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## Leader to close May 1

The *Leader* offices will be closed Friday, May 1, for the 19th annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, set to take place Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. The *Leader* will resume its normal business hours on Monday, May 4. For emergency information, contact *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger at 281-948-2714.

## St. Luke's garage sale

St. Luke's ECC will have a garage sale on Saturday, April 25, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the St. Luke's parking lot. The public is invited. If anyone wants to donate to the sale, contact the ECC office at 281-481-0314 or email to [earlychildhoodcenter@stlukesatho.org](mailto:earlychildhoodcenter@stlukesatho.org).

## Dolphins register, fundraiser

The South Belt Dolphins will host a fundraiser along with its registration for 9- to 10- and 11- to 12-year-old players Saturday, April 25, at the Shell station located at 10330 Blackhawk. A \$100 deposit and a copy of the player's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Lariaette spring show tickets

The J. Frank Dobie Lariaettes and dance department will hold their annual spring show, *Oh the Places We'll Go*, April 30, May 1, and May 2 in the Dobie High School auditorium. Admission is \$10, and tickets can be purchased presale from any Lariaette, or at the door while supplies last. Come out and support the Lariaettes and dance students as they perform for the last time during the 2014-2015 school year.

## CCFA meets April 28

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Bay Area Support Group will meet Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at State Farm Insurance, 12941 Gulf Freeway, Suite 101. Patients and caregivers are invited to attend. Meetings are free.

## Boykins holds district meeting

Houston District D City Council Member Dwight Boykins will hold a meeting with civic members in District D on Thursday, April 30, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Sagemont Park Center, 11507 Hughes Road. Neighborhood needs and concerns will be discussed. For more information, contact Rosario Wilson, senior liaison, at 281-389-9690.

## Sageglen holds garage sale

Sageglen Community Association will hold a community garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and May 2.

## Park at Fuqua garage sale

Park at Fuqua will hold its community-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fuqua between I-45 and Old Galveston Road/Highway 3. The multifamily sale will feature electronics, furniture, baby items, clothes, household items and much more.

## Lemonade fundraiser set

Savannah's 5th annual Lemonade Stand will be set up Sunday, May 3, in the Cokesbury United Methodist Church parking lot, 10030 Scarsdale Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Every year, Savannah picks a different charity to which all proceeds will be donated. This year she has chosen to support a child for one year through HOLT International. Compassion has moved her to helping children in need.

After she reaches her first goal of \$356, she will then donate any remaining funds to the Methodist Children's home.

Savannah will team up with Cokesbury UMC and Ruben Loreto from The Gardens Houston, as well as local airbrush artist Ralph Kelly. The public is invited to come and support her in making a difference in the community.

## Support group at Cokesbury

Those who are the husband, wife or partner of a chronically ill/disabled person may join a new support group, *Sickness and Health*, the last Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, located at 10030 Scarsdale. Free childcare is provided. This month's meeting is set for Thursday, April 30. For information, contact Jennifer Miller at [sicknesshealthhouston@gmail.com](mailto:sicknesshealthhouston@gmail.com) or 713-724-2360, or visit the Well Spouse Association at <http://www.wellspouse.org>.

## Kirkwood meets April 30

The Kirkwood Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, April 30, at the Sagemont Community Center, located at 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.

# Annual cookoff set for April 30-May 2

Following months of preparation, the annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff is set to take place Thursday, April 30, through Saturday, May 2, at El Franco Lee Park, located at 9400 Hall Road. Thursday will be for cookers only.

Organized by the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department, the event is the sole fundraiser for the annual South Belt Fourth of July fireworks display, also held at the area park. Any additional

funds raised will be set aside for scholarships and other community projects. Local parties interested in receiving donations should submit their propositions to the *Leader* via email at [mynews@southbeltleader.com](mailto:mynews@southbeltleader.com).

With 82 cooking teams registered, this year's cookoff will be the largest in the event's 19-year history.

While evenings at the function are geared

more for adults, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is intended for families, with children 12 and under being admitted for free.

Free children's activities include moonwalks, rock climbing, pony rides, clowns, a petting zoo, a train, an obstacle course, face painting, hair braiding and extensions provided by the San Jacinto College Cosmetology department, a police helicopter and cruiser, a fire engine and ambulance display and photos with a live Watusi bull named Oliver.

This year's event will also feature a coin-in-a-haystack game, in which children will sort through hay to find cash.

The contest will take place at noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, with children being divided into different age groups.

"It's the largest event of the year in the South Belt community," said event chair Dean Baier. "It's a great place to take your kids or grandkids."

Just added to the event are Drums N Drones, who will perform the historic music of Scotland on drums and bagpipes. The group is scheduled to play four 30-minute performances on Saturday.

Also new this year is the Harris County Sheriff's Office's Skywatch tower, aimed at preventing crime at the event. Skywatch is an observation tower that rises nearly 30 feet above the

event, giving deputies a bird's-eye view of the cookoff. The platform is equipped with floodlights, spotlights, a speaker system with public address and siren capabilities, as well as daytime and nighttime/infrared cameras.

While crime was relatively low at last year's cookoff, numerous break-ins were reported the previous year.

The tower has greatly reduced crime at other events, such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. In 2013, there were 34 burglaries of a motor vehicle reported at Reliant Park (now NRG Park). In 2014, the first year Skywatch was used at the location, only one burglary was reported.

Organizers would like to thank Sgt. Kim Foville and reserve Lt. Bill Winning from the Harris County Sheriff's Office for their help in obtaining the Skywatch tower.

This year will also mark the first time deputies from the Harris County Precinct 2 Constable's office will help patrol the event.

An auction will take place Saturday evening as the cooking awards are being presented. Current auction items include a chance to name the entrance sign at El Franco Lee Park, Schlitterbahn tickets and a two-night stay at the Golden Nugget casino in Lake Charles that includes a

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## County to use Skywatch at cookoff

Security will be ramped up at this year's South Belt Spectacular Cookoff, with the Harris County Sheriff's Office providing a Skywatch tower to monitor the event site. The Skywatch tower is an observation platform, equipped with lights, cameras and sirens, that stands nearly 30 feet in the air, giving deputies a bird's-eye view of the event. The tower has been used at events such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Grand Prix to successfully reduce crime.

Photo submitted

## Mold discovered at Frazier Elementary

Officials at Frazier Elementary are working to ensure safety at the area school after mold was recently detected in an outside portable building.

A maintenance crew discovered the mold inside the fourth-grade portable maxiquad building while making repairs to the restrooms. The mold was limited to an enclosed space between the boys and girls restrooms.

Upon detecting the mold, school officials immediately closed the restrooms and contacted an industrial hygienist to test the growth. After reports returned positive for high levels of mold in the enclosed plumbing wall located inside a closet, the school district ordered additional tests to evaluate the air quality throughout the maxiquad building.

The secondary tests revealed insignificant levels of common molds in the classrooms of the maxiquad. The amount of common molds detected in the classrooms through the air samples were less than the levels of mold outside the building.

These molds are not visible on the walls or other classroom surfaces and are not toxic. The area contained inside the enclosed plumbing wall was the only area where high levels of mold were

found. Neither students nor staff were exposed to the mold found in the plumbing space inside the walls.

Even though experts said there was no health risk or reason to evacuate the maxiquad building, students have been relocated to other classrooms in the main building and other single portables that are not connected to the maxiquad to ensure their health and safety during the repairs. The library is also currently being used to accommodate students.

The maxiquad normally houses approximately 128 students.

Northstar, a remediation company, will remove the mold in the enclosed space between the restroom walls as well as set up special machines to purify the air inside the building. While crews eliminate the problem, the fourth-grade maxiquad building will be closed and contained. Students will not be allowed in the maxiquad building until the repairs are complete.

Frazier Principal Wendy Wiseburn sent a letter home to parents notifying them of the incident.

Repairs are expected to take three to four weeks to complete, Wiseburn said.

## CCISD student falls 3 floors at SJC

A Clear Creek Independent School District high school student taking classes at San Jacinto College South was seriously injured Thursday, April 16, when he fell from a third-story balcony.

The incident happened about 9 a.m. at the Allied Health Science building. The 17-year-old student fell over a 4-foot railing surrounding an atrium inside the building.

The student suffered serious injuries, including multiple fractures, and was transported to

Clear Lake Regional Hospital.

San Jacinto College and CCISD both deployed extra counselors for students and employees who may need support.

The student was part of CCISD's Clear Horizon Early College High School program, which allows students to simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an associate degree.

At press time, the student remained in serious condition in an intensive care unit.

## Early voting set to begin April 27

Early voting for the May 9 school board elections will begin Monday, April 27, and continue through Tuesday, May 5.

In the Pasadena Independent School District election, incumbents Larry Savala (Position 5), Marshall Kendrick (Position 6) and Vickie Morgan (Position 7) have all filed to maintain their positions.

Position 5 incumbent Larry Savala is being challenged by Kenneth Fernandez and Alvin Gonzalez. In the Position 6 race, incumbent Marshall Kendrick is being challenged by Lydia Velasquez. Position 7 incumbent Vickie Morgan is being challenged by Erica Davis Rouse and Charles Maricle.

All challengers are South Belt residents. Early voting locations include all five PISD

high schools.

Voting hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 27 through May 1 and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 4-5.

In the Clear Creek Independent School District election, incumbents Page Rander (District 4) and Charles Pond (At-Large Position A) are running unopposed. District 5 incumbent Dee Scott did not file for re-election. Voting to replace Scott are Jay Cunningham and Trent Martin.

Early voting locations include Clear Brook High School, 4607 FM 2351 in Friendswood; the CCISD - Education Support Center, 2425 E. Main in League City; and Falcon Pass Elementary School, 2465 Falcon Pass.

Voting hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See related questionnaire on Page 3A.

## IRS warns of telephone scammers

With the April 15 tax deadline now passed, the Internal Revenue Service is warning people about an old scam that seems to be picking up steam again in the Houston area.

Fraudsters are calling residents, claiming to be IRS agents and threatening arrest if immediate payments are not made. To date, the treasury inspector general has received more than 366,000 complaints - on average between 9,000 and 12,000 reports a week. The *Leader* has received dozens of complaints over the last six months.

The IRS issued the following warning:

The IRS will always send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due via the U.S. mail. The IRS never asks for credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the telephone. For more information or to report a scam, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and type "scam" in the search box.

People have reported a particularly aggressive phone scam in the last several months. Immigrants are frequently targeted. Potential victims

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## South Belt hit hard by storm, receives nearly 5 inches of rain



The South Belt community was hit hard by storms this past week, receiving nearly 5 inches of rain in just one day, causing extensive flooding. According to the Harris County Flood Control District, the Beamer ditch at Hughes Road received 4.88 inches of rain on Friday, April 17. During the flooding, Cpl. Dwayne Pacifico of the Precinct 2 Constable's office helped a woman, who had just had a double lung transplant, escape high water along Beamer near Dixie Farm. Pacifico spotted the 69-year-old woman, who had just been released from Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, around 8 p.m. as her Honda Civic was



floating down the area street. The two were assisted by a driver from Challenger Towing. The left photo above, taken April 18 by Marie Flickinger, shows the retention pond near the Blackhawk hike-and-bike trail, which the *Leader* staff has dubbed Lake South Belt. The right photo, taken April 18 by Judy Harrison, shows Turkey Creek near the intersection of Sageglen and Sageglen. Residents were concerned that the temporary bridge installed by Rockford Pipelines was causing a dam effect, prohibiting the proper flow of rainwater.

# Garza honored as Clear Brook High School's Teacher of the Year

Clear Brook High School recently announced Alaina Garza as Clear Brook High School's Teacher of the Year. "Receiving this award is an incredible honor, and very humbling," said Garza. "There are so many phenomenal teachers here at Clear Brook, and I feel like we've all become very close, so it is truly a great feeling to know that they hold me in such high regard," said Garza. Principal Michele Staley said Garza is a teacher whose passion for what she teaches shines through. "Ms. Garza is an amazing educator who has a passion for science and teaching, she regularly goes above and beyond to bring her students real-life experiences to help them learn," said Staley. Garza has been a member of the Clear Brook family for eight years, and has taught a variety of science classes from AP Biology and Advanced Anatomy & Physiology to Chemistry and IPC. She has also served as a Safe School Ambassador for the past seven years. During her time at Clear Brook, Garza has also served as a sponsor or co-sponsor for several student groups including the Red Cross Club, Safe School Ambassadors and HOSA. "All the clubs I sponsor

mean the world to me, the students become family, and their accomplishments are my accomplishments," said Garza. Garza said it's impossible for her to choose a favorite memory from the past eight years. "It would be impossible to choose one, because I have enjoyed every year on this campus, every dance, every

competition, every graduation, every class," said Garza. "I even love the morning of our AP Bio exam when we do a big breakfast and everyone is so nervous and rattling off last minute questions to each other, I can't help but just sit back and smile as I listen, knowing that I have done my job and have confidence that they will do well."



# Elected officials share their words

## Runaway appraisals require action

By Mike Sullivan, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector

As a longtime advocate for the taxpayer and current Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, it's time to remind homeowners of their right to protest unfair appraisals. Many areas are seeing increased values of 15 - 38%, with some even higher. There is no better time than now to file a protest, but the hard deadline is Monday, June 1st. In an effort to assist homeowners in fighting their appraisals, I am hosting a series of Property Appraisal Workshops throughout Harris County. My staff and I will teach you

how to protest, help you determine your legal exemptions and discuss ways to reduce appraised values. My workshops are free and open to the public. Why should a homeowner protest an unfair appraisal? To prevent year over year compounding, reduce property tax liability, and to force appraisal districts to defend their valuations. This is the best way you can prevent "Taxation without representation." Information about my workshops can be found at [www.hctax.net](http://www.hctax.net) or call 713-274-8000.

# Capitol News

From the office of state Rep. Dennis Paul

### House approves lower cap on rainy day fund

Last Tuesday, the House passed a pair of bills that would end a further build-up of rainy-day dollars; instead the excess money would be used to pay off bonds early. HJR 8, a constitutional amendment, requires that when the state's rainy day fund hits a prescribed ceiling, any additional money will go into a specifically created fund for debt relief.

Chairman John Otto believes that this move is a fiscally responsible way to use these balances to pay off state debt. HB 8, also authored by Otto, lowers the cap and halts the practice of depositing federal money into the general revenue fund. The rainy day fund's ceiling would decrease to \$11.8 billion. However, Otto's bill would not affect the cap for the next two-year budget cycle, which has already been set at \$16.1 billion.

### Proposed changes to the school finance system

HB1759 is the proposed fix to the current school finance system. According to Chairman Jimmie Don Aycock, the Legislature should not wait for the ruling in the school finance lawsuit to make necessary changes to the state's funding system for public education. HB 1759 would increase funding and bring more equity to the allocation of funds to school districts across the state. The bill also removes provisions such as the "Cost of Education Index." Under this provision, extra money is given to districts according to characteristics like size, percentage of low-income students, and teacher salaries in neighboring districts. HB 1759 puts this money toward overall per-student funding as almost 94 percent of students would see increases.

The bill is contingent upon appropriations of \$3 billion in new funds for public schools over the next two years, as provided for by the House budget. The Public Education Committee is scheduled to hear testimony on the bill this week.

### CONSTITUENT CORNER

Recently members of the Clear Brook High School PAL program, a high school service organization, hosted their annual Adaptive

P.E. day. This annual event encourages students with special needs to participate in physical activities in a carnival atmosphere. Members of PALs raise money to create games that are adaptable to these students, and prizes are donated by local business for the event.

This is the 18th year of this event, and PALs from other CCISD high schools now participate. I would like to thank Donna Stone for her efforts in starting this event, and I wish her and the CCISD PAL program future success.

Thank you to everyone who attended the District 129 office grand opening. I appreciate the work of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, District Director Debra Risinger, and everyone who attended. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Austin and I look forward to visiting with many of you on various issues affecting our community. The new district office will allow my staff and I to hold stakeholder and constituent service meetings.

### Capitol visitor information

My staff and I welcome everyone to visit our office as well as the historic Capitol building. If you are planning a trip to the Capitol be sure to stop by our office, Room E2.814. Here are some helpful tips for your visit:

- Texas Capitol Visitor Center is located at 112 East 11th Street (southeast corner of the Capitol grounds) in the restored 1856-57 General Land Office building. The three-story castle-like structure reflects the mid-19th century mock-medieval revival architectural style and is the oldest state office building in Texas.
- Texas State Preservation Board - The State Preservation Board was established in 1983 by the 68th Legislature for the purpose of preserving, maintaining and restoring the State Capitol and the General Land Office buildings and their contents and grounds for the benefit of the citizens of Texas.
- The Bullock Texas State History Museum - The museum is located at 1800 Congress Ave. in Austin. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 512-936-8746.

# In My Opinion

## Morris thanks two Good Samaritans

In our world that is constantly bombarded with bad news, I wanted to share some good news regarding our community. It was an embarrassing situation for me, riding home on the hike & bike trail, because I fell off my bike in rainy weather. Two different people stopped in their vehicle to make sure I was ok. I was even given a bandaid by one gentleman. In this midst of my embarrassment, I was so encouraged that two different strangers would stop to check on me. Thank you so much to the gentleman and young woman that stopped. It gave me great encouragement that there are caring people in our community!

His daughter graduated from Dobie High School and his son attended Moore Elementary. He knows of the concerns held by parents, students, and teachers firsthand. He has the business experience to help guide the board in sound financial decisions. Change though not easy is necessary. The current board has had most of the same members as long as I can remember. I am a product of Dobie High School as are my three children, my youngest being a senior at Dobie this year. I am a substitute teacher for Pasadena school district and an education major. I know Mr. Maricle is following current education issues at the state level to ensure local schools have the best opportunity to educate our children. I would ask the community to support Mr. Maricle in the upcoming election on May 9. Your vote counts!

Diane Morris

## Walker: Fernandez for school board

I just want to let everyone know that Kenny Fernandez is the man for the job as Pasadena ISD school board member. Here are the reasons why:

1. He attended and graduated from PISD schools (Dobie in '93). He therefore knows our schools and our school district quite well.
2. We need a young voice for the South Belt area who will want to help our schools and teachers in this area continue to move upward in the 21st century.
3. He is a businessman working with children everyday in the South Belt. That's a two for one good thing...active businessman and meeting the needs of children.
4. As I wrote earlier, he grew up in the South Belt and knows what we need out here.

I've known Kenny Fernandez for over 23 years. He's a fine upstanding young man, husband, father, son, and friend. He needs your vote.

Mary Walker

## Dawn McDonald endorses Maricle

I would like to express my support of Mr. Chuck Maricle for Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees Position 7. Mr. Maricle has received the endorsement of the Houston / Pasadena area American Federation of Teachers and I wholeheartedly agree. Mr. Maricle is a captain in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and runs his own business based here in South-Belt.

## St. Rep. Dennis Paul sends note of thanks

Eliza and I would like to thank everyone who attended our district office's grand opening. We had over 100 guests including friends, family members, small business owners and our local newspapers who came to celebrate with us. The turnout was way beyond our expectations. I would like to send a special thank you to Cindy Harreld and the rest of the Clear Lake Chamber for helping us with the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Additionally, I wanted to recognize Boeing's Brian Freedman for his special presentation.

As I mentioned, I plan to have a town hall meeting after the adjournment of the 84th regular session. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our staff in the Capitol and new district office. We appreciate hearing from all members of our community.

If you would like to stay informed throughout the rest of the legislative session, please subscribe to our weekly newsletter. You can also visit Texas Legislature Online, which is a great resource for citizens to learn about the legislative process and keep up with important legislation. Again, your attendance was greatly appreciated, and your presence was a great honor for us!

Sincerely,  
Dennis Paul  
State Representative House District 129

# Goodbye Charlie auditions set

Pasadena Little Theatre will hold auditions for *Goodbye Charlie*, a play by George Axelrod and directed by Revis Bell, May 3-4 at the theater located at 4318 Allen-Genoa Road in Pasadena.

*Goodbye Charlie* is a knockout farce about a cad, a womanizer, with a foul mouth and taste for booze. Killed highlighting it from a lover's husband's yacht, Charlie "returns" as a woman (cigar in hand) and gets a

second chance at life and love.

Written by the playwright of *The Seven Year Itch*, the debut Broadway run starred Lauren Bacall as the title character to be followed by Debbie Reynolds along with Tony Curtis in the film adaptation.

Characters needed are:

- Greg Morris, a male age 35-55; George Tracy, a male age 35-40; Franny Saltzman, a female age 35-45; Irving, a

male age 35-55; Mr. Shriber, a male age 30-55; Rusty Mayerling, a female age 35-45; Charlie, a female age 25-35 (prefer statuesque body type).

Auditions will consist of cold reads from the script. Bring a resume and headshot if you have one. It will be lovely to meet both evenings of auditions. The show runs June 12 through June 28.

For more information, email [revisbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revisbell@sbcglobal.net).

# South Belters are warned about calls coming from IRS frauds

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are threatened with deportation, arrest, having their utilities shut off, or having their driver's licenses revoked. Callers are frequently insulting or hostile - apparently to scare their potential victims.

Potential victims may be told they are entitled to big refunds, or that they owe money that must be paid immediately to the IRS. When unsuccessful the first time, sometimes phone scammers call back trying a new strategy.

Other characteristics of this scam include:

- Scammers use fake names

and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.

- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.

- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.

- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.

- Victims hear background noise of other calls being con-

ducted to mimic a call site.

- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

- If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes, or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is

such an issue.

- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill, or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the treasury inspector general for tax administration at 1-800-366-4484.

- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS,

include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Taxpayers should be aware that there are other unrelated scams (such as a lottery sweepstakes) and solicitations (such as debt relief) that fraudulently claim to be from the IRS.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as

text messages and social media channels.

The IRS also does not ask for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Recipients should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Instead, forward the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

More information on how to report phishing scams involving the IRS is available on the genuine IRS website at [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

## Local library events set

### Parker Williams Branch

The following events are scheduled this week at the Parker Williams Branch Library, 10851 Scarsdale Blvd.

Movie Time for Adults will present *Movies of the '40s* on Thursday, April 23, at 2 p.m. The feature presentation will be *Suspicion* starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine.

On Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m. The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation honors those who have served with exemplary service by telling their stories of personal bravery and self-sacrifice through a series of different lessons. Come join the library for a discussion on leadership.

Teen DIY will be held Monday, April 27, at 4 p.m. Twist the wire and bend metal to make unique metal rings sized just right.

On Wednesday, April 29, at 4 p.m., Marvel Moon Explore is scheduled. Learn through fun activities about the formation of the moon and creation of craters.

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.

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

### Book donations

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 Blvd.

### Bracewell Branch Library

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

Tuesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Family storytime, followed by a storytime-themed craft and playtime at 11 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. - Kid's Craft.

Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. - Toddler storytime; 11 a.m. - Toddler playtime; 2 p.m. - Computer Basics; 3:15 p.m. - Internet Basics; 4:30 p.m. - Intro to MS PowerPoint.

Thursdays: 2 p.m. - Computer Help Session; 6 p.m. - ESL Beginners; 6:30 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - Computacion Basica 1; 12 p.m. - ESL Beginners; 1 p.m. - ESL Advanced.

Thursday, April 23: 6 p.m. - Not Your Mama's Book Club will discuss *#GIRLBOSS* by Sofia Amoruso.

Saturday, April 25: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Citizenship Class.

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 on these and other programs, call the Bracewell Library at 832-393-2580.

# Death

## Gregory Lee Marshall



Gregory Lee Marshall, 66, a former longtime South

Belt resident, died on Sunday, April 12, 2015. He was born in Somerset, Ky., on April 30, 1948, the son of the late Robert L. and Alleen Allison Marshall.

A graduate of Franklin County High School and Eastern Kentucky University, Marshall was an elementary school teacher (Weber Elementary) and principal (Greene Elementary), spending many years in Houston.

A member of the Methodist church, he enjoyed quilting, painting and flower gardening.

Survivors include his brother, Charles R. (Alice) Marshall; sister Kay A. (Tom) Bowman; nieces Brooke

(Brandon Garrett), Tara (Bo) Cracraft, Beth Marshall, Sarah Hopper, and Ashley Marshall; and nephew Lee Marshall.

Services were held at Rogers Funeral Home in Frankfort, Ky., at noon on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Interment followed in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Rachel Marshall officiated the services.

Pallbearers were Kendall Butler, Paul Mitchell, Bo Cracraft, Lee Marshall, Larry Marshall, Brandon Garrett and Tom Bowman.

The family suggests contributions in Marshall's memory be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

## Frazier students, nurse honored



Three Frazier Owls were recently recognized for being outstanding members of the community by the Pasadena Noon Optimist Club. Receiving an award for being an outstanding staff member was Frazier's nurse, Rebecca Shelton. Sophia Rodriguez and Jacob Reyna received outstanding citizenship awards. Pictured are, left to right, (front row) Sophia Rodriguez, third-grader; Jacob Reyna, fourth-grader; (back row) Rebecca Shelton, nurse; and Principal Wendy Wiseburn. Photo submitted

## Older adults, people with disabilities focus of conference May 7-8

State and national policy makers will gather at the Building Bridges conference to discuss long-term services and support initiatives for older adults and people with disabilities. Harris County Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Center will sponsor the conference May 7-8 at the Crowne Plaza, 8686 Kirby Drive.

Dr. Thomas Freeman of Texas Southern University will be the keynote speaker. Freeman, a distinguished professor of forensics, coaches TSU's debate team and directs the Honors College.

Social workers and affiliated human services professionals will receive six CEUs. Community health workers and psychologists will receive six contact hours.

Register online at [bridges.conference.eventbrite.com](http://bridges.conference.eventbrite.com) or call 832-393-4391 for more information.

## PISD students achieve All-State recognition

Six students from Pasadena Independent School District were recently named members of the All-State Band, Orchestra and Choir, the highest individual level in music competition students can obtain at the high school level.

Students named as All-State members are required to audition at the district, region and area levels.

More than 60,000 students statewide auditioned in the process, but only about 1 percent receive the All-State recognition.

All-State honorees are:  
Dobie High School  
Elissa Nguyen, Orchestra  
- Viola; Roberto Zavaleta,  
Band - Eb Clarinet.

Pasadena Memorial High School  
Roberto Reyna, Choir - Bass 2; Terry Williams Jr.,

Band - Cornet/Trumpet  
Sam Rayburn High School  
Nadjalie Santos, Choir - Alto 2

South Houston High School  
John Ramirez- Choir - Bass 2



Pasadena Independent School District's 2014-2015 All-State Band, Orchestra and Choir qualifiers are, left to right, Terry Williams Jr. from Pasadena Memorial; Roberto Zavaleta from Dobie High School; John Ramirez from South Houston High School; Roberto Reyna from Pasadena Memorial High School; and Nadjalie Santos from Sam Rayburn High School. Photo submitted

## Dobie seeks gift basket items

Dobie High School is looking for items for gift baskets for teacher appreciation week. Items such as Bath and Body Works, Tech gadgets, jewelry, golf items, BBQ tools, beauty products like nail polish, etc., would be great items.

The plan is to put together as many baskets as possible and draw teacher winners. Submit items by May 1. Items can be dropped off at Dobie.

For more information, call Stefanie McKinney at 713-740-0370.

## Donations accepted for troops

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 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.

## Dobie sets reunions

### Class of 1970 45-year Reunion

The J. Frank Dobie Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion on July 25, from 6 to 11 p.m. at Las Brisas Mexican Bar and Grill. More details can be found on Facebook, search for "Dobie Class 1970 Reunion."

### Class of 1975 40-year Reunion

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.

## Boy Scouts visit SE Volunteer Fire Station



Wolf Den Cub Scouts from local Boy Scout Pack 692 recently visited the Southeast Volunteer Fire Station. Pictured beside one of the firetrucks are, left to right, Joaquin Caballero (first grade), firefighter/paramedic Jack Hunsacker, Jake Joslin (second grade), Zachary Owens (second grade), Sabino Hernandez Jr. (second grade), Fergus Bourandas (first grade), and firefighter Ross Schreck.

Photo submitted

## PISD candidates answer Leader questionnaire

The following questionnaire was sent to all the candidates running for Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees positions.

Their responses appear as they were received and have not been edited. The candidates are in the order in which they are listed on the ballot.

### PISD Board Position 5

#### Larry Savala



**NAME:** Larry Savala  
**AGE:** 60  
**OCCUPATION:** A social worker educated in the public school system of Texas  
**EDUCATION:** Attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** My wife, Molly Rocha Savala, is a counselor at Jenson Elementary school and we have been married 37 years. We have 4 wonderful children, "Our 1st born child Larry was killed in 2006", and have 5 beautiful grandchildren.

**How long have you lived in the school district?**  
I've lived 25 years in the Pasadena ISD District.

**Why do you want to hold this position?**  
I currently serve on the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees Position 5. I was appointed to this position in June of 2014. At the time of my appointment to the Board I did not know any of the Board members. It was an honor to be chosen by them. I love serving families and children. Having raised children of my own gives me the understanding and sensitivity on what other parents hope for regarding their children's education. It takes a lot of wisdom to help guide a growing school district like ours. It also takes good Board members to approve or disapprove the Superintendents goals and mission for our district. To be a good Board member takes time. Board members need to stay current on issues concerning State funding, education, community growth, teacher pay, keeping our facilities safe, and so much more. I want to continue applying what I've learned to have the best Board possible and to serve our community well!

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**  
My 35 years of experience developing relationships with government, faith based and community organizations, business, juvenile justice allows me to bring key understanding to the Board.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**  
I would stay current and voice my opinion on issues concerning State funding to public schools. Our legislature needs to hear from our parents before they make decisions with our money. Another issue is the recruitment, retaining, and training of quality teachers and staff. There's a need to develop, prepare and plan for population growth and how that will affect our limited building space.

**Have you done any community service in the district?**  
In 2007 I began the Larry's Gift Christmas Celebration named in honor of my son Larry. All elementary schools in Pasadena are asked to select 2 families in crisis and my family along with hundreds of volunteers and the students of Pasadena High School host the families on a Saturday before Christmas. All children are given prewrapped toys, clothes, food and lots of fun for Christmas. I also founded the annual girl's conference in Pasadena. Over 300 girls from the Pasadena school district attend the one day conference that educates, inspires, and motivates our girls to be the best they can be. On June 2nd I will host the 1st boys conference designed like our girls conference. Over 300 of our Pasadena ISD boys will attend. I am actively involved in a fatherhood initiative that promotes strong father/child relationships. I am also the co-developer of the Path to College parent engagement initiative we piloted in Pasadena ISD schools 2 years ago and is now in 28 schools and growing.

**High school enrollment numbers are currently 3,808; 2,900; 2,792; 2,445; and 2,400. What would you do to even this out?**  
Our population is growing. There is concern for school space. The Superintendent and his cabinet are addressing this issue with the Board. We are aware of it and will help strategize. Planning like this involves the districts business partner-

ships and smart use of our space. We will have a plan in place as we look at every campus need.

**Do you support prekindergarten going to a full day, rather than the existing half day? Why or Why not?**

Everyone knows that early childhood development is important to our families and to the education of our children. I would like to see full time pre-k classes. Studies show us that early childhood education and parent engagement together will produce a love for learning.

**What would you do (if elected) or have you done (if already serving) to support district employees (teacher, staff, etc.)?**

I would continue to support teacher pay increases, training on best practices, hiring and developing strong leadership in all areas of our district. Our employee's need to feel supported and appreciated. All of our staff needs and wants continuing education in the areas of their jobs. I would like to continue being part of a team that does this.

**What would you do to combat illegal drug use on campus?**

Our district has a great police force and we have partnerships with agencies that provide support for our campuses in the area of substance abuse. We have to continue enforcing our policy at the campuses and provide safety for our children. At the same time we will continue assisting families that have children caught up in drugs with help from community resources.

**Why do you feel you should be elected over your opponents?**

I was appointed to this position by the Board of Trustees. There was a reason they selected me to this position. I have more experience working in this district than my opponents. I can communicate with all families in our community and do this well. The only desire I have is to serve, be a servant, and to represent our schools with dignity and respect.

#### Kenny Fernandez



**NAME:** Kenny Fernandez  
**AGE:** 40  
**OCCUPATION:** President/CEO North American Shipping Agencies and Owner Little Longhorns Daycare  
**EDUCATION:** Atkinson, Beverly Hills, Dobie, San Jacinto Junior College, Sam Houston State University  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Kasie Fernandez (wife and teacher/coach at Pasadena Memorial HS) Kaden (5th grade son at Melillo Middle School) Kenzie (2nd grade daughter South Belt Elementary)

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I was born and raised in this district and I have called it home for the last forty years.

**Why do you want to hold this position?**

I want to serve as a board member because I have a vested interest in our community. My children attend Pasadena schools. I want, not only for my children, but all of the children in this community to thrive and experience success while in our schools. Giving back to a community which has given me so much is a huge part of my decision to run for this position. Serving our district in this role is a perfect opportunity for me to do my part in paying it forward.

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**

As an owner of a day-care business in the South Belt area and the CEO/President of an international maritime business, both located in PISD, I bring to the table a different perspective that would contribute to the overall success of our district and community.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**

I believe preparing our students for college and career readiness is a challenge in that many of tomorrow's jobs don't exist today. I believe our district's strategic plan addresses these challenges and I look forward to supporting that plan with adequate resources so our students are afforded every opportunity to meet their college or career goals.

**Have you done any community service in the district?**

I currently serve as a board member to the South Belt-Ellington Chamber of Commerce and a member of the education committee. I serve on the P.I.S.D. Student Health Advisory Council. I am

also a member of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce where I serve as co-chair of the Rugged Race committee. I am a member of Pasadena Noon Optimist Club and Pasadena Rotary. I have served as a board member to Sagemont Beverly Hills Little League and YMCA (Pasadena). Most importantly, I am a member of Freeway Baptist Church. If you are not familiar with these organizations and what we do, I urge you to look into it and help make a difference.

**High school enrollment numbers are currently 3,808; 2,900; 2,792; 2,445; and 2,400. What would you do to even this out?**

I supported and worked on the PISD bond approval this past year. This bond has allowed for Dobie to get immediate relief through a Ninth Grade campus. While this does not address inequities in enrollment in the other schools it allows Dobie to provide a better education to its students. CTHS is still in its infancy and I foresee more students enrolling in the future to provide a better balance across the district.

**Do you support prekindergarten going to a full day, rather than the existing half day? Why or Why not?**

Regardless of the fact that I am a Daycare owner, I fully support full day pre-kindergarten for all of our students. We need to prepare our kids earlier and by providing all students the opportunity to begin school at the age of 4 instead of 5, we give them a head start. This will give them the social skills they need and allow them to adapt to a structured learning environment and levels the playing field for our kids when they will have to compete with students who have been historically provided these opportunities in the private sector.

**What would you do (if elected) or have you done (if already serving) to support district employees (teacher, staff, etc.)?**

Teachers, administrators and staff keep our schools going. They are the ones who work closely with our students day in and day out. They see the needs of our students and they have great ideas. I want to make sure those needs are met and I want them to know their voices will be heard. After all, I am just a parent of kids in our public schools who wants the best possible education and opportunities for my children, as well as all kids in our school system.

**What would you do to combat illegal drug use on campus?**

With the backing of the PISD Police Officers, the district is doing a great job of keeping officers in and around all school campuses. A great tool that the students use is Crime Stoppers, where the students can report any illegal activity and be compensated. The students need and want to attend schools that are safe and where they aren't feeling threatened. Educating our students from an early age about the dangers and consequences of drug usage will continue to be a priority if I'm elected.

**Why do you feel you should be elected over your opponents?**

As I have mentioned, I am a life-long resident and product of Pasadena ISD. I have chosen to raise my family here and want to do what I can to give back to my community. I see and hear of the needs of our community and wish to be part of finding solutions to some of the issues our district is facing with budget cuts and unfunded mandates that continue to place burdens on our public educational system. As a husband of a teacher and coach of PISD, a parent of two children who attend PISD schools and the son of a retired PISD teacher, I believe I am well qualified to speak on behalf of the strengths and weaknesses of our system and how we can improve on the issues our district faces. I feel strongly in making that investment and that is why I am the best candidate for Position 5.

**Alvino G. Gonzalez**

**NAME:** Alvino G. Gonzalez  
**AGE:** 46  
**OCCUPATION:** Entrepreneur, Partner and President of SoluSec General Services  
**EDUCATION:** University of Houston-Clear Lake: Bachelors of Science-Business Finance  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married (Pamela P. Gonzalez 27 years) 4 children (Alexander, Viktor, Miriam, and Isai Alexander (grandson))

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I have lived in the district for 34 Years. I attended South Houston Intermediate in 1981 and graduated from South Houston High in 1987.

**Why do you want to hold this position?**

I want to hold position for three reasons. First of all, to give the parents of Pasadena ISD a voice on the board of trustees by having an "Open-Door-Policy." Second, to help the board resolve the persistent issue of overcrowding in schools. Thirdly, to help establish a Pre-K program for all families of Pasadena ISD that allows students to attend for the full day.

**I believe I am better suited for the position because I do not subscribe to the current beliefs that administrators know better than parents, that we can build our way out of overcrowded schools, and that a full day Pre-K program is unaffordable for all the families. If elected, I will address all three issues.**

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**

I'm a parent of three children that attended and graduated from Pasadena ISD schools. I am familiar on how the district conducts business.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**

Pasadena ISD faces many modern issues like school overcrowding, lack of parental involvement, and low test scores. The most persistent and easily solvable issue is establishing a full day Pre-K program for all the families of Pasadena ISD. Research shows that children from a community with a full day Pre-K program have better test scores and are more likely to graduate the university. If elected, I plan to petition the current president of the board of trustees to put the matter on the agenda and make the motion to approve a full day Pre-K program for all the families by 2018.

**Have you done any community service in the district?**

Yes, since 2011 I have been on the Durham Park Community Association Board of Directors and I am also on the MUD #381 Board of Directors, both within the boundaries of the district. Although I have not done any service directly for the district, if I was approached, I would gladly serve in any capacity.

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**Both my opponents have ties and a close relationship with the current board of trustees and one was hand picked over the other to fill a vacant seat. The most dangerous part of this relationship is that both are not willing to challenge the board of trustees on any issues, they simply tow the line and call it "Good Leadership" or "Team Player".**

**I am not willing or going to tow any ones line that is not a parent of Pasadena ISD. If you feel I am trustworthy to keep my promise, it would be a great privilege to serve as your Pasadena ISD Trustee Position 5.**

### PISD Board Position 6

#### Lydia Velasquez

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**NAME:** Lydia Velasquez  
**AGE:** 67 years old  
**OCCUPATION:** Retired Teacher

**EDUCATION:** B.A. - University of Houston, Central; Post Graduate - University of St. Thomas and University of Houston-Clear Lake.

**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** I am a widow and divorced with three sons who attended schools in the Pasadena Independent School District (PISD).

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I have lived in PISD for 38 years.

**Why do you want to hold this position?**

I am a retired teacher and believe that the biggest challenges facing PISD is to be fiscally responsible while increasing all teachers' salary. Also, the district can help garner more respect for teachers by students, parents and administration.

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**

My sons attended PISD and graduated from the University of Houston. I owned and maintained Golden Personnel Service. Presently I am a retired Teacher.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**

Specific issues I would address is to provide local citizen governance and oversight of education which remain important to parent and child. Another issue would be to act on behalf of the citizens of PISD and be a guardian of the public trust and is ultimately responsible for the success and failure of local public education. Another issue I would address would be to serve as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first.

**Have you done any community service in the district?**

I went to garage sales in the area every Saturday to buy uniforms, shoes and coats for children whose family could not afford them. I also bought merchandise for the varied class subject centers. I also volunteered with school festivals and science fairs. We bought Holiday feasts for needy families.

**High school enrollment numbers are currently 3,808; 2,900; 2,792; 2,445; and 2,400. What would you do to even this out?**

Three things I would do to improve student achievement in high schools in PISD are:

1.) Build public support and understanding of public education. Serve as a link between the school system and the public.

2.) Lead the public in demanding a high-quality education and respond to constituents' concerns.

3.) To help establish a climate for change when change is appropriate. The concern should always be on providing the highest quality of education for all students.

**Do you support prekindergarten going to a full day, rather than the existing half day? Why or Why not?**

I support prekindergarten going to a full day. A four-year old child can learn and retain much information during this formative age.

**What would you do (if elected) or have you done (if already serving) to support district employees (teacher, staff, etc.)?**

A specific issue would be the priorities in terms of the budget achieved by the district having a clear direction of a shared vision and goals. This vision should articulate and guide the district toward its

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## May doubleheader at community theater

Clear Creek Community Theatre continues its 50th anniversary season with two shows during May.

**Boeing-Boeing**, the classic French farce about self-styled lothario, Bernard, and his three beautiful, air hostesses fiancées whose lives are thrown off schedule by the introduction of a new Boeing jet, continues through May 10. Add to the mix longtime friend Robert in town for a business trip and the droll antics of Bernard's dedicated housekeeper, Berthe, and

nonstop laughter ensues.

Next up is **Tom Jones** which runs May 29 through June 14. Young Tom Jones, founding and ward of Squire Allworthy, is deeply in love with Sophia and she with him, but her father has arranged for her to marry the Squire's sneaky nephew (and heir), young Blifil. The romance is discovered, Tom is banished, and Sophia, with her maid, Honour, sets out to find him. They are followed by Sophia's father, his sister, Squire Allworthy

and Blifil. All find madcap adventures on the road to London and meet with many strange characters. The amusing and unexpected solution to their problems captures all the laugh-a-minute hilarity for which **Tom Jones** is famous.

Performances for both shows are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m.

on Sundays.

Tickets are \$13 to \$15 and can be purchased online at [www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com](http://www.clearcreekcommunitytheatre.com) or by contacting the box office at 281-335-5228. Group rates are also available.

Clear Creek Community Theatre is located at 18091 Upper Bay Road in Nassau Bay.

## Gulfhaven SDA hosts special presentation

The public is invited to bring friends and family to Gulfhaven SDA Church for a special presentation by Dr. Dave Jamieson on Saturday, April 25.

The event will take place at 11 a.m. at the church located at 10716 Sabo Road in Houston.

Jamieson, a sought-after speaker in the United States and abroad, will

present **Innovative Community Service that makes an Impact**, challenging and inspiring everyone to impact their community through Acts of Kindness, Extreme Servolution and Kingdom Assignment.

For more information about this event or Gulfhaven SDA Church, call 713-944-6912 or 832-433-2732.

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## Honor Your 2015 Graduate in the June 4 issue!

This size ad is \$66 plus \$8 to include a picture

**Class of 2015**  
Congratulations to our son **Jim Washington**  
We are very proud of you! You have grown up to be one amazing young man through thick & thin. We have never been prouder of you. Never. We love you and loved you unconditionally. We can't wait to see you compete & succeed at the next level of your life!  
Dad, Mom, Jacob and Baylee

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Congratulations to **Stephanie Love**  
J. Frank Dobie Class of 2015  
So proud of all your accomplishments.  
We trust you will be successful in your future endeavors. You always worked hard and excelled in all your subjects. Having achieved an academic rank as a student is a great honor that you should cherish with great pride. Remember to keep God in your heart and he will guide you in the right direction. God Bless you.  
We Love you - Dad and Mom

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**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Sam L. Williams**  
We are proud of you. You have achieved an academic rank as a student is a great honor that you should cherish with great pride. Remember to keep God in your heart and he will guide you in the right direction. God Bless you.  
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**J. Frank Dobie Class of 2015**

**VOTE IN THE PASADENA ISD SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

# Pasadena ISD students excel in art, writing competition

More than 50 students across Pasadena Independent School District participated in this year's Harris County Department of Education Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

These young artists compete among several other public school districts, charter and private schools as well as home-schooled students. Winning art and writing entries were judged from approximately 5,000 entries at the regional level.

With an impressive victory, students from Pasadena ISD took home 18 Gold Key and 20 Silver Key awards.

Local students who received a Gold Key Award or Silver Key Award are:

**Gold Key Winners**  
Beverly Hills Intermediate - Kay Duong.  
Dobie High School - Dona Nguyen.  
Pasadena Memorial - Nancy Marroquin (winner of two Gold Key Awards), Alex Sechelski and Makena Washington.  
**Silver Key Winners**  
Dobie High School - Linda Ly, Linh Pham, Uyen Pham, Erika Rubio, Joanne Tran, Rosa Velasquez and Van Vu.  
Pasadena Memorial - Mary Nguyen and Makena Washington.

# Out of Cordoba director visits UHCL

*Out of Cordoba*, a documentary about the struggle for coexistence between Jews, Muslims and Christians, will be presented by University of Houston-Clear Lake's Office of Student Life on Saturday, May 2, at 7 p.m. in the university's Bayou Theater, in the Bayou Building, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The documentary tells the story of several modern people of faith who are challenging the clash between the West and the Muslim world and the incompatibility between Islam and democracy.

Following the documentary will be a presentation by the film's director, Jacob Bender, a documentary filmmaker, video producer, photographer, graphic designer and interfaith consultant with more than 30 years of experience.

This free film is presented in partnership with the Film and Speaker Series, the Council for American Islamic Relations, and UHCL Model Arab League Student Organization.

For more information, call 281-283-2560 or visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/movies>.

# Over The Back Fence by Alexis

**RELAX & ENJOY, KENNETH**  
Happy birthday wishes are extended to **Kenneth Griffin** on his special day Friday, April 24. His wife, **Bobby**, family, friends and the *Leader* staff wish him a very relaxing and wonderful birthday.

**SCHOOL DAZE**  
The following personnel and staff members of the Pasadena Independent School District celebrate birthdays April 23 through April 29.

**Frazier Elementary**  
**Melba Donatto** and **Meredith Rives** celebrate a double birthday April 29.

**Moore Elementary**  
The day for a birthday party for **Deedee Pitts** is April 25.

**Stuchbery Elementary**  
**Charyl Lyons** is wished a happy birthday April 23.

**Melillo Middle School**  
The day for a birthday cake for **Courtney Brogdon** is April 23. On April 26, **Bridget Bellach** celebrates a birthday. The day for a birthday cake for

**Jacqueline Carmona** is April 27.

**Beverly Hills Intermediate**  
Double birthday greetings are sent to **Criselda Bocanegra** and **Anita Lopez** April 24. Blow out the birthday candles April 29 for **Matrice Henry**.

**Thompson Intermediate**  
Light the candles April 29 for a double celebration for **Nicole Horne-Sherman** and **Melissa Taylor**.

**Dobie High**  
Blow out the birthday candles April 24 for **Lynn Capell** and **Audrey Sacramento**. The day for a birthday present for **Sharon Klass-Glumac** is April 25. Celebrating a birthday April 27 are **Diane Dexter** and **Amber Allan**. Light the birthday candles April 29 for **Nora Ben-Achour**.

**FACEBOOK FRIENDS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**  
The *Leader* sends happy birthday wishes to its Facebook friends who celebrate a birthday this week:  
Thursday, April 23: **Lewis Reyna, Mandy Lewis and Ashley Coppens**; Friday, April 24: **Dakota Golightly, Charles Chassay, Theresa Flower, Jessica Poltorak, Lisa Castellano, April Broussard-Hobartsch and Claudia Espinoza**. Saturday, April 25: **Rebecca Castonguay, Anne Seaton, Steve Jones, Misty Kuehn and Liana Pena**; Sunday, April 26: **Traci Thompson, Steve Patterson, Stephen Brady and Dan Fortson**; Monday, April 27: **Emily Walker, Erika Gonzalez, Christopher Malek, Pam Navarre, Mary Pinkerton, Freda Mathews, Paula Morley, Amber Allan and Penelope Villeda**; Tuesday, April 28: **Ralph Jackson, Kelly Schwell, Jason Stonestreet, Monica Rasmussen and Carrie Ramirez**; and Wednesday, April 29: **Kevin James, Jonathan Ellis, Ben Bryant and Melissa Rahman**.

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

# Information offered about veterans and stress

University of Houston-Clear Lake's Capt. Wendell M. Wilson's Office of Veteran Services welcomed Kathleen Molitor from the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center Suicide Prevention Center, and Harvey Levin from Baylor College of Medicine to discuss the latest research on post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury and veteran suicide prevention.

University faculty, staff, students and some community college guests were invited to listen and discuss how best to serve veterans.

The presentation included a question-and-answer session with Molitor, a licensed clinical social worker who has served as a suicide prevention coordinator for the last six years at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, and Levin, a professor in the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine, as well as a research scientist at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center. Others in attendance included T'Liza M. Kiel, volunteer coordinator for the Gulf Coast Center.

For more information about UHCL's Capt. Wendell M. Wilson Office of Veteran Services, visit <http://www.uhcl.edu/vso> or call 281-283-3071.

# Graduate school hopefuls welcome for GMAT review

Looking to perform well for an upcoming GMAT exam? University of Houston-Clear Lake's Center for Executive Education welcomes students to a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) review Saturdays, May 16 through June 13, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the university's Bayou Building, Room 2234, 2700 Bay Area Blvd.

The first day of the course, the students will learn about the exam, including test format, rules for the computer exam, test-taking strategies and areas of assessment.

They will also cover reading comprehension and practice sentence correction.

Day 2 will consist of critical reasoning and an analytical writing assessment.

Days 3 and 4 will focus on problem-solving, data sufficiency and integrated reasoning.

Course fee is \$499, with a \$50 discount to those who register before May 8. Class will not take place May 23 due to the Memorial Day holiday. To register, visit <http://cee.uhcl.edu> or call the Center for Executive Education at 281-283-3120.

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# Moore Mighty Hawks get rugged



Pictured running are, left to right, David Garcia (third grade), Anthony Gossett (fourth grade) and Jade Scott (third grade).

The Moore Mighty Hawks Running Club participated in the 2015 Rugged Race, sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce. Students, staff and parents participated in the run.

Obstacles included tunnels, a mud pit, barrels, and a water slide. The proceeds of the run will go toward building playgrounds at selected schools.



Above are, left to right, Angelina Rapalo, Annette Rodriguez, Christopher Garcia, Daniela Cantu, Jade Scott and Cancio Knox-Limbacker.



Moore Elementary Mighty Hawks pictured are, left to right, (front row) Javier Rangel, Cesar Rodriguez, Angelina Rapalo, Annette Rodriguez, Cancio Knox-Limbacker, David Garcia, Daniela Cantu, (middle row) Christina Le-Tran, Natalie Hernandez, Christopher Garcia, Anthony Gossett, Kelcey Davis, Romy Graham, Ainsley Willis, Deedee Pitts, Jennifer Meier, Veronica Rangel, Cindy Walker, (back row) Martha Perales, Elizabeth Liembach, Angelica Perez, Randi Howard, Eduardo Ledezma, Paula Carter, Caden Carter, Marie Alanis, Maury Klann, Jade Scott, Dora Flowers, Theron Willis and Jill Lacamu.

# Remember When

**35 years ago (1980)**  
J. Frank Dobie student Jill Miller was chosen as Miss Pasadena and became eligible to compete in the Miss Texas competition. The *South Belt Leader* took two awards at the semi-

annual convention of the Texas Community Newspaper Association held in Dallas.

The Sagemeadow Utility District honored Sagemeadow resident Edna Po with a plaque recognizing her participation in promoting community improvements.

Lamar Winebrenner was elected president of the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees.

**30 years ago (1985)**  
Houston City Council Member Frank Mancuso headlined a long list of dignitaries at the grand opening of Fire Station 70 on Beamer.

Eighty-two percent of Sagemeadow residents responding to a ballot favored building a bridge to connect Sagemont to Wood Meadow via Sageglen Boulevard.

A runoff election in the Southbend Municipal Utility District was eliminated after Don Dutton withdrew from the race against Steve Morris.

**25 years ago (1990)**  
As part of the South Belt area Earth Day activities, Sen. Hugh Farmer from Fort Worth took the oath of office for governor for a day at a location adjacent to the Brio Superfund toxic waste dump.

Out of the 31 teachers at Weber Elementary, 13 had requested transfers to different schools for the upcoming school year.

Air samples collected at Weber revealed 2.2 ppb (parts per billion) of styrene. Previous testing had not produced any styrene.

**20 years ago (1995)**  
Tornado-like winds caused heavy damage in the South Belt area. No injuries were reported.

The San Jacinto College Board of Regents called a special meeting to discuss unauthorized pay raises to at least 22 employees during the past two years.

Frazier Elementary School teacher Ron Shafer celebrated 25 years of teaching by hosting former students at Frazier.

Clear Creek Independent School District announced a meeting to seek community input on a replacement for retiring superintendent Ronald K. McLeod.

**15 years ago (2000)**  
Dobie High School was the first Pasadena Independent School District "Recognized" high school.

A retirement dinner was held for Dobie's Phyllis Shaulis, Carole Wright, Myrleen Harper and principal Jerry Speer.

Harris County homicide officers released additional information regarding the shooting of Jonathan Barrica. They revealed that Barrica was shot through the door. Officers still had not disclosed the caliber of the weapon. Barrica's funeral had an overflow crowd of Dobie students and family.

**10 years ago (2005)**  
Nearly two weeks after the disappearance of Austin Childs, 19, John Zimmerman, 51, and Scott Keller, 41, there was still no trace of the three. They had gone fishing off Freeport and were lost. The Coast Guard had stopped its search, but others were still searching.

The Beverly Hills Intermediate Academic team went further than any other team in the school's history. The team was undefeated in PISD competition, and only

lost in national competition to Roland Park of Baltimore in the second round.

Todd Krampitz, 32, died after an 11-month battle with liver cancer. Krampitz had made national headlines with his campaign to find a liver donor.

**5 years ago (2010)**  
The City of Houston raised water and sewer rates by nearly 30 percent for an average single-family household. The increase would be phased in over the next three years. Roughly 12.5 percent of the 27.7 percent increase took effect June 1. The remaining 15 percent would be phased in every April 1 for three years beginning in 2011.

After serving nine years on the Pasadena Independent School District board, Vice President Frank Braden, who once served as Dobie principal, did not file to keep his seat.

A fourth-grade student riding his bike to Weber Elementary had a close brush with danger when he was struck by a vehicle leaving the area school. According to police, the child was able to jump from his bike, avoiding serious injury. His bike was not as fortunate, as it was heavily damaged in the collision. The child was treated by paramedics at the scene and released to attend school.

**1 year ago (2014)**  
Former Harris County Precinct 2 Sgt. Mike Kritzler was promoted to the rank of lieutenant for the local constable patrol. Former Precinct 2 Cpl. Robert Sanchez would replace Kritzler as sergeant.

Former longtime Thompson Intermediate head foot-

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# Pasadena ISD candidates respond to *South Belt Leader* questionnaire

## Lydia Velasquez

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greatest desires for the students, schools, staff, and supporting community.

**What would you do to combat illegal drug use on campus?**

I would make it difficult for students to obtain and use illegal drugs on campus. Zero tolerance should be implemented and enforced for those students selling or distributing drugs on or near the campus. I worked for the Federal Bureau of Houston and various offices in the Department of Justice and have an insight to the selling and distribution of illegal drugs.

**Why do you feel you should be elected over your opponents?**

I feel that my tenure as a teacher in elementary, middle school and high school has given me an insight to the problems and achievements in schools. I follow the Senate Budget and believe as Senator Sylvia Garcia does and has stated in this weeks South Belt Leader "that it failed to address billions of dollars in identified needs such as education, facilities, health care, prekindergarten and transportation."

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## Vickie Morgan



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**EDUCATION:** Attended University of Houston, Main Campus, seeking Bachelor of Science Degree  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married for 45 years to husband, Bill Morgan, Jr./ three daughters - Cheri Hutcherson, Stephanie Surendran and Jennifer Morgan

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

We moved to Pasadena 44 years ago because of the Pasadena School District. It was our desire to raise and educate our children here.

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ing PKISD as a second grader at Stuchbery. I moved back to the district shortly after graduating college.

**What would you do to combat illegal drug use on campus?**

Maintain vigilance and education of staff and district police force and maintain and enforce zero tolerance policy.

**Why do you feel you should be elected over your opponents?**

My experience, desire serve and efforts to be re-elected.

## PKISD Board Position 7

### Chuck Maricle

**NAME:** Chuck Maricle  
**AGE:** 54  
**OCCUPATION:** Owner Aixiz LLC/XK Sports (Engineer) and U.S. Coast Guard (AUX) USDHS  
**EDUCATION:** 1982 B.S. (Canisius College), doctoral studies 1999 General Motors Corp (GMI) Expert Systems Technology (dissertation published 1999) plus numerous military certifications  
**MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** Married (wife Xia), four (daughters Kate, Zi, Sarah) and son Charles

**How long have you lived in the school district?**

I have lived in the district since March of 1988, 27 years.

**Why do you want to hold the position?**

The challenge at hand is to modernize the skill set and change the operating culture of the board of trustees. Being dedicated to area vocational education and industry engagement, we have missed opportunities and can do better. Many have concerns over lack of collaboration before policies are set. What excites me about this opportunity is that I can take all the field experience, leadership and area industrial relationships I have earned through the years and bring them to bear for a common cause. We will unite our students, employees, community and industries as a team with an engaged Board.

**What qualifications do you have to hold this position?**

Military and manufacturing/port background and education, strong area political relationships, track record of collaboration for solving issues, experience leading large organizations.

**What specific issues would you address if elected?**

First, bring new opportunities to PKISD with a modern skill set on the board connected to and reflective of our port and other area industries. Second, change our culture and how we interact with our teachers, employees, elected officials and volunteer organizations, enabling much greater collaboration and engagement with the community. Listen to the community! Third, work to remove district induced classroom pressures allowing our teachers to be respected like professionals. Fourth, take a hard look at district financials and bond spending with a very conservative pen as to what is needed and what is not.

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## Annual South Belt Spectacular Cookoff set

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While no outside alcohol is allowed to be brought in by patrons, beer will be for sale on the cookoff grounds, along with barbecue sandwiches, sausage on a stick, turkey legs, cotton candy and snow cones.

Additional parking and shuttle service will be available at Dobie High School. Dobie students and attendees should know there will be no parking allowed on Hall Road for the duration of the event.

While it has traditionally been reserved for cookers, the parking lot closest to Beltway 8 will be closed to the public this year, as it will be reserved for hand-

icapped, a limited number of licensed Harris County employees and emergency vehicles.

Although not officially affiliated with the cookoff, parking will be available for a fee at Freeway Baptist Church, located at 8702 Kingspoint. Shuttle service will still be available for these drivers. Proceeds will go toward summer youth camps.

Attendees must enter

the cookoff at the Hall/Blackhawk gate near the Little League fields.

Those utilizing the shuttle service should look for signs and/or flashing lights for pick-up/drop-off sites. One new bus has recently been acquired, bringing the total number of shuttles to three. Shuttle hours will be 6 p.m. to close on Friday and 2 p.m. to close on Saturday.

"We don't want people

walking on the streets," said event organizer and *Leader* publisher Marie Flickinger. "Safety is our main concern. With the crowds getting as large as they are, we're doing everything we can to keep people safe."

Admission will be \$10 on Friday and \$5 on Satur-

day before 4 p.m. and \$10 after. Organizers are still seeking auction items and volunteers.

For additional information, see ad this page, contact the *Leader* at mynews@southbeltleader.com or visit the event's Facebook page at Southbelt Spectacular BBQ Cookoff.

## Celebrate Earth Day with Kites and Bikes!

On Saturday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bay Area's new Exploration Green will host its inaugural *Earth Day Celebration: Kites and Bikes!* in Clear Lake.

Free and open to all, festivities will include traditional outdoor games, running and walking, education and environmental activities and volunteer opportunities for visitors of all ages.

- Fly a Kite – bring a kite or borrow a kite to fly in 200 acres of open green space
- Bike or hike – about six miles of trails to explore in Exploration Green
- 5K Fun Trail Run – with prizes for top male and female finishers
- Geocaching – with "how-to" presentation at 9 a.m. to geocache all day
- ExGames – fun, traditional outdoors games to get the kids out to play
- Cyclo-Cross Mountain Bike races – enter races for beginners and those experienced in rugged, challenging cycling showcase
- Tree Nursery Info and Volunteering – learn from experts and help the trees grow
- Wetlands Information and Volunteering – learn to propagate, pot plants and check out scavenger hunt
- Hike and Bike Trail Maintenance Volunteering –

hands-on participation in the care of the park

- Volunteer Work-Day Opportunities – find out how you can help in the future
- Houston Police Department Bike Patrols – meet local officers and check out their bikes

Located at 16205 Diana Lane near the Clear Lake City Recreation Center, Exploration Green is a 200-acre green space – an environmental refuge dedicated to conservation, recreation and flood control.

Still in early development phases, it will eventually incorporate a world-class network of jogging trails, athletic fields, leisure and relaxation areas, scenic vistas, streams and ponds, picnic areas, among other amenities.

"We invite all area residents to come explore the new 200-acre green space and check out Earth Day activities," said event organizer Doug Peterson. "People are always amazed the space is open to the public once they're on Exploration Green's trails, even more so with all the Kites, Bikes and other events Saturday."

For general information, call 281-782-2721 or visit [www.ExplorationGreen.org](http://www.ExplorationGreen.org).

## Business women meet May 14

South East Express Network of the American Business Women's Association will welcome Karen Baker Blum as she presents *The Power of the Informal Women's Network*, at the meeting on Thursday, May 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral (private meeting room), 9115 Broadway (518) in Pearland.

The cost of \$20 covers the meal and meeting fee. For reservations, contact Patrice Thurston at 203-559-6124 or [patricethurston@americanenergypower.com](mailto:patricethurston@americanenergypower.com).

Baker Blum was raised in a family of high performance salespeople. She considers herself blessed to have received her people skills and "go-getter" gifts from both "nature and nurture."

son for 24 years, she is a graduate of Sandler Sales Institute, SPIN Selling and Tom Hopkins, as well as Team Management and Leadership Program at Landmark Education.

She has both a bachelor's and master's degree in coaching and training from Sage University and is currently engaged in her doctoral program to create three female millionaires.

Join Baker Blum, mentor and role model, as she expands one's vision to the potential impact of the informal women's network and offers a personal challenge that's worth accepting.

For more information, see the SEEN website at [www.SEEN-ABWA.org](http://www.SEEN-ABWA.org). Business women and men throughout the community are invited.

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## Dolphins to sign up players on April 25

The Southbelt Dolphins of the Bay Area Football League continue to register players for the 2015 season. The Dolphins will host a barbecue fundraiser along with registration for 9- to 10- and 11- to 12-year-old players Saturday, April 25, at the Shell located on Blackhawk.

A \$100 deposit and a copy of the player's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Preseason team workouts will begin in late July.

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## Segura, Jackets edge Dobie 1-0

Vanessa Segura simply enjoys playing against Dobie. It's a shame, too, because Dobie's Michelle Kristoff was brilliant in the circle for the Lady Longhorns through 6-plus innings.

Kristoff struck out Alvin's Alyssa Moscot to open the top of the seventh in a scoreless game. It was Kristoff's 10th strikeout against just two hits at the time.

Alvin's Amy Alexander then lifted a fly ball to right field for what appeared to be the second out of the inning.

Instead, Dobie's Allison Bravo misplayed the ball off her glove for a two-base error.

Two pitches later, Segura's RBI double to left-center field tied the game. She finished with a two-run, walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh inning, leading to a 5-4 victory for Alvin.

This time, with the No. 2 playoff seed likely hanging in the balance, Segura delivered yet again.

Back on March 19, Segura stunned Dobie with a two-run, walk-off homer in the bottom of the seventh inning, leading to a 5-4 victory for Alvin.

This time, with the No. 2 playoff seed likely hanging in the balance, Segura

## Dawson rallies late, tops Longhorns 6-3

The thrill of a 15-5 win over South Houston quickly dissipated less than 24 hours later as the Dobie varsity baseball team suffered a 6-3 loss to Dawson April 21 at Longhorn Field.

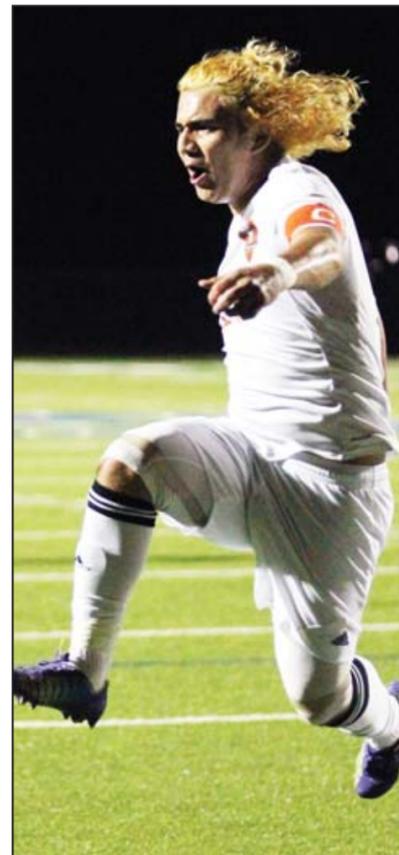
Trailing 3-2 in the top of the sixth, the Eagles played the tying run in that sixth inning and then added three runs in the top of the seventh, handing the Longhorns what could be a crucial defeat in the District 22-6A big picture.

Surging Alvin is 12-1 and could very well be headed for the league title should things go the way of the Yellowjackets.

Pearland, once ranked first in the state, is a half game behind Alvin but may need help to pull even down the stretch.

At 8-5, Dobie is now tied for third place with Dawson, with Manvel at 6-6.

## Sergio Q lands MVP



Dobie midfielder Sergio Quintanilla capped a tremendous senior season, grabbing Most Valuable Player honors in District 22-6A after leading the Longhorns to the league championship with an unbeaten record. Quintanilla later scored a pair of goals against Port Arthur Memorial to get his team to the area playoff round. See more 22-6A all-district selections on Page 2B.  
Photo by John Bechtle

## Area track meets are April 23-24

Athletes from Dobie and Clear Brook high schools will be among those competing for a spot at regionals as the area round of track and field meets are held.

Dobie will be in the mix along with area qualifiers from districts 21-6A and 22-6A at an area meet slated for North Shore High School's ninth grade campus Thursday, April 23.

As for the 23-6A/24-6A area meet, the action is set for Fort Bend ISD's Hightower High School on Friday, April 24.

There are plenty of regional hopefuls from Dobie and Clear Brook who would love to qualify for the Region III meet, which will be held this year May 1-2 at Alief ISD's Crump Stadium.

Brook features senior hurdler Raygen Smith, who has already made a pair of state meet appearances in the 300-meter hurdles but has battled a minor injury for much of the season.

Maygen Smith, Raygen's twin sister, could also figure prominently in the 400-meter run and 800-meter run events.

Clear Brook's 4x100-  
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## CB's Pearson tops Vargas at RIIs

Just like that, Ruben Vargas saw his star-studded varsity tennis career at Dobie come to an end.

In a match that might as well have taken place in the South Belt area, Clear Brook's Max Pearson defeated Vargas 6-2, 6-2 in opening-round play at the Region III Spring Championships April 21 at Deer Park High School.

Vargas, the three-time district champion while representing Dobie, played his final University Interscholastic League match for the school.

Pearson, who advanced to the Region III quarterfinals with the boys' singles win, was later downed 6-0, 6-1 by Houston Memorial's Dane Esses.

Elsewhere for Dobie, girls' singles player Lada Heng and the mixed doubles team of Luis Cabreja



Ruben Vargas of Dobie (left) and Clear Brook's Max Pearson congratulate one another after Pearson defeated Vargas 6-2, 6-2 in first-round action at the Region III Spring Tennis Championships April 21 at Deer Park High School.  
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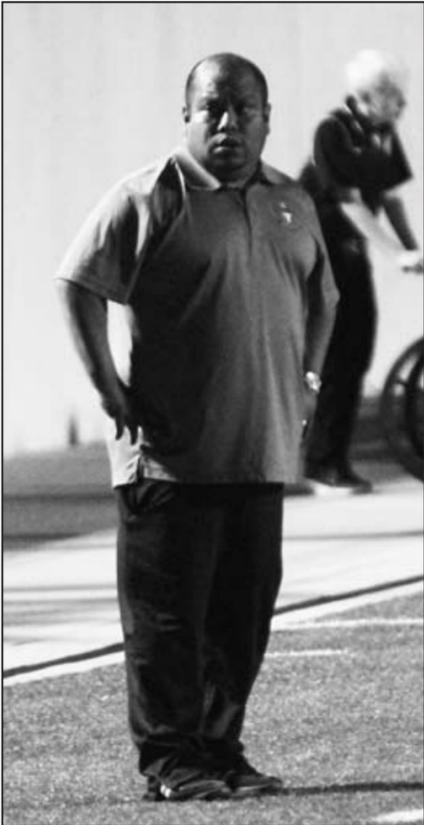
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# 22-6A boys' soccer coaches recognize champion Dobie players

The District 22-6A varsity boys' soccer champion Dobie Longhorns were well-represented as the league's coaches gathered to select the season's top performers. Senior midfielder Sergio Quintanilla (see photo on Page 1B) was chosen the league's Most Valuable Player after scoring eight goals and dishing six assists from his spot. Dobie's Justo Manrique was also awarded the Coach of the Year distinction after guiding the locals to an 11-0-5 record in 22-6A play.



Senior Nixon Urrutia (8) was all over the field this season for Dobie as he played a big role in the team's undefeated district championship run en route to making the 22-6A first team. Urrutia will play collegiately at Northern Illinois University this fall.



In his second season as the Dobie varsity boys' soccer coach, Justo Manrique made all the right moves while guiding the Longhorns to the 22-6A crown with an undefeated record of 11-0-5. For his work, Manrique was named Coach of the Year in the league. He later watched as the Longhorns won a bidistrict playoff match against Port Arthur Memorial in a penalty kick shootout.

## 22-6A Second Team Picks

### (Dobie Players Only)

- Rigoberto Fuentes, Jr. (GK)*
- Gerardo Infante, Sr. (Def.)*
- Jose Reyes, Jr. (Def.)*
- Jesus Eguia, Sr. (MF)*
- Andy Garcia, Soph. (MF)*

## 22-6A Honorable Mention

### (Dobie Players Only)

- Edwin Gomez, Sr. (Fwd.)*
- Jorge Martinez, Sr. (MF)*
- Nixon Melgar, Sr. (Fwd.)*
- Alejandro Flores, Soph. (Def.)*

## Most Valuable Player

*Sergio Quintanilla, Dobie, Sr.*

## Offensive Player of the Year

*Ciriaco Bonilla, Dawson, Jr.*

## Defensive Player of the Year

*Chris Rodriguez, Memorial, Jr.*

## Goalkeeper of the Year

*Diego Pineda, Pasadena, Jr.*

## co-Newcomers of the Year

*Lars Meyer, Dawson, Jr.*

*Martin Kober, Manvel, Soph.*

## Coach of the Year

*Justo Manrique, Dobie*

## Senior of the Year

*Julio Jimenez, Pasadena*



At left, Dobie defender Denis Lopez (left), shown battling a Dawson player for ball control during 22-6A play, earned a first-team berth after chipping in on the Longhorns' terrific defensive effort this season. In 23 overall games, including a 16-2-5 record, the Dobie defense surrendered just 27 total goals, and Lopez played a key role in that stat.



At left, Longhorn forward Josue Villalta was asked to step up in a big way when then leading scorer Edwin Gomez went down with a season-ending knee injury early in the season. Villalta did just that, scoring several big goals and assisting on others as he became a go-to player up front. He ended the season with nine goals and 15 assists. A junior, Villalta will undoubtedly be one of the important returnees for Dobie heading into the 2016 season next January. Villalta is also expected to return as the Longhorns' varsity football punter next season.

## 22-6A 1st Team All-District

*GK – Diego Vasquez, Memorial, Sr.*

*GK – Emilio Lopez, Alvin, Sr.*

*D – Carlos Martinez, Dobie, Sr.*

*D – Denis Lopez, Dobie, Jr.*

*D – Denzel Rodriguez, Memorial, Sr.*

*D – Erick Arrabide, Memorial, Sr.*

*D – Luis Araujo, Pasadena, Sr.*

*D – Omar Cabello, Pasadena, Soph.*

*D – Samson Tamijani, Rayburn, Sr.*

*D – Luis Guevara, South Houston, Sr.*

*D – Trey Alsetline, Pearland, Sr.*

*F – Joel Vasquez, Dawson, Sr.*

*F – Josue Villalta, Dobie, Jr.*

*F – Brandon Franco, Pasadena, Soph.*

*MF – Nixon Urrutia, Dobie, Sr.*

*MF – Sabino Lozano, Dobie, Soph.*

*MF – Jose Trevino, Memorial, Sr.*

*MF – Oziel Alcaraz, Pasadena, Jr.*

*MF – Ivan Rosales, Rayburn, Sr.*

*MF – Fernando Castaneda, S. Houston, Sr.*

*MF – Randy Bermea, Manvel, Jr.*

*MF – Jesus Juarez, Manvel, Sr.*

*MF – Logan Baker, Pearland, Sr.*

*MF – Nick Seydler, Dawson, Soph.*

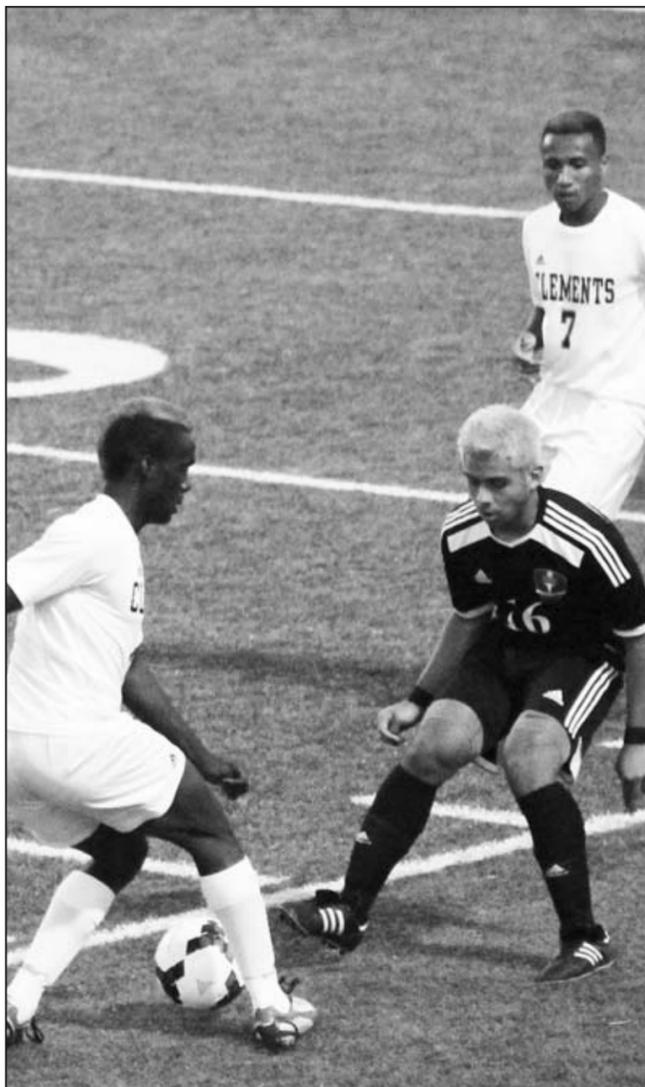
*MF – Nico Quiroz, Dawson, Jr.*

*MF – Jesus Limon, Alvin, Jr.*

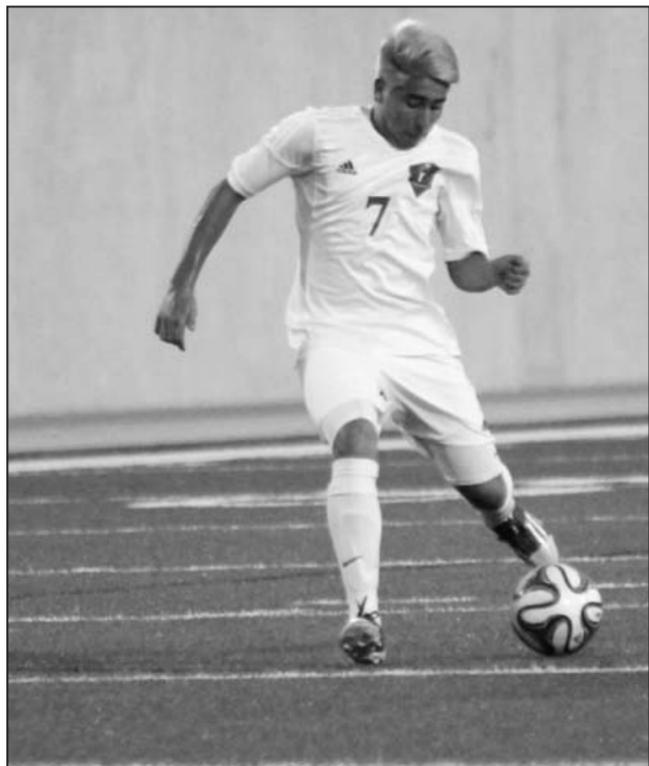
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Working against Efe Umaka of Clements during the area playoff match at Mercer Stadium in what would be his final game as a Longhorn, Dobie senior Carlos Martinez (16) showed the style of defensive tenacity that helped him grab a 22-6A first-team berth, as awarded by the league's head coaches.



At left, Sabino Lozano has been a standout for the Longhorns since he stepped onto the varsity boys' soccer field in 2014 as a freshman. For 2015, Lozano took his game to a higher level as he came away with nine goals and seven assists, leaving him tied for second on the team in goals scored. At season's end, the 22-6A head coaches honored Lozano with a first-team selection. Like teammate Jose Villalta, Lozano will be expected to take on a big role next season as Dobie aims to repeat its 22-6A title and make a deeper run in the playoffs.

# Rising Stars compete at Striders' track

Athletes in the Rising Stars Track Club continued to improve early this season, with another great team effort coming at the Northside Striders Invitational.

Camryn Dickson, an 11-year-old in the bantam division, stood out. Dickson scored two wins and a third-place finish over three events.

Dickson's wins came in the 100-meter dash (13.5 seconds) and the 200-meter dash (27.83).

Dickson's bronze medal for third place came in the 400-meter run (1 minute, 5.16 seconds).

Elsewhere in the bantam division, Cory'on Matthews ran the 400-meter event at 1:08.47 and also threw the shot put 20 feet, 5 inches.

Five athletes represented the Rising Stars in the primary division, where 7- and 8-year-olds compete.

Trevor Doswell came in at 17.78 in the 100-meter dash and completed the 400-meter distance at 1:47.38.

Gianni Gerami ran the 100-meter distance in a time of 17.91 and came through with a time of 1:54.12 in the 400-meter dash. Gerami also threw the shot put 7'6".

Noah Caballero scored a time of 17.34 in the 100-meter dash and came in at 1:17.30 in the 400-meter event.

Cabellero also ran the

1,500-meter distance at 6:11.40.

In the 100-meter dash, Menelik Gurnell posted a time of 16.83, and his time in the 400-meter run was 1:30.37.

Another primary division athlete, Jonathan Willis, ran the 100-meter sprint at 16.57.

The Rising Stars also had five athletes in the subbantam division, all 9-year-old competitors.

Ramiro Garivay had a time of 3:18.7 in the 800-meter run, and Robert Watkins III ran the 100-meter dash at 18.68.

Cameron Matthews threw the shot put 14'2 1/2" and also ran the 100-meters in a time of 15.20.

Chardel Terrell came in at 3:04.75 in the 800-meter run and completed the 400-meter distance at 1:22.18.

Kailey Pineda was in three different events, including the 800-meter run (3:15.85), the 400-meter run (1:16) and the 200-meter dash (34.18).

In the midget division, where 12-year-old athletes reside, the Rising Stars had six athletes in the mix.

Paul Burgess came in at 29.71 for the 200-meter dash, and Chris Pineda was at 1:16.08 in the 400-meter dash and 20'10 1/2" in the shot put.

Bryce Shackelford ran the 400-meters in a time of 1:21.73 and also com-

pleted the 200-meter dash at 34.59.

Kelby Williams, meanwhile, was at 1:07.44 in the 400-meter dash and

29.43 in the 200-meter dash.

Devin Cabellero was at 27'6" in the shot put and ran two other events,

including the 400-meter dash (1:20.09) and the 200-meter dash (35.61).

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Clear Brook's Max Pearson advanced to the Region III quarterfinals before losing, 6-1, 6-0 to Houston Memorial's Dane Esses.

Despite three first-round losses at the Region III tournament, Dobie's Ruben Vargas was one of the best-ever players at Dobie.

## CB's Pearson makes quarters

# Regional foes end JFD's tennis season

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and Theresa Tran were also defeated in first-round matches.

### Vargas' career ends

Vargas, perhaps the school's top boys' player over the past 20 years according to head coach Manuel Moreno Jr., fell 6-2, 6-2 to Clear Brook's Max Pearson in the opening round.

For Vargas, it was the third straight season to drop an opening-round match at regionals after winning district championships each time to qualify.

"To be fair, Ruben just never really got a good draw in the first round after being our district champion," Moreno said.

"The other players were talented in each situation, but Ruben seemingly just never really had any luck where the seeding was concerned.

"No doubt Ruben is the

best boys' player we've had in my 16 years, and I paid close attention to the program for four years before that while I was at Clear Lake High School. Just a quality kid who gave it his all for us."

Heng played through some nerves in the first set against No. 3 overall girls' singles player Sophia Guerra of Katy Taylor and eventually lost 6-1, 6-2.

Heng, a junior, had a great season while teaming with Hai Ho in girls' doubles, but the pair was unable to compete at district while Ho attended a national HOSA event.

Nonetheless, Heng will return this fall and likely will be Dobie's No. 1 girls' singles player.

In mixed doubles, Tran and Cabreja fell in straight sets to Chandler Berba and Vesco Lekovic of Houston Lamar.

"That was only the third tournament for Theresa

and Luis to play, and they played well," Moreno said, noting that Tran began the season in mixed doubles teaming with Vargas.

"I really would have liked to have seen what Theresa and Ruben could have done in mixed doubles," Moreno said. "They were undefeated and had beaten some of the area's top pairs."

"But Ruben made the choice to play boys' doubles, and you can only compete in one division in

the spring. They would've been seeded at regionals in my mind and could've done some damage."

### CB's Pearson to quarters

Brook's Pearson made his way to the quarterfinals by virtue of his win over Vargas but then ran into the tournament's No. 1 overall seed Dane Esses of Houston Memorial.

Although Pearson played well in the first set, Esses was able to move on to the semifinals with a 6-1, 6-0 win.



Lada Heng, who is likely to enter the 2015 fall team tennis season as Dobie's No. 1 girls' singles player, dropped her first-round Region III match to Katy Taylor's Sophia Guerra, 6-1, 6-3. Guerra entered play as the No. 3 overall seed.

# Alvin loss likely to place Dobie softball third

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center field broke the scoreless tie and eventually sent Alvin to its second win over Dobie this season, which will include any potential tiebreaker advantage should the two teams finish in a tie in the standings.

Dobie was handed one last chance to tie the game in the bottom of the frame against Alvin pitcher Kaitlin Males.

With two outs, Alvin shortstop Marissa Sosa air-mailed a throw into the Dobie dugout on what should have been the game's final out.

Instead, Dobie's Alexa Munoz reached second base. Courtesy runner Valerie Colunga replaced Munoz at second base.

But Males then struck out pinch hitter Jacquelyn Garcia on four pitches, ending the game.

Like it or not, it was the second time this season that a defensive mishap against Alvin cost Dobie a chance to win.

In the first meeting, Dobie led 4-3 in the bottom of the seventh and allowed a foul pop-up to fall on a play that could have resulted in the final out before Segura's heroics.

What does this result mean in the big picture? Dobie will likely wind up third in District 22-6A.

The Lady Longhorns turned around and shut down Sam Rayburn 6-0

April 21 at the PISD Sports Complex, leaving it at 12-3 in league play with one game remaining.

In the shutout win over the Lady Texans, Kristoff allowed just two hits and fanned nine, giving her 20 over two games.

Bravo led the way offensively, smacked a homer and doubling twice as part of a huge night offensively. Marissa Longoria also delivered a two-run double.

Dobie takes on Memorial April 24 at the PISD

Sports Complex at 6:30 p.m., while Alvin closes its season against South Houston.

So the playoff seeds are just about set. Right now, it's Pearland, Alvin, Dobie and Memorial in that order. The bidistrict round

of the playoffs will be held April 30-May 2.

In District 21-5A where Dobie's first-round playoff opponent will be derived, Deer Park, La Porte and Baytown Sterling are all making late-season pushes.



Emily Wolfe lined a single through the middle in the first inning against Alvin April 20 at the Pasadena ISD Sports Complex. Dobie had five hits but couldn't produce a run in a 1-0 loss.

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**Free Screenings for Head and Neck Cancers** - Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital is offering free screenings for head and neck cancers, performed by Michael Byrd, M.D., an otolaryngologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Southeast. Screenings are held at the Cancer Center at Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital, Medical Plaza II, Suite 100, 11920 Astoria Blvd. on Thursday, April 23, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, visit memorialhermann.org.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, teaches a conventions class Thursday at 2 p.m., Clear Lake Bridge Club, 16614 Sea Lark Rd. Each class covers a different set of bridge conventions. Cost is \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

**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.

**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, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, room 208. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

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**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 sup-

port 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.

**Bay Area Genealogical Society** - Meets the last Friday of each month at University Baptist Church, 16106 Middlebrook Drive in Clear Lake. Coffee and socializing is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.TxBayAreaGen.org.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** - Candlelight Meeting, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, Pasadena, Cornell Conference room. Call 281-487-8787, or just drop in.

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**MONDAY, APRIL 27**  
10 a.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**  
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**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Vigilance Group of Narcotics Anonymous, open meeting, meets at 7 p.m., 2930 E. Broadway (FM 518) at the First Presbyterian Church in the youth building on the Westminster side. For more information, call 713-856-1611.

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**  
7 a.m.  
**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.

**Clear Lake Bridge Club** - Bridge games weekdays, 10 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m., 16614 Sea Lark Rd. For lessons or for the 2 p.m. Thursday conventions class, contact Dr. Dave Glandorf, bridge instructor, at drglandorf@sbcglobal.net or 281-488-6318. Cost is \$6 per game or \$15 per lesson. For more information, call the club at 281-486-1911.

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**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.

**Kirkwood Civic Association** meets at the Sagemont Park and Recreation Center on Hughes Road. For more information call Ericka McCrutchon at 281-989-9990.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

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**WHO: Texas State Enactus**

**WHAT: 5K Race & 1-Mile Family/Pet Walk**

**WHEN: April 26, 2014 at 10AM**

**WHY: Raises money to support Enactus projects, benefitting our local elementary schools and the less fortunate in Austin, Texas**

**WHERE: 301 River Ridge Pkwy, San Marcos, TX**

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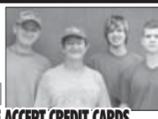
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