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VA long-term care gets good marks on inspection



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Doctors, nurses and staff of Big Spring's West Texas VA Healthcare System pose with long-term care patients U.S. Navy veteran, Frank Burt of Winters, Texas (center), and U.S. Army veteran, Jim Faulks of Big Spring (front right). The VA's long-term care program recently received good marks in an inspection by the Long Term Care Institute, the organization that accredits long-term care facilities.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Big Spring's West Texas VA Healthcare System has been plagued in recent months with low scores on end-of-year Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning (SAIL) Star Rating quality as-

sessments. Last week, the VA got some good news, in the form of a four-out-of-five rating from the Long Term Care Institute (LTCI), a group that accredits long-term care facilities.

"They came to our facility on March 6. They are unannounced visits, so we never know when

they're going to come, so there is no pre-preparation that we can do. They walk in the door and they begin to do the survey," said Associate Director of Patient Care Services for the VA, Rebekah Friday. "Their surveys come about every 12 to 18 months. In that window, normally they'll come, but it could be a little longer, it could be a little shorter, if they determine that's what they need to do."

Friday said LTCI looks at 950 elements grouped into 23 different categories during each survey.

"There's quite a bit that they look through, and they certainly do dig down deep to make sure that the care that we're providing is quality care for our patients," she said. "Ours went really well this year. There were a lot of accolades for the processes and procedures that we do here at the VA."

Of particular merit were the VA's wound care methodology, and dining hall procedures.

"Sometimes our veterans will come to us with what's commonly called 'bed sores.' We call them 'decubitus'; same thing," Friday said. "But when they come here, our wound care processes and procedures are excellent at getting them healed up and skin back intact as it should be. So we got big accolades for that."

Staff in the dining room provide personal touches and care for the veterans, which impressed LTCI, Friday said.

"They also were impressed with our dining room processes and procedures, and how we interact with our veterans during their mealtime. Not only that, but our staff, not only nursing staff on the floor, know the veterans' preferences. That was very impressive," she said. "They

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PBUWCD adopts Cementing Report policy

STANTON - The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District adopted a policy last month requiring a Cementing Completion Report on every water well drilled deeper than 500 feet.

The policy, designed to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the District and protect the aquifers was approved at the PBUWCD board meeting Feb. 8.

The policy states "As Dockum Group (Santa Rosa) wells become more common in Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District, the District must carefully protect the water quality and quantity of each aquifer pene-

trated. To that end, it is now the policy of the Board to require a Cementing Completion Report in accordance with Permian Basin UWCD Rule 5 (A) to be submitted along with the driller's report for water wells that are drilled deeper than 500 feet. The cementing must follow the

completion standards as set out in Chapter 76 of the Texas Water Code regulating Water Well Drillers, specifically Chapter 76.100, Chapter 76.101, Chapter 76.102, Chapter 76.103, Chapter 76.104 and must absolutely prevent any commingling of water between two or more different aquifers or zones of production that have differing water quality."

Please contact the District at 432-756-2136 with any questions.



Spring celebration: Heritage Museum to hold painting event



Courtesy photo

A class taught by local artist Terri Chaney works on Christmas-themed paintings. Chaney will hold a canvas-painting event to celebrate Spring on March 24 at the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

Spring is in the air at the Big Spring Heritage Museum.

The museum is going to

kick off the season with "Celebrate Spring," a canvas-painting event, Tuesday, March 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come sip your favorite beverage and enjoy step-by-step instruction with an experienced local artist. Guests will leave

with a one-of-a-kind creation ready to hang up for display: a spring-themed painting taught by Big Spring local artist Terri Chaney.

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Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JAVIER LEDESMA SR.**, 30, of 1200 N45th St., on a charge of driving while intoxicated 3rd or more.
- **LUANNA NADINE MEAIRS**, 53, of no transient, was arrested on warrants of criminal trespass, and failure to identify giving false/fictitious info.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Rd., and in the 4600 block of Aspen St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore St.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 500 block on E FM 700.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.
- **GOMEZINDO DIAZ**, 27, was arrested by HCSO was arrested on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- **JOSE MOISES DIAZ**, 67, was arrested by HCSO was arrested on a warrant of driving while intoxicated.
- **TRADERO QUMAN GREEN**, was arrested by HCSO

on a charge of assault fam/house mem. Impede bre.

- **JAVIER LEDESMA SR.**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **LUANNA NADINE MEAIRS**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of criminal trespass, and failure to identify giving false/fictitious.
- **WHITNEY DANIELLE MOORE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DEANDRE TYRELLE WALTON**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of man delivery of controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

Take Note

• Legal Aid of North-West Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child support and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on March 22, May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done/ Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday.

For questions or

for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

• Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office.

Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be

accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a

sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004.

All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

Obituaries

Betty Pace

Betty Pace, 83, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 13, 2018. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W 11th Place. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of S Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 11500 block of W Cr 34. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of W 8th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 200 block of N Moss Lake Rd. No transport.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on I-20 E MM 165. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Sat. of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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interact with the family that is there during mealtime. They know what veterans want to get off their tray, what they don't want off their tray. They want their coffee at this temperature or that temperature. It's part of that home-like environment. You know, when you sit down at the table with your family, you know that your son doesn't like peas...so you know those things. We try to make it as home-like as we can. So you get to know people on a more personal basis. Not only does the nursing staff do that, but everybody down to the housekeepers do that. You can tell when you go up there, everybody talks to the vets, they greet them, and they know them by name."

One particular mealtime procedure that drew praise

from LTCI was the "Red Napkin."

"Some of our veterans don't swallow well. They're what we call an 'aspiration risk.' What we've developed here is, when they bring up the food for dining, on each tray for a veteran that there's an indication that he or she is an aspiration risk, we put a red napkin," Friday said. "That cues everybody that that person is an aspiration risk. It's a simple thing, but it makes a huge difference. So I know that I can't give that veteran certain things because of the consistency of the food. I can't give them just plain water, because if they're an aspiration risk, that makes it that much more of a risk. We don't do that. So that's what that red napkin does for us."

Veterans know to look for the red napkin as well.

"They know their red napkin, and they will ask for it if it's not on their tray," Friday said. "But they're very good

about making sure the veterans have that. Before the trays are removed from the big cart, they look and say, 'That's Mr. So-and-so's...Mr. Jones'...he's a red napkin. So there's his tray.' They were very impressed with our attention to detail with those things."

Personal, friendly care and staff knowledge about the patients is key to treatment at the VA.

"When they would go talk to one nurse about a patient, and then they would turn around and talk to another nurse, they really had the same information," Friday said. "So they were communicating very well. They communicate very well upstairs on the patients' needs, their diagnosis, the treatments, and that kind of thing. So there's great communication across through the provider to even our nurses' aides. They were very impressed with that communication

and how knowledgeable they were on the care for each individual patient."

With all the praise, there were a couple of things the VA got less-than-stellar marks on.

"There were a couple of things that we do need to improve on, but they were quite minor. In the medical field we're probably always getting, 'You can document better...you can document better.' It is an art. Documentation is an art, and it takes experience," Friday said. "One of the things that we do need to document better is our follow-up visits, like when we send our patients out for other dialysis or to an appointment with an outside doctor, when we bring them back, we need to document better our assessments. We assess them before we send them out so we know they're alert, they're oriented, they have no problems. So we send them on out, and when we

bring them back, we need to really ramp up that documentation. We do the assessment, but we just don't document them well."

Extra training and changes to electronic medical records procedures will help with the problem, Friday said.

"We're in the process now of building a template for our electronic medical records," she said. "It will cue the nurses when they do the assessment, they're going to go in and do the documentation, and it's just going to cue them so they make sure they hit all the high points."

For more information about the West Texas VA Health Care System, call 432-263-7361.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

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"We will be doing a painting for the Spring season," said Chaney. "I love to be able to help others to have fun and paint a work of art that they will be proud of and that will look good as wall art."

Typically a wine and canvas event is a few hours in length for the instruction time, with some of that time consisting of a small break while the paintings dry. During the event, Chaney, who has been doing art for eight years, will work with the guests and help them to re-create the featured painting.

"I have been painting and drawing my whole life," she said.

The cost for the event is \$35 per person, which will cover the cost of guest canvas, brushes, paints, and adult beverages. There will be limited seating so call ahead to reserve a spot at 432-267-8255. The Big Spring Heritage Museum is located at 510 Scurry St.

"Come down and get in the spirit of Spring with a friend or two and get in touch your artist side," said Chaney. "Or just come to do something different and have fun with friends."

Terri Chaney offers her services to anyone who is interested in having their own private wine and canvas. For more details on how to get Chaney at your next wine and canvas call 432-816-3426.



Courtesy photo

"Celebrate Spring" will be the theme of a canvas-painting event held March 24 at the Big Spring Heritage Museum. The event, taught by local artist Terri Chaney, will cost \$35, which will include materials such as paints, canvas, brushes, etc.; and adult beverages for all participants. There is limited seating available for the event, so register now by calling 432-267-8255.

Adults: It's your move, students say after historic walkouts

By COLLIN BINKLEY

Associated Press

They bowed their heads in honor of the dead. They carried signs with messages like "Never again" and "Am I next?" They rallied against the National Rifle Association and the politicians who support it.

And over and over, they repeated the message: Enough is enough.

In a wave of protests one historian called the largest of its kind in American history, tens of thousands of students walked out of their classrooms Wednesday to demand action on gun violence and school safety.

The demonstrations extended from Maine to Hawaii as students joined the youth-led surge of activism set off by the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

"We're sick of it," said Maxwell Nardi, a senior at Douglas S. Freeman High School in Henrico, Virginia, just outside Richmond. "We're going to keep fighting, and we're not going to stop until Congress finally makes resolute changes."

Students around the nation left class at 10 a.m. local time for at least 17 minutes — one minute for each of the dead in the Florida shooting. Some led marches or rallied on football fields, while others gathered in school gyms or took a knee in the hallway.

At some schools, hundreds of students poured out. At others, just one or two walked out in defiance of administrators.

They lamented that too many young people have died and that they're tired of going to school afraid they will be killed.

"Enough is enough. People are done with being shot," said Iris Fosse-Ober, 18, a senior at Washburn High School in Minneapolis.

In joining the protests, the students followed the example set by many of the survivors of the Florida shooting, who have become gun-control activists, leading rallies, lobbying legislators and giving TV interviews. Their efforts helped spur passage last week of a Florida law curbing access to assault rifles by young people.

Another protest against gun violence is scheduled in Washington on March 24, with organizers saying it is expected to draw hundreds of thousands.

But whether the students can make a difference on Capitol Hill remains to be seen.

Some students have issued specific demands for lawmakers, including mandatory background checks for all gun sales and a ban on assault weapons like the one used in the Florida bloodbath.

While administrators and teachers at some schools applauded students for taking a stand — and some joined them — others threatened punishment for missing class.

As the demonstrations unfolded, the NRA responded by posting a photo on Twitter of a black rifle emblazoned with an Ameri-

can flag. The caption: "I'll control my own guns, thank you."

The protests took place at schools from the elementary level through college, including some that have witnessed their own mass shootings: About 300 students gathered on a soccer field at Colorado's Columbine High, while students who survived the Sandy Hook Elementary School attack in 2012 marched out of Newtown High School in Connecticut.

In the nation's capital, more than 2,000 high-school age protesters observed 17 minutes of silence while sitting on the ground with their backs turned to the White House. President Donald Trump was out of town.

The students carried signs with messages such as "Our Blood/Your Hands" and "Never Again" and chanted slogans against the NRA.

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Aiden Jakobi Lane Martinez, infant son of Anais Martinez and William Louis Kain Spivey, died Thursday, March 9, 2018. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Betty Pace, 83, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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It's hard to believe it is already March!! I will be continuing with western books until we get a shipment of new books ordered for this year. "Sour Creek Valley" by Max Brand (LP W BRA M) is a Circle V Western Story. After hitting a rich vein of gold, Blonny Kitchin heads to the big city to have a good time. His luck runs out, and he ends up spending two years in Folsom Prison. The prison's chaplain convinces him that the range is the place for Kitchin to make use of his brute strength



Martinez

and free spirit. After prison, Kitchin runs into Harry Randal, an ex-police sergeant whose rib Kitchin had broken back in the big city.

Randal has inherited a ranch worth millions if he can make the operation pay. If Kitchin can handle the cow-punchers and help turn a profit, Randal will give him the ranch when his grandfather dies. Kitchin encounters a teenage thief called Pepillo in whom he takes an interest. He decides to

help him by taking him along to the ranch as his mozo. With Pepillo's help, Kitchin wins the reluctant respect of the outfit, but he can't help wondering if Pepillo may be hiding a secret.

"Mysterious Rancho" by Jackson Gregory (LP W GRE J) finds Ben Whitney searching for peace after getting caught in a wily competitor's trap and ruined. Before he had spent a week at the picturesque old King of Spain Rancho, he found that peace was only for those who had the courage to take it at the point of a gun. He fell under the spell of the beautiful Teresita Calderon and heard the mysterious story of her lost inheritance. Soon the limitless resources of this totally wild countryside dawned on him, and he knew that at last he had found his rightful home.

"Ranger's Revenge" by James J. Griffin (LP W GRI J) is a Texas Ranger Jim Blawczyk Story. Texas Ranger Jim Blawczyk and his son are shot

and his wife brutally attacked and raped. All are left for dead as the raiders ride off with his stock. Even Jim's faithful horse was shot and left to die. Jim regains consciousness and is able to make it to his neighbor's ranch for help before passing out again.

Almost a week later, he wakes up at the doctor's house, but his son and wife are still unconscious and their recovery questionable. As Jim begins to recover, his only thought is to track down and kill every man involved in the raid. He becomes frustrated when the captain orders him to stay away from the case and let the other rangers handle the investigation. After his captain tells him that so far the rangers have had no success in identifying the attackers and no clue to where they went, Jim decides to defy orders and go after the men himself and make them pay for what they did to his family.

In "Texas Rider" by Bradford Scott (LP W SCO B), Walt Slade has his trickiest assignment of his career as an undercover agent for the Texas

Rangers, take down a dead killer and see that he stayed dead. Slade had faced Veck Sosna four times and four times the elusive killer had escaped. When Slade's new assignment took him to Espantosa, he knew it would be tough. Slade told himself there would be no mistakes this time. It would be Sosna or him, but he didn't know about the ambush Sosna had laid or the diabolical end the outlaw had planned for him!

I've run out of time so I'll leave you with a quote from Confucius: "You cannot open a book without learning something."

The Howard County Library's hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm; the internet/video room closes at 6:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432)264-2263. Our website is <http://howard-county.ploud.net>. Visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/HowardCoLibrary.

Texas Panhandle boy, 11, supported with Be A Friend letters

By JON MARK BEILUE

Amarillo Globe-News

BUSHLAND, Texas — If the ruse of his grandmother driving him from their home in Hereford to Bushland to see the school for a possible transfer seemed a little sketchy to 11-year-old Marcus Escobedo, it sure seemed fishy when he was directed to take a hard right down a hallway to the junior high cafeteria.

"I didn't expect this to be that great a place," he said, "but it is."

The Amarillo Globe-News reports waiting for him were the loud marching strains from 20 members of the Bushland High School band, as well as the welcoming cheers from about 250 students from Bushland Middle School, Westover Park Junior High in Amarillo, and seven students and one sponsor from Lake Worth High School, 352 miles away on Fort Worth's northwestern edge.

"This is pretty cool," said Marcus, whose face wore a dazed look for most of the recent 30-minute surprise ceremony that was for him and only him.

Marcus was the 13th honoree — if you will — of the national Be A Friend project, an anti-bullying campaign that got its beginnings in New York from the See The Wish educational theater company. One of its musicals, "It's Easy," was on bullying. The cast of the show wanted to continue the focus on the musical and take it from the stage to real life.

"This has just continued to grow and grow," said Jennifer Jo Young of Cold Spring, New York, co-founder and co-president of the Be A Friend project. "It's doing what we hoped it would do."

The idea is to learn of a bullying victim, vet their story, and then through participating school organizations across the country, send that student handwritten letters of encouragement. They don't mediate any crisis. They don't talk to school officials. They just flood a young boy or girl with letters of encouragement.

"You get hundreds and hundreds of letters of support from their peers. It's to let them know they're not alone and to stay strong," Young said.

"On the flip side, someone who's writing them is stepping into their shoes and to take the time to practice empathy. Empathy does not come naturally for everyone."

Michelle Lancaster, a Bushland High School family and consumer science teacher, is also sponsor of the service club, FCCLA (Family Care and Community Leaders of America). A few years ago, her parents, living in New Jersey, heard about the project, and told her daughter. She in turn asked club members if they wanted to participate.

Two years ago, her students were among hundreds across the country who wrote support letters to Mia Munoz, then 12, who was at Austin Middle School. About three months ago, KFDD-TV aired a piece on Marcus, who was dealing with threats in Hereford.

Lancaster sent the information on to Young, who agreed to put their national campaign in motion for Marcus. In the meantime, Lancaster enlisted the assistance of Bushland's junior high, Westover, and her colleague Juli Thorpe, the FCCLA sponsor in Lake Worth.

Let the letter writing begin. Almost all correspondence goes first to Young, who removes any last names, any references to social media. They're not creating pen pals. She also looks for any letters in the rare instance they might blame the victim.

"If we get close to 1,000 letters," Young said, "we might take out five."

Two years ago, like most others, Mia Munoz got her letters delivered to her home. Lancaster thought they could do better than that with a surprise presentation to Marcus. It took some planning and juggling, particularly with a 700-mile roundtrip for the Lake Worth students.

"By helping the wounded and the injured and make them grow," Thorpe said, "it makes our students feel better about who they are. It's about being a true leader. One of our national projects is 'Stop the Violence,' so this marries together. We're glad to come up here and be part of this."

Linda Guerrero said her grandson has had severe ADHD, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, since he was 3, and is being tested for autism. Marcus said he's been burned with a lighter, beaten up, and had a knife pulled on him.

"He's looking over his shoulder. Lately, he's been waking up crying," she said.

Because a snowstorm in the northeast delayed arrival of letters, Marcus didn't have all of the record haul at the presentation. There is a record 1,182 letters in all. Munoz was on hand to present Marcus with more than 500 letters that weren't stranded.

She is now 14 and a ninth grader at Caprock High School in Amarillo. Her 500 letters were, and still are, a boost. She hopes it will be for Marcus.

"It gave me a lot of self-confidence," she said. "I've got a jar of letters and just this week, when I was feeling down, I'll read a few again."



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Opinion



BSHS objects to on-campus fighting

Schools are places of education, but sometimes conflicts arise between students. When this occurs, those students confront each other, often resulting in violence. Students fights are nothing more than students attempting to show their dominance or hurt the other individual as a result of not being able to communicate like adults, and rather acting like children. These fights end in administration giving them punishments ranging from school suspension to corporal punishment.



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At BSHS, there has been a rise in students, especially in the weeks heading into Spring Break. These fights are causing administration to take appropriate action. Before, the punishment for fighting on school property was a 20-day transfer period to Anderson Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), BSISD's alternative school. With the recent incidents, administration has changed to parents determining their students punishment with two options. Option one, students will serve a 40-day period in DAEP and then return to school. Option two, students will serve a 20-day period and return to school, but will be subjected to an hour of community service after school for 20 days. The students will also have to wear a certain dress code that includes a white t-shirt and jeans. The new terms of punishment for student violence are appropriate. Students will be punished for acting out at school and their parents will also have the chance to become involved in their child's punishment.

for student that fail to comply with the rules to continue their education away from other students. Teachers from different campuses send their work to their students and students are responsible for completing it with the assistance of the skilled staff at the Anderson campus. Many faculty members even travel to Anderson to tutor students so that they do not lose education quality; they simply learn in a more structured environment without the social interference of their peers. Now that the punishment is 40-days students will have a longer consequence for breaking the rules. The second option of 20 day transfer and 20 day community service would get the students back into class the fastest way and also force them to help out the school or community. Students do not usually do these tasks of community service unless forced, so the new program will give them an opportunity to serve those around them.

During school hours, parents are working and can not always keep up with their child or the things that involve their students. When student are in trouble, parents are advised, but ultimately the administrators pick the appropriate punishment for the students actions in accordance with district policy. With parents now being able to pick which punishment their student will receive will translate to more parental involvement in the student's school life. Parents can make the decision to use the 40 day transfer period to keep their student from the school longer, if they feel it's necessary or they can make their student become involved in helping the school and the community. This helps the parent to understand the seriousness of the offense and trans-

late to the student the changes that need to be made in order to avoid incidents like those from reoccurring. Parents also get the chance to dictate what their students consequences are for not complying with rules not only at home but at school. With the decision to add a longer punishment or community service, it gives the students a lesson that may aid in prevention of these altercations. When students become involved in these incidents, there is no longer receiving a short term punishment of 20 days to only come back to have another recurrence. Now with 40 days, the student will have an extensive punishment with no contact with other students and/or teachers. Students that are subjected to the 40 day period will have to be have a lot of responsibility in order to finish their work and learn on their own. These student will also be outside of a regular classroom for awhile and when they return will have to adapt to the fast-paced learning environment of the teacher. Students will the 20 day transfer and community service term will also have to adapt to being back in the classroom, but will specifically have to find the time to do community service alongside school work. This teaches student to take responsibility for the actions and will also give them a lesson of doing good for the community aside from having to be forced.

I commend the administration for taking the necessary actions to keep the faculty, staff, and students at BSHs safe, while also sending the message that we must protect the limited instructional time of students. As the school continues to take steps to maintaining a passing campus rating, this action sends a clear message to students that interfering with the educational environment will not be tolerated.

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BSHS Admin says "No" to fighting

A recent issue has started to rear its ugly head at BSHS in the week leading up to spring break, but school administrators have handled it tremendously. The issue is students having physical altercations and not caring about the punishment related to their actions. BSHS Administration is taking a strong stance on fighting on school property, doubling the already strict 20 day DAEP sentence to 40 days. Students who get into fights at school deserve to be punished because they demonstrate no regard for how it makes themselves, our school, or our community look, and punishing them accordingly should and will lessen the amount of fights that happen throughout the school year.



CHLOE SEPEDA
BSHS JOURNALIST

Students that get into physical altercations on school grounds typically do not care about how they, the school, or community look to other people. Children are the future and school is a place where we go to learn and grow into young adults ready to take on the world- not take on some girl by punching her in the face because she thinks she stole her boyfriend. This is not the way to behave. We as a student body are better than this and the administration is trying to curb, and ultimately stop, fighting altogether. If a fight happens at school it not only affects the students in-

involved, but it also affects the students who witness or hear about it from others. A fight happens and it causes a school wide disruption and it's all anyone can talk about for the rest of the day, and maybe even a week. Punishing the students responsible for the disruption with Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or In School Suspension (ISS) sometimes is not enough for students to understand the severity of their actions and the impact it makes on the student body. These kids need to be made to understand that physically fighting is not the way to handle ourselves as children or adults.

I commend our administration for stepping in the way they have to try to get these kids to actually stop and think about where they want to be in life and where they fall in high school. This is a time of learning and finding yourself, but it is sad to see so many kids finding themselves in detention, ISS, Out of School Suspension (OSS) and DAEP because they chose not to care about themselves or others. At this point in time, more punishment seems like the only viable option.

Students who get into fights at school deserve to be punished because when they fight they have no regard for how it makes themselves, our school or our community look and punishing them accordingly should and will lessen the amount of fights that happen throughout the

school year. Fighting isn't the professional or acceptable way of handling ourselves or our problems. When students bring this drama to the school it degrades the student body and community of Big Spring who support the efforts to maintain control of the campus and promote the educational wellbeing of its students. Our school and community is better and deserves better representation than this from the students at BSHS. Fighting isn't just a fight, it's a disruption to other students' learning, interrupting the core mission of the institution. The new punishments in place by the administration sends a strong "no fighting" message to students, and is a start to keep students safe, as well as protect the valuable instructional time of teachers and students.

We are responsible for everyone in our school and how it makes the community look as a whole. We all deserve to be seen for the good of the many not the bad of the few, but the bad matters too. The punishment fighters face is in place to deter them from creating a history of violence towards others or a pattern of bad behavior. High School is a period of learning and growing as a person, and the recent course of action that administrators have chosen to take will ensure that everyone can grow and learn by protecting and maintaining a safe learning environment. The students at BSHS need to remember the true value of the learning environment and work to protect it as well.

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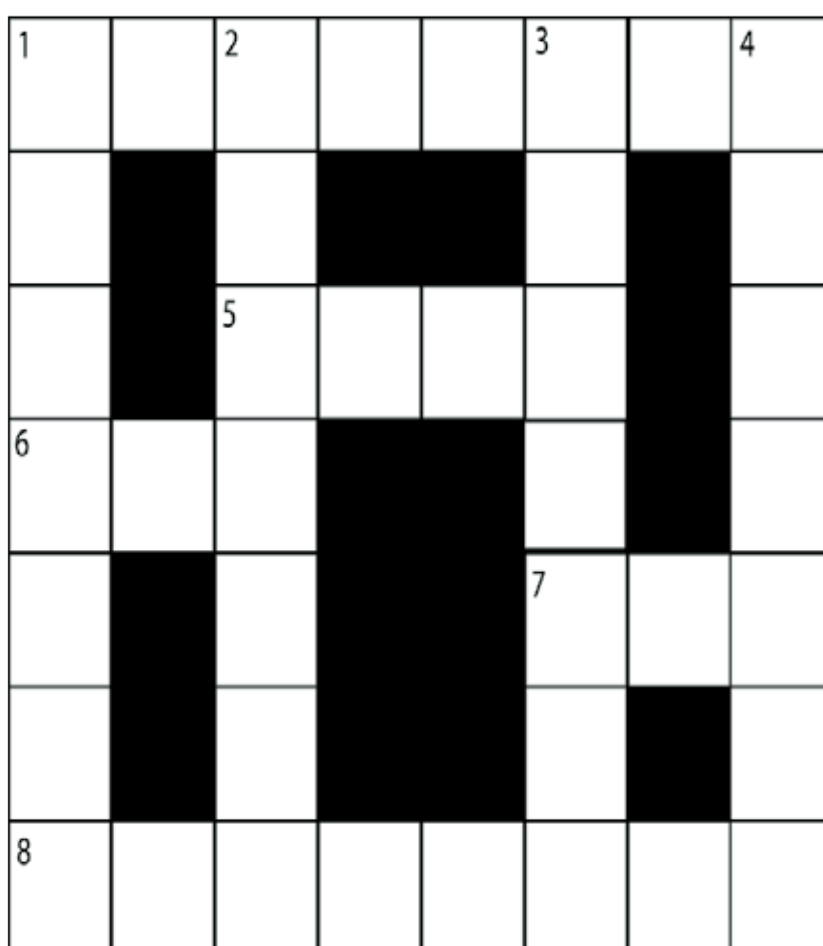
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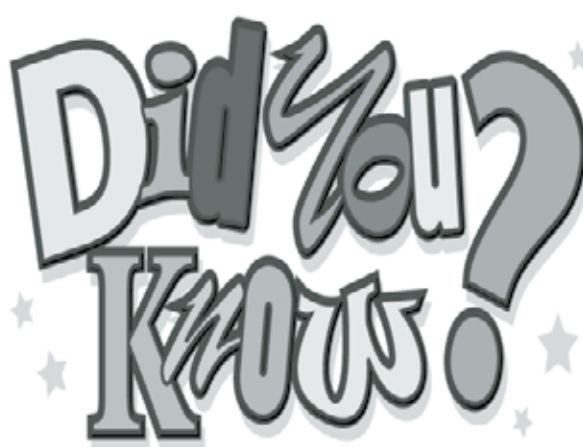
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Lone Star tilt: Texas Tech faces Stephen F Austin in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — No. 3 seed Texas Tech (24-9) vs. No. 14 seed Stephen F. Austin (28-6)

First round, East Region; Dallas; Thursday, 7:27 p.m. ET.

BOTTOM LINE: Coach Chris Beard has Texas Tech positioned for its first Sweet 16 run since he was an assistant under Bob Knight in 2005. The Red Raiders haven't won an NCAA Tournament game in two appearances since then. Stephen F. Austin has two NCAA wins since Tech's most recent victory, including a 14-point win over West Virginia as a 14 seed two years ago. The Lumberjacks have at least 28 wins four of the past five seasons.

EVANS' FOOT: Leading scorer Keenan Evans was limited late in the season by a foot injury, which started a four-game losing streak that knocked Texas Tech out of first place in the Big 12. Evans' first game back in double figures led to the first win since the injury, and he was back over 30 minutes in both Big 12 Tournament games. "I would say it helped us in a way of coming together, people having to step up and take bigger roles," said Evans, a senior from the Dallas area.

WITHOUT WALKUP: Thomas Walkup was the star of SFA's run two years ago, scoring 33 points in the win over the Mountaineers before the Lumberjacks lost to Notre Dame by a point in their bid for the Sweet 16. Now, the leading scorer, Shannon Bogues (15.4 ppg), comes off the bench. TJ Holyfield was the Southland tournament MVP with a pair of double-doubles, including 13 points and 12 rebounds in a win over top-seeded Southeastern Louisiana. Ty Charles is one of five SFA players with 100 career wins.



Texas Tech coach Chris Beard celebrates after finding out where the Red Raiders will play during a watch party for the NCAA basketball tournament Sunday, March 11, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas.

HOMECOMING OR HOME COURT? There should be plenty of red in the crowd since Dallas is one of the strongest alumni bases for Texas Tech and its fans have been energized by the sudden success in Beard's second season. But don't discount

SFA purple with the recent NCAA success of the Lumberjacks. "I feel like it's a homecoming, but I wouldn't consider it a home game," said Texas Tech freshman Zhaire Smith, who went to high school in nearby Garland.

Emotional season for Mulkey, Baylor heading back to NAAs



AP photo
In this Feb. 17, 2018, file photo, Baylor's Dekeiya Cohen (1), Didi Richards (2), Kalani Brown (21) and Alexis Morris (11) listen as head coach Kim Mulkey, second from left, instructs them during a time out in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Kansas, in Waco, Texas. While so much is the same as usual in March for the Lady Bears, this has been the most heart-wrenching season off the court for coach Kim Mulkey.

WACO, Texas (AP) — Another 30-win season, another Big 12 championship and another NCAA Tournament opener at home for No. 2 Baylor.

While so much is the same as usual in March for the Lady Bears, this has been the most heart-wrenching season off the court for coach Kim Mulkey.

"I've shed more tears with this team than any team I've ever shed, because that's their personality," Mulkey said. "We have to address the things that pop up in order for them to move on, and it's just been one after another. And I don't know that a any of us have had time to really take a breath." The Lady Bears have gone through the loss of Mulkey's first grandchild, the death of a former championship-winning player to cancer and other real-life issues off the court that athletes, like all college kids, sometimes face when away from home. There have also been season-ending injuries.

"We definitely saw a different side of her, definitely a more emotional side," senior forward Dekeiya Cohen said. "Just seeing her come from a tough place ... and come coach us every day, and she says we're the highlight of her day a lot. Just seeing that side of her, and hearing her talk like that, it definitely means a lot to me."

Through it all, the Lady Bears (31-1) swept through Big 12 play for their eighth straight regular season title, then won their eighth conference tournament the last 10 seasons. They open NCAA play at home for the sixth year in a row Friday night as the No. 2 seed in the Lexington Regional against Grambling State (19-13).

"We just like each other off the court, so we're real close as a team,"

said junior center Kalani Brown, the Big 12 player of the year. "When adversity comes, we just band together, laugh together, we cry together. And I think that's why we've been so successful."

Only a week into the season, Mulkey's daughter, Makenzie Fuller, a former Lady Bears player now on her mother's staff, lost her unborn child about 18 weeks into her pregnancy. The baby with two life-threatening birth defects had no heartbeat when Fuller went to a doctor's appointment, and the baby girl was delivered after labor was induced.

In January, former Baylor player Chameka Scott died of colon cancer at age 33. Scott was one of Mulkey's first recruits and the player the coach called "the heartbeat" of their 2005 national championship team.

"You don't put on a stern face when you deal with death. You address it, you cry, you talk about it," said Mulkey, in her 18th season at Baylor.

Baylor goes into the NCAA Tournament without senior guard Kristy Wallace, who returned home to Australia to have the national team doctors there examine the torn right ACL she sustained in the final regular-season game. Freshman guard Trinity Oliver tore her left ACL a month into the season.

Sophomore forward Lauren Cox missed a game while hospitalized with complications from diabetes, a disease she has dealt with since she was a young kid. Cox then found out recently that her younger sister, who is still in high school, has also been diagnosed with diabetes.

The only loss by the Lady Bears was

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Texas Southern routs NC Central for first tournament win



AP photo
Texas Southern's Donte Clark (1) drives against North Carolina Central's Larry McKnight Jr. (0) during the first half of a First Four game of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in Dayton, Ohio.

By **MITCH STACY**

AP Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — Damontrae Jefferson did a lot of everything Wednesday night, hitting layups and 3-pointers, grabbing rebounds and playing defense and making his teammates look good. The slippery-quick 5-foot-7 guard also helped Texas Southern make history.

Playing all but the last minute or so of the game, the sophomore dynamo scored 25 points, pulled down eight rebounds, flexed and crowed as Texas Southern got its first ever NCAA Tournament win, a 64-46 rout of North Carolina Central in a First Four game at University of Dayton Arena.

No. 16 seed Texas Southern (16-19) also became the first team with a losing record to win a tournament game. The Tigers started the season 0-13 against a big-boy schedule — the worst start for a tournament team in NCAA history — and didn't win a game until Jan. 1. Now they're moving on to face No. 1 seed Xavier on Friday.

"It was for the university," Jefferson said. "We actually made history today for the university, and we kind of knew that coming into this game."

Donte Clark had 18 points and Trayvon Reed added 10 points and eight boards for Texas Southern, a historically black college in Houston. The Tigers slipped into the First Four by getting hot and winning the Southwest Athletic College Tournament, only to be paired with Mid-Eastern

Athletic Conference Tournament winner N.C. Central, another historically black school that was making its second straight appearance in Dayton for a play-in game.

Both the conferences get an automatic bid every year but rarely have to play each other.

N.C. Central (19-16) was led by Raas-ean Davis with 19 points, part of a starting five that included a pair of true freshmen guards and a walk-on.

Texas Southern led by 10 at the half on Jefferson's 17 points. The sophomore, who along with Miami's Chris Lykes is the shortest player in the tournament, tied the score at 10 with a jumper, then fed an alley-oop pass to Reed for a monster dunk and followed with a layup to cap an 8-0 run. The Tigers wouldn't relinquish the lead.

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The Eagles hurt themselves with terrible shooting, especially in the second half. They shot just 30.4 percent for the game — including 0 for 14 from 3-point range.

"We didn't give our best shot," N.C. Central coach Levelle Moton said. "We knew our freshmen would have to play like seniors and our walk-on would have to play like a scholarship junior. We fell short tonight. We were outplayed, outcoached, out-toughed. And they've been here before."

BIG PICTURE

N.C. Central: Eagles got back to the First Four again despite losing all of last year's starters. But they couldn't keep up with Jefferson and his mates

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The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:

Douglas Lykken, Lt 23 Bk 12, North Park hill, Located at 1206 Pennsylvania Ave., is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (SF-2) Single Family Dwelling; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4 Section 4-6 Appendix (A) and (E) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of five (5') feet into the maximum twenty five foot (25') front yard setback as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance for a front yard porch.

Simon P. Sanchez, W/2 of Lt 11 Bk 4 May Thixton, Located at 1617 E. 17th St., is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (SF-2) Single Family Dwelling; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1, Appendix (C) and Article 4 Section 4-6 Appendix (A) and (E) of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of

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To: Elizabeth Anderson, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday April 16, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of February, 2018, cause number 52552 in the entitled cause styled

Moss Creek Resources, LLC vs Elizabeth Anderson, Ruth Davis

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Civil Case - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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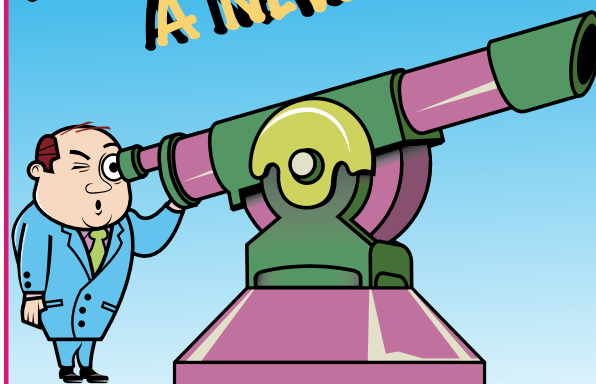
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for a further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing with fifteen days of the publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. Telephone (512) 463-6792.

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To: James Clifford Frazier III, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday April 16, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of February, 2018, cause number 52553 in the entitled cause styled

Moss Creek Resources, LLC vs James Frazier III

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Civil Case - Other as is more fully shown by

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the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 2nd day of March, 2018.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9728 March 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2018

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To: James Clifford Frazier III, Wherever He May Be Found, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said County in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas by filing a written an-

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swer to the petition of plaintiff (s) at or before 10 o'clock on the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days after the date of service hereof, a copy of which accompanies this citation, filed in said court on the 27th day of February, 2018, in cause number 52553, styled

Moss Creek Resources, LLC vs James Frazier III

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To: Ruth Davis, Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday April 16, 2018, before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at 312 Scurry Street in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 27th day of February, 2018, cause number 52552 in the entitled cause styled

Elizabeth Anderson, Ruth Davis

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: Civil Case - Other as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

It was a constant source of wonder to the members of the club that Sylvia, who was very accident-prone, could capitalize so often on this infirmity and produce astonishing successes.

Take this deal where Sylvia was declarer in four spades. West led the K-A and another diamond, which Sylvia ruffed. When she next cashed the ace of spades, West showed out, so Sylvia crossed to the ace of hearts, returned a trump and finessed the

jack.

Had Sylvia now drawn East's last trump by playing the king — as she fully intended to do — she would surely have gone down one, eventually losing two club tricks regardless of how she continued.

But when Sylvia reached for the king of spades, she accidentally played the card next to it, the eight of spades. East thus found himself on lead with the queen and was forced to return a heart. Sylvia discarded a club from her hand as she ruffed in dummy, bringing about this position:

North		West		East	
♠ 10	♣ K 6 5 4	♠ J	♠ Q J 9 8	♠ —	♠ —
South		East		Immaterial	
♠ K 7	♠ A 10 3	♠ —	♠ —	♠ —	♠ —

Despondently, Sylvia led a club to the ace and played her last two trumps, hoping a miracle of some sort would save her from her earlier inadvertence.

Sylvia did not have long to wait for her deliverance. On the last trump lead, West could not discard safely, and Sylvia once again chalked up a sensational triumph as a result of her miscue.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Slippery Fish Moon

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

In an uncertain world, the worst approach one could take is absolute certainty. The trick is to appear confident and yet also be ready to switch gears in an instant. As the moon slips into the sign of the ultra-flexible fish, the winning approach involves being as fluid as the water, flowing with the tides.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The social scientists suggest that the most important (and telling) part of a conversation is the start of it. As the sign of beginnings, you get this intuitively and lead with the intention of making something positive happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The less you own, the less you are owned. There was a time when these symbols meant much more to you; but now that they don't, the thing to do is to take the cash value.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be somewhat impervious to what others are reacting to. It's not that you're unfeeling; rather, you are protected by your broader point of view. Seeing the big picture minimizes the impact of circumstantial pettiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One would think that extremely valuable things would be constantly guarded against theft, loss or damage, and yet it's not always so. People

lose valuables all of the time. This is no time to take for granted what you hold dear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's success secret is a no-brainer. You'll seek out and study those who live the way you want to live. Furthermore, though it won't happen overnight, eventually you will become one of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll focus on what's good and ask the same of others. This will not be accomplished overtly, which would only be annoying. The positivity is an extension of how you are, your general personality and approach.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Deep down, you know what you want. Press yourself! It's a good thing to figure out early in the day, because you could waste a lot of time with vague actions. Have the confidence to be specific and direct.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). On the surface there's not a lot of difference between going with the flow and conforming like a chameleon. The difference is on the inside. Don't fool yourself. Make strategic

compromises -- external, not internal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're a helper. Also, you've the experience to easily solve many problems. However, refrain from giving advice or solutions until and unless you are asked. No one likes to be told what they (SET ITAL)should(END ITAL) be doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Should you avoid or embrace conflict? Much depends on motive. If you're avoiding conflict to be liked, the plan will backfire. If you're avoiding it to be peaceful, the moral high ground will be your paradise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Many believers in angels and spirit guides suggest that these ethereal entities communicate with us through feelings. Today it will seem that your intuition, or some extra-sensory stimulus, is trying to tell you something.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Whether it seems to be going very right, or very wrong, you'll be cool with it. These things have a way of stabilizing. The midpoint is called that for a reason. Everything settles there eventually.

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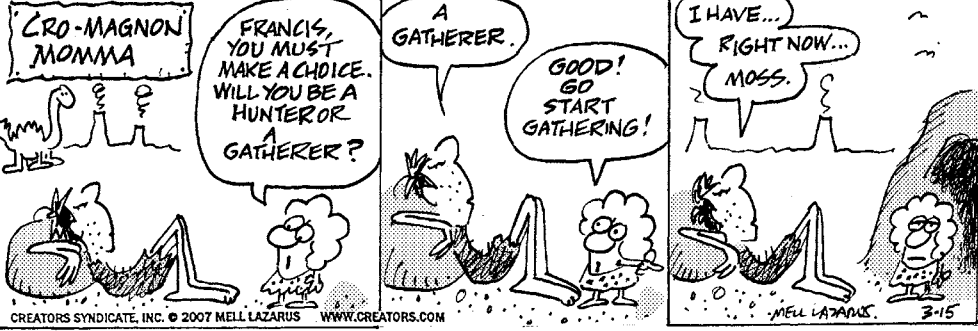
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 15, the 74th day of 2018. There are 291 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 15, 1493, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus arrived back in the Spanish harbor of Palos de la Frontera, two months after concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

Benjamin Spock, whose child care guidance spanned half a century, died in San Diego at 94. Ten years ago: A construction crane, 19 stories tall and attached to an apartment tower under construction on Manhattan's East Side, broke away and toppled like a tree onto buildings as far as a block away, killing seven people.

is 85. Actor Judd Hirsch is 83. Jazz musician Charles Lloyd is 80. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 78. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 77. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 75.

61. Actress Park Overall is 61. Movie director Renny Harlin is 59. Model Fabio is 57. Singer Terence Trent D'Arby (AKA Sananda Maitreya) is 56.

musician Matt Thomas (Parmalee) is 44. Actress Eva Longoria is 43. Rapper-musician will.i.am (Black Eyed Peas) is 43. Rock DJ Joseph Hahn (Linkin Park) is 41.

Thought for Today: "Life's meaning has always eluded me and I guess it always will. But I love it just the same." E.B. White American author and humorist (1899-1985).

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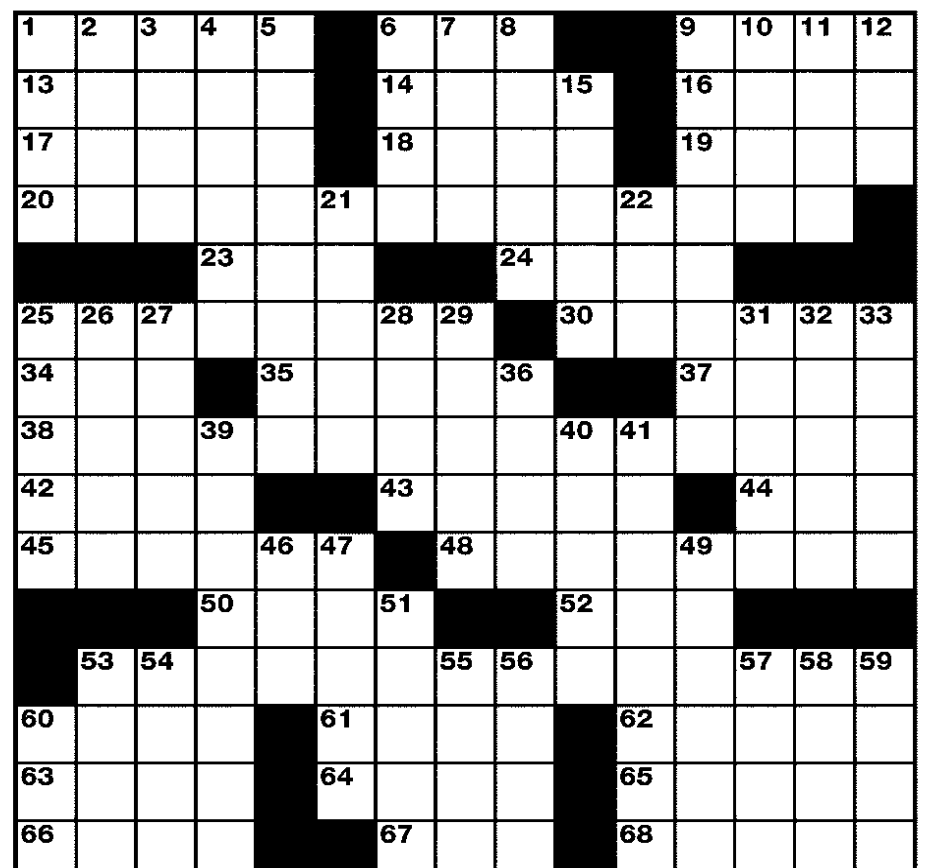
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in what was considered to be this year's national championship of historically black college basketball.

Texas Southern: Tigers started the season horrendously with one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country but went 12-5 in the conference, winning the last seven. Tempered by November and December opponents that included Gonzaga, Ohio State and Kansas, they were ready for Wednesday.

"You can't train your brain to stay focused unless you go through some tough times," coach Mike Davis said. "And that's why I designed my schedule the way I designed it, for us to get better and for us to be tough as a team. So if you noticed, nobody on this team celebrated. Nobody jumped up and down, high-fiving. We did the same thing in our conference tournament."

UP NEXT:

Texas Southern plays Xavier in Pittsburgh on Friday.

Zags are back, this time hoping for one more win and a title

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A handful of players from Gonzaga's history-making Final Four team have moved on.

As a program, though, the Zags are right where they expect to be: In the tournament, playing well and, as always, a threat to stick around for a while.

Gonzaga is in March Madness for the 20th straight time, making it only the sixth program to accomplish that. Hoops fans have heard of the others: Kansas, North Carolina, Arizona, Duke, Michigan State.

Despite losing four of their top five scorers, including lottery pick Zach Collins, to the NBA and other corners of pro basketball, the Bulldogs (30-4) rolled through the 2017-18 sea-

son, winning their conference regular-season and tournament titles en route to a No. 4 seed in the West. Their path to the program's second Final Four starts Thursday against 13th-seeded UNC-Greensboro (27-7), which last made the tournament in 2001, when Gonzaga was in Year 3 of its current streak.

"Gonzaga is basically, like, almost an ideal blueprint for what a mid-major program aspires to be," Spartans forward Jordy Kuiper says.

Part of the sustained success involves not taking anything for granted, especially this time of year.

Junior guard Josh Perkins has been harping on the mantra "Little things matter in March" — a nod to the notion that every rebound and every loose ball could be the difference between going home early and getting to San Antonio for the Final Four.

"We're heading into the tournament with a little chip on our shoulder because of memories of last year," senior Silas Melson said, referencing the 71-65 loss to North Carolina in the final. "I wouldn't say it's a burden. It's more motivation than anything."

Coach Mark Few said he has walked the fine line between using

last year — when the Zags finally made the Final Four after years of close calls — as fuel, without putting the burdens of the close call on a team that is fundamentally different.

"I needed to take a step back and be fair to them," Few said. "Holding them to the standard of last year's team, it was probably very unfair for a couple of months there. I reached the point in January or February where I backed off and let them be who they are. They've definitely thrived with that."

Other things to watch in the West region Thursday:

DIOP VS. THE DAUMINATOR: The matchup between No. 5 Ohio State and No. 12 South Dakota State features two of the country's best forwards.

It pits Big Ten player of the year Keita Bates-Diop (19.4 points, 8.8 rebounds) against Summit League Player of the Year Mike Daum (23 and 10), aka "The Dauminator." Daum is one of only three Division I players to average a double-double this season.

The 5 vs. 12 upset has become so common it can't really be seen as

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THE BULLDOG REPORT

Special to the Herald

Coahoma students are in the middle of enjoying Spring Break 2018 but the week before was very busy.

On Thursday, March 8, the Coahoma Junior High and Elementary schools held their Living Museum/Science Fair. Students had a choice of conducting a science project or researching a historical person then presenting their research as if they were the person they studied.

The winners of the Junior High event were: 1st place Nyssa Tran and Russell Edens with the "5 second rule" experiment; 2nd, Hartlie Smithie with her "Cleopatra" living museum; and 3rd, Leah Grantom with her "Galileo" living museum. Both events were well attended.

Congratulations to the 2018 Coahoma ISD cheerleaders. Cheerleading tryouts were held recently and the following were selected to lead Bull-

dog/Bulldogettes fans in supporting our teams. They are Varsity, Providence Dickson, Aubrey Green, Kathy Manning, Julia Mashburn, Maggie Mendez, Dana Montanez, Yaliza Rodriguez, Illiana Sandoval, Sophia Salinas, and Peyton Wood.

Junior Varsity: Anissa Arguello, Vada Cortez, Hailey Grant, Kaylor Green, Madison Green, and Katelynn Johnson. Mascot: Austyn Montgomery.

Coahoma Junior High School cheerleaders are: 8th grade, Serena Dobbs, Christian Everett, Neely Key, Shae Lang; 7th Grade, Sophie Biddison, Karleigh Burt, Maddi Cervantes, Macie Olivas and Mascot, Leah Grantom.

In athletics, the Bulldogettes softball team will open district play with a game against the Lady Wolves in Colorado City Friday. The Bulldogs baseball team will begin play in the Forsan tournament beginning Friday.



Courtesy photo

Pictured above is Coahoma Junior High School Science Fair/Living Museum winner Hartlie Smithie.



Courtesy photo

Pictured are Coahoma Junior High School Science Fair/Living Museum winners Leah Grantom, left, Nyssa Tran, and Russell Edens.

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at then-No. 8 UCLA on Nov. 18, when Mulkey stayed home with her daughter while Cox was hospitalized.

The week before Christmas, the team got stranded on the side of the interstate in the middle of the night. Their flight home from a game got diverted from foggy Waco to an airport in Dallas, about 100 miles from campus, and they were on a bus that caught fire. Nobody was hurt, but they had to wait for another bus to

pick them up.

"You have to give credit to their families because of what these kids stand for and what these kids believe in and how they pull for each other, and how they genuinely cry when somebody else is hurting, and how they genuinely pick somebody up," Mulkey said. "Those aren't things that you teach."

"When you have a team that has that kind of chemistry and that kind of camaraderie, you count your blessings," he said. "Because you can coach a lifetime and never have kids like that."



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Wichita State, Marshall meet 48 years after plane crashes

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Dan D'Antoni was a 23-year-old assistant with the Marshall basketball program in 1970, and a babysitter, too. He was at the home of a friend and team physician for the Thundering Herd when a plane carrying members of the Wichita State football team crashed in Colorado.

As they watched the news unfold, and learned of the 31 lives lost, Dr. Ray Hagley turned to D'Antoni and said: "You really don't know how tragic this is going to be unless you live there."

Six weeks later, D'Antoni was watching some of Hagley's six children when television and radio broadcasts were interrupted for a report that the plane carrying the Marshall football team had crashed near campus, killing all 75 aboard. Among them were Hagley and his wife. Their children were suddenly orphans.

D'Antoni eventually left Marshall, and an athletic department ripped apart by pain and loss, only to return in 2014 to lead the Thundering Herd. As fate would have it, the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament in 31 years means a game against Wichita State on Friday in San Diego.

"We certainly experienced the same type of tragedy," D'Antoni recalled this week.

The meaning of the schools' first matchup in men's basketball (they never played in football) is hardly lost on supports and alumni of two schools forever linked by tragedy. The bracket release on Sunday brought back reminders of the bonds forged by them in the days and weeks after the crashes, their struggles to rebuild and the awful memories that will never go away.

"To be 18 years old and to be part of two human tragedies was a heavy burden," said John Potts, a kicker on the 1970 Shockers team who, like other freshmen, was ineligible to play at the time.

That meant he was home in Wichita when one of the school's two planes went down.

"Once we were made aware of the Marshall plane going down," Potts said, "we were all stunned, and it was hard to believe it was happening all over again. We were just a few weeks removed from laying all of our teammates, coaches, staff, faculty members and supporters to rest."



In this Nov. 12, 2015, file photo, Marshall coach Dan D'Antoni, center, draws up a play during a timeout in an NCAA college basketball exhibition game against Bluefield State in Huntington, W. Va.

AP photo

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an upset anymore. Especially not in this case. This game has been targeted by no fewer than a dozen pundits as ripe for a Jackrabbits win. South Dakota State is in its third straight tournament. Last year, it came in as a 16 seed and was playing nose-to-nose with Gonzaga for 35 minutes before falling 66-46.

This year: "Obviously, expectations are really different for us," Daum said. "We're a group of guys who play really well together."

COUGARS, AZTECS DANCE AGAIN: In Wichita, sixth-seeded Houston (26-7) will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2010 when it faces No. 11 seed San Diego State (22-10).

The once-proud Cougars have been to five Final Fours, including three straight by the Phi Slama Jama teams of 1982-84, but have not won a game in the tournament since that last foray. But their coach, Kelvin Sampson, has some experience making deep runs, including a Final Four trip when he was with Oklahoma.

San Diego State is back in the tournament under Brian Dutcher, who's in his first season in charge but is no stranger to this stage. He was on Steve Fisher's bench for eight previous NCAA trips.

ROLLING WOLVERINES: Michigan earned the No. 3 seed in the West Region after five straight wins to cap the regular season and four wins in four days to win a second straight Big Ten Tournament title.

The streaking Wolverines (28-7) will face No. 14 seed Montana on Thursday night in Wichita.

Michigan is certainly familiar with this stage, featuring four players who were part of its Sweet 16 team a year ago. Among them are Moe Wagner, one of the tournament's breakout stars, and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman, who also played in the NCAA Tournament the previous season.

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