

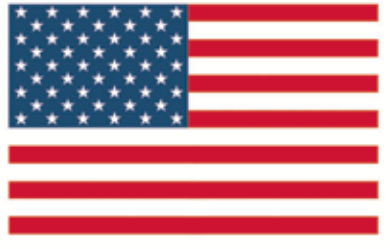
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BSISD hires superintendent's son, Cannon McWilliams, as new head football coach

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**
 Managing Editor



Cannon McWilliams

On Tuesday afternoon, an announcement from Big Spring Independent School District was made stating that Cannon McWilliams, the previous defensive coordinator and son of Superintendent Jay McWilliams, has been named the new head football coach of the Big Spring Steers. The following is a press release received by the Herald on Tuesday from the high school stating the announcement:

"The Big Spring Independent School District is pleased to announce its new head football coach will be Mr. Cannon McWilliams. Coach McWilliams' performance in the classroom and on the field of athletic competition over the last two years is admirable. His commitment to our students and student athletes is of the highest standard," said a press release from BSIS Principal and Athletic Director Mike Ritchey. "We are confident our athletes, students, staff and the community of Big Spring will be proud to have Coach McWilliams leading our football program and reinforcing our athletic mission of building character through hard work and accountability, both on and off the field."

According to the press release, Coach McWilliams will also serve as the district's strength

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BSISD early release notice

This Friday, December 21, all BSISD schools will have an early dismissal. Dismissal times are as follows:

- 11:30 a.m. – Kentwood
- 12:00 p.m. – Marcy, Washington, Moss, Goliad and Anderson
- 12:30 p.m. – Big Spring Intermediate, Big Spring Junior High and Big Spring High School

For any additional information regarding early releases, please contact any of the schools listed above.

BSPD welcomes three new recruits

Courtesy photos

On Tuesday morning, Chief Williams of Big Spring Police Department swore in three new officers. The new recruits include: Peter Horton (top right), Alicia Hernandez (bottom left) and Ronald Warembourg (bottom right). The three new officers graduated the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy on Thursday, December 13 of 2018 and will start their six-month field training program next Monday. Congratulations, Peter, Alicia and Ronald! Big Spring will be safer with you on the streets.



Amphitheater Improvement Board meets, hails progress on project

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Amphitheater Improvement Board met Tuesday at the Big Spring Visitors Center to discuss plans for funding and designs of upgrades to the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Shown (clockwise from lower left) are Jonathan Pruessner and Kelly Cook, both of KDC Associates, the architectural design firm working on the project; and board members Debbie Wegman, Barney Ford, Debbye ValVerde, David Forte, Hayley Herrera, and Terri Telchik.

Members of Big Spring's Amphitheater Improvement Board met with architect Kelly Cook Tuesday at the Big Spring Visitor's Center, where they discussed funding options for the project and pored over initial design plans for the improvement's three phases.

"I think we have a viable set of plans, we have a budget that is within reach," Cook said. "What we're seeing now is the need for some funding to get us over the final hump to be able to move forward. There's still some hope out there that some groups, some companies, some individuals might step forward and help out a little bit, and get us over

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BSOA fourth annual Operation Santa Paws



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are Boy Scouts of America troop members at a previous Operation Santa Paws standing next to their many donations. From left to right: David Tidwell, Star Scout Troop 5; Gary Tidwell, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 5; Rodney Partridge, Scoutmaster Troop 5; Michelle Patridge, Committee Member Troop 5; and Jennifer Walters, Director at Happy Day Humane Society.

By **ANNA GUTIERREZ**
 Staff Writer

Local troops of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting the fourth annual Operation Santa Paws on Saturday, December 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Big Spring Tractor Supply. Operation Santa Paws is a one

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Santa making final stop at Festival of Lights this weekend

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus Lane. Okay, well maybe not Santa Claus Lane, but for one last weekend before Christmas, boys and girls will get another chance to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The duo will be visiting guests of the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Gift Shop for a final time just before he heads back to the North Pole to finish his Christmas duties.

"Santa and Mrs. Claus will be inside the Gift Shop at the Comanche Festival of Lights," said Vickie Stewart, who is a member

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown

Jayden says "Only 6 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Jayden Green, Grandson of Sandra Green, Ad Designer)

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Obituaries

Jim Baum



Jim Baum, 82, The Voice of Mitchell County and the Mayor of Colorado City went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday Dec. 16, 2018.

Jim was born on Sept. 25, 1936, in Des Moines Iowa to James Leroy and Edith Maureen Van Buskirk Baum.

Jim was a hard-working man who took pride in his love for family and his love for his community. Jim graduated from high-school in 1954 in Abilene. He had spent a couple of years in the National Guard after he had graduated serving his country and doing his part.

Baseball was a big part of Jim's life in his early 20's he played in the Pittsburg Pirate's farm league for two years in 1956 and 1957 for three teams. After his time playing ball Jim came back to Texas and worked for KCRS Radio Station where he found his life-long love for radio. He managed KBYG in Big Spring for 17 years before he bought KVMC radio in Colorado City in 1980 becoming the man known as the voice of Mitchell County. He was loved so much by his community that the city elected him Mayor and he had become the longest term mayor of Colorado City

Jim was also a family man; he married his first wife Miss Margaret Stewart on May 14, 1960. Together they had 4 children, and spent 30 years married until her passing in 1990. After that Jim met his second wife Miss Linda Sample whom he married on Feb. 14, 1992, the two of them spent many years together enriching each other's lives, caring for one another, taking care of the radio station and taking in rescue dogs. Jim also had a passion for collecting baseball cards, he would spend hours

sorting them out and filing each one as he saw fit. He also enjoyed the Texas Rangers, the Dallas Cowboys, and a good running Ford Mustang, not to mention his local sports teams who he kept thorough track of.

Jim enriched many lives through the years through the many interviews he did on the radio and his segment Community Close-up, a segment that when you were asked to be on you knew you were special to him. His warm smile, humble spirit and great radio voice will be missed by not only those that loved him but by a whole community.

Jim is survived by his wife Linda Baum of Colorado City, his three sons Jim S. Baum of Andrews, Bill Baum and wife Sharon of Lindale, and Doug Baum and wife Trish of Valley Mills, and by his daughter Laura White and husband Craig of Albuquerque New Mexico.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Richard, Nicole, Bailey, Graham, Grace, Kate, Vanessa, Delany, and Pecos, as well as by his beloved rescue dogs and fur babies

A funeral service for Jim will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 22nd at 11 a.m. with Rev. Donald Ward officiating and Tim Lelek, John Martinez, Tim Womack, Tom Carlock, Graham White, and Pecos Baum acting as official Pall-Bearers.

The family will be present for a visitation from 5-7 p.m. at Kiker Seale Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 21st.

In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to Pets needing Parents Rescue in Colorado City, the Heart of West Texas Museum, or to the American Cancer Society.

Those wishing may share a memory by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Paid Obituary

Laverne Wegman Barr



Laverne Wegman Barr, 93, of Midland, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at her residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Don Rosentreter officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include three children, Terry Wegman and wife,

Debbie of Big Spring, Cindy Stevenson and husband, Mark of Katy, and Tim Wegman of Midland; one step-daughter, Theodora Rocke and husband, Ken of Cypress, California; four grandchildren; six great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Jimmy N. Marshall.

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

Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BERTHA MUNOZ RUBIO**, 47, of 105 E 24th St., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **CHELSEA SAWYER**, 24, of 1501 Lincoln Ave., was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 38, of 1410 E 11th Place, was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ADRIAN PEREZ**, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **VINCENTE INFRAIN ALVARADO**, 38, of 1603 Cardinal, was arrested on warrants of driving while license invalid, and on failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JESSICA MICHELLE DOTSON**, 33, of 902 Boston, Brady, was arrested on charges of display fictitious motor vehicle, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, of 7206 S Service Rd., was arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and on wrong, fictitious, altered, obscured.
- **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 37, of 1300 Virginia Ave., was arrested on a warrant of burglary of habi-

tation.

- **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 25, of 1207 Frazier St., was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Ave., and in the 1300 block of Mesquite St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4800 block of W Hwy 80.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 4th and Owens, and on MLK and Alyesford.
- **BURLGARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of S Main St.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 73 inmates at the time of this report.

- **VINCENTE INFRAIN ALVARADO**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, and on failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JESSICA MICHELLE DOTSON**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on charges of display fictitious

motor vehicle, and possession of controlled substance less than one gram.

- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, and on wrong, fictitious, altered, obscured.
- **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 25, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle.
- **ADRIAN PEREZ**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **BERTHA MUNOZ RUBIO**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **CHELSEA SAWYER**, 24, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of evading arrest detention wit vehicle.
- **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of burglary of habitation.
- **DALTON WILL WHITE**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on charges of assault family violence, and on resist arrest search or transport.

Take Note

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you. Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

Laura "Pat" Nichols

Laura "Pat" Nichols, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Billy Wayne Mills



Billy Wayne Mills, 65, of Big Spring, Texas, formerly of Sundown, Texas, passed away on Dec. 13, 2018, in Big Spring. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, from noon to 1:45 p.m. at George Price Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. at George Price Funeral Home Chapel, with interment to follow at Sundown Cemetery. Bil-

ly was born on Nov. 27, 1953, in Taylor, Texas, to James and Novie (Blackwell) Mills. His working career consisted of many years in construction and oil field positions. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife Kim; two brothers, Terry and Johnny; and one stepson Dusty Carpenter. Those left to cherish his memory are his sons Aaron; Cody; Chris; four brothers; two sisters; and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Services are under the compassionate care of George Price Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.georgepricefuneralhome.com.

Paid Obituary

Delmar Leland "Del" Hartin

Delmar Leland "Del" Hartin, 83, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Delmar Leland Hartin, born Feb. 18, 1935, Big Spring, to Elzie Emmett Hartin, and, Rudie Mae Ferrell Hartin.

He is survived by two nephews, Marty Northcutt of Irving and Mark Northcutt of The Colony.

He is preceded in death by two older brothers died very young, other siblings deceased, Weldon Hartin, Elton Hartin, Violet Hartin Northcutt, Arlene Hartin and Viron Hartin,

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

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Morrison. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9 block of Village Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Clanton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7000 block of Kyle Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on N Hwy 87 and FM 1584. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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that last 15 to 20 percent, and financially, we'll be there."

The project, designed to bring more activity to the 80-year-old Public Works Administration-built amphitheater, plans to add a roof over the theater's stage, a green room for acts to dress and relax in when offstage, and additional fencing around the venue. In addition, the group plans to bring the facility into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, granting easier access to people with disabilities.

"The idea is to make it where it's a viable venue," said Board President Barney Dodd. "It's one of the largest amphitheaters in Texas, and it's sitting there and nobody uses it. We need a roof on the stage. That's the first thing."

Dodd recently posted to Facebook an artist's rendition of what the stage could look like after the project is complete. While there were many positive comments, there were also a few criticisms that columns supporting the roof over the stage could block sight lines to the show. Cook said the criticism is potentially valid, and will be taken into account in the final design.

"We intentionally put that stuff out there on social media to see what kind of reaction we'll get," he said. "That's almost our entire reason for doing that. You will have some people, regardless of who they are, that will vote against rain. But overall you start seeing a theme of pros and cons, and we really take notice. We don't pay that much attention to the pros; we really take notice of the cons because a lot of them have very viable comments and concerns. We want to make sure that we address those as much as possible. So we're making the plans as flexible as possible so that some of these decisions could be made that at the last minute. But it's very important for us to make sure we keep an ear to everybody that's out there in the general public."

Cook said that the next step is to secure the last of the funding needed for the project. "I think we're going to see exactly how the bids get structured. See if we can obtain the final amount that we need to take us over the top, and then I think we're there, at least for the first phase," he said. "I don't see any reason right now, if we can get some additional funding in, I don't see a reason why this project couldn't be going in here in early 2019; and if we get the funding that we hoped we could get from some groups and individuals, potentially we could have this project built in its entirety by the end of 2019."

Dodd expressed excitement about the progress that's been made on the project. "You know, it's really great to see that this project is moving forward," he said. "It went from an idea to something that's actually concrete. To see the drawings down, and see that were actually moving forward much sooner than I ever expected it to be. The support that we've gotten from the community... of course people have complaints and there always are, and we'll always try to listen to what everybody has to say. But to see it actually come to the point we're ready to move...we're ready pull the trigger... and it's exciting!"

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT'S NEXT FOR SWEEPING CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL

After the Senate passes a sweeping criminal justice bill, it heads to the House for approval, then to President Donald Trump for his signature. It addresses concerns that the U.S. war on drugs has led to the imprisonment of too many Americans for non-violent crimes without adequately preparing them for their return to society.

2. WHY DAYS OF IMPASSE OVER FUNDING FOR U.S. BORDER WALL APPEAR TO HAVE ENDED

President Donald Trump appears to back off his demand for \$5 billion to build a border wall, signaling he might be open to a deal that would avoid a partial government shutdown.



Donald Trump

3. WHERE CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 10 FIGHT, KILL AND DIE

An AP investigation finds that thousands of children have been recruited by Yemen's Houthis rebels to fight in the country's civil war. Boys describe being thrown into the heat of battle, amid bombardment and airstrikes, watching friends die.

4. YEMENI MOM WINS FIGHT TO FLY TO US TO GIVE DYING SON KISS

After a yearlong legal battle, a Yemeni mother will get to come to the U.S. to give her dying son one last kiss. Citizens from Yemen are restricted from coming to the United States under the travel ban enacted under President Trump.

5. WHAT A FEDERAL JUDGE TOLD EX-TRUMP

AIDE AT HIS SENTENCING

A federal judge who described himself as disgusted by Michael Flynn's behavior upended a straightforward sentencing hearing, postponing punishment for Trump's first national security adviser and telling him in a stinging rebuke, "Arguably you sold your country out."

6. HOW ELON MUSK UNVEILED UNDERGROUND TUNNEL

The tech entrepreneur allowed reporters and VIPs to take some of the first rides in the subterranean tube. They boarded a Tesla Model S, were driven to the test station in Los Angeles, lowered into the tunnel and zipped through.

7. US REVIEWS REPORT OF IMPORTS FROM FORCED LABOR IN CHINA CAMP

The U.S. government is reviewing an AP report of forced labor at a Chinese internment camp where ethnic minorities are sewing clothes that have been shipped to the U.S. market.

8. CONSUMER GROUPS ALLEGE GOOGLE MISLEADS KIDS IN FTC COMPLAINT

Nearly two dozen consumer, privacy and public health groups are urging U.S. regulators to investigate whether children are being endangered by deceptive apps in Google's app store for smartphones running on its Android software.

9. HOW MANY JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED WORLDWIDE SO FAR IN 2018

The number of journalists killed worldwide in retaliation for their work nearly doubled this year at least 53, according to an annual report by the Committee to Protect Journalists.

10. HOW 'LAVERNE' ROLE GAVE MARSHALL SPRINGBOARD TO HISTORIC CAREER

Actress-director Penny Marshall rose to fame as one of the stars of the television hit "Laverne & Shirley" and then broke into the male-dominated film business. She died at age 75.

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of the Festival of Lights Committee. "Bring your kid or kids out one last time this weekend to see the big guy in red on Dec. 21, 22, and 23, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m."

Stewart also stated that this is a chance to shop for all kinds of unique Big Spring memorabilia for any last minute Christmas gifts or keepsakes at the Gift Shop, as well as the popular Christmas glasses that turn every light at the Festival of Lights into more of a Christmas Wonderland.

Santa Claus, lighted poinsettias arranged around and reflecting from the waters of the historic Comanche Trail Lake, Candy Cane Lane, and so much more will all

be open to public this weekend.

"The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights is a place that fills guests and their children with Christmas spirit and pride in their community," said Stewart. "We always have hundreds of people who come to see the lights at Comanche. We get visitors from across Texas, and even visitors from out of State." The Festival of Lights, as well as visiting with Santa inside the Gift Shop, is all free to the public.

"We are always free to everyone who wants to come visit, although the Festival of Lights is not free to put on," said Stewart. "We are a non-profit organization and survive by donations. Not only do the donations we receive pay for the 12 electric poles we use at the park to run the lights, but we are also in the process in switching all the old lights to LEDs. You can already tell a huge difference on the ones we have changed. The lights are brighter and much more colorful."

For 22 years, the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights has gotten bigger and better, making Christmas time around Big Spring a very special time of year, not only for residents, but also for anyone who comes to visit or happens to drive down 87 in the evening and sees just a beautiful fraction of what the Festival of Lights is all about.

"We never stop working on it, and everyday we do a little more," said Stewart. "Come out and see Santa and the Festival of Lights. We are open until Tuesday, Dec. 25, so you only have about a week to come see all the amazing Christmas splendor in the Festival of Lights."

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day donation and adoption event benefitting Happy Day Humane Society.

"With all of the focus on the hustle and bustle of the season, it is often the less fortunate four-legged members of our community that get overlooked," Gary Tidwell, Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 5, said. "The community has really pulled through in the past. Over 1900 pounds of dog food, cat food and treats were donated last year, almost twice as much as the year before. We once again call upon the generosity of the people of Big Spring and the surrounding areas to help us bless our furry friends at Happy Day Humane Society."

What are some of the things you can donate? Food, toys,

blankets and cleaning supplies are always in demand, and cash donations are always accepted and appreciated. If you are unable to donate at this time, please consider volunteering to walk a dog as you schedule permits. Sometimes, the most important thing to give to our furry friends is time and love.

"While Operation Santa Paws is scheduled as a one day event, the need exists throughout the year," said Tidwell. "If you are interested in giving at any time, please contact Happy Day Humane Society at 432-267-7832."

For more information regarding this event or if you would like to volunteer, please call Gary Tidwell at 432-213-2321.

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and conditioning coordinator in addition to being the head football coach.

"This will allow him to apply his knowledge and experiences in this field to impact both future and current Lady Steers and Steers," said Richey.

McWilliams now replaces Mitch McLemore, who was reassigned to an administrative position at Big Spring Intermediate School on Nov. 27, 2018. McLemore led Big Spring as the head coach and Athletic Director for two seasons with a overall 3-19 record. Big Spring won its first playoff game this year since the 2014 season, just 11 days before McLemore was reassigned.

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Felipe "Israel" O'Guin, 20, passed away Saturday. Services are pending.

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Funding government without border wall appears back on table



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., joined by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., left, and Majority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, right, arrives to speak to reporters about the possibility of a partial government shutdown, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018.

By LISA MASCARO, MATTHEW DALY and CATHERINE LUCEY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump appeared to back off his demand for \$5 billion to build a border wall, signaling for the first time that he might be open to a deal that would avoid a partial government shutdown.

The White House set the tone Tuesday when press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders indicated that Trump doesn't want to shut down the government, though just last week he said he'd be "proud" to do so. The president would consider other options and the administration was looking at ways to find the money elsewhere, Sanders said.

It was a turnaround after days of impasse. Without a resolution, more than 800,000 government workers could be furloughed or sent to work without pay beginning at midnight Friday, disrupting government operations days before Christmas.

One option that has been circulating on Capitol Hill would be to simply approve government funding at existing levels, without a boost for the border, as a stopgap measure to kick the issue into the new Congress next month. The chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., confirmed late Tuesday his office was preparing legislation to keep government funded, likely into February. The White House preference was for a longer-term package, although the conversation remained fluid and Trump has been known to quickly change course, said a person familiar with

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Trump says he's eager to sign sweeping criminal justice bill

By KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a sweeping criminal justice bill Tuesday that addresses concerns that the nation's war on drugs had led to the imprisonment of too many Americans for non-violent crimes without adequately preparing them for their return to society.

Senate passage of the bill by a vote of 87-12 culminates years of negotiations and gives President Donald Trump a signature policy victory, with the outcome hailed by scores of conservative and liberal advocacy groups. The House is expected to pass the bill this week, sending it to the president's desk for his signature.

The bill gives judges more discretion when sentencing some drug offenders and boosts prisoner rehabilitation efforts. It also reduces the life sentence for some drug offenders with three convictions, or "three strikes,"



AP photo

The U.S. Capitol Building Dome is seen before the sun rises in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018.

to 25 years. Another provision would allow about 2,600 federal prisoners sentenced for crack cocaine offenses before August 2010 the opportunity to petition for a reduced penalty.

"America is the greatest Country in the world and my job is

to fight for ALL citizens, even those who have made mistakes," Trump tweeted moments after the vote.

"This will keep our communities safer, and provide hope and a

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In farewell, Ryan sees solutions if 'politics will allow it'

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outgoing House Speaker Paul Ryan is bemoaning America's "broken politics" in a farewell speech in which he calls Washington's failure to overhaul costly federal benefit programs "our greatest unfinished business."

"Our complex problems are solvable," Ryan says in excerpts of remarks he plans to deliver Wednesday at the Library of Congress, across the street from a Capitol where he's served two decades in the House, the last three years as speaker. "That is to say, our problems are solvable if our politics will allow it."

The Wisconsin Republican's



AP photo

In this Nov. 29, 2018, file photo, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., listens during a reception to unveil his portrait on Capitol Hill in Washington.

address, which touts achievements and admits shortcomings, comes as the window closes on a tumultuous two years of GOP control of government dominated by President Donald Trump. It also comes six weeks after an Election Day that saw Democrats capture House control, which begins Jan. 3.

Under Ryan, Congress approved the biggest tax cuts in decades, boosted defense spending and rolled back regulations protecting clean air and water adopted by former President Barack Obama. But annual federal deficits are surging, Medicare and other

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Stock market woes raise a nagging fear: Is a recession near?

By JOSH ROAK

AP Economics Writer

BALTIMORE — Fears of a recession have been mounting with the U.S. stock market appearing to be headed for its worst December since 1931 — during the Great Depression.

Wall Street's sustained slump has been fueled by investor concerns about lower corporate profits, higher corporate debt, a festering trade war between the United States and China and a broader global slowdown.

So is a U.S. recession imminent?

Not necessarily.

Plenty of economic gauges suggest that far

from being derailed by a stock market that's set to suffer its first annual loss in a decade, the \$20 trillion U.S. economy is barreling forward. Employers are hiring, consumers are spending ahead of the holidays and economic growth has been brisk, thanks in part to President Donald Trump's deficit-financed tax cuts.

But the economy has been growing since mid-2009 and nothing — not even what's become the second-longest U.S. expansion on record — lasts forever. As the expansion has aged, economists and business leaders are increasingly predicting that it will

end within the next two years.

The fact is that recessions are a regular part of the economic cycle. A downturn won't necessarily happen in 2019. But the free-fall in stock prices could hasten the day. Tuesday's slight gain — the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 82 points, or 0.4 percent, after having lost over 1,000 over the previous two days — was barely a respite.

"While we aren't explicitly forecasting a recession next year, we wouldn't rule out a mild one," said John Higgins, chief markets

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COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Holiday Blues: A feeling of disappointment, depression, anxiety and dread that lasts through the holidays! Following are some tips to assist you or your loved one in coping with the holidays.

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- **Seek Support** - Visit with people, call family or friends and get involved. Don't be a martyr.
- **Be Realistic** - Don't set yourself up with the expectations of "The Family Traditions."
- **Set Differences Aside** - Try to accept family members as they are, even if they don't live up to your expectations.
- **Stick to a Budget** - Do not set yourself up with a huge debt.
- **Plan Ahead** - Schedule times for shopping, baking and gatherings to not overload yourself.
- **Learn to say NO!** - Believe it or not, people will understand. Say yes to only things you want to do.
- **Take Time to Yourself** - Take a breather and relax.

- **Don't Abandon Healthy Habits** - Eat right, sleep and exercise.
- **Rethink Perfection** - Life is not a "Hallmark" card. Accept imperfections in others and yourself.
- **Rethink Resolutions** - Set realistic goals and choose resolutions that make you feel valuable.
- **Seek Professional Help if you Need it** - Despite your best efforts, you may be depressed.



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the negotiations but not authorized to discuss them by name.

"We want to know what can pass," Sanders said at a press briefing. "Once they make a decision and they put something on the table, we'll make a determination on whether we'll move forward."

She also said the president "has asked every agency to look and see if they have money that can be used."

The turn of events kick-started negotiations that had been almost nonexistent since last week's televised meeting at the White House, when Trump neither accepted nor rejected the Democrats' offer. They had proposed keeping funding at current levels of \$1.3 billion for border security fencing and other improvements, but not for the wall.

The Senate's top Republican and Democratic leaders began negotiating new proposals and talks were expected to continue.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he was confident there would not be a government shutdown. McConnell said a stopgap measure could be approved, though he suggested that House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who is poised to become House speaker when the Democrats take control Jan. 3, would not want to saddle the new year with a budget brawl.

"If I were in her shoes, I would rather not be dealing with this year's business next year," McConnell said.

Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have made it clear they are not interested in funding Trump's border wall.

During a meeting earlier Tuesday on Capitol Hill, McConnell had proposed \$1.6 billion for border fencing, as outlined in a bipartisan Senate bill, plus an additional \$1 billion that Trump could use on the border, according to a senior Democratic aide unauthorized to speak about the private meeting.

Democratic leaders immediately spurned the proposal. Schumer called McConnell to reject it.

"We cannot accept the offer they made of a billion-dollar slush fund for the president to implement his very wrong immigration policies," Pelosi told reporters. "So that won't happen."

Democrats also rejected the administration's idea of shifting money from other accounts to pay for Trump's wall. Schumer said there will be no wall money, "plain and simple."

Pelosi will probably be able to quickly approve a longer-term measure to keep government running in the new year. She called it a "good sign" that the White House appeared to be backing off its

demands.

The White House showed its willingness to budge as it became apparent the president does not have support in Congress for funding the wall at the \$5 billion level. Sanders said Tuesday there are "other ways" to secure the funding.

"At the end of the day, we don't want to shut down the government," Sanders said on Fox News Channel. "We want to shut down the border from illegal immigration."

Sanders pointed to the Senate's bipartisan appropriation measure for the Department of Homeland Security, which provides \$26 billion, including \$1.6 billion for fencing and other barriers. It was approved by the committee in summer on a bipartisan vote.

"That's something that we would be able to support," she said, as long as it's coupled with other funding.

But House Democrats largely reject the Senate's bill because it includes 65 miles of additional fencing along the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

Trump had campaigned on the promise that Mexico would pay for the wall. Mexico has refused.

It's unclear how many House Republicans, with just a few weeks left in the majority before relinquishing power to House Democrats, will even show up midweek for possible votes. Many Republicans say it's up to Trump and Democrats to cut a deal.

The standoff dispute could affect nine of 15 Cabinet-level departments and dozens of agencies, including the departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Interior, Agriculture, State and Justice, as well as national parks and forests.

Shelby expected the stopgap measure, which would cover the seven appropriation bills for those departments, would pass. "Who would want to shut the government down?" he said.

Congress did pass legislation to fund much of the government through the fiscal year, until Oct. 1. But a partial shutdown would occur at midnight Friday on the remaining one-fourth of the government.

About half the workers would be forced to continue working without immediate pay. Others would be sent home. Congress often approves their pay retroactively, even if they were ordered to stay home.

Many agencies, including the Pentagon and the departments of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services, are already funded for the year and will continue to operate as usual. The U.S. Postal Service, busy delivering packages for the holiday season, wouldn't be affected by any government shutdown because it's an independent agency.

Trump Foundation reaches deal to dissolve amid lawsuit

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's charitable foundation reached a deal Tuesday to go out of business, even as Trump continues to fight allegations he misused its assets to resolve business disputes and boost his run for the White House.

New York's attorney general and lawyers for the Trump Foundation agreed on a court-supervised process for shutting down the charity and distributing about \$1.7 million in remaining funds to other nonprofit groups.

The agreement resolved one part of the legal drama surrounding Trump, whose campaign, transition, inauguration and real estate empire are all under investigation.

Attorney General Barbara Underwood's lawsuit alleging Trump and his family illegally operated the foundation as an extension of his businesses and his presidential campaign will continue.

The lawsuit, filed last spring, seeks \$2.8 million in restitution and a 10-year ban on Trump and his three eldest children — Donald Jr., Eric and Ivanka — from running any charities in New York.

In a statement Tuesday, Underwood cited "a shocking pattern of illegality involving the Trump Foundation — including unlawful coordination with the Trump presidential campaign, repeated and will-

ful self-dealing, and much more."

The foundation operated as "little more than a checkbook to serve Mr. Trump's business and political interests," she said.

Lawyers for the foundation have said any infractions were minor.

Trump pledged to dissolve the three-decade-old foundation and donate its funds to charity after his 2016 election, but that was only after it found itself under investigation in New York state. The attorney general's office said it would have been "unacceptable" to let the foundation fold without close supervision from a judge.

Trump Foundation lawyer Alan Futerfas said the nonprofit has distributed approximately \$19 million over the past decade, including \$8.25 million of the president's own money, to hundreds of charitable organizations.

The agreement was reached after a New York judge last month rejected arguments from the foundation's lawyers that the lawsuit was politically motivated and should be thrown out.

Once the judge approves the deal to dissolve the charity, the two sides will have 30 days to provide her with a list of nonprofit organizations that should get the remaining funds. Each charity will get the same amount, and the attorney general's office will have the right to reject ones it deems unfit to receive funds.

In her lawsuit, Underwood alleged that Trump used the foundation to help bolster his campaign by giving out big grants of other's people money to veterans organizations during the run-up to the Iowa caucuses, the first presidential nominating contest of 2016.

Trump was also accused of directing that \$100,000 in foundation money be used to settle legal claims over an 80-foot flagpole he had built at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, instead of paying the expense out of his own pocket.

In addition, the foundation paid \$158,000 to resolve a lawsuit over a prize for a hole-in-one contest at a Trump-owned golf course; \$10,000 to buy a 6-foot (1.8-meter) portrait of Trump at a charity auction; and \$5,000 for ads promoting Trump's hotels in the programs for charitable events.

Underwood sued the Trump Foundation after taking over for fellow Democrat Eric Schneiderman, who resigned in May amid allegations he abused women. Schneiderman started investigating the foundation in 2016 and ordered it to stop fundraising in New York after The Washington Post reported that some of its spending personally benefited the presidential candidate.

Underwood has referred her office's findings to the IRS and the Federal Election Commission. Those agencies have not commented on the matter.

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second chance, to those who earn it. In addition to everything else, billions of dollars will be saved. I look forward to signing this into law!" Trump added.

The vote also thrilled Democrats. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., said the nation's prisons are full of Americans who are struggling with mental illness and addiction, and who are overwhelmingly poor. He said the nation's criminal justice system "feeds on certain communities and not on others," and said the bill represents a step toward "healing" for those communities.

"Let's make no mistake, this legislation, which is one small step, will affect thousands and thousands of lives," Booker said.

When the bill appeared to have stalled in recent weeks, Sen. Charles Grassley, the Republican chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, pleaded with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to bring it up for a vote. With Trump's urging, McConnell eventually agreed, and voted for the bill as well.

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our criminal justice system," Grassley said.

The Senate turned back three amendments Tuesday from Republican senators Tom Cotton of Arkansas and John Kennedy of Louisiana, who said the bill endangered public safety. Supporters voiced concerns that passing any of the amendments would have sunk the bill.

One amendment would have excluded more prisoners from participating in educational and training programs that allow them to earn credits. Those credits can then be used to gain an earlier release to a halfway house or home confinement to finish out their sentence. Another amendment would have required that victims be notified before a prisoner gets that earlier release. The third would have required the Federal Bureau of Prisons to track and report the re-arrest rate for each prisoner who gets early release.

"While the bill has marginally improved from earlier versions, I'm disappointed my amendments to exclude child molesters from early release and to protect victims' rights were not adopted," Cotton said. "I also remain concerned that reducing sentences for drug traffickers and violent felons is a threat to public safety."

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expensive entitlement programs are growing and a top GOP priority — scuttling Obama's health care law — has crashed.

Providing chaotic background music for Ryan's departure, Congress in its closing days was mired in a struggle to avoid a partial government shutdown as Trump clashes with Democrats over his demand for taxpayer money to build a border wall with Mexico.

In excerpts provided to The Associated Press, Ryan calls the House "the most productive we have had in a generation," citing passage of more than 1,000 bills, though most were minor. He predicts that the failed GOP effort to repeal and rewrite Obama's health care law will be the framework for an ultimate solution, and said the party's fruitless attempts to revamp immigration laws — both the House and Senate rejected bills — came closer than people realize.

"We have taken on some of the biggest challenges of our time, and made a great and lasting difference in the trajectory of this country," he said.

Yet his comments also underscore some of the GOP's recent failures.

Ryan, 48, acknowledges he never achieved two longtime policy dreams — reining spending by the government's huge entitlement programs and controlling the enormous and growing national debt. Thanks partly to the 10-year, \$1.5 trillion tax cut Republicans enacted last year, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates a record \$12.4 trillion accumulated federal deficits for the coming decade.

"I acknowledge plainly that my ambitions for entitlement reform have outpaced the political reality and I consider this our greatest unfinished business," he says.

While the House-passed health care bill would have culled savings from Medicaid and other programs, the effort died in the GOP-run Senate, killed by solid Democratic opposition and a handful of Republican opponents.

"Ultimately, solving this problem will require a greater degree of political will than exists today. I regret that," Ryan says.

Ryan was first elected to Congress in 1998 and became a leader of Republicans trying to shrink government. As chairman of the House Budget Committee, he wrote spending plans that envisioned squeezing savings from popular benefit programs like Medicare and eliminating deficits — proposals that Congress never actually enacted. He announced last April that he would not seek reelection to the House, citing a desire to spend more time with his family.

The excerpts never directly mention Trump. But Ryan describes the divisiveness that has been a hallmark of Trump's constant demonization of his political opponents, which has included racially tinged statements.

"All of this pulls on the threads of our common humanity, in what could be our unraveling," he warns.

He suggests that "rediscovering that human connection is one lane on the road back to aspiration and inclusion as the guiding influences in public life." He adds, "The drivers of our broken politics are more obvious than the solutions."

On immigration, Ryan says no matter how the border wall battle is resolved, "The system will still be in need of serious reform. And no less than our full potential as a nation is at stake."

He says resolving the problem is "an economic and moral imperative. And it would go a long way toward taking some of the venom out of our discourse." Ryan for years was a quiet force for broad immigration overhauls that conservatives opposed as going too far in offering citizenship to immigrants in the U.S. illegally, but he was unable to unify Republicans behind one approach in this year's debacle.

The excerpts spend little time discussing last year's GOP tax cut bill, which Ryan has previously named as one of his most significant accomplishments. He cites that bill's tax breaks for investors in low-income communities and cautions Republicans to not let efforts to ease poverty "drift from your consciousness."

Dipping into foreign policy, Ryan says both parties must "devote more time and energy to the direct challenge China poses to the West." He says that his overseas travels tell him that "our allies wonder whether we are still in the game here."

Under Trump, the U.S. and China have been having a trade faceoff. Trump has postponed new tariffs on China while the two countries negotiate.

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economist of Capital Economics. "At the least, we expect a significant economic slowdown."

Nearly half the chief financial officers surveyed by Duke University's Fuqua School of Business foresee a recession by the end of next year. And by the end of 2020, 82 percent do so.

Here's a look at how the movements of the stock market and the barometers of the economy might determine the risks of a recession.

DOES A SUSTAINED FALL IN STOCK PRICES HERALD A RECESSION?

Sometimes. Not always.

Both the previous two U.S. recessions overlapped with stock market sell-offs. The Dow plunged nearly 34 percent in 2008 after the housing bubble burst. And it shed about 7 percent in 2001 when the tech stock bubble burst. But stocks also declined in 2002 — a year when the U.S. economy expanded.

The fact is that the stock market captures just a piece of the broader U.S. economy. Less than half of U.S. households even own any stock, according to New York University economist Edward Wolff. And more than 80 percent of the stock market's value is controlled by the richest 10 percent of households, according to his calculations.

The bulk of most Americans' net worth is derived from a different asset: Their homes.

HOW BAD IS THE STOCK MARKET DECLINE?

It's painful. But Wall Street has endured far worse sell-offs.

Year-to-date, the Dow has lost about 5 percent — just a small fraction of its 2008 plunge. And the recent losses follow an extraordinary winning streak: From its bottom in March 2009, the Dow has rocketed 250 percent. This means that investors who have held on have earned a rich profit — even including the losses since October.

That said, the sell-off of the past two months has been severe — about 12 percent. This means the market has entered "correction" territory, commonly defined as a decline of at least 10 percent.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE ECONOMY'S STRENGTH?

Look to the job market. The 3.7 percent unemployment rate is near a half-century low. Average hourly wages have climbed 3.1 percent in the past 12 months, the strongest such increase since 2009.

The solid employment picture has helped fuel consumer spending. Retail sales have grown 5.3 percent so far this year as more Americans have eaten out and shopped online, according to the Census Bureau.

The jobs market is also where to watch for signs of a recession. Ahead of the 2008 financial crisis, the monthly hiring levels swung from gains to losses and unemployment shot up. The Labor Department issues a weekly report on people applying for unemployment benefits. A sustained increase in such applications would signal that employers are shedding workers in anticipation of a downturn.

DOES THE HOUSING MARKET POINT TO A RECESSION?

This is tricky. By some measures, like the Census Bureau's report on home construction, the housing market never really recovered from the meltdown of a decade ago. As a result,

housing has contributed relatively little to the economic recovery, which makes it less likely to be a major force that tips it into a recession.

What has generally recovered are average home prices. Home sales prices have been steadily rising faster than Americans' average wages for the past few years, according to the National Association of Realtors. This made some homeowners wealthier. But it also reduced affordability of homes for many would-be buyers.

Until this past year, homebuyers had been helped by historically low mortgage rates. But mortgage rates began to creep up last year as it became clear that Trump's tax cuts would swell the federal budget deficit. Mortgage rates generally move in sync with 10-year Treasury notes. As the average 30-year mortgage rate has risen 4.63 percent from 3.93 percent a year ago, sales of homes have fallen.

ARE THE FED'S RATE HIKES A RISK FOR RECESSION?

The Federal Reserve has become a punching bag for Trump as the stock market has tumbled. The Fed is widely expected to raise its key short-term rate for the fourth time this year on Wednesday, which would likely further raise borrowing costs for consumers and businesses over time.

The Fed is raising rates to try to keep inflation at its 2 percent annual target while maximizing employment. But if it miscalculates and raises rates too high or too fast, history suggests it could trigger a recession.

Compounding the risk is that the Fed is also paring the huge bond purchases on its books, which resulted from the trillions in Treasury and mortgage bonds it bought to help the financial system recover from the 2008 financial crisis. Doing so magnifies the upward pressure on borrowing rates for consumers and businesses.

COULD RESOLVING A TRADE WAR WITH CHINA STOP A RECESSION?

Trump caused stocks to buckle when he ratcheted up taxes on Chinese imports in hopes of forcing Beijing to strike a deal that would protect U.S. technology from theft and reduce the trade deficit with China. Stocks recovered somewhat when further tariff increases were suspended after Trump met with President Xi Jinping earlier this month at an international gathering in Argentina.

A prolonged trade war could surely depress growth. But it's unclear whether any new deal would speed growth to the point where a recession could be avoided.

The fact is that economic growth around the world is slowing, including in the United States as the benefits from the tax cuts wane. Britain is struggling to leave the European Union. France faces economic unrest. Italy appears to be in recession. China is trying to engineer slower growth after a multi-decade boom that would be destabilizing if it had maintained its once-sizzling pace.

And as the Fed has raised rates, the resulting higher yields available in the United States have drawn investment money out of the developing world, thereby tightening pressure on those economies.

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BSHS Cross Country star and academic standout Cooper Miller signs a letter of intent to run for Texas A&M Commerce with his parents Will and Melissa Miller. Cooper plans to study biology at Commerce while continuing his running career with the Lions.



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Cooper Miller celebrates with his parents, coaches and teammates after signing a letter of intent to continue his running career at Texas A&M Commerce next year. Miller who was recognized this year by the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas High School Coaches Association by being selected to the First team Academic All-State Team shares the moment with his fellow Honorable Mention Selections Aliana Beserra, Analisa Blount and Chloe Bustamante. Congratulations to Cooper, his team and his family for the great success they have achieved and the outstanding example that they have set.

Steers can't overcome early deficit in tough 66-57 loss to Levelland



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Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley slams home a big dunk during the Steer's 66-57 loss to Levelland on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Steers squared off against the Levelland Lobos Tuesday night in an exciting matchup between two talented teams. The Lobos jumped out to an early lead and despite fighting hard and playing much better the rest of the game the Steers never could overcome the early deficit in the difficult 66-57 loss.

In the first quarter, Big Spring really struggled shooting the ball and had a hard time creating the turnovers and getting the easy transition baskets they are accustomed to. With Levelland shooting the ball well and being patient offensively they led the Steers 21-10 at the end of the quarter.

In the second quarter, the Steers started to get their offense on track behind the great play of Zephaniah Nelson and Jeremiah Cooley, but they still didn't have an answer for

the slow paced methodical offense of the Lobos who held on to a ten point lead at 36-26 heading into the half.

Coming out of half time the Steers exploded on offense and cut the lead all the way down to four before the Lobos made a run of their own and pushed the lead back out to double digits. While the Steers played great down low and the guards did a good job of penetrating the defense, they simply could not find the range shooting the ball and really struggled from behind the arc in the quarter and in the game. With the Steers shooting woes in full affect the Lobos stretched their lead to 51-35 heading into the fourth.

In the fourth quarter Jeremiah Cooley and Abel Clark played outstanding in the paint on both ends of the floor getting big rebounds and finishing with authority on offense.

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Second half collapse leaves Lady Steers guessing in 47-44 loss to rival Andrews



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Big Spring's Logan Terrazas shoots over a defender in the Lady Steer's 47-44 loss to Andrews on Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Lady Steers welcomed their rival the Andrews Lady Mustangs to Steer Gym Tuesday night. Big Spring dominated the first three quarters of the game before the wheels came off in the fourth quarter and the Lady Mustangs took advantage to steal the win from the Lady Steers 47-44. There was some highly questionable officiating in the game and that put Big Spring at a disadvantage with both of their best players down low in foul trouble the entire second half. With their posts out of the game, the Lady Steers really struggled rebounding the basketball and it was those second chance opportunities along with the flood of free throws that came from the offensive boards Andrews pulled down with contact that really turned the tide of the game in the Lady Mus-

tangs favor.

In the first quarter, the Lady Steers completely dominated Andrews holding the Lady Mustangs to just one point in the first quarter, that correct, just one single point. The Lady Steers suffocating defense was led by Logan Terrazas who had three steals and two rebounds in the first quarter alone. With the defense playing almost flawlessly the offense got easy buckets and the Lady Steers ended the first quarter leading 12-1.

In the second quarter, Big Spring continued right where they left off continuing to dominate on the defensive side of the ball while Kayleigh Penny got things going on offense with 7 points in the quarter. With the team firing on all cylinders, the Lady Steers went into the half with a comfortable 26-11 lead.

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c/o: Margaret Newsom
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DATED the 16th day of October, 2018.

C.E. MIKE THOMAS III
Attorney for Margaret Newsom
State Bar No.: 19845200
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c/o: Nicole Bash
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DATED the 16th day of October, 2018.

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Public Notice
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DATED the 16th day of October, 2018.

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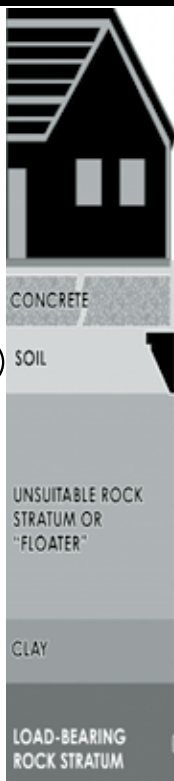
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The Joint Application does not seek Commission approval of a modification to Oncor's rates. Oncor is requesting a Commission finding, however, that Oncor may consolidate the North Texas Utility's wholesale transmission rates with Oncor's rates as part of Oncor's next base-rate case. Oncor also requests Commission approval to establish a regulatory asset to track any make-whole payments or other expenses that may be required to extinguish, transfer, or restructure the debt of InfraREIT and its subsidiaries under the Proposed Transactions, so that Oncor may seek recovery of that regulatory asset in its next base-rate case. The Joint Applicants also seek Commission approval to split the current Sharyland wholesale transmission service tariff into two separate tariffs—one for the North Texas Utility and one for the South Texas Utility—which rates, when taken together, would be equal to Sharyland's rate in effect at the time the Proposed Transactions close.

Any person wishing to intervene in this proceeding must file a written request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 North Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326, no later than January 4, 2019. This case has been assigned PUCT Docket No. 48929. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7136 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, SHARYLAND DISTRIBUTION & TRANSMISSION SERVICES, L.L.C., SHARYLAND UTILITIES, L.P., AND SEMPRA ENERGY

#10026 Dec. 19 & 26, 2018

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Lunar Detour Detector

When you have precise directions to get from point A to point B, and one of the roads involved is closed, the rest of the directions are rendered useless until you find a way around that road -- that is, unless you really know where you are. Knowing where you are makes finding a detour relatively easy. Grounded Taurus lunar vibes will help.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's time to reach out and risk. Follow your daring impulse, pitch your idea or extend your offer. Regardless of whether you get the result you were hoping for or not, the spontaneity will invigorate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not in it alone; the others just haven't joined you yet. They don't yet know enough to come into the picture. So start telling people what you're doing, and what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No one is born with character. Character is the natural outcropping of your choices, mainly the little ones today. Each small challenge is a chance to rise up and meet the moment with grace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may help you to think of your thoughts as items scattered around the rooms of your mind, some of little or no value, others pearls. You can go in and tidy up just as you would your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Children need different things at age 5 than they do at age thirteen, and here you are, grown, and still growing, needing different things as you go. In a new stage, you might not be sure what you need, but experiments will show you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can like a person and still dislike the person's behavior. It won't help to criticize though. For now, just observe with a compassionate heart. It's very likely things will turn around on their own.

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's a lot of information out there you don't need to or want to know. The way to filter it is to figure out what you

do want to know and go deeper and deeper into that area of knowledge. All else will fade on the periphery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The words of William Shakespeare in "King Henry IV" will apply. "The better part of valor is discretion, in which, better part I have saved my life." Your life isn't at stake, but your enjoyment may be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A person who is time rich and cash poor is in a far better position than one in the opposite situation. With the drop of one responsibility, your time could open up unexpectedly. This is a golden opportunity indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Success will be a matter of sorting.

There will be a few things to match up: What you have to give, what you like to give, who needs such a thing, and who meets your qualifications of exchange.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ambitions will drive you forward, and, because you choose such interesting ones, they drive you forward in novel ways, involving fascinating people and culminating in one-of-a-kind scenarios.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The power of habit is not to be underestimated. A strong habit can conquer any number of complex emotional conditions. It can settle the wilderness of the mind.

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SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A very delicate decision

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠AJ 10 8 4		♠6 2	
♥K Q 10 2		♥8 5 4	
♦Q 7 5		♦9 6 4	
♣6		♣K 7 5 3 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠7 5		♠K Q 9 3	
♥7		♥AJ 9 6 3	
♦K J 8 3 2		♦A 10	
♣Q J 9 8 4		♣A 10	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	7♥	

Opening lead — queen of clubs.
A delicate approach is required to arrive at the best contract in today's hand. At stake is a grand slam. It hinges on whether the final contract is seven hearts or seven spades.

If the right choice is made, North-South score 2,210 points, while the wrong choice results in a loss of 100 points. The enormous swing involved rests on selecting which suit should be trump: five spades opposite four, or five hearts opposite four.

Superficially, it appears not to matter which suit is trump in such a

case. And in most hands, this would be correct. But in the present hand, all the chips ride on the final decision made.

South's jump to four spades involves a principle of bidding that is sometimes misunderstood: namely, that this is a closeout bid. On the contrary, the jump to game by the opening bidder after a new-suit response is a strong bid suggesting slam possibilities. North's subsequent bidding was based on this principle.

The critical point in the bidding is reached when North, through the use of Blackwood, learns that South has three aces and a king. Once North determines to bid a grand slam, the selection of the trump suit becomes the key issue. He knows South has four spades. He also knows South has more hearts than spades since he opened the bidding with one heart.

North sees that if he bids seven spades, he will be able to discard one of his diamond losers on South's fifth heart. But this, he notes, still leaves him with a second diamond loser.

North also notes that if the contract is seven hearts, dummy's fifth spade will provide a parking space for one of South's losers. This will become a critical factor if South's distribution is 4-5-2-2. North therefore concludes that the discard that can be obtained in seven hearts might be far more valuable, and makes his decision accordingly.

Tomorrow: The guess that went to school.

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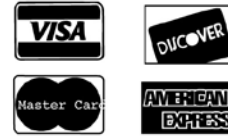
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Bulldogs rough up Roscoe 49-27

Special to the Herald

ROSCOE — The Coahoma Bulldogs added another check to the win box Tuesday night as they routed the Roscoe Plowboys 49-27.

Gage Clark-Burdell, who had a game high of 14 points, jump started the Bulldog offense early by dropping in the first basket of the night with less than a minute of play. Joe Manning, Zack Schneider and Brice Martin followed to leave the Bulldogs up 10-2 by the end of the first.

The Bulldogs were just as dominant in the second quarter as they continued to score quickly and often. Manning, who earned 11 points for Coahoma, tucked in the ball to start the second followed by Martin for another 2. Both Schneider and Gage-Burdell were quick to capitalized on rebounds throughout the game.

By the half, Coahoma had a commanding lead of 24-6.

Returning from the locker room, the Bulldogs continued their relentless attack on Roscoe adding another 11 points while keeping the Plowboys to just 8 in the third. Coahoma wrapped up the win in the fourth by adding another 14 points to the scoreboard while the Plowboys had their best quarter yet with 13 points.

Next: The Coahoma varsity team

opens district play Friday against the Jim Ned Indians at home in the CES competition gym.

COAHOMA 49, ROSCOE 27
Coahoma: 10, 14, 11, 14 — 49
Roscoe: 2, 4, 8, 13 — 27

Coahoma — Brice Martin 7, Brant Gartman 2, Braxton Chandler 2, Joe Manning 11, Zack Schneider 4, Bryson Cline 7, Kolt Redden 2, Gage Clark-Burdell 14.

Roscoe — Jayden Gonzales 2, Tristan Baker 2, Caleb Gray 2, Brayan Medina 6, Jr. Martinez 6, Ryan Highsmith 7, Hunter Anglin 2.

Free Throws — Coahoma 5-11; Roscoe 7-8; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 2 (Martin, Cline); Total Team Fouls — Coahoma 18; Roscoe 11.

COAHOMA JV 28; ROSCOE 23
Coahoma: 3, 8, 3, 14 — 28
Roscoe: 2, 7, 8, 6 — 23

ROSCOE — Isaiah Martin earned 10 points and Seth Brooks added a 3-point goal to help lead the Bulldog JV team to a victory against the Roscoe Plowboys, 28-23, Tuesday.

The Bulldogs had a slight 2-point advantage going into the half (11-9), but the Plowboys returned for the third quarter focused and netted 8 at the post while holding Coahoma to just 3.

However, the Bulldogs surged back dropping in 14 points to Roscoe's 6 to take the win.

Next: The Bulldog JV will face Jim Ned Friday at home in the CES competition gym.

Isaiah Martin 10, Seth Brooks 4; C. Daniels 4; N. Dials 2; Isaac Murillo 3; Garrett Anderson 2, Sean Streigler 3.

Free Throws — 7-18; 3-Point Goals — 1 (Brooks); Total Fouls — 11

Bulldogettes come up short against Plowgirls

Special to the Herald

ROSCOE — The Coahoma Bulldogettes fell to the Roscoe Plowgirls Tuesday night 37-45.

The Bulldogettes started the game off strong taking a 3-point lead over the Plowgirls (12-9) by the end of the first quarter. Kenzi Canales struck first with a 2-point shot then Abbie Lopez capitalized off a rebound to give Coahoma a slight 4-2 lead.

The Plowgirls were quick to answer tying the score 4-all, however, Paige Atkins netted two goals in a row then Cassie Grant and Caitlyn Corley piled on to up the score 12-9 in Coahoma's favor.

Coahoma continued to attack the net in the second quarter thanks to a pair of baskets by Jovi Gonzales and one by Corley to pad the lead 18-12 for the Bulldogettes. By mid-quarter, the Plowgirls regrouped and went on a 10-point run to take over the game.

Coahoma surged back after Cassie Grant nailed a 3-point basket and later capitalized on a free throw to knot the score 22-all. By the time both teams headed to the locker room for the half, the Plowgirls had a slight 22-25 advantage in a very close game.

Returning for the second half, Roscoe pulled away in the third quarter netting 13 points to Coahoma's 7. That run for the Plowgirls ensured their victory as Coahoma couldn't overcome the 9-point deficit in the



fourth quarter.

Caitlyn Corley led Coahoma with 9 points and teammate Cassie Grant added 8 for the night.

Earlier in the evening, the JV Bulldogettes won their match against Roscoe.

Next: The Bulldogettes take on Jim Ned at home Friday.

COAHOMA 37; ROSCOE 45
Coahoma: 12, 10, 7, 8 — 37
Roscoe: 9, 16, 13, 7 — 45

Coahoma — Caitlyn Corley 9, Paige Atkins 6, Jovi Gonzales 6, Kenzi Canales 6; Cassie Grant 8; Abbie Lopez 2.

Roscoe — S. Cambridge 4; R. Sheridan 2; J. Pena 9; V. Martinez 9; B. Wilkerson 10; S. Cambridge 11.

Free Throws — Coahoma 4-8; Roscoe 10-20; 3-Point Goals — Coahoma 1 (Grant); Roscoe 1 (Pena); Total Team Fouls — Coahoma 15; Roscoe 14.

LADY STEERS

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Coming out of the half, the Lady Steers aggressive defense started to cost them with the officiating making a drastic change to the way they were calling the game. With Cervantes and Terrazas getting into foul trouble early in the second half the tide of the game really started to shift in favor of the Lady Mustangs. Andrews took advantage of the lack of size on the court and started to dominate the boards and get multiple second chance opportunities as well as free throws from mismatches down low. By the end of the third quarter the Lady Mustangs had cut the Big Spring lead to just 8 points at 35-27.

In the fourth quarter the officials never stopped blowing their whistles as both teams had multiple players foul out as the game became a free throw shooting contest. A contest that Andrews won hands down. Big Spring really struggled from the charity stripe in the game and it cost them dearly in the fourth quarter. The Lady Steers shot just 23-46 from the free throw line in the game and missed six out of their last eight from the line in the fourth. With both posts fouled out, rebounds came at a premium for the Lady Steers and they just couldn't hold off the Lady Mustangs late in the game and fell to Andrews 47-44 despite dominating the game for three quarters.

Kayleigh Penny led the Lady Steers in scoring with 17 points and added 4 rebounds and 4 steals in the game as well. Alexis Starr led the Lady Steers defense with 7 steals and 7 rebounds from the PG

position and played great on the ball defense all night.
The Lady Steers will travel to Ft. Stockton this Friday looking to get back on track.

STEERS

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But it wasn't enough to make up for the great shooting of Levelland and despite closing the gap the Steers fell short 66-57.

Cooley had an impressive double-double grabbing 14 rebounds and scoring 18 points in the game. Six of those rebounds came on offense and 4 of those points came on emphatic dunks that really boosted the whole team and the entire gym Cooley added 3 blocks and 3 steals to his impressive stat line as well. Abel Clark added 8 points and 11 rebounds in the game and really played great defensively the en-

tire game with 2 steal and 2 blocks.
The Steers will travel to Ft. Stockton this Friday looking to get back on track.

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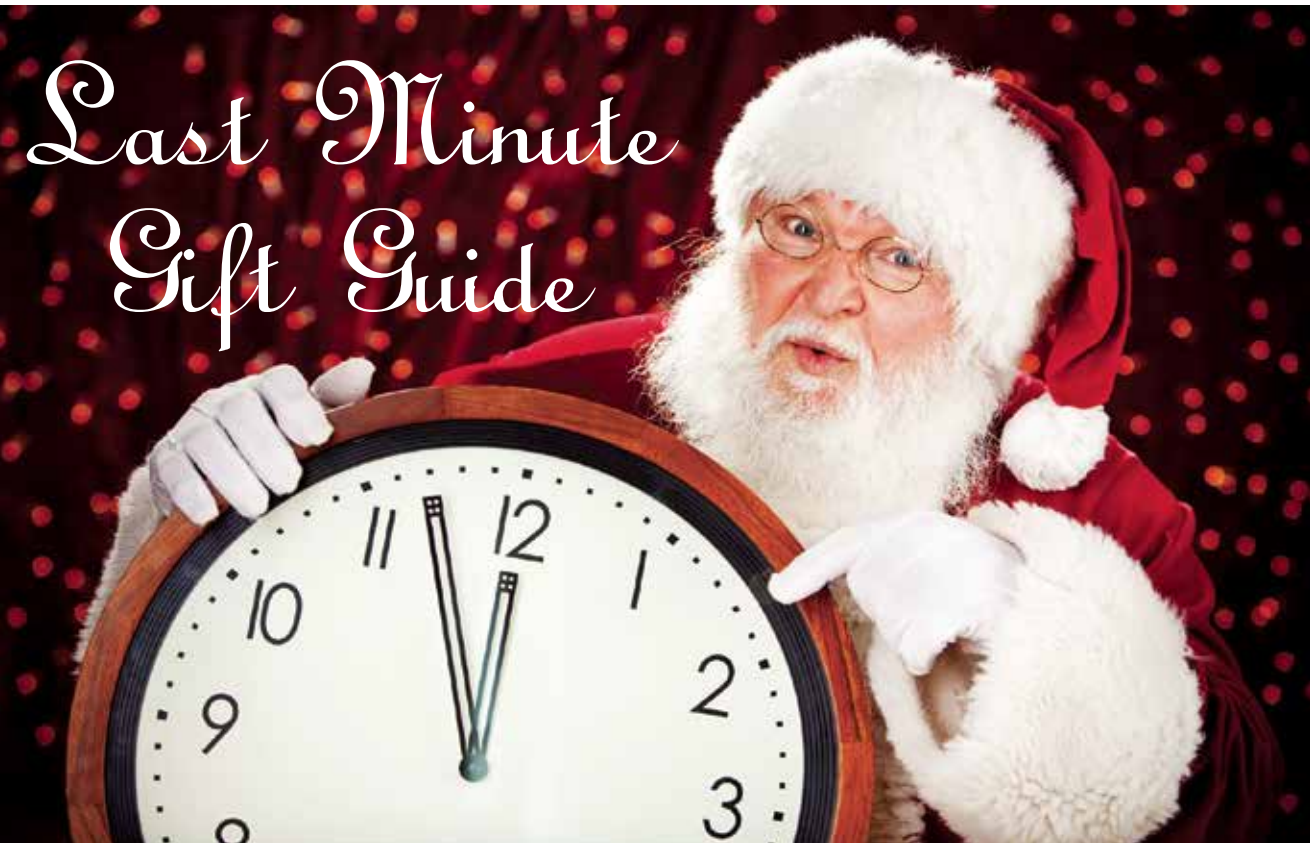
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