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Around Town Thursday, May 4

ROTARY CLUB MEETING
Rotary Club of Pearland meets at 7:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Pearland Chamber, 6117 W. Broadway St. Call 832-293-9860 for information.

MASON JAR AQUARIUM
An adult crafting series offers a session titled Mason Jar Aquarium at 6 p.m. in the conference room of the West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. Library programs are free and open to the public. For information, call 713-436-0995.

Friday, May 5

CHAMBER NETWORKING
Pearland Chamber hosts First Fridays Networking Event from 2 to 4 p.m. at Silverlake ER, 2752 Sunrise Blvd. For information, visit pearlandchamber.org.

DUCKS UNLIMITED DINNER

Pearland Ducks Unlimited holds Dinner for the Ducks at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2320 Hatfield Road, with live and silent auction, door prizes, games, dinner and drinks. A Ducks Unlimited membership comes with each ticket purchased. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tickets start at \$60 for individuals. For information on sponsorships or tickets, call Keith Majors, 830-556-6273 or visit www.pearlandducks.org.

CONCERT IN THE PARK

The city's free Concerts in the Park series kicks off with Queen of Tejano and Latin Tribute from 7 to 9 p.m. at Southdown Park, 22150 Countryplace Parkway. Smoking and glass containers prohibited; pets must be on a leash. Picnics, lawn chairs and blankets are encouraged and food vendors will be on site.

Saturday, May 6

LOCAL MAY MARKET

May Market featuring local small businesses, food vendors, music and activities is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Independence Park, 3449 Pearland Parkway.

Sunday, May 7

BAY AREA FARMERS MARKET

Bay Area Farmers Market is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. most Sundays in the parking lot of Baybrook Mall, 500 Baybrook Mall in Friendswood, near Total Wine. Vendors change weekly and include local farmers, craftsmen, bakers and more.

Monday, May 8

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Pearland City Council holds regular meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3519 Liberty Drive. A period for public comment is provided and agendas are available 72 hours before each meeting at pearlandtx.gov.

Tuesday, May 9

RUN WITH A RECRUITER

Pearland Police hold a Run with a Recruiter event for those preparing for the department's May 20 hiring test. Sign in begins at 7:45 a.m. in the fire field behind 2703 Veterans Drive. Start time is 8 a.m. No registration is needed.

PTA SWAP SHOP

Pearland Council of PTA Swap Shop is open for families to exchange gently used school clothes and other items. The monthly swap is 4 to 7 p.m. behind Pearland Junior High West, across from the PACE Center, 2314 Old Alvin Road.

Wednesday, May 10

KNAPP CENTER FIELD TRIP

A field trip for seniors to the Galveston Strand leaves at noon from the Melvin Knapp Center, 2424 South Park Ave. Transportation fee is \$5. Van will head back around 4 p.m. Must RSVP at 281-652-1890.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive.

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Voters head to polls Saturday

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Saturday for local elections that include \$181.3 million in bond propositions.

In Pearland, election day voting will be held at the following:

- Drainage District No. 4 Building, 4813 W. Broadway St.
- Pearland Recreation Center, 4141 Bailey Road.

- Silverlake Recreation Center, 2715 Southwyck Parkway.
- Tom Reid Library, 3522 Liberty Drive.

- West Pearland Community Center, 2150 Countryplace Parkway.
- West Pearland Library, 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Ballots will list the city's four bond proposals separately, so that residents may vote for or against

none, one, several or all of the propositions, which are:

- Proposition A: \$105.5 million for drainage projects throughout the city including Veterans Road, southwest quadrant of Old Town, Shady Crest and Creek View, Longwood Park and Harkey Road.
- Proposition B: \$26.14 million for city streets, bridges and sidewalks, including the city's side-

walk gap program.

Proposition C: \$33.7 million for parks and recreation, including expansions to sports facilities such as Hickory Slough Sportsplex Phase II.

Proposition D: \$15.96 million for construction and repair Fire Station No. 7.

Pearland voters also will decide two contested city council races.



SPRING FOOTBALL IN SESSION

Pearland running back LaDamion Mcdowell runs for a touchdown in the first scrimmage of the 2023 spring football season. Mcdowell will be relied on heavily by the Oilers during his upcoming junior campaign as the feature back in the offense. The public is invited to the Oiler Spring Game on Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at The Rig.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Choose your candidate

Learn more about the candidates for city council, including how they feel about the city manager search and bond propositions, at pearlandchamber.org/city-council-candidate-information-2023

Council seats to be decided

By N. BRADFORD
Reporter News Staff

Two city council seats are among the contested races to be decided Saturday by local voters.

Elected in 2020, Position No. 3 Councilman Alex Kamkar is being challenged by Jai Daggett, owner of Daggett Consulting Group.

In a recent Pearland Chamber of Commerce forum, Daggett said the city "is at risk of becoming overlooked as businesses look around Pearland for opportunity and are finding it in surrounding communities."

The city's infrastructure has lagged, Daggett says, and growth has slowed "as other communities are being developed along our borders."

In his time on the council, Kamkar main-

tained focus on drainage infrastructure and advocated for tax relief for residents.

"It's not always going to be build, build build," he said, responding to a Chamber forum question on infrastructure needs. "We can go in a lot of directions right now, but we need to give the citizens a break."

In Position No. 7, candidates Rushi Patel and Antonio Johnson are vying the currently held by longtime councilman Woody Owens, who is not seeking reelection.

Local business owner Rushi Patel's stated priorities include economic development, financial discipline and reducing the burden on taxpayers.

"My focus will on our needs and not so much our wants," he said. "As a business owner I try to cut back on wasteful spending

and focus on essential needs of our citizens."

Antonio Johnson, an executive with locally based Cantex, said based on feedback the city's largest issues include rising property taxes and a recent budget shortfall. His goals if elected include working on strategies to reduce the overall property tax burden and ensuring auditing measures are in place "so we don't incur a large-scale error like we recently did."

Another goal is to promote mixed use districts, "that will allow us to have options residents want to see within our community and keep revenue within our community as well."

To see or read the candidates responses to the forum in full, visit pearlandchamber.org/city-council-candidate-information-2023.



Dawson HS students win Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society Quiz Bowl

Dawson High School athletic training student aides recently won the Mark Salter Memorial Quiz Bowl held by the Greater Houston Athletic Trainers' Society (GHATS). Since the introduction of the competition, DHS has made an appearance six times in the finals and have brought home the championship trophy four times.

At GHATS, DHS's Haile Pamoja (captain), Vanessa Ruiz Martinez, Laila Groves, Mustafa "Moose" Martinawala and Maddie Locklear faced off against multiple schools and advanced to the finals where they defeated Stafford High School with a total of 7-2. Dawson's team is moving on the state competition to be held later this year at Tarleton State University.

Additionally, Dawson's Tatum Langley won 2nd place in the Robert Piper Student Media Contest, traditional poster category. The competition focuses on the creativity of

student's presentation of information regarding disease, conditions, injuries, or common themes within athletic training. DHS's Omar Mohammad won 1st place in Student Professional Presentation in which students are required to submit a presentation via PowerPoint, Presenter Pro, or other professional presentation types, and connect it to a theme for the year, delivering accurate information to the judges.

While focusing on fitness, conditioning and performance enhancement, athletic trainers work in collaboration with physicians to prevent and treat musculoskeletal injuries and sports-related illnesses. At DHS, student athletic trainers also assist in day-to-day function in the athletic training room, including recognizing injuries, taping, administering treatments, providing first aid and stretching. In addition, these students are certified in CPR and Automated External Defibrillator use.

County lifts hiring freeze, adds clerk for JP3

Brazoria County Commissioners lifted a hiring freeze April 25 and added a position to handle an ever-increasing caseload in the JP3 precinct that encompasses Pearland.

The county's hiring freeze was enacted in September 2022. Still, commissioners remained leery of spending.

"We didn't flip a light switch; we're not out of the woods yet," Precinct 4 Commissioner David Linder said. "Let's just be really mindful and do the best we can."

The hiring freeze resulted in an approximate \$757,000 savings, Precinct 3 Commissioner Stacy Adams said. "That's in six months," he said. "We're talking about \$1.6 million in a year. That's pretty noticeable."

Commissioners voted 3-2, with County Judge Matt Sebesta and Commissioner Donald Payne voting against, to add another court clerk position to Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, which encompasses Pearland.

After redistricting, the precinct has had significant increases in evictions, inquests, debt claims, citations and truancy cases, according to Justice of the Peace Roy Castillo.

"We don't see it stopping," he said. "Someone made a comment to me that Pearland is not growing any more rooftops. Somebody needs to tell that to Pearland because there's more subdivisions growing even around the JP office."

This is in addition to more population in the precinct caused by recent redistricting.

"If you look at the numbers we've had the lowest amount of clerks," he told commissioners.

PEARLAND POLICE REPORT

Below are highlights from reports filed during the past week by Pearland Police. Incident and arrest reports are public record and are available in full online at p2c.pearlandtx.gov.

• Wednesday, April 26

An arrest for possession of controlled substance at 12:03 a.m., 3400 block of Jamison Landing Drive.

Hospice death at 8 a.m., 2400 block of Texas Ave.

Civil matter at 10:23 a.m., 1800 block of Pearland Parkway.

An arrest for terroristic threat of household/family at 2:33, 3602 CR 45.

Death investigation at 3 p.m., 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

Building theft reported at 5:45 p.m., 2800 block of Pearland Parkway.

Theft of vehicle at 6:30 p.m., 13900 block of South Freeway North.

Report of cruelty to non-livestock animals, 6:47 p.m., 3100 block of Primrose Canyon Lane.

Death investigation at 11:19 p.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

• Thursday, April 27

An arrest for theft at 9:23 a.m., 2100 Country Place Parkway.

A 60-year-old Houston woman was arrested at 11:52 a.m. for felony possession of a controlled substance, 1600 Main St.

An arrest for tampering with evidence at 7:04 p.m.

An arrest for evading detention with a vehicle, 8300 block of Freedom Drive.

An arrest for handicap

parking violation at 9:46 p.m., 11150 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

• Friday, April 28
DWI arrest at 12:17 a.m., 2500 Kirby Drive.

Death investigation at 1 a.m., 8600 block of Magnolia Parkway.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 7:14 a.m., 3500 block of Main St.

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia at 1:54 p.m., 11200 Shadow Creek Parkway.

Vehicle burglaries reported at 3:45 p.m., 9000 block of Broadway St.

An arrest for possession of controlled substance at 12:14 a.m., 3300 Pearland Parkway.

• Saturday, April 29

An arrest for unauthorized use of temporary tag at 3:17 a.m., 3500 Main St.

Home burglary reported at 12:24 p.m., 4000 block of Ashwood Drive.

An arrest for family violence assault at 2:41 p.m., 1938 Garden Road.

An arrest for evading detention at 3 p.m., 700 N. San Jacinto St.

A Spring man, 47, was arrested at 3 p.m. for felony theft with two or more prior convictions, 700 N. San Jacinto St.

A Pearland man was arrested at 6:43 p.m. for family violence assault, 2700 block of Noble Oak Lane.

A woman arrested at 7 p.m. was charged with family violence assault, 2500 block of Summer Indigo Trail.

DWI arrest was made at

8:38 p.m., 9800 block of Broadway St.

• Sunday, April 30
DWI arrest was made at 3 a.m., 2900 block of Wooten Road.

A 31-year-old Georgia man was arrested at 10 a.m. and charged with disorderly conduct-tumultuous behavior, 11100 block of Shadow Creek Parkway.

A Pearland woman, 31, was arrested at home and charged with family violence assault at 1:23 p.m., 2600 block of Green Tee Drive.

Vehicle parts were reported stolen from the 2800 block of Tranquility Lakes Blvd.

Hospice death occurred at 7:32 p.m., 2300 block of Willow Blvd.

Two people were arrested at approximately 10:30 p.m. and charged with assault family violence, 3500 block of Pentland Downs St.

An arrest for family violence assault at 11:12 p.m., 6500 block of Broadway St.

• Monday, May 1

An arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia 12:11 a.m., 2100 block of Lee Road.

Hospice death occurred at 12:23 a.m., 2500 block of Summer Creek Drive.

A Pearland teacher was arrested for DWI second offense at 2:33 a.m., 3900 block of McLean Road.

Death investigation was conducted at 3:31 a.m., 16100 block of South Freeway.

An arrest for shoplifting was made at 12:17 p.m., 1700 block of Broadway St.

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE REPORT

APRIL 24 thru APRIL 30

BURGLARY

Apr. 24 (7:05 a.m.) A vehicle burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Sable Dr. The burglary occurred between 11:00 a.m. on April 23rd and 6:15 a.m. on April 24th. A gun and magazines were stolen. The vehicle was left unlocked at the time of the burglary.

THEFT

Apr. 24 (5:33 p.m.) A 31-year-old Baytown man was stopped in the 400 block of W. Parkwood Ave. because the vehicle he was driving had a license plate belonging to a stolen vehicle. The suspect reported one vehicle stolen to the Baytown Police Department but used the bumper and license plate from the stolen vehicle on a different vehicle with expired registration. The suspect had open containers of alcohol and marijuana inside his vehicle, and he had an outstanding warrant for Theft in Galveston County. He was taken into custody and the vehicle was towed.

Apr. 25 (7:11 p.m.) A resident at Friendswood Haven, 1500 Sunset, is missing an onyx and diamond ring. The theft was reported by a family member to the facility; however, no action has been taken. Now, the theft is under police investigation.

Apr. 26 (9:44 a.m.) Friendswood Auto Center, 304 W. Parkwood Avenue, reported the theft of two hydraulic jacks. The jacks were taken for repair in April 2022 by a Houston hydraulic repair company. The company has not returned the jacks and is now refusing to answer the victim's calls.

Apr. 27 (4:00 p.m.) A 63-year-old Rosharon man was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. A 46-year-old Rosharon female was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. The man was driving a stolen vehicle in the 1400 block of S. Friendswood Dr. He claimed no knowledge of the vehicle being stolen and said the vehicle belonged to the passenger. The female suspect was in possession of a pipe and crack cocaine. The vehicle was stolen in Fort Bend County.

Apr. 28 (4:23 p.m.) A Friendswood man contracted with Gar-Tex Metal Buildings to have a steel building built on his property. After receiving the estimate, the victim paid the company a deposit in February. Since that time, no work has been done and the company representative is unreachable. The victim has done some of his own research and discovered that the representative he was working with was arrested for theft, possibly for stealing deposit money and not completing the work.

FRAUD

Apr. 24 (11:11 a.m.) A Friendswood woman received several emails from the online banking compa-

ny, Chime.com. The emails advised her of a new log in and an alert that she would be receiving a Chime VISA card in the mail.

Apr. 25 (8:24 a.m.) A Friendswood man received a statement in the mail from AT&T for service in April. However, the victim did not open an AT&T account. AT&T is working with the victim to close the account and investigate the fraud.

Apr. 25 (3:29 p.m.) A 71-year-old Alvin woman was a victim of the "pigeon drop scam" and was scammed out of \$25,000. She was shopping at HEB, 701 W. Parkwood Ave., at approximately 1:00 p.m., when a black male began speaking to her. After a brief chat, he walked away, and a black female approached her and told her about a purse that she had found in the HEB parking lot. The black female suspect showed her a large sum of cash inside the purse and asked the victim what she should do. After suggesting that the suspect turn the purse in to customer service, the suspect told the victim that she worked at the AT&T store. The black female suspect, the black male who had previously stopped to speak with the victim, and the victim went to the AT&T store to speak to the female's boss about the found purse and money. The victim parked behind the AT&T store and waited for the female to return. When she did return, she claimed that the purse had \$97,000 in cash and a \$75,000 bond inside. All three got into a discussion about a "finder's keepers" law and the victim was convinced to withdraw \$25,000 from her Alvin bank. They returned to the AT&T store, the victim parks behind the store, the suspect took the \$25,000 to the front of the AT&T store and never returned.

Apr. 26 (9:36 a.m.) A Friendswood man's identity was stolen and used to apply for a Harbor Freight credit card account. He discovered the account when a credit monitoring service notified him about a hard inquiry.

Apr. 26 (12:34 p.m.) A Friendswood woman left her wallet at the Exxon Icebox gas station, 1402 S. Friendswood Dr., on April 24 between noon and 3:00 p.m. The next day, as she was attempting to close her credit card accounts, she discovered that one of her credit cards was fraudulently used.

Apr. 27 (9:40 a.m.) Friendswood Police are investigating a check forgery case where the 86-year-old victim's family member is accused of forging checks and fraudulently using the victim's credit card.

Apr. 30 (8:05 a.m.) A 33-year-old male from Redmond, Washington, was charged with Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifi-

ing Information. The man was driving a vehicle with California temporary tags. A traffic stop was conducted in the 1500 block of S. Friendswood Dr. The suspect was identified as a Romanian National with a Washington driver's license. He was accompanied by another Romanian National. After completing a VIN inquiry on the vehicle, it was determined that the vehicle was not registered in California. The suspect was taken into custody for a traffic offense and an inventory of the vehicle's contents was conducted. During the inventory, 43 VISA gift cards with stickers indicating the PINs and a large amount of cash were found. At the jail, the gift cards were found to be different debit cards, not gift cards. The vehicle the man was driving was suspected of ATM skimmer involvement in Pearland and Conroe.

ASSAULT

Apr. 25 (1:20 a.m.) A 35-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. The man pointed a gun at his friend's head in the backyard of a residence in the 4400 block of Ravine Drive.

Apr. 26 (11:28 p.m.) A 16-year-old female was charged with Assault Causing Bodily Injury-Family Member. The juvenile is accused of assaulting her mother at their home in the 200 block of Palm Aire Drive. She was already on probation for a similar offense and was transported to the Galveston County Juvenile Detention Center.

Narcotics

Apr. 26 (1:24 p.m.) A 30-year-old Houston man was charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1. A 34-year-old Friendswood man was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The driver was stopped for expired registration in the 700 block of W. Parkwood Ave. He appeared to be high on some type of narcotic. He and the passenger were asked to exit the vehicle and were checked for weapons. The driver had some pills and a capped syringe in his pocket. The officer conducted a search of the vehicle and found two balloons containing methamphetamine, heroin, and morphine pills.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

Apr. 28 (10:25 p.m.) A 57-year-old Webster man was charged with Driving While Intoxicated. Officers responded to the 3200 block of Tyler Court where a suspicious vehicle was parked in the grass between two driveways. When officers arrived, the vehicle was gone, but was quickly located in the 3300 block of FM 528. The suspect parked his vehicle and quickly opened the driver's side door and got out. He exhibited signs of intoxication, had urinated on himself, and was confused about his location. He failed a field sobriety test.

Apr. 30 (3:15 a.m.) A 36-year-old Houston woman was charged with Driving While Intoxicated in the 800 block of Myrtlewood Dr. An officer was in the area looking for a suspicious vehicle in the ditch. When the officer located the vehicle, the suspect was inside. She advised the officer that she got stuck trying to turn around in a driveway. She exhibited signs of intoxication and failed a field sobriety test.

WEAPONS

Apr. 26 (5:03 p.m.) A 25-year-old Friendswood woman was charged with Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

TPWD: Area ponds to be stocked with catfish

Texas Parks and Wildlife announced it will stock 18 lakes with thousands of catfish this month, include four lakes in the Houston area.

The closest designated "Neighborhood Fishin' Lakes" are Community Park Lake, 1700 Glenn Lakes Lane in Missouri City; and Burke Crenshaw Park, 4950 Burke Road, Pasadena.

"Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are conveniently located in urban and suburban areas so that Texans don't have to travel far to have a great experience," said Craig Bonds, director of Inland Fisheries. "Catfish are fun and easy to catch for anglers of all ages and experience levels. If you've never fished before, these

are the perfect places to get started. If you are an experienced angler, these are the perfect places to introduce fishing to a friend or family member."

Each lake will receive channel catfish every two weeks through the end of October-with a brief pause during the heat of August-to ensure there are plenty of angling opportunities for everyone throughout the spring, summer and early fall. Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are located in city and county parks with ample parking, restrooms, lighting and other recreational amenities, in addition to fishing.

For a list and map of all lakes, stocking locations or email updates, visit neighborhoodfishing.org.



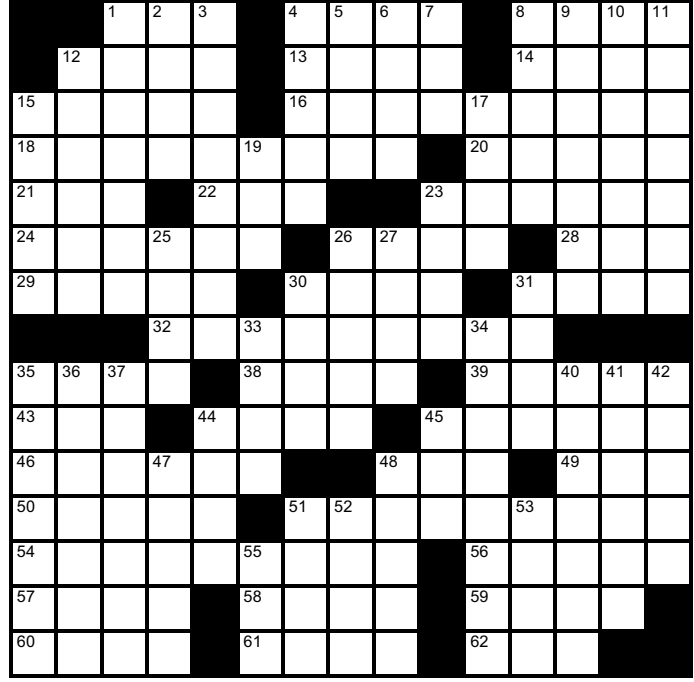
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 - A long, long time
 - Arguing
 - Dash gauge
 - Length x width, for a rectangle
 - "Nine, ___ big fat hen"
 - Ann ___, Mich.
 - Reduce
 - Get hot
 - "Sunrise Serenade" composer Frankie
 - "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - "Send help!"
 - Talk of the town?
 - Blanketlike cloak
 - Merlin, e.g.
 - "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
 - Arise
 - Cat sound
 - "Absolutely!"
 - Gym fixture
 - Commanded
 - Polish river
 - Very, in music
 - "The loneliest number"
 - June 6, 1944
 - Excitingly strange
 - Starter home?
 - Longoria of "Desperate Housewives"
 - Gallery display
 - Acrobatic spring
 - "Likewise!"
 - It's usually wise to keep a lid on it
 - Abdominal ailment
 - Almond
 - Cotton sheet
 - Green, in heraldry



- "Sliders" actor John ___-Davies
- Court helper
- Naval rank: Abbr.
- Down
- Apes.
- Clickable image
- Classic skateboarding magazine
- Facilitates
- Shamu, for one
- Warm, so to speak
- "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
- Up, in baseball
- Coffee shop alternative
- Bend
- Accepts, as a challenge
- Crushed underfoot
- Obviously surprised
- Plug-in vehicle, briefly
- Also
- "Frasier" actress Gilpin
- Adorable
- Like dishwater
- "Aunt" with a "Cope Book"
- ___ visit to (call on)
- "Not to mention ..."
- Aims
- Purge starter
- Bar employee
- Ancient capital of Syria
- Cook in hot oil
- Obedient dogs, at times
- Dry on a line, say
- Metrical accent
- Copy
- Adam's madam
- Groucho's "Duck Soup" role
- Drain
- Sign of healing
- Garage occupant
- Author Robert ___ Butler
- Fade away

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AREA BRIEFS

'Tiny Art Show' set this summer

An art exhibit on a tiny scale is among summer programming planned at the West Pearland Library.

Library patrons age 19 and up are invited to take pick up a 3-by-3 blank canvas from the second floor Help Desk and create a work of art based on the theme, "All Together Now."

Art can be created at home and must be dropped off before May 22 with the artist's email address on the back. Art will be on exhibit this summer. The West Pearland library is located at 11801 Shadow Creek Parkway. For more information, call 713-436-0995 or email theresah@bcls.lb.tx.us.

Concerts in the Park opens Friday

The annual Concerts in the Park series opens this Friday at Southdown Park, 2150 Countryplace Parkway with a 7 p.m. show by Queen of Tejano and Latin Tribute.

Admission is free and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnics. Pets must be on a leash, and glass and smoking are prohibited in the park.

Weather-related updates will be posted on the city website, parks.pearlandtx.gov/special-events/concerts-in-the-park or on the event hotline, 281-412-8989.

For more information, email events@pearlandtx.gov.

Signups open for adult softball

Registration is open for teams or individuals interested in the city Parks and Recreation Department's Adult Softball League, which begins play the week of June 4.

A men's league will complete on Mondays from 6 to 10 p.m., and a co-ed league will play from 6 to 10 p.m. on Fridays.

Players must up 18 or older. Registration is \$235 per team and includes the 10-game regular season plus a single elimination playoff.

More information and registration is available at Pearlandparks.com.

National Hurricane Preparedness Week

This week is National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

All week the City of Friendswood on their Facebook page are listing resources on how to:

- prepare NOW before hurricane season starts.
 - Develop an evacuation plan: www.ready.gov/evacuation.
 - Assemble disaster supplies: www.ready.gov/kit.
 - Get an insurance checkup: www.floodsmart.gov.
 - Create a communication plan: www.ready.gov/plan.
 - Strengthen Your Home: <https://youtu.be/NykjdRaYLxg>.
- Hurricane season runs from June 1 through Nov. 30.

Reminders issued as summer nears

Texas Parks and Wildlife this month issued a list of safety tips ahead of the summer boating season.

Texas law requires that a Coast Guard-approved life jacket be available for each occupant of a boat. Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket while the boat is underway or drifting.

Boating accidents in Texas waters accounted for 207 accidents and 36 fatalities in 2022, according to TPWD.

"In 2022, there were 20 percent more boating accidents than before the pandemic," said Texas Game Warden assistant commander for Marine Enforcement Cody Jones. "Accidents happen quickly and unexpectedly, so my biggest piece of advice is stay aware of your surroundings."

Key safety tips are wearing a life jacket, use an ignition cutoff switch and swim safely, meaning only in designated areas, never alone and only while hydrated and sober.

"Life jackets are one of the easiest, most accessible tools to prevent fatalities," Jones said. "If an accident occurs, it is unlikely you will have time to find a life jacket and secure it properly, so it's best to wear one at all times when on the water."

Boat turn-in program scheduled

A free turn-in program for inoperable boats will be May 30 through June 3 at the Clear Lake Park Community Center parking lot, 5002 NASA Road 1 in Seabrook.

Hosted by Texas Parks and Wildlife and Harris County, the event is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. all five days and is free of charge for anyone wanting to dispose of an inoperable vessel. The state sponsors the removal of fuel, oil and batteries and Parks and Wildlife verifies ownership and clears vessels for disposal.

For information, call 713-274-2222.

Lineup announced for country showcase

The Pearland Country Music Showcase is planned for June 25 in the open air pavilion at the Pearland Town Center. The event is 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the center, 11200 Broadway.

Coolers and lawn chairs are welcome at the outdoor event featuring headliner Britt Godwin, a Bridge City, Texas, native now based in Beaumont. Godwin has been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, Louisiana Hayride, David Letterman Show and Charlie Pruitt Country Music Show and previously performed with the B.B. & Company band. Other performers include Shalane, Ellie Townley, Zac Clifton, Allie Rae and Blair Kudelka.

For more information, go to VisitPearland.com/CountryMusicShowcase.

Wildlife photo contest underway

Keep Friendswood Beautiful Photo Contest is underway and will run through May 12.

Entries will be accepted using the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Facebook page. The page will have photo content, community updates and uploading requirements for the contest entries. Take a photo of wildlife inside Friendswood City limits. Wildlife is any living creature that is not domesticated. Wildlife mammals (such as deer, squirrels, opossums, etc) as well as birds, insects, reptiles and amphibians are acceptable. No photos of pets please. Wildlife photo must be taken inside the city.

Instructions for the contest include the following:

- Make sure to LIKE the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Facebook.
- Submit your photo in a comment on the Keep Friendswood Beautiful Facebook.
- Make sure to hashtag #FriendswoodProud

Release forms can be completed online at friendswood.com/photo. Release forms must be submitted by 5/12/23. Photos without a release form will not be considered for the contest.

Winners can receive up to \$800 in prizes.

For contest tips and release form, visit www.friendswood.com/photo.



Pictured left to right: Aden Pugsley, Ava Michael, Govind Rangappa, Ganesh Venu, Daniel Chen, Brendan Larson, Nicole McGill, Maryam Faisal, Zoe Wyrick, Asiya Siddiqi, Sophie Kester, and Mayor Mike Foreman.

Top 10 graduates of Friendswood High School honored at luncheon

On Thursday, April 26, the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce held its annual luncheon to honor the Top 10 graduates of Friendswood High School. The event was held at [venue] and was attended by representatives from the Friendswood Independent School District (FISD), the Chamber of Commerce, and members of the community.

The Top 10 graduates were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements, leadership, and community involvement. The luncheon provided an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the accomplishments of these exceptional students and to showcase the strong partnership between FISD and the business community.

Superintendent of Friendswood ISD Thad Roher commented, "We are very proud of our Top 10 graduates and their exceptional achievements. Their academic success is a testament to the quality of education they received at Friendswood High School and the dedication of our outstanding educators. We are grateful to the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the hard work and dedication of these exceptional students."

Valedictorian for the Class of 2023 is Ganesh Venu. He will be attending Stanford University this fall to major in Bioengineering. During his time at FHS, Venu was involved with Varsity Tennis, Debate, Science Fair and NHS.

Asiya Siddiqi is the FHS Salutatorian. She will attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Neuroscience. Siddiqi's involvements include NHS President, Class of 2023 President, Student Council Vice President, National Spanish Honors Society Vice President, National English Honors Society, Spanish Club, Music Appreciation Club, Girl Scout Troop 08651, the Houston Hunger Truck Volunteer Coordinator, Principal's Round Table, ISM Science Researcher and Spanish Class Volunteer Teacher at Bales

Maryam Faisal is third in the Top 10. She plans to pursue a major in Neuroscience at Rice University. Faisal is a member of NHS, Math and Science Club, Recycling Club, Debate and UIL Spelling.

Fourth ranked is Daniel Chen. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Computer Science. Chen is a member of the Mighty Mustang Marching Band, Academic Decathlon and NHS.

Govind Rangappa finished fifth in his graduating class. Rangappa will attend the University of Texas at Dallas and study Computer Science. He is a member of the Varsity Tennis Team, Asian Culture Club, Math and Probability Club, Indian Classical Music and serves as an assistant coach with Be Someone Sports.

Brendan Larson is sixth in the Top 10. He plans to attend Texas A&M and major in Computer Science in the Engineering Honors College. Larson is a member of the symphonic and marching bands, Aerospace Appreciation Club, NHS, Recycling Club and First Baptist Friendswood Church.

Seventh ranked is Ava Michael. She will study Business at the University of Mississippi. She is a member of the FHS Cheer Team, PALS, NHS and NSHS.

Nicole McGill is ranked eighth. She plans to attend Emory University and major in Neuroscience and Behavioral Science. McGill is a drum major in the Mighty Mustang Band, a member of NHS, NEHS, Math and Science Club, HOSA, FHS Musical Pit Band and volunteers with Paws Fur a Cause.

Ninth ranked is Aden Pugsley. She plans to attend Rice University and major in Astrophysics. Pugsley is a section leader in the Mighty Mustang Band, a member of NHS, NSHS and the FHS Musical Pit Band, and volunteers with Paws Fur a Cause and 3 Little Pitties.

Sophie Kester is ranked tenth in the FHS class of 2023. She plans to study Physics at the University of Texas at Austin. Kester is a pediatric volunteer at UTMB, member of Debate Team, Student Council, NHS, NEHS and President of Music Appreciation Club.

Additionally, senior Zoe Wyrick was honored with a \$1000 scholarship from the Chamber.

The Friendswood Chamber of Commerce has a long-standing tradition of supporting education and fostering partnerships between the business community and FISD. The annual luncheon is just one example of the Chamber's commitment to recognizing and supporting the achievements of outstanding students in the community.

For more information visit myfisd.com.



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From the Cluttered Desk

by Dr. David Davis

Teenage Virus

If you have a computer or a phone — you are quite familiar with a virus or a threat of a virus.

Quite frankly, I have enough problems without worrying about someone across the globe infecting my computer. Usually, the evil is hidden in a message that arouses our curiosity — like — you just won one million dollars — open to claim your money.

People are so anxious to receive the money that they quickly open the message, only to find themselves infected with something awful. (Somewhere in that last line lies a message for your teenager).

Teenage viruses can be just as dangerous as the computer kind. If your teenagers become infected, your best approach is to quarantine them and surround them with love. Here are the current versions:

The Teenage Disney Virus: When this virus attacks, teens get Goofy. One moment, they sound like an adult; next, they switch back to their pre-adolescent days of nonsensical laughter and jerky body movements. This incurable virus strikes when you least expect it. The best thing to do is to walk away from the infected teenagers, acting as though you have never met them.

The Teenage Hard Drive Virus: This virus attacks young people soon after they receive that magical piece of paper legally unleashing them upon society. Males are most prone to this virus, but females are not immune. It primarily affects the foot, causing it to get heavier. At the same time, a feeling of power sweeps over the afflicted teen. A teenager struck by this dangerous virus will drive hard and crash . . . unless maturity intervenes. Sadly, this virus tends to repeat itself.

The Teenage Mall Virus: This virus causes your teenager to leave his or her domicile and look for a large building containing other infected teenagers. They know when and where to find each other. After several meet, they wander aimlessly, trying to make contact with other, similar groups. When this virus strikes, your teen will whine about “needing to get out of the house.”

The Teenage Soft-Wear Virus: This virus targets mostly females. Whatever they buy today will be obsolete tomorrow. This virus causes a great desire to look like . . . other teenagers. It was responsible for bell-bottoms, miniskirts and other unspeakable things during the 1960s. It replicates every few months. A newer and more devastating strain caused the outbreak of body piercing and tattooing.

The Teenage Reboot Virus: This occurs when you try to communicate with teens. The audio file gets corrupted en route, so the teens hear only half of what you say. For example, you tell them, “Go to the store and get some milk.” They go to the store, meet their friends, buy some “Red Bull” energy drink, and come home with . . . no milk. When you ask, “Where is the milk?” they look at you quizzically, as if to say, “What are you talking about?” They heard “Go to the store,” but the “get some milk” somehow failed to download. This is when you need to . . . reboot.

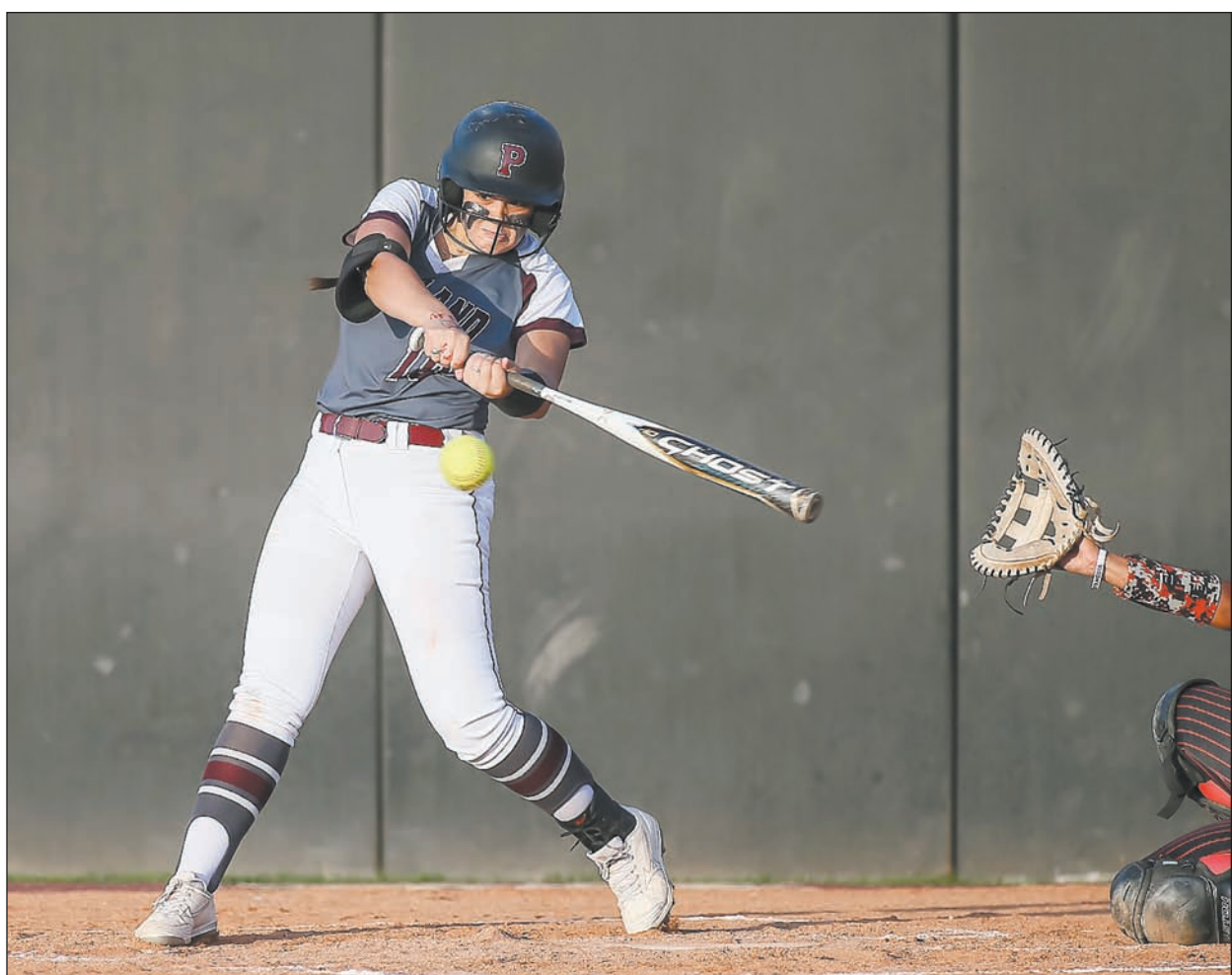
No matter which virus your teenager has, be confident the Master programmer is in control. He is running His debugging program even as you read these warnings!

Old friend Robert said, “Laughter is the best medicine.” It not only lightens your kid’s day but also brings you closer to them. Laughter is one way to make your place in your kid’s teenage world.” E-mail: drdaviddavis@yahoo.com www.reporternewsports.com Twitter: @drdavis111

CLUTCH HITTER

Pearland senior outfielder Darian DeLeon swings for a hit vs Clear Brook. DeLeon was instrumental in the 4-0 shutout, going two-for-three with one RBI at the plate. Pearland finished off Clear Brook in just two games for the first-round playoff win. The No. 6 Lady Oilers advance to the Class 6A Region III area-round.

Photo by Lloyd Hendricks



No. 6 state-ranked Lady O's sweep Lady Wolverines 13-3, 4-0

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Class 6A Region III softball playoffs are underway, and the Pearland Lady Oilers quickly eliminated the Clear Brook Lady Wolverines in a best-of-three series 13-3 and 4-0.

Pearland won the District 23-6A crown this season while Clear Brook was the No. 4 seed from District 24-6A. The Lady Oilers set the tone in the opener of the three-game series with a 13-3 win that ended in the fifth inning when the 10-run mercy rule went into effect to end the game.

Senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez started in the pitching circle to get the win for Pearland as she allowed three hits, no runs in four innings while striking out four. Junior Carly Carpenter and sophomore Isela Flores closed out the final frame as Clear Brook managed three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning after trailing 13-0.

The Lady Oilers score four runs in the open-

ing frame, two runs in the second, four runs in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth for the 13-0 advantage.

Leading hitters for Pearland were: Hailey Golden (3-for-4, 3 runs), Kaylee Schweitzer (3-for-4, 2 runs, 3 RBIs), Kennedy Drafton (2-for-3, 1 run, 3 RBIs), Kristyn Whitlock (2-for-3, 1 run, 4 RBIs), and Darian DeLeon (2-for-3, 2 runs, 2 RBIs).

PEARLAND 4 - CLEAR BROOK 0

Pearland advances to the Class 6A Region III area round after blanking Clear Brook in a sweep of their best-of-three series.

Pearland senior pitcher Abigail Gutierrez tossed a four-hitter while striking out two as the Lady Oilers (31-3) move on to face the winner of the Pasadena Dobie-Summer Creek series.

Sophomore Kaylee Schweitzer hit a one-out single while senior shortstop Kristyn Whitlock ripped a run-scoring double to right-center field.

Pearland widened the lead to 2-0 in the second inning on an RBI-single from senior right fielder Darian DeLeon.

The Lady Oilers would plate two more runs in the sixth inning after Whitlock reached on an error and junior catcher Trinity Perry was hit by a pitch.

Pearland eventually moved two runners into scoring position, and both scored on pinch hitter Laila Nobles' dropped fly ball to left field to make the score 4-0.

Lady Oilers head coach Laneigh Clark was glad to see her defense respond with Gutierrez pitching.

“We take a lot of pride in our defense,” Clark said. “We turned two double plays, and Kennedy Drafton had a great night at second base.”

“Raenna (Liscano) also made several nice plays at third.”

Pearland (32-3) posted their 12th consecutive win and will advance to the 6A Region III area round.

Lady Mustangs sweep GC Memorial 7-0, 10-0 in first round

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Friendswood set the tone of the Class 5A Region III bi-district contest with three runs in the opening frame that would lead to a 7-0 win in the best-of-three series against Goose Creek Memorial.

Baileigh Burtis opened the game with a walk, followed by Nevaeh Cason who lined out to the shortstop for the first out. Charleigh Esparza promptly stepped up to the plate and sent a 2-1 pitch over the left field fence for a 2-0 lead.

After Esparza's home run, Janelle Wilson sent a rocket shot on the next pitch over the center-field wall for a 3-0 advantage.

“I thought we started off early, swinging the bats really well,” said Christa Williams, the Lady Mustangs head coach. “I just felt like we had a good approach, so that was the main thing I saw tonight.”

“The energy was good from the jump and we just came out and took care of business.”

Esparza, who finished with three extra-base hits, gave Friendswood another run in the third when she doubled home Nevaeh Cason, who led off with an infield single and stole second to get into scoring position.

In the fourth, Esparza was hit by a pitch to open the frame. Courtesy runner Julia Hopkins later came home on Chloe Aldrich's two-out RBI single, her second hit of the contest.

In the sixth, Kira Sarabia opened with a long double off the left-field wall. Lola Widner, the No. 9 hitter, then reached on an error by GCM center fielder Kate

Strawn, pushing Sarabia across the plate.

One batter later, after Lola Widner advanced to third on a passed ball, Baileigh Burtis brought her home with a run-scoring fly ball to post the 7-0 final score.

Janelle Wilson kept the Lady Patriots (13-13-2) in check for seven innings, allowing only a fourth-inning single while strik-

ing out 12, including all three Lady Patriot batters in the bottom of the seventh.

“Overall, I’m happy with the way we played,” Williams said. “Janelle’s just Janelle. Studly. I just don’t have any words for her. She’s really, really blossomed this year. She’s always been good, but she’s really put this team on her back and done an amazing job as a leader.”



STRONG PITCHING PERFORMANCE - Janelle Wilson kept the GC Memorial Lady Patriots (13-13-2) in check for seven innings, allowing only a fourth-inning single while striking out 12, including all three Lady Patriot batters in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Lady Mustangs (22-9) advance to the 5A Region III area round to face Lamar Consolidated on Friday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Shadow Creek HS in a one-game playoff.

FRIENDSWOOD 10 - GC MEMORIAL 0

Baileigh Burtis and Nevaeh Cason put the double whammy on Goose Creek Memorial to lead the Lady Mustangs to a 10-0 mercy-rule playoff win.

Burtis was 4-for-4 at the plate including four doubles with three runs scored and one RBI while Cason was 3-for-4 with a pair of runs scored and two RBIs as the first two batters in the Friendswood lineup.

“When they’re clicking we’re tough,” said head coach Christa Williams, whose club will enter next week’s area round at 23-9. “Nevaeh, Burt . . . they’ve led us all year and they’re doing it right.”

The Lady Mustangs scored three runs in the first frame, five runs in the second inning and closed out the game with two more in the fifth that ended the game with the 10-run mercy rule.

Charleigh Esparza, the hard-hitting sophomore catcher, one-hopped the left-field wall and drove in Burtis and Cason with a double in the first and added a line drive RBI single in the second, finishing with six RBI in two games.

Lainie Schaefer knocked in a pair of runs with a groundout and a single while Chloe Aldrich added a run-scoring single.

“They just hit the ball really well and really hard,” Williams said of her lineup. “Charleigh Esparza was on fire the entire series. To be honest I feel like our whole team has really turned a corner here.”

“They’ve worked really, really hard and so it’s nice to see it all start to click a little bit.”

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BASE HIT

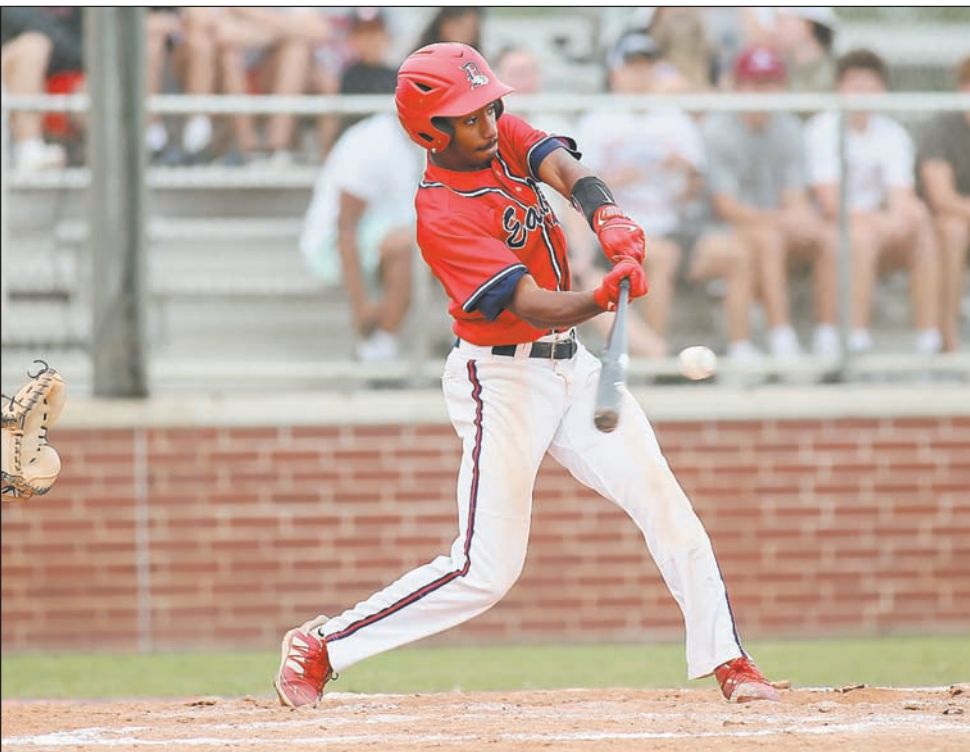


Photo by Lloyd Hendricks
Dawson junior outfielder Gabriel McFarland gets a base hit vs Alvin. McFarland finished the game 3-for-3 with a walk and a run scored but it wasn't enough as Alvin took the win 5-4 over the Eagles. Despite the loss Dawson secured the final playoff spot in District 23-6A.



DEREK PARISH Photo by Lloyd Hendricks

Former Pearland standout Derek Parish drafted by Jaguars

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

Derek Parish, a key member of the Cougars' defensive line the past two seasons, was drafted in the seventh round by the Jacksonville Jaguars. He will move to fullback with Jacksonville.

As an All-District first-team pick for the Oilers, he went on to have a banner career with the Houston Cougars.

Parish was off to the best start of his career last season with five sacks and 8 1/2 tackles for loss before suffering a season-ending biceps injury in Week 4 against Rice.

He set the AAC single-game record with 4 1/2 sacks in a double-overtime loss to Texas Tech.

Parish, who is 6-2 and 245 pounds, was used sparingly in the backfield at UH. He played fullback almost exclusively at the Shrine Bowl, impressing NFL evaluators as a blocker and a receiver. He could eventually be a two-way player in the NFL.

Parish was the recipient of the East-West Shrine Bowl® Pat Tillman Award which is presented to a player who best exemplifies character, intelligence, sportsmanship and service.



HEADED TO STATE: Friendswood girls golf team (left to right) Kamden Estlinbaum, Mary Scheschuk, Mary Kerr, Abby Permenter and Trinity Bosley will compete at the state golf tournament in Georgetown.

Friendswood girls golf team state bound

By DR. DAVID DAVIS
Reporter News Staff

The Friendswood Lady Mustangs golf team placed third at the region golf tournament which will send them to the 5A state golf tournament in Georgetown. It has been 33 years since the last Friendswood girls golf team qualified for state.

"We probably played our best tournament of the year," said Friendswood head golf coach Scott Smith, who also noted the team won the five of the nine tournaments they played in leading up to regionals, including the district tournament and a number of Class 6A-heavy tournaments.

"They're really close," Smith said. "They hold each other accountable, they're really

competitive."

Making up the Friendswood team includes junior Mary Kerr, sophomore Trinity Bosely, senior Kamden Estlinbaum, junior Abby Permenter and sophomore Mary Scheschuk.

Kerr will be making a return to the White Wing Golf Club in Georgetown after qualifying as an individual last year, and she once again led the team at regionals this season, carding scores of 75 and 73 to finish second place as an individual on the leaderboard.

The Class 5A UIL Girls Golf State Tournament is slated for May 15-16 at the White Wing Golf Club in Georgetown.

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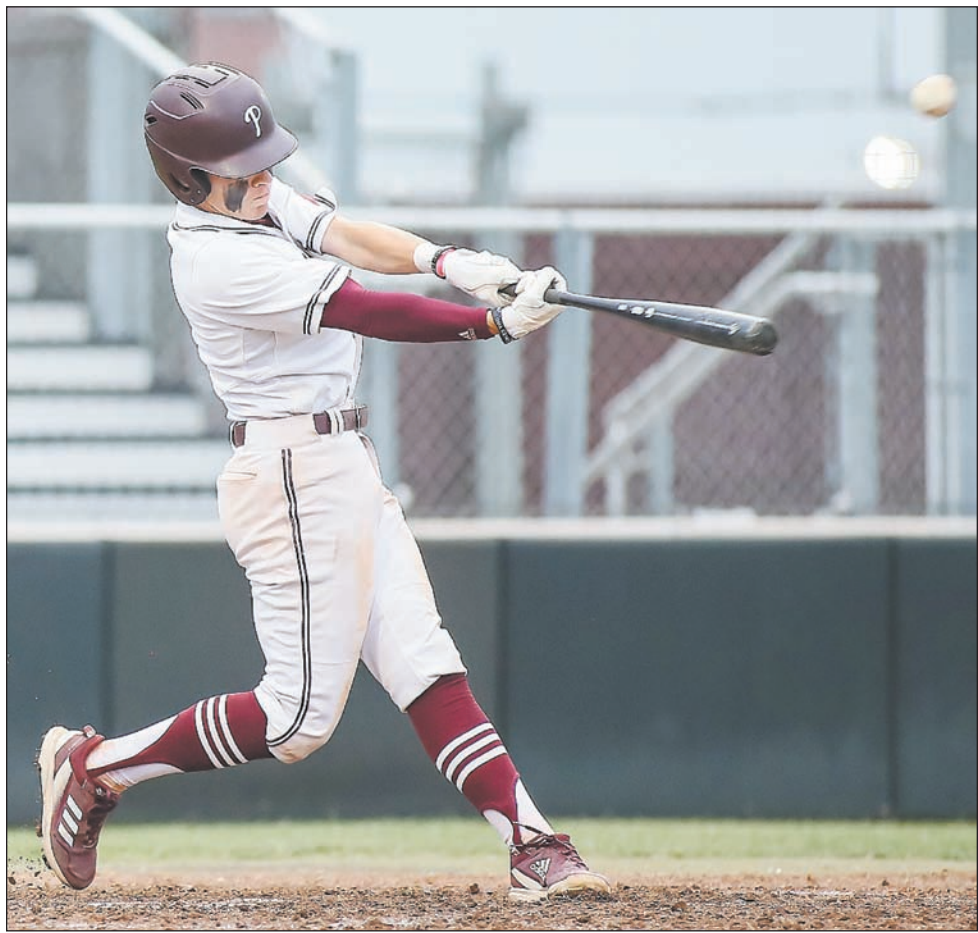


Photo by Lloyd Hendricks
Pearland senior second baseman Braeden Morse rips a home run in the fourth inning vs Alief Hastings. The solo shot capped off another impressive performance by the Oilers in an 18-0 victory over the Bears. The No. 1 state-ranked Oilers advance to the post-season starting this week.

• SOFTBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE •

Class 6A Region III Area Round

PEARLAND LADY OILERS vs Summer Creek Lady Bulldogs

Game 1 - Wed. 5/3 @ PHS - 6:30 p.m.
Game 2 - Thu. 5/4 @ Summer Creek - 6:30 p.m.
Game 3 - Fri. 5/5 @ Clear Lake HS - 6:30 p.m.
(if necessary)

DAWSON LADY EAGLES vs Atascocita Lady Eagles

Game 1 - Wed. 5/3 @ DHS - 6:00 p.m.
Game 2 - Thu. 5/4 @ Atascocita - 6:00 p.m.
Game 3 - Fri. 5/5 @ GC Memorial HS - 6:00 p.m.
(if needed)

FRIENDSWOOD LADY MUSTANGS vs Lamar Consolidated Lady Mustangs
One game playoff - Fri. 5/5 @ Shadow Creek HS - 6:30 p.m.

• BASEBALL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE •

Class 6A Region III Bi-District Round

PEARLAND OILERS vs Brazoswood Buccaneers

Fri. 5/5 @ Brazoswood - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. 5/6 @ PHS - 1:00 p.m.
Sat. 5/6 @ PHS - 3:30 p.m.
(if needed)

FRIENDSWOOD MUSTANGS vs Port Neches-Groves Indians

All games at Baytown Sterling HS
Game 1 - Fri. 5/5 - 7:00 p.m.
Game 2 - Sat. 5/6 - 1:00 p.m.
Game 3 - Sat. 5/5 - 30 minutes after Game 2
(if needed)

DAWSON EAGLES vs Clear Falls Knights

Fri. 5/5 @ Clear Falls HS - 6:00 p.m.
(One game playoff)



STATE BOUND

Pearland's Madison Peters won the 3200 meters (10:42.73) for the gold medal and placed second at the regional track meet in the 1600 meters (5:01.65) for the silver medal. Peters advances to the Class 6A state track meet in Austin. Peters qualified in the same two events last year as a sophomore where she finished 6th in the 3200 and 7th in the 1600.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FRIENDSWOOD ISD COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL #23-004

NATORIUM HVAC REPLACEMENT AT FRIENDSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
The Friendswood Independent School District will be accepting Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Natorium HVAC Replacement at Friendswood High School. Proposal Documents may be obtained from the following address:

PBK Architects, Inc.
11 Greenway Plaza, 22nd Floor
Houston, Texas 77046
(713) 965-0608
Office Hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

In addition, proposal documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Virtual Builders Exchange
7035 W. Tidwell, Bldg J, Ste 112, Houston, Texas 77098
F: (832) 613-0344
<http://www.virtualbx.com/>

ConstructConnect (Formerly iSqFt & CMD)
Phone: (800) 364-2059
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4300 Beltway Pl, Suite 150, Arlington, TX 76018
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Competitive Sealed Proposals are to be marked "FISD CSP #23-004 FHS Natorium HVAC Replacement" and must be submitted to: Friendswood Independent School District, 302 Laurel Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546, where they will be received until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The Friendswood Independent School District reserves the right to postpone, accept or reject any and all responses as it deems to be in its best interest and to waive formalities and reasonable irregularities.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID NO. 2023-10 DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL SERVICES FRENCHMAN'S CREEK

Sealed Competitive Bids shall be submitted via two (2) electronic copies, each copy on one flash drive or CD. Each copy must match identically and must include the signature of a person with the authority to bind the contractor into a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with "BID NO. 2023-10, along with the name of the contractor and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary. Said submissions are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before 9:00 A.M., MAY 17, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all bid and to waive any informality in the bids received. The contract, if any, will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The City pays for goods and services according to the provisions of Chapter 2251 of the Government Code.

This project is federally funded by a Community Development Block Grant. Attention is called to the fact that the successful bidder must comply with:

- Paying not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor H.U.D. and contained in the contract documents.
- Ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or national origin.
- Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, the regulations set forth in 24 CFR Part 135, and all applicable rules and orders.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

A bid guarantee in the form of a bidder's bond, certified check or a cashier's check made out to "City of Friendswood" in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the greatest amount bid must accompany each submission. BIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE THE ACCOMPANYING BID GUARANTEE WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. For contracts in excess of \$25,000, payment, performance, and maintenance bonds along with a bid guarantee are required by the City.

A Site Visit is scheduled for **MAY 9, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.**, at Frenchman's Creek Townhomes, 100 block of Moss Point Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

All questions must be submitted to jspears@friendswood.com, no later than 9:00 A.M., MAY 11, 2023.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, Purchasing Coordinator at (281) 996-3274 or via email to jspears@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch, City Secretary

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS CITY OF PEARLAND, TEXAS

Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 18, 2023 and read aloud into the public record for the following project:

**Sleepy Hollow Street Reconstruction -
Repackaged Storm Sewer Drainage Easement
City of Pearland, Texas
COP PN: TR2002
ITB NO.: 0223-06**

The project will entail the replacement of the storm sewer system located in the drainage easement to Clear Creek (Drainage Easement near the intersection of Sleepy Hollow Drive and Washington Irving Drive) in the Sleepy Hollow Subdivision.

An in-person mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City of Pearland Engineering & Public Works Building at 2016 Old Alvin Rd., Pearland, Texas 77581 at 2:00 pm on May 4, 2023.

All bids should be submitted through the E-Bid system located on the City's website at: <https://pearland.ionwave.net/Login.aspx>. All interested Bidders are advised to register as a "supplier" on the City's E-Bid System at the above website by clicking on "Supplier Registration" and completing a short registration questionnaire. Electronic Bid Documents, including Plans, Technical Specifications and Bid Forms are available for download after registration is approved by City Purchasing office. No plan fees or deposits are required for bid documents obtained through the City's E-bid System. Questions regarding electronic bidding should be directed to City Purchasing Office at ebids@pearlandtx.gov.

Bid Documents are also available for review at the following plan houses:

Amtek Plan Room	(713) 956-0100
The Associated General Contractors of America, Inc.	(713) 334-7100
Associated Builders & Contractors of Greater Houston	(713) 523-6222
Dodge Reports	(713) 316-9411

Bid Security, in the form of Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or Bid Bond, payable to the City of Pearland in the amount of 5% of the total base bid price, must accompany each Bid proposal. See Instructions to Bidders for Bond submittal information and instructions.

The City of Pearland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Frances Aguilar, TRMC, MMC
City Secretary, City of Pearland

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Public Notice: Pear Self Storage, 3512 1/2 E. Broadway St., Pearland, TX 77581, (281) 310-0542, in compliance with the TX State Storage Act, and due to repeated failure to pay monthly lease, the following self-storage units' contents containing household & other goods will be sold for cash to satisfy the lien for rental on May 13, 2023 at 10:00am on www.storageauctions.com. Unit: A36 - Kristen King; D10 - Christopher Spossey

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Pearland ISD will be accepting Request for Proposals for Concrete Lifter. Proposals will be submitted online in the Pearland ISD eBid System. Vendors may login and view specifications through the District's eBid System at <https://pearlandisd.ionwave.net>. Proposal must be submitted by 3:00 p.m., May 18, 2023.

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CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 2023-11 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE BROKER AND CONSULTING SERVICES

Request for Proposals (RFPs) shall be submitted via one (1) paper copy, along with one (1) electronic copy in PDF format on a flash drive. The flash drive must contain only one (1) file in PDF format and must match written response identically. Submittal shall be signed by a person having authority to bind the qualified professional in a contract. All submitted materials must be clearly marked with "RFP NO. 2023-11, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS INSURANCE BROKER AND CONSULTING SERVICES" the vendor's name, and addressed to the City of Friendswood, Attn: City Secretary, and are to be received at Friendswood City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 910 S. Friendswood Dr., Friendswood, TX, 77546 on or before 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023.

The City of Friendswood (the "City") reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Any contract resulting from this RFP shall be awarded to the responsible offeror whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the City considering the relative importance of price and the other evaluation factors included in this request for proposals.

Specifications and related information may be downloaded from the City of Friendswood's website at <https://www.ci.friendswood.tx.us/Bids.aspx> or may be reviewed/inspected during regular business hours in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 910 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, TX 77546.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Spears, at (281) 996-3274 or via email to jspears@friendswood.com.

/s/ Leticia Brysch,
City Secretary
City of Friendswood

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 801 W. PARKWOOD AVENUE, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS A 6.3951-ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING THE REMAINDER OF A 19-ACRE TRACT OF LAND BEING THE NORTHWEST 1/2 OF LOTS 2 & 3, WHITNEY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT REC. 5, MAP NO. 6 OF THE GALVESTON COUNTY MAP RECORDS AND BEING ALL OF A 2.009-ACRE HOMESTEAD TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN GALVESTON COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NO. 8204830 IN THE SARAH MCKISSICK LEAGUE, ABSTRACT NO. 151, CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER (CSC); PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD TO CHANGE THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 502 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE AND 107 W. SPREADING OAKS AVENUE, BEING 6.0551 ACRES OUT OF LOTS 1, 2, 4 AND 8, BLOCK 12, FRIENDSWOOD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS FILED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 21 GALVESTON COUNTY MAP RECORDS, FRIENDSWOOD, GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SFR) TO DOWNTOWN DISTRICT (DD); GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR NAICS USE NO. 8131 "RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS" AND NAICS USE NO. 624 "SOCIAL ASSISTANCE" FOR SUCH PROPERTY; PROVIDING A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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IN THE GARDEN

BY KAROLYN GEPHART



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ANGELONIA

Don't Neglect Garden Tasks for May

It's May and what a busy month this always is. With Mother's Day, graduations, receptions, Memorial Days and soon to be summer type parties, we have full calendars but even though busy, don't neglect what needs to be done in your gardens and yards before the heat waves arrive.

Vegetable growers, please note: Continue planting okra now to early June. Okra has a long harvesting season, throughout August. Corn may be planted during May until mid-June while sweet potatoes may be planted May through mid-July.

Watch for blossom end rot on tomatoes and peppers. This is a physiological disorder caused by a lack of calcium in the soil or an inability to absorb calcium. This occurs following fluctuations in soil moisture.

Feed azaleas for the second time four to six weeks after you first fed them this year. Use an azalea fertilizer and follow label directions.

Plant the following in shady areas of the garden—*Caladium*, *Begonia*, coleus, *Torenia*, and *Impatiens*.

These heat-tolerant annuals may be planted: *Lantana*, *Angelonia*, celosia, *Cosmos*, purslane, and copper plant or copperleaf (*Acalypha* sp.)

To avoid stressing your lawn grass, do not cut off more than one-third of the height of the grass.

Replenish mulch in flower beds and around shrubs to conserve moisture and help control weeds.

Most spring-flowering shrubs may be pruned after they bloom. Remove no more than one-third of the shrub to maintain the shape and improve air circulation. Remove dead and crossing branches.

Watch for powdery mildew on crape myrtle, zinnia and euonymus. Remove infected leaves or stems and dispose in the trash. A fungicide may be used if the infestation is more severe. Follow directions on the product label.

Hanging baskets and other container plants start needing attention as temperatures rise. Watering will soon be twice a day during high temperatures. Are they placed where the warmer days and sunshine or shade as needed are available?

Get ready....summer is coming!

Karolyn Gephart is a Galveston County Master Gardener and a member of Heritage Gardeners of Friendswood.



Pictured (left to right) Dawson High School students Michael Christner, Aarushi Lakhi, John "JP" Jewell and Howard Shi secured medals at the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Florida on April 22-25.

Dawson High School students represent district at DECA International

Four Dawson High School students secured medals at the DECA International Career Development Conference held in Orlando, Florida on April 22-25.

Tenth-grader **John "JP" Jewell** received four medals, including two silver for scoring in the top 10 of Retail Merchandising exam and role play series, one gold in the preliminary round as a top 20 semi-finalist and an additional gold and ranking as a top 10 finalist. Senior **Howard Shi** and tenth-grader **Michael Christner** received silver medals for scoring in the top 10 in Restaurant Management and Sports and Entertainment Marketing in the semi-finals round. Senior **Aarushi Lakhi** was awarded the Lynore Levenhagen Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

This year, over 22,000 high school students competed at the international conference to demonstrate their college and career readiness.

Comprising more than 3,500 high school chapters, DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. The program also provides students with competitions in the fields of finance, management and entrepreneurship, simulating real-life business scenarios and testing students' academic understanding and skills development.



TORO VISITS MASSEY RANCH

Football may not be in season yet, but the Houston Texans mascot Toro made a pre-season visit to Massey Ranch Elementary on Thursday, April 20. Toro taught 3rd and 4th grade students how to prepare their bodies and mind to tackle the STAAR test.