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incorporated into the park.

According to Darden, the park – which is as yet unnamed – will include an outdoor pavilion suitable for small-venue concerts, grassy areas, parking, and a gated area for private events.

"During the day, when we're not having any performance or use of it, it's open to the general public," he said. "We'll be using the parking for our City Hall parking lot. If you want to go over there and eat you a sandwich right there in the grass, it'll be open. Green grassy areas, half of it, and parking on the other half, primarily for City Hall on one side and West Texas Centers on the other."

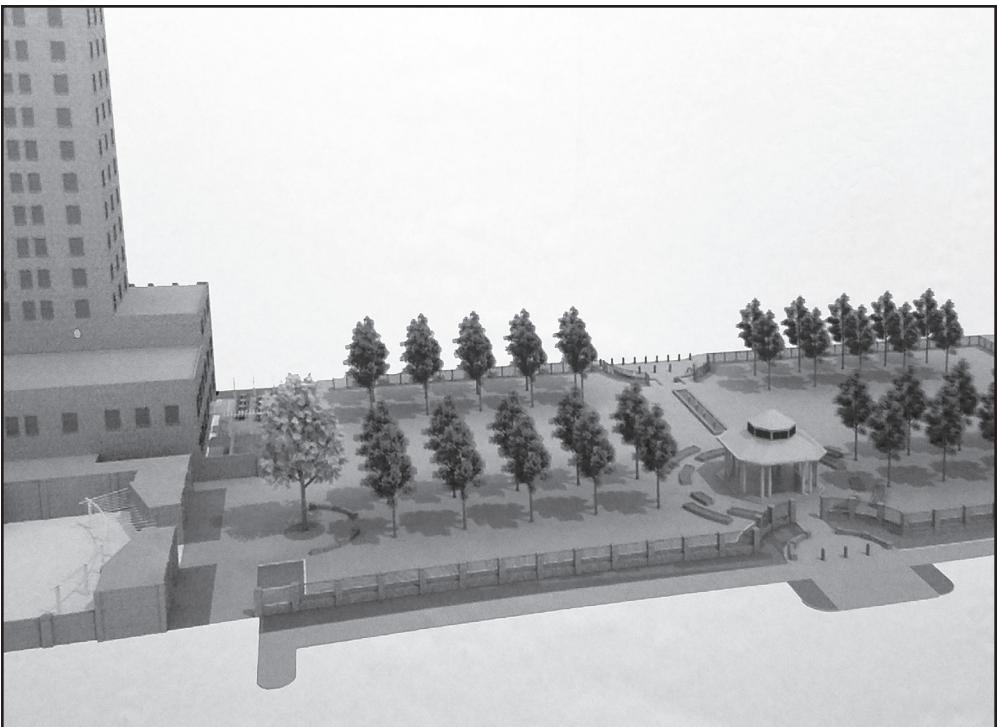
The idea for the park originated with Ryan, Darden said.

"Brint was interviewed by our consultant, and one of the things that he brought up...this park/plaza was one of them," he said. "It's not the first time he and the city have talked. The first time, he wanted to lease the Auditorium and he wanted to manage that and do a renovation of that. Of course, he got engulfed with the Settles project. That was right at the kick-off of that

project. I think he probably got a little overwhelmed with how much time that was taking. Brint's idea was to have that entertainment area. Brint's idea then flourished into being a part of our comp plan, addressing entertainment, addressing parks and recreation."

Darden said the park is part of the city's ongoing plan to improve quality of life in Big Spring. Other quality of life projects undertaken in the past by the city include the Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center in Comanche Trail Park, the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, and Morgan Park. Most recently, the Historic Spring restoration was completed in November 2017.

"Kitchens Group did a survey for us, and there were certain things on there we asked Big Spring residents about, and one of the things that was number one on the list was entertainment," he said. "You may have the jobs here, but if you want them to live here, you've got to have good restaurants, good schools for the kids, good shopping places... And it doesn't have to be anything near like what Midland and Odessa have, but you've got to have some good quality stores for them. Entertainment is one of those quality of life things that is essential



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to a community's sustainability and survivability."

Darden said that Brint Ryan helped with designing the city's request for proposals for the project. The RFPs were sent out in February of 2017.

"We sent out the RFP based on what Brint saw as a concept. He sent us a sample RFP that he had done with his development company," he said. "We didn't use it entirely, but we certainly used elements of it."

Ryan's Cap Rock Holding was the only company to submit a proposal in response to the RFP, which was accepted in October.

"We didn't send it with the idea that Brint was going to get it. There were some other developers that were in the game and playing around this area. But nobody sent in a proposal except for Brint," Darden said. "Right now we're in the process of negotiating that final concept based on what the council directed us to do. They accepted his RFP and authorized us to negotiate the deal and bring back the final contract. That's what the attorney's working on now."

And that's where the project lies, currently. Darden said as soon as the details are hammered out, he will present a contract for consideration by the City Council.

"As soon as the lawyer gets done

with it. Brint keeps calling and asking the mayor, 'When are they going to be done with it?'" said Darden. "I'm hoping...it won't be on this next meeting, but maybe the last meeting in January, possibly. Possibly. When we would have, hopefully, a contract for the council to sign."

After that, things should go quickly. "Brint anticipated about six months of construction," Darden said.

Part of the city's obligation could include relocation of a secondary water main running under Johnson Street.

"We've got a 12-inch transmission line in the middle of that street that's going to have to be addressed," he said. "It'll be sitting right under where that pavilion is going to be. If you're going to build a \$180,000 pavilion, why would you want a water line running under it? I'm thinking Johnny's (Wommack, Public Works Director) probably going to go down to the alley here on Nolan Street. That's what I'd do."

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CASA

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bilingual individuals because they're greatly needed.

"Big Spring is such a small community and we're so very grateful for the volunteers we do have but we can always use more," she said.

The children taken into CASA's care have been separated from their families, friends, and other loved ones, and are often placed in unfamiliar settings far away from their homes. Child Protective Services workers usually handle two or three dozen cases, each of which involve multiple children. As a result, many children fall through the cracks, stay in foster care longer than necessary, and may not receive the help they need to begin to heal.

"Our goal is that our children be able to live in safe and permanent home because foster care is only meant to be a temporary situation," said Harmon. "If a child isn't able to return to their biological family, we advocate that they be able to be adopted instead of staying in foster care."

Harmon went on to explain that when a child turns 18, they're released from foster care and that's what is known as "aging out of foster care." This isn't an ideal situation because at 18, most teenagers aren't ready to be on their

own yet. For children who age out of foster care, there is a greater risk of becoming homeless and/or incarcerated.

"This is why our work is so important and the reason we try to reunify families," she said.

Long-time volunteer Judy West briefly spoke about her experience as a CASA volunteer.

"I joined CASA in 2012 after I retired from Big Spring State Hospital," she said. "I wanted to do something productive with my time and heard about CASA volunteers and how they advocated for children. I just felt like these kids needed somebody and while I may not be able to do a lot of things, I felt like I could that."

West explained how all volunteers are assigned cases that deal with everything from physical and sexual abuse to neglect and more. The parents of the children in the cases are often involved with drugs and are sometimes violent, so it definitely pulls on your heartstrings, she said. West said she believes anybody is capable of being a volunteer but compassion and commitment are the qualities most indicative of success. She went on to say that she encourages anyone who is retired, has some free time, or just a desire to help others, to please consider taking the steps to become a

volunteer. Each CASA worker is the guardian ad litem (GAL) for the child so they look out for how well the child is doing in school, health issues, problems with placement, etc. Lastly, West wants future volunteers to know they won't be doing this alone and will have plenty of help and support from supervisors.

CASA of West Texas served 481 children last year from all West Texas counties. CASA volunteers spoke up for these abused and neglected children who, through no fault of their own, ended up in foster care. Unfortunately, many children in foster care do not have CASA volunteers. CASA of West Texas is not able to accept all of the cases it has been assigned to in Howard County due to a lack of volunteers. CASA of West Texas urges anyone in the community to consider joining them to make a difference in a child's life and your own.

For more information, visit www.casawtx.org or call Kathy Harmon at 432-683-1114.

BOOK

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"When he was fired, he not only lost his job, he lost his mind," Trump said Wednesday.

It was a blistering attack against the man who helped deliver the presidency to Trump. It was spurred by an unflattering new book by writer Michael Wolff that paints Trump as a leader who doesn't understand the weight of the presidency and spends his evenings eating cheeseburgers in bed, watching television and talking on the phone to old friends.

Later Wednesday, Trump attorney Charles Harder threatened legal action against Bannon over "disparaging statements and in some cases outright defamatory statements."

Harder sent a letter to Bannon saying the former Trump aide violated confidentiality agreements by speaking with Wolff. The letter demanded Bannon "cease and desist" any further disclosure of confidential information. Bannon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

White House aides were blindsided when early excerpts from "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House" were published online by New York magazine and other media outlets ahead of the Jan. 9 publication date.

The release left Trump "furious" and "disgusted," said White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

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HGTV stars Chip and Joanna Gaines expecting 5th child

WACO, Texas (AP) — The couple behind HGTV's "Fixer Upper" will be fixing up a nursery once again.

Chip Gaines announced Tuesday on Instagram that he and his wife, Joanna Gaines, are expecting their fifth child. He shared a photo of the couple with the caption "Gaines party of 7."

Launched in 2013, "Fixer Upper" follows the couple as they redo houses near their home in Waco, Texas. The show is in its final season.

Chip and Joanna Gaines also operate Magnolia Market, where they've turned converted old silos near downtown Waco into a home decor and food marketplace. The couple has also collaborated with Target on a home and lifestyle brand called Hearth & Hand with Magnolia.

Autopsy: 3-year-old Indian girl a homicide victim in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — An autopsy report shows a 3-year-old girl whose body was found in a culvert near her suburban Dallas home died from "homicidal violence."

Sherin Mathews, who was adopted in 2016 from an orphanage in India, had been missing for two weeks before her body was found in Richardson on Oct. 24.

Steven Kurtz with the Dallas County medical examiner's office said Wednesday that Sherin was a victim of homicide, but that he couldn't provide any other details at this point.

Sherin's father, Wesley Mathews, told investigators that Sherin choked to death on her milk. He is charged with felony injury to a child.

Her mother, Sini Mathews, is charged with child abandonment.

Richardson police have released few details of their investigation.

Houston-area boy, 4, confined to closet says rats friends

HOUSTON (AP) — A 4-year-old boy who authorities believe was living in a closet at a Houston-area home has tested positive for methamphetamine exposure and told investigators "his friends" were rats and roaches, according to an attorney representing the child's interests.

A Harris County judge Tuesday allowed child welfare officials to keep the boy in their temporary custody while the case remains under investigation.

Investigators are not sure how long the boy was living at the home when deputies showed up Dec. 20 with a search warrant because they believed meth was being made and sold there.

Attorney Rachel Leal-Hudson told Houston TV station KTRK the boy also told investigators he wasn't allowed out of the closet for hours at a time. "His friends" were the "rats and roaches" that would visit him, Leal-Hudson said.

"He can articulate some things that are really shocking and surprising that tell us he was in there for a quite a length of time," she said. "The detail on this case is very awful. This is a 4-year-old child who has seen things an adult should not have seen."

She said the child talked of sneaking away from the closet and that his punishment was being forced to sit on top of a refrigerator where he was afraid he would fall after nodding off.

The boy's mother, April Burrier, wasn't present when the deputies showed up and was arrested later. She's facing a charge of endangering a child. She told authorities someone else was supposed to be taking care of her son but couldn't identify that person.

Authorities are seeking the man believed to have been making and selling drugs at the house.

FEMA allowing churches to apply for hurricane disaster aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency has revised its policies to allow houses of worship to apply for some federal aid to help deal with damage from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

FEMA announced Tuesday houses of worship no longer would be excluded from eligibility for FEMA aid.

The agency says the changes affect private non-profit organizations that sustained damage from a major disaster on or after Aug. 23 or that had unresolved applications pending before the agency as of that date. The assistance is limited to costs not covered by a U.S. Small Business Administration loan.

Three Texas churches severely damaged by Hurricane Harvey last year sued FEMA over the policy, accusing the agency of religious discrimination.

Teams rescuing cold-stunned turtles along South Texas coast

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Nearly four dozen sea turtles stunned by the severe cold wave have been rescued from offshore waters along the South Texas coast.

National Park Service spokeswoman Donna Shaver says the cold-stunned turtles in shallow water become incapacitated and float to the surface. If not rescued, their lives can be in danger from predators and boats.

She tells the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that more than 40 turtles had been recovered by Tuesday afternoon by people in boats and walking the shoreline.

The park service has been joined in the effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a team from Sea World in San Antonio, the Texas State Aquarium and other organizations.

Once the rescued turtles are rehabilitated, they'll be released in waters that are deeper and warmer.

Houston hospital leads efforts to use internal tourniquets



AP photo

In this Dec. 10, 2017 photo, Michael Cassidy, 26, tends his sleepy two-month-old son, Azrael Cassidy, after posing for a portrait in Houston. Ejected from his motorcycle after his tires hit a patch of oil, Michael Cassidy landed on a fire hydrant with such force doctors described it as splitting him up the middle. The Houston Chronicle reported emergency responders worked to save Michael, but by the time Life Flight arrived at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center, he was fighting for his life. Doctors had a new tool available that gave hope for Cassidy, a catheter that opens a balloon in the body's main artery.

By TODD ACKERMAN

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Ejected from his motorcycle after his tires hit a patch of oil, Michael Cassidy landed on a fire hydrant with such force doctors described it as splitting him up the middle.

The Houston Chronicle reports emergency responders worked heroically to save Cassidy, but by the time Life Flight arrived at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center, he was fighting for his life, vital signs fading, both brain and heart starving for more blood. Transfusions couldn't keep up with the loss.

"He was actively bleeding to death," said Dr. Michelle McNutt, chief of trauma at Memorial Hermann's Red Duke Trauma Institute.

But McNutt and her team had a new tool available that gave hope for Cassidy — a catheter that opens a balloon in the body's main artery, temporarily stopping the hemorrhaging that threatens a patient's life.

Doctors describe it as an "internal tourniquet" and call it a game-changer in the field of trauma.

The idea was inspired by the decades-old use of such balloon-tipped catheters in cardiovascular patients and first envisioned for the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq, where soldiers still routinely die from internal bleeding when the injury is to the abdomen and pelvis.

Two military doctors with backgrounds in vascular surgery figured the technology that worked in heart patients could work in combat too and fashioned the first balloon-tipped catheter for soldiers with injuries lower in the body.

Memorial Hermann is leading the effort to bring internal tourniquets to civilian trauma patients. Its doctors published the first case studies employing the technique, using catheters designed for heart patients instead of waiting for the internal tourniquet in development. They

learned the technique from Dr. Todd Rasmussen, one of the visionary doctors in the Middle East, then back at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio.

Rasmussen's idea didn't actually make it to the battlefield until 2016, after the device was approved by the Food and Drug Administration. It's manufactured by PryTime Medical, a San Antonio company that refined the military prototype, initially as a philanthropic venture, then a commercial one. Prytime worked with Rasmussen and Dr. Jonathan Eliason, the other military surgeon.

"No one else would listen to (the military doctors)," says David Spencer, a biotech executive who founded the company. "I did not see a market beyond the military initially either, but the more I got into it, the more I saw there was 'a there there.'"

Today, he says, PryTime's ER-REBOA (the Eliason-Rasmussen Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta) device is being employed in 200 U.S. trauma centers. Many of the surgeons now using it were trained by Memorial Hermann doctors.

Cassidy was an ideal patient for the device because his source of bleeding was only his pelvis, not his chest or abdomen.

From the groin, McNutt threaded the catheter through the primary artery in Cassidy's thigh up to the aorta, then opened the balloon in the pelvis region. With the hemorrhaging blocked, Cassidy's systolic blood pressure rose from an almost lifeless 60 to a normal 140 and his heart rate slowed from 150 to 120.

In the half-hour window before blood flow had to be restored, McNutt's team stopped the bleeding and prevented infection, a concept known as "damage control surgery."

They then removed the catheter, "able to live to fight another day," in McNutt's words.

Cassidy's complex combination of injuries — his pelvis was fractured and his colon and bladder also were injured — required multiple subsequent reconstructive operations. But in 30 days he was discharged from the hospital.

Without the internal tourniquet, Cassidy would surely have died, says McNutt. Nine months later, the only vestige of the injury is a limp.

Such internal bleeding is one of the great killers of trauma patients. Despite improvements in such care in recent years, the death rate for patients with excessive bleeding in the torso, chest or pelvis remains about 50 percent, according to Rasmussen. Until the advent of the internal tourniquet, doctors' only recourse had been the thoracotomy, which involves cracking open the chest and whose results are typically poor.

"Such a minimally invasive way to control hemorrhage is remarkable," says Dr. Laura Moore, medical director of the Red Duke Institute's Shock Trauma ICU and a professor of surgery at the McGovern Medical School at UTHealth. "There hasn't been a lot of technical advancement in trauma resuscitation in the last 20 years - I think REBOA is going to be the defining achievement."

Still, the device is the early stages of research.

Moore says researchers are trying to determine the best patient populations, including whether it can revive patients dead for a few minutes by the time they reach the ER.

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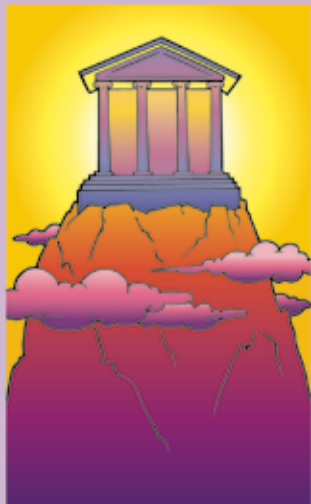
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Mount Olympus Challenge



In Greek mythology, 12 gods and goddesses live on Mount Olympus. Here are some questions about them. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Zeus is the king of the gods and goddesses. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 2) Zeus rules over the sky, while his brother, Poseidon, rules over the seas. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) Zeus is married to Demeter. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Athena is the daughter of Zeus and the twin sister of Apollo. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Apollo is the god of arts. *Fact or Fiction?*

6) Artemis is the goddess of the hunt. *Fact or Fiction?*

7) Aphrodite, the goddess of love, is very beautiful like her mother, Hera. *Fact or Fiction?*

8) Aphrodite is married to Hephaestus, the blacksmith of the gods and goddesses. *Fact or Fiction?*

9) Hermes is the messenger of the gods and goddesses. *Fact or Fiction?*

10) Ares is the god of peace. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, Zeus is married to Hera, 4) Fiction, Athena is the daughter of Zeus, but she is not the twin sister of Apollo—Artemis is, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, Aphrodite is beautiful but she is not the daughter of Hera, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, Ares is the god of war.

Name That God or Goddess



Most of the gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus go by different names in Roman mythology. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

- 1) V E _ U _
- 2) M _ R S
- 3) J _ N O
- 4) J U _ I T E _
- 5) D I _ N _
- 6) N _ P T _ N E
- 7) M _ R C _ R Y

Answers: 1) Venus, 2) Mars, 3) Juno, 4) Jupiter, 5) Diana, 6) Neptune, 7) Mercury

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List 10 words that rhyme with "Greek."



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Some answers: beak, bleak, cheek, leak, meek, peak, peek, seek, teak

Seasons



Ancient Greeks used myths to explain many things, including the change in seasons. In one of these myths, Hades, god of the underworld, fell in love with Persephone, daughter of the agricultural goddess, Demeter. Hades knew that Demeter would not permit him to marry Persephone, so he kidnapped her and took her to the underworld.

When Demeter found out her daughter had been kidnapped, she became upset and stopped caring for the crops. People began to starve, and Zeus ordered Hades to return Persephone to Demeter. There was just one problem. Persephone had gotten hungry and eaten some pomegranate seeds in the underworld. By law, anyone who took something from the underworld had to stay there. Because Persephone had eaten so little, Zeus was able to make an exception and allow her to live with her mother for half the year and with Hades for the other half.

When Persephone was with her, Demeter was happy and the crops thrived, creating spring and summer. When Persephone had to leave, Demeter became sad and the crops withered away, creating fall and winter.

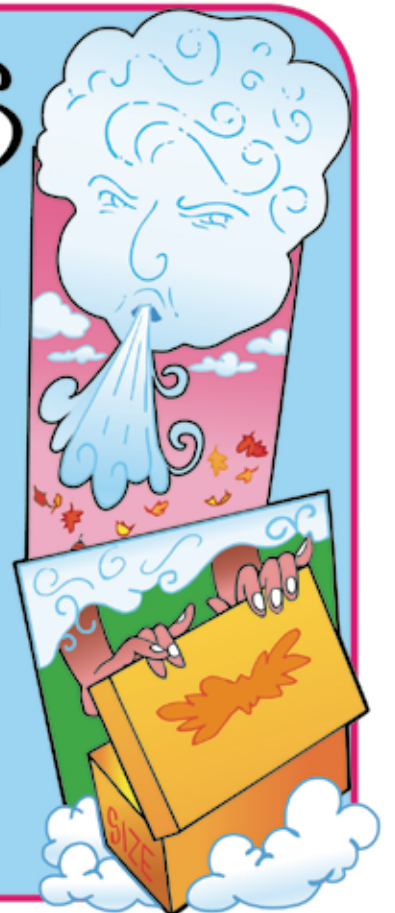
JOKES

Q: Which Greek god is the windiest?

A: Ares.

Q: What kind of shoes do gods wear?

A: Tennis Zeus.



Richardson scores 36 in Buffs' dominant 81-49 win over Lions

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

The Forsan boys varsity basketball team paid the Ozona Lions a visit on Tuesday for their second district game of the season and came out victorious by a landslide. With a final score of 81-49, the Buffs continue district play at 2-0.

The Buffaloes got off to a very strong start, outscoring the Lions by 15 points in the first quarter alone. Ozona held on to keep their deficit at 16 at the half.

Forsan came back into the game showing no mercy as they added another 16 to their lead before the game clock hit zeros.

Buffalo senior Kobe Richardson led the team offensively as he tallied up a total of 36 points for the contest. He also proved to be a playmaker for the team, with two assists, six steals, and six rebounds. Senior Ehren Hillger controlled the boards with 11 total rebounds. He also contributed four points for the Buffs.



Top Scoring Buffs:
Kobe Richardson - 36 points (five three-pointers)

Garrett Evans - 18 points (two three-pointers)

Bryce Hergert - 10 points (one three-point)

Zane Riffe - 6 points (one three-point)

"Getting back to district after that tournament where we lost two games in a row, I was pleased with the effort. We had some trouble scoring there in the tournament for a couple games, but with only playing one game in two or three days instead of four, our legs were a lot better," said boys head basketball coach Cory Richardson. "I think we had

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Lopez, Leach lead Mustangs past Steers 71-53



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's CJ Harris goes up strong for an offensive rebound during the Steers' loss to Andrews at home in Steer Gym on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
Sports Editor

It was an eventful Tuesday evening at Steer Gym as the basketball teams of school rivals Big Spring and Andrews went head

to head in what proved to be an interesting first game of the new year. Of all of the excitement the game brought, it was Payton Andrews and Brett Leach of Andrews who stole the show. Also with a little help from fre-

quent trips to the free throw line, the two carried their team to a 71-53 victory.

The Steers got off to a strong start in the first quarter. Big

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Bulldogs rout Wildcats 65-36



Courtesy photo

Coahoma's Joe Manning (5) takes the ball up for a score against a Westbrook defender with Brice Martin (0) standing by in their basketball game against the Wildcats on Tuesday night.

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs rang in the New Year Tuesday with a decisive 65-36 win against the Westbrook Wildcats in high school boys basketball action at the Coahoma ISD competition gym.

Gage Clark led the way as the Bulldogs started off competition fast. He racked up 7 points before the Wildcats notched the first 2 points of their own. Taylor Barnes was the first Bulldog to bury a three pointer and was soon followed up by Mason Moore with two more before the end of the first quarter.

Joe Manning was quick to

get into the action as he sank a basket for two after snatching the ball away from a Wildcat player. Keegan Dobbs dropped in the last points of the quarter as the 'Dogs went into the second quarter up by 22 points with the score at 33-11. Bryson Cline also contributed to the Bulldogs for the quarter.

The two teams settled down for a quiet second quarter, only amassing a total of 14 points for the period. At the half, the 'Dogs headed for the locker room up 41-17. G. Clark, Moore, and Cline all contributed to the Coahoma's 8 point gain.

Returning for the third, the

Bulldogs started out strong again notching another seven points on the board, thanks to G. Clark and Manning compared to the Wildcats' 2. Then Westbrook went on a 6 point rally, but still couldn't manage to put together enough to bring them close to Coahoma. The third quarter ended 49-25 in favor of the 'Dogs.

As the last quarter of play began, both teams buckled down for a fight. The Coahoma boys racked up a total of 16 points compared to Westbrook's 11. Bulldog Brice Martin hit a successful layup, and Zack Schneider, who suited up for the first time this season after recovering from a

serious injury obtained in the last football game of the year, nailed a basket for two as the clock ticked down to 3:38 left in the game. Moore, Cline, and Manning also contributed to the Coahoma's score in the fourth.

The Bulldogs will return to action on Friday as they host Iraan. The JV boys play at 5 p.m. and the varsity game will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Points per quarter:

Coahoma 33 - 8 - 8 - 16
Westbrook 11 - 6 - 8 - 11

Individual stats:

Brice Martin - 3 points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal.

Bulldogettes fall to Lady Wildcats 52-36 in district opener

Special to the Herald

Host team Coahoma Bulldogettes lost to the Westbrook Lady Cats in girls varsity basketball action Tuesday night 52-36.

Both teams played hard the first quarter as players raced back and forth to opposing posts, but Coahoma ended the period with a slim lead of 14-13. Westbrook hit first to put 2 on the board before Coahoma answered right back, thanks to efforts by Caitlyn Corley and Abbie Lopez who helped push the Bulldogettes back into the lead.

However, momentum turned in Westbrook's favor as the Lady Cats went on a 9-point run before Lopez sank a field goal with 1:59 left on the game clock until halftime. The two teams headed into the locker room with the score 25-16 in favor of the Lady Cats.

Returning for the second half of play, Westbrook continued to



maintain a 9-point lead throughout the third. Goals by Coahoma's Corley and Makynlee Overton kept the Lady Cats from widening the lead, but both teams stepped up the action in the fourth quarter.

The Coahoma girls buried 13 points by the end of the fourth quarter, but Westbrook racked up a total of 20 to end 18 points ahead.

Seniors Makayla Overton and Chloe Starr along with Sophomore Corley helped contributed to the Bulldogettes' scores in the fourth.

The girls will be back in action Friday night at 6:30 p.m. as they travel to Clyde to take on the Lady Bulldogs for their first district match up of the season.

Braxton Chandler - 1 assist, 2 rebounds.

Joe Manning - 11 points, 1 assist, 4 rebounds, 7 steals.

Zack Schneider - 6 points, 1 assist, 4 rebounds.

Mason Moore - 18 points, 2 assists, 1 rebound, 2 steals, 3 three-pointers

Gage Hill - 6 points, 5 assists, 4 steals, 2 three pointers
Bryson Cline - 6 points, 3 assist, 2 steals

Gage Clark - 12 points, 1 assist, 9 rebounds, 1 steal

Keegan Dobbs - 2 points
Bracy Bacon, - 1 assist

Jonathon Schneider - 1 rebound

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BREED: Shih Tzu
COLOR: White, Grey
SEX: M
DETAILS: Butter has grey and white curly short medium hair. His tail is long white hair that flows like a fancy goldfish tail. He is neutered he is 11 years old. He has medium view more at lostmydoggie.com
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308122
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 19, 2017 Status/Permit No. 831834

NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 23, 2018

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission

Public Notice

Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-185, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

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 Protest 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.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 23, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : MIR-ACLE MAX B
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1745WA

Public Notice

Lease/Unit Acres : 637.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

Lease Lines : 290.0 F N L, 2365.0 F W L
Survey Lines : 290.0 F N L, 2365.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 500.0 F S L 2306.0 F E L
Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD
Section: 26 Block: 31 T2N
Abstract: 1061 Survey: T&P RR CO / MANION, R K
Lease Lines: 50.0 F S L 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 50.0 F S L 2307.0 F E L

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 9500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

#9644 December 21, 28, 2017 January 4, 11, 2018

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♥ A K 10 6
♦ Q J 3
♣ 5

WEST
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ Q 5 3 2
♠ 10 9 5
♣ K 7

EAST
♠ J 6
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ 7 4
♣ Q 9 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 3 2
♥ 8
♦ A K 8 6 2
♣ A J 10 8 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	

Opening lead — king of spades.

The power of a crossruff is shown in this hand where North undertook a slam despite the series of minimum bids South had made during the auction.

West led a spade, taken by dummy's ace. Declarer cashed the A-K of hearts, discarding his spade loser, and then embarked on a crossruff.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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SUDOKU

			9		2	1		
		2	4				5	
	4		3					
		3	2	5			8	6
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	9					7		
	8					5		
9								
	1	6			7		2	

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8	2	4	7	6	5	6	1	3
9	3	4	8	1	9	2	6	
7	6	3	4	8	1	9	2	6
1	6	5	3	2	9	4	8	7
5	4	7	9	3	8	1	6	2
3	1	2	6	4	7	8	9	5
9	8	6	1	5	2	3	7	4
2	7	8	5	1	3	6	4	9
6	5	9	8	7	4	2	3	1
4	3	1	2	6	9	7	5	8

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Uranus Says, 'Suit up for the Game'

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

In these first days of the Uranus change, it will help to remember that ideal circumstances don't exist in this polarized world. Light casts shadow, deliciousness creates appetite, pain creates need, and need creates bonds of unity. Instead of fantasizing about another place, settle into this game of contrast and symbiosis.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone who is out of touch with his or her own business will be overly involved with yours. This is beneficial to no one. Life will work better when the everyone takes responsibility for what is rightly theirs, nothing more, nothing less.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Honor the unsung helpers in your life. Anyone who makes you look good deserves your lavish praise and maybe a treat, too. Bonus: Your self-esteem gets a turbo charge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though you happen to be in a driven mood, you'll stay the course even if you know you will never achieve the glorious goal. The true reward is in who you become for having dared to dream. The prize is but a bonus.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You love to be around creative people like you, and ones who aren't like you, too. Sometimes very creative people say and do the wrong thing, but you offer a measure of leeway for this because they give you so much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not that you want people to go out of their way to serve you, but a little well-deserved special care would be nice. The human touch is a kindness you appreciate in whatever form it comes, metaphorically or physically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's something you could do better if you had formal instruction in it. The training will not be as difficult, time-consuming or costly as you think it will be. Look into it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because you're so alive to the possibilities of life, staying on course will be a challenge. Your interactions may feel unfocused, yet there's

have to do with this shift of mind and lifestyle. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 44, 47, 12 and 6.

COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT ... EMPATHS. Yesterday brought the first 12 questions of this quiz, so check out the archives if you missed it.

How many of these questions do you answer yes to?

13. Have you been told that you "have an excellent eye"?

14. Have you been accused of being dramatic or overly emotional?

15. Do animals seem to be drawn to you?

16. Do people seek you out to share beautiful things because they know you appreciate what's gorgeous?

17. Are you sometimes reluctant to attend parties and other gatherings because socializing takes so much energy?

18. Do you seem to be more sensitive to pain than other people?

19. Do you have a discerning palate?

20. Do you find it extremely difficult to watch violent or frightening entertainment?

21. Have you been told that you "calm people down" or "bring a good energy"?

22. Does your sense of smell often bring visceral memories to you?

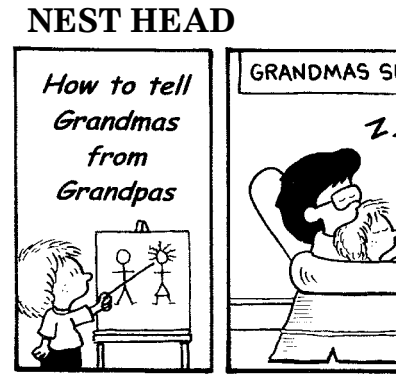
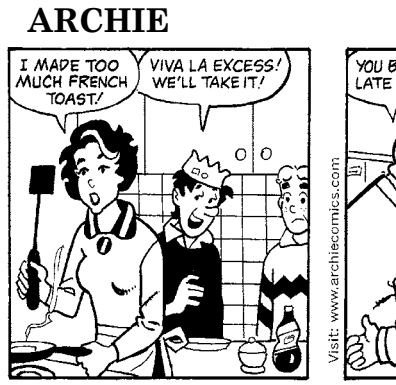
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6 :PM :30	Jeopardy! Wheel	Enamorán-dome	Big Bang Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Caso Cer-rado	News News	All About M:25	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Brooklyn Brooklyn	NCIS: New Orleans	College Basketball: Teams TBA.		College Football: San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	
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10 :PM :30	Local 2 Jimmy Kimmel Live	Impacto Noticiero	Mod Fam	CBS 7 Late Show-Colbert	Tele Titulares	News Tonight Show	Families Our Mess	Amanpour TBA	C. Burnett Rules	Seinfeld Seinfeld	Conan		SportsCenter	Basket NFL Live	Poker Stars In.	Law & Order: SVU	(:03) Inter-vention	Killing
11 :PM :30	Nightline	Contacto Deportivo	How I Met Two Men	James Corden	Sangre de mi tierra	Seth Meyers	A Prom	Newsline TBA	Tw. Zone Hitchcock	King/Hill		Inside the NBA			World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	(:03) Inter-vention	Interrogation Room
12 :AM :30	Extra Paid Prg.	Quiero Amarte	How I Met	Access	Señora Acero 4	Daily	The	(Off Air)	Mannix	Cops	Seinfeld	NBA Basket-ball: Warriors at Rockets	SportsCenter	Jalen E:60	Tennis	(12:01) Damnation	(12:03) 60 Days In	Killing Fields
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2018. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1868, "The Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins, considered by some the first full-length English detective novel, began to be serialized in Britain and the U.S. in All the Year Round and Harper's Weekly (it was published in book form in July 1868).

On this date: In 1717, France, Britain and Holland formed a Triple Alliance against Spain.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gonzalez v. Williams, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them citizens. (Puerto Ricans received U.S. citizenship in March 1917.)

In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, called for legislation to provide assistance for the jobless, elderly, impoverished children and the handicapped.

In 1943, for the second time, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin made the cover of TIME as the magazine's 1942 "Man of the Year."

In 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul (sohl).

In 1960, author and philosopher Albert Camus (al-BEHR' kah-MOO') died in an automobile accident in Villeblevin, France, at age 46.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson delivered his State of the Union address in which he outlined the goals of his "Great Society."

In 1967, "The Doors," the self-titled debut album of the rock group featuring the song "Light My Fire," was released by Elektra Records.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused

to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

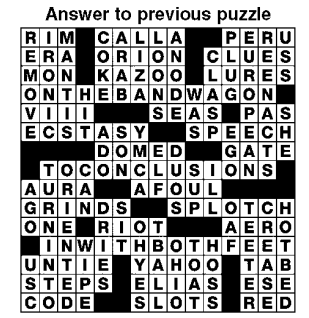
In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Maryland.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: The government reported that the nation's jobless rate hit 5 percent in December 2007, a two-year high, fanning recession fears. Britney Spears lost custody of her two sons to ex-husband Kevin Federline a day after police and paramedics were called to her home. Five years ago: The new Congress passed a \$9.7 billion bill to help pay flood insurance claims to homeowners, renters and businesses damaged by Superstorm Sandy. No. 10 Texas A&M beat No. 12 Oklahoma, 41-13, in the Cotton Bowl.

One year ago: President Barack Obama urged congressional Democrats to "look out for the American people" in defending his legacy health care overhaul, while Vice President-elect Mike Pence stood firm in telling Republicans that dismantling "Obamacare" was No. 1 on Donald Trump's list. Macy's said it was eliminating more than 10,000 jobs and planned to move forward with 68 store closures after a disappointing holiday shopping season.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Rush is 91. Football Hall of Fame coach Don Shula is 88. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 81. Actress Dyan Cannon is 79. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 75.



Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 63. Actress Ann Magnuson is 62. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 62. Country singer Patty Loveless is 61. Actor Julian Sands is 60. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 58. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 56. Actor Dave Foley is 55. Actress Dot

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Charitable gift
 - 5 Generic poodle name
 - 9 Latter-day "Toodlee-oo!"
 - 14 Unrattled
 - 15 Nation on the Arabian Sea
 - 16 In reserve
 - 17 Rather late lunch time
 - 19 Watch a TV series all day
 - 20 Situational tennis
 - 21 Did an airport screener's job
 - 22 Luau fare
 - 23 Org. for entrepreneurs
 - 24 Fumble in the dark
 - 28 Burrito seller on wheels
 - 34 Rio Grande city
 - 36 Overly easygoing
 - 37 Big Apple's Arthur Stadium
 - 38 Commando weapons
 - 39 Certain saline solution
 - 41 One-on-one contest
 - 42 Tugboat sound
 - 43 Movie-popcorn holder
 - 44 Shaped like fusilli pasta
 - 46 Cube inventor
 - 49 Prone to backtalk
 - 50 Pack animal
 - 51 Tabloid transport
 - 53 Hose attachment
 - 57 Stir-fry fare
 - 62 Uptrending shopping

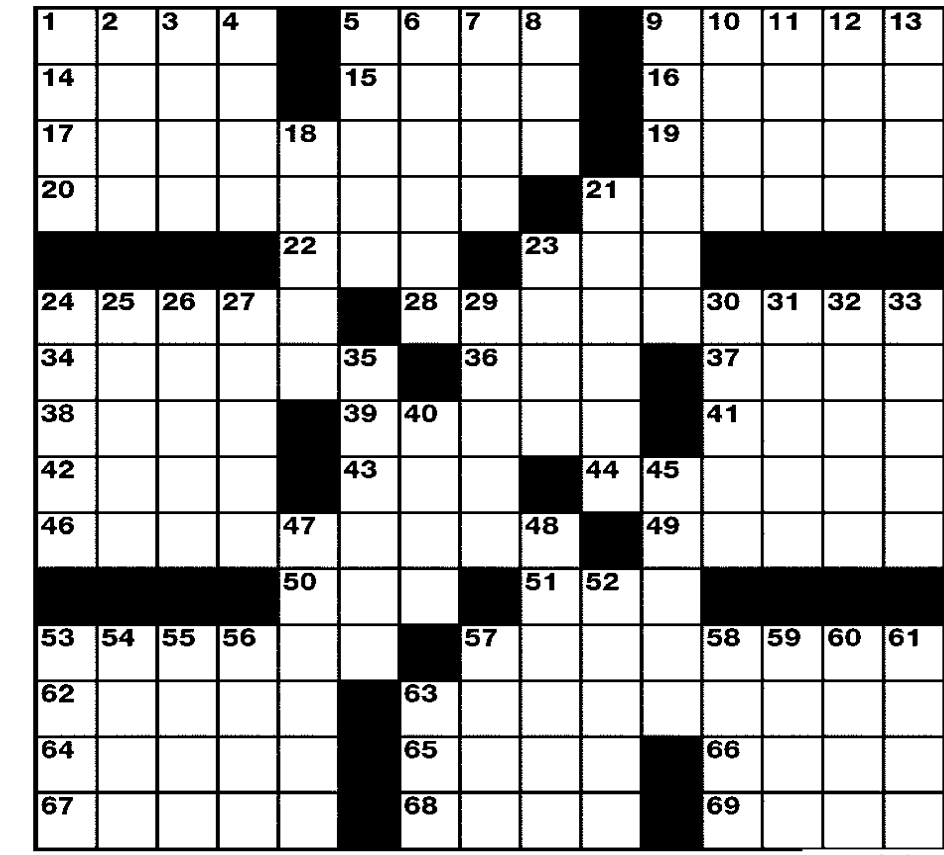
Jones is 54. Actor Rick Hearst is 53. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 53. Actress Julia Ormond is 53. Tennis player Guy Forget (ghee fohr-ZHAY') is 53. Country singer Deana Carter is 52. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 51. Actor Josh Stamberg is 48. Actor Jeremy Licht

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- DOWN**
- 1 Reaches a decision
 - 2 Actor Rob
 - 3 No longer worth discussing
 - 4 Spill (over)
 - 5 Four-page sheet
 - 6 "Leave that to me"
 - 7 Something proven
 - 8 Prepare, as a press
 - 9 On-the-move maze solver
 - 10 Where water buffalo roam
 - 11 Barely visible
 - 12 Head start
 - 13 Swamp grass
 - 18 Handled a hassle
 - 21 PlayStation alternatives
 - 23 Do an airport screener's job
 - 24 Muscle strengthened by squats
 - 25 Household blade
 - 26 Belted constellation
 - 27 Sauce with pine nuts
 - 29 Courtroom defense
 - 30 Rim-to-hub lines
 - 31 Take over by force
 - 32 A steal
 - 33 Pop singer Clarkson
 - 35 Thickheaded
 - 40 Rib-joint applications
 - 45 Agricultural equipment
 - 47 Public-road race
 - 48 Action-movie art
 - 52 Picks up, as a bill
 - 53 Cozy spot
 - 54 "Then again . . ." in texts
 - 55 Gray of westerns
 - 56 California wines, for short
 - 57 Hotel freebie
 - 58 Bake-sale orgs.
 - 59 German article
 - 60 Adapter designation
 - 61 Blue-bottle vodka brand
 - 63 Country club instructor



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Big Spring's Abel Clark takes a three point shot during the Steers' loss to Andrews at home in Steer Gym on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.



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Big Spring's Javone Ford blocks a shot during the Steers' loss to Andrews at home in Steer Gym on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

STEERS

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Spring senior, Jeremiah Cooley, dominated the glass and put up all of his nine points within the first five minutes of the game. Elijah Munoz and C.J. Harris backed him up with four points each. JaVone Ford closed the first quarter in dramatic fashion as he blocked an Andrews pass and took it down the court, but not before sinking a three-pointer as time expired to put the Steers at a 20-17 lead.

The second quarter started out a lot like the first, but the momentum took a shift when Andrews' Leach caught fire. He went off for a total of 12 points in the quarter. Along with three-pointers by Lopez, Noah Lujan, and Robbie Velazquez, the Mustangs outscored the Steers 21-13 and clawed their way to a 40-33 lead at the half.

While the first half was filled with excellent offense, tough defense, and minimal turnovers for both teams, the same could not be said of the Steers in the second half. The third quarter turned into a turnover fest for Big Spring, which allowed Andrews to jump ahead and lead by as much as 16 points. The Steers fought their way back down to a ten point deficit to kick off the fourth. While they were able to get a grip on their turnovers, they still couldn't get their shots to fall for the majority of the second half. Andrews did not have that problem up until later in the fourth quarter, where both teams weren't very productive. The Mustangs still managed to outscore the Steers 11-5 in the fourth to add on to their lead and seal themselves the 71-53 victory.

"I thought we played good for the first half, but we kind of let up a little bit in the second half. We had a rough fourth quarter. Shots still aren't falling for us right now, which we are still in the Christmas break and had that week off. It will come, it's just frustrating at times. We let one kind of get away from us today," said head boys basketball coach Kris Wise. "I'm not taking anything away from Andrews either. They played good. They hit lots of shots, they have good shooters and they hit. With that being said I think our defense is looking really good right now. We didn't press them a lot, which is kind of what we have been known for for the year so far, because we were kind of in a little bit of foul trouble. Some of the stuff that we normally do, we weren't able to do to them tonight like we would've liked to."

With the way these two teams were playing in the first half, you would have liked to see a better end result. Fouls eventually became a problem towards the end for the Steers, along with some very questionable calls from the referees, but that is the way it goes. The

Steers had multiple opportunities before those situations set in late in the game, but just couldn't overcome them.

Since Big Springs' last meeting with Andrews, which was a tough 89-68 Steer loss last month on December 12, 2017, Coach Hise has noticed improvements in multiple areas within his team.

"We have grown a lot. We are pushing the ball well, and that is a big thing. Our break is looking better and we were struggling with that at the beginning of the season. We have really learned to push the ball. We are still just committing some of the young kid mistakes with having three sophomores out there and having some juniors out there. It just happens, but we are cutting them down," said Hise. "We only had 12 turnovers tonight when we have been at 19-23, so that was nice to see. We are crashing the boards better, which C.J. was a big help with the boards tonight. We haven't really had a lot to get to see from C.J. He has played five games this year, so it will be nice to see what we have from him coming back from the break. It's nice to have everyone back, but it's just consistency. Having a consistent four quarters is the biggest thing."

C.J. Harris lead the Steers offensively as he scored 11 points for the game, followed by Jeremiah Cooley with nine, Jaidon Judington with 5, along with Munoz and Zephaniah Nelson with four a piece.

Leach who scored 26 points, and Lopez who racked up 25 points, cleared the victory path for the Mustangs. Behind them was Markeese Lawrence with six points and Noah Lujan with five.

With this win, Andrews improves to 15-5 on the season and remains on a hot streak, having won 12 of their last 13 games.

Big Spring falls to 3-16 on the season as they continue to gear up and get ready for district play, which kicks off on January 12, 2018.

Up next, the Steers will host Fort Stockton in a non-district basketball game this Friday, January 5 in Steer Gym at 5:00 p.m.

"Right now it's mostly just learning to keep the guys in front of us and not letting them have easy lay ups on transition, especially after we score. We have to be able to turn around and play defense.

Ft. Stockton has been a problem for us here. We have played them already and they have three 6'4 kids. They dominated us on the board," said His. "We didn't have our full team when we last played them, and haven't had them but for only four games this season. It's going to be nice to have everybody back. This was our fourth game with everybody back so it will only get better. We just want to make sure that by next Friday we are playing at the top of our abilities to make a run in district and to see what we can do in the playoffs."

BUFFS

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a little chip on our shoulder but we were able to put forth a good effort and it showed on the score board. We were able to outrun

them and keep them down while putting a lot of points on the board. We also had 25 assists, so that is a good thing. 25 assists on 32 baskets is a pretty good stat right there."

Up Next, Forsan will host district opponent Irion County on

Friday, January 5 at 8:00 p.m.

"The other undefeated team in our district here at home on Friday, so we're hoping that will be a good match up. We get them here at home, so I hope we take care of business, get a lead in the district and give everybody a loss."

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