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Voting Centers program topic of Town Halls

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

Voting could be taking on a different format for Howard County residents. Howard County Elections Administrator Jodi Duck and staff are working toward the possible implementation of the vote center program. In order to accomplish this goal, the Election Office is required to hold a series of informational town halls Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.



Duck

"I am so very excited that Howard County has a chance to make the switch to vote centers," Election Administrator, Jodi Duck said. "It's taken a lot of planning and examining from all those involved, but the benefits to the voters of our county will

be well worth the effort we have spent implementing the new process."

According to Duck, vote centers would be the same polling locations used for countywide elections, but will allow any eligible voter in the county to vote their designated ballot anywhere in the county. Voters would have more flexibility when it comes to casting their ballots and would eliminate the need to check which polling place is assigned to which precinct.

"Ultimately, our goal is to make voting easier and more convenient for the voters of our county," Election Administrator Jodi Duck said. "As always, we value the feedback of our constituents and encourage you to voice your questions or concerns."

The security of the election process will remain and the election voting equipment will not be tied into an internet connection. The voting center poll book, at each location, will be connected to a secure internet connection that will allow the books to be instantaneously updated as voters

Informational Town Hall Meetings

- Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m.**
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- Both Town Halls are set to take place at the Howard County Courthouse – 3rd floor courtroom 300 South Main
- Thursday, Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- Town hall to take place at Ryan Hall, 605 North Main (Rear)

Public hearing for Commissioner's Court

Friday Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m.
 Howard County Courthouse – 3rd floor courtroom
 300 South Main
 Big Spring, Texas

Town halls and public hearings are open to the public. For more information, call Jodi Duck – Elections Administrator, office located at 300 S. Main,

check in and get verified. "Being able to keep the locations the same for every election, during the year, will help eliminate voter confusion on knowing where they need to go. The choice is left to the voter," See **VOTING**, Page 3

Coahoma Academy to present a proposal in Philadelphia



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Eighth grade students from Coahoma's Academy scramble to fill drink orders at Pizza Inn Monday evening as part of a fundraiser for an upcoming trip to Philadelphia. During the trip, the group will present a proposal on Little League sports injuries to doctors at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A group of students from Coahoma has been the effects of sports injuries on kids' brains, and the lack of laws protecting kids who participate in Little League; and, in

the near future, they'll have the opportunity to present their ideas to a panel of doctors – in Philadelphia.

Coahoma Curriculum Director and eighth-grade Leadership Class teacher Charlotte Stovall was overseeing a

group fundraiser for the trip at Pizza Inn Monday night, and spoke with a Herald reporter.

"They're raising money to go to Philadelphia. They're See **ACADEMY**, Page 3

BSJHS musicians take top spots in Concho Valley Honor Band



Courtesy photo

42 band members from Big Spring Junior High School recently performed with the 2019 Concho Valley Honor Band in a concert in San Angelo. Of those who auditioned and earned spots in the band in November, nine played well enough to achieve first chair in their sections. Congratulations, Steer musicians!

Special to the Herald

In November the Big Spring Junior High band took 60 students to San Angelo, to audition for the 2019 Concho Valley Honor Band. Competing with over 200 other students from the three San Angelo middle schools, 42 Big Spring JH band members placed high enough to earn a chair in the Honor Band. Many of the students took top chair in their section.

They traveled to San Angelo on Jan. 25 to spend the day rehearsing and meeting the other students in the band. Their concert was Saturday, Jan. 26, at Angelo State University.

They performed four pieces after a total of only nine hours of rehearsal, and several Big Spring students were featured with solos during the concert.

The following are the members of the 2019 Concho Valley Honor Band from BSJHS:

- Flute: Zuleimy Castillo, Kylin Corley, Itzel Garcia-Marquez, Emma Miracle, Julieanne Ontiveros, Jayseña Roberts, Madeline Slack (1st chair); Clarinet: Arely Cruz Garcia, Alexa Franco, Gissele Holguin (1st chair), Nevaeh Lopez, Anaeli Mendez, Ava Mendoza, Celestina Vela, David Villagrana, Miranda Young; Bass Clarinet: Mya Rocha (1st chair); Alto Saxophone: Zareth Castillo (1st chair), Eric Landin, Christian Martinez; Tenor Saxophone: Viviana Martinez (1st chair); Baritone

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Maynard Family honored by Veterans Families Fund

Special to the Herald

The Veterans Families Fund recently honored Benjamin - 13 year Army National Guard - and Amy Maynard - 7 year Army National Guard, with a \$500 check. The Maynard family is originally from Montana, but has lived in Big Spring for two years. They have two children; Rowan



Courtesy photo

The Maynard Family was recently presented with a \$500 check from the Veterans Families Fund. The money is donated by Big Spring residents and then distributed to local veteran families, as an effort to show appreciation from the local community to active military families for their service.

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Obituaries

Debbie L. Denton-Bynum



Debbie L. Denton-Bynum, age 54, born December 1, 1964, passed away on December 23, 2018. A memorial service for their beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, wife and loving friend, will be held Saturday, February 16, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., at Spring Creek Fellowship, Big Spring, TX. The family will gather afterwards for a meal.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's 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 at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• 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.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

FRIDAY

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

• 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.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **WESTLEY CALAME**, 31, of 11215 CR 4363, Larue, TX, was arrested on charge of driving while license invalid-DWI related.

• **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 35, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CLINT BRANDON BOLLI-ER, JR.**, 28, of 1217 Lindbergh, was arrested on a warrant for criminal mischief (impair/interrupt/divert public water).

• **JUSTIN JAMES JONES**, 23, of 5103 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **RUSSEL ANTHONY SPEN-**

Police blotter

CER, 49, of 7000 S. Service Rd Lot 38, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JANCY JEANNETTE SCOTT**, 50, of 7300 S. Service Rd., was arrested on a charges of driving while intoxicated and of duty on striking unattended vehicle greater than 200

• **NEZIAH XAVIER TURNER**, 20, of 2515 Albrook Dr., was arrested on warrants for parking or standing in front of public/private driveway, expired registration and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

• **NICOLE LYNN VASQUEZ**, 34, of 1004 Howell St., was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **CLAYTON JAMES TURN-**

ER, 27, of 311 Patten Dr., Johnson City, TX, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **KALOB TY ARTEAGA**, 23, of 1510 Eubanks Rd., was arrested on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100-\$750 and \$750-\$2500)

• **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy. 80

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1100 block of Barnes Ave.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Hwy, and in the 900 block again of N. Lamesa Hwy.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2500 block of Albrook Dr.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

• **KALOB TY ARTEAGA**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for criminal mischief (\$100-\$750 and \$750-\$2500)

• **CLINT BRANDON BOLLI-ER, JR.**, 28, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for criminal mischief impair/interrupt.

• **WESTLEY AARON CALAME**, 31, was arrested by BPSD on charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.

• **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 34, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JUSTON JAMES JONES**, 23, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces)

• **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, 21, was arrested by DPS on warrants for motion to adjudicate/possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (4g-200g), burglary of a building, and on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than 1g).

• **ALBERTO A. SALAZAR**, 28, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of public intoxication and a warrant for failure to appear/child support.

• **LEE ROY SALINAS**, 48, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for interfering with emergency request for assistance.

• **JANCY JEANNETTE**

SCOTT, 50, was arrested by BPSD on charges of driving while intoxicated and duty on striking unattended vehicle.

• **RUSSEL ANTHONY SPENCER**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CLAYTON JAMES TURNER**, 27, was arrested by BPSD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **NEZIAH XAVIER TURNER**, 20, was arrested by BPSD on warrants for parking/standing in front of public/private driveway, expired registration, and for operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

• **NICOLE LYNN VASQUEZ**, 34, was arrested by BPSD on a warrant for theft of service (\$750-\$2500).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 200 block of N. Moss Lake Rd. No one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Rosemont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W. 13th St.. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of W. 11th Place.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL**

was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th St.. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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ACADEMY

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Eight graders at Coahoma in the Academy, and they've written an action research proposal. They chose their topic, and their topic is youth concussions in Little League," Stovall said. "They actually wrote their proposal, proposing there aren't enough laws protecting youth who participate in Little League sports from concussions. They're protected at school under UIL; but through their research, they learned there are millions of little kids who play every year and are injured, and there really aren't any rules or

laws protecting them. So they've written this proposal, and put a presentation together. So we're going to go to Philadelphia, and they're actually going to present to a panel of doctors at the Magee Rehabilitation Hospital."

Matthew Coskey, an Academy eighth grader, said he's excited about the upcoming trip.

"I am extremely excited about it. I think it will be a great opportunity for us to see the world in a better place, because none of us have really been outside the state that far," Coskey said. "I think it will just open our eyes to new experiences. I look forward to presenting, and having fun with my

friends"

In addition to the presentation, the kids will have time to do some sightseeing, Stovall said.

"Lots of sightseeing. Most of the trip will be educational, but there will be some fun as well," she said. "We'll be going to the Franklin Institute; there is a whole exhibit on the brain, so it really ties into what they've been studying. And then lots of sightseeing, with all of the historic sights there in Philadelphia."

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

BAND

Saxophone: Taylor Partlow; Trumpet: Ismael Castillo (1st chair), Antonio Garza, Joseph Gonzales, Valerie Hernandez, Jared Lopez, Aolani Mendez, French Horn: Jimmy Flores (1st chair), David Summers, Malaki Vaughn; Trombone: Zachary Conner (1st chair), Joshua Dominguez, Joshua Gonzales;

Tuba: Kortney Moore (1st chair), Cloe Viasana; Percussion: Alysandra De La Cruz, Kailie Fierro, Rachel Reagan (1st chair), Naomi Reyes, Kaiden Roberts, Marco Tan.

Congrats to these students, their parents and their directors: Rocky Harris, Emily Andrews, Gabriel Martinez and Jessica Fox.

VOTING

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Duck said.

Those wanting to find out more about Voting Centers are encouraged to attend one of the informational town halls. The first town hall will be at 5:30 p.m. today, and at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Howard County Courthouse in the third floor courtroom. The final town hall will be at Ryan Hall, located at 605 N. Main (rear), Thursday at 6 p.m. The official hearing will take place during Commissioner's Court Friday at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner's Court is open to the public and is held in the third floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

"For Howard County to put Voting Centers into place, the State must give approval, in addition to approval at the local level," Duck said.

For voters who want to write a letter to the commissioner or the Secretary of State, letters must be turned in to Duck and the Election Office by Friday. She said letters can be mailed, hand delivered or faxed, but must be in the Election Office no later than Friday. For more information, contact Elections Administrator Jodi Duck at 432-264-2273.

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Budget deal allows far less money than Trump wanted for wall



AP photo

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, pauses for reporters as he and other senior bipartisan House and Senate negotiators try to strike a border security compromise in hope of avoiding another government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

By ANDREW TAYLOR and ALAN FRAM

Associated Press WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators reached agreement

to prevent a government shutdown and finance construction of new barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border, overcoming a late-stage hang-up over immigration enforcement issues that had threatened to scuttle the talks.

Republicans were desperate to avoid another bruising shutdown. They tentatively agreed Monday night to far less money for President Donald Trump's border wall than the White House's \$5.7 billion wish list, settling for a figure of nearly \$1.4 billion, according to congressional aides. The funding measure is through the fiscal year, which ends on

Sept. 30. It's not clear whether Trump will support the deal, although GOP negotiators said they were hopeful.

new fencing — constructed through existing designs such as metal slats instead of a concrete wall — but far less than the 215 miles (345 kilometers) the White House demanded in December. The fencing would be built in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. It actually closely mirrors Trump's original budget request from last winter, however.

The split-the-differences compromise contains plenty to anger lawmakers on the right and left — too much border fencing than many Democrats would like and too little for conservative Republicans — but its authors praised it as a genuine compromise that would keep the government open and allow everyone to move on.

"With the government being shut down, the specter of another shutdown this close, what brought us back together I thought tonight was we didn't want that to happen" again, said Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

Details won't be of-

ficially released until Tuesday, but the pact came in time to alleviate any threat of a second partial government shutdown this weekend. Negotiators said it's pretty much the deal that Trump could have gotten in December. Aides revealed the details under condition of anonymity because the agreement is tentative.

"Our staffs are just working out the details," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. She said the huge measure — which combines seven spending bills into one — measure would be publicly released as early as Tuesday afternoon.

The pact also includes increases for new technologies such as advanced screening at border entry points, humanitarian aid sought by Democrats, and additional customs officers.

This weekend, Shelby pulled the plug on the talks over Democratic demands to limit immigrant detentions by federal authorities, frustrating some of his fellow negotiators, but Democrats yielded ground on that issue in a fresh round of talks on Monday.

Sheriff's press release: Suspect shot following burglary attempt

Special to the Herald

On Tuesday Feb. 12, 2019, Deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the 2300 block of North Birdwell in reference to Burglary of a Habitation. Upon arrival Deputies contacted the homeowner and a friend who advised when they arrived at the residence they encountered two subjects exiting the residence that did not have permission to be in the residence.

The homeowner and friend advised the suspects to stop, the homeowner and friend announced they were armed to the suspects. The suspects advised they were also armed and both entered a vehicle.

Upon entering the vehicle, the suspects made an aggressive move toward the homeowner and

friend, at which time several shots were fired at the suspect vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, Brandon Joe Robinson 33 years of age was struck once in the head. A second suspect, Timothy Guy Wilson 22 years of age was not injured.

Currently Robinson is at University Medical Center in Lubbock, current condition is not known at this time. Wilson is currently in the Howard County Detention Center charged with Burglary of a Habitation.

No Charges are anticipated against the homeowner and friend.

At this time the investigation is continuing. No further information is available at this time.

Gary Streicher

Gary Streicher, 67, of St. Lawrence, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019 in a San Antonio hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Cemetary.

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Antonio "Tony" Silva, 68, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sophia Rubio, 78, died Sunday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Budget talks resume amid pessimism over border differences

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and ALAN FRAM**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politically freighted border security negotiations are teetering just days before a potential new government shutdown. The turmoil is testing the changed balance of power in Washington, with lawmakers engaged in a sparring match over immigration policy that is challenging their ability to reach an accord.

Republicans say Democratic demands to limit immigrant detentions by federal authorities are a deal breaker — eclipsing the border wall issue for now — and represent overreach by top Democrats like House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

The two sides also remained separated over how much to spend on President Donald Trump's promised border wall. A Friday midnight deadline is looming to prevent a second partial government shutdown.

Lawmakers hoped to get the talks back on track at a meeting on Monday afternoon.

The plan is to keep pushing for a deal, in part because the underlying spending measure funds a bevy of Cabinet departments and represents months of work on Capitol Hill. A collapse of the negotiations could imperil budget talks going forward that are required to prevent steep spending cuts to the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

But the negotiations hit a rough patch Sunday amid a dispute over curbing Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, the federal agency that Republicans see as an emblem of tough immigration policies and Democrats accuse of often going too far.

Trump blamed Democrats in the migrant detention dispute, tweeting, "The Democrats do not want us to de-

tain, or send back, criminal aliens! This is a brand new demand. Crazy!"

The fight over ICE detentions goes to the core of each party's view on immigration. Republicans favor rigid enforcement of immigration laws and have little interest in easing them if Democrats refuse to fund the Mexican border wall. Democrats despise the proposed wall and, in return for border security funds, want to curb what they see as unnecessarily harsh enforcement by ICE.

People involved in the talks say Democrats have proposed limiting the number of immigrants here illegally who are caught inside the U.S. — not at the border — that the agency can detain. Republicans say they don't want that cap to apply to immigrants caught committing crimes, but Democrats do.

Democrats say they proposed their cap to force ICE to concentrate its internal enforcement efforts on dangerous immigrants, not those who lack legal authority to be in the country but are productive and otherwise pose no threat. Democrats have proposed reducing the current number of beds ICE uses to detain immigrants here illegally from 40,520 to 35,520.

But within that limit, they've also proposed limiting to 16,500 the number for immigrants here illegally caught within the U.S., including criminals. Republicans want no caps on the number of immigrants who've committed crimes who can be held by ICE.

Acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, in appearances on NBC's "Meet the Press" and "Fox News Sunday," said "you absolutely cannot" eliminate the possibility of another shutdown if a deal is not reached over the wall and other border matters. The White House had asked for \$5.7 billion, a figure rejected by the Democratic-controlled House.

"I think talks are stalled right now,"



AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin

Pictured above is Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky. on May 24, 2017 as he listens to testimony on Capitol Hill in Washington. Budget negotiators met Monday to revive talks over border security issues that are central to legislation to prevent key parts of the government from shutting down Saturday, but an air of pessimism remains after talks broke down over the weekend.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said on "Fox News Sunday." "I'm not confident we're going to get there."

But Mulvaney did signal that the White House would prefer not to have a repeat of the last shutdown, which stretched more than a month, left more than 800,000 government workers without paychecks, forced a postponement of the State of the Union address and sent Trump's poll numbers tumbling. As support in his own party began to splinter, Trump surrendered after the shutdown hit 35 days without getting money for the wall.

The president's supporters have suggested that Trump could use executive powers to divert money from the federal budget for wall construction, though it was unclear if he would face challenges in Congress or the courts. One provision of the law

lets the Defense Department provide support for counterdrug activities.

But declaring a national emergency remained an option, Mulvaney said, even though many in the administration have cooled on the prospect. A number of powerful Republicans, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have also warned against the move, believing it usurps power from Congress and could set a precedent for a future Democratic president to declare an emergency for a liberal political cause.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Yarmuth, D-Ky., countered by saying on the same show, "The numbers are all over the place."

"I think the big problem here is this has become pretty much an ego negotiation," Yarmuth added. "And this really isn't over substance."

News Briefs

South Texas company recalls nearly 50 tons of chicken items

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A South Texas company is recalling nearly 50 tons (45.36 metric tons) of chicken products due to misbranding and the labels not indicating the items contain an allergen — eggs.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the recall involves VICS Acquisition of Harlingen.

A company that VICS Acquisition co-packs for discovered the problem Friday. USDA was notified Saturday. Officials have no reports of anyone getting sick.

The happy foodi Bloody Mary Inspired Chicken, Southeast Grocers Brand Marsala Chicken and Southeast Grocers Brand Mediterranean Herb Chicken items were produced Aug. 7 through Oct. 15, 2018.

The products include 1½ pound (0.45 kilogram) packages of frozen steam bag meals with various lot codes and the establishment number P-34622. Use by dates range from last Thursday through April 15.

Happy foodi items were shipped nationwide. Southeast Grocers Brand products went to retailers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The recalled items should be returned to the place of purchase or thrown away.

Pair who secretly filmed Planned Parenthood fight charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Planned Parenthood is making an unusual legal demand to join California's criminal prosecution of two anti-abortion activists charged with invasion of privacy for secretly making videos as they tried to buy fetal material

from the organization.

A judge in San Francisco will consider the issue Monday. Prosecutors also want to keep the names of 14 abortion-rights workers who appear in the 2015 videos confidential.

The California attorney general in 2017 charged David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt of the Center for Medical Progress after Texas prosecutors dropped a similar case against them.

A grand jury in Texas declined to indict Planned Parenthood on the pair's claims that Planned Parenthood illegally sells fetal tissue.

Daleiden and Merritt have pleaded not guilty and argue they are undercover journalists shielded from prosecution.

California nurse pleads guilty in Texas drug smuggling case

HOUSTON (AP) — A California man has pleaded guilty to accepting \$5,000 in bribes to assist mari-

juana smugglers in a case linked to a former Border Patrol agent in South Texas.

Prosecutors in Houston on Monday announced the plea agreement with 46-year-old Daniel Hernandez of Roseville, California. Hernandez, who's identified in court documents as a registered nurse, pleaded guilty last week to conspiracy to bribe a public official.

Prosecutors didn't immediately provide details on the Border Patrol agent. Hernandez, who faces up to five years in federal prison, is described as an associate of the agent.

Investigators say Hernandez and the agent, between 2013 and 2014, gave drug traffickers information on law enforcement sensor locations, keys to locks on ranch fences along the border and radios used by Customs and Border Protection agents.

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Texas Insurer, Business and Consumer Groups Agree on Ending Surprise Medical Billing for Texas Patients

Joint statement calls for a solution to lower the cost of care, fairly compensate providers, and protect patients from surprise billing

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — A group of eight Texas health insurance, business, and consumer groups released a consensus statement today calling for an end to the practice of sending surprise medical bills to patients.

The statement, which was signed by the Texas Association of Health Plans (TAHP), AARP Texas, the Texas Association of Business (TAB) and others, highlights the prevalence of surprise medical billing for out-of-network emergency care in Texas, as well as consumers' inability to ensure they receive in-network care for an emergency. The organizations plan to work with the Texas Legislature this session to pass legislation ending the practice of surprise billing.

Texas is leading the nation with some of the highest rates of out-of-network emergency care providers and surprise medical billing. Three hundred of Texas' 407 hospitals have no in-network ER doctors available for the major three health plans, and almost 50 percent of all Texas ER doctor claims are out-of-network, which is substantially higher than for all other types of health care providers. As a result, one in three emergency room (ER) admissions

in Texas results in a surprise bill—nearly twice the national average of one in five. Freestanding ERs also contribute to the problem, submitting 83 percent of all out-of-network ER facility claims in Texas.

Even though Texas leaders have taken steps over the past decade to create protections from surprise medical bills, problems remain in Texas—particularly in the ER.

"We still see it over and over again in the news—Texans constantly receive outrageously-high surprise medical bills for health care they receive in an emergency," said TAHP CEO Jamie Dudensing.

"We are committed to working with the legislature this session to put an end to surprise billing and make sure patients are no longer held hostage during these billing disputes."

The consensus statement released today lists the following principles to ensure Texas patients receive high-quality, affordable care:

- Everyone in Texas deserves affordable, high-quality coverage and care, and control over their health care choices.
- Patients should be protected from surprise medical bills.
- Health care providers should be fairly com-

pensated.

- State policy should restrain costs and ensure quality networks.
- Patients should be informed when care is out-of-network.

In addition to TAHP, AARP Texas and the Texas Association of Business (TAB), the letter's other signers include the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP), the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Texas Association of Life & Health Insurers (TALHI), Texas Association of Health Underwriters (TAHU) and the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB).

About TAHP

The Texas Association of Health Plans (TAHP) is the statewide trade association representing private health insurers, health maintenance organizations and other related health care entities operating in Texas. Our members provide health and supplemental benefits to Texans through employer-sponsored coverage, the individual insurance market, and public programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. TAHP advocates for public and private health care solutions that improve the affordability, access and accountability of health care for many Texans. As the voice for health plans in Texas, TAHP strives to increase public awareness about our members' services, health care delivery benefits and contributions to communities across Texas.



The Texas Association of Health Plans

Pet Talk

Dental health, straight from the horses' mouth

By The Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences

Horses use their teeth for several functions, including eating, grooming, and defense. Like most other pets, horses need regular check-ups and maintenance for their teeth, which should be done by an equine veterinarian.

For National Pet Dental Health Month this February, Dr. Leslie Easterwood, a clinical assistant professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, has advice for keeping a horse's teeth clean and healthy.

Easterwood said the most common dental issue for horses is the development of sharp enamel points that form naturally when horses grind their teeth.

"Horses develop sharp enamel points along the cheek side of their upper cheek teeth and along the tongue side of their lower cheek teeth," she said. "These sharp enamel points can cause ulcerations down the insides of their cheeks and along the sides of their tongues."

Easterwood said these ulcers can be very painful, especially when a bit is used for riding. As a result, the horse may be resistant to riding or otherwise not behave normally.

There are many signs horse owners can look for that indicate their horse is having dental issues. According to Easterwood, these include drooling, dropping grain, refusing to eat long-stem roughage, performance issues, and turning the head to the side when eating.

The sharp enamel points can be reduced by an equine veterinarian through a procedure called dental floating, which involves smoothing down the edges with a dental file.

"Horses should have their first dental floating prior to putting the bit in their mouth for the first time," Easterwood said. "After that, most horses should have their teeth floated once a year."

She added that the teeth may need to be examined at least twice a year if they are wearing abnormally. A dental check should also be performed anytime the horse is eating strangely or reacting to the bit.

Equine veterinarians may also perform other dental procedures, such as addressing soft tissue problems in the mouth and pulling teeth.

"Loose or broken teeth, along with retained baby teeth, may need to be removed. Older horses can have other developmental issues that also require removing teeth," Easterwood said.

If your horse is showing any of the signs of dental pain or has not had a dental checkup in a while, make sure to contact your veterinarian. Your horse will be happier with a mouth full of clean, healthy teeth.

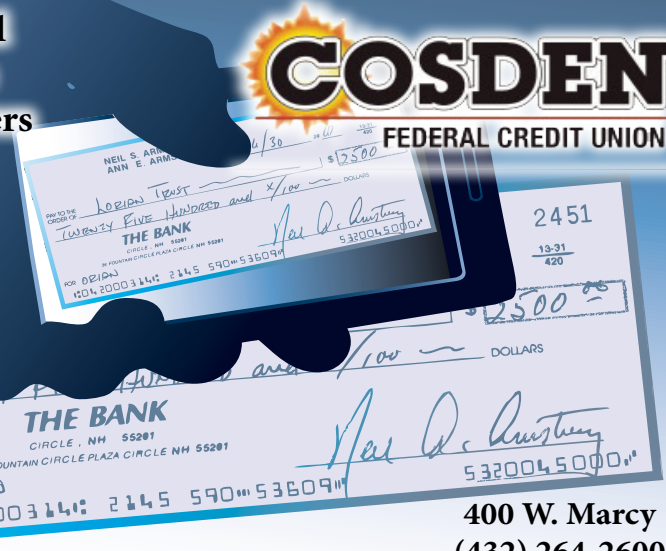
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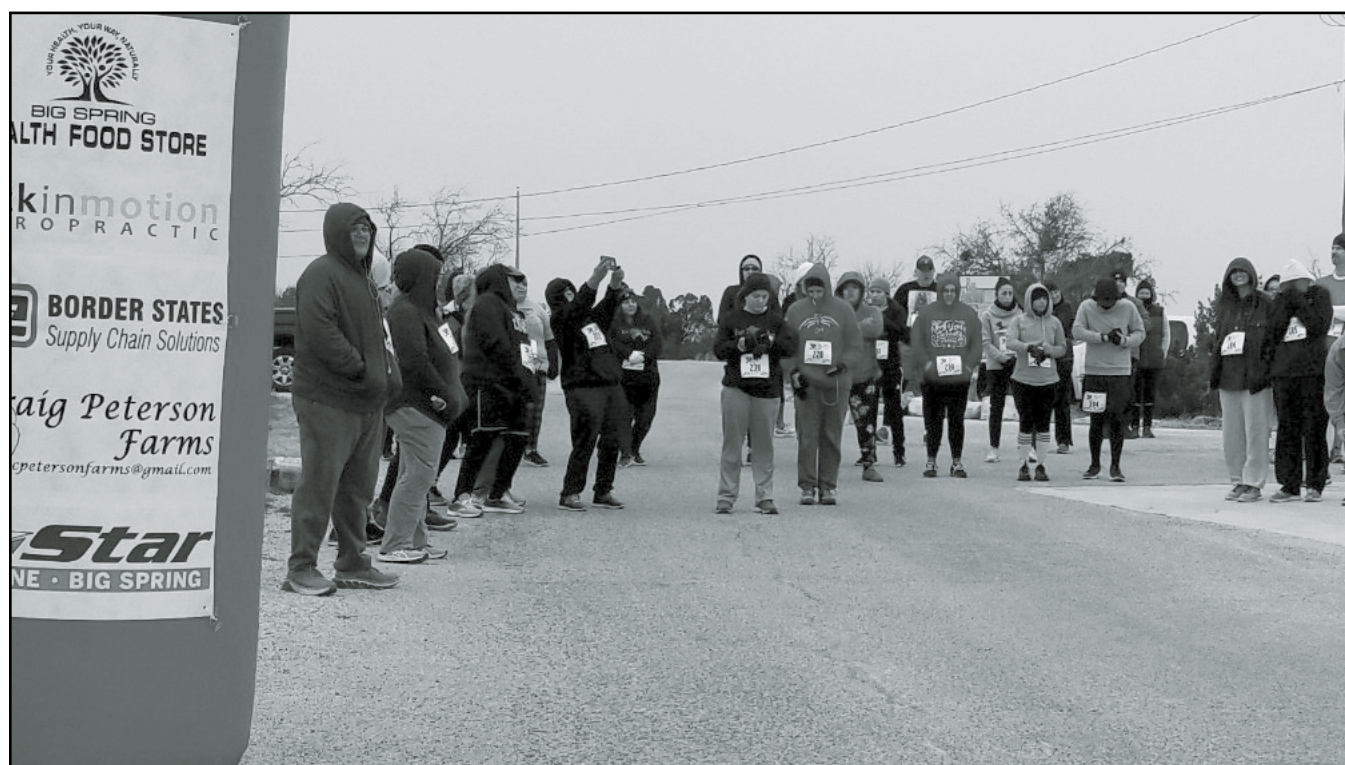
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Local runners brave cold for Run 2 Love 2 Run



Participants - local and out of town - braved the cold to support the second annual CASA Run 2 Love 2 Run fundraiser. Permian Basin Events hosted the timed 5k event, once again. The next run will be Master the Mountain, which is slated for April 13 at 9 a.m.

Courtesy photos

BSI competes in Destination Imagination event, brings home 2nd Place

Special to the Herald

Big Spring ISD fifth graders competed in the Regional Destination Imagination (DI) Tournament this past Saturday, Feb. 9 in Levelland. Destination Imagination (DI) is a global educational non-profit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers.

The Big Spring Intermediate Science team placed 2nd in the Elementary Challenge titled "Medical Mystery."

The competing team was comprised of fifth graders Nick Chavira,

Hailey Cisneros, Abi Diaz, Nathan Garza, Milly Owens, Marcus Rios, and Reagan Thompson.

Their coaches included BSI Art teacher Bailey Frederickson and Special Education teacher Brady Weber. The team and coaches received assistance from BSISD Assistant Superintendent for Academics Dr. Raemi Thompson.

The team was also awarded the DI DaVinci award for exceptional creativity and risk taking.

This is Big Spring ISD's first year to compete in a Destination Imagination event.



Courtesy photo

Pictured (not in order) are: Fifth graders, Nick Chavira, Hailey Cisneros, Abi Diaz, Nathan Garza, Milly Owens, Marcus Rios, and Reagan Thompson. Team coaches include: Big Spring Intermediate Art teacher Bailey Frederickson, Special Education teacher Brady Weber, and BSISD Assistant Superintendent for Academics Dr. Raemi Thompson.

Children's hospitals seek \$100 million to cope with funding crisis

AUSTIN, Texas — Children's hospitals across Texas—facing critical funding shortages over Medicaid losses—want the Texas Legislature to add \$100 million to the two-year state budget to fill in the gaps. The Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) has asked state officials to include \$50 million per year for the eight nonprofit hospitals statewide that depend on Medicaid to serve these young patients.

"Our hospitals serve the sickest kids from all over Texas, and about half of Texas children rely on Medicaid for health care," Stacy Wilson, president of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas, said. "If the state's children's hospitals do not receive the \$100 million, they'll be forced to make decisions that could impact whether life-saving treatment is available for children who have complex medical conditions like cancer, who need complex surgery for heart or spine issues, or who are born prematurely."

The CHAT non-profit hospitals, which are located strategically around the state, treat the most vulnerable and medically complex children, serving as the safety net for both urban and rural hospitals. Kids who are too sick to be treated at these other hospitals are often transferred to a CHAT hospital. Over 40 percent of this care is for the most severe conditions a child can face care that often requires a team of pediatric specialists, which children's hospitals can provide.

"Kids are not just small adults. Many of our patients come from other general hospitals that do not have the same level of pediatric training, exper-

tise, and experience or state-of-the-art equipment designed for children as CHAT hospitals," Wilson said. "Children get better care and better outcomes when they're treated by pediatric experts."

A survey of Texas voters finds strong support for such legislative funding, with 85 percent of respondents agreeing that Medicaid is an important health care program and 74 percent saying they're in favor of the additional \$100 million for children's hospitals. Additionally, the survey, conducted by Baselice & Associates, found that quality children's hospitals are a key factor employers consider when relocating headquarters and jobs to the state.

"The majority of Texans—from both urban and rural areas and across all political parties—agree that ensuring funding of our children's hospitals and health care is not only a priority but is also a way to keep Texas strong and competitive in terms of jobs and the economy," Mike Baselice, the survey company's president and chief executive officer, said.

About 3.4 million—one-half of all children living in Texas—are enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Children under age 18 make up 75 percent of all Medicaid cases in Texas. Children's hospitals depend on Medicaid funding. More than half to three-quarters of the time kids spend at a children's hospital in Texas is paid by Medicaid.

"The \$100 million for children's hospitals will help mitigate Medicaid losses and keep doors open at children's hospitals in Texas until there's a long-

term funding solution," Wilson said.

"The future of Texas depends on having a thriving and well-educated population, and a fundamental building block for that goal is keeping the population healthy today," she said. "No matter who you are, where you come from, what language you speak or whether you can afford it, a children's hospital is here to take care of the complex medical needs of Texas kids."

About the Children's Hospital Association of Texas
The mission of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas (CHAT) is to advance children's health and well-being by advocating for policies and funding that promote children's access to high-quality, comprehensive health care. Since 1989, CHAT has worked to advance its goals and public policy objectives in cooperation with other trade associations, advocacy groups, state agencies and the Texas Legislature. www.chatexas.com

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Lady Steers peak at the right time and bring home a Bi-district championship

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

ABILENE — The Lady Steers finally put it all together and played their best complete game of the season Monday night against Wichita Falls Hirschi in Abilene. Facing a 5-0 district champion, Big Spring knew they had to play their best game, and they did just that. With stellar play on defense from the entire team and an offensive explosion from freshman Alex Enriquez, the Lady Steers didn't just win the game they showed that when they play together and keep their composure they can be a force to be reckoned with. Hirschi came into the game with an undefeated district record and had great athletes all over the floor, but it was the way Big Spring played as a unit and came together that made the difference in the game and led to the impressive 66-55 bi-district win.

In the first quarter, the Lady Steers came out of the gates swinging. With tough pressure defense and great patience on offense, Big Spring jumped out to an early 13-6 lead with just 2 minutes left



Lady Steers pose with their Bi-district championship trophy after defeating Wichita Falls Hirschi 66-55 Monday night Feb. 11 at Abilene Cooper Gymnasium.

HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

in the first quarter. The Lady Steers' tough defense and rebounding dominance limited the Lady Huskies to one and done on almost every possession in the first period and gave Big Spring a nice double digit 17-7 lead headed into the

second quarter.

In the second period, Hirschi fought their way back into the game with some impressive pressure defense of their own. The Lady Huskies forced four straight turnovers by the Lady Steers to start the

second quarter and held Big Spring to just one point in the first 5 minutes of the period. That's when Lady Steer freshman Alex Enriquez came in off the bench and absolutely went off. Enriquez hit three straight threes and

grabbed 6 rebounds at the end of the half to hold off the Lady Huskies and push the Big Spring lead back to 31-23 headed into the break. Hirschi really played a lot better in the second quarter on both sides of the ball to get themselves back in the game, but the Lady Steers showed great composure and really fought hard to keep their lead and their momentum going into the half.

Coming out of the half, both teams really stepped up their defensive intensity despite each team fouling multiple players in foul trouble. Logan Terrazas played outstanding defense and completely controlled the boards down low, but Hirschi finally found some offense and made a late run in the third quarter to cut the lead to 42-39 with two minutes left in the period. Then on back to back possession the Lady Huskies made a three to cut the lead to one followed by another basket to give Hirschi their first lead of the game at 44-43 with just 59 seconds left in the third.

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Lady Buffs down Stamford for Bi-district crown

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

HERMLEIGH — After starting out the game slow, the Lady Buffs came to life and took over the game Monday night against the Stamford Lady Bulldogs. With their defense once again leading the way, Forsan held Stamford to just 37 points in the game and just 3 points in the third quarter to get the impressive 48-37 win over the Lady Bulldogs to claim their bi-district crown.

In the first quarter, the Lady Buffs really struggled to get things going offensively. Forsan scored just 4 points in the opening quarter, but thankfully the Lady Buffs' stout defense kept them in the game and held Stamford to just 9 points. Trailing 9-4 heading into the second quarter, Forsan knew they had to play better if they wanted to get the win and they did just that.

In the second quarter, the Lady Buffs found their rhythm and their range and put up 17 big points in the quarter while once again holding the Lady Bulldogs to just 9 points in the period. With their offense clicking and their defense doing what they always do the Lady Buffs regained the

lead and went into the half leading 21-18.

Coming out of the break, Forsan really put the defensive clamps on Stamford and held them to just 3 points in the third quarter. That stifling defense led to some easy transition baskets for the Lady Buffs as they scored 15 points in the quarter to take a commanding 36-21 lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Bulldogs put up a good fight, but it was too little too late, and despite outscoring Forsan 13-12 in the quarter they just couldn't overcome the big deficit and the Lady Buffs were able to hold on for the 48-37 win to earn the bi-district crown.

Macey Evans led the way for Forsan with 22 points with Emily Garcia getting the job done down low with 14 points of her own. Rylee Evans also chipped in with 7 points and the entire Lady Buffs' played outstanding pressure defense allowing just one double digit scoring quarter to Stamford.

Congratulations to the Lady Buffs for their impressive win. Their opponent for the next round of the playoffs is yet to be determined.



Harden runs 30-point streak to 30, Rockets beat Mavs 120-104

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — There was only a little over a minute left in Houston's game and it looked as if James Harden's streak of 30-point games would be ending.

Harden brought the ball down the court and was enveloped by two defenders near the 3-point line, so he passed to Chris Paul, who drew the defense away. After a couple of dribbles Paul turned and got it back to Harden, who stepped back and sunk a 3-point shot over Dorian Finney-Smith to keep the streak alive.

Harden scored 31 points for his 30th straight 30-point game despite dealing with a shoulder injury, leading the Rockets to a 120-104 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Monday night.

Paul was asked if he was determined to help Harden extend the streak.

"For sure. He had what 28, so yeah, why not? We was up," Paul said.

Harden, who had eight rebounds and seven assists, seemed to be a bit slowed early by the strained left shoulder that he injured on Saturday against Oklahoma City, making just one of his first seven shots.

But he warmed up after that and finished 9 of 23, capped by his sixth 3-pointer with 52.9 seconds remaining. Fans chanted "MVP! MVP!" after he sunk the shot.

Harden denied that he was concerned about getting 30 points, but he did say it was a "credit to" Paul that he got the ball back to him.

"I was worried about winning," Harden said. "They were making their shots. They were coming back, cut the lead to I think 10 or nine points ... so I just wanted to get the proper shots ... I was just trying to make the right play."

CHS Gonzales earns gold at Reagan Co. meet



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Members of Coahoma High School powerlifting team show off their medals after the Reagan County Invitational, held Saturday in Big Lake. The team had six competitors place in the top four or above in their individual weight class, and the boys team placed third overall at the meet.

Special to the Herald

BIG LAKE — Alejandro Gonzales put his powerful muscles to work at the Reagan County Invitational powerlifting contest Saturday and walked away with a gold medal for his efforts.

The Coahoma High School junior hoisted a total of 1,370 pounds, which was his best effort to date for the season, and earned first place in his weight division. Gonzales had a 575 pound squat, benched 365, and pulled 430 on deadlift.

Bringing home a silver medal was Keegan Dobbs, who placed second in his weight division. Dobbs pumped a total of 1,245 of iron — 495 on squat, 275 on bench, and 475 on dead lift.

Bobby Zambrano's three-lift total of 1,385 pounds earned third place in his weight division. He had a 525 squat, benched 395, and pulled 465 on dead lift. Isaac Murillo and Justin Marsh rounded out the top finishers for the CHS boys team. They both earned fourth place. Murillo hoisted a total of 1,165 pounds and Mash's three lifts came out to 1,080 pounds of iron.

On the girls side, Cailey Glover continues to lead the CHS team. She was credited with lifting 720 pounds. That was enough for a fourth place finish.

Overall the Coahoma High School

boys powerlifting team placed third earning 22 points at the meet. Andrews came in first with 48 points and Big Lake/Reagan County was second with 37. Rounding out the top five teams were Midland Greenwood, 4th, and San Angelo Lake View, 5th.

Next: The girls regional powerlifting contest will be March 1 at Seagraves. Regional competition for the boys will be held March 9 at Sundown.

Results (Coahoma only) are listed by class, standing, competitor, and total weight lifted.

- Boys
114, 5th, Daniel Vela-Wences, 475
132, 9th, Mason Hudgins, 660
148, 5th, Josh Ruiz, 875; 10th, Kaden Molina, 615
165, 8th, Braxton Chandler, 920; 10th, Patrick Gutierrez, 800
198, 2nd, Keegan Dobbs, 1,245
220, 4th, Isaac Murillo, 1,165; 5th, Zack Schneider, 1,115
242, 3rd, Bobby Zambrano, 1,385; 12th, Grayson Glidewell, 955
275, 4th, Justin Marsh, 1,080
SHW, 1st, Alejandro Gonzales, 1,370
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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either

in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Lease/Unit Name: FLAMING STAR 02-11 Lease/Unit Well No.: 4AH Lease/Unit Acres: 627.78 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0 Lease Lines: 350.0 FNL, 823.0 FEL Survey Lines: 350.0 FNL, 823.0 FEL Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 350.0 FNL 823.0 FEL Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 11 Block: 32 T2N Abstract: 268 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 100.0 FSL 330.0 FEL Survey Lines: 100.0 FSL 330.0 FEL Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Shelly Carrigan, at (361)888-7708, x6015.

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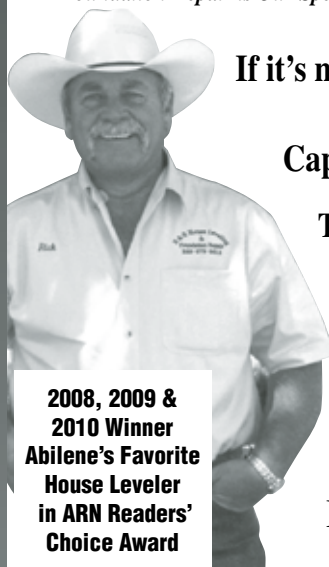
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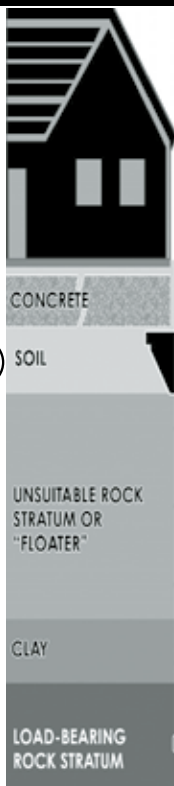
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Endangers Romance

Since romantic ideals have only been a part of human culture for around 250 years, it's quite possible there are those who wouldn't fall in love if they hadn't heard about it. What about you? Are you comparing a relationship to movie-level ideals? Mars heats up with an alignment to Uranus to suggest such comparisons can cause conflict.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not going to change things by arguing with reality or fighting what's going on here. This is what's happening. Accept it, and then get to work building the new reality that renders this one obsolete.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love's healing power is immeasurable. Though, because it also can't be bottled, it's rather

easy to forget to take. You need love. Double your dosage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have goals that you don't know how to forward. The first step is to understand better where you are and where you're going. Thought energy can flow to and through you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When it's hard to be strong, you might be focusing on the things that are making you feel weary instead of focusing on what you want. Your strength grows in direct relation to your desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Liking a person a lot has consequences. It means you'll probably be communicating more and spending time together, and there's a learning curve to consider among other things. How will you make it work? Automat-

ically. Inevitably.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If a purpose is right, it must be pursued, regardless of the odds of success. This is a theme in every action movie you've ever seen, and it's a theme in your life lately, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To know what's worth doing is a wisdom that not everyone has. People around you may be confused or inexperienced in this regard and you can

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



help them out. Keep it light and friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If your house is untidy, it's probably because you're living so much life lately that it's challenging to keep up with. Take it as a good sign, and then devote some time to catching up with yourself in all the ways that matter to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This day will either become a fond memory or it will be

forgotten. Much depends on whether you choose to do the daring or new thing (which will be memorable) or to stay forgettably comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Wishes cannot change the facts. That's how we know they are facts; they're stubbornly impervious to influence. And though you can't change facts, you can find more pleasant facts to focus on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). We come in and out of this world the same way -- powerless. In between those points, power ebbs and flows, cyclically. Nurture others when you have the influence to do it, and then let them go, knowing everything has a season.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Much

depends on what sort of fight it is, how close you are to winning and what's at stake. The important thing is that you have more than one option to consider.

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ANSWER:



By Steve Becker

One play does it all

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 3
 ♥ Q 8 2
 ♦ Q J 10 3
 ♣ K 5 3

EAST
 ♠ J 8 7 5
 ♥ 7 5 4 3
 ♦ 4
 ♣ Q J 7 2

SOUTH
 ♠ —
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ A K 9 8 7 5 2
 ♣ A 9 8 4

The bidding:
 South 1♦ West 1♠ North 2NT East Pass
 Opening lead — king of spades.

The bidding by the opponents frequently points the way to declarer's best line of play. Consider this deal where South can take advantage of West's overcall to bring home the slam.

West leads the king of spades, and South must proceed very carefully to make the contract. His first test comes at trick one, when he must decide whether to play dummy's ace of spades or ruff in his hand instead.

This may not seem to be an important decision, but the fact is that the outcome depends entirely on this one play. If South takes the ace, he goes down one; if he ruffs, he makes the slam.

The trouble with the ace play is that it forces South to make a discard before he knows precisely which card to get rid of — and whether he chooses a heart or a club, he is certain to lose two tricks later on.

But if South ruffs the spade lead, he is in full command of the situation. After cashing the trump ace at trick two, he leads the six of hearts toward dummy's queen.

What can West do? If he plays low, dummy's queen wins. South then discards the king of hearts on the spade ace and later loses only a club trick.

And if West goes up with the ace of hearts, he is not in any better shape. In that case, dummy's ace of spades and queen of hearts provide convenient parking places for two of declarer's clubs, and the only trick South loses is a heart.

As happens so often, the key play occurs at trick one. All South has to do is credit West, who made a vulnerable overall, with the ace of hearts, and he then tailors his play to fit that assumption.

Tomorrow: A multilayered tale.
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Annie's Mailbox

Troublesome Drinking and Driving

Dear Annie: I have been married for 25 years. My husband grew up in a foreign country and has been drinking alcohol his whole life. He drinks beer the way I drink water. He is in the restaurant business and must be able to recommend wine to his customers, so giving up alcohol is not an option. The problem is that once in a while when he gets home, I will seriously question whether he should have driven home. We have been arguing over this forever. I used to argue he needed to stop drinking. Now I just say he should not drive home if he has had too much. My begging has not made a difference. I have explained that if he were to hurt himself or someone else, I would feel guilty that I did not do more to stop him. I have now told him that if he drives home drunk again, he can move out, because I cannot live with this. He thinks I'm just being overreactive and I should not blow up our marriage and family over this. He does admit it is not OK. I am at a loss as to the next step. Friends tell me I can't control him and should not feel guilty if he makes bad choices. I don't want to destroy my family with telling him to

leave, but I feel backed into a corner. I have tried counseling several times, but he refuses to go. Any suggestions? -- Trying to Do the Right Thing

Dear Trying: Kudos to your friends for their good advice. They're right that you can't control your husband and should not feel guilty for the things he does. Realize, too, that threatening to leave him is not a way to control his drinking. If you truly mean to leave him because you yourself cannot be around his toxic behavior anymore, that's one thing. But if your saying you'll leave him is really an attempt to get him to quit drinking, that's not a good reason. You will end up more exasperated than ever when things don't change. Your husband's excuse that he owns a restaurant and must be able to recommend wines is just that -- an excuse. Someone else could always taste the wines for him. Your husband drinks because, from the sound of it, he has alcoholism. It is as simple and as frustrating and heartbreaking as that. I urge you to find some support through a group such as Al-Anon (<https://al-anon.org>) or SMART Recovery Family & Friends (<https://www.smartrecovery.org/family>). I think you'll be amazed by what a weight it takes

off just being in a room with people who understand what you're going through. And with some of that weight off, you'll be able to think more clearly about what's best for you.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Mulling Over Memoir." You advised her to start interviewing her father about his memories. I took a recorder to my dad's and listened while he told me some of the things that he did; then I typed up the transcripts. I'm so glad I did. It was nice for the grandkids to be able to read about how he lived. I also did this with my husband, who was older and had served in World War II. He didn't think that what he had to tell was very interesting, but once I persuaded him to talk, I found out things that I never had during the 28 years we'd been married. "Mulling Over Memoir," good luck with interviewing your dad. And then remember that even your life will be of interest to the next generation sometime. Write about your own life, too. -- Phyllis

Dear Phyllis: Fantastic advice. Thanks for sharing your experience.

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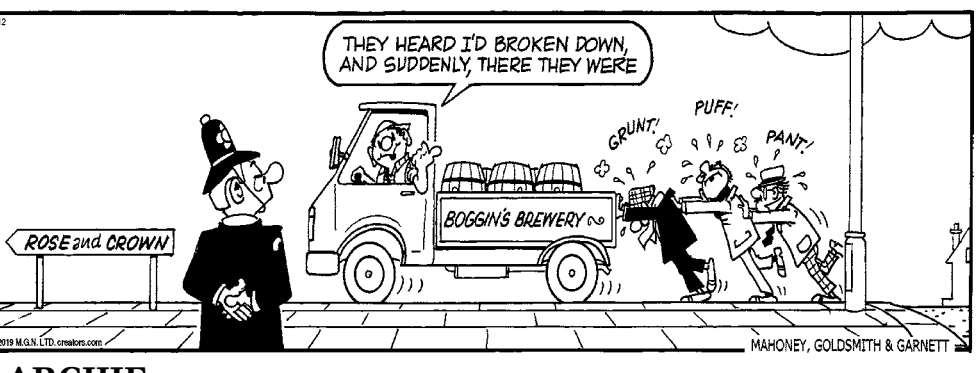
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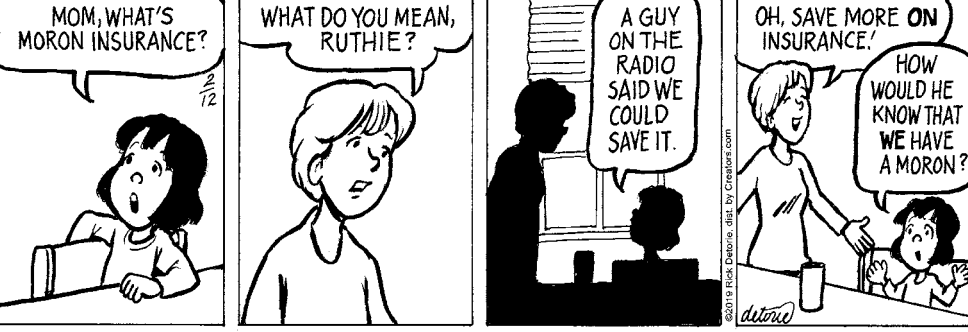
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This Date In History

Today in History
 Today is Tuesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 2019. There are 322 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
 On Feb. 12, 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.
 On this date:
 In 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in a log cabin in Hardin (now LaRue) County, Kentucky.
 In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.
 In 1912, Pu Yi (poo yee), the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty.
 In 1914, groundbreaking took place for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. (A year later on this date, the cornerstone was laid.)
 In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.
 In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny — with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side — went into circulation.
 In 1963, a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 720 broke up during severe turbulence and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 43 people aboard.
 In 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.
 In 1980, the FBI announced that about \$5,800 of the \$200,000 ransom paid to hijacker "D.B. Cooper" before he parachuted from a Northwest Orient jetliner in 1971 had been found by an 8-year-old boy on a riverbank of the Columbia River in Washington state.
 In 1993, in a crime that shocked and outraged Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall near Liverpool, England, and beat him to death.
 In 2000, Charles M. Schulz, creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip, died in Santa Rosa, Calif. at age 77.
 In 2008, General Motors reported losing \$38.7 billion in 2007, a record annual loss in automotive history, and offered buyouts to 74,000 hourly workers. Uno became the first beagle named Westminster's best in show.
 Ten years ago: Saying he'd made a "mistake" by agreeing to serve, Republican Sen. Judd

Gregg of New Hampshire abruptly withdrew his nomination as President Barack Obama's commerce secretary. A Colgan Air commuter plane crashed into a suburban Buffalo, N.Y., home, killing all 49 aboard and a person in the house. (The victims included Alison Des Forges, 66, a noted expert on the 1994 Rwanda genocide, and Gerry Niewood, 64, and Coleman Mellett, 34, members of Chuck Mangione's band.)
 Five years ago: Legislation to raise the U.S. federal debt limit and prevent a crippling government default cleared Congress. Tina Maze of Slovenia and Dominique Gisin of Switzerland tied for gold in the Olympic women's downhill at Sochi; it was the first gold-medal tie in Olympic alpine skiing history. Actor-comedian Sid Caesar, 91, died in Beverly Hills, California.
 One year ago: In a retreat from promises to balance the budget, President Donald Trump unveiled a \$4.4 trillion plan that envisioned steep cuts to America's social safety net but mounting military spending; the outline acknowledged that the 2017 Republican tax overhaul would add billions to the deficit. Two Baltimore police detectives were convicted of robbery, racketeering and conspiracy at a trial that was part of a federal probe of corruption among rogue members of the city's police force. The National Portrait Gallery unveiled portraits of former President Barack Obama and his wife, painted by African-American artists chosen by the Obamas. American snowboarder Jamie Anderson won gold in the women's slopestyle event at the Winter Olympics in South Korea as winds whipped ice pellets across the jumps; most riders fell or abandoned their runs. Wild-haired comedian Marty Allen died in Las Vegas; he was 95.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 96. Movie director Costa-Gavras is 86. Basketball Hall of Famer Bill Russell is 85. Actor Joe Don Baker is 83. Author Judy Blume is 81. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is 77. Country singer Moe Bandy is 75. Actress Maud Adams is 74. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 73.

Actor Michael Ironside is 69. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 69. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 67. Actress Joanna Kerns is 66. Actor Zach Grenier is 65. Actor-talk show host Arsenio Hall is 63. Actor John Michael Higgins is 56. Actor Raphael Sbarge is 55. Actress Christine Elise is 54. Actor Josh Brolin is 51. Singer Chynna Phillips is 51. Rock musician Jim Creegan

(Barenaked Ladies) is 49. Rhythm-and-blues musician Keri Lewis is 48. Actor Jesse Spencer is 40. Rapper Gucci Mane is 39. Actress Sarah Lancaster is 39. Actress Christina Ricci is 39. NFL quarterback Robert Griffin III is 29. Actress Jennifer Stone is 26. Actresses Baylie and Rylie Cregut (TV: "Raising Hope") are nine.
Thought for Today:
 "Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way." — Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).
 Today is Friday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2019. There are 326 days left in the year.
Today's Highlights in History:
 On Feb. 8, 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was impli-

cated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.
Thought for Today: "If each man or woman could understand that every other human life is as full of sorrows, or joys, or base temptations, of heartaches and of remorse as his own... how much kinder, how much gentler he would be." — William Allen White, American journalist (1868-1944).

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Newsday Crossword

ABE'S BIRTHDAY by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS												
1	Useful facts, for short	58	Vampire writer Rice	6	Abundant	34	Legislation that helped WWII vets					
5	Sound of a raindrop	59	Now completed	7	Kitchen hot spot	36	Mindsets					
9	Boston-area seafood	60	Wedding platform	8	Miles __ gallon	38	Pre-Easter season					
14	Neighborhood food shop	61	Witnessed	9	In a careful manner	39	Arm of the sea					
15	Rant and __ (show anger)	62	__ so (nevertheless)	10	Wooden shipping box	44	Meager					
16	Got up	63	Frightening	11	Judge's garment	45	First game of a series					
17	Face-to-face exam	64	Group of buffaloes	12	Norway's capital	47	Submarine detector					
18	Above	65	Stitches together	13	Buck or doe	49	Standing upright					
19	Tale from Aesop	DOWN		21	Sports stadium	50	Restful resorts					
20	Lincoln's first residence	1	Much-admired celebrity	22	Stone used by sculptors	51	Bath powder					
22	Shooting star	2	Infamous Roman emperor	24	Support, with "up"	52	Tequila cocktail, for short					
23	Rocks from a mine	3	Stars and Stripes	25	Squeaked through	53	Leg joint					
24	Looking ill	4	Portraitist's purchases	26	Despise	54	Sheltered harbor					
25	Clark of <i>Gone with the Wind</i>	5	Thorough investigation	27	Wish well to	55	Was sure about					
28	Fictional wizard Potter	6	Abundant	29	Item of value	56	Cravings					
30	Battleship letters	7	Kitchen hot spot	30	Loosen, as a shoe	58	Barbecue residue					
33	Rectangular shape	8	Miles __ gallon	31	Back of a boat							
35	Weep audibly	9	In a careful manner	32	Fathers of foals							
36	Prefix meaning "against"	10	Wooden shipping box									
37	Lincoln's log-chopping nickname	11	Judge's garment									
40	Supervisor	12	Norway's capital									
41	Hive dweller	13	Buck or doe									
42	100% complete	21	Sports stadium									
43	Many mos.	22	Stone used by sculptors									
44	Spotted-coat horse	24	Support, with "up"									
46	Legal claims	25	Squeaked through									
47	Pretzel seasoning	26	Despise									
48	Verse writer	27	Wish well to									
50	Leisurely walk	29	Item of value									
53	Lincoln's birth state	30	Loosen, as a shoe									
57	Produce a portrait	31	Back of a boat									
		32	Fathers of foals									

Answer to previous puzzle
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NBA Fashion: All-Stars break out specialty shoes for weekend

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — NBA players once again will be sharing personal stories this weekend during All-Star festivities — and using basketball shoes as a platform to get their message out.

When Kevin Durant takes the floor on Sunday he'll be wearing pink Nike KD 11 Aunt Pearls shoes bearing the names of 59 cancer survivors with inspiring stories.

Golden State Warriors teammate Stephen Curry decided to poke fun at his own mischievous nature with his shoe selection, unveiling the Under Armour Curry 6 "Coy Fish" colorway depicting the time he and a former college teammate found themselves in a little trouble for pulling a prank at a Japanese steakhouse.

All-Star shoe fashion may not be as big as it once was, but it's still a real thing.

The shoes players wear are still considered as big of a deal as the All-Star game itself for a loyal niche of fans in the basketball community known as "sneakerheads" — even though the overall market for basketball shoes may not be what it was a decade ago.

Regardless, the stories behind them add meaning to the shoes.

Curry's "Coy Fish" shoe (\$130, available Friday), for instance, resembles the vibrant koi fish — and the story of when Curry and former Davidson Wildcats teammate Steve Rossiter decided to jump into the koi fish pond at a local Japanese restaurant while out celebrating one night. Curry was the decoy in the escapade, distracting the hostess while Rossiter jumped in the water and tried to grab one of the koi fish.

Unfortunately for Curry and Rossiter, the security surveillance tape captured the antics and it got back to Davidson coach Bob McKillop.

"We were in the gym running sprints for a good two hours," Curry says on the Under Armour website.

McKillop also made the players go back to the steakhouse and stand at the front door and greet customers for four hours.

Durant's shoe line is named after his favorite aunt, who died of lung cancer in 2000, so any new release has a personal meaning to him. The KD 11 Aunt Pearl (\$150, available Thursday).

James Harden, Damian Lillard and Kyle Lowry will be wearing Adidas All-Star Weekend "raceway inspired" shoes with checkered flags, a nod to Charlotte's long history of auto racing. Those shoes are player edition only and aren't available to the public, but other colorways of each sneaker are available to the public.

While the unveiling of new shoes at the NBA All-Star game is a bit like Christmas morning for some shoe collectors, one industry advisor says it isn't likely to resonate with American consumers.

"Basketball shoes are not in fashion anymore," said Matt Powell, of the Sports NPD Group who has been doing research in the area of shoes for more than two decades.

Powell said the trend away from basketball shoes began around 2015 and that sales have continued to slide. He said basketball shoe sales in the United States declined in "the low teens" in 2017 and in the "high single digits" last year.

He doesn't expect the trend to change regardless of how fancy the new line of basketball shoes unveiled this weekend in Charlotte.

Still, players continue to compete off the court

in a shoe market where sometimes the flashier the better. So there will be a bevy of multicolored ones on display.

Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook and Boston's Kyrie Irving might don the most vibrant shoes.

Irving will wear red, blue, black, yellow and white Kyrie 5 X Rokit by Nike (\$190, available Saturday), which combines the skate and hoop culture to showcase the crossover between the sports.

Westbrook will celebrate his eighth NBA All-Star selection with a special edition colorway of his Jordan Brand Why Not Zer0.2 shoes (\$125, available Sunday) that features a bold combination of black, red, light and dark blue and lime green.

Like most of the players, Westbrook has input into the design of his shoes, saying on the Nike website that "every colorway has a meaning behind it that is special to me. ... I wanted to take that storytelling to the next level with an exposed tag that helps illustrate the meaning behind the colors used."

In coordination with the All-Star weekend hosted by former NBA star and current Hornets owner Michael Jordan, the Jordan Brand is releasing a series of off-court footwear to honor the six-time NBA champion, who grew up in Wilmington, North Carolina, led the North Carolina Tar Heels to a national championship and became a household name.

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LADY STEERS

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After leading the whole game the Lady Steers went ice cold at the end of the quarter and even struggled from the foul line to give the Lady Huskies a 46-43 advantage headed into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, both teams came out with great defensive intensity. Big Spring played hard and smart and were able to re-take the lead with 5:21 left in the game when Enriquez once again rose to the occasion and got a big and one bucket to go up 51-49 after the made free throw. With that play the momentum shifted back in the Lady Steers favor, and they used that to amp up their defensive intensity and force back to back turnovers by Hirschi. Being in the lead and in the bonus, Big Spring was able to close out the game from the charity stripe and put the Lady Huskies away for good. Their clutch free throw shooting and outstanding defense late in the game proved to be the difference maker and the Lady Steers took home the bi-district championship with a decisive 66-55 win.

Freshman Alex Enriquez led all scorers with 20 points to go along with her 8 rebounds and 2 steals in the game. Kayleigh Penny played great all night on both sides of the floor. Penny had 16 points, 8 steals and 6 rebounds in the game and did a good job of playing the point for the Lady Steers with Alexis Starr in foul trouble. Amber Martinez was solid as usual

scoring 13 point while grabbing 8 rebounds and dishing out 3 assists in the game. Defensively, Logan Terrazas was nothing short of outstanding. Logan finished the game with 8 points, 17 rebounds, an impressive 6 blocked shots and 3 big steals for the Lady Steers. Every single player on the team contributed in some way to the big win and the team defense was fantastic throughout.

"I'm so proud of these girls, we talked about starting strong and finishing strong and thats exactly what we did. We played together for all 32 minutes, and that's what we knew it was going to take. These girls played with a lot of heart, they didn't want to be done tonight and they showed that with how hard they played and how well they kept their composure to come back after we lost the lead in the third quarter. I can put any girl in at any position and we feel like we can keep rolling. I'm just so proud of these girls, and these seniors for all the hard work they have put in to get to this point and now here we are," said Lady Steers Head Basketball Coach Katie Voss of

her team after the huge bi-district win.

Big Spring will face off against Decatur in the next round of the playoffs with time and date to be determined. A big shout out to Steer Nation for coming out in force to support our Lady Steers and creating a home atmosphere in Abilene and congrats to the Lady Steers on an outstanding playoff win!




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