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BSISD discusses possible TEA action on low-performing schools

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District received communication from the Texas Education Agency in the fall of 2017 that two local elementary schools – Washington Elementary and Goliad Elementary – have been on the agency's accountability assessment list for "Improvement Required" for six years, and are in danger of intervention by TEA.



Tubb

Such intervention could involve such drastic measures as TEA appointment of a board of managers to replace the BSISD board of trustees, or closure of the affected schools.

– Marcy Elementary – are on the Improvement Required list:

"As you are aware, on August 15, 2017, the Texas Education Agency (TEA Agency) issued preliminary 2017 academic accountability ratings indicating that BSISD has a total of three campuses with unacceptable performance ratings, of which the following campuses within the district have received four (4) or more consecutive unacceptable academic accountability ratings:

- Goliad Elementary School (6 years of unacceptable performance ratings)
- Washington Elementary School (6 years of unacceptable performance ratings)"

The letter went on to outline possible consequences of continued low ratings:

"If by the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year any of the campuses identified above have received five or more consecutive unacceptable performance ratings ... I will be required to order either the appointment of a

board of managers to govern the district ... or closure of the campus."

The letter was signed by Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

Thursday afternoon, Interim Superintendent Johnny Tubb, Assistant Superintendent Jay McWilliams, and Human Resources Director George Bancroft sat down with Herald reporters to discuss the situation.

"Within the last 15 days,

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BSISD meets to discuss current status of district



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring High School's Rhapsody show choir performed two numbers at the BSISD School Board meeting Thursday evening. Nine singers from the 10-person choir performed a cappella versions of Leonard Cohen's classic "Hallelujah," and Macklemore's "Can't Hold Us," before receiving a standing ovation from school board members and those attending the meeting.

By **ERIN STEPHENS**
 Staff Writer

The Big Spring ISD board met yesterday to discuss the student progress, professional learning communities (PLCs), and other ongoing topics. The meeting opened with a short performance by members of the Big Spring High School choir.

The first topic on the agenda addressed the upcoming trustee election date, which will be held May 5 of this year.

Next, Dr. Raemi Thomp-

son reported on student progress, noting that students moved out of Tier 3 status (significantly below grade level) and into Tier 2 status (slightly below grade level).

"We want our students and the public to know that we'll be starting 'spring tutorials' next week. The purpose of the tutorials is to start making individual adjustments so we can eventually move students into Tier 1 status (on grade level instruction). Most of our kids were Tier 3 at the beginning of the year, moved to Tier 2, and will hopefully be Tier 1 by the end of the school year," said Thompson.

Superintendent constraints were next on the

agenda, and principals from various schools in the district spoke about PLCs and how they are impacting their schools.

All PLCs at the K-6 level meet every day. The goal of PLCs is for teachers to meet regularly to share expertise and work collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of their students. Principals from the district are in agreement that this system is working well for their schools.

"We feel like the the campus reconfiguration we just did is very successful because our teachers have been able to collaborate with each other in ways they haven't been able to in the past. Teachers are now

working together to give the best possible lesson to students every day," said Thompson. "The meeting times are different for all campuses but PLCs do meet daily to discuss what is and isn't working for them. Our new teachers seem to benefit from this system quite a bit and help them deliver lessons in a way that will get kids up to speed faster."

All teachers will attend upcoming PLC training classes in Fort Worth to build their knowledge base and help teachers develop specific, practical, and inspiring strategies for transforming schools

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HCVFD Chief gives more info on last week's fire

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

More details have been released about the Jan. 10 fire on E. Highway 350 involving several travel trailers and an old wooden building.

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan said damages caused by the fire have been estimated at about \$150,000.

"With the trailers, contents, and everything, that's what it's estimated at," he said.

Sullivan said the fire was caused by a barbecue operated by a family staying in one of the trailers as guests of another family, who lived in another trailer.

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Shutdown looms; blame game already in full swing

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and **ALAN FRAM**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bitterly divided Congress hurtled toward a government shutdown this weekend in a partisan stare-down over demands by Democrats for a solution on political-fraught legislation to protect about 700,000 younger immigrants from being deported.

Democrats in the Senate have served notice they will filibuster a four-week, government-wide funding bill that

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Obituaries

Delmer (Del) Lloyd Austin

Delmer (Del) Lloyd Austin went quietly to his heavenly home Jan. 10, 2018. Del was born in Oakmulgee, Oklahoma on Aug. 17, 1932. Del grew up on a farm in rural Oklahoma. Having turned 10 just as WWII began Del was expected to tend the farm as older brothers and brothers-in-law went to serve. Perhaps this is what set him on the lifelong path of service to his family. Later inspired by friends and family Del joined the USAF just weeks before the Korean conflict at the age of 17. He made the Air Force his career retiring after serving thru the Vietnam War. During this time he traveled the world being stationed in Thailand, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia. One of his most treasured memories was a visit to the Holy Land.

Del married his first wife Betty and adopted her sons Michael and Dennis and together they continued their family having two daughters Donna and Nancy and a son Chris. After retiring from the Air Force to Big Spring, Texas, Del was a successful real estate broker, night club owner and avid

golfer. He was married a second time to Karen and extended his family once again by adopting her daughter April. Del ended his work career with his first love of teaching Aircraft maintenance in San Antonio. After retiring Del had the privilege of raising two of his grandsons. He considered these years the crown jewel of his full and well lived life.

Del was preceded in death by both his parent Marion Austin and Nancy (Hicks) Austin; his elder brother, George; and his sisters, Alma, Lori and Beulah; and two sons, Michael and Dennis. Del is survived by his loving sister-in-law, Rita Austin of El Dorado Kansas; his son, Chris of Bonham; his daughters, Donna (Gary) Jones of Austin, Nancy (David) White of Bonham and April (Scott) Whitescarver of Gonzales; and five grandsons, Brandon, Cody Austin, Austin, Eli and Jamison Whitescarver. Del will be sorely missed by those whose lives he touched. With his playful nature and generous spirit he put others before himself and devoted himself to the care of his family. A graveside service will be held at Forest Glade Cemetery near Mexia, Texas, on Saturday the 27th of Jan. at 1 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Blair Stubbs Funeral home Mexia, Texas, 76667 or in Lieu of flowers please make a donation to the benefit of Veterans.

Paid Obituary

Troy Ann Drinkard Lane Sinclair

Troy Ann Drinkard Lane Sinclair, 73, of Denison, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, at her residence. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Craig Holstedt, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 17, 1944, in Brady, Texas, to Troy and Evelyn Drinkard.

Ann graduated from Big Spring High School in 1962. She worked at home and as a counselor for several cemeteries and funeral homes. She was loved by many friends and family and was always

ready to help others.

Ann attended the Presbyterian Church where ever she lived.

She is survived by one son, Cheston Lane; one grandson, Ashton Lane both of Denison; one sister, Jane Doane and husband, Richard of Eden; one brother, Timothy Drinkard of Big Spring; three nephews, Troy Doane, Lawrence Drinkard and Arden Sterling Drinkard; and three nieces, Kori Marra, Sacha Warrum and Sherida Drinkard.

The family would like to thank Ann's good friends, especially Sara Mott and Jennifer Buck.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

Paid Obituary

Anthony "Tony" Thixton

Tony Thixton, 62, of Corpus Christi, formerly of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



Faye Woods

Faye Woods, 90, of Lenexa, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. Graveside service will be on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens, 23215 W 75th St, Shawnee, Kansas.

Feld, Charles E. (CHUCK),



Feld, Charles E. (CHUCK), age 85, of Big Spring, Texas, passed away on Monday, Jan. 15th, 2018, at Sennic Mountain Medical Center with his wife and daughter by his side.

He was born Jan. 1st, 1933, in Neosho Falls, Kansas, to Glen Feld and Leta Faye Jones.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 10 years, Harriet Jane Feld of Big Spring, formally from Phillipines; his daughters, Janet L. Fryer and son-in-law Bryan Fryer of Round Rock, and Melody A. Smoot and son-in-law John Smoot of San Antonio; his grandchildren; a sister, Virginia Hall; half-brother, Lee Rafferty of MO and a half-sister, Joan Audley and husband John of Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glen Feld and Leta Faye Jones; three sisters, Donna Hankins, Marjorie Cantrell and Maxine Syverson and three brothers, Gene Feld, Bobby Feld and Clifford Feld.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service with Air Force Honors will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel in Big Spring, Texas, with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Police blotter, Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **SCOTT EDWIN GRAHAM**, 50, of 515 3rd St., was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.

• **CARLIE PATRICE DARDEN**, 23, of 3101 Navajo Dr., was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.

• **CLAYTON LEE CHAPPELL**, 20, of 1200 Madison, was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.

• **DAVID RAMOS GALINDO**, 64, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 57, of 2803 Apache Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 59 inmates at the time of this report.

• **CLAYTON LEE CHAPPELL**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance in between 3 to 28 grams.

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• **KIMBERLY ANN NOBLE**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of bail jumping failure to appear, wrong, altered, or obscured registration, and failure to appear.

• **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **BRIJETT RASHAD POWELL**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Take Note

• The Fraternity Order of Eagles Chili Cook Off Jan. 20 at the Eagles Lodges located on 703 W 3rd St. There will be a \$10 entry fee per two person team. Team sign up and registration starts at 8 a.m. and judging will be at 11:30 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be all you can eat chili and sides open to the public for \$10 a plate. For more information call Seth Mansfield at 432-213-5052.

• Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." 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.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Pro-

spective 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 dona-

tions 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.

Support Groups

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 Saturday 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.

MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for, and a workbook

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ACTION

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"We've had conversation with and correspondence from the commissioner's representatives that reiterated that, regardless of what happens, we operate as normal next year," said Tubb. "There will be no reconfiguration going into '18-'19. '18-'19 will be spent, number one, determining the final accountability rating for the district, which could be as late as November, and then, all these parental involvement meetings, meeting with parents about the campuses involved. Because they have input as to the two choices. The two choices are a board of managers will be assigned by TEA, and you see the word 'or,' school closure."

Tubb said that, while TEA does have the option to physically close down the affected schools, he believes the "school closure" option would be less drastic.

"Let's talk about that school closure just a little bit. In certain districts, 'school closure' means closing that building down. But in our situation, that's not a viable option," he said. "We need to look at 'closure' as closing that campus as it exists now. But as far as physically barricading the doors and locking it, just because of facilities, that's not really a viable option for us."

Bancroft agreed. "It's overdramatizing the situation when the state uses that term 'closure.' It leads parents to believe that somehow their kids aren't going to have a place to go," he said. "They've got a constitutional mandate to educate those children. They're going to have them in a building, and it's going to be a safe building. And in our case, it's going to

be those brand-new buildings we just built. The people in that building will look a lot different. The program will look a lot different. That is, if we get to that point, which won't be determined until after this year."

Alternatively, a board of managers could take over operation of the district, Tubb said.

"We had heard from the agencies that, in very large districts, there could be a board of managers just from those campuses instead of replacing the board of trustees. I just talked to them an hour ago. They said that, in a district our size, it would be more likely that they would replace the board of trustees instead," said Tubb. "We're not big enough. They said it would probably be the board of trustees. As far as personnel, they'd have full hiring and firing authority. They'll be running the school district."

As far as the fate of the teachers and students that work at and attend Washington and Goliad, Tubb said that, should TEA replace the school board or close the schools, that would be up to the agency to decide.

"The agency, there's going to be some consideration for what the district has done. If we hadn't done what we did and if we had just sit on our hands and let the chips fall, I think we would be in a much worse situation than the situation we're in," he said. "I believe by the board and school district being proactive together and collaborating, I think there will be some leniency when it comes to that sort of thing. But no guarantees. They have full authority. They may come in and say 'Y'all are gone.' I guarantee you this: I'm pretty sure I'm

gone under that situation. If they're going to replace the trustees, I think the superintendent will fall under that too."

Of course changes would be inevitable.

"Obviously there's going to be a change of staff. There's going to be a change of student population for the kids that were there the previous year," he said. "But the biggest thing that's going to have to change is the educational program that's being presented at that campus. That's the great monster, because that's not written out. There's going to have to be some very creative things going on. Some new things, new ideas. STEM academies are in that loop. Something like that has got to occur."

Since receiving the letters last fall, Big Spring ISD has been proactively working on the problem, Tubb said.

"The turnaround plan is in place," he said. "What we did this year with the reconfiguration of the elementary campuses, is the direction that we chose – or the district chose; I wasn't a part of the district at that time – to move forward."

For the 2017-2018 school year, Big Spring's elementary schools were reconfigured from kindergarten through fourth grade at each elementary campus, to K through 2 at Marcy and Moss elementary, third grade at Washington, and fourth grade at Goliad.

"That reconfiguration of the campuses is the turnaround plan, and we actually put it in place prior to that letter. The district was very proactive in addressing the IR situation," Tubb said. "That was done for two reasons. Number one, it's the right thing to do. It gives the district the best opportunity to get out from under the

IR. There is a second reason it was done. We've got some neighboring districts that are going through this same process. You're hearing a lot about turnaround plans and parental involvement and all those sorts of things. All those things would be coming our way, but actually since we were proactive, we put a turnaround plan into place prior to agency monitoring from the TEA."

One other goal of the reconfiguration has apparently not come to fruition.

"The second reason was, hopefully, that we would have gotten new campus numbers," said Tubb. "If we had gotten new campus numbers as a result of that, as our neighbors did, then we'd have had another year – more time – to get out of the IR status. That was a second reason we did that."

Also in the district's improvement plan was more time for grade-level subject matter planning and collaboration among teachers.

"It's basically more planning time and more and more collaboration time for the faculty, and incorporated with that and part of the purpose of that is the remediation for some of those students that aren't achieving that Index 1," said Bancroft.

McWilliams expounded on the topic.

"You think about the reconfiguration, now, every fourth grade teacher – that is a crucial tested subject area – they're all under one roof, and when we have a (Professional Learning Communities) math meeting, which we do every day... Every day they have a conference period and they have a 45-minute PLC period," he said. "If it's us sitting around this table, we're all the fourth-grade math teach-

ers. Every one of them. And they're led by what's called an MCL, which is a master teacher, and they're in there discussing strategies; what can we do, if we have to remediate, the lesson plans, what are we going to attack next week; and this is on a day-to-day basis. They're doing that at Washington, and they're doing that at K-1-2 campuses as well."

Bancroft explained further. "When we reconfigured, to kind of simplify that primary reason, if you've got 10 teachers, quantifiably, one of them's the best. That teacher, under the old format, was on one campus. By reconfiguring and concentrating grade levels on one campus, our best teachers are influencing the newest teachers," he said. "To a large extent, that was the brainchild of our teachers. Mr. Wigington had incorporated some cross-district planning in the calendar year, and when they met, they said, 'You know, it would be great if we could do this more frequently.' From that statement by a teacher, we said 'Well, what if we went single grade level for third and fourth, when we've got so much riding on it? Why not have our best teachers influencing all of them?'"

TEA decisions won't be made on the district's situations until the end-of-year STAAR tests are taken and the results tabulated. At that point, the district has the option to appeal the results, which could push the final TEA decision until well into the next school year.

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FIRE

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"They didn't have a place to live," he said. "One of the families that lost their trailer was letting them stay in that trailer. What he told me, he had cooked some hamburgers. He left the grill. He said he thought it was out, but the investigation into where the origin of it was, it was at the barbecue pit, so with that wind being so high, it blew some embers out of it somehow. The fire was accelerated by the wind, and then when the people noticed it it was too late."

The person operating the grill has received two citations from the Howard County Sheriff's Office, said Sullivan.

"One for failure to adhere to the burn ban. Even though it was a barbecue pit, he let the fire get out. It's basically like a controlled

burn in a burn barrel that you let get out," he said. "So it's failure to adhere to the burn ban, and then a second one for reckless damage. He should have put it out before he left."

Sullivan said the citations open doors for the host family to recoup damages from their guests, but there may not be much to recoup, he said.

"With them having a citation and stuff...it wasn't a criminal intent, but by getting a citation, it leaves avenues where their insurance company can subrogate back to him for the losses," said Sullivan. "That would be from his insurance or him, whether he had insurance. But the guy that started it, if he didn't have a place to live living there, he doesn't have any money to go after."

In the aftermath of the fire, the local Emergency Services Chaplains Corps helped organize im-

mediate aid for the affected families.

"We contacted Chaplain Services, who put both families up for the night," said Sullivan. "Then they contacted the Red Cross to help them out as much as they could."

Sullivan said it was lucky that the fire didn't spread further than it did.

"We were very fortunate that night that we didn't have a massive wildfire from it. Downstream from it, we immediately identified 10 different houses that it would come upon. We were very fortunate," he said. "I put trucks on that to make sure we didn't have a wildfire go from it. We may have saved just a little bit. It's one of those where you have to make a decision. Call it a 'fire triage' like the medical does when there are mass casualties. Some you can save, and some you just have to say, 'Hey, they're not going to make it.' We

can save the most by not putting resources on this one. Tough calls."

The Big Spring Fire Department also provided assistance at the scene through an agreement for automatic aid, said Sullivan.

"When it's a structure fire, we have an automatic aid agreement with the Big Spring Fire Department, because they are at the station and can get out quicker," he said. "With us, by the time you tone out the Volunteer Fire Department, it can take five or six minutes for the firefighters to get to the station to get a truck and then roll out. Our average scene time is like, 13 minutes, where you know, Big Spring Fire Department, they've got a seven to eight minute, which makes a difference."

SHUTDOWN

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cleared the House Thursday evening, seeking to shape a subsequent measure.

That could expose them to charges that they are responsible for a shutdown, but they point the finger at Republicans instead.

"They're in charge," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Friday as he entered his Capitol office. "They're not talking to us. They're totally paralyzed and inept. There's no one to negotiate with."

Republicans controlling the narrowly split chamber argue that it's the Democrats who are holding the government hostage over demands to protect "dreamer" immigrants brought to the country as children and now here illegally.

As a shutdown loomed, the White House said Friday that President Donald Trump would not leave for a planned weekend in Florida unless a funding bill passes.

Trump had been set to leave Friday afternoon to celebrate the one-year anniversary of his inauguration at his Palm Beach estate.

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into a place where all students learn at high levels.

Interim superintendent Johnny Tubb delivered the superintendent's report. Tubb discussed new hires and

resignations within the district and an enrollment report which showed that numbers are up.

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Reflections: Dealing with guilt

The Minnesota humorist, Garrison Keillor, once observed that people do bad, horrible, dirty, rotten and despicable things, then, instead of repenting, they just go into treatment. "Whatever happened to guilt?" he lamented. "Guilt, is the gift that keeps on giving."



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Keillor's tongue in cheek appraisal of guilt belies the truth. While there may be a few socio-paths who feel no remorse for their actions and show no capacity for guilt, most of us know the feelings of guilt only too well.

Religious leaders sometimes revert to guilt as the trump card to keep church members and parishioners in line. Parents use it with children. Siblings, co-workers and even friends occasionally rely on it to get

their way. When husbands and wives are unable to settle a heated argument, one or the other often reverts to guilt's lethal weapon by recalling past offenses that were supposedly forgiven and forgotten.

In its best moments, guilt can protect and guide us, much like the pain that teaches us to avoid a hot stove or sharp objects. When we respond to guilt with confession and repentance, we can move forward to live a better life on a higher plane.

But guilt can be destructive and debilitating.

Sometimes we feel guilt over clearly remembered wrongs we have done. At other times we may feel guilty and not know why. We wake up with a feeling of unworthiness and shame with no specific deed to identify as the source. Our feelings of guilt are irrational, leaving us at a loss to identify the source or the solution. Guilt can lock us in its prison and shackle us so that we feel helpless. It robs us

of energy and steals our joy. Guilt can leave us smoldering in anger or suffocating in depression.

The good news is that Jesus came to set us free from guilt.

When confronted with the woman caught in the act of adultery, he dismissed those who condemned her and said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and sin no more." (John 8:1-11).

To the paralytic whose friends tore off the roof to get their friend to Jesus, he said, "Son, your sins are forgiven." When he sensed the rising resentments among the Jewish leaders, He said, "So that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins," - He said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.' And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God." (Mark 2:1-12).

Paul wrote, "Therefore there is now

no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1-2). And John said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

We can live our lives free of guilt and self-recrimination. As John says, "We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our hearts before Him in whatever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things." (1 John 3:19-20).

An interesting thing happens when God removes our guilt, and we know it. Not only can we live with greater joy and freedom, we no longer feel compelled to heap guilt upon others.

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Church News

First Church of the Nazarene

Join us on Sunday morning as Pastor Josh brings us a great messages about Jesus. Service starts at 10 a.m. Nazfamily offers two different types of services. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria for a more contemporary setting or the 1400 Lancaster campus which is more traditional for Sunday service.

Small groups for both men and women meet Sunday morning at the Lancaster campus at 9 a.m. while kids enjoy fellowship and breakfast before service.

On Wednesday at 6 p.m., the Cedar Road Campus has a meal, Bible study and children's and youth activities. At 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the Lancaster campus has prayer and children's and youth activities. Other small groups meet throughout the week. If you are interested, pick up our small group bulletin.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number. For more information contact the church office at (432) 267-7015.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

The congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you to rejoice in The LORD with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Waltherhouse welcomes you to be a part of this vibrant growing group as they worship and study God's Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday night schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwaltherhouse@gmail.com.

Forsan Baptist Church

The message this week continues in the series called Big Sandals: retracing the footsteps of kings. Sunday's message comes from 1 Kings 12:25-30 and is called the lure of power.

Wednesday youth and children's activities have resumed for the spring. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6 p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

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Sunday School for all ages; 11 a.m. Worship service with a special sermon, every Sunday for the kids from the Pastor; a Children's Church; 6 p.m. Evening worship; Monday 9:30 a.m. prayer & share; and on Wednesday at 6 p.m. we have team kidz; adult prayer meeting and Bible study; and student fellowship and Bible study.

Mike Seay, Senior Pastor; Glenn Zacek, Associate Pastor are here to help in any way possible. We're located at 6200 S Service Road in Big Spring. Our office # is 432 263 6274.

First Baptist Church

"Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its going down, the LORD'S name is to be praised." Psalm 113:2-3

Join the people of First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:50 as they come together in awe-struck exaltation of El Elyon: The Most High God. Music minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of music which will include

contemporary praise and worship songs, and foundational hymns of the faith.

Pastor Mark Lindsey continues the sermon series "Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Titled "Peace: Tranquility of Mind, Body, and Soul," Sunday's message emphasizes that true peace is not just an absence of conflict, but is a pervasive calmness that permeates a person's core, and is made possible through a loving, unselfish spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fcbigspring.org.

Following this week's service, there will be a special luncheon for the parenting and youth groups to kickoff those discipleship classes beginning at 5:30. Lunch will be provided.

At 9:30 Sunday school groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms.

Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

At 5:30, the new semester of discipleship classes begins. These classes present the opportunity to grow in and apply your faith; the selection is:

"Turning everyday conversations into opportunities to naturally share your faith," facilitated by John Long. Participants will explore and learn creative, conversational, and natural ways to share the Gospel with those you already know; meets in Room 238 (close to chapel and parlor).

"The Simplest Way to Change the World: Biblical Hospitality as a Way of Life," facilitated by Mark and Sherry Lindsey. Participants will focus on making a difference in the world simply by opening their front door, and offering a sincere warmth and friendliness to others, as a way to build relationships for Christ. This group meets in the chapel.

"Authentic Love: Christ, Culture, and The Pursuit of Purity"-Especially for Grades 7-12. There will be separate groups for guys and gals, and topics to be discussed are: holiness, purity, and living godly lives that reflect the character of Christ in each area of one's life, including sexual purity.

Each session will include a video followed by scripture study and plenty of discussion led by adults who have walked through this in life. Gals' location is Room 212; facilitated by Rebekah Raffini, Morgan Metcalf, and special guests. Guys' location is room 217; facilitated by Charles Diaz, Bryan Samsel, and special guests.

"Ready to launch: Jesus-centered parenting in a child-centered world." Facilitated by Jonathan Raffini and parents of former youth, this group will empower participants to parent with Jesus as the focus, and teach parents to develop and implement a gospel centered approach to parenting.

There will be video teaching by J.D. and Veronica Greer, with moderated discussion time. Additionally, there will be testimonies that will encourage and challenge participants how to best prepare their kids to enter the world with Jesus continuing to lead them. This group meets in Room 214 (youth room).

Also at 5:30, the Worship arts for kids program begins, and all area children are invited to participate in this exciting time of learning about worship through music, drama, and instruments. Contact children's minister Justin Green at 267-8223 for additional details.

FBC mother's day out program is open each Tues-



day and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones, or go to fcbigspring.com to download a registration form.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm and include: adult Bible study and prayer time, adult choir practice, saturate youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children.

Upward basketball games continue Saturday January 27th. For additional information about how to support this fun Bible based sports program, call 432-267-8223 or go to fcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, January 21st - Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service as we continue with our series entitled Elephant In The Room. During this series we will journey through weeks of sensitive, but relevant subjects that are often times not spoken of nor touched on particularly in the church community.

Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Tuesday, January 22nd- Join us each Tuesday for the next 6 weeks from 6 p.m. -7 p.m. in the ARC as we study and learn with Natasha Bailey on the book Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst.

For this class You will need to purchase your book. The journal & study guide are NOT needed for this class.

Covenant life new believers course - Are you a new believer? Were you recently baptized? We have a course just for you. Our CLNB course will be held each Sunday in February from 10 a.m. -10:50 a.m. in the academic resource center.

Members of our pastoral care team will be sharing this 4 week course designed to walk you through the steps of: salvation, faith & assurance, power of the Holy Spirit and overcoming trials.

Monday, February 12th- join far above rubies women's ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. As we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share.

You can expect food, fun and fellowship. For more info contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9:00am, 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our administrative office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@ccbigspring.org. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

Heart condition

A certain man was constantly feeling tired. He assumed that it was just part of growing old. What he didn't realize is that over many years the arteries supplying his heart with blood had become severely blocked. He was never focused on those types of things. He was always focused on work, building a better life for his family, and doing things that made him happy. It wasn't until he finally had a thorough checkup that he understood the condition his heart was in.



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In Matthew 13:18-23, Jesus explains the parable to his disciples which he had spoken to the crowd earlier. We know this as the "Parable of the Sower." Jesus describes why there was a difference in the outcome of the sowing process. His explanation was this: Hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This

is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty (ESV).

In each of the four scenarios, the seed was the same. Jesus said the seed was the word of the kingdom. The word was not changed depending on the area where the sower was at any given time. A different message was not spoken in order to make it more acceptable to various people. Are we trying to change the message of God's word? Some are teaching things that the Bible never taught. Others, however, are leaving out things that Jesus and the Apostles taught because they know that people will be offended by them. Hearts will not truly

change without the word of God. A false message will not produce a disciple. A watered-down message will not produce a disciple. Only the healthy teachings of Scripture, all the Scripture, and nothing but the Scripture sown in good hearts will produce a bountiful harvest of disciples.

We all need a spiritual heart checkup. Only when we go to God's word as the standard for our lives will we truly see the condition of our hearts. What kind of soil are you? Are spiritual things of no concern? Are you too focused on things in this life that Biblical teaching just bounces right off and never penetrates for even a moment of contemplation?

Did you once call yourself a Christian, but then others began to harass and ridicule you on account of your beliefs, so you decided it would be better to give up all that Christianity "stuff" to make your life easier?

Are you a Christian who is fine with a little bit of religion as long as it doesn't interfere too much with work, building a better life for your family, or doing things that make you happy? What is the condition of your heart? What is the condition of mine? Do we truly want to be fruitful for the Lord?



CHURCH

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First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. next Wednesday. The Children's Choir meets at 5:30 Sunday afternoon, and the Youth Group meets for dinner at 6:00, followed by Handbells at 6:30, and Youth Group meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The session held its monthly meeting Tuesday, January 16, at 6 p.m. in the church library. The January meeting and Bible study for Presbyterian women will be on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. in the church library. The study will be Lesson 6 of the current study of Hebrews, entitled "In Community with the Reality of the Present," using the DVD by the author to guide the group discussion. Sunday, Feb. 4, the Annual Congregational Meeting and a Potluck Lunch will be after worship. There will be a guest speaker for worship: Sara Pottschmidt Lisherness, Director of the Compassion, Peace, and Justice Division of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Susan Wilson is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Glen Burch is the Lector for January. The lectionary passages for the Third Sunday after Epiphany are Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; I Corinthians 7:29-31; and Mark 1:14-20. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

Spring Creek Fellowship

On January 28th we will be talking about our Missional Community Groups in our 10:45 Service. Information on each group and why they are so important to our church and community will be presented. Please join and find the group that is right for you! New Connection Groups will be starting up in January. Some include "What Does the Bible Say?", "Discovering Who You Are In Christ", "Malachi" starting January 30th and "Love and War" for married couples. Others continuing are "Walking Through The Gospel" and "Men's 33." All start at 9:15 on Sunday mornings!

We have a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with have more applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download, then search for Spring Creek Fellowship Texas. That should take you to our Home Page.

KID CONNECTION: January 21st- Paul's Conversion and Baptism, Acts 9: 1-25, check the Bible lesson under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18, at springcreekfellowship.org. Better yet, join us in the "yellow room" at Spring Creek this Sunday. As Kids On A Mission, we have learned that our 126 shoeboxes sent for Operation Christmas Child are headed to Panama and Ecuador to bless children with the message of Jesus' and His love! Our Daily Bread Food Pantry will be open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9:00 to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left!

You may also visit our Blessing Box just outside the front doors of the church entrance to get food. Donations are needed to keep us stocked for those in need. Please consider donating on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in participating with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder.

We are updating our files and need your help to make sure we have the correct information for you and your family. Please contact the church office.

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving widows in our area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office. The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year associates degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office. Community groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations. Our nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Our worship team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship worship team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Weekly happenings: Sunday-8:15 a.m.-classical worship service. Between 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday school/connection groups. In between 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. the "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. Between 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. is the Worship Service. 5:00 p.m. will be prayer meeting. Tuesday at noon is the narcotics anonymous meeting. At 7 p.m. is the women's Bible study. Wednesday-community groups-various times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m. is the men's Bible Study.

Friday in between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. is the narcotics anonymous. Saturday at 7:30 a.m. is the weekly men's prayer breakfast & fellowship.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

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First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday morning schedule includes the 9 a.m. traditions service, featuring the pipe organ, choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday school, and then the bridge service at 11 a.m. which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, Pastor Derrell begins a new series on the Apostles of Jesus. The first apostle will be "Andrew," and the scripture is from John 1: 32-42." Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship services on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior." The church will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday on February 4. The Wednesday noon Bible study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868. Evening adult Bible study, real life, meets Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday. For information please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

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Howard College splits with Odessa

Hawks fall to Odessa, Lady Hawks win close game by one



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Howard College's Ruthie Fox takes a three point attempt during the Lady Hawks' 55-54 conference win in Odessa on Thursday, January 18, 2018.



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Howard College's Andre Ferguson is fouled hard during a layup attempt during the Hawk's 70-65 loss to conference rival Odessa on Thursday, January 18, 2018.

CHS Bulldogettes fall to Merkel, 53-30

Special to the Herald

The Bulldogettes fell to the Merkel Lady Badgers 53-30 Tuesday night in district basketball play held at the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

The Lady Badgers were deadly at the post in the first quarter and built up a 10 point lead before the end the first period of play. Makayla Overton struck first for the Bulldogettes using her accurate aim to nail a field goal for 2. A few moments later, the senior followed up burying one of two shots at the charity line to make the score 3-6 with the Lady Badgers leading.

Sophomore Caitlyn Corley then jumped into the game scoring a field goal as the clock ticked down to 47 seconds left for the quarter. Ending on a high note, Makayla Overton nailed a shot behind the arc for 3 as the Bulldogettes headed into the second quarter behind 8-18.

Shortly after the quarter began, freshman Makynlee Overton stepped up to the charity strip to easily drop in both shots and then followed up with a goal to rack up 4 more points for Coahoma. The Lady Badgers answered back by going on an 8-point run shut down when Makynlee buried a shot at the free throw line. In all the freshman racked up all six points earned for the Bulldogettes in the quarter. Both teams headed into the locker room with the score 14-33 in favor of the Lady Badgers.

The Coahoma girls were limited to only 4 points in the third quarter coming from Makynlee Overton and Abbie Lopez. Lopez hit a sweet field goal with 4 seconds left on the clock, however, the girls entered the fourth quarter behind 18-43.

Lopez's goal lit a fire under the Bulldogettes as they had their best quarter

Badgers topple Bulldogs, 68-44

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to the Merkel Badgers 68-44 in high school boys basketball action Monday night held in the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

It was an all out battle on the floor throughout four quarters of play between the two teams as they fought to improve their

district standings.

Coahoma's Mason Moore opened up the game with a fast break away to drop the ball in for 2 points. The Badgers quickly answered back with a 7-point run before Gage Clark hit back with two consecutive field goals for the Bulldogs. A Bryson Cline score tied the game for Coahoma at 10-10 when he hit a field

goal with a little more than 2 minutes left on the game clock.

However the Badgers quickly retook the lead and then lost it seconds after as Gage Clark raced down the court for a successful dunk to tie the score at 12-12. Merkle pulled away once more leaving the score 12-16 at the end of the first and continued to add

to their lead throughout the rest of the match.

At the top of the second, Gage Clark quickly scored 3 points with one scoring from the charity strip. The Bulldogs added 8 points during the quarter but were outscored by the Badgers who increased their tally by 17. Zack

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Steers fall to 'Stangs in Junior High B team play

Special to the Herald

This past Monday night the Steers traveled to Sweetwater to take on the Mustangs and came up a little short. Dropping the contest 30-29. The game was a back and forth battle that needed an overtime period to ultimately decide the winner. This was the second time the Steers had to go into overtime against the Mustangs this season.

Leading the Steers was Aaron Chavez with a break out game with 16 points, 15 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 blocked shots.

Also contributing were: Joshua Gonzales with 6 points, 11 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots. Ismael Castillo with 3 points, 7 steals, and 4 rebounds.

Adrian Solis with 2 points, 2 steals, and 3 rebounds.

Kelby Olivarez with 2 points, 6 steals, and 5 rebounds.

It was tough loss and a learning experience for the young Steers, but they are ready to bounce back. They take on the Brownwood Lions on Monday with the tip off set for 5:30 here at the E.C. Roberson Jr. High Gymnasium.

Coahoma 8th grade basketball update

Special to the Herald

8th Grade A team

The Coahoma 8th Grade A team clawed their way to within 3 points shy of a tie in the fourth but the Lady Indians were able to pull away with a 22-28 victory in junior high basketball action Monday night.

After the first quarter of play, the Bulldogettes had a 9-5 lead thanks to scores by Kaylie Kaczyk, Madison Rodgers, and Kaylor Green. Coahoma's Madison Olivas dropped the ball in for 2 to start off the second quarter of play but the Lady Indians began a slow march to take over the lead by the end of the quarter. Coahoma didn't make it easy for the Jim Ned girls but at the end of the half, the Lady Indians led 13-20.

In the third quarter, action on the court slowed for both teams offensively although Rodgers nailed a bas-

ket behind the arc. By the fourth both teams ramped up play to battle for the win. Scores by Rodgers, Kaczyk, and Green helped the Bulldogettes to get within 3 points but late game goals by the Lady Indians left Jim Ned the victors, 22-28.

Individual points
Madison Rodgers - 8
Kaylie Kaczyk - 6
Kaylor Green - 5
Madison Olivas - 3
1st: 9-5
2nd: 13-20
3rd: 16-22
4th: 22-28

8th Grade B team

An exciting eighth quarter of play against the Jim Ned Lady Indians Monday night, the Coahoma Bulldogettes 8th Grade B team came within two points in tying the lead after a six-point run.

However, a Jim Ned player nailed a field goal within the last 30 seconds of play giving just enough padding for the

Lady Indians to take the match 16-20.

Coahoma's Emigene Braxton was the first to score in a very defensive first quarter of play. She hit a field goal with 55 seconds left in the quarter but was soon followed by goal from a Lady Indian to tie the game at 2-2.

Jim Ned quickly took the lead early on in the second holding on until Macie Green tied the game for the Bulldogettes at 4-4. Then Braxton sank in a shot to push the Bulldogettes over once more. Heading into the half, Coahoma held the lead 8-6, thanks to a successful basket by Paula Mae Hagins.

An energized Jim Ned returned for the second half of play going on an 8-point run before Serenity Watts answered back with a field goal. By the third, Jim Ned led 10-16.

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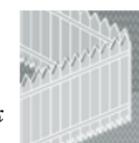
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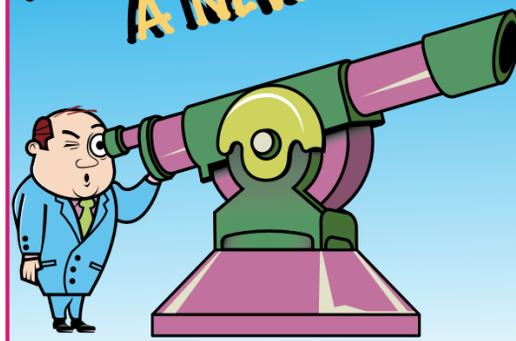
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, vulnerable against nonvulnerable opponents. East is the dealer and opens the bidding with Three Hearts. What would you bid with each of the following hands?

- ♠ KJ962 ♥ Q83 ♦ A6 ♣ K74
- ♠ AJ92 ♥ 64 ♦ K1075 ♣ AK10
- ♠ 984 ♥ QJ962 ♦ AK ♣ A75
- ♠ AJ3 ♥ K7 ♦ AKQ987 ♣ Q8

1. Pass. First of all, let's define the meaning of the various bids that can be made over a pre-emptive three-bid, which typically shows a seven-card suit headed by two or three honors and not much else. The purpose of such a bid is to make things tough for you and your partner.

If you overcall in a suit, you are telling partner that your suit is strong enough to risk bidding it at a high level. If you bid three notrump, you want to play in that contract. If you double, it is primarily for takeout, and you expect your partner to bid, although he is permitted to pass if he thinks it best to play for penalties.

This hand does not justify taking any action. You should not overcall with three spades because your suit and high-card values are simply not good enough, and such a bid could lead to a substantial penalty. The best course is to pass and see what (if anything) develops.

2. Double. You must compete with this hand, and by far the most flexi-

ble action is to double for takeout, implying support for the unbid suits. This is about an average hand with which to double at this vulnerability. Furthermore, care must be exercised in following up on partner's response, as he may have a very poor hand.

3. Pass. There is a natural temptation to double, but since partner will read the double as asking him to bid — which is exactly what you don't want him to do — it is much more prudent to pass. The best strategy is to sit back and hope the next player passes and your partner doubles for takeout. In that case, of course, you would be delighted to pass.

It might be argued that treating the double of a three-bid as takeout fails on this hand. This is true enough, but you have to play the double one way or the other, and because the opportunity for a takeout double of a pre-empt occurs far more frequently than the opportunity for a penalty double, it is better to play the double for takeout. You can't have your cake and eat it too.

4. Three notrump. With eight probable tricks at notrump against the expected heart lead, it is not too much to hope that partner will furnish you with one. There is not much point in doubling to get partner to name a suit, and it also would be unwise to bypass three notrump by bidding four diamonds.

Tomorrow: Appearances can be deceiving.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Here Comes the Aquarius Sun!

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Every great innovation, invention and marvel began in the same way -- with a problem. Problems are gifts. Problems are teachers. Problems are opportunities, games, unifiers. Problems are the glue of society. The sun moves into Aquarius, and some of the problems are about to find very exciting solutions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Yours will be the last word -- just how you like it. What you may not like is how long it takes for all of the other words to get spoken, bandied about, hashed and rehashed. That's relationships!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Etiquette allows for you to make the rules when it's your party and follow their rules when it's their party. The trouble arises when no one can agree on whose party it is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you're doing may be a little similar to what another person is doing. People can compare forever, but the two of you are not the same person. You're unique and becoming more unique the longer you do you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's much easier to hear things than it is to say them. It's easier to read words than it is to write them. It's easier to observe than it is to do. How much easier? They won't really know until they say, write and do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even when you're being extremely clear with your communication you can't make another person understand. And if said "other person" happens to be the sort who doesn't listen well, you'd be advised to move along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Creativity isn't always about art. In fact, it most often comes in other styles, forms and fields. It's an approach and a mindset. It's a way of being open to the world around you. You'll have tons of creativity tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel a kinship with a person

that goes beyond the amount of time you've spent together or what you really know about one another. It's partly chemistry and partly something spiritual. This kind of thing doesn't happen every day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). They'll ask for your opinion when they want something else entirely -- for instance, your attention, your business, your love or your approval. You're wise to this, of course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The old world had gatekeepers and quality-control managers. The new world has done away with them. As a result, you've become discerning and better at making decisions based on your personal values and taste.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be as unflappable as James Bond. You'll maintain your composure when the heat is on and when the deadliest thing around is boredom. In your constancy you'll achieve the higher levels of grace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It may seem as though you are just one person competing among millions of similar people. But no one is you. When you do what only you can do, you have no competition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Truth doesn't really change, but the rules will. The ones that held yesterday may fall apart today. Also, there are different guidelines for different people. Get comfortable with the relativity of limits.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19). This solar return brings an increased spiritual awareness. You'll sense the vibrations of the places, objects and people. This sensitivity

will lead you to places where there's the most potential for connection, exuberance and the deep satisfaction that comes with service to a higher cause. Your Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 11, 45 and 17.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: It's a time to honor your feelings in a specific and ceremonious way. **TAURUS:** You're ready to do what it takes to have the love you want. **GEMINI:** The only thing better than a relationship that's going great is a relationship that's going great publicly. **CANCER:** You'll encounter an unforeseen snare, but this bramble will be behind you in a moment. Minor challenges keep love alive. **LEO:** You can find the advantage in any sort of connection, even the wonky ones. **VIRGO:** Your definition of a successful relationship has changed. Stop and reassess exactly how. **LIBRA:** One of those notions about love you read on the internet is just about weird enough to work in your case. **SCORPIO:** Your love life isn't what it was a year ago, and you'll celebrate how things have gotten better. **SAGITTARIUS:** Bending the rules will be fun for you, but not as fun as breaking them. **CAPRICORN:** Don't underestimate your talents, but it's not necessary to highlight them, either; they are obvious to those who matter. **AQUARIUS:** A loved one's businesses will be your business, whether you want it to be or not. **PISCES:** You don't ask for a change, you make a change.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: As the Pisces moon reflects the luminous Aquarius sun, these zodiac neighbors will cozy up for a visit, enjoying easy compatibility and the comfortable familiarity of growing up on the same cosmic street. The conversation will be fun, witty and deep. The activities won't have to be objectively interesting to be of great interest to the two of them. Serendipitous luck will happen whenever they go together.

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ANDY CAPP

Panel 1: Andy Capp sits at a desk. "I'M HERE ABOUT THE LOAN YOU TOOK OUT LAST YEAR." "WHAT ABOUT IT?"

Panel 2: "DO YOU REALISE YOU HAVEN'T MADE A SINGLE REPAYMENT?" "OF COURSE, I REALISE."

Panel 3: Andy runs away. "FANCY DISTURBING MY NAP TO TELL ME THAT?"

AGNES

Panel 1: "TODAY, I WILL BE SPIRITUAL. I WILL FOLLOW THE QUIET EXHORTATIONS OF MY SOUL." "AND I'LL BE PHYSICAL! I WILL OBEY THE NOISY TAUNTS OF MY CARNAL SELF!"

Panel 2: Agnes looks thoughtful.

Panel 3: "THERE WILL BE OTHER DAYS... LETS DO YOUR PLAN." "FIRST UP... HOT COCOA AND MARSHMALLOWS."

ARCHIE

Panel 1: "WON'T VERONICA BE MAD THAT YOU EXCHANGED THE SCARF SHE GAVE YOU?" "I DIDN'T LIKE THE COLOR! I DON'T CARE IF SHE SEES IT, I'M NOT SCARED OF HER!"

Panel 2: "THAT'S GOOD, 'CAUSE HERE SHE COMES!" "I KNOW THAT'S YOU, ARCHIE!"

Panel 3: Archie looks nervous.

ONE BIG HAPPY

Panel 1: "GRANDPA, I'M WRITING A SONG!" "IT GOES: LA-LA-LA-LA, DEE DEEDLE DUM, LA-DEE-DEE, SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING." "NOW I HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME WORDS SO IT ALL MAKES SENSE." "AH, SO THE VERSE IS YET TO COME." "YES!"

MOMMA

Panel 1: "MOTHERS CLUB ANNUAL SWAP MEET." "LAZY BUT RESPECTS HIS MOM." "CHASES GIRLS BUT EATS NICELY." "HELPS WITH GHORES BUT DRESSES LIKE A SLOB." "CHEERFUL BUT UNEMPLOYED." "IGNORANT BUT CUTE."

NEST HEAD

Panel 1: "I'VE BEEN THINKING MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE THIS LOCAL-FOOD MOVEMENT A TRY. YOU KNOW, LIMITING YOURSELF TO FOOD FROM CLOSE TO HOME." "AREN'T YOU THE ONE ALWAYS SUGGESTING WE GO OUT TO DINNER?" "CLOSE TO HOME" DOESN'T MEAN THE KITCHEN."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2018. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 19, 1953, CBS-TV aired the widely watched episode of "I Love Lucy" in which Lucy Ricardo, played by Lucille Ball, gave birth to Little Ricky. (By coincidence, Ball gave birth the same day to her son, Desi Arnaz Jr.)

On this date: In 1807, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

In 1861, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In 1867, the song "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze" by Gaston Lyle, Alfred Lee and George Leybourne was first published in London.

In 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.

In 1937, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In 1955, a presidential news conference was filmed for television and newsreels for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1966, Indira Gandhi was chosen to be prime minister of India by the National Congress party.

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon nominated G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court; however, the nomination was defeated because of controversy over Carswell's past racial views.

In 1977, President Gerald R. Ford pardoned Iva Toguri D'Aquino, an American convicted of treason for making radio broadcasts aimed at demoralizing Allied troops in the Pacific Theater during World War II. (Although she was popularly referred to as "Tokyo Rose," D'Aquino never used that name.)

In 1987, Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was

sworn into office, succeeding George C. Wallace.

In 1998, "rockabilly" pioneer Carl Perkins died in Jackson, Tennessee, at age 65.

Ten years ago: Republican John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary; Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama split the spoils in the Nevada caucuses. A U.S. soldier was killed south of Baghdad in a roadside bomb attack; it was the first American death to occur on a newly introduced, heavily armored vehicle known as MRAP. Death claimed actress Suzanne Pleshette in Los Angeles at age 70; John Stewart, a former member of the Kingston Trio, in San Diego at age 68; and former Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer at age 73.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said the U.S. stood ready to provide whatever assistance Algerian officials needed in the aftermath of a deadly terrorist attack at a natural gas complex in the Sahara, a siege which finally came to an end with a second assault by special forces. Thousands of gun advocates gathered peacefully at state capitals around the U.S. to rally against stricter limits on firearms. Death claimed baseball Hall of Famer Stan Musial at age 92 and Earl Weaver at age 82.

One year ago: With fireworks heralding his big moment, Donald Trump swept into Washington on the eve of his presidential inauguration and pledged to unify a nation sorely divided and clamoring for change. Treasury secretary-nominee Steven Mnuchin clashed with Democrats during a lengthy confirmation hearing over his handling of thousands of mortgage foreclosures and his failure to initially disclose to the committee \$100 million in assets and interests in a Cayman Islands corporation. Actor Miguel Ferrer died at his Los Angeles home at age 61.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is 98. Actress Tippi Hedren is 88. Former PBS newsman Robert MacNeil is 87. Movie director Richard Lester is 86. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 76.

Actress Shelley Fabares (fab-RAH'Y) is 74. Country singer Dolly Parton is 72. Former ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 71. TV chef Paula Deen is 71. Rock singer Martha Davis is 67. Singer Dewey Bunnell (America) is 66. Actor Desi Arnaz Jr. is 65. Actress Katey Sagal is 64. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 63. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 63. Reggae musician Mickey

Virtue (UB40) is 61. Rock musician Jeff Pilson (Foreigner) is 60. Actor Paul McCrane is 57. Actor William Ragsdale is 57. Basketball coach Jeff Van Gundy is 56. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 52. Rock singer Whitfield Crane (Ugly Kid Joe) is 50. Singer Trey Lorenz is 49. Actor Shawn Wayans is 47. Rock singer-musician John Wozniak (Marcy Playground)

is 47. Actress Drea (DRAY-uh) de Matteo is 46. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 44. Actor Drew Powell is 42. Actress Marsha Thomason is 42. Actress Bitsie Tulloch is 37. Actress Jodie Sweetin is 36. Movie director Damien Chazelle is 33. Actor Logan Lerman is 26. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 26. Rapper Mac Miller is 26.

Thought for Today: "America is woven of many strands. I would recognise them and let it so remain. Our fate is to become one, and yet many. This is not prophecy, but description."

Ralph Ellison
American author
(1913-1994).

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- Tricky play
- Chem lab procedure
- Way out there
- Back with bucks
- Lock opener
- Landmark e. of Naples
- Rock climbers' challenge
- Lofty story
- Far from eager
- What a house is worth
- Delay, with "off"
- Board member of a sort
- Fires up
- Remote control button
- In the dark
- Certain Appalachian
- Colonial pamphleteer
- AL East team
- Erupted
- Frozen desserts
- Brink of an event
- Orchestral VIP
- Team Olympic event
- Crunchy sundae topping
- Once again
- Retro title for the puzzle
- Mandolin ancestor
- Exert no effort
- Mention

DOWN

- Symbol of Scotland
- Away from the bow
- Washroom, so to speak
- Floorboard sounds
- Bring back, as a fashion
- City east of Syracuse
- Insignificant amount
- USCG rank
- Crunchy munchie
- Mesmerized, maybe
- It may be a bust
- Aerialist's attire
- Grand Canyon feature
- Editor's mark
- Pravda founder
- Cable debut of 1981
- In ___ (aligned)
- Precept
- Suffix for sap
- Jamaican citrus
- "That's ___ quit!"
- Script suffix
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- Sticky sweet
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- Type of vb.
- Genesis 4 arrival
- Formal denial
- Bank acct. datum
- Announce in advance
- Means of access
- Strike out
- Highlight
- Plain as day
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- Tracking system
- Bowled over
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ARNIE	RIGA	EMIT	
EYECARE	ERR	SAV	
	ADELE	GAP	
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Caitlyn Corley, 11, pushes past a Lady Badgers defender during the Bulldogs versus Merkel game held in Coahoma Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.



Joe Manning, 5, races down the court with Merkel defenders in pursuit during the Bulldogs versus Badgers game held in Coahoma Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.

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of the night in the fourth. Freshman Ashley Romero started off with a field goal in just under a minute of the commence of play. She was followed by junior Cassie Grant for another 2 points. Makayla Overton and Caitlyn Corley helped contribute to the 'Dogettes raking in 12 points compared to the Lady Badgers' 10. The

late game momentum was not enough for the Bulldogettes to overcome such a large deficit in points and the Lady Badgers walked away with the district win 30-53.

Earlier in the evening, the junior varsity girls lost to Merkel 47-6.

The Bulldogettes will be back in action this Friday in Stanton. The game for the JV team begins at 4 p.m. Followed by the varsity girls game at 6:30 p.m.

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Schneider, Joe Manning, and Bryson Cline all added to the Bulldogs' side score wise at the charity strip while Moore knocked in the last points of the half with a field goal near the 2 minute mark. By the half, the Badgers led 20-33.

After returning from the locker room, Moore started out the game for the Bulldogs by burying a shot from behind the arc to narrow the Bulldogs' deficit to 10. Coahoma added 13 points in the quarter thanks to successful efforts by Manning, Moore, and Cline.

By the end of the third, the score stood 33-49 in favor of the Merkel.

The Badgers had their best quarter of the night in the fourth adding 19 points while Coahoma was held to 11. Moore dropped in his second three-point shot of the game, Cline garnered 3 with a field goal and a successful free throw, Gage Hill scored 2 for the Bulldogs, Manning scored 1 at the charity strip, and Brice Martin ended the night for the Bulldogs by nailing a field goal for two. The Badgers walked away with the district win 44-68.

Earlier in the evening, the JV Red team lost to the Merkel 19-51.

Gymnasts confront Michigan sports doctor

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER and ED WHITE

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — U.S. Olympian McKayla Maroney said being sexually assaulted by a Michigan sports doctor who molested her and other gymnasts scarred her mind in ways that may never heal.

Dr. Larry Nassar won't be sentenced until next week to accommodate the many victims who want to speak. Since Tuesday, Judge Rosemarie Aquilina has listened to more than 60 who were molested after seeking his help for injuries, including a statement from Maroney that was read by a prosecutor on Thursday.

"Dr. Nassar was not a doctor," said the 2012 Olympic gold and silver medalist. "He left scars on my psyche that may never go away."

USA Gymnastics in 2016 reached a financial settlement with Maroney that barred her from making disparaging remarks. But the organization this week said it would not seek any money for her "brave statements."

As the hearing was

happening Thursday, USA Gymnastics announced that it was ending its long relationship with the Karolyi Ranch, the Huntsville, Texas, home of former national team coordinator Martha Karolyi and her husband, Bela. The announcement came three days after Olympic champion Simone Biles expressed dismay at having to attend camps there, where she says Nassar sexually abused her.

Aquilina started Thursday's proceedings by saying Nassar had written a letter fearing that his mental health wasn't strong enough to sit and listen to a parade of victims. The judge dismissed it as "mumbo jumbo."

"Spending four or five days listening to them is minor, considering the hours of pleasure you've had at their expense, ruining their lives," Aquilina said.

Nassar, 54, faces a minimum sentence of 25 to 40 years in prison for molesting girls at Michigan State University and his home. He also was a team doctor at Indianapolis-based USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians. He's already been

sentenced to 60 years in federal prison for child pornography crimes.

A 2000 Olympian, Jamie Dantzscher, looked at Nassar and said, "How dare you ask any of us for forgiveness?"

"Your days of manipulation are over," she said. "We have a voice. We have the power now."

Nassar wasn't the only target. Victims also criticized Michigan State and USA Gymnastics. Michigan State President Lou Anna Simon attended part of the session Wednesday. The school is being sued by dozens of women, who say campus officials wrote off complaints about the popular doctor.

"Guess what? You're a coward, too," current student and former gymnast Lindsey Lemke said Thursday, referring to Simon.

Blocks away at the state Capitol, three legislative leaders on Thursday called for Simon to resign or be fired by the board of trustees, joining a fourth leading legislator who had previously taken that stance.

CHS JV Red falls to Merkel



Tony Hagins, 4, looks to pass the ball inbound during the JV Red Bulldogs game against Merkel held in Coahoma Jan. 16, 2018.

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The Lady Indians struck first in the fourth quarter but a goal by Braxton set off a chain reaction as the Bulldogettes narrowed the deficit to 2 points thanks to Hagins and Bella Montelongo. The push just wasn't enough for

Coahoma to walk away with the victory. Jim Ned won 16-20.

Individual Points
Emigene Braxton - 6 points

Paula Mae Hagin - 4
Serenity Watts - 2
Bella Montelongo - 2
Macie Green - 2

1st: 2-2
2nd: 8-6
3rd: 10-16
4th 16-20

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Wisconsin fracking sand producers see competition from Texas

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Some energy producers are still willing to pay more for Wisconsin's high-quality fracking sand despite increasing competition from Texas producers.

Mining industry publications estimate there could be more than 20 new frack sand mines in western Texas this year, Wisconsin Public Radio reported. The growth is happening in the Permian Basin, a major oil production area.

Frack sand is used in the hydraulic fracturing process to extract oil and natural gas from rock.

Texas sand is located in dunes, making it easier to mine than Wisconsin sand locked in sand-

stone deposits, said Samir Nangia, an oilfield services expert for analytics firm IHS.

"You wash it, you dry it, you put it on a truck and you send it where it needs to go," said Nangia. "You don't need a rail load out terminal, you don't need to do any blasting, you don't need to do any heavy moving, and then on top of that you only need to truck it like 50 miles to 75 miles."

The accessibility drives down the price, which is attractive to oil drilling companies, Nangia said.

"The costs are really low of producing this sand and of course they're putting up too many mines, which basically means that they could sell that sand for

as little as \$30 a ton," said Nangia.

In comparison, it can cost up to \$60 to transport sand by rail from Wisconsin to Texas, he said.

While the new mines will take away some of the market share from Midwest facilities, they likely won't take away more than half, Nangia said.

Many energy companies still value Wisconsin sand because of its strength, Nangia said. Companies can drill deeper and keep oil wells producing longer. Some companies are mixing Wisconsin sand with cheaper Texas sand when using hydraulic fracturing to drill in oil-rich shale deposits, he said.

American Airlines adding shuttle flights between NY, Chicago

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines will begin operating hourly shuttle flights between Chicago and New York this spring.

That's a highly competitive route favored by business travelers.

American said Thursday that it will run 15 shuttle flights each weekday between Chicago's O'Hare Airport and LaGuardia Airport.

The airline also promises free beer and wine in the main cabin.

The flights are scheduled to start April 4 using dedicated gates at the two airports.

American runs similar shuttle service between New York and Boston, New York and Washington, and Washington and Boston.

Amazon narrows list to 20 for its second headquarters

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — Amazon narrowed its search for a second headquarters city Thursday to 20 locations, concentrated mostly in the East and the Midwest. Toronto made the list as well, as the company kept its international options open.

The online retailing giant said that after sorting through 238 proposals, the potential locations still include tech-strong places such as Boston and New York. Other contenders: Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Indianapolis; Columbus, Ohio; and Los Angeles, the only West Coast city to make the list.

Among those that didn't make the cut were Detroit, a disappointment for those excited about progress since the city came out of bankruptcy, and Memphis, Tennessee, where Mayor Jim Strickland said the city gave it its "best shot."

"Getting from 238 to 20 was very tough," said Holly Sullivan, who oversees Amazon's public policy. "All the proposals showed tremendous enthusiasm and creativity."

The Seattle-based company's announcement last fall that it was looking for a second home touched off a fierce competition among states and cities looking to lure Amazon and its promise of 50,000 jobs and construction spending of more than \$5 billion.

Both Texas and Pennsylvania had two cities that made the cut: Austin and Dallas, and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In the South, Miami and Atlanta are being considered.

Officials in cities that made the shortlist took the opportunity to further tout their cities, with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney noting "all that Philadelphia has to offer" and officials in Allegheny County, including Pittsburgh's Mayor William Peduto, citing the region's "world-class talent pool" and other advantages.

The other contenders: Denver; Montgomery County, Maryland; Nashville, Tennessee; Newark, New Jersey; Northern Virginia; and Raleigh, North Carolina.

Amazon said it will make a final selection sometime this year.

"It's a long list, for a shortlist," said Jed Kolko, chief economist at job site Indeed.

He said Amazon may use the list to pit the locations against each other and get better tax breaks or incentives. Two metro areas, New York and Washington, have more than one location that made the list, increasing competition there, he said.

"It's hard to say whether all these places are in play or Amazon wanted to encourage continued competition," Kolko said.

Amazon did not immediately respond to a request for comment about whether locations would be able to change their proposals or offer better incentives, but said in a statement that it would "work with each of the candidate locations to dive deeper into their proposals."

State and local governments played up the amenities they think make their locations the best choice for Amazon's second headquarters. Some pulled off stunts to stand out, such as New York, which lit the Empire State Building in Amazon orange.

Some stunts didn't work: Tucson, Arizona, which sent a 21-foot cactus to Seattle, did not make the list. Neither did Birmingham, Alabama, which installed giant replicas of Amazon's Dash buttons.

The company had stipulated that it wanted to be near a metropolitan area with more than 1 million people; be able to attract top technical talent; be within 45 minutes of an international airport; have direct access to mass transit; and be able to expand the headquarters to as much as 8 million square feet in the next decade.

But Amazon also made it very clear it wanted tax breaks, grants and any other incentives.

Some state and local governments have made public the details of the financial incentives they are dangling. Boston's offer includes \$75 million for affordable housing for Amazon employees and others. Before he left office Tuesday, Republican Gov. Chris Christie approved a measure to allow New Jersey to offer up to \$5 billion to Amazon. Newark also proposes to give Amazon \$2 billion in tax breaks.

But many of the state and local governments competing for the headquarters have refused to disclose the tax breaks or other financial incentives they offered. Of the 20 finalists, 13, including New York, Chicago and Miami, declined requests from The Associated Press to release their applications.

Several said they don't want their competitors to know what they're offering, a stance that open-government advocates criticized.

Amazon plans to remain in its sprawling Seattle headquarters, and the second home base will be "a full equal" to it, founder and CEO Jeff Bezos had said.



In this Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017, file photo, a clerk reaches to a shelf to pick an item for a customer order at the Amazon Prime warehouse, in New York. Amazon announced Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, that it has narrowed down its potential site for a second headquarters in North America to 20 metropolitan areas, mainly on the East Coast.

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