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Friday: Hoops, Dreams, and Goals Dorothy Garrett Coliseum 8 a.m. events start

Vietnam Veterans Day Lamun Lusk Sanchez 2 p.m.

> April 2 6 p.m. Mayoral Debate **BSHS**

April 3 8 a.m. Social Media 101 Spots still available

April 4 6:30 p.m. Meet the Candidates **Hotel Settles**

April 11 **Stand Up Howard County** 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

April 13 **Chamber Health Fair** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Dorothy Garrett**

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Grand jury indictments total 15

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury indicted 15 individuals March 22, several for multiple alleged offenses.

One man, Peter Manuel Candelaria, 31, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, received indictments on nine charges, including seven counts of Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant, a count of Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon, and Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, all first-degree felonies (habitual). Other individuals true-

billed by the Grand Jury in-

• David Anthony Chavar-

- ria, 39, of 201 Church St. in Sterling City, for Forgery, a second-degree felony (enhanced). • Joseph Michael Cook, 40,
- of 1804 Settles St., for Credit/ Debit Card Abuse, a state jail felony; and Aggravated Assault of a Date/Family/ Household Member with a Weapon, a first-degree felony.
- Jason Scott Edwards, 30, of 1208 Harding St., for Ag-

gravated Robbery, a first-degree felony.

- Angela Viola Garrard, 45, of 610 10th St. in Post, for two counts of Forgery of a Financial Instrument, state-jail felonies.
- Michael Devorence Green, 29, of 113 W. Sixth St., for Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information, a first-degree felony (enhanced).
- Sarah Heffington, 35, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for Burglary of a Building, a state jail fel-
- Eric Richard Lahtinen, 39, of 805 Saunders in Coahoma, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, 1 to 4 grams), a third-degree
- · Lance Wayne Land, 29, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for Escape While Arrested/Confined, a third-degree felony; and Aggravated Robbery, a first-degree felony.
- · Nathaniel Devon Land, 24, currently a resident of the Howard County Jail, for

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Volunteer training for new Child Advocacy Center



The Howard County Child Advocacy Center opened a Big Spring office in December 2018. Now the building has been set up, CAC is looking to build a volunteer pool. To find out more, sign up for the upcoming training session.

By ANNA GUTIERREZ

Staff Writer

Howard County Child Advocacy Center just opened in December, 2018. They are in search of volunteers to work with the children and the will be hosting a volunteer training on Sunday, April 7, 2019, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Howard County Child Advocacy Center is a satellite of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocay Center, which was started in 1979 by a group of individuals and law

enforcement representatives who were concerned about rape and it's consequences. The mission of the MRCCAC is to pro-

vide support and healing for victims and families. "The purpose of this training is to start a volunteer team at out Big Spring location," says Lee Anne Sconiers, MRCCAC Volunteer Coordinator and Adult Client Advocate. "Volunteers will be trained to servce the children and their families before the interview process. Volunteers will develop an

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Last chance to catch health fair wave

By AMANDA DUFORAT

Managing Editor

Last call for the annual health fair vendors is Friday. This year, local health care businesses and organizations are going to be catching the wellness wave and promoting proactive approaches to health. The annual health fair is set for April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"This is the one time of year where we have almost every health care option in town in the same location. It is an opportunity for the community to come out and find out about services offered right here in Big Spring," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said.

Currently there are more than 35 booths catching the wave of wellness and gearing up to educate the community on healthy choices, services offered and signs to look for when dealing with common health issues.

"It is through the support of our sponsors and our vendors that this health fair is possible. The community is drawing in more healthcare options and access to healthcare is opening up, healthier life choices are becoming available and education is being more readily available from local providers," ValVerde said.

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SMMC Behavioral Health Unit celebrates one year



Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Behavioral Health Unit celebrated one year of serving Howard County and surrounding counties. The 20-bed inpatient unit provides mental health resources, treatment andworks closely with West Texas Centers.

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Obituaries

Maria Isabel "Chabela" Moreno



Maria Isabel "Chabela" Moreno passed on to her heavenly reward Monday, March 25, 2019, at Parkview Rehab and Nursing Home. She was surrounded by her family members as she went on her journey home.

A rosary will be held 7 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Friday, March 29, 2019, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment to follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Chabela was born July 2, 1919, in Juanacatlan, Jalisco, Mexico. She would have reached 100 years old on July 2 of this year. She was born to Pedro Cortez and Leandra Bedoy, both deceased. She was married to Jose Hernandez, who also preceded her in death. She came to the United States in 1955. Chabela later married Hijinio Moreno, who also preceded her in death in September, 2012.

Chabela worked for many years as a waitress, working for the original Spanish Inn Restaurant, La Posada, the original Alberto's Downtown Café, and lastly, at Casa Blanca. She also worked at the Bauer Elementary School Cafeteria and at Webb Air Force Base. After retiring from the waitress field, Chabela began making her famous tamales for several of the Mexican restaurants here in Big Spring and the Spanish Inn in Snyder. Her work ethic was of unmatched

quality, doing the best at everything she worked at. There was no such thing as doing anything half-way. One of her lifelong goals was to become a United States citizens, which she fulfilled on November 30, 1998.

One of her biggest loves was to play Bingo. She was a die-hard bingo player, always carrying her little bag of multi-colored bingo markers wherever she went to play, but her biggest love was her family. From her four children to the last great-great-grandchild, her eyes lit up whenever family called and told her they were coming down to spend the weekend at her home. Her famous nachos were hot and ready for family coming in from out of town.

Her love of church was also a driving force behind her busy life. Chabela was a Cursillista and lifelong member of St.Thomas Catholic Church. Chabela and Hijinio were constant group leaders in the kitchen menudo groups, raising funds for the church hall. She was a member of the Lady's Altar Society.

Chabela will be missed dearly by her surviving family. Her children are as follows: Humberto Hernandez and wife, Betty of Eagle Pass, Gustavo Hernandez and wife, Irma of El Paso, Alma Lopez and husband, Manual of Grand Prairie, and Hijinio Moreno, Jr. of Big Spring. She leaves behind 11 grandchildren, 27 greatgrandchildren, and 5 great-greatgrandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.

Paid Obituary

Dennis R. Knecht, Sr. Dennis R. Knecht,



Sr., 67, of Big Spring, passed away Monday morning, March 25, 2019, at his home. The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2019, at Nalley-Pickle Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on March 13, 1952, in Plymouth, Wisconsin, to Thomas E. Knecht, Sr. and Evelyn (Kulow) Dirks and was raised in Plymouth by Evelyn and Mel Dirks.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Knecht of Big Spring; his children, Jacqueline Knecht-Bush (Eric) of Forney, Bonnie Knecht-Bell (Matthew) of Snowflake, Arizona, and Dennis R. Knecht, Jr. of Big Spring; a stepson, Christopher Decker of Odessa; a stepdaughter, Bobbie Decker Allen of Big Spring; his grandchildren, Lisa, Naomi, Gavin, August, Brianna, Cassandra, and Selena; a brother, John (Mickey) Knecht of Plymouth, Wisconsin; a sister-in-law, Janice (Daniel) Knecht of Plymouth, Wiscon-

and extended family. Dennis loved watching the Dallas Cowboys and cheering them on. It was definitely a house divided with Rosemary being a Green Bay Packers

sin; and many loving nieces, nephews

fan. Anyone that knew Dennis knew he was an animal lover, and he passed that on to his kids. He also enjoyed working on outboard motors and cars, a passion of which he wanted to pursue in retirement. He enjoyed seeing his children and grandchildren. He was never without a witty comment or a funny, sometimes inappropriate, story. He was hard-working, reliable and dependable and worked for the 7-Eleven Company the last eight years. Prior to that, he worked as a correctional officer. He also proudly served his country in the United States Air Force.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Dirks; his father, Mel Dirks; grandparents, Raymond and Edna Kulow, and Edward Knecht; two brothers, Daniel and Tom; and a sister, Bonnie.

In previous conversations with my Dad, he shared with me that he had lived a good life and that he was ready whenever The Lord called him home. He also said that he wouldn't want us to be sad that he is no longer here. Dennis was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all. There will be many angels to welcome him home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www. npwelch.com.

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The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity: Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 88 inmates at the time of this report.

- ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for credit or debit card abuse.
- VICTOR BARRERA, 50, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, no driver's license, and failure to appear.
- DEARIES QUINCY JONES, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), and on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, expired registration, and driving while license invalid.

Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity: • ANGEL MARTIN AGUILAR, 23, of 1713 Yale, was arrested on a warrant

for credit or debit card abuse.

• THEFT was reported

in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

BURGLARY PROGRESS was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon Ave.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, 1700 block of Yale, and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

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William Hood



Dorsey

On March 24, 2019, we lost a special man, William Hood Dorsey. Bill was a man of great principles and strength to all who knew him. He had the ability to make everyone feel special and could tell a joke like no one

else. Bill's confidence and personality drew many to him and always made an impression.

Bill was a very accomplished and successful businessman. He devoted his career to petroleum engineering following in the footsteps of his father and role model, Russell. Personally, Bill bled maroon and white. His experience at Texas A & M, being a part of the class of '57 and Head Yell Leader, set the foundation for the remainder of his life. He made lifelong friends and had a strong commitment to the Aggie Spirit.

Bill was a fightin' Texas Aggie whose spirit can ne'er be told. Class of 57' Whoop!

Above all, family was Bill's greatest joy. He was a devoted husband, loving father, and a doting grandfather/ great-grandfather, also known as Gin

Bill is survived by his wife, Jenny; his daughters and son-in-law, Beth, Peggy, Jenny and Greg; his grandson and namesake, William McKnight Gibson, Noelle and their children Victoria Rose and Robert McKnight; his brother Donald Dorsey; also many nieces, nephews, and in-laws whom he loved and adored. A memorial will be held on March

29 at 11 a.m. at the Lucas Funeral Home in Hurst, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Texas A & M Association of former students, https:// www.aggienetwork.com/giving/, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Paid Obituary

Maria Morelion Mendoza



Maria Morelion Mendoza passed away peacefully on March 15, 2019, in Oxnard, California, after a long and healthy life.

Maria was born in Eagle Pass, Texas on May 19, 1924, to Rosendo Morelion and Nicolasa Cruz.

She was one of seven children. Her early years were spent in La Pryor, Texas. In the 1940s, her family would travel seasonally to Wyoming, Idaho and Colorado to harvest crops. It was in Colorado she met her husband, Ignacio Mendoza. They were married in Lubbock, Texas on Aug. 10, 1946, after he returned from the Army. One year later their daughter, Lupe, was

In 1948, Maria and her family moved to Big Spring, Texas, and in 1949, they had a son, Ignacio Jr. All of Maria's siblings followed her to Big Spring, and it was there she built her life surrounded by family. She was a dedicated daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and godmother. Her house was always open to family and friends and she was generous to all.

Maria was extremely social and talkative. She was active in her community and church. For most of her life she was a homemaker, but for several years she worked in the kitchen at Kate Morrison School. Maria was a phenomenal cook and she was known for her fried chicken, homemade tortillas, refried beans, enchiladas and her famous peach pie.

Maria and her husband had a very happy marriage and loving home. They frequented the local dances and were a joy to watch on the dance floor.

Maria was widowed in 1988 and continued to live in Big Spring until 2015 when she moved to California to be with her daughter and grandchildren. Until the age of 90, she lived independently and drove herself around town. She was two months shy of 95 when she passed away, and up until the end she would style her hair and put her makeup on.

Maria is preceded in death by her husband, Ignacio Mendoza Sr.; her son, Ignacio Mendoza Jr.; and all her siblings. She is survived by her daughter, Lupe Davalos; four grandchildren; and four great- grandchil-

The vigil will be on March 29 at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. The mass will be on March 30 at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church with the burial to follow at Mount Olive Cemetery.

Paid Obituary

Aenid Ray Christian

Aenid Ray Christian, 87, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 25, 2019. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m., Friday, March 29, 2019, at Trinity Memorial Park with Don Brodie

Aenid was born Jan. 3, 1932, in Fort Worth to Enoch and Bessie House Crawford.

She is survived by her husband, Dean Christian; two sons, Randy and Mike Christian; four grandchildren;

two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Essie Echols.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memoriais to be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Vicki Stewart, 6 Coachman Circle, Big Spring, TX 79720 or Alzheimer's Foundation of America at www.alzfdn.org

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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4200 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3100 block of Cactus. No transport was required.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Cen-

PUBLIC SERVICE was reported in the 1600

block of Lancaster. No

transport was required.

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Angela Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 700 block of E. I-20. No transport was required.

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understanding of the criminal justice system, the forensic interview process, and the Child Protection Team."

"We would like any community member who would like to make a direct impact on the lives of the community's most vulnerable victims to attend this training," continues Sconiers. "From greeting child clients and their families at our facility, to helping with fundraiser and awareness activities, we need your help.'

Without volunteers, organizations such as Howard County CAC and MRC-CAC have difficulty operating day-to-day. Volunteer support is crucial in order to provide the support, safety, healing and justice for children victimized by abuse. Currently, there are no volunteers in Big Spring for Howard County

All volunteers must go through a six hour mandatory training, they must all pass a background check for criminal history and abuse or neglect, and they

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gradually

and

must also be at least 18 years of age.

"Our volunteers have direct client contact, so they must know how to handle clients in crisis," Sconiers said. "Some people don't really understand why communities have a Children's Advocacy Center, or why such an organiza tion exists. Others think we are just seeing physically abused kids, which we do, but unfortunately, most of our interviews involve sexual assault or abuse That is why this type of volunteering, and the training to become a volunteer is crucial to our organization."

If you would like information about the organization, or want to become a volunteer, please contact Sconiers at 432-682-7273 or email lsconiers@mrccac org. You can also follow Howard County CAC on Facebook. There are also volunteer opportunities for those who would like to help but don't want to have direct client contact. Sconiers also mentioned the children love dogs so if you have a certified therapy dog and would like to volunteer your time please contact her.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email a citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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10%.

mph.

around 15 mph.

to 15 mph.

35 mph.

high near 56.

The deadline for vendor booths is Friday and the cost for a booth is \$120. Applications can be picked up at the Chamber office, located at 215 W. Third.

Weather

Today:

then

near 81. South wind around 15

mph. Chance of precipitation is

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low

around 57. South wind 15 to 20

mph, with gusts as high as 30

Friday: Mostly cloudy through mid

morning, then gradual clearing,

with a high near 91. West wind

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a

low around 50. Southwest wind 5

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a

high near 59. Northeast wind 15

to 25 mph, with gusts as high as

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy,

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy,

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via

with a low around 37.

with a low around 38.

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after 1 p.m. Cloudy,

becoming mostly

sunny, with a high

The Health Fair is free to attend and will include healthcare education, screenings, demonstrations and the bike rodeo.

"The bike rodeo is one of the favorites. It teaches children (and adults), the proper way to wear a helmet and to ride a bike through a crosswalk, how to cross the road and the other safety measures that

should be taken while riding a bike." ValVerde said.

This year the bike rodeo is sponsored by Star Dodge - purchased bikes to be given away during the event - and the Big Spring Police Department, who helped make the course more realistic with signs and crosswalk. Also, Adrian Calvio - State Farm - has donated the helmets.

"Through the generous support of Star, BSPD and Adrian Calvio, kids will be able to go through the bike rodeo to learn bike safety, and they will get to take a helmet home and have a chance at winning a bike," she said.

She continued, "We have adjusted the hours of the health fair this year to allow more families to come out and see what all is offered. Every year the local businesses step up and make this event even better than the previous year and we really do appreciate that. We hope the community will come out and take advantage of having them all in one location and get questions answered, find out about resources and just see what we have right here in Big

For more information, call the Chamber at 263-7641.

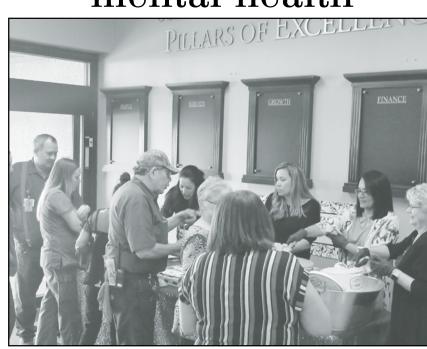
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two counts of Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, third-degree felonies; and a count of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a state jail felony.

• Jennifer Marie Nichols, 44, of 12601 Highway 70 in Blackwell, for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Penalty Group 1, less than 1 gram), a state jail felony.

Raising awareness for mental health



Courtesy photo

Scenic Mountain Medical Center staff celebrated the one year anniversary of the Behavioral Health Unit, on Wednesday afternoon. Mental Health Month is set for May and SMMC BHU will be pushing out education on resources and set up outreach during the month.

• Eric Rodgers, 29, of 2600 Barksdale, for Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, a third-degree felony.

• Abel Lozano Torres, 30, of 204 E. 11th Place, for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a first-degree felony (enhanced).

· Luis Villareal-Sagun, 40, currently a resident of GEO Flightline Unit, for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, a second-degree felony. • Michael Lee Wright, 32, of

1602 Virginia Ave., for Continu-Sexual Abuse of a COWBOYS STEAKHOUSE

Child, a firstdegree felony. Remember that an indictment - even multiple

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be considered innocent until proven guilty.

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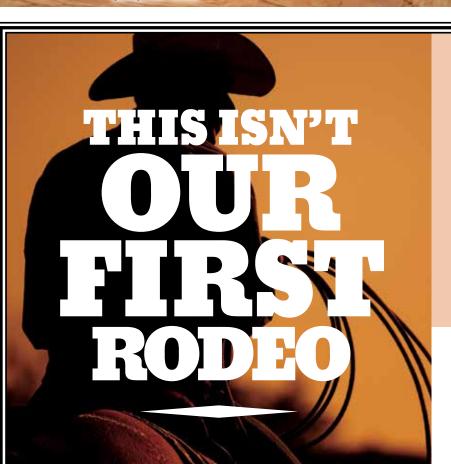


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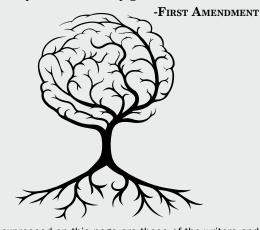
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Daily Prayer

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Cindy's Bookshelf

The truth about Emma

ass Tann e r w a s taking them all on a journey, and the only way they would find Emma was to go along for the ride." When Cass Tan-

ner shows up at her mother's house after she and her sister Emma disappeared three years before, a myriad of questions are raised. Why has Cass returned home without her sister? And what really happened the

night they disappeared? Is Cass telling the the whole story or is she purposely omitting some of the facts? It's up to forensic psychologist Dr. Abby Winter to uncover the truth about what really happened. 'Emma In The Night' by Wendy Walker is a gripping story about the lengths that we go to in order to protect the ones we love. Three years prior to Cass' re-

turn, the family car was found, abandoned on a nearby beach with no sign of the girls or what could have happened. As Dr. Winter interrogates Cass about what happened, it comes to light that the girls were abducted by a couple who kept them trapped on a remote island. As Abby Winter



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furthers the investigation, she wonders if the other relatives of the family may have been a driving factor in the girls' sudden and inexplicable disappearance. Emma's mother,

Judy, is beautiful but damaged and uses both of those traits against the rest of her family and those around her. Jonathan Martin, Emma's stepfather has a gruff exterior that borders between controlling husband and aloof father. And

then there's the step-brother, Hunter, with plenty of implication thrown on him, due to a testimony given by Cass four years before her disappearance. Dr. Winter investigates the family, as well as Cass herself, in order to find out where Emma is. In her struggle to get to the truth of Emma's location, Dr. Winter uncovers the darkest depths of a dysfunctional family where every relationship and interaction is toxic. As Dr. Winter delves deeper

into Cass' account of what happened the night her and Emma disappeared, and all the things that have happened since, she realizes that Cass might be lying. Or perhaps, she's only giving part of the truth when Cass tells her, "Your secrets are never safe. Not ever. Unless you never tell them to another person."

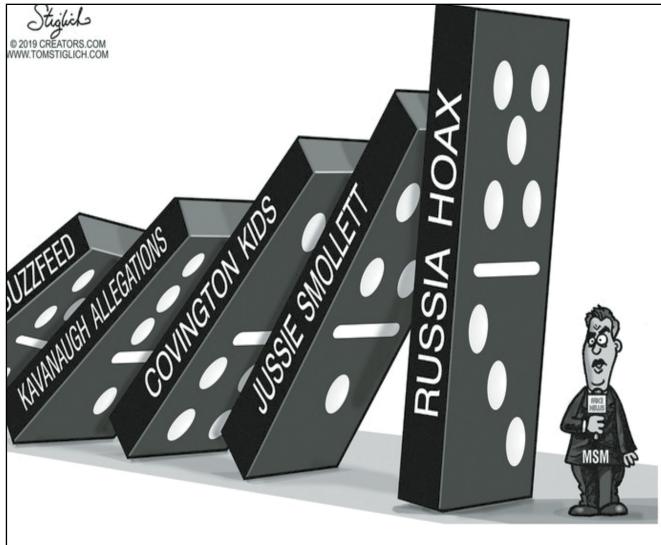
Emma in the Night by Wendy Walker is a quick read that will keep you up well into the night wondering what really happened to Cass and her sister Emma.

Before writing, author Wendy Walker was a family law attorney in Connecticut. She has also worked as a financial analyst at Goldman, Sachs & co. Her published works include her debut - All Is Not Forgotten, which was published in 2016.

Emma In The Night is her second novel to be published and was published in 2017. The Night Before is her latest novel that will be published in May 2019. Wendy lives in Connecticut where she raises her three sons.

For more information on Wendy and her novels, visit www. wendywalkerbooks.com. Or follow her on social media. Face-@WendyWalkerAuthor. Twitter: @Wendy Walker. Instagram: @wendywalkerauthor. Or watch her on her YouTube channel: Wendy Walker, where she talks about memory science and how she structures her nov-

She also has an author page on goodreads.com where she answers questions about her novels and her writing process.



Finding my place

ing for own potential, it is always best to look inward and not outward. Find something

that you enjoy doing in life, and do it well as long as it is for good.

People tend to get caught up in the allure of a hobby, or art, or lack of luster,

but that's not what matters.

It does not matter if it is gardening or shoveling dirt; if you are like me reading anything involving science. It all counts, as long as it speaks to you.

All you need is to plant that seed and it will grow. When I first started college

someone told me when looking for a career or even deciding on a major in college, start with your favorite class. Of course, being nerdy, I

picked Biology, and then Human Biology, then Medicine, and then Pediatrics.

No, it was not easy. Any doctor or nurse, and any-



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one from the President of the United States to the Governor of Texas, and even our current mayor will tell you, anything worth achieving comes from learning not just from success but from fail-

Every single successful person on this planet has had at least one, may even two, sometimes even 10, or even 100 failures, and every single time, they

have gotten up and tried again and again until they reach their

Why do they do this you ask? The reasons are many, but

people who live to their full potential find one thing they enjoy doing, they find that one instrument they enjoy practicing, that one tool, one subject in high school or college, that one book, and they pick it up every day until they become the master instead of the student.

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accumulated.

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My father was a sheep herder he was younger and later a Postman and a silver smith on the side.

He always said being successful in life does not come from dollars and cents, but showing up every single day just to work

He said you could dig a ditch or mop floors, but as long as you worked hard at it and took pride in yourself anything is worth doing.

Martin Luther King Jr. said taking that faith is taking that first step even though you do not know the whole staircase.

My point is everyone should find their own potential in life, find something you enjoy doing, and no matter how old or young you are live your dream because you will find it if you work hard, So my friend, I say plant that

seed within yourself and remember to water it every day until it grows into something you know you can be, and then matter what you do, who you are you will know you have found or how much money you have your place.

Big Spring students building pyramids





Courtesy photos BSI Students tried their hand, Egyption pyramid building, as part of their studies. Sixth Grade Social

Teacher, Studies Mrs. Sarah Heffle and Sixth grader Gabriel Rios look over some of the Egyptian projects the 6th graders created.

Social Studies students learned about Egypt and were then required to create a project and write an essay reflecting what they learned about the country.





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Steers make a strong showing at the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene



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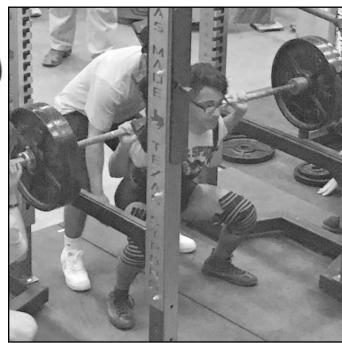
Jared Paredez finished 6th in the 114 lb. class – Jared had personal bests in the Bench and the Deadlift at the State meet in Abilene last weekend - Jared also had a personal best total of 860 lbs at the State Meet.



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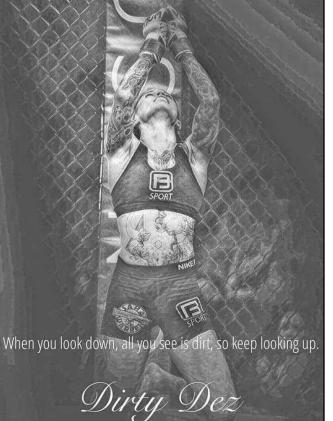
"I can't tell you how proud I am of both of these lifters! - as a Senior, Jared a great career as the Regional Champion, and reached State his Senior year. His leadership will be missed. – Joshua made a major jump this year as a Sophomore from what he lifted as a Freshman - to make it to the State Meet as a Sophomore and still have two years left in the program is very, very exciting!" Head Powerlifting Coach Chris McWilliams, said about his lifters great performances at the State Meet in Abilene.



Courtesy Photo/Mike Ritchey

Joshua Lopez is shown getting ready to perform his squat at the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene, this Past Weekend. Lopez finished 10th in the 132 lb. class - Joshua also had personal bests in the Bench and the Deadlift at the state meet, showing the Steers know how to perform their best on

BSHS graduate and MMA fighter Desiree "Dirty Dez" Yanez prepares for her fifth pro fight in April



By JORDAN PARR

With her pro career really taking flight with backto-back wins, Desiree "Dirty Dez" Yanez, a graduate of Big Spring High School, is preparing for her fifth professional fight on April 27.

She is ranked #3 in the State of Texas, #12 in the Southwest region and #66 in the United States with a professional record of 3-1-0, Desiree's future in the sport looks really bright. Yanez will be fighting Andrea Amaro, who is fighting in just her second professional fight, in a Strawweight bout that can be watched live on XKO.TV.

Desiree not only trains everyday to continue to develop her skills as a fighter, but also has to work another job to support herself as she trains and prepares for fights. Yanez and her sister Nicole Newton do all of Desiree's promoting while also trying to find sponsors.

Yanez fights out of the Blitz Sports MMA gym in Waco and is currently looking for more sponsors. For local businesses looking for sponsorship opportunities, contact Desiree at desireeyanez90@gmail. com or Nicole Newton at nicoleynewton@gmail. com for sponsorship and pricing information.



CHS tennis team fares well at Snyder match



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

The CHS netters had a great day at the Snyder Tournament Tuesday. Juan Garibay placed second in the boys singles match. Andrew Romero earned a consolation place in the boys singles. The team of Patrick Gutierrez/Bryson Cline and Hartlie Smithie/ Pedro Paixao placed third in the boys doubles and mixed doubles respectively.

Cougars return to Sweet 16 for 1st time since days of Hakeem

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — When the Houston Cougars were last in the Sweet 16 Hakeem Olajuwon starred and coach Guy V. Lewis stalked the sideline in his trademark plaid jackets.

Thirty-five years later a new generation of Cougars led by Houston native Galen Robinson Jr., Armoni Brooks and Corey Davis Jr. finally have the team in the round of 16 again after decades of struggles.

"It's wonderful to see the university back on the big stage," Olajuwon told The Associated Press. "It's been a long time."

And while these Cougars are proud to have revived the program, they aren't done yet and are focused on doing something those storied Phi Slama Jama teams couldn't do: win the

team's first national championship. "It's definitely priceless because it's always great to be associated with greatness," Robinson said. "That 83-84 team, that was a great team ... but we definitely want to make a story of our own and are trying to do something that's never been done before.'

Houston reached the round of 16 by beating Ohio State 74-59 on Sunday night for its 33rd victory of the season, which outdid the 1983-84 team for most wins in school history. The third-seeded Cougars (33-3) will play second-seeded Kentucky on Friday night in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Houston players celebrate after their second round men's college basketball game against Ohio State in the NCAA Tournament Sunday, March 24, in Tulsa, Okla. Houston won 74-59.

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> PERMIT NO. WQ0015180001

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ADDITIONAL NOTICE.

TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and **Preliminary Decision will** be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

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CONTESTED CASE HEAR-ING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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plicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a con-

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TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meet-

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

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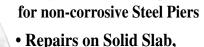
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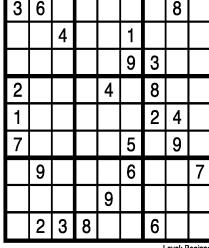
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column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will

appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The

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more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

How would you play this one? depend on a successful finesse in

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH **♠** A 10 8 4 2 WEST

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♦ AKQJ8 **♣**J 10 5 4 2 **♦**Q863 SOUTH ♥A 10 5 3

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South

Opening lead — king of diamonds. When there are no clues to indicate otherwise, the chance of winning a finesse against a particular card is 50 percent. Additionally, the chance of winning one of two finesses is 75

For this reason, a declarer who needs to win just one of two finesses

odds if he can find a way to do so.

to land his contract has good reason to feel confident. Nevertheless, he still should try to improve on the

Today's South faced just such a situation. After West had taken two diamonds and shifted to a club, the chance of making 10 tricks seemed to

either spades or hearts. But declarer found an alternative that made it unnecessary to try either finesse.

By Steve Becker

After winning the club return, South ruffed a club and led the queen of spades. Had declarer elected to finesse, he would ultimately have had to guess which defender had the heart queen, and he might easily have gone wrong in view of West's opening

But South decided against the spade finesse for two reasons. First, there was the slight chance that playing the ace might catch the singleton king, since the opponents held only three cards in the suit.

More important, though, was the fact that if East followed suit to the spade, whether with the king or the three, the contract would become an absolute certainty. So South went up with the ace, cashed the king of exited with a spade.

clubs, discarding a diamond, and He didn't care which defender won this trick. Whoever did would have to yield a ruff-and-discard or

lead a heart, eliminating all guesswork for the queen. Once West followed to the first spade, playing the ace could fail only if West had started with all three trumps. Even then, declarer would still have the two-way heart finesse in reserve, giving him a second

chance to make the contract. Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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21-April 19). You're giving a performance of sorts, and you're not exactly sure how well it's going. If you ask too many questions, it might tip the other person off to your feelings of insecurity. But you can afford to ask one or two. Make them count.

Mercury, Mood Orga-

ARIES (March

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). With your vast projects, deep thoughts and complicated ventures of late, it may feel like the way you're living your life is unsuitable for small talk. But when you're with the right people, all flows naturally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The friendlier the environment, the more you worry someone is about to sell you a timeshare. And then there are the shark tanks. If you seem like you don't belong, they'll eat you alive. Act like you've been there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People do different things to get through the tension of a workday. Some joke around. Some socialize. You'll have the easiest time of it when you isolate, turn on some tunes and focus hard in your own little bubble.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Rumination is unhelp-

ful. But if you never think about the past, how can you learn from it? You'll split the difference. Think it over until you come up with one thing you could have done differently, and then move on.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Remember the time

you heard of someone's

good fortune and didn't

feel the least bit happy?

It's something to consid-

er before sharing your

own good news. Shield

yourself from the reper-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

cussions of jealousy.

23). You want to give

but are apprehensive

afraid your flattery will

specific and reasoned

your compliment, the

better it will land.

voice to your admiration

about doing so, as you're

sound foolish. The more

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-

Nov. 21). Some people

can't write because they

are blocked. You're the

opposite today. You feel

life, and you'll write your

feelings down, if only to

ate you.

be read by you, will liber-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). While no one

is against you, there are

those who are adamant-

happen to be positionally

ly for themselves who

blocked in another area of

way out of it. Getting your

one will have to move to the side.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Persuasion is a subtle art. When the point of influence is detected, it ceases to work. You are most persuasive when you don't even realize it's what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan.

20-Feb. 18). It's time for another you-to-you review on the topic of caring for yourself. It's easy to forget, with so many people around wanting and needing things from you, that selfcare is your No. 1 job on the planet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Top lawyers don't build their entire case in the opening statement and neither should you. Your audience will stick with you today as you present your information in a thoughtfully ordered way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 28). You'll discover new resources inside yourself. It comes about when you give yourself tasks that require great concentration and stamina. To turn inward for periods of time will build a core of strength you'll apply in many areas of life. You'll sign an important document in June. A stellar career move happens in August. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your

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lucky numbers are: 8, 10,

4, 39 and 18.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Opinionated Guest

Dear Annie: We often invite my brother-in-law to share dinner with us. He lives alone across the street and seems to enjoy the food when he comes over. I am writing because he is very opinionated and shuts me down whenever I say something that he disagrees with. Recently, it was when I said that Patrick Mahomes of the Kansas City Chiefs is patient and that the New England Patriots were underdogs before the game, which the Patriots won -- barely. But my brother-in-law disputed both of my comments and left no room to have another perspective. In addition, after he has finished a meal, he often begins talking about food, where he's going to get it next -- Chinese takeout, for instance -- or where he gets the best meatballs, etc. Is it me, or is this recurrent behavior a put-down to me, seeing as I'm a good cook and he seems competitive with me about other matters? I haven't cut him off as yet because of family ties, but I'm pretty tired of this kind of boorish behavior when he comes over at our invitation to have dinner together. Thank you for weighing in. -- At the End of My Patience

Dear End of Patience: I'm not so sure that his talking about his favorite meatballs or where he likes to get Chinese food is a put-down about your cooking. That is, of course, unless you are serving meatballs or Chinese food that night. No one likes to be around an opinionated person who refuses to listen to another's perspective, so you might ask your husband to help with this situation -- either by talking privately to your brother-in-law or in defending you at dinner when the conversation gets heated.

Dear Annie: My boss is currently in marriage counseling. I found this out directly from him. He goes to regular weekly meetings with his wife. He's always in an especially bad mood on those days. I think their marriage is in a really bad state. That already makes me sad, but I've also met his three kids, and they're wonderful. I worry about them and about my boss. Is there anything I could do to help him in this time of need? I know I would want the people around me to be compassionate if I ever told them I'm going through something. I offered my boss some homeopathic stress relief pills, but he brushed me off. What do I do? I don't want to stand idly by while he suffers. -- Bearing the Brunt of Boss's Breakup

Dear Bearing the Brunt: Though I truly admire your compassion for your boss's unhappy marriage, I don't think you should take this one on unless you are planning on leaving your job. The fact that he brushed you off when you offered him your stress relief pills may be an indication that it's time to sit this one out. Sometimes not doing anything except listening without trying to offer advice is the best thing you can do. If he reaches out to you again, acknowledge how he feels without being patronizing or making the conversation about you. Lastly, if in fact his marriage is in a bad state, then he has a right to be sad. Also, he is doing something about it by going to marriage counseling. Let's hope he has a good counselor and in time his sadness and bad moods lessen.

> Send your questions for Annie Lane to

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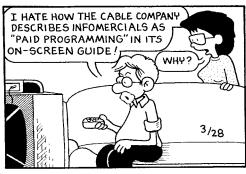


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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 28, the 87th day of 2019. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred with a partial meltdown inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pennsvlvania.

On this date:

In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire received a patent for a washing machine. In 1898, the U.S. Supreme Court, in United States v. Wong Kim Ark, ruled 6-2 that Wong, who was born in the United States to Chinese immigrants, was an American citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf, 59, drowned herself near her home in Lewes, East Sussex, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces staged a successful raid on the Nazioccupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot, destroying the only dry dock on the Atlantic coast capable of repairing the German battleship Tirpitz.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington D.C. at age 78.

In 1978, in Stump v. Sparkman, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld, 5-3, the judicial immunity of an Indiana judge against a lawsuit brought by a young woman who'd been ordered sterilized by the judge when she was a teenager. In 1990, President George

H.W. Bush presented the Congressional Gold Medal to the widow of U.S. Olympic legend Jesse Owens.

In 1999, NATO broadened its attacks on Yugoslavia to target Serb military forces in Kosovo in the fifth straight night of airstrikes; thousands of refugees flooded into Albania and Macedonia from Kosovo.

In 2003, American-led forces

in Iraq dropped thousandpound bombs on Republican Guard units guarding the gates to Baghdad and battled for control of the strategic city of Nasiriyah (nah-sih-REE'uh). President George W. Bush warned of "further sacrifice" ahead in the face of unexpectedly fierce fighting.

In 2005, The Colorado Supreme Court threw out the death penalty in a rape-and-

murder case because five of the trial jurors had consulted the Bible and quoted Scripture during deliberations. (The U.S. Supreme Court refused to consider reinstating the death sentence of Robert Harlan, who ended up being resentenced to life in prison for the murder of cocktail waitress Rhonda Maloney.)

In 2017, Wells Fargo said it would pay \$110 million to settle a class-action lawsuit over as many as 2 million accounts its employees opened for customers without getting their permission.

Ten years ago: Fears in Fargo, N.D., of a catastrophic flood eased with word that the surging Red River had crested at lower-than-expected levels. Nearly 4,000 cities and towns in 88 countries switched off nonessential lights for Earth Hour to highlight the threat of climate change. Thousands of people marched through European cities to demand jobs, economic justice and environmental accountability. Shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven returned to Earth, ending a 13-day voyage to install a pair of solar wings on the international space station. Film composer Maurice Jarre, 84, died in Malibu, Calif.

Five years ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin called President Barack Obama to discuss a solution to the crisis in Ukraine; the leaders agreed that top U.S. and Russian diplomats should work on the details. Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan became the first man in 12 years to win the Olympic and world figure skating titles in the same year. Jeremiah Denton, 89, a former U.S. senator who'd survived 7 1/2 years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, died in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ray Rice married Janay Palmer a day after the Baltimore Ravens running back was indicted for aggravated assault for punching his fiancee in an Atlantic City, New Jersey, casino elevator. (Charges against Rice were dropped when he agreed to enter an intervention pro-

One year ago: President Donald Trump fired Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin and nominated White House

Answer to previous puzzle

doctor Ronny Jackson to replace him; the move came in the wake of an ethics scandal and a rebellion within the agency. (Jackson withdrew his nomination amid allegations of workplace misconduct.) A judge in New York ordered rapper DMX to prison for a year for tax evasion. The government reported that the U.S. economy had grown at a solid 2.9 percent annual rate in the final three months of 2017, a sharp upward revision.

Today's Birthdays: Author Mario Vargas Llosa is 83. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 78. Movie director Mike Newell is 77. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 76. Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte is 74. Actress Dianne Wiest (weest) is 73. Country singer Reba McEntire is 64. Olympic gold medal gymnast Bart Conner is 61. Actress Alexandra Billings (TV: "Transparent") is 57. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 53. Actress Tracey Needham is 52. Actor Max Perlich is 51. Movie director Brett Ratner is 50. Country singer Rodney Atkins is 50. Actor Vince Vaughn is 49. Rapper Mr. Cheeks (Lost Boyz) is 48. Actor Ken L. is 46. Singer-songwriter Matt Nathanson is 46.

is 43. Actress Annie Wersching is 42. Actress Julia Stiles is 38. Singer Lady Gaga is 33. Electronic musician Clayton Knight (Odesza) is 31.

Thought for Today: "Those who say they give the public what it wants begin by underestimating public taste and end by debauching it." — T.S. Eliot, American-Anglo poet and critic (1888-1965).

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BSHS's weekly update

BSHS's Personal Achievement Center

Col. Allen "M" Morris

By COLONEL ALLEN "M" **MORRIS**

Big Spring High Communications Director

Often times it happens that students

will fall a bit behind or want to get ahead and that's just what our story is about. The PAC or Personal Achievement Center is under the direction of Jack Tonn and Betty Johansen. Students who need to catch up or who want to get ahead can enter the PAC program and do either or both.

"The main goal," says Tonn, "is to help upperclassmen catch up on lost credits either due

to poor attendance or failing grades," but students can also take classes that are not offered at BSHS with PAC. For example, Jared Clark is taking a college level class online. Students taking PAC classes can receive both high school and college credit. The wave of the future of education is going more and more to "Online" classes. How many of us already use YouTube to learn new things? According to Tonn, over 300 classes

will be completed this school year and PAC has other responsibilities too. They include, helping with online college classes, proctoring exams and tutoring students. The PAC also acts as a relief valve

to the alternative school as there are a few students who are taking all of their classes in PAC. Students can also be "involved" with PAC courses evenings, weekends and holidays as PAC staff monitors the website keeping the classes open.

PAC requires that the students complete at least two courses per semester. Those who do not meet the standard are removed to make room for others who will. PAC is a privilege and not a requirement. "We maintain a good work environment," stated Tonn, "and the students respond well to

our expectations." "Most of our students really want to graduate so they come in ready to work." Tonn was a regular class-

room teacher at BSHS for 18 years helping students learn mathematics before he moved to "Credit Recovery" 7 years ago. Tonn is appreciative of the help and support that he gets from administration. Betty Johansen Co-teach-

es with Tonn and her areas of strength are English Language Arts and Science. Together, there is not much that the two can't

ber, they are always eager to help students learn. The idea of the Personal Achievement Center came from Jackie Henry many years ago. She had a vision as to where education was headed. "Up to 70 percent of each of the recent graduating classes has had something to

do with PAC in one way or another,"

cover and like any other faculty mem-

claims Tonn. Principal Mike Ritchey "BSISD's PAC program has been successful in recovering At-Risk students for many years. Under Mr. Tonn's leadership and encouragement these past 7 years, many students have not only recovered lost credits but have excelled after graduating. If students learn anything through their PAC experience, it is to never give up on themselves."

The students at BSHS "Can get there from Steer" and we are here to help them!

The Buffalo Bulletin How to Make a Pinch Pot



Mrs. Kelso's third grade class at Forsan Elementary School was invited to attend a pottery class at Howard College this week. Students were given the opportunity to learn how to create a pinch pot and how to glaze a bowl. In class, they will use this experience to learn how to write a procedural paper on "How to Make a Pinch Pot."







Coahoma Academy students participated in the second annual Great Shake, an event that lets kids show off their abilities to greet and communicated with members of the community. Shown left to right are the contest's top five participants: Nicholas Guzman; co-champions Brynn Rodgers and Christian Everett; and Tanner Purcell and Kobi Olivas.

was a little different, so I had to think about that one for a second.'

From that round, the top five were chosen and headed to Midland for the rest of the day for the fourth and final round. The students were taken to three Midland businesses — First Capital Bank of Texas, the Rockhounds, and SM Energy — where they sat down individually for an indepth interview with business representatives. Rodgers said her favorite visit was

with Jeremy Bishop, Midland market president of First Capital Bank of

"He had really good conversations with you," she said. "It's not one question, he asked you multiple."

Everett said she really enjoyed visiting with Kate Noble and Sean Mc-

"They had a lot of nice people there,

and I loved having conversations

a treehouse," Rodgers said. "It with Jamie Richardson, assistant General Manager, at the Security Ball Park's club house.

> After all the interviews were over, the five students stopped off for ice cream before heading to Lugi's for dinner with their parents and to hear the final results.

> "We appreciate all of our parents and our business partners coming together," Wulfjen said. "I want to thank all the volunteers who helped judge. It made for a seamless day."

> As part of its curriculum, The Academy emphasizes confidence building and a general focus on public speaking. The Great Shake is an opportunity to put those skills in a real world situation.

"At The Academy, it's part of our routine to do a lot of confidence builders with the students," Wulfjen explained. "It's part of our daily routine to have them greet people with handshakes, speak in complete sentences, and answer questions in detail. We believe it's important to prepare them

for life and not just for school."

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Great Shake champions



Special to the Herald Results of the second annual Coaho-

ma ISD Academy's Great Shake were so razor-thin it ended with a co-championship on Monday evening. This year's champions are Brynn Rodgers and Christian Everett. The Great Shake is an all-day event

to showcase The Academy students' abilities to greet and communicate

with members of the community while exuding confidence, poise and a genuine interest in the individuals they are meeting.

"This was a great day," The Acad-

emy Director Kakia Wulfjen said. "It was exciting to see all 340 students dressed in their formal uniform. This was a perfect opportunity for them to shake hands with guests from the community and to learn that it's important to look people in the eye, and how important it is to have a firm

handshake." The contest is broken up into four rounds, three in the morning and the last in the afternoon when the top five businesses for individual, in-depth interviews.

"I liked meeting a lot of new people," Rodgers said. The Great Shake began with round one when each student greeted five judges, volunteers from the community, separately and were scored on their effort. The top 50 were chosen to proceed to the second, more difficult round. "We needed to keep good eye con-

tact, do a good firm shake, put your hands to the side of your shirt and make a good smile," Rodgers explained. After the second round, the top 12

students or in this case the top 14 because of ties advanced to round three which was held at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The students sat down for two-minute interviews with area businesspersons Cash Ber-

ry, Terry Wegman, Troy Tompkins, and Kandi Alaman. "There was one hard question (dur-

ing the third round)...how to design

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with them," she said.

At the Rockhounds, the students

were treated to a personal interview

Kalani Brown faces final chance for Final Four with Baylor

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WACO, Texas — Kalani Brown has a long list of accomplishments at Baylor, with Big 12 regularseason titles and NCAA Tournament trips in each of her four seasons. The 6-foot-7 senior center also has plenty of well-deserved individual awards.

"There's only one thing to check off my list ... that's the Final Four," Brown said.

"You can just kind of see it in her eyes, she's relentless, she wants to get there," said Lauren Cox, the 6-4 junior who is Brown's teammate in the post. "You can just see it, every day in practice when she works, and in the games, just her determination."

While Cox and the rest of the Lady Bears also want to get to the Final Four, this is Brown's final chance and Baylor (33-1) still has to win two more games to get there. They have won 25 games in a row.

The Lady Bears, the No. 1 overall seed in the

Women's NCAA Tournament, are in the Sweet 16 for the 11th season in a row— they play Saturday in the Greensboro Regional against South Carolina, a team they beat by 25 points on the road in Decem-

But Baylor hasn't been to the Final Four since winning the 2012 national championship at 40-0 when 6-8 center Brittney Griner was a junior.

Brown is only the sixth Baylor player with more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in her career, and is the school's career leader making 64 percent of her field goals. She has been a unanimous All-Big 12 first-team pick for three consecutive seasons.

'The proudest I am of Kalani has nothing to do with how hard we pushed her," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "It's how she maintains her composure on the floor. ... It's just amazing to me how she just can keep her cool with so much hitting and banging, and pushing and shoving."

Even with opposing teams constantly putting two or three defenders on her, Brown is averaging 15.5 points and 8.1 rebounds this season while also making plenty of nifty passes to open teammates. She certainly got more attention on the floor after her double-double average last season when she was the Big 12 player of the year.

"I'm making my teammates better, I'm making it harder on other teams," Brown said. "I could not score another point, but as long as I'm at a Final Four, I'm OK with that."

While Brown's father P.J. played 15 NBA seasons, her mother DeJuna was one of her assistant coaches in high school and one of her AAU coaches. Dee Brown played from 1990-93 at Louisiana Tech, where she was recruited by Mulkey, then an assistant coach at her alma mater.

Kalani Brown remembers her mother telling her she was going to need thick skin to play for Mulkey, who was going to coach her hard and not give her any special treatment. She found that out pretty quickly after getting to Baylor, calling her mom

crying and saying she wanted to leave. "I couldn't count how many times I said I was going to transfer," Brown said, recalling her early days in Waco. "But the player I am today, now looking back, it's all worth it. ... It's about hard work, period."

The first time Mulkey really met and talked with her was when she attended one of Baylor's camps as a seventh-grader, when already much taller than other kids her age. Mulkey said the center, a two-time state champion in high school when she earned McDonald's and Naismith All-America honors, isn't feisty like her mother.

"Kalani is very laid-back. She's very kind, she's very sweet. I call her a gentle giant," Mulkey said. "Her mom has more my personality in that she's real intense. She played for intense coaches, she pushed Kalani to be what she is. And the sweet thing about that is no matter how hard her mom pushes her, or how hard I've pushed her, it never changed whole

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Those Phi Slama Jama teams in the 1980s, which also featured Hall of Famer Clyde Drexler and NBA firstround pick Michael Young, reached the Final Four in three straight seasons from 1982-1984, but never won it all. They reached the championship game in those last two seasons, but lost to North Carolina State in 1983 and Georgetown in 1984.

The Cougars try not to look back too much. But it's easy to see that they take great pride in helping the team do something that was last done by Olajuwon, the first overall pick in the 1984 draft, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008 after an 18-year NBA career.

Bring up The Dream to Armoni Brooks, a junior who ranks second on the team in scoring, and he can't help

but smile.

"It's honestly surreal," he said. "He was such a great player here and in the NBA. So being able to even see our names around his name just makes us hungry, but it also humbles us to let us know we're in a great spot right now."

Olajuwon loves that the current players appreciate his legacy and he raved about the team.

"I love watching them play," he said. "They work hard. They play very, very tight defense. They're confident. They play fantastic basketball.'

The Cougars are also reveling in the buzz they've created around campus and throughout the city of Houston. Brooks said people rarely bothered him when he first arrived on campus, but now the junior can't go anywhere without fans offering him high-fives or words of encouragement.

"It's non-stop — on Instagram, everywhere," Brooks said. "You're getting love everywhere. And it's just great to be able to put our school back onto national prominence in basket-

Following the unprecedented success in the early 1980s, there were plenty of lean years. The Cougars only reached the NCAA Tournament three times from 1985-2009. The program had fallen on such hard times that the thought of top players in Houston even considering signing with the Cougars was laugh-

Robinson, who is a senior, spent his childhood playing pickup games at a recreation center on the school's campus. He remembers what the older kids would tell him about the school

"Crazy thing is, when I used to go play at the rec, they used to all tell me: 'never come here,'" he said. "Thank God I didn't listen to them." Robinson was one of the first play-

ers Kelvin Sampson courted when he took over a team which hadn't been to the tournament since 2010 for the 2014-15 season. He developed into the undisputed leader of this team and set a school record by playing in his 135th career game in the win over Ohio State.

Olajuwon admitted it was difficult to see the once proud program become irrelevant in the years after his departure. But even when many wondered if the Cougars would ever be contenders again, he had faith that they'd regain national prominence.

"I knew it wasn't a question of if, it was just when," he said.

Olajuwon has a close relationship with Sampson and lauded the 63-yearold coach for his work at the school.

"When you win it's easier to recruit, but when you lose nobody wants to come," he said. "So to turn it around, you have to give coach Sampson a lot credit. He's done an incredible job."

The Cougars won just 13 games in Sampson's first season, but the following year, which was Robinson's first, they won 22 games for the school's most victories since 2008. They finished with 21 wins in 2017 before taking the next step last season, going 27-8 and making their first tournament appearance in eight years.

They came one win short of the Sweet Sixteen last season thanks to a buzzer-beating 3-pointer by Michigan, setting the stage for this year's success.

For Sampson, who vowed to turn this program around from the day he was hired, it's difficult to appreciate

the historical significance of what this team has done. He says that kind of reflection should be reserved for when the season's done. But he did take a minute to appreciate how far the Cougars have come in short time.

"I know we've had a magical year. I know that," Sampson said. "To be sitting on this side of the fence and be coaching a team that's won 33 games, that doesn't happen every year."

And Olajuwon will be watching this weekend, hoping the Cougars can add to that win total to move on and try and accomplish the one thing he and his teammates couldn't.

"If they can do it that would just complete the history of the university," he said of the possibility of Houston winning the national title. "That would be fantastic. We're all rooting for them."







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