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Three file for Coahoma City Council race

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

With the filing deadline looming Feb. 16, three candidates have filed to run for the three at-large spots available on the Coahoma City Council.

Those who have filed include incumbents Cody Ditto

and Sharon Dodson; as well as challenger T.J. Rueda.

"This is actually my second time," Rueda said. "I did it last year."

Rueda, a Coahoma native, said he graduated from Coahoma schools, and is married with three children. He is employed as a lead shipper at Sid Richardson, where he's

worked about nine years, he said.

Rueda said a deep connection to Coahoma is what prompted him to run.

"Just being born and raised in Coahoma, having lived most of my life in Coahoma, I just wanted to be part of making judgments and things like that for the city," he said.

"Just kind of taking part in the place we live in, just for them, for the city."

He said he has no issues with the way the city is being run currently.

"Honestly, to me, everything looks fine the way it is. I think everything looks good," he said. "I just want to be a part of just making some

of the decisions and some of the things that go on."

Rueda urged local residents to get out and vote in the election, scheduled May 5.

"I'd encourage people to come out and vote," he said. "There's not really a whole lot of people that voted last

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Local Republicans to honor long-time volunteers



Courtesy photo

In this photo from Election Day 2010, Republican Party volunteers Janet and Spencer Wolfe pause for a lunch break at Howard County Republican Party Headquarters. The couple will be honored for their long-time service to Howard County Republicans at the party's meeting Monday at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Special to the Herald

The Howard County Republicans will honor two long-time members at their meeting Monday.

At the meeting, scheduled for noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, Spencer and Janet Wolfe will be recognized and honored by the group.

After relocating to Big Spring in 1974, the couple quickly became involved with the fledgling Howard County Republican Party. Spencer served as the county's party chairman in the 1980s and 1990s, and both Wolfes have frequently served as delegates to the Texas Republican Convention. During his

tenure as governor, Rick Perry presented Spencer with the "Volunteer of the Year" award for the GOP's Senate district 31.

Spencer, a Big Spring native, graduated from Colorado A&M in 1954, when he married Janet Floth. He then served a term in the Army. After leaving the Army, Spencer worked for the Fina Refinery in Big Spring (later ALON-USA) as an electrical and instrumentation engineer. He is now retired.

The Howard County Republican Party invites friends of Spencer and Janet Wolfe to attend Monday's meeting and congratulate the couple. Lunch is available in the College cafeteria.

Senate negotiators working to finalize long-term budget deal

By ANDREW TAYLOR
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate negotiators were finalizing a long-term budget deal Wednesday that would avert a looming government shutdown, as a leader of House conservatives predicted.

ed the group's objections to big domestic spending increases would not be enough to block it.

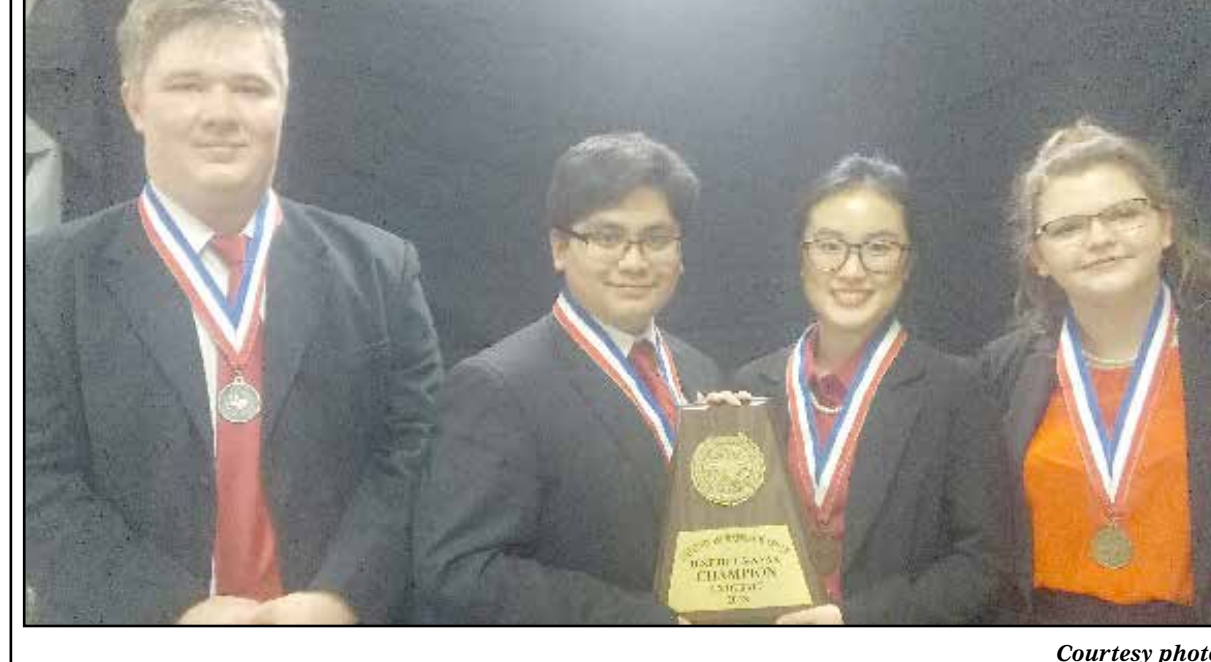
Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., leader of the hard-line House Freedom Caucus, said he opposes the emerging bipartisan deal, which could be unveiled Wednesday, but he has few hopes of scuttling its passage.

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Steer debate state bound



Courtesy photo

BSHS debate team members Gabriel Williams, Armando Martinez, Brittney Tan, and Kimberly Chapel will be competing in The UIL Cross-Examination State Meet on The University of Texas at Austin campus in March.

Special to the Herald

Steer Debate will be sending two teams to the State tournament after sweeping the top two spots in the Cross Examination District tournament on Wednesday, Jan-

uary 24, 2018.

The team of senior Britney Tan and sophomore Kim Chapel placed first, and the team of senior Gabriel Williams and junior Armando Martinez placed second.

"Any time we compete, it is our goal to win," Debate coach Jennifer Adams said. "It creates a day full of stress and excitement, but it's

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Coahoma High's King and Queen



Courtesy photo

Coahoma High School seniors Mason Moore and MaKayla Overton were named the 2018 Basketball King and Queen Tuesday night before the varsity girls game on Feb. 6, 2018, in Coahoma. Members of the high school student council presented the awards. For game coverage, see Page 7.

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Obituaries

Kathie "Cat Ballou" Rupard



Kathie "Cat Ballou" Rupard, 60, beloved daughter, sister, aunt and niece died, Sunday, Feb. 04, in Blanchard, Louisiana. She was born Dec. 12, 1957, in Big Spring, Texas, to Ikie and Jackie Rupard.

Kathie was the smart one of the family, and could actually read and understand technical instructions. As a young child, she was the one that put together the bikes that Santa brought. She was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars. Nothing could make her madder than working on a Sunday

when the Cowboys were playing! Kathie possessed a deep love for her nieces and nephews and shared an integral part in their upbringing.

Kathie is survived, by her father, Ikie Rupard (Debbie) of Sand Springs; sisters, Christy Carouth(Robert) of San Antonio, Suzanna Scholes of Mabank and brother Mike Rupard of Sand Springs. Three nieces and two nephews, numerous great-nieces and great-nephews also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her mama, Jackie, and grandparents on both sides.

The family is asking for any donations to be made to your local animal shelter. A private memorial service is pending.

Paid Obituary

Thomas Alexander Welch, Jr.



Thomas Alexander Welch, Jr. died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, in Big Spring Veteran's Administration Hospital at the age of 73. Graveside rites with military honors will be held Friday, Feb. 9, at 2 p.m. in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Family Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 906 Gregg Street, Big Spring.

Survivors include a daughter, Randi Ayars, and a son, Lee Welch, both of Arlington, Texas, and a grandson; a sister; sister-in-law; brother-in-law; and a loving companion.

Colonel Welch was preceded in death by his father, T.A. Welch, Sr., his mother, Edwina Welch-Reagan, a brother; and a sister.

Family Visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 906 Gregg Street, Big Spring. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Salvation Army or Wounded Warriors Project.

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• **LANCE WAYNE BIDDLE LAND**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of criminal trespass, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ANSELMO ARREDONDO VEGA**, 24, was

arrested by BSPD on warrants of disorderly conduct, failure to appear, tampering w or fabricated with physical evidence, and evading arrest detention.

• **ADAM ROSS JONES**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

• **BRANDON RYAN**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on charges on possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **KENNETH WAYNE MIEARS JR.**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on charges of four counts of possession controlled substance less than one gram.

• **DEWAYNE CREG CULPEPPER**, 44, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **KAELI ROZELLN MENDOZA**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of expired registration, failure to maintain financial re-

sponsibility, and expired registration.

• **RAQUEL MARIANNA DE REYES**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of no driver's license, failure to appear.

• **PATRICK AARON RAMIREZ JR.**, 26, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of DWI, and possession of marijuana in between four to five ounces.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ADAM ROSS JONES**, 33, of 605 E 18th St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions.

• **BRANDON RYAN**, 21, of 1302 Lamar, was arrested on charges on possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **KAELI ROZELLN MENDOZA**, 25, of 1804 Alabama, was arrested on warrants of expired

registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and expired registration.

• **RAQUAEL M DEREYES**, 36, of 401 Dallas St., was arrested on warrants of no driver's license, and failure to

appear.

• **THEFT** was reported on 846/1584.

• **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block of E 20th St.

Take Note

• Are you interested in Duplicate Bridge? Big Spring Duplicate will offer lessons to both men and woman. The lessons will be offered at the Big Spring Country Club. The lessons started Jan. 31 and run through Feb. 28. There will be five lessons at \$25 per person. Bridge is a wonderful, stimulating, and pleasant way to spend an afternoon or evening.

If you have any questions call 267-5615 or 263-2753.

• 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. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Tony Calvio

Tony Calvio, 66, of Stanton, formerly Big Spring, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Juanita Velasco



Juanita Velasco, 85, of Odessa, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at her residence. Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born June 25, 1932, in Edinburg, Texas, and was a home-

maker.

Survivors include one son, Alonzo Velasco of Ackerly; two daughters, Maggie Velasco of Odessa and Rosa Perez and husband, Joe of Del Rio; five sisters, Eva Avendaño and husband, German, Eloiza Burton and husband, Roger, Anita Zavala, Eliza Hubbard, and Antonia Tamez and husband, Roberto; also survived by the Velasco family; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ramon Velasco; two sons, Juan Ramon Velasco, Jose Francisco Velasco; two daughters, Edelmira Reyes and Amelia Velasco; her parents, Margarito and Eufemia Lopez Arce; four brothers, Manuel Arce, Martin Arce, Margarito Arce and Arnaldo Arce; one sister, Seferina Trejo and a great grandson, Gabriel Anthony Perez.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Ella Serrano, Irma, Maria and Esther for their care, love and support for our mother.

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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Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of 11th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of S Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on MM 174 W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Ave C. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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COUNCIL

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year, not just in Coahoma, but in Big Spring too. I'd just encourage them to come out and vote."

Dodson has been a member of the city council for one year, she said. Although not a Coahoma native, she moved to the town after marrying a Coahoma resident.

"I graduated from Stavanger American School in Stavanger, Norway," she said, adding that the school is the equivalent of an American high school. "I have one year of college from Odessa Junior College. I am a health tech at the VA for 13 years. I'm the vice president of the Lions Club in Coahoma, and I'm on the board of the Girl Scouts of the Greater Southwest. I have one child and two grandchildren."

Dodson said the sense of service is her favorite part of being on the city council.

"I enjoy serving," she said. "It's very enriching."

She's not aware of any problems or issues coming up for the city in the near future.

"Nothing," she said. "Not that I'm aware of. Just continuing to do the job."

Like Rueda, Dodson also encouraged area voters to turn out to the polls.

Ditto said he's a Coahoma native.

"Yes sir, I've lived in Howard county my entire life, other than going to school," he said. "I lived in Midland for one year going to (Midland) College. I graduated from Coahoma schools."

Ditto is employed as an oilfield work-over foreman, he said.

An incumbent, Ditto has served on the Coahoma council for two years. During that time, working with community members to keep the city running smoothly is his favorite accomplishment.

"Working with people in the community on, like, our regulations as far as housing," he said. "Following those regulations and keeping the city a place where everyone likes to live. We're following those guidelines that were set in the past, and making it to where people enjoy their neighborhoods, and seeing the houses in the neighborhoods."

Ditto sees those everyday issues as continuing to dominate council attention over the next term, he said.

"Looking forward, just the day to day things like I was just talking about. People wanting to move to the area, inside the city limits, and working with them on housing situations, whether they want to build a house, or move in a trailer, or something like that. That's kind of an ongoing process, and that's what we deal with most of all."

In closing, Ditto said he enjoys making a difference for Coahoma.

"The biggest thing for me, the reason why I ran for city council and continue to try to be on the city council is to try to make a difference for the city, and be a spokesperson for the city and the people in the city," he said. "Everybody that's on the city council and runs on the city council is trying to do their best for the community, and I have some pride in being a part of that."

For more information about filing to run for Coahoma City Council, call 1-432-394-4288.

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

DEAL

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Spending increases will appeal to many lawmakers, Meadows said.

"I'm afraid the numbers will get so high and the debt ceiling will be added and it will be a Christmas tree of spending — that a lot of votes will be bought," he said on MSNBC. Meadows' group backs big defense increases but opposes boosting domestic spending.

The deal was picking up steam even as the president appeared to be readying for a standoff.

"I'd love to see a shutdown if we can't get this stuff taken care of," Trump declared Tuesday.

Trump's comments were strikingly disconnected from the progress on Capitol Hill, where the House passed a short-term spending measure Tuesday night and Senate leaders were closing in on a larger, long-term pact. The broader agreement would award whopping spending increases to both the Pentagon and domestic federal programs, as well as approve overdue disaster relief money and, perhaps, crucial legislation to increase the government's borrowing limit and avoid possible default.

Democratic leaders have dropped their strategy of using the funding fight to extract concessions on immigration, specifically on seeking extended protections for the "Dreamer" immigrants who have lived in the country illegally since they were children. Instead, the Democrats prepared to cut a deal that would reap tens of billions of dollars for other priorities — including combatting opioids — while taking their chances on solving the immigration impasse later.

Tuesday night's 245-182 House vote, mostly along party lines, set the machinery in motion. The six-week stopgap spending bill contains increases for the military that long have been demanded by Trump and his GOP allies. But the measure appears increasingly likely to be rewritten by the Senate to include legislation implementing the brewing broader budget pact.

The budget negotiations, conducted chiefly by the Senate's top leaders, Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Chuck Schumer of New York, have intensified in recent days. A looming government shutdown at midnight Thursday added urgency to the talks.

Both McConnell and Schumer reported progress Tuesday.

"I think we're on the way to getting an agreement and getting it very soon," said McConnell.

Prospects for dealing with immigration, however, were fuzzy as ever. The Senate is slated next week to begin a debate to address the dilemma of immigrants left vulnerable after Trump cut off former President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

Weeks of bargaining have left the two parties divided over how to extend protections for such Dreamer immigrants. Trump has given lawmakers until March 5 to extend DACA, though a court ruling is temporarily keeping the program running.

McConnell said Tuesday that while he hopes "we will end up having something," he was unsure if any proposed immigration measure would get the 60 votes needed for approval.

On Tuesday, White House chief of staff John Kelly threw fuel on the dispute as he defended Trump's proposed solution. The retired general noted the White House proposal would expand protection for some 1.8 million immigrants. That group includes both the 690,000 currently shielded and also "the people that some would say were too afraid to sign up, others would say were too lazy to get off their asses, but they didn't sign up," he said.

No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Dick Durbin of Illinois, his party's chief immigration negotiator, bristled at the comment.

"I'm sorry for that characterization. It doesn't surprise me from Gen. Kelly," he said.

The budget talks appeared to be going more smoothly.

GOP defense hawks were prevailing over the party's depleted ranks

of deficit hawks, championing major new spending on military programs. Democrats, meanwhile, leveraged their influence to increase spending for domestic priorities.

The result could be the return of trillion-dollar deficits for the first time since Obama's first term.

The stopgap spending bill would keep the government open through March 23 to allow time to write and pass detailed follow-up "omnibus" legislation. It would fund the government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

The prospective longer-term budget agreement would give both the Pentagon and domestic agencies relief from a budget freeze that lawmakers say threatens military readiness and training as well as domestic priorities such as combating opioid abuse and repairing the troubled health care system for veterans.

The temporary funding measure would also reauthorize funding for community health centers, which enjoy widespread bipartisan support.

Aides in both parties said the budget measure may also contain a provision to raise the government's \$20.5 trillion borrowing limit. Legislation to increase the debt ceiling is always a headache, especially for House GOP leaders whose rank and file have used past votes to register objections to deficit spending.

Another likely addition is more than \$80 billion in long-overdue hurricane relief for Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, a top priority of both parties.

It's clear that Senate Democrats have no appetite for another government shutdown. Their unity splintered during last month's three-day closure.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., had linked progress on the budget with action to address the immigration program, but other Democrats are beginning to agitate for delinking the two, lest the opportunity for a budget pact be lost.

"It's hard. If we can get a good deal that funds disaster relief, funds domestic priorities, funds the opioid crisis it would be a difficult call," said Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash.

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ultimately rewarding when the coaching and hard work of the students pays off."

There were a total of six teams who competed at District, four from Big Spring and two from Abilene Wylie.

"Wylie provided some tough competition, but I felt well prepared," Williams said. "I'm excited to be representing BSHS at the State Meet for the second year in a row."

With Big Spring closing out the top two spots, Wylie was taken out of the running for state qualifiers placing third and fourth.

Noting the upcoming UIL reclassification, Chapel stated "I am very proud that BSHS was able to send Wylie to 5A without having earned a state spot while they were in district with us." She added "I'm excited to have qualified for the State Meet as a sopho-

more." Other teams competing for Big Spring High School were the teams of Savannah Alaksin and Seth Rios, who placed fifth, as well as Brian Carroll and Orlando Martinez who placed sixth.

The UIL Cross-Examination State Meet will take place on the campus of The University of Texas in Austin during Spring Break.

This marks the 17th year in a row that the Big Spring High School speech and debate team has qualified students for the UIL Cross-Examination State Meet.

"Each district has academic meets and each school can send in three teams to compete," said debate co-coach Clint Adams. "Of those three teams, they compete in a basic tournament format and then the top two teams go to the state meet in March on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. They go compete against other 4A schools that qualified for state. The best results we had were 3 years ago when

we got 3rd in state. These kids work hard all year and their season runs from August until June, and it's the longest season in school."

For BSHS junior and first-year debate team member, Armando Martinez, learning that the students qualified for the State meet was a big moment.

"I want to start off by speaking about my experience actually finding out that I'm going to state. I was really excited and for my first year. That actually means a lot to me because this is my first year debating," said Martinez. "I really couldn't have done it

without my teachers, my partner and everyone in the classroom to help me out. Overall, this year has been a pretty good year for me. I've tried a lot of new things and met a lot of new people since joining here, and not just from Big Spring, but also intermingling with schools from other tournaments."

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I have western books to tell you about this week.

"Crossing the Animas" by James D. Best (LP W BES J) is a Steve Dancy Tale. Steve Dancy has a new home with a nice white picket fence and marriage on the horizon. The last thing he wants is trouble, especially with a mining tycoon and his henchmen who are tough, mean and enjoy taking care of problems for their boss. Unfortunately this is the frontier, and sometimes the feud finds you. When the quarrel endangers Dancy's fiancée and friends, he has no choice but to fight.



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"A Raven's Honor: A Sam Houston Story" by Johnny D. Boggs (LP W BOG J) is a Circle V Western. Sam Houston was a living legend in 1861. He had defeated Santa Anna to win independence for Texas back in 1836. He had served as president of the Republic of Texas, helped Texas join the Union and served as senator and governor of Texas. He had been friends with Andrew Jackson and Davy Crockett, and had been adopted into the Cherokee tribe, whose rights he had often defended and who had named him The Raven.

Approaching seventy years of hard living, he finds everything he has fought for being torn asunder. Texas is joining the confederacy, and Houston quickly loses power, prestige, and friends. He could hide in retirement, but that is not

the way of a warrior.

The Raven prepares for his most important fight. He knows this battle will test his endurance and faith, and he knows he will need his wife Margaret to save him from his own worst enemy, himself.

This war, which will pit brother against brother, will also try to divide Houston's family. What he doesn't know is that he will find help from long-dead friends and enemies to sort out his life and restore his honor.

"Men of Violence" by Bill Brooks (LP W BRO B) is a John Henry Cole Story. John Henry Cole decided to open his own agency, one staffed by former lawmen like himself. In practice they might be bounty hunters, but he hired men he had worked with before who he knew and trusted to be honorable and professional. Cole's agency was located in a region often referred to as No Man's Land because of its rampant outlawry. Cole figured it was the best place to hunt for outlaws with bounties on their heads. Cole and his posse of bounty hunters may have bit off more than they can chew when they set out to capture the notorious Sam Starr and his outlaw gang to bring them all to justice.

In "Plundered Range" by Will Ermine (LP W ERM W). Fent Crocker had been a foreman of the Hamlin ranch for fifteen years. With Luke Hamlin growing old and a little soft, he had begun to daydream of himself as owner of the Hamlin spread.

Luke Hamlin's daughter, Fox, was happy to have the young cowboy Race

Cullyer around the ranch, but Fent didn't intend to let Race interfere with his plans. He tricked Race into an argument with the Basque sheepmen, and that turned out to be dynamite. One brush-up between sheepmen and cattlemen is enough to start a range war. With war raging around him, dissension on the ranch, and animosity from his own crowd, Race had only his own determination, courage, good wits and Fox Hamlin to back him.

In "Desperation Trail" by L. L. Foreman (LP M FOR L), he was born a white man, but his ways and instincts were those of the Sioux and the Arapaho. It was this Indian instinct for vengeance that drove him along the trail to Desperation to find the man who had massacred his family twenty years before.

I have run out of time but will continue with more western books next week. I leave you with a quote from Brian Tracy, "Develop an attitude of gratitude, and give thanks for everything that happens to you, knowing that every step forward is a step toward achieving something bigger and better than your current situation."

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Harvey flood-damaged Houston synagogue could relocate

By AUTUMN RENDALL

Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON — Light peeking through stained glass windows illuminated the melancholy faces of the men of United Orthodox Synagogues as they put on their traditional tefillin and tallit to prepare for the temple's last morning prayer. They bowed their heads alongside the women in the congregation, separated by a cloth partition.

The Houston Chronicle reports after suffering damage from three floods in as many years, the synagogue's board of directors made a decision to demolish the sanctuary, school wing and offices. More than 150 congregation members

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Abbott wants Texas Rangers to investigate sexual harassment

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott wants the state's top criminal investigators to begin handling sexual misconduct complaints against lawmakers, judges and other elected officials.

Abbott on Tuesday called for changing how sexual harassment allegations in the state Capitol are investigated during a campaign stop in Houston. He says letting the Texas Rangers handle complaints would ensure that public officials take allegations against them seriously.

The Texas Legislature would have to approve the change in process next year.

Currently, sexual harassment allegations in the Legislature are reported to state Senate and House leadership. That has drawn criticism since lawmakers may be wary of punishing their own colleagues.

Lawmakers in several state legislatures around the country have resigned amid harassment allegations, though none in Texas.

Southwest fighting over donations made to fired employee

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines appears to be backing down from a demand to get credit for money donated to a fired employee's GoFundMe account.

The change of heart comes after a union accused Southwest of abusing the generosity of the man's co-workers.

Southwest fired Dallas mechanic Ken Hackett a year ago and accused him of helping organize a boycott of overtime assignments. In December, an arbitrator ordered the airline to reinstate Hackett with back pay minus any income he earned from other sources.

Southwest originally considered the \$25,000 raised on GoFundMe to be outside income, reducing the amount it owed Hackett. Southwest earned \$3.5 billion last year.

On Tuesday, a spokeswoman said

Southwest changed its position in recent discussions, but Hackett's lawyer says the airline has not mentioned that to him.

The case is the latest flare-up between Southwest and its labor unions. Once the model of management-labor relations in the airline industry, in recent years some workers have picketed to protest stalled negotiations over new contracts, and the company has fought its unions in court.

Hackett, who had been a shop steward for the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, was fired days after Southwest sued the mechanics' union over what it termed a boycott of overtime assignments that threatened to cause delayed and canceled flights. A supervisor reported overhearing Hackett calling co-workers and telling them not to answer calls from the airline when they were off-

duty.

An arbitrator who presided over a two-day hearing ruled in Hackett's favor, however, and ordered back pay from the time he was fired.

Hackett's lawyer, Lucas Middlebrook, was surprised when Southwest tried to deduct the GoFundMe money from the man's award.

"It's atrocious," Middlebrook said. "They wanted a head on a stake. They wanted to send a message to other mechanics, 'Be careful or you could be next.'"

Southwest spokeswoman Brandy King that late last week the airline made a settlement offer that would not count the GoFundMe money against Hackett's back pay. If the two sides can't agree, Southwest will let the arbitrator decide the issue, she said.

Rate of attempted suicide doubles in Texas prisons

HOUSTON (AP) — Data figures show the rate of attempted suicide recorded inside the Texas prison system has more than doubled in four years.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice data outlined in Emergency Action Center reports show state prisons averaged 65 suicide attempts per month in 2013. In the first eleven months of 2017, the prisons averaged 150 attempts per month.

The Houston Chronicle reports that some experts point to

staff turnover and an increasing prison population with mental illnesses as to what's behind the shift. But the department says the increase stems from a push for better suicide prevention training that could have broadened the understanding of what's considered an attempt.

Department spokesman Jason Clark says most attempts don't result in death and nearly 90 percent don't involve recorded injuries.

Trump's son endorses George P Bush's Texas re-election bid

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Donald Trump Jr. has endorsed George P. Bush's re-election bid for Texas land commissioner, repaying Bush for breaking with his powerful political family and supporting Donald Trump's 2016 presidential bid.

The president's oldest son tweeted Tuesday that "Texas conservatives have a clear choice: Bush for Texas Land Commissioner."

Bush's office administers oil and natural gas exploration rights on Texas' 13 million

acres of public lands. Seen as a rising GOP star nationally, Bush is facing a challenge in Texas' March 6 primary from Republican Jerry Patterson, who was Bush's predecessor as land commissioner.

George P. Bush initially backed his father Jeb's 2016 presidential run, but later campaigned for Trump. His grandfather and uncle, both ex-presidents, shunned Trump during the campaign, but called to congratulate him after he beat Hillary Clinton.

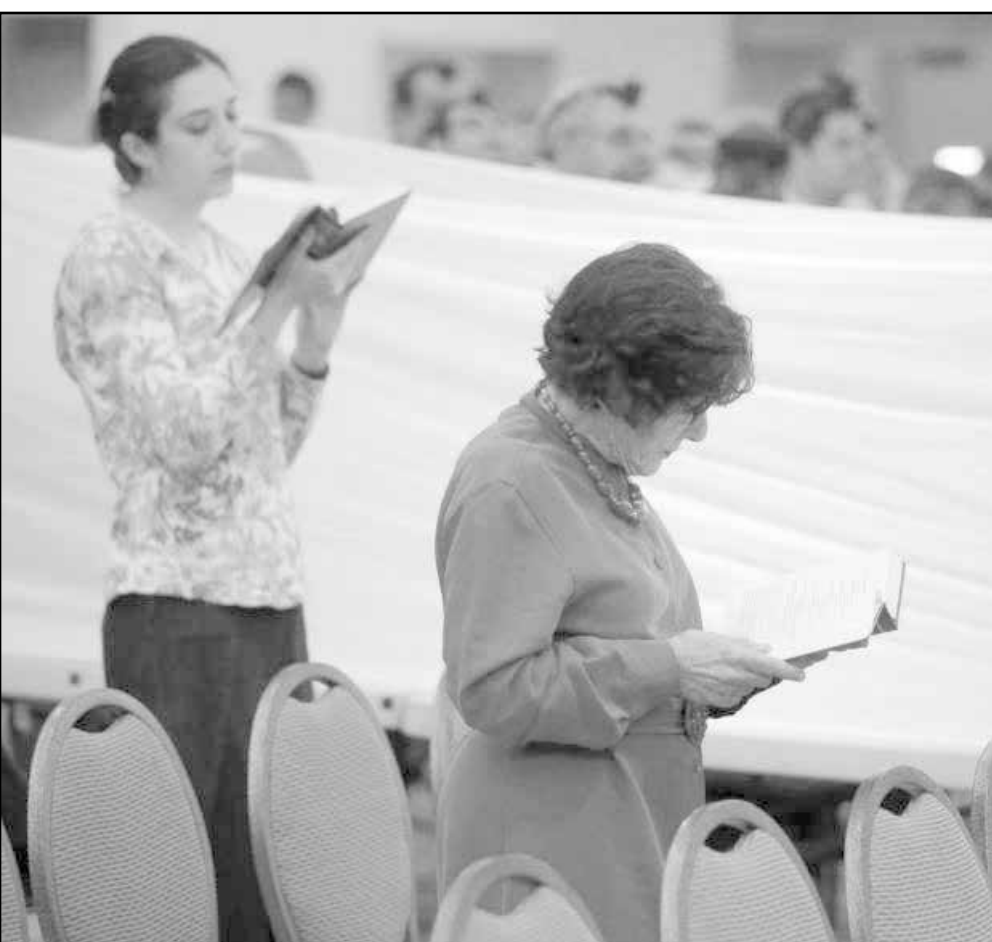
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In a Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018 photo, Sophie Lee Landau, left, and Gillian Davis, right, pray on the women's side separated by a divider from the men's side during a final service held at United Orthodox Synagogues, in Houston as part of a farewell event before the building is demolished at a later date. The building was damaged by three recent floods: Memorial Day 2015, Tax Day 2016, and Harvey 2017.

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gathered or tuned in to a web stream for the Feb. 4 final service.

"If someone had told me 10 years ago that it would all end like this, I would have thought they were telling a fantasy," congregant Denise Weinberg said.

The synagogue is located on Greenwillow Drive in the historic Jewish community in Meyerland, just hundreds of feet from Brays Bayou. About 170 in 13 Jewish families there — an estimated 2,000 households — were flooded by Hurricane Harvey.

A tour through the synagogue makes clear the drastic effects of the floods of Memorial Day 2015, Tax Day 2016 and Harvey. Rust covers ovens in the kitchen. Watermarks stain memorial plaques that line the walls. In the library, only bare shelves remain after floodwaters ruined hundreds of sacred books.

"You spend a whole lifetime collecting things that remind you of other things, just for the water to take it all away," Weinberg said.

In an effort to save their synagogue, United Orthodox had engineers look at the building, received the help of over 500 volunteers and had many fundraisers. Rabbi Adir Posy said residents of 46 states and four Canadian provinces donated \$400,000. Posy has worked closely to help the synagogue rebuild, and he flew in from Los Angeles so he could attend the final services.

"In 2015 and 2016, Houston came together to help us; in 2017 it was the entire American Jewish community," said board member Amy Goldstein. "It was so impacting we could not deal with it ourselves."

Ultimately, the board decided repairing a building that repeatedly flooded would be a poor investment.

The synagogue's goal for demolition is March. Freedman Hall, an elevated reception hall next door, will continue to serve as the temporary sanctuary.

Goldstein said the board of directors is exploring all viable options for a new building, such as rebuilding with elevated facilities or moving to a new location. A challenge is that since Orthodox Jews don't drive on the Sabbath, congregation members must live within walking distance of the synagogue. After Harvey, several congregants spent a significant amount of their savings to fix their homes in order to stay in the neighborhood.

"Going anywhere else would be a significant religious choice to make," Goldstein said.

On the final Sunday morning, old photos taken in the synagogue were spread across tables so worshippers

could take a look into their building's past. Rabbi Barry Gelman had many pictures of his family on Jewish holidays and occasions celebrated in the synagogue, which he said were moments he would never forget.

"I have fond memories of sitting with my three generations of family," Gelman said. "The walls in this room have absorbed the story of a lifetime."

United Orthodox broke ground on the complex in 1961 when the congregations Adath Emeth, Adath Israel and Beth Jacob merged. The building's original plans were on display to honor the original days of the congregation. A photo of the synagogue when it was first built read, "Designed to Serve Forever." Many members of the congregation said they believe that though their sanctuary soon will be gone, their memories will always remain.

"I have absolute faith that the things that mean the most to us are going to continue," said Dov Liberman, an official in the synagogue.

After morning prayer, congregants reflected on a few of their favorite synagogue memories. They shared childhood stories of running behind the stained glass and emotional reflections of members who have died. When Holocaust survivor Alex Polak reminisced about his second bar mitzvah last November, the crowd erupted in cheers.

Two congregation members, Max Reichental and Steve Moore, are cousins who have been with the synagogue since its beginning. The two said the building has always been the hub of everything in their lives. Moore had his bar mitzvah at the synagogue in its second year, and he teared up when he thought back to his sister's wedding there.

"She looked so beautiful," Moore said. "I will never forget that day."

The sanctuary is filled with sacred decorative features that have played an important part in the building's history. The main stained glass window, memorial plaques dedicated to congregation members and other physical reminders of the synagogue's past are being kept in hopes they will be moved to a new building.

In a final gathering of closure, the congregation sat in its old seats to listen to speeches from United Orthodox President Rick Guttman and Gelman. The two thanked everyone who made the service possible and spoke about what the synagogue means to them.

Once the last words were said and the services were over, congregants talked and laughed with one another over their personal history with the synagogue. Gloria Ribnick, a member for "forever and then some," spoke of a brighter future in the congregation.

"I think it's not the end," Ribnick said. "It's the beginning."

Illinois candidate wiretapped discussing black politicians



AP photo

J.B. Pritzker speaks to the media as Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and others look on at MacArthur's Restaurant in Chicago on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018.

CH By SARA BURNETT and SOPHIA TAREEN

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Newly released FBI wiretaps captured Democratic Illinois governor candidate J.B. Pritzker making racially insensitive comments during a call with then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich, including saying a popular lawmaker was the "least offensive" African American to appoint to a Senate seat.

The Chicago Tribune late Monday published the previously unreleased recording from a decade-old inves-

tigation of Blagojevich, a Democrat now imprisoned for convictions that included trying to trade an appointment to Barack Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat for campaign cash.

Pritzker, a billionaire businessman who's considered the front runner in the March 20 primary, apologized on Tuesday during a news conference at a southern-style cafeteria on Chicago's West Side where he was joined by African-American supporters.

"I regret the conversations in many

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Pennsylvania redistricting decision gives Democrats a boost

By BILL BARROW and MARK SCOLFORO

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pennsylvania already figured prominently in Democrats' attempt to win back control of the U.S. House. Now a decision in a long-running redistricting case is set to give those efforts a boost.

A reshuffled map is expected to make several districts friendlier for Democratic candidates in November.

Democrats had zeroed in on six Pennsylvania congressional districts out of 91 they are targeting nationwide, even before the state Supreme Court tossed out heavily partisan maps drawn by Republicans. Only California and New York have more top targets for House Democrats.

Kelly Ward, executive director of a Democratic redistricting group, says new political maps in Pennsylvania will lead to competitive elections "so that the swing nature of the state is reflected" in Congress.

Ex-Olympic coach Geddert facing criminal investigation

By DAVID EGGERT

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Former U.S. Olympic women's gymnastics team coach John Geddert is facing a criminal investigation after complaints were filed following the sentencing of disgraced ex-sports doctor Larry Nassar, who molested girls at Geddert's elite gymnastics club in Michigan.

The Eaton County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday that people recently come forward with complaints against Geddert. The office declined to elaborate on the number of complaints or their nature, citing the ongoing investigation.

Geddert until recently owned and operated Twistars, a gym in Dimondale where Nassar offered treatments on Monday nights. During Nassar's sentencing hearing, some victims complained that Geddert was physically abusive, created an ultra-competitive atmosphere, was indifferent to injuries and rarely offered gymnasts any choice to see a

different doctor.

One also alleged that Geddert was aware in the late 1990s that Nassar had performed an "inappropriate procedure" on her when she was 16.

Geddert's lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment Tuesday by The Associated Press.

Geddert has insisted he had "zero knowledge" of Nassar's crimes. In response to lawsuits, his lawyer filed court papers saying Geddert was "just one person in an extremely long line of people who were fooled by Nassar."

Geddert previously was accused of physically assaulting a parent who also was a coach at Twistars. He also was accused of assaulting a gymnast. He did not face charges in either case.

On Monday, the worst sex-abuse case in sports history ended with a third long prison sentence for Nassar. The latest sentence of 40 to 125 years was for molesting young

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Colorado deputy killed as group of detectives made arrest



AP photo

In this undated photo provided on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Micah Flick is shown. Flick was shot and killed on Monday, while investigating a stolen vehicle in Colorado Springs, Colo. He became the third officer to be gunned down in the line of duty in the state in the past five weeks.

By KATHLEEN FOODY

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colorado's third law enforcement officer to be killed in five weeks was part of a group of detectives making an arrest in a car theft case, but authorities did not release other details Tuesday about what led to the shooting in the closest string of on-duty deaths in three decades.

El Paso County Deputy Micah Flick was killed and four others — two sheriff's officers, a police officer and a bystander — were wounded Monday in a shooting near an apartment complex just east of downtown Colorado Springs. The suspect also was killed.

The last time this many Colorado officers were killed in the line of duty so close together was in 1987, when three were killed within a month.

"A number of other officers" were at the scene but not injured, El Paso County Sheriff Bill Elder said, calling the shooting "senseless violence."

He said the gunfire happened as they made an arrest and that the plainclothes officers were part of a group that works together regularly. Elder said they all wore protective vests as well as placards and badges identifying them as law enforcement.

Elder would not say if the suspect, whose identity has not been released,

showed a weapon.

Colorado Springs Police Chief Pete Carey, whose department is leading the investigation, said Monday that the officers encountered the suspect and a struggle ensued, leading to gunfire.

A police spokesman didn't immediately reply to messages seeking information Tuesday.

Flick, 34, who grew up in Colorado Springs, was killed on his 11th anniversary with the sheriff's office. He leaves behind a wife and 7-year-old twins, a boy and a girl.

One of the wounded officers, Deputy Scott Stone was shot in abdomen and was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday. His injuries did not appear life-threatening, authorities said. Sheriff's Sgt. Jake Abendshan, who appears to have been hit by shrapnel, was treated and released Monday night.

The conditions of the police officer and the bystander have not been released.

The shooting comes just

days after the funeral for Adams County Deputy Heath Gumm, who was shot Jan. 24 while chasing a suspect. On Dec. 31, Douglas County Deputy Zackari Parrish died after he was shot in suburban Denver by a man with a history of mental health issues.

Elder said he believes a lack of respect for law enforcement has developed in the past few years.

"And frankly it just shocks me, it shocks my staff, it shocks the leadership of public safety throughout the country," the sheriff said.

Flags were lowered on state buildings at the order of Gov. John Hickenlooper, who said that the deadly violence against officers is having a "grave impact" on Colorado.

"We will once more come together to provide sympathy and strength for the deputy's loved ones and pray for the recovery of those injured; however, we also must come together and say enough is enough," he said in a statement.

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ways, the words that I used, and the things that I didn't say on that call that I would have preferred to have said... I can do better and I have," Pritzker said. "I clearly made a mistake that day and I clearly wasn't my best self."

On the recording, Pritzker suggests Blagojevich appoint Secretary of State Jesse White rather than other African Americans, including Jesse Jackson Jr. or Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett. He says doing so "covers you on the African American thing."

"Of all the African Americans that I can think that are sort of like qualified ... and people will say 'Oh - that's, you know that's, that's a pretty good pick,' the one that's least offensive and maybe gets you the most because it gets you that secretary of state appointment is Jesse White."

Pritzker also says the secretary of state position is "the key spot ... that controls jobs, etc." and that by appointing White to the Senate, Blagojevich wouldn't have to name an African American to the state post.

Later in the call, Pritzker is heard laughing as Blagojevich jokes about appointing Obama's former minister, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, whose comments dogged Obama's 2008 campaign. Among other things, Wright said the U.S. brought on the Sept. 11 attacks by committing terrorism against others and that people should sing "God Damn America" rather than "God Bless America."

On the call, Blagojevich mimics Wright, imagining him saying "God Damn America" on the floor of the Senate.

"That's funny," Pritzker says.

Messages left for Wright on Wednesday weren't immediately returned.

Pritzker's running mate, state Rep. Juliana Stratton, is African-American. White, who's backing Pritzker and appeared in an early campaign ad for him, stood beside him at Tuesday's news conference. He said he wasn't offended and that Pritzker apologized to him.

"I know where his heart is," White said.

Pritzker's opponents condemned the remarks, with businessman Chris Kennedy calling them "disqualifying." State Sen. Daniel Biss described the exchange as

an example of a system "rigged to benefit a few at the expense of all of the rest of us."

"The notion that the white male governor and the white male billionaire are going to, in a jokey conversation, divvy up the spoils for other communities is dangerous," Biss said.

Political experts said the recordings are likely to hurt Pritzker's bid. Black voters make almost 30 percent of the Democratic electorate in Illinois.

"(Blagojevich) is still a potent political figure and you don't want to be associated with him," said Chris Mooney, director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois. "If your narrative is that the white power structure is slanted against African Americans, this feeds into that."

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who's seeking a second term, already has been running ads attacking Pritzker that feature wiretap audio the Chicago Tribune released last year. In those ads Pritzker and Blagojevich are heard discussing the Senate appointment and a possible state job appointment.

Pritzker has said he did nothing wrong and noted he was never accused of wrongdoing. He said Tuesday he believed people are leaking the tapes to damage his campaign and he would "contemplate" possible legal action.

The Tribune has not disclosed how the newspaper obtained the recordings, which were not among the wiretap audio played in court that formed the core of the evidence against Blagojevich.



In this March 3, 2012, file photo, gymnastics coach John Geddert is seen at the American Cup gymnastics meet at Madison Square Garden in New York. Geddert, a former U.S. women's gymnastics national team coach, is facing a criminal investigation in Michigan after the sentencing of disgraced ex-sports doctor Larry Nassar, who treated girls at his elite club Twistars near Lansing. The Eaton County Sheriff's Office said Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, people have recently come forward with complaints against Geddert.

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gymnasts at Twistars.

Geddert was suspended last month by USA Gymnastics until it completes its own investigation. Geddert, who coached the "Fierce Five" that won a team gold in 2012 in London, announced his retirement.

An astonishing 250-plus women and girls gave statements in two Michigan courtrooms over 10 days of proceedings. The focus will shift to lawsuits and multiple probes of Nassar's actions and those of people around him when he worked for Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics, the sport's governing body.

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Big Spring Softball gets underway



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Left, a Big Spring softball pitcher delivers the ball home during the Lady Steers' home scrimmage with Midland Christian on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Right, a Big Spring softball base runner slides safely into third base during the scrimmage.

'Dogs win, 'Dogettes come up short vs. Stanton



Courtesy photo

Gage Clark, No. 23, heads toward the goal during the Bulldogs' game versus the Stanton Buffaloes, held Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, in Coahoma.

Bulldogs victorious in nail biter of a game

With 12 seconds left to go, Coahoma senior Mason Moore fought through two aggressive Stanton Buffaloes to bury a field goal and push the Bulldogs into a 2-point lead.

It was enough. The Bulldogs kept the Stanton boys varsity team from scoring before the buzzer sounded to end a thrilling game of high school basketball action Tuesday night. Coahoma walked away with their first district win 46-44.

The Stanton Buffaloes led throughout the game, entering the fourth quarter ahead 37-32. The two teams battled defensively for the first few

minutes of play then Bryson Cline nailed a basket and successfully drew a foul to stop the game clock at 6 minutes. Cline converted the extra point to cut the Buff's lead down to 2. Then Gage Clark hit a field goal to knot the score at 37-all.

Far from ready to hit the locker room, the Buff answered back to pull into the lead at 39-37. The score was tied again when Coahoma's Brice Martin nailed a shot and then Clark drew a foul while burying another into the basket. Easily sinking the

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Courtesy photo

Ashley Romero, No. 4, pushes past a Stanton defender during the Bulldogettes' game versus the Lady Buffaloes, held Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, in Coahoma.

Lady Buffs outscore Bulldogettes 63-54

MaKayla Overton ended her last basketball game at home as a Coahoma Bulldogettes with a flourish Tuesday night.

With seconds left in the third, the high school senior lobbed the ball from a little past mid-court getting off the shot before the buzzer sounded. It hit the mark to end the third with a little excitement for the Bulldogette fans.

However, the Stanton varsity girls team walked away with the win 63-54.

The Lady Buffaloes got out to an early lead in the first quarter and continued to hold it throughout the

game. Coahoma's MaKynlee Overton struck first for the Bulldogettes nailing a field goal for 2 point, but Stanton answered back by going on a 6-point run.

Caitlyn Corley stopped the Lady Buffs assault by sinking in a shot for 2 and then teammate Cassie Grant soon followed with a basket from behind the arc. Corley netted a 3-pointer of her own and MaKynlee Overton added 4 more points for the Bulldogettes, who left the first behind 20-17.

In the second, the Lady Buffaloes

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Junior High Steers fall to Wylie Bulldogs

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers eighth grade B team battled hard for all four quarters, but lost a highly contested defensive game against the Wylie Bulldogs, 25-23.

Defensive standouts were led by Quetavian Lewis and Roman Perez, who used their speed and agility to stifle the Bulldog guards from producing much offense. Offensive standouts were led Roman Perez and Dominic Gomez, both made 3's and both contributed well with great passes.

Roman Perez on the season averaged 13 points a game and at least 5 assists, 5 rebounds and 5 steal a game as well. For the 8th grade B team, Roman Perez has been chosen as the MVP of the team. Quetavian

Lewis at the beginning of the year struggled with dribbling, but with extra work and dedication, he became a force to be reckoned with on both sides of the ball, and he became the Most Improved Player on the Team. The 8th grade B team wrapped up there season with a 7-4 record.

The eighth grade A team fought hard as well against a great offensive team in Wylie. They kept the pressure up however on the Wylie offense for three plus quarters, causing many turnovers and many mistakes for the Wylie offense.

In the end however, the shots just were not falling for the Steers in the 3rd and 4th quarters as Wylie was able to pull away in the end. Defensive standouts were the whole team as each

player contributed by running the full court press for 4 quarters, which is extremely hard to do.

On offense, the Steers were led by Keagen Mitchell who had 23 points and 10 rebounds to have his third double-double on the year, and Chris Martinez contributed 9 as well with help from beyond the arch. Keagen Mitchell all year was a force to be reckoned with, he had double digits in every game but one, and he was the team's second leading rebounder as well. Keagan was chosen as the MVP of the A team.

Seth Olson at the beginning of the year showed extreme promise, he became a defensive stalwart able to stay with any player on offense with his athleticism, and also by the

end of the year he was able to find his shot and contributed on offense as well. He was chosen as the Most Improved Player. The A team was able to have a winning 8-5 record on the year as well.

The 7B Boys basketball team finished out their season against the Wylie Bulldogs Monday night here at the E.C. Roberson Jr. High Gymnasium. They dropped the contest, but battled all four quarters.

Defensive players of the game were Ismael Castillo, Adrian Solis, Kelby Olivarez, and Issac Gonzales. Offensively scoring for the Steers were Aaron Chavez, Ismael Castillo, Issac Gonzales, Josh Gonzales, and Korbin Olsen.

It was a great learning and developing season for these young Steers.

Coahoma Jr. High splits with Clyde

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs 8th Grade A team won their last home game in a thrilling come-from-behind victory against the Clyde Bulldogs Monday night in the Coahoma ISD competition gym. Coahoma won 32-26.

The Clyde Bulldogs held the lead through three quarters of the game and entered the fourth with a six point advantage. Ashton Kimball sank a shot at the free throw line to cut the deficit down to only five.

Then Coahoma's Kaden Paul nailed a 3-pointer followed up by another score from teammate Brysen Kerby to knot the game at 25-all. However, Clyde quickly pulled away after a player buried one in at the free throw line. That's when Ky Kemper stepped up and nailed one from behind the arc. Coahoma took the lead for the first time 28-26 with a little more than 2 minutes left to play. Sixteen seconds later, Grayson Jacobs sailed the ball over to Kemper who then sank one in for another 2. Kobe Cervantes buried the ball into the net from a jumper under the basket for the last score of the game.

It was an exciting end to the close fought game. By the end of the first quarter, Clyde held a

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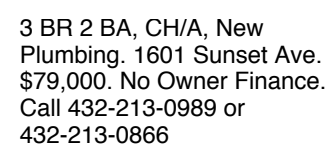
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East-West vulnerable.

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♠ A J 7
♥ Q 5
♦ K Q 10 8 4
♣ 10 7 3

WEST
♠ Q 9 6 4
♥ K 10 7 6 2
♦ 7 6
♣ K 4

EAST
♠ K 8 5 2
♥ A J 9 4 3
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ 10 3
♥ 8
♦ A J 3
♣ A Q J 9 8 5 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
5 ♣

Opening lead four of spades.

When this deal occurred in a team match, it appeared that both North-South pairs were headed for the same result. The final contract at each table was five clubs, and both Wests led a spade. This seemed to ensure that South would lose a spade, a heart and a club for down one, but that's not the way it turned out.

At the first table, declarer put up the ace of spades at trick one, East following with the five and South the

three. A club finesse lost to the king, and West shifted to the six of hearts.

East took the ace and now had to decide whether to play the king of spades or return a heart. But this wasn't really much of a problem. Since West had led the four of spades — presumably fourth-best — and since East held the deuce and had seen South play the three on the first trick, West could not have started with more than four spades. Declarer therefore had to have another spade, so East cashed the king of spades to set the contract.

At the second table, declarer also took the first spade with the ace, but instead of following mechanically with the three, he dropped the ten!

Again the club finesse lost, and again West shifted to the heart six. After taking the ace, though, East was faced with a difficult problem.

Since the three of spades had not appeared on the first trick, it was possible West had originally led the four from Q-9-6-4-3, in which case South would ruff the next spade. Furthermore, East had the same problem in the heart suit, where the two was missing.

Eventually, East elected to return a heart, spelling the end for the defense. Declarer ruffed and took the rest of the tricks, discarding his remaining spade on one of dummy's diamonds to make his game.

Tomorrow: Things are not what they seem.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Squares

Lunar squares overhead. We all hit those moments when nothing seems to be going right, not the computer, not the project, not the relationship... it's all rolling along on square wheels. It takes leverage and smarts to get it moving, but at least it's not hurling out of control. Since being faster isn't an option, take the opportunity to be smarter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to be near people who are having a good time. You think it will rub off on you. But it will only rub off on you if you're somewhat interested in the subject of the good time. Go where there's a match of ideology.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll never be bored today. You'll look at everything and store it up. You'll arrange and rearrange this collection of facts, details and tangibles until something makes sense, or until it's time to sleep, whichever comes first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Sometimes you stuff your feelings down like a person trying to fit one more thing into an over-full trash bin. But feelings aren't cast-off refuse. They're worthy of being set on the shelf. Examined. Maybe even admired.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It gets better when you get better. Or maybe you make it better, and then you get better, too. Either way, the thing to do is to be actively hopeful. That won't be difficult for you at this busy time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While there are those who would go to great lengths for treasure and tribute, you're mild on the idea. What does it really mean, anyway? When you're fully rich on the inside, no amount of external validation can make you richer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Saying nothing says something. It says a lot, actually. Today the silent response has meanings including, but not limited to, "I disagree," "I have a secret," "I can't be bothered with this," and "I'm processing the emotional impact of this."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You sense when

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



people need their space and when they need to feel closer to you. As you honor the unspoken requests of others, they invest increasing amounts of trust in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In searching for your advantage in a situation, take this suggestion from Thomas Jefferson: "Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want them to follow your plan. It's not an easy ask right now. How can you make them want and need to follow your plan instead of making them feel as though they have to follow it?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're proud to have powerful friends, but sometimes this makes you feel, by comparison, less successful than them. Success is measured in many different ways. What will it take to broaden your definition?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People say they need their freedom, and then they head straight for a different kind of prison. Structure trumps freedom. It's finding the right structure that's the key, though, and that's what you're searching for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been known to put yourself in stressful situations just to see if you can find your way out. Of course you can, silly. You don't have to do this to yourself, and it's kind of a waste of time today. So stop it!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 7). A windfall starts this solar return on a high note. One of your cosmic gifts now is that you're mysterious to people, and they want to get to know

you better. You'll have more social opportunity than you know what to do with this year. April brings a fantasy to life. Regarding your personal life: July beckons you in a new direction. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 39, 2, 21 and 48.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I like to sit in my room and think about things. Some of my favorite things to think about are: people I know; things I might do; what I want to make; what I wish would, or suspect will, happen; reality; god; and combinations of those things. When I concentrate, I am very aware of a tingling sensation in my body. It happens in different places -- my eye, the top of my head, my toe, my nose, my belly, etc. I wonder what it means. I'm a Scorpio."

You are very deep indeed, dear Scorpio -- and so is your intuition. I believe that these tingling sensations are messages from your higher self. The interpretations are a personal matter that you can sort out by keeping track in a journal of what you were thinking at the time of the sensation, where the sensation occurred in your body and, finally, the outcome of the situation. Many psychics find that a tingling sensation in the entire head, forehead, lips, nose, belly and fingertips are good omens. Some say that a sensation in the back of the head, neck, ears and feet are negative omens. But again, this is very personal, and the best method is to keep track like a scientist.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Aquarius Chris Rock is touring the world with his comedy this year, and he's also the executive producer of the television talk show series, "The Rundown with Robin Thede." A humor so uninhibited takes courage and a unique point of view, which are two Aquarian strengths. Rock was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were all in Aquarius and the moon was in fiery Aries.

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ANSWER:

Annie's Mailbox

This Is Our Humble Abode

Dear Annie: I'm hoping you can settle a little disagreement between my 16-year-old daughter and me. The two of us live together in a modest home, which I am proud of. It is nothing special, but I work hard to keep it neat and organized.

When we have company, I am very welcoming and ask our guests whether they would like to see our home, from top to bottom. No one has ever refused, and people seem to enjoy looking at the architecture and decor. They usually make positive comments and sometimes offer suggestions. I feel it gives them a glimpse into our hearts and souls, the space in which we live. My

daughter feels it is bragging and unnecessary. She says, "No one else does this." Could I please have your thoughts on this matter? -- To Tour or Not to Tour

Dear To Tour or Not to Tour: What's the harm in a house tour? A walk-through familiarizes guests with the space, which makes them feel more welcome. I think it's lovely you so appreciate your home. Too many of us take the roofs over our heads for granted. Perhaps your daughter will understand once she has a house of her own. In any case, she'll have to grin and bear the tours while she's living in yours.

Dear Annie: You told "Too Much or Not Enough?" that it is "socially permissible not to

tip" for takeout food. I thought the same thing until my daughter took a job working at a local restaurant that offered takeout. She was paid \$5 an hour, the same as servers who were waiting tables, but she only took the takeout orders. Most customers don't realize this. Some days she would work several hours and not even get up to minimum wage with her tips. -- Lara in St. Johns, Fla.

Dear Lara in St. Johns: If your letter gave me pause about advising people that they don't have to tip for takeout, the following letter brought me to a full stop. Read on.

Dear Annie: Being a restaurant server and frequently working in car-side/carryout, I take exception to your advice to "Too Much or

Not Enough?" about tipping for takeout meals.

Where I work in central Florida, our hourly rate is between \$5 and \$6. Folks should be tipping 10 percent as a standard. And if the employee is friendly, timely, accurate and accommodating of extra requests, that percentage should go up accordingly, just as if one were dining in.

These people work hard. Your order doesn't just mysteriously appear in the bag. There's a lot of footwork involved.

There's the phone call, the car-side area, kitchen area, expediting area, going outside (in all kinds of weather, I might add), etc. That employee is running all over the restaurant getting that order

together. He or she is dependent on those tips to supplement a low hourly wage. And if something is incorrect, those same non-tipping folks are on the telephone in a heartbeat, irate. Isn't it better to award excellent service (and make someone's day) rather than hurt someone's income and feelings, leaving the person to wonder what he or she did wrong not to get a tip? -- Working for Tips

Dear Working for Tips: When writing my answer to "Too Much or Not Enough?" I took into account polls and articles by etiquette experts and economists. But I did not take into account the opinions of real people working in the restaurant industry. After reading several responses like yours, I realize what a mistake

that was. Not tipping for takeout might be common, but that doesn't make it fair or right. So I'm amending my stance: Tip 10 percent on takeout orders. And it's always better to err on the side of generosity.

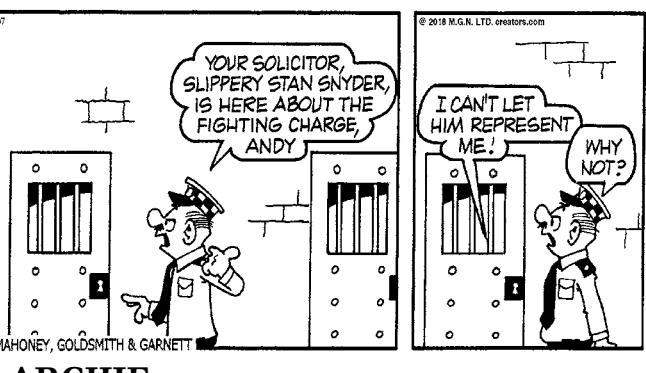
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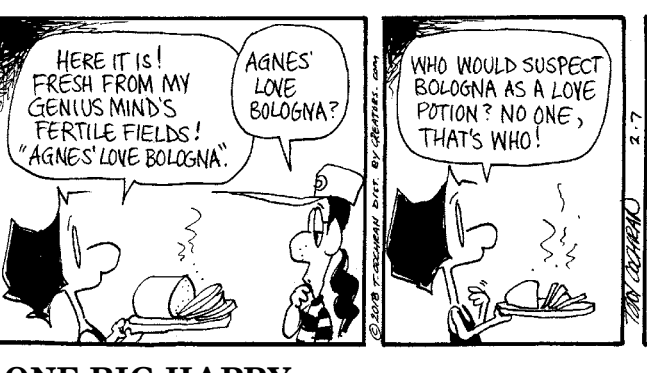


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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2018. There are 327 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 7, 1943, the government abruptly announced that wartime rationing of shoes made of leather would go into effect in two days, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person per year. (Rationing was lifted in October 1945.)
 On this date:
 In 1497, "The Bonfire of the Vanities" took place in Florence, Italy, as followers of Dominican friar Girolamo Savonarola burned a huge pile of items considered to be sinful distractions, such as books, artwork, fine clothing and cosmetics.
 In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.
 In 1817, America's first public gas street lamp was lit in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).
 In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."
 In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.
 In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as U.S. Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.
 In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.
 In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.
 In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.
 In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier (doo-

VAHL-yay') fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.
 In 1998, the Winter Olympic Games were opened in Nagano, Japan, by Emperor Akihito.
 In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.
 Ten years ago: John McCain effectively sealed the Republican presidential nomination as chief rival Mitt Romney suspended his campaign. Fourteen refinery workers were killed in a sugar dust explosion in Port Wentworth, Georgia. A gunman opened fire at a Kirkwood, Missouri, council meeting, killing three city officials and two police officers before being fatally shot by law enforcement. In Los Angeles, a man who claimed responsibility for the deaths of three relatives opened fire on a SWAT unit, killing one officer; the gunman was killed by a police sniper. After two months of delay, shuttle Atlantis blasted into orbit with Europe's gift to the international space station, a \$2 billion science lab named Columbus.
 Five years ago: CIA Director-designate John Brennan strongly defended anti-terror attacks by unmanned drones under close questioning at a protest-disrupted confirmation hearing held by the Senate Intelligence Committee.
 One year ago: Charter school advocate Betsy DeVos won confirmation as education secretary by the slimmest of margins, pushed to approval only by the historic tie-breaking vote of Vice President Mike Pence. Actor Richard Hatch, perhaps best known for playing Captain Apollo in the original "Battlestar Galactica" film and TV series, died in Los Angeles at age 71.

Author Gay Talese is 86. Former Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 83. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 59. Comedy writer Robert Smigel (SMY-guhl) is 58. Actor James Spader is 58. Country singer Garth Brooks is 56.
 Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 56. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 56. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 53. Actor Jason Gedrick is 51. Actress Essence Atkins is 46. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 43. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 40. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 40. Actress Tina Majorino is 33. Actress Deborah Ann Woll is 33. NBA player Isaiah Thomas is 29.

Thought for Today:
 "Do not read as children do to enjoy themselves, or, as the ambitious do to educate themselves. No, read to live."
 Gustave Flaubert
 French author
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Answer to previous puzzle

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extra point at the charity stripe, Clark's goal pushed the Bulldogs into the lead. Stanton tied the game at 41-all then Clark nailed a field goal and a free throw to place the Bulldogs over the top by 3-points.

It didn't take long for the Buffs to have their fans on the edge of their seats once again after one of their players sank a 3-point shot to knot the game at 44-all with 49 seconds left. The last basket of the game came from Moore. Overall the high school senior was the Bulldog's leading scorer netting 17 points in the game yet only scored 2 points in the fourth. However, it was those 2 that counted most for his team.

Clark was instrumental in the 46-44 Bulldogs' win netting 7 of the Coahoma's 14 points in the fourth quarter. The varsity Bulldogs will be back in action Friday as they take on the Clyde Bulldogs in Clyde. The game begins at 6:30 p.m.

Scores by quarter
Bulldogs, 7, 20, 32, 46
Buffaloes 13, 25, 37, 44

Individual scores
Brice Martin - 2
Zack Schneider - 7
Mason Moore - 17
Bryson Cline - 7
Gage Clark - 11
Gage Hill - 2
3-pointers
Mason Moore - 1
Zack Schneider - 1

'DOGETTES

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were able to break open the game earning 17 points during the quarter while holding the Bulldogettes to only 8.

MaKayla Overton banked a shot from behind the 3-point arc to start the Bulldogettes off. Stanton then went on a 9-point run before MaKynlee Overton answered back sinking in a shot at the free throw line.

Paige Atkins also nailed two baskets to add 4 more points to Coahoma's tally.

The teams headed to the locker room with the score 37-25 in favor of the Buffs.

Returning for the second half, both teams hunkered down for a fight with Coahoma slightly outscoring the Buff in both quarters. Coahoma netted 10 and 19 points in the third and fourth respectively while Stanton added 8 and 18 to their overall points.

MaKayla Overton netted her second 3-pointer of the night in the third and raked in 5 points overall in the quarter. Grant and MaKynlee Overton brought in the other 5 points for Coahoma.

The Bulldogettes made a good run in the fourth quarter to catch up to the Lady Buffs but

were unable to get closer than a 7 points deficit.

Kamri Kemper buried the ball from the behind the arc follow by another 3-pointer from Corley which set the score at 61-54. However, Stanton netted 2 more points at the charity stripe to claim the win 63-54.

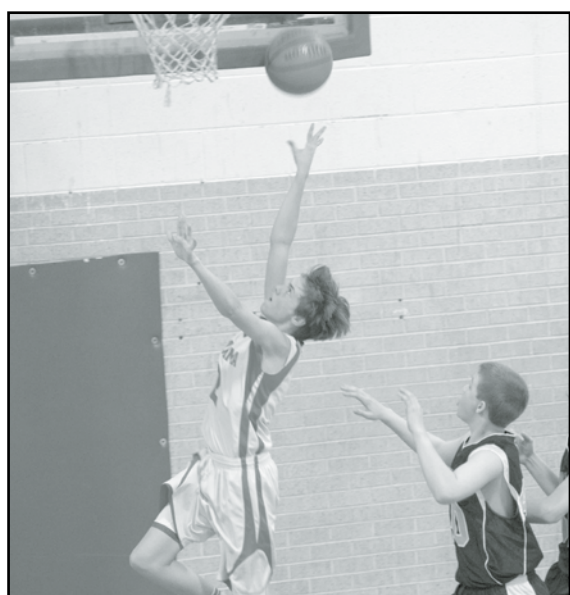
MaKynlee Overton had an outstanding game earning 20 points for the team. Corley was close behind with 12 points overall, seven of which came in the fourth quarter.

Score per quarter
Bulldogettes 17, 25, 35, 54
Stanton 20, 37, 45, 63

Individual points
MaKynlee Overton - 20
Caitlyn Corley - 12
MaKayla Overton - 10
Cassie Grant - 5
Paige Atkins - 4
Kamri Kemper - 3

3-Pointers
MaKayla Overton - 2
Caitlyn Corley - 2
Kamri Kemper - 1
Cassie Grant - 1

Coahoma 8th



Courtesy photo

Tanner Atkins, No. 2, launches himself towards the post during the 8th Grade B Bulldogs game versus the Clyde Bulldogs held Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, in Coahoma.



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very slim one point advantage with the score at 8-7. Kemper knocked in 4 points in the first and Kerby had 2 which came from a jumper under the net. Cervantes nailed a shot from the charity stripe to round out the 'Dogs 7-point gain.

By half, the Clyde Bulldogs were able to extend their lead by 5 points, but goals by Kemper and Kerby kept the 'Dogs in the running heading into the last two quarters of play.

Kemper was the lead scorer for the Coahoma team earning a whopping 17 points throughout the match with 10 of those points coming in the second half. The Coahoma Bulldogs netted 13 goals in the fourth quarter and won the game by 6 points, 32-26.

Individual scores
Ky Kemper - 17
Brysen Kerby - 6
Kobe Cervantes - 5
Kaden Paul - 3
Ashton Kimball - 1

Coahoma 8th Grade B boys lose to Clyde

The Coahoma Bulldogs 8th Grade B team lost to the Clyde Bulldogs 19-8 in junior high basketball action held Monday in the Coahoma High School gym.

The Clyde boys team came out strong in the first half netting 12 points while holding Coahoma to only 1. That score came from Coahoma's J.B. Mashburn who nailed a shot at the charity line in the second quarter.

Returning for the third, the Coahoma team was reenergized after a talk from their coach and held the Clyde Bulldogs to only a 1 point gain which came at the free throw line. Early in the quarter, Tanner Atkins sank in a ball from a jumper to nudge the Coahoma Bulldogs into action.

Offensively, the Coahoma boys team picked up steam in the fourth starting with Daniel Vela-Wences who nailed a shot by lobbing the ball overhead near the post. Clyde answered back with a 2-point goal of their own then Phoenix Martin buried a field goal adding 2 more to Coahoma's score. For the last Coahoma goal of the game, Atkins sank a free throw. The Clyde team netted one more score to walk away the winners 19-8.

Individual scores:
Tanner Atkins - 3
Phoenix Martin - 2
Daniel Vela-Wences - 2
J.B. Mashburn - 1

CJH girls lose to San Angelo Lee

Special to the Herald

The 8th grade A Lady Steers lost the last game of the season to San Angelo Lee Monday night 43-48.

Ryen Terrazas led the way on offense with 13 points, followed by Tristan Smith and Alex Enriquez both with 8.

Anaika Delgado and Kaly Whitehead and Zoey Castillo played well on defense. Their final record was 12-4.

The 8th grade B team played their final game of the season. Despite their good defense, they fell short of the win. Offensive plays were made by Mallory Paul, Kylee Lynch and Celestina Quintana. Kylee Lynch was also the leading rebounder. Good defensive plays were made by Angelica Calderon, Mallory Paul and Trinity Robertson who was the leading scorer. It was a great season for these ladies.

The 7th grade A team finished out their season against the Rebels. They lost in a tough battle, but fundamentally they played well. Defensive players of the game were Kisa Cate and Monica Gutierrez. Kaydence Canales led the game in steals. Elaina Arredondo and Lani Mendez also played well. Giselle Holguin hustled up and down the court and made a difference offensively for the lady steers. They fought hard but came up short. We are so proud of their season and what they accomplished.

The 7th grade B team took a tough loss last night in San Angelo. Jalen Sykes and Maria Villolobos led the way on offense. Emily Mathews, Genna Bedinger and Neli Mendez hustled on defense. They finished the game fighting hard. These girls had a great year ending up with a 10-4 record.

Forsan loses season closer vs. Monahans

By STEVE BELVIN

Staff Writer

It's time to start another streak.

The Monahans Lobos had a big third quarter and used it to propel to a 72-58 win over the Forsan Buffaloes in non-district basketball play Tuesday night here in Forsan.

The loss snaps Forsan's 23-game home winning streak and also a nine game winning streak. The Buffaloes hadn't lost game since Dec. 30 when they lost to New Deal (59-38) at the 85-team Caprock Fibermax Classic in Lubbock.

Forsan, already winner of District 7-2A, came into the contest with a lot of notoriety, carrying lofty state rankings. The Buffs are ranked 24th in the Texas Association Basketball Coaches poll, and 22nd in the Maxprep poll.

The Buffs faced a formidable opponent in the Lobos, who are leading 4-4A with a 5-1 record. The Lobos go to 17-9 for the season. Forsan, which is undefeated in district play, falls to 23-4 overall.

The Lobos changed the tide of the game in the third quarter. Led by Devon Sanchez, Monahans out-

scored Forsan 23-13 in that period to take a 54-42 lead going into the final quarter. The two teams pretty much just exchanged baskets in the fourth period.

Forsan jumped on the Lobes early behind the scoring of their "Big Three", guards Garrett Evans and Kobe Richardson and forward Bryce Hergert, Forsan led 17-11 after one quarter of play, but Monahans inched ahead 31-29 at the half.

Forsan was led in scoring by Evans with 22 points. Hergert and Richardson tallied 17 and 16 points respectively. Evans and Richardson drained four three-pointers each for the Buffaloes. Sanchez led a balanced Monahans scoring attack with 17 points. David Birdwell scored 13 points and Peyton Adams scored eight. Mike Smith and Corbie Navarette scored seven points each in the winning cause.

The Buffaloes, with two district games remaining, will play Christoval on the road Friday at 6:30 p.m. Monahans will be at Fort Stockton Friday night at 6:30.

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