Alvin March 9.

Subsequent ties against Sam Rayburn March 14 and Memorial March 16 allowed Dobie to finish its 22-6A schedule at 11-0-5.

Overall, Dobie has lost just once all season, a 4-3 setback at Cinco Ranch back on Jan. 13.

Dobie will now represent 22-6A as the top

JFD girls

miss playoffs

Despite a 2-1 win over Memorial to end its regular season March 16, the Dobie varsity girls' soccer team missed the playoffs.

The Lady Longhorns' win over the Mavericks left both teams with 33 points in league play, good enough for a fourth-place tie.

However, Memorial's 4-1 victory over Dobie in the first round of league play gave the Mavericks the tiebreaker advantage.

Pearland won the 22-6A title, followed by Alvin and Dawson, then Memorial.

playoff seed, with Memorial second. Pasadena, a Region III finalist in 2014, was third this season. Dawson held off Sam Rayburn for the fourth and final playoff berth.

At press time, Dobie's first-round playoff opponent was undetermined, but Longhorns' head coach Justo Manrique said the possibilities include Channelview, Baytown Sterling or Port Arthur Memorial.

He added the bidistrict playoff game will be contested Friday, March 27.

While most of Dobie's student body was enjoying spring break, Manrique said his team would begin playoff preparation March 19.

"We're going to focus on conditioning a great deal, and we'll also continue to look at film," Manrique said.

"At this point in the season, it's win or go home. You have to be at your best to advance."

Being at its best is something this team has thrived on all season. The 2011 Dobie team went unbeaten at 8-0-2 in District 22-5A play en route to the Region III final. That team also played in one more tournament on its way to 24 wins. From a numbers standpoint, this group certainly rivals that one. Now it's time to prove it in the playoffs.

"I think we have depth on this team where when we make a substitution, there's not going to be a big dropoff," Manrique said.

"But I have also



Dobie's Jonathan Montalvo (12) battles Sam Rayburn's Darwin Valle (2) for possession of the ball during March 14 action at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The two teams played to a scoreless tie before Dobie won two points in a shoot-out.

coached this sport long enough to know that you have to have some luck along the way. We have shown to be one of the top teams in the region all season, but we have to keep

winning games."

In Dobie's case, it all starts with dynamic midfielder Sergio Quintanilla.

He's simply been the best player on the best team in the league and should later collect overall Most Valuable Player honors.

Regardless of awards or not, Quintanilla will be key to the team's playoff run both physically and emotionally as a leader.

"Sergio knows what he can do and what he means to this team, but we also have some other guys who have stepped up big.

"It's going to have to be a group effort just like it has been all season," Man-

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Phillips resigns Dobie football post

Five years. Five playoff berths. That's the legacy that Jim Phillips leaves at Dobie.

It might have been a whirlwind of a situation over the past couple of weeks, but that's how it goes in the coaching business.

Once the head football coach at Waller High School for nearly 20 years, Phillips is going back "home."

The Waller ISD board provided its approval March 16, giving Phillips the keys to the bus.

He's now Waller High School's varsity football head coach and athletic director. As for Dobie, the search is on.

"The Dobie High School job is a good job," Phillips said.

"I actually talked to the Waller people to recommend someone else, and this came about. I wasn't really looking to make a move. Sometimes things like this come about in this business.

"Franklin Moses is a tremendous principal who gave me all of his

support. Donna Branch. Cary Sink. Mike Van Esen.

"The leadership there is terrific. It had nothing to do with wanting to leave Dobie. It's a great program and will continue to be a great program."

The long and the short of it is Phillips spent a great bit of his career at Waller High School.

He helped get bond issues passed that led to upgrades in the athletic department, including the building of a new stadium. After nearly 20 years there, though, he needed a change.

He later had success at Greenville High School and got that program to the playoffs - something that hasn't happened since.

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At right, Jim Phillips' stint as Dobie's head football coach has timed out after five seasons and five playoff berths. He told his players March 12 that he's headed back to Waller High School for a second time.

Photo by John Bechtle



SJC softball warms to conference; locals start Region XIV play at 6-0

Scoring runs in bunches, the San Jacinto College softball program has taken a stand early on in Region XIV play.

The locals bashed

Laredo 14-1 and then 9-1 March 14 in just the team's third home stop of the season.

The wins allowed San Jacinto to start league play

at 6-0, complete with an overall win streak of nine games.

San Jacinto dropped a two-game non-conference pair at LSU-Eunice

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San Jacinto College softball head coach Kelly Saenz (left) has been plenty busy waving runners home of late with the locals starting conference play at 6-0. On this play, Jasmine Cerda heads for home.

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Sports news, notes

Dolphins' drill/football

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League will host registration for mascots (4 to 7 years old) and drill team members (8 to 13 years old) Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office, Room F, located at 10851 Scarsdale. Returning football player registration will also be held at this time. Cheer tryouts will be held at the end of this month. For more information about Dolphin programs, direct email to team president Cheryl Arnesen at crarnesen@yahoo.com.

PISD Hall of Fame tickets selling

Tickets for the fourth annual Pasadena ISD Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale at the school district's athletics ticket office. Six new inductees will be honored at the April 11 banquet with former University of Texas head football coach David McWilliams set to serve as guest master of ceremonies. Tickets for the banquet are \$50 each. Table sponsorships are also available at various donation levels. Table sponsors and inductees will gather at a reception in the Hall of Fame Museum just before the banquet, which starts at 6 p.m. at Phillips Field House. The museum is located on the north end of the gym. McWilliams will take part in a ceremony that will include the induction of two former Pasadena ISD football standouts who played for UT during McWilliams' 16-year stint as a Longhorns' assistant coach. McWilliams was a UT defensive assistant coach during the college careers of both Steve Oxley and Randy McEachern.

Oxley, a 1969 Rayburn graduate, played in the offensive line for the Longhorns from 1970 to 1972 under Darrell Royal. McEachern, a 1974 Dobie graduate, played quarterback for UT in 1977 and 1978 under Fred Akers.

Other former Pasadena ISD athletes set for induction are David Webb, Pasadena High Class of 1959, a four-sport standout who later played football at Lamar; Jeff Wylie, Pasadena High Class of 1987, who went on to star in the high jump at Baylor; and Kyla Hall Holas, South Houston High Class of 1990, who enjoyed an All-American softball career as a pitcher for Southwestern Louisiana.

Also selected for induction is the late Scott Talton, who coached Dobie's boys' basketball team to 500 victories, four district titles and 15 playoff appearances over a 27-year career.

Individuals or groups interested in sponsoring a banquet table are asked to contact Cindy Parmer, director of community relations for the Pasadena ISD, at 713-740-0288, or by email at cparmer@pasadenaisd.org.

Information on sponsorship tables for the 2015 banquet can also be found at <http://tiny.cc/po1esx>.

The athletics ticket office is located on the east side of the Phillips Field House complex at 2906 Dabney in Pasadena. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CSBA golf set for April 13

The annual Keep Kids in School Golf Tournament, benefiting Communities in Schools-Bay Area, is coming to Bay Oaks Country Club April 13. Communities in Schools-Bay Area's program keeps students on a path of success through graduation and beyond. The program serves the Clear Creek and Dickinson school districts. Underwriting, sponsorships and team registration information is available at hillaryg.cisba.org.

Lajaunie tennis takes shape

The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, in conjunction with the Bay Area Racquet Club in Houston, will host the Fourth annual Darren Lajaunie Memorial Tennis Tournament Friday through Sunday, April 24-26.

The Bay Area Racquet Club is located on Kings Park Lane, off NASA Parkway.

Lajaunie began his tennis playing career at Dobie High School and graduated co-valedictorian in 1984. The Lajaunie family have been members of BARC since 2009. Lajaunie lost his battle with melanoma May 3, 2011.

This scholarship fund and tournament is a way to honor Lajaunie's memory by helping junior tennis players enjoy tennis and assist with their education in college.

Preparations continue for the tournament, which will award members of the Bay Area Racquet Club junior tennis players camp and college scholarships.

Once again this year, college scholarships will be awarded to two tennis playing seniors (one boy and one girl) from Dobie High School.

Members of the Dobie tennis program will also be awarded entry fees to play in the tournament.

All players will receive a tournament T-shirt and goody bag, and enjoy a complimentary Saturday morning breakfast snack. A complimentary lunch, donated by the Lajaunie family, will also be available for players and spectators.

Lajaunie fund volunteers are still seeking donors as well as silent auction items. April 24th will serve up the tournament and silent auction with the BARC scholarship awards dinner at the racquet club.

There will be four camp scholarships and two college scholarships awarded to BARC junior tennis players. The Dobie recipients will be awarded their scholarships in May at the school.

Dinner tickets will go on sale April 1. The menu for the evening includes a grilled chicken breast, either Cajun spiced or marinated herb rub with a salad, grilled corn with a fixin's bar, lemonade or iced tea and bread. Dessert and tournament water have also been donated.

Dinner tickets are \$15 a person for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under.

Tickets may be purchased at the Bay Area Racquet Club or on the DLTSF website - www.DLtsfnisscholarships.com.

The silent auction will begin at 4 p.m. and conclude April 25, at 4 p.m. Auction items included this year, an autographed bag from former New York Yankees and Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte, an autographed football from former Dallas Cowboy linebacker Dat Nguyen and much more.

Both donations and sponsors are currently being sought. The Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund is a nonprofit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible.

Donations may now be made via the website with a credit card or by check or money order to: Darren Lajaunie Tennis Scholarship Fund, 3106 Mossy Elm Court, Houston, Texas 77059.

Direct email to Camille Lajaunie, committee chairperson, at cjlajaunie@gmail.com with any questions.

Dobie boys cap 22-6A play

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rique said. "Even against Rayburn with some seniors out taking the SAT exams, we debuted a freshman."

The 2011 Dobie team featured two of the region's top scorers in Carlos Ibarra and Jonathan Palma. This team does not possess that type of

quick-striking forward play yet the wins keep coming. It's because this is a group of guys that believes in 'team.'

"They're all out there for each other. Quintanilla is going to draw a lot of attention because of the way he can affect games, but we've been very strong elsewhere with Nixon Ur-

rutia and others playing well. The goal was to go undefeated all the way, but we just didn't play very well against Cinco Ranch.

"Now, obviously we want to go undefeated and make our mark.

"It'll have to be done as a group, but we are confident that it can happen with these guys."



Dobie defender Jose Reyes (right) goes low to steal a ball from a Sam Rayburn player during March 14 action at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. The Longhorns won the game in a shootout after a scoreless tie was produced after regulation.

Photo by John Bechtle

San Jac men drop opener

Despite four players scoring in double figures, the San Jacinto College men's basketball team could not pull out a first-round win at the 2015 National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Championship, falling 76-74 to Columbia State Community College March 16 at the Hutchinson Sports Arena, in Hutchinson,

Kan.

For San Jac (28-6), it was the first time back to Hutch since the 2006 season and the 20th overall appearance in the national tournament. San Jacinto College earned one of four at-large bids to the tournament after finishing as the Region XIV runner-up.

Against Columbia State (26-6), sophomore Willie Magnum led San Jac with

16 points. He also dished out four assists and had three steals.

Teammate Donte Thomas scored 14, hitting both shots he took from beyond the arc, while dishing out five assists.

San Jac's other top scorers in the opening-game loss were Pearland's Jevonlean Hedgeman with 12, and Candido Sa with 10 points.

SJC hoops players earn accolades



From left, San Jacinto College women's basketball players Miranda LeJune, Kendra Howard and Kaelyn Wilson earned postseason honors for leading the team to a remarkable turnaround season. The team's leading scorer, Howard, a sophomore guard from Dallas, was named to the All-Region Team. The freshman guard LeJune (Pearland High School) was named to the All-Conference Team and earned the Region XIV co-Freshman of the Year honors. Wilson, a freshman forward from San Antonio, earned All-Conference honorable mention recognition. For the season, Howard led the team in scoring at 15.5 points per game, shooting 40 percent from the field and 63.9 percent from the foul line. She averaged 1.9 assists and 2.8 steals per game. LeJune averaged 9.7 points per game, with a 32.9 field goal shooting percentage, and a 75.3 percent free throw shooting percentage. She led the team and nation in assists with 8.1 per game and averaged 1.8 steals per game. Wilson was second on the team in scoring at 11.8 points per game, with a 47.2 field goal shooting percentage, and a 69.3 free throw shooting percentage. She averaged 5.3 rebounds per game. San Jacinto College women's basketball head coach Brenita Jackson described the turnaround season as "truly a blessing to experience." "I am very proud of our team's dedication and relentless effort to buy in to winning on the court, in the classroom, and in life," she commented. "To go from 3-27 last season to 23-9 this year is outstanding. We finished the season nationally ranked, advanced to the semifinals at the regional tournament, and established ourselves as an elite team in the country."

Photo by Rob Vanya, SJC marketing

Despite wins, Dobie's soccer season ends



Deanna Martinez (7) of Dobie outraces a Sam Rayburn defender to the ball during the Lady Longhorns' 7-0 win over the Texans March 14 at Veterans Stadium in Pasadena. Dobie then closed the regular season with a 2-1 win over Memorial March 16 yet fell short of the playoffs by virtue of a tiebreaker (see more news on Page 1B). With several seniors set to graduate in June, Martinez will return for 2016 as one of the varsity team's most experienced players.

Photos by John Bechtle



At left, Dobie's Lauren Escobar (1) challenges a Sam Rayburn player during the Lady Longhorns' 7-0 win March 14. A freshman, Escobar represents the next wave of talent set to lead the varsity girls' soccer team into 2016 and beyond.

Texas Line Drive 10-under seeks vendors

The Texas Line Drive 10-under select softball team based out of the South Belt area is seeking vendors for the United States Fastpitch Association's Easter Bash tournament March 28.

Prospective vendors may choose to pay a \$100 vendor fee or agree to pay out 20 percent of total sales.

The Line Drive team is raising funds to attend the USFA world series in Panama City, Fla., later this season.

For more information about the event or the Line Drive, direct email to Brittny Hernandez at Brittnyehphotography@yahoo.com.

Power display lifts San Jacinto

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March 17. Eunice entered play as the No. 2 ranked program in the Division II ranks.

San Jacinto will surely face tough challenges in upcoming games against the likes of Blinn, Galveston and Alvin, but for the moment the team has its offensive game in order,

and pitchers Bridget Stein and Katy Potter have been outstanding.

In the 14-1 win over Laredo that came in five innings, Gabby Gonzalez led the way with a homer and a triple, delivering a total of five runs driven in.

Carah Nunez, one of the team's top power threats for two seasons, homered

and doubled while driving in three.

Stein allowed an unearned run in the first inning and controlled things from there while the offense took care of the rest.

The second game went no better for Laredo. Gonzalez doubled as part of a two-hit game. Jordyn Woodward doubled in

three runs in the game.

As usual, the San Jacinto team is getting hot offensively just in time for the crux of the Region XIV schedule.

In 2014, the team parlayed a strong finish into just the second-ever national tournament appearance. There could be more in store this season.



Carah Nunez is just one of the San Jacinto College softball players who have lifted their offensive game of late during a lengthy winning streak. In a 14-1, 9-1 doubleheader sweep of Laredo March 14, Nunez

slammed a two-run homer and added doubles in both games. San Jacinto, once lingering around the .500 mark, has now gotten off to a 6-0 start in Region XIV action.

Photo by John Bechtle

Shaking off Alvin walk-off loss, Dobie softball now stands at 6-1

Quickly putting a tough walk-off loss to Alvin in the rearview mirror, the Dobie varsity softball team is 6-1 in District 22-6A action with a payback



game coming against Memorial Tuesday, March 24 at the Pasadena ISD sports complex. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Capping a marathon 10-pitch at bat, Alvin's Vanessa Segura stunned Dobie March 16 with a two-run, two-out walk-off homer, giving the Yellowjackets a 5-4 win after Dobie had led 4-1 through four and a half innings.

Dobie freshman Yvonne Whaley scored two runs in the game as the Lady Longhorns eventually led 4-1. From there, a couple of defensive issues allowed Alvin to climb closer.

In the bottom of the seventh, Dobie starting pitcher Michelle Kristoff got Alyssa Moscot to fly out to right field for the first out.

Alvin's Amy Alexander then rifled a single past Dobie shortstop Emily Wolfe but then Bailey Thomas flied out to right field for the second out.

Alexander eventually moved over to third base on a pair of passed balls, both with two outs.

Then came Segura's epic home run, a deep blast over the left-field fence that kept Alvin unbeaten in league play and sent Dobie to a shocking

first loss all at once. Since that time, Dobie logged a pair of wins March 17, then getting past Dawson 3-2 and beating Pasadena 19-0.

In the 3-2 win over Dawson, the Lady Longhorns scored three times in the first inning and let Kristoff do the rest from the circle.

Sady Olguin and Allison Bravo had RBI singles in the three-run first for Dobie, which also got three singles in the game from Wolfe.

Against Pasadena, Yasmine Myers drove in six runs and Wolfe added three more RBIs.

So now it's on to Memorial March 24, and the Lady Longhorns will be looking to avenge a pair of 2014 district losses to the Lady Mavs.

Those losses played a big role in Dobie missing the playoffs, so it's time to make things right.

After that, Dobie will take on Pearland and Manvel in back-to-back games to kick off the start of the second half of league play.

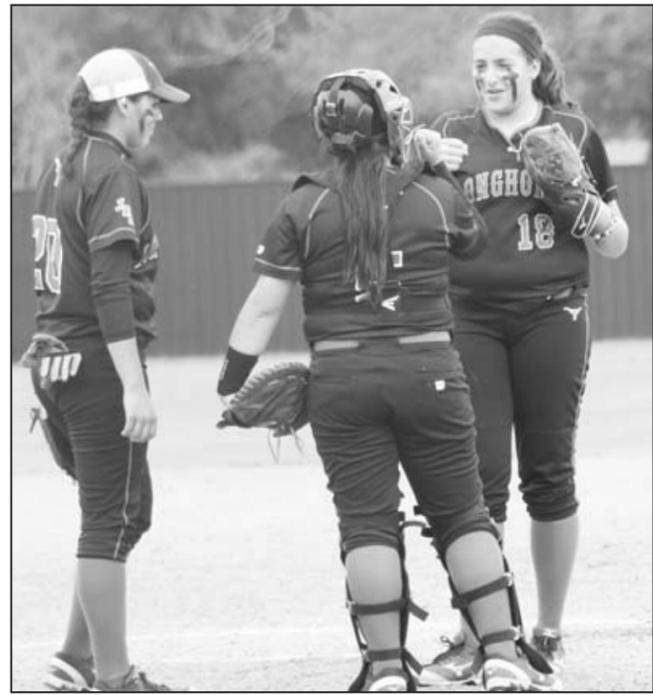
At this point, Alvin is still unbeaten and sits atop the standings. Dobie is second at 6-1, with Pearland third at 5-1.

Manvel is 4-1, with Memorial at 4-2 as those five programs have jumped into the mix for a playoff berth at this point. But the second half looms.

Above, Dobie freshman Yvonne Whaley scored seven runs over a four-game span, including three wins, to get the Lady Longhorns off and running in league play. She scored twice against South Houston, Alvin and Pasadena and also scored in the first inning against Dawson in an eventual 3-2 victory.

At left, Dobie starting pitcher Michelle Kristoff (right) discusses an in-game situation with catcher Marissa Longoria (5) and third baseman Suzy Soza during the Lady Longhorns' March 16 game at Alvin. The locals led 4-1 at one point before Alvin rallied for a 5-4, walk-off victory.

Photos by John Bechtle



Texas Storm 12-under takes baseball tourney title



The Texas Storm, a 12-under select baseball team from the South Belt area, placed first at the St. Patrick's Day Slugfest. Members of the team are, left to right, (front row) Kyle Redmond, Mario Irachete, Matt Garcia, Xavier Tellez, (middle

row) Mauricio Jasso, Jaja Sanni, Colby Miller, Cameron Jauregui, Xavier Lerma, Aaron Longoria, Junior Ramirez, (back row) coaches Aaron Longoria and Craig Redmond. Not pictured is player Luke Giron and coach Elbert Giron.

Dobie baseball tops SH 12-3 with late push

Early punch combined with a big rally late helped Dobie's varsity baseball team get past South Houston 12-3 March 17 on the Trojans' home field.

Jesse Paredes gave Dobie the lead for good with a two-run homer in the second inning, and

the Longhorns went on to score seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to run away with the win.

Longhorns' starting pitcher Jacob Limas went five innings, and Michael Mora worked the final two frames as the locals moved to 2-1 in District

22-6A action.

Technically, recent rains have pushed Dobie just one game behind on the schedule. However, more rain March 18 prohibited the Longhorns from playing a makeup game against Pasadena.

Simply put, when the fields are dry enough to play, the action will continue.

Dobie still must face Pasadena in a game that was supposed to be played

March 13.

The Longhorns are set to take on Dawson in a regularly scheduled game March 19 at Dobie High School, beginning at noon. At press time, the start of that game was in doubt due to rain.

When play does resume, the Longhorns look to be fine in the pitching department. Limas settled down against South Houston after the Trojans netted a pair of early runs. Paredes, meanwhile, is still the staff ace.

Dobie Longhorns host Dawson Eagles
Noon, Dobie High School



Once dry conditions prevail, Dobie outfielder Damian Molina and his teammates are likely to find themselves playing quite a few baseball games in a short amount of time.

Phillips exits Dobie FB after five seasons

Continued from Page 1B Maybe he was Dobie's third choice as head coach prior to the 2010 season — true story — but he was a great one.

The Dobie varsity football program was absent from the playoffs for five years before Phillips arrived.

Since then, there have been five straight playoff appearances. Phillips expects it to continue.

"Maybe they need

someone else to help them beat North Shore," Phillips joked in reference to four straight playoff losses to the Mustangs.

"The kids are great, and the leadership is unmatched. The coaching staff is great. This is not about leaving Dobie. It's about having a chance to go back home and finish what I started."

Phillips, now 60, said he plans to coach another five years and possibly

longer. Funny. He was at Dobie for five years.

The Dobie job must be officially posted for 10 days. There will be plenty of qualified candidates to lead the way at Dobie. There have been no walk-off wins since 2004, but it's a solid program.

As for 2015, the offensive line must undergo a near complete rebuild.

There are vacancies at quarterback and running back, but there are an-

swers coming. Kris Morris, still an eighth-grade student at Thompson, is already being discussed as the next star running back at Dobie.

Defensively, Chandler Tisby and Dedrick Simpson are flat-out two of the best in the area and will lead the unit going forward.

The next head coach, whoever he is, will walk into a great situation at Dobie.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — Imperfect Nooners Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, 2245 N. Main (building next to pawn shop). For information, call 713-856-1611.

Houston Area Parkinson Society — Free water exercise for individuals with Parkinson's disease, 4 to 5 p.m., Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital Clear Lake, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Call 713-313-1652 or visit www.hapsonline.org for a list of all services.

Texas German Society, South Belt (SE) Chapter — A social group interested in the culture, music, heritage and language of German immigrants in Texas. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 10310 Scarsdale Blvd. Visitors are welcome. Call 281-481-1238 for information.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518), First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon (English Speaking) — Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Alateen — Provides support for teenage children, friends and family members of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

8:30 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous — Alcohol problems? AA meetings are held Thursdays, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays and Tuesdays, 8 to 9 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2217 Theta Street. For information, call 713-204-2481.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

AA Meeting — "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in.

Interfaith Care Partners — Interfaith Care Partners ministry at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church, 10727 Hartsook St., near Alameda Mall. This gathering, for those with Alzheimer's, dementia, Parkinson's, strokes, etc. and their caretakers, meets the third Friday of each month, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It consists of a continental-type breakfast, arts, crafts, exercises, entertainment, a sing-a-long, devotional break, lunch, and bingo game. Those who have a family member or know of someone with these challenges are invited. For information, call the church at 713-946-5768; Claudia Rojas, Interfaith Care Partners, at 713-682-5995; or visit the website at www.interfaithcarepartners.org.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) — West End Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, Shepherd of the Heart United Methodist Church, 12005 County Road 39, Pearland. For information, call 713-856-1611.

Un Dia a la Vez Alanon Group (Spanish) — Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics or addicts. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 6 p.m., room 215, First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St.,

(Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Pasadena Little Theatre — Production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, 4318 Allen-Genoa Road. Performances are weekends through March 29. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. One special-priced Admit Two for \$15 is Thursday, March 26, at 8 p.m. Director is Carolyn McLeod. For reservations, call 713-941-1758 or visit www.pasadenalittletheatre.org. Credit cards accepted.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Alcoholics Anonymous — "Breakfast with Bill", Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) — Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 2245 N. Main St., (Hwy 35), in building next to pawn shop. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

Al-Anon Meeting (Women Only, English) — For persons whose lives are affected by an addict. Saturdays, 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Cornell Conference room #111. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

Meals On Wheels Golf Tournament — The annual Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, March 21, at Southwyck Golf Club in Pearland. Start is at 1:30 p.m. 18 hole, four-player team scramble is \$85 per player, \$340 per team. There are prizes, trophies, barbecue and door prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. All proceeds from the tournament go directly to the purchase and delivery of nutritious meals for the most needy in our community. For information and registration, call Jim Higgins at 281-389-7493.

7 p.m.

Bay Area Bluegrass Association — Produces a bluegrass music show and jam session the third Saturday of each month, August and December are exceptions. Stage show begins at 7 p.m., but pickers may bring instruments and come earlier. Free. Johnny Arolfo Civic Center, 300 Walker, League City. For more information, visit http://www.bayareabluegrass.org.

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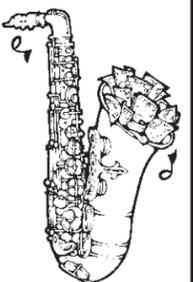
SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Grief Support Group — For any adult who has lost a loved one. Meets Sundays, except Mother's Day, Easter and Christmas, 2 to 3:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church Pasadena, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. For information, call 281-487-8787.

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Celebrate Recovery — A faith-based 12-Step Program, Sundays, 5:30 p.m., Chapel of the Educational Building at Life Church in Houston, 9900 Alameda Genoa. Call 713-419-2635 for information or to RSVP for child care.

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Houston Area Parkinson Society - Free exercise and speech therapy from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster. Visit www.hapsonline.org for a complete list of services offered. For adults with Parkinson's disease only. 6 p.m.
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Friends Helping Friends Grief Support Group - Group meets Mondays, Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital, 655 E. Medical Center Blvd., Webster, 7 to 8:15 p.m., in the staff meeting room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. Free. For information, call Betty Bielal at 281-474-3430 or Diana Kawalec at 281-334-1033.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26
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AA Meeting - "Breakfast With Bill" each Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, in Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787 for information, or just drop in. Noon
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Kirkwood Civic Association meets at the Sagement Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCutcheon at 281-989-9990. 7 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Women's Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For information, call 713-856-1611. 7 p.m.
Al-Anon (English Speaking) - Provides support for family and friends of alcoholics and addicts. Thursday, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, room 215. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in. 8 p.m.
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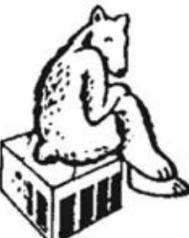
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Clear Brook boys' soccer nails down playoff seeding

A rousing 3-1-1 finish to the regular season, capped by a 3-2 win over Brazoswood, has landed the Clear Brook varsity boys' soccer team in the playoffs. The Wolverines, fourth in the final District 24-6A standings, are set to take on Alief Elsik, which went undefeated to win the District 23-6A crown and will be one of the favorites to win Region III when the playoffs start.

At press time, Clear Brook head coach Chris Stromeier had yet to meet with the Elsik folks to decide the bidistrict match details. He prefers to play the game Friday, March 27. The bottom line is the Wolverines are in the playoffs, and Stromeier is thrilled for his players to have the experience. "Honestly, we're ready

to play them," Stromeier said of Elsik. "Clements won the region last year and lost just twice this season, both times to Elsik. With that said, we're going to go out and give them a battle." It wasn't that long ago that Clear Brook seemed destined to miss out on the postseason. At 3-4-2 in league play, the Wolverines were battling among a handful of

other teams in an effort to get in. Clear Falls put together a terrific season to win the 24-6A title, and Friendswood also excelled in its first foray in Class 6A, taking second place. Clear Creek also put together a strong run and eventually qualified for third place. That left Clear Brook jostling with the likes of Brazoswood and Clear

Springs for the final playoff spot heading down the stretch. Insert Alfredo Ramos then, whose return to the lineup simply sparked the Wolverines to a 3-1-1 record over their final five games. "He just made everybody better, and everybody played better with Ramos on the field," Stromeier said. "There are so many

others who came through big. Andrew Ciancone, one of our captains, was huge. Alex Pena, Saul Miranda, Adrian Garcia. Jordan Greenshield, our only freshman, played very well. We just had a group effort to get this thing done." Moving forward, the Wolverines know they face a tough challenge going against Elsik. It's simply the way it goes. Ra-

mos, who has excelled in a variety of roles, is likely to play defense against Elsik. Stromeier said it's simply where he's needed. "Elsik is big, fast and good, but we will be ready to play them," the coach said. "My guys stepped up big down the stretch against some very good competition. We earned the right to be in this spot and will play hard."

24-6A Varsity Boys' Soccer Standings

Final Regular Season

Teams	W	L	T	Pts.
Clear Falls	10	3	1	31
Friendswood	8	3	3	27
Clear Creek	7	2	5	26
Clear Brook	6	5	3	21
Clear Springs	5	6	3	18
Dickinson	4	6	4	16
Brazoswood	4	8	2	14
Clear Lake	0	11	3	3

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At right, sophomore David Azore (22) of Clear Brook finished off a banner first year on the Wolverines' varsity boys' basketball team after being named the District 24-6A Newcomer of the Year. Although the Wolverines struggled to win games in the ultra-competitive 22-6A mix, Azore averaged 17 points and nearly six rebounds a game. At right, Spencer Schneider (21) of Brook was named to the second team unit after scoring just over eight points a game as a sophomore player.

Commissioner El Franco Lee,
Judge Jo Ann Delgado, & Constable Chris Diaz

Cordially Invite You & Your Family To Our Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

WHEN: Saturday, March 28, 2015
2:00 pm

WHERE: El Franco Lee Park
9400 Hall Road

Complimentary Hotdogs, Snow cones, and Drinks will be served from 1:00pm-3:00pm (While Supplies Last)

Don't Forget Your Easter Basket!!!



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Dr. Ronnie Floyd | Sagemont Choir & Orchestra
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MONDAY | MARCH 30 | 7P

Dr. Jack Graham | Leeland



TUESDAY | MARCH 31 | 7P

Jay Lowder | People and Songs



WEDNESDAY | APRIL 1 | 7P

Dr. Johnny Hunt | Jason Crabb



THURSDAY | APRIL 2 | 7P

Fred Luter | Charles Billingsley



FRIDAY | APRIL 3 | 7P

Gregg Matte | Shane & Shane



SATURDAY | APRIL 4 | 6P

James Robison | Sagemont Choir & Orchestra



en español
VIERNES | 3 DE ABRIL | 7P | HRA
SABADO | 4 DE ABRIL | 6P | HRA

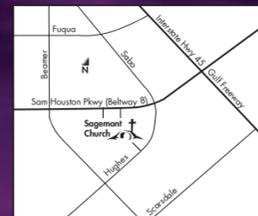
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PLUS!

EASTER SERVICES SUNDAY | APRIL 5

6:30A Sunrise at The Cross
8:00A | 9:30A | 11:15A | Worship Center
en español! 11:15A | Auditorio Hughes Road



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