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Italian quake death toll rises to 241, anguish mounts

The Associated Press

AMATRICE, Italy — Rescue crews aided by sniffer dogs dug through crumbled homes Thursday looking for earthquake survivors as Italy again anguished over how to secure its ancient towns and modern cities from the country's highly seismic terrain.

After a night of uninterrupted, flood-lit search efforts, firefighters and rescue crews worked in teams around the hard-hit area in central Italy, pulling chunks of cement, rock and metal from mounds of rubble where homes once stood, searching for signs of life.

Authorities say at least 241 people were killed and hundreds injured in the quake that struck at 3:36 a.m. Wednesday. At least 470 aftershocks have since rattled the area — one as strong as magnitude 5.1.

One rescue effort focused on the Hotel Roma in Amatrice, famous for the Amatriciana bacon and tomato pasta sauce that brings food lovers to this medieval hilltop town each August for its food festival.

Amatrice's mayor had initially said 70 guests were in the crumbled hotel ahead of this weekend's festival, but rescue workers later halved that estimate and the owner

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Tractor-trailers overturn



HERALD photo/Amanda Elston

Traffic in the westbound lane of Interstate 20 east of Coahoma was halted for hours this morning after an accident involving two 18-wheelers, officials said.

Debris from accident snarls I-20 traffic for hours; only minor injuries reported

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

A multiple vehicle accident on Interstate 20 prompted the closure of the westbound lanes for several hours this morning, according to Mary Belle Turner, public relations officer with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The accident occurred around 6 a.m., according to Sgt. Oscar Villarreal, Texas Department of Public Safety public relations officer from the Midland office.

"The crash involved two tractor trailers. There are no major injuries," he said. "There were some minor injuries. Medics were out and checked on the persons involved. What is causing the back up is there is a lot of debris on the road that needs to be cleaned up," he said, and added the time of the accident also occurred when traffic becomes heaviest in the morning.

"This is really a traffic control issue now," Villarreal said.

According to Turner, I-20 west bound lanes were closed from mile marker 188 — from McGregor Road — through FM 820.

The lanes were expected to be opened sometime later in the morning, Turner added.

A witness traveling by the scene saw two tractor-trailers overturned.

Dumpsters crowding county byways

Official: Situation a public safety threat

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Dumpsters encroaching into the clear zone of county roads are starting to become a concern to the Howard County Road and Bridge Office, administrator Brian Klinksiek told county commissioners Monday night.

"What I am trying to enforce is the federal concept of the clear zones," Klinksiek explained. "It's a safety concept for every road in the country. They (the regulations) vary depending on the road. On the county road, it's 10 feet from the pavement out. This is an area that has to be free of obstructions, so that if you have a blowout, you have some place for a recovery area if you leave the pavement."

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration web site defines a clear zone as "an unobstructed, traversable roadside area that allows a driver to stop safely, or regain control of a vehicle that has left the roadway."

What is of concern here, Klinksiek further explained, is a continued trend of dumpsters placed within this clear zone, sometimes so close to the pavement,

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Nix to headline Boots & Bling United Way gala

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Officials with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County will dance their way into the 2017 annual campaign Saturday.

Individual tickets are still available for Boots and Bling, the annual United Way kick-off event, which will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the historic Settles Hotel.

"This weekend marks the kick-off of the annual United Way Campaign," said Raul Benavides, president of United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. "The money raised here, stays here, with the exception of 1 percent of campaign revenue that we are required to send to United Way Worldwide for our brand."

"We proudly support 15 local agencies that provide vital services, to the people in Howard and surrounding counties," Benavides continued. "They provide mentoring to our youth, feeding the elderly and homebound, training for job and life skills, plus much more. Local businesses have donated many great items for the auction and we encourage people to come out to

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Texas swing music artist Jody Nix and his band will provide entertainment during Saturday's Boots and Bling United Way fundraising gala.

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Local legends celebrate literary efforts

Carpenter book-signing Friday at museum; Tumbleweed Smith story included in ACU anthology chronicling West Texas lives

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Two local residents who have gained renown in different media are celebrating their latest literary efforts.

Marj Carpenter, a long-time reporter and columnist for the Big Spring Herald, and local radio and Big Spring Herald essayist Tumbleweed Smith both are marking the publication of new books.

Carpenter will sign copies of "Ridin' Fence, Vol.

2," a compilation of her columns by the same name that ran in the Herald for years, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday evening at Heritage Museum.

But while Carpenter will be celebrating her newest book, the museum will have a chance to celebrate Carpenter.

Museum Director Tammy Schrecengost is asking area residents to share their favorite "Marj stories" to celebrate the author's birthday.

"Marj will be celebrating

her 90th birthday on August 27," Schrecengost said.

"If you have a fond memory of Marj that you would like to share with her, please bring or send a card or note sharing your experience."

Smith, meanwhile, is a contributor to "West Texas Stories," a new book published by Abilene Christian University Press (www.acupressbooks.com).

The book contains a story by Smith on Big Spring piano teacher Ann Houser, who played classical piano

while living in a tent in the oil patch during the early years of her marriage.

Other stories in the book include the origin of 42, a man who lived with an arrowhead in his stomach for 15 years, and an article from former Big Spring resident Bruce Frasier about a calf that used to take naps by the living room fireplace.

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Alaska roadkill thieves target moose meat for charity

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Thieves coming across dead moose on Alaska roads are stealing the carcasses, making away with hundreds of pounds of meat that normally goes to a program run by state troopers that gives it to the needy and others willing to

butcher the carcasses, officials said Wednesday.

Two moose killed recently by cars or trucks were set to be picked up by the trooper-sponsored program that alerts the Alaska Moose Federation so carcasses can be quickly delivered to recipients on a state troop-

ers' list of people who want them.

But federation drivers could not find the two dead moose in July and August when they went to roadkill sites between Anchorage and Denali National Park, officials said.

Moose are the property

of the state in Alaska when killed on the road and the thefts hurt Alaskans who like moose meat and depend on wild game to supplement their diets, he said.

"Sometimes there will be 10 people waiting for this moose to be delivered," Dyer said.

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the Settles Saturday evening and support your local United Way."

Along with a banquet, the night's entertainment includes dance music by country-swing musicians Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys. Among the donated auction items

is a signed football from Miami Dolphins' quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who is a Big Spring High School and Texas A&M University alumni.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at the United Way office located inside the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Economic Development building, 215 West Third St.

For more information,

contact the agency's Executive Director Sandy Stewart at the United Way office, 267-5201.

The 15 local agencies that receive United Way funding are: The American Red Cross, Permian Basin chapter; Big Spring YMCA; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Emergency Services Chaplain Corps; Girl Scouts of

the Desert Southwest; Isaiah 58; Mobile Meals; Northside Community Center; Rape Crisis Services of Big Spring; Spring of Siloam; The Salvation Army; The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; and the Westside Community Day Care Center.

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said most guests had managed to escape.

Firefighters' spokesman Luca Cari said one body had been pulled out of the hotel rubble just before dawn after five were extracted earlier but searches continued there and elsewhere.

"We're still in a phase that allows us to hope we'll find people alive," Cari said, noting that in the 2009 earthquake in nearby L'Aquila, one survivor was pulled out after 72 hours.

Rescuers refused to say when their work would shift from saving lives to recovering bodies.

"We will work relentlessly until the last person is found, and make sure no one is trapped," said Lorenzo Botti, a rescue team spokesman.

Worst affected by the quake were the tiny towns of Amatrice and Accumoli near Rieti, 100 kilometers (60 miles) northeast of Rome, and Pescara del Tronto, 25

kilometers (15 miles) further to the east.

Italy's civil protection agency reported the death toll had risen to 241 early Thursday with at least 264 others hospitalized. Most of the dead — 184 — were in Amatrice. Authorities revised downward an earlier figure of 247 after one of the affected areas corrected its toll.

A Spaniard and five Romanians were among the dead, according to their governments.

There is no clear estimate of the missing since the area was flooded with summer vacationers. The Romanian government alone said 11 of its citizens were missing.

Emergency services set up tent cities around the quake-devastated towns to accommodate the homeless, housing about 1,200 people overnight. In Amatrice, 50 elderly people and children spent the night inside a local sports facility.

"It's not easy for them," said civil protection volunteer Tiziano De Carolis, who was helping to care for about

350 homeless in Amatrice. "They have lost everything: the work of an entire life, like those who have a business, a shop, a pharmacy, a grocery store. From one day to another, they discovered everything they had was destroyed."

As the search effort continued, the soul-searching began as Italy once again confronted the responsibilities that come with having the highest seismic hazard in Western Europe. At the same time, the country has countless picturesque medieval villages but its anti-seismic building codes aren't applied to old buildings and often aren't respected when new ones are built.

"In a country where in the past 40 years there have been at least eight devastating earthquakes ... the only lesson we have learned is to save lives after the fact," columnist Sergio Rizzo wrote in Thursday's *Corriere della Sera*. "We are far behind in the other lessons."

Some experts estimate that 70 percent of Italy's buildings aren't built to

anti-seismic standards, though not all are in high-risk areas. After every major quake, proposals are made to improve, but they often languish in Italy's thick bureaucracy and chronic funding shortages. It's no small task to secure thousands of ancient towns and newer structures built before codes were passed or later in violation of them.

Premier Matteo Renzi, visiting the quake-affected zone Wednesday, promised to rebuild "and guarantee a reconstruction that will allow residents to live in these communities, to relaunch these beautiful towns that have a wonderful past that will never end."

Geologists were surveying the damage Thursday to determine which buildings were still inhabitable, while Culture Ministry teams were also fanning out to assess the damage of some of the region's

cultural treasures, especially its medieval-era churches.

Italian news reports Thursday said prosecutors investigating the quake were looking in particular into the collapse of Amatrice's "Romolo Capranica" school — restored in 2012 using funds set aside after the last major quake struck central Italy in 2009.

In recent quakes, some of these more modern buildings — many of them public institutions — have been the deadliest: the university dormitory that collapsed in the 2009 L'Aquila quake, killing 11 students; the elemen-

tary school that crumbled in San Giuliano di Puglia in 2002, killing 27 children — the town's entire first-grade class.

In Italy, major quakes are often followed by criminal charges being filed against architects, builders and officials responsible for public works if the buildings crumble.

In the case of the L'Aquila quake, prosecutors also put six geologists on trial for allegedly having failed to adequately warn residents about the temblor.

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garbage disposal workers are actually stopping on the road to pick up the trash. Commissioners instructed Klinsiek to contact the disposal companies and to make them aware of the issue for now.

"What we are talking here is a volunteer program to get the local disposal companies to move (the dumpsters) but also inform them they have a liability when somebody hits it," he said. "It's not always the person's (driver's) fault when they (obstacles) are within this clear zone."

Klinsiek added this is really a public safety issue.

"Whether you (a driver) are distracted, whether you have a mechanical failure, or you look up and here is a truck coming at you and isn't going to get over, you have to have some place to go. We need that clear space for the safety of the driving public," he said.

The rule applies to all objects in the clear zone not considered break-away, he added.

"It could be anything," Klinsiek expanded. "If there are trees growing in that safety zone, I am supposed to cut the tree down in order so you don't hit the tree. It can be anything in that area, and if a person has a question, they should call out to my office."

As for mailboxes along the road, if the structure is considered break way — the object can break away easily from ground in a collision — then there is no issue if its located in the clear zone, as long as the post is not reinforced steel, Klinsiek clarified.

Klinsiek can be contacted at the Road and Bridge office at 432-264-2208.

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French-Canadians are originally from France in western Europe. Now they live mainly in Quebec but can be found across Canada.



What's In A Name?

Not everyone is French-Canadian

As most people that know Canadian history can tell you, the French were the first people from Europe to come to Canada. Because of this, many people in Canada today have a French heritage. However, not everyone likes to be called French-Canadian.

In Quebec, for example, they do not consider themselves to be "French-Canadian" and like to be called *québécois*, which is French for "people of Quebec." Other areas have similar groups, including the Franco-Albertans (French-Canadians from Alberta) and Franco-Ontarians. New people that come over from France or French-speaking countries are often called Franco-Canadians to show that they are new to Canada.

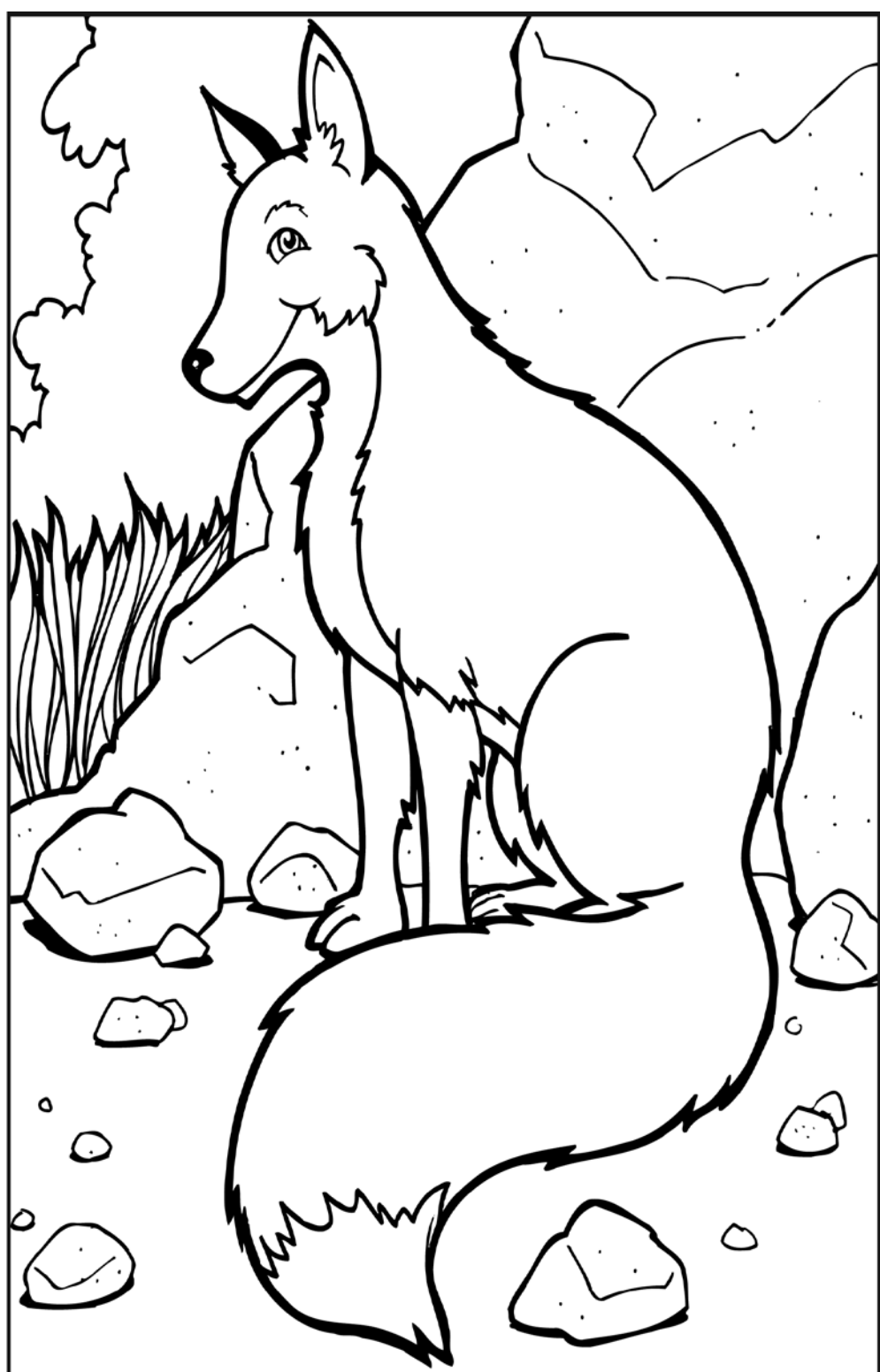
All of the French-Canadian groups, though, have a common history in Canada's founding. The French came over the Atlantic in hopes of claiming new land. They found their new land in Canada, Louisiana and the Mississippi River valley. In what was to become Canada, they found many animals that they could trap for food and clothing, and worked together with many tribes of Native Americans to learn how to make the most of each animal.

In the Seven Years' War (or the French and Indian War), the Indians and the French allied against the British to try to defend the land. The French lost the war, and Canada became part of the British empire. Ever since then, the French-Canadian people have been trying to keep their heritage alive in Canada. In some places like Quebec, signs are posted in French and the residents speak both English and French. The French-Canadians are proud to declare their heritage.



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DENNIS THE MENACE

8-22

"YA THINK SOMEDAY I'LL WIN A BEAUTY CONTEST?"

"SURE, IF NOBODY ELSE ENTERS."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

8-22

"We should decide soon, Dolly. I'm startin' to get cold."

HAGAR

8-22

THERE'S NO AVOIDING THEM!

PREPARE TO MEET THE ENEMY!

MAY I BORROW YOUR COMB?

BLONDIE

8-22

I DON'T THINK THE COFFEE IS VERY STRONG THIS MORNING, HONEY

YES, IT IS, DEAR... THE COFFEE IS PERFECT THIS MORNING

IT'S PERFECT?

IT'S VERY PERFECT!

WELL, ALL RIGHT, THEN. PERFECT IT IS

PERFECT

BC

8-22-16

WHAT'S THIS?

I CALL IT A COMIC STRIP.

I SPENT HOURS CRAFTING THE JOKE AND STAGING THE ART TO BE JUST RIGHT.

8-22-16

IT COULD USE A CAT.

AARRGGHH!

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 22, the 235th day of 2016. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, effectively ending the War of the Roses.

On this date:
 In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates from the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.
 In 1846, Gen. Stephen W. Kearny proclaimed all of New Mexico a territory of the United States.
 In 1851, the schooner America outraced more than a dozen British vessels off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.
 In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese control until the end of World War II.
 In 1922, Irish revolutionary Michael Collins was shot to death, apparently by Irish Republican Army members opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty that Collins had co-signed.
 In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corp. conducted its first experimental television broadcast, using a 30-line mechanical system.
 In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Richard Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican National Convention in San Francisco.
 In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to South America.
 In 1972, President Richard Nixon was nominated for a second term of office by the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.
 In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.
 In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit. The Rob Reiner coming-of-age film "Stand By Me" was put into wide release by Columbia Pictures.
 In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.
 Ten years ago: A Russian Pulkovo Airlines jet carrying 170 people crashed in eastern Ukraine, killing all aboard.

Paramount Pictures severed its ties to actor Tom Cruise after 14 years, citing what it called unacceptable conduct, such as jumping on Oprah Winfrey's couch and aggressively advocating Scientology.

Five years ago: Nick Ashford, one-half of the legendary Motown songwriting duo Ashford & Simpson, died in New York at age 70. Lyricist Jerry Leiber, who with composer Mike Stoller wrote "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," "Yakety Yak" and other hits, died in Los Angeles at age 78.

One year ago: A suicide car bomber attacked a NATO convoy traveling through a crowded neighborhood in Afghanistan's capital, killing at least 12 people, including four American civilian contractors.

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WIZARD OF ID

8-22-16

I'VE DONE IT! I'VE INVENTED THE TELEPHONE!

IT'S RINGING! WHO COULD IT BE?

THIS IS RACHEL AT CARD MEMBER SERVICES IN REFERENCE TO YOUR ACCOUNT...

AGNES

8-22-16

TROUT! GET OUT HERE! THE DAYS OF SUMMER ARE TICKETOCKING TO GONE!

I KEEP HEARING A VOICE.

I HAVE OUR AGENDA FULLY PREPARED! LOOK LIVELY, NOW! WE'LL HAVE JOY! WE'LL HAVE FUN! WE'LL HAVE SEASONS IN THE SUN!

HOT TOWN, SUMMER IN THE CITY! BACK OF MY NECK GETTING SWEATY AND PRETTY!

THAT'S NOT HOW IT GOES, PILGRIM.

HI AND LOIS

8-22-16

HAVE A GOOD TRIP, DEAR.

POOSH!

WOW! THAT WAS SOME GOODBYE KISS!

IT HAS TO LAST FOR 3 DAYS.

THE OTHER COAST

8-22

WHAT THE HECK IS THAT, STEVE?

A CHILD BOOSTER SEAT.

YOU DON'T HAVE ANY KIDS.

BUT I HAVE A SMALL DOG.

SNUFFY SMITH

8-22

AWRIGHT, DOC--AS HIS CHARACTER WITNESS, HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW TH' DEFENDANT, SNUFFY SMITH?

LET'S NOT SAY, JUDGE, THAT I'VE REMOVED BUCKSHOT FROM HIS BACKSIDE MORE OFTEN THAN I CAN COUNT !!

BEETLE BAILEY

8-22

THEY SAY ALL THE ANTS IN THE WORLD WEIGH MORE THAN THE PEOPLE

WELL, I'M DOING MY PART!

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Song
- 5 Speck of dust
- 9 Complete collections
- 13 Scarlett of *Gone with the Wind*
- 15 Baking appliance
- 16 Hint for a detective
- 17 Softens, as sound
- 18 End a plane flight
- 19 Evaluate
- 20 Potential to cause outrage
- 22 Molecule part
- 23 Golfer's pegs
- 24 Jay Z and Dr. Dre
- 26 Auto navigation aid: Abbr.
- 29 Physicians: Abbr.
- 30 Historical period
- 31 Opera solo
- 33 Salty body of water
- 35 Performers' roles
- 40 Buccaneers' plunder
- 44 Mascara mishap
- 45 Guys
- 46 Prepare carefully
- 47 Tax agcy.
- 50 Oh and
- 52 CPR expert
- 53 Motorist's reference
- 57 Glasgown native
- 59 "Yikes!"
- 60 Gold medal, for example
- 65 Skillets and woks
- 66 At no cost

DOWN

- 1 Male turkeys
- 2 Informal refusal
- 3 Western alliance: Abbr.
- 4 Build, as a house
- 5 Syrup in baked beans
- 6 Egg-shaped
- 7 Teacher's job security
- 8 Make beloved
- 9 Paper fragment
- 10 Make happy
- 11 One-on-one instructor
- 12 Appears to be
- 14 Posed a question
- 21 Poem
- 25 Baby Bear's dad
- 26 Empty spaces
- 27 and proper (strait-laced)
- 28 Kingly address
- 32 Small battery
- 34 24-hr. bank device
- 36 Poisonous snake
- 37 Regulation
- 38 Disney World shuttle
- 39 Placed in the mailbox
- 41 Quick haircut
- 42 Make a new judgment on
- 43 Pass, as legislation
- 48 Fund-raising lottery
- 49 Holy ___ (one of the Trinity)
- 51 Wishes earnestly
- 53 Boxing ring borders
- 54 Chicago airport
- 55 Sharpshooter Oakley
- 56 Medicinal amounts
- 58 Prepare for a marathon
- 61 Marsh grass
- 62 "That's all there ___ it!"
- 63 Letters symbolizing sleep
- 64 Otherwise

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DENNIS THE MENACE



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

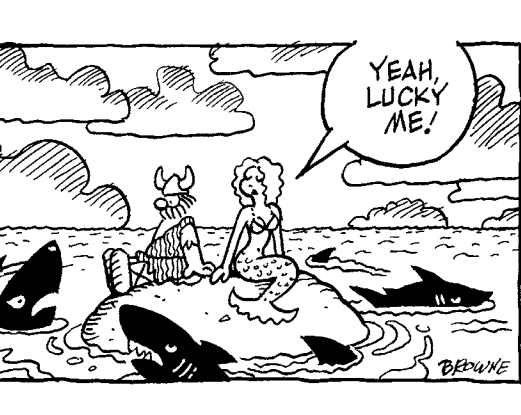


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HAGAR

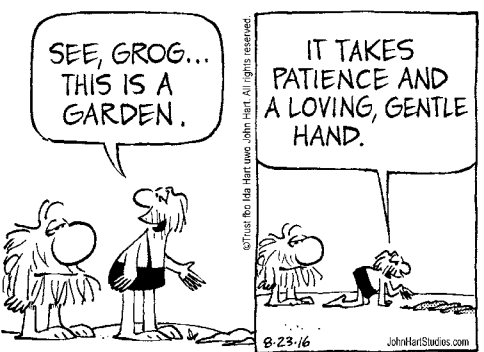


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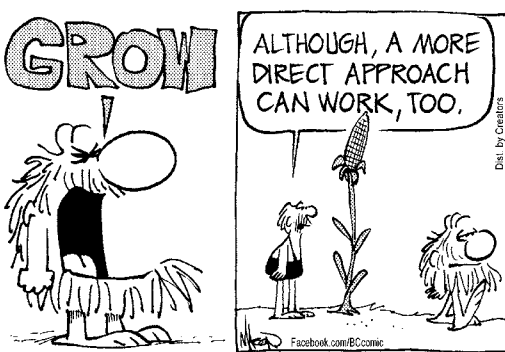


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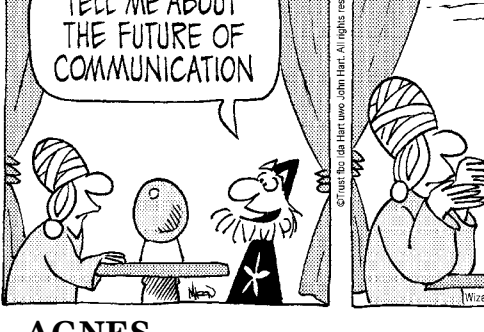


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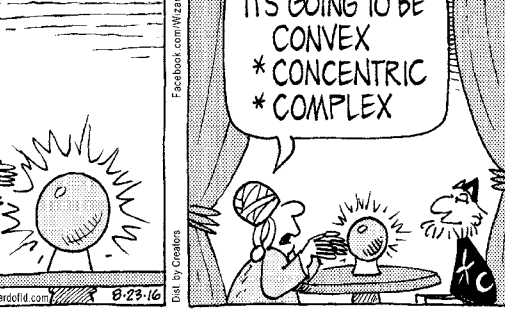


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AGNES

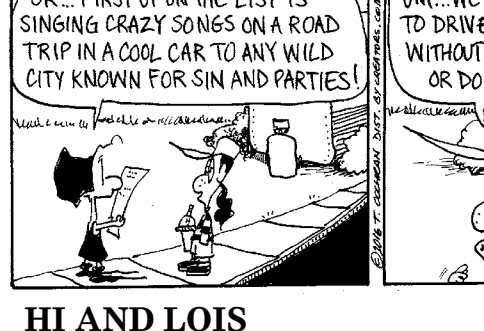


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HI AND LOIS



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THE OTHER COAST



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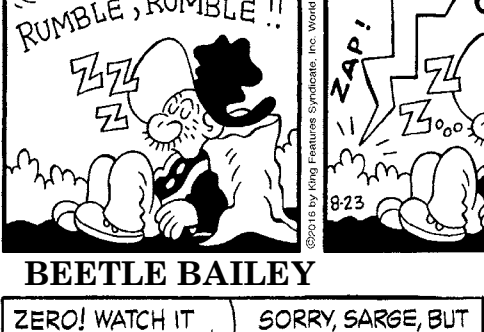


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BEEBLE BAILEY



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the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow. In 1944, Romanian Prime Minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies. In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome." In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.) In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black teen, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.) Ten years ago: A previously unknown militant group released the first video of two

Fox News journalists who'd been kidnapped in Gaza. (Reporter Steve Centanni and cameraman Olaf Wiig were later freed.) The Citadel released the results of a survey in which almost 20 percent of female cadets reported being sexually assaulted since enrolling at the South Carolina military college. Five years ago: A pair of judges in New York put an end to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors questioned the credibility of the hotel housekeeper who'd accused the French diplomat. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944, caused cracks in the Washington Monument and damaged Washington National Cathedral.

Newsday Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 "You wish!" 5 Cleansing bars 10 Pub beverages 14 Bowling area 15 "Little Orphan ..." 16 Bank transaction 17 Presidential office shape 18 Helicopter blade 19 Corporate symbol 20 Payment to a guest speaker 22 Norway's capital 23 Boxing match locales 24 "Aw, how cute!" 26 Fancy-schmancy 29 Teachers' union: Abbr. 30 White as a sheet 34 Begin to melt 36 Caper 40 Exact duplicate 41 Financial review 43 Thick string 44 Bird-feeder fillers 46 Point of a fork 47 Hurricane centers 48 Your and my 50 Semester 52 Read ___ the lines 56 Where rivers end 61 Grad 62 Payment to a salesperson 65 Ice cream holder 66 Had leftovers, perhaps 67 ___ mater 68 Ready for customers 69 Hooded winter jacket 70 Tech whiz 71 Hatchling's home 72 Iron alloy 73 Swirling water 8 Devout 9 Pastor's speech 10 Payment to a 10-year-old 11 Baggy 12 "Bald" bird 13 Nose, informally 21 Knock sharply 25 Caribbean, for one 27 Close tightly 28 "I've ___ up to here!" 30 Parts of qts. 31 Amaze 32 Be deceitful 33 Payment to a university 35 Chablis or Chianti 37 Plaything 38 Anger 39 Successors of LPs 42 Airport building 45 Seek damages from 49 Summarizes 51 Calendar pgs. 52 Breakfast strip 53 Marry on the run 54 Adjusts, as a piano 55 Absent from 57 Common practice 58 Installed, as mosaic flooring 59 Zeroed (in on) 60 Having a twisty path 63 Nothing more than 64 Emcee's amplifier

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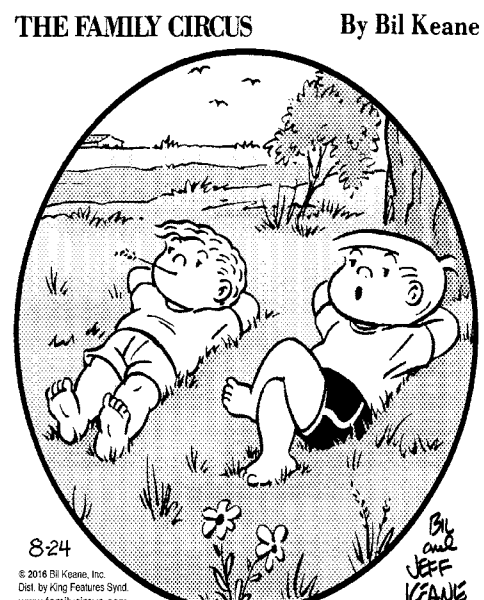
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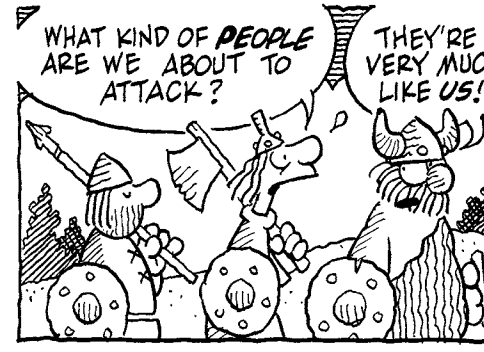
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

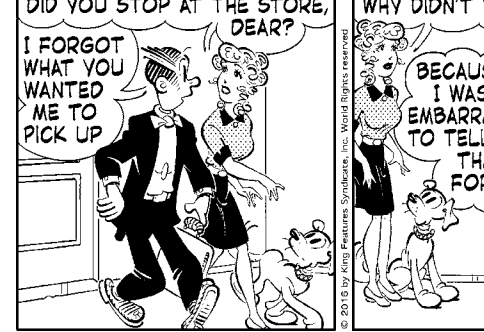


"I think a snowball fight right now would make this day perfect."

HAGAR



BLONDIE



THE OTHER COAST



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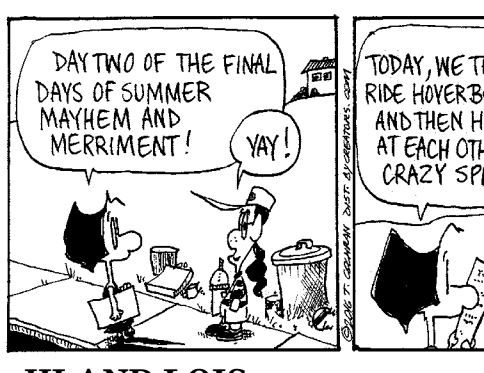
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the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow. In 1944, Romanian Prime Minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies. In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein (HAM-ur-STYN) II, 65, died in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. In 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome." In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. (However, Gemayel was assassinated some three weeks later.) In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black teen, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by a group of white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn. (Gunman Joey Fama was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison; he will be eligible for parole in 2022.) Ten years ago: A previously unknown militant group released the first video of two

Fox News journalists who'd been kidnapped in Gaza. (Reporter Steve Centanni and cameraman Olaf Wiig were later freed.) The Citadel released the results of a survey in which almost 20 percent of female cadets reported being sexually assaulted since enrolling at the South Carolina military college. Jazz trumpeter Maynard Ferguson died in Ventura, California, at age 78. Five years ago: A pair of judges in New York put an end to the sensational sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, setting him free after prosecutors questioned the credibility of the hotel housekeeper who'd accused the French diplomat. A magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944.

Answer to previous puzzle. Crossword grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

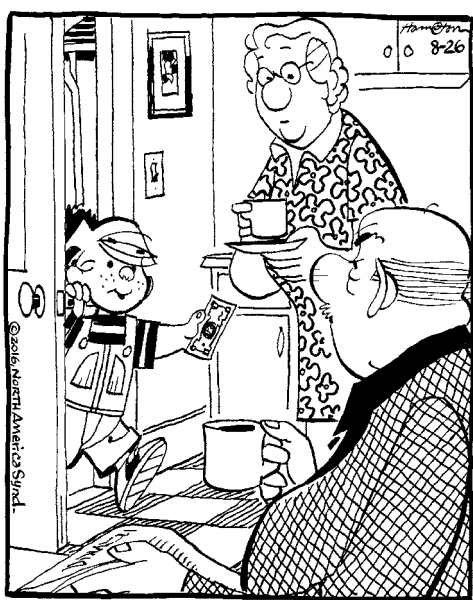
ACROSS and DOWN crossword clues. ACROSS: 1 Spa garment, 5 Touches lightly, 9 Actor Hawke, 14 Whitish gemstone, 15 "Gotcha", 16 Merest amount, 17 Internet site administrator, 19 School corridors, 20 Important period, 21 ATM manufacturer, 22 Throw a fit, 24 A lot better than average, 27 Apt. coolers, 28 Ernie of the PGA, 29 Water east of Dublin, 34 Cut and (edit), 37 Lasting mark, 38 Meal for a mare, 39 Skin soother, 40 Radar-screen dots, 41 Cajun veggie, 42 Star Wars series mentor, 43 Isn't truthful, 44 Tough to climb, 45 Aspiring actresses, 47 Virtuoso, 48 Museum-funding org., 49 Patient and forgiving, 54 Helps out, 58 Solo of the Star Wars series, 59 Aussie marsupial. DOWN: 60 Bart Simpson and Daffy Duck, 61 Percussion instrument, 64 Mental picture, 65 Beginning of an idea, 66 Gemst, 67 Using few words, 68 " the night before . . .", 69 Road-fork shapes, 1 Houston baseballer, 7 Pollen collector, 8 Feudal laborer, 9 Moral principles, 10 Skeet participant, 11 Angelic topper, 12 Rights org., 13 Residence for robins, 18 Hidden agenda, 23 Hibernation spots, 25 Paycheck amount, 26 Most iffy, 30 Door knocks, 31 Sushi-bar beverage, 32 Reason d' , 33 "Quickly" in a memo, 34 Is worth it, 35 Frequently, 36 Club (bar mixer), 37 Narrow cut, 40 Sheep's call, 44 Film clip, 46 Apartment renter, 47 Warning sounds, 50 Gone With the Wind surname, 51 Impressive grouping, 52 Have for (dislike), 53 Hefty volumes, 54 Working diligently, 55 A few, 56 Fly like an eagle, 57 USAF noncom, 62 InNOVATIVE, 63 Morning condensation.

GOTCHA by Fred Piscop

GOTCHA crossword clues. Edited by Stanley Newman. www.stanxwords.com. 14, 17, 20, 24, 34, 35, 36, 39, 42, 45, 54, 55, 56, 60, 64, 67.

Table with 30 columns representing different stations and their respective programming schedules for the day of August 26, 2016.

DENNIS THE MENACE



My dad says there's a couple cheap skates over here. If they're my size... I'll buy 'em from you.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Now my tummy is really happy it's so hungry.

HAGAR



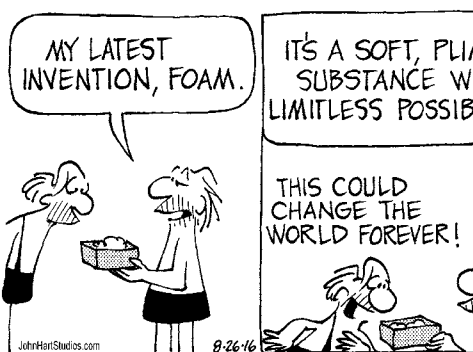
Two gold pieces is a lot to pay for a beer!

BLONDIE



That was before the current chef's uncle bought the restaurant.

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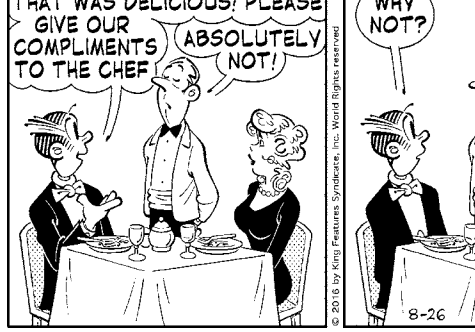
My latest invention, foam.

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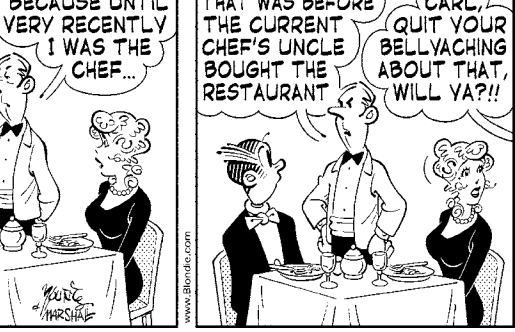
Can you please contact my departed mother?

BLONDIE



That was delicious! Please give our compliments to the chef.

BLONDIE



Why not? Because until very recently I was the chef.

This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 26, the 239th day of 2016. There are 127 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 26, 1968, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago...

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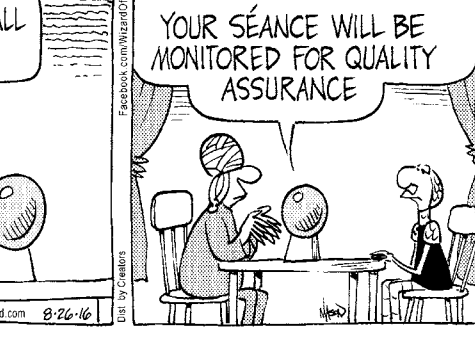
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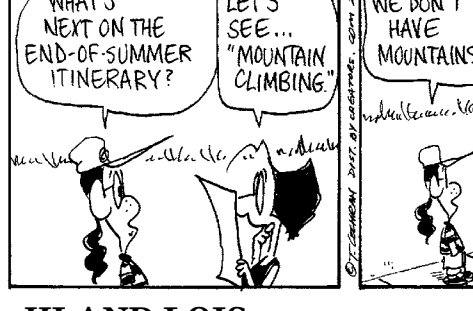
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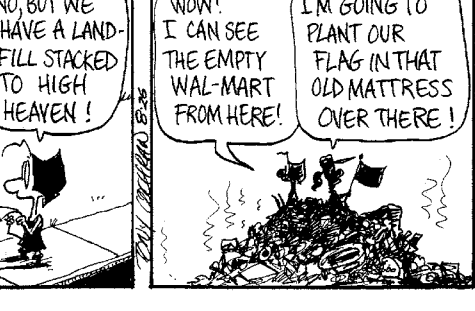
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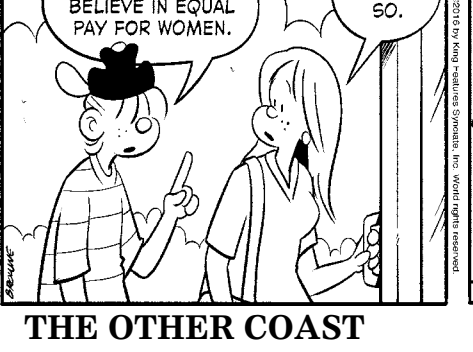
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BEEETLE BAILY



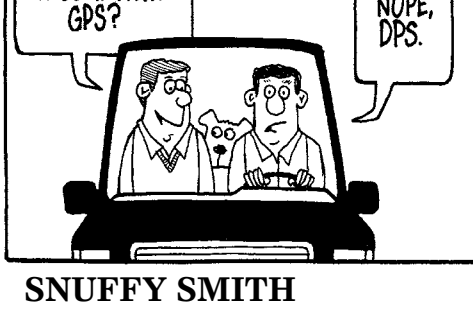
Y'know what? What?

THREE'S COMPANY



I've gotten my exercise fer th' week!!

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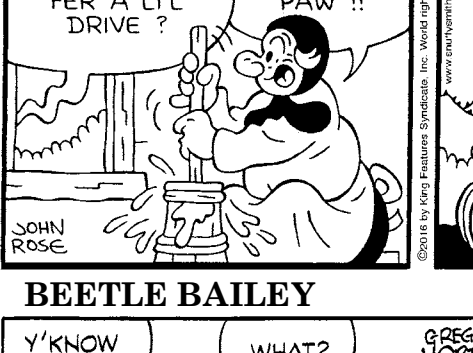
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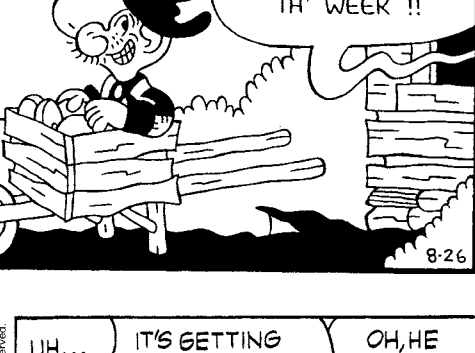
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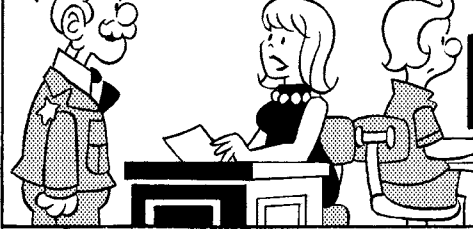
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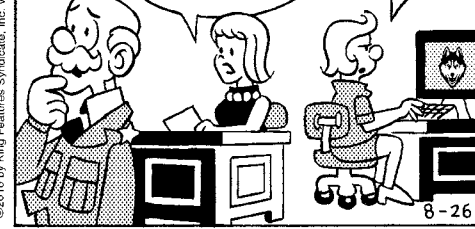
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS: 1 Gets the benefit from; 6 Loses zip; 10 Wear for The Mikado; 14 Visibly radiate; 15 Do some subbing; 16 'What was that?'; 17 Imply; 18 Sort-of opposite of 16 Across; 19 Stuart queen; 20 Ill-fated cruise ship of 2012; 23 It might be tidy; 24 Assigned to a mess, perhaps; 25 Book after James; 26 Frat letter; 27 Structure at Auntie Em's place; 28 Most favored; 29 Mrs. Tom Hanks; 31 Useful intelligence; 33 Slanty script, for short; 38 Source of much chocolate; 41 Structure at Auntie Em's place; 42 London's ___ Modern gallery; 43 Loathsome one; 44 Enzyme ending; 46 Better Call Saul aier; 48 Veggie in miso; 49 Pizzeria franchise; 53 Purina sister brand; 54 Microloan agcy.

THREE'S COMPANY by S.N.

Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a word search.

School days return... Parent's Corner

Put motivation killers behind you

Have you ever just lost your motivation to do something? Let's consider three primary reasons we usually lose motivation. We may lose our confidence. If we don't believe we can succeed, we may develop the attitude of what's the point in trying? We may lose our focus. If we don't know what we want, we may ask ourselves if we really want anything. Or we may lose our sense of direction. If we don't know what to do, how can we be motivated to do it?

If we get caught up in fear based thinking, the first step is focusing that ener-

Let's consider these three motivation killers. The lack of confidence is usually because we are focusing entirely on what we want and neglecting what we already have.

When we only think about what we want, our mind creates explanations for why we aren't getting it.

This creates negative thoughts. Past failures, bad breaks, and personal weaknesses dominate our minds.

We become jealous of our competitors and start making excuses for why we can't succeed. In this state, we tend to make a bad impression, assume the worst about others, and then begin to lose self-confidence.

The way to get out of this thought pattern is to focus on gratitude. We should set aside time to focus on the positive things in our lives; to make a mental list of our strengths, past successes, and current advantages.

We tend to take our strengths for granted and dwell on our failures. By making an effort to feel grateful, we'll realize how competent and successful we already are.

This will rejuvenate our confidence and get us motivated to build on our current success. When we truly believe that we deserve success, our mind will generate ways to achieve it.

The best way to bring success to ourselves is to genuinely desire to create value for the rest of the world.

To lose our focus is a real motivation killer too. How often do we focus on what we don't want, rather than on a concrete goal?

We normally think in terms of fear. I'm afraid of being poor. I'm afraid no one will respect me. I'm afraid of being alone.

The problem with this type of thinking is that fear alone isn't actionable.

Instead of doing something about our fear, it feeds on itself and drains our motivation.



DARRELL RYAN



By defining a goal, we automatically define a set of actions. The key is moving from an intangible desire to concrete, measurable steps.

By focusing our mind on a positive goal instead of an ambiguous fear, we put our brain to work. It instantly begins devising a plan for success. Instead of worrying about the future we start to do something about it.

This is the first step in motivating ourselves to take action. When we know what we want, we become motivated to take action.

The other motivational killer is the loss of direction. Direction is having a day to day strategy to achieve our ultimate goal. To lose our direction kills our motivation because without an obvious next action we succumb to procrastination.

The key to finding direction is identifying the activities that lead to success.

For every goal, there are activities that pay off and those that don't. We should make a list of all our activities and arrange them based on results.

Then develop an action plan that focuses on the activities that lead to big returns.

We should keep track of our most important tasks to give us a constant reminder which will direct our energy toward success.

If we guard against the motivational killers, and stomp them out, we can preserve our motivation and propel ourselves to success.

Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD director of school safety.



Howard County public schools swung back into gear Monday as students headed for their first day of classes. Pictured clockwise from top, a group of Forsan boys are all smiles, a Forsan Elementary girl gives a thumbs up, Coahoma elementary students walk to their morning class, and a Forsan student laughs with a teacher Monday afternoon.

Courtesy photos

Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photo

Goliad Elementary School students participated in the Steer Brand Olympics on the first day of school where they learned the behavior expectations for the new school year. The Goliad faculty is confident the immediate effort to model and clarify appropriate classroom and school-wide behavior will improve learning by reducing off-task behavior. Go Steers!

Dr. W. David Watts to step down as fifth president of UTPB



Dr. David Watts

By Travis Woodward
UTPB Director of Communication & Special Projects

After serving 15 years leading The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and overseeing a period of unprecedented growth and evolution, Dr. W. David Watts announced in the annual fall convocation held on campus today, that he had submitted his resignation as president, effective August 31, 2017.

"Working together, I think we have accomplished things that no one, perhaps not even ourselves thought possible," he said in his message. "Now is the time for someone else to help UTPB continue on its

path to be the great institution that it is destined to be."

"UTPB has grown tremendously during President Watts' tenure, not just in enrollment, but also in quality. From the arts to athletics, and groundbreaking partnerships with high schools across the state which paved the way for a college degree for thousands — President Watts' far-reaching vision for UTPB has been extraordinary. His impact on higher education reverberates far beyond West Texas," said UT System Chancellor William H. McRaven. "I am personally grateful to President Watts for his commitment and dedication to UTPB and its students, and I know that gratitude is shared by the many whose lives he has enriched through his life's work."

The longest serving president at UTPB, Dr. Watts has made a mark in both the university and in the Permian Basin community since he assumed this position in June 2001. Under his leadership, the reputation of UTPB significantly advanced, as recognized by both *The Economist* and *U.S. News and World*

Report. In 2015, Dr. Watts received the prestigious Odessa Citizen of the Year Award.

"President Watts has had a distinguished career of leadership and service to the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. For the past 15 years, President Watts has led UTPB skillfully through his commitments to expanding enrollment, improving infrastructure investments, and enhancing program offerings. His achievements have been integral to increasing access to higher education in the Permian Basin region, as well as increasing success of its students. President Watts' legacy will be remembered for years to come," said Steven Leslie, executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

While he was president, The University enrollment increased from 2,200 to 6,315 students. Student housing increased from six buildings and 96 beds in 2001 to 37 buildings and 1,197 beds as of fall, 2016. The addition in student housing represents an 824 percent increase in

students living on campus — significantly impacting the local economy and transforming UTPB from a commuter school into a vibrant, traditional university community.

Early in his tenure at UTPB, Watts made a commitment to expand the educational opportunities at the university. UTPB has invested in online programs making it possible to earn a degree from a distance and allow for an expansion of career opportunities to our regional workforce.

Most recently, UTPB has made the BestColleges.com list of the top 50 schools in the nation with the most affordable online programs and the *U.S. News and World Report's* #4 ranking in low cost public online bachelors programs.

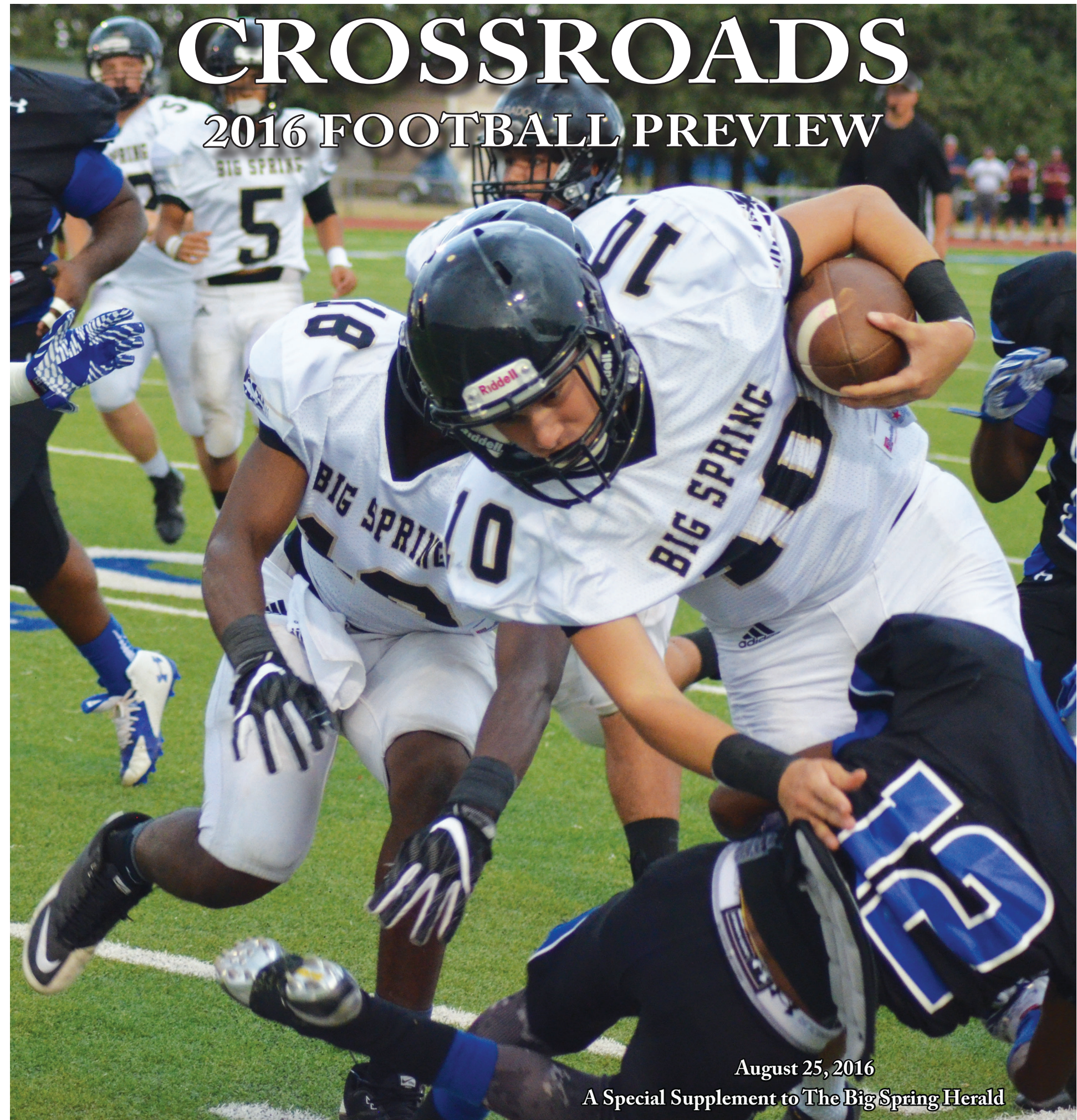
His vision led to the creation of Texas' first entirely virtual Early College High School network — which started as a partnership between The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Presidio Independent School District and has now expanded to nine schools districts. This program is an innovative alliance of pub-

lic and private educational groups that created the first 100 percent online early high school program in Texas and continues to expand to other underserved counties within West Texas.

Under his leadership, UTPB was the first school in Texas to offer a \$10,000 bachelor's degree in select majors and is recognized as the least expensive Texas public, four-year institution for all college expenses, including tuition and fees.

Watts said "I believe UTPB is in the finest position in its history, yet it will require hard work and commitment on everyone's part to make UTPB the fine institution that it is and the better institution that it will be."

A search committee to advise The University of Texas System Board of Regents will be formed. The search advisory committee, which will include faculty, staff, student and community representatives, will present names of potential candidates to the board. The regents will make the final decision and plan to have a new president in place by Fall 2017.



**2016 Forsan High School
Buffaloes Varsity Roster**

No.	Name - Position	Ht	Wt	Class
1	Bryce Hergert - QB/DB	6-1	175	Sr.
3	Garrett Evans - WR/DB	5-11	145	Jr.
5	Dagan Gray - WR/LB	5-10	170	Sr.
6	Taylor Christian - WR/DB	6-0	175	Sr.
12	Blaze Yeater - WR/DB	5-11	170	Sr.
13	James McCafferty - WR/DB	5-9	154	Jr.
17	Austin Darden - WR/DB	5-11	150	Jr.
19	Ehren Hillger - WR/DE	6-3	170	Jr.
20	Ashton Voight - RB/LB	5-8	190	Sr.
24	Tearell McVae - RB/LB	6-1	180	Sr.
25	Josh Evans - TE/DB	6-2	160	Sr.
51	Lane Schafer - OL/LB	6-0	195	Sr.
53	Ross Jennings - OL/LB	5-7	150	Sr.
61	Caden Williams - OL/DL	6-1	270	So.
64	Brent Glasco - OL/LB	5-11	190	Sr.
67	Anthony Kligore - OL/DL	5-10	220	Sr.
70	Steven Davis - OL/DL	5-7	264	Sr.
71	Michael Hewtty - OL/DL	5-8	215	Sr.
75	Tyler Westbrook - OL/DL	6-2	280	Sr.
78	Brycson Pineda - OL/DL	6-2	295	Jr.

Good luck to all area teams this season from the Big Spring Herald

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Sands Mustangs

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 25	at Lueders-Avoca	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at New Home	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Trent*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Meadow	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Ira	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Loop	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Wellman	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Open	
Nov. 4	Dawson	7:30 p.m.

Stanton Buffaloes

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Seagraves	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Wink	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Christoval*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Open	
Oct. 28	Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Colorado City	7:30 p.m.

Garden City Bearkats

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 27	at Austin Veritas	10 a.m.
Sept. 2	Santa Anna	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Open	
Sept. 16	Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Buena Vista*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Milford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.

Grady Wildcats

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Highland	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	New Home*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Sands	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Open	
Oct. 28	Loop	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Wellman	7:30 p.m.

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2016 Junior Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 25	at Coahoma	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Eldorado	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Stanton	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Reagan County	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	Open	Open
Sept. 29	at Wink	6:15 p.m.
Oct. 6	Hawley	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open	Open
Oct. 20	at Anson	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Post	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Stamford	7 p.m.

2016 8th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	Stanton	6:15 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Reagan County	6:15 p.m.
Sept. 22	Morton	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Wink	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	Hawley	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open	Open
Oct. 20	at Anson	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Post	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Stamford	5:30 p.m.

2016 7th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	Stanton	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Reagan County	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	TBA	TBA
Sept. 29	TBA	TBA
Oct. 6	Hawley	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	Open	Open
Oct. 20	at Anson	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Post	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Stamford	4 p.m.

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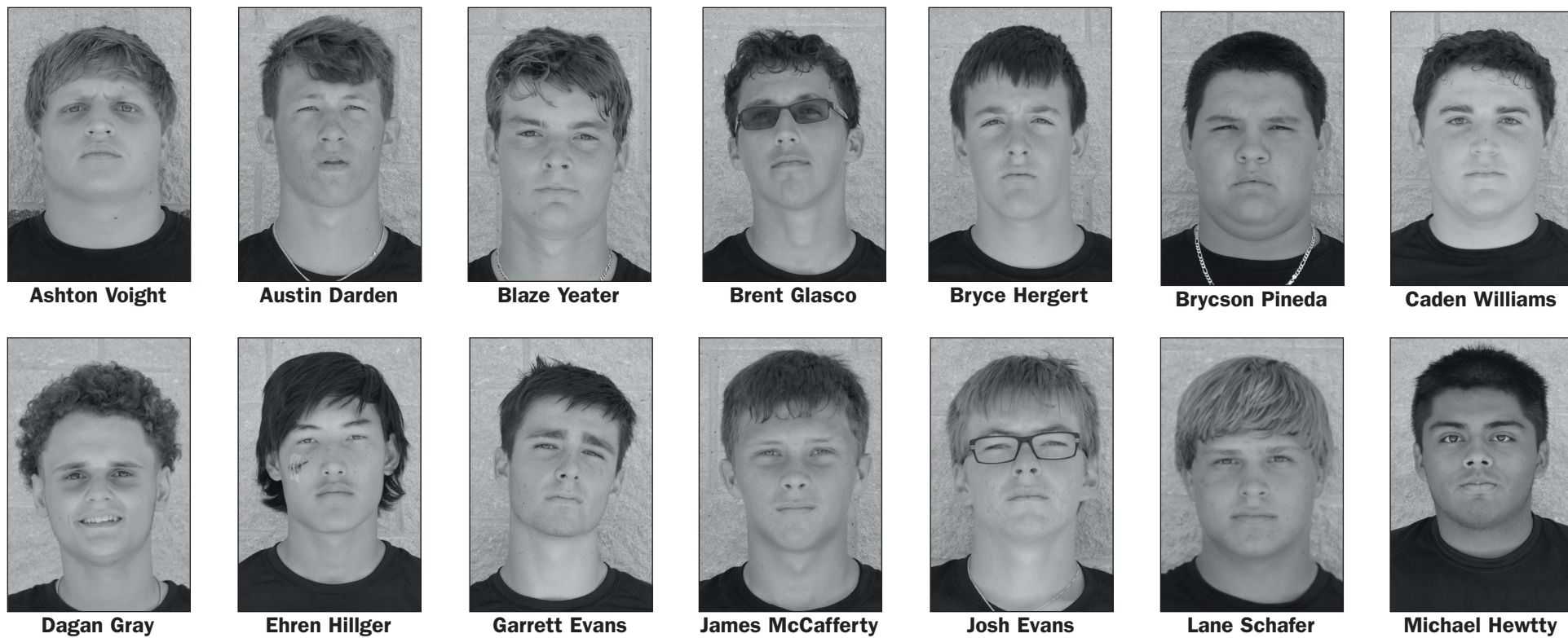
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To get the scoop on everything Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan, be sure to catch the "Friday Night Lights" section, running each Thursday during the Howard County high school football season

On the cover...
Big Spring quarterback Dylan Cantu runs for a first down in the Steers' second scrimmage against Lubbock Estacado. (HERALD photo/Drew Williams)
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New coach highlights new year for Steers

By **DREW WILLIAMS**

Sports Editor

The top story of the offseason is pretty cut and dry when a football team has a new head coach.

Clint Finley will take the reins in Big Spring for the first time Friday, August 26, when the Steers take on Amarillo Caprock in their season opener. He comes from 6A Los Fresnos High School, a team he coached for six years. In those six years, he never had a losing season, and saw his team's record improve each year. Starting in 2010 and ending in 2015, his records at Los Fresnos were as follows: 5-4-1, 5-3, 7-4, 8-4, 9-4, and 8-2.

A former Dallas Cowboy, Kansas City Chief, and standout with the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Finley has a lot to lean on when it comes to experience. He told the Herald in February that his time with the Chiefs was a huge influence on the way he

coaches, thanks in large part to the impression legendary NFL coach Dick Vermeil made on him.

"He's a great, great man. Just the passion. He's got a passion for people and really and truly cares for people. And I think that's what makes him special and really sets him apart from a lot of the coaches that I've been around. Just the relationship that he builds with every single one of his guys," Finley said.

He hopes to build the same relationships with the student-athletes at Big Spring High School.

"Getting to know the kids, that's the most important thing. And having that relationship with the kids so they know that they can trust me and that I have their best interests in mind," he said.

A safety in his playing days, Finley is a defensive-minded coach, but he knows what he wants to see on both sides of the ball. He runs primarily 4-3 and 4-2-5 defensive formations, and wants his safeties and linebackers to be able to move around and make plays. Offensively, he's said he tends to lean towards the run, but if the passing game can be successful he would be happy with a 50/50 split. Junior quarterback Dylan Cantu will play a large part in determining if that's possible.

Cantu will be under center for the first time as the starting quarterback after taking over for recently graduated Garrett Wigington. He's made plays in the air and with his legs in the two preseason scrimmages for the Steers, and will look to get better on a week-by-week basis as he gains experience.

"He's doing a great job, and he puts in so much extra work," Finley said of Cantu.



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Big Spring receiver Jeremiah Cooley makes a one-handed grab in the Steers' scrimmage against Pecos.

Finley also expects a lot out of his seniors, both on the field and as mentors for the underclassmen.

"I'm just looking for some leadership, and for them to show the young ones how to compete. We're a very young football team. Very young and very green, and I'm just looking for them to show kids how to get ready to go into a football game. Football games are very physical, and they're a lot like a fight. If you go in there and get hit, and take the first punch, you've got to be able to bounce back. You've got to be able to respond to it, and we just need some good leadership from them," Finley said.

One of those seniors he's going to be expecting big things from is safety and wide receiver Daniel Luna. While Luna deservedly gets praise from fans and media members alike as a dangerous slot receiver, he spent the preseason giving opposing offenses nightmares from the safety position. Luna's official title is safety, but he mainly

acts as Finley's "Rover." Luna will play a mixture of safety, cornerback, and linebacker, and will likely be asked to do something different on an almost play-by-play basis as he can stack the box against the run and cover receivers equally well.

Toughest 3-4A competition

The Steers play in one of the toughest 4A districts in the state and will look to improve upon their 0-4 district record in 2015. It's a



Courtesy photo of Big Spring head coach Clint Finley.

of a hybrid. It's not a true passing spread. We run the football probably 60 percent of the time compared to 40 percent passing," Phillips said.

Forsan's base offense consists of four wide receivers and a single back, much like Coahoma's. The defenses won't share any resemblances, though. Forsan runs primarily a 4-2-5 defense, which they often alter throughout each game as they make adjustments.

"Defensively, we're kind of a hybrid there as well. We base out of a split, which is a 4-2-5, but we move our outside linebackers around and we can get into a 4-3 look, and we can even get into a 50 (one nose tackle, two defensive tackles, and two defensive ends) look at times. It really depends on who we're playing what our defense is going to look like," Phillips said.

Their 4-2-5 base defense will use two of the five defensive backs to play their rover positions, who Phillips expects to be a jack-of-all-trades in the gridiron.

"We have our four down lineman, we've got our two inside linebackers, two corners, and then a safety

in the back. Then we've got two other guys and those are the guys we move around quite a bit, and it allows us to go with whatever coverage we want. We'll go cover 1, cover 2, cover 3, pretty much anything," Phillips said. "Those guys have to be good athletes and they've got to be able to wear multiple hats defensively for us."

Youth is something the Buffaloes won't have to worry about. Forsan returns seven starters on offense and seven starters on defense.

"They've been a great class for us for six years now," Phillips said of his senior class. "It's a big group for us. We have 12 or 13 seniors, which is amazing. It's a good group, a well-rounded group, and we just want them to continue to be good leaders and good examples for our younger guys."

Toughest 4-2A competition

Take your pick. This district is loaded with talent even outside of Forsan, and that's saying something, considering the Buffaloes didn't lose a district game of their own in 2015. Post and Hawley

also share that detail, finishing 11-1 and 10-2 overall, respectively, with both teams ending the year as area finalists. Stamford finished 10-2 overall and 4-1 in its district, and the team with the worst 2015 record, Anson, was 7-6 and 3-2 in its district. The favorite is widely considered to be Post, however, as their successful 2015 campaign was achieved at the 3A level. Now they move down 2A and return nine total starters, including Dave Campbell's preseason offensive MVP pick A.J. Reed, who rushed for 1,050 yards and 12 touchdowns in 2015.

Preseason in a nutshell

The Buffaloes played Grape Creek and Colorado City in their preseason scrimmages. Though they didn't play a live quarter simulation against Grape Creek, each team found the end zone three times in the contest.

Against 3A Colorado City, Forsan made it look easy, winning 14-0. Quarterback Bryce Hergert made good throws and good reads, and even when he underthrew his receivers, they had so much separation off the line that they had plenty of room to slow down for the catch. Phillips said he liked what he saw.

"We're blessed with some good speed at our skill positions with running backs and wide receivers. As an offensive coach especially, it's fun to have. And that's not our motto, usually we're not a passing team and we spread it out to run," he said.

What to watch for

Phillips has been impressed with his receiving corps of Blaze Yeater, Garrett Evans, Austin Darden, and Taylor Christian, and with quarterback Bryce Hergert throughout the preseason. If the high level of play from the skill positions can continue in non-district play, look for the offense to become more and more balanced as the season progresses.

"As the year goes along, we'll still be a running team. But the way we're throwing the ball right now, instead of going 60/40 run to pass, it might be a little more even. So hopefully it can continue. Hergert did a good job progressing throughout two-a-days, and if he can just give our receivers a chance, those guys can go make some plays for us," Phillips said.



Big Spring Steers In the Huddle



District: 3-4A
Head coach:
Clint Finley
2015 Record: 2-7

Homecoming: Sept. 23 v. Andrews

Rivalry game: Oct. 7 v. Snyder

Returning starters: 4 offense, 6 defense.

2016 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Caprock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Canyon High	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Graham	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Stephenville	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Brownwood	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Open	

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challenge Finley accepts, and it's the main reason he didn't shy away from a tough non-district schedule as well.

Abilene Wylie is the favorite to win the district after a 12-3 overall record in 2015 while going undefeated in the district on their way to the state semifinals. The Bulldogs return three starters on offense and five starters on defense, including Dave Campbell's preseason pick for defensive MVP in 6'3", 260-pound defensive lineman Dion Novil.

Brownwood boasts Dave Campbell's preseason pick for offensive MVP in 5'10" wide receiver Conner Howard, who runs a 4.40 40-

yard dash. The Lions also return the most starters in the district with five on offense and seven on defense as they look to improve on their 11-3, 3-1 2015 campaign.

Preseason in a nutshell

The Steers scrimmaged Pecos and Lubbock Estacado, beating Pecos 12-6 and falling to Estacado 14-7 when the scrimmages turned to the live quarter simulations.

The biggest question mark after the Pecos matchup was the Big Spring secondary. Pecos seemingly had no problem completing the deep ball, and it's something Fin-

ley said would need attention in the next week's practices.

The Steers looked like they put in all the necessary work throughout the week in the contest with Estacado as the Matadors had trouble moving the ball through the air. The Steers lost by a touchdown, however, largely due to missed tackles and penalties, which Finley said was better than the alternative of players being out of position because tackling and penalties are fundamentals that are more easily corrected.

What to watch for

Though Finley wants to lean to-

wards the run on offense, it was evident in the two scrimmages that the Steers were working on building chemistry between quarterback Dylan Cantu and wide receiver Jeremiah Cooley. The pair combined for two of the three preseason touchdowns, and while Cooley had his share of drops, the 6'2" sophomore towers over cornerbacks and is definitely a player to keep an eye on moving forward.

"We've got big weapons out there," Finley said regarding his wide receivers. "Those are weapons we want to utilize and we hope they can command double teams and open up other areas for us."

2016 Big Spring High School Steers Varsity Roster

No.	Name - Position	Ht	Wt	Class	No.	Name - Position	Ht	Wt	Class
2	Leon Mathews - WR/CB	5-9	162	Jr.	32	Riley Henson - WR/S	5-9	160	Sr.
3	Rene Villa - WR/CB	5-10	150	Sr.	33	Brett Berringer - TE/DL	5-10	200	So.
4	Preston Alexander - RB/LB	5-9	230	Sr.	34	Andrew Pearson - WR/S	5-10	176	Sr.
5	Cameron Mikels - TE/DL	5-10	190	Sr.	41	Logan Edwards - WR/S	5-9	173	Jr.
6	Aaron Olague - WR/S	5-11	182	Jr.	42	Damien Cisneros - OL/DL	5-10	268	Jr.
7	Daniel Luna - WR/S	5-11	185	Sr.	44	Isaac Rios - OL/DL	5-3	155	Jr.
8	Dylan Cantu - QB/S	5-8	160	Jr.	50	Channing Miller - TE/DL	6-0	220	So.
9	JaVone Ford - WR/CB	5-8	135	Jr.	51	Mason Lane - OL/DL	5-10	210	Sr.
10	Tye Young - WR/S	5-10	172	Sr.	52	Dylan Tredaway - OL/DL	5-7	211	Sr.
12	Jack Everett - QB/CB	5-10	165	So.	54	Caymen Chavez - TE/DL	6-2	230	Sr.
14	Brantz Burchett - TE/LB	5-10	205	Sr.	57	Adrian Wilbert - OL/DL	5-10	225	Sr.
15	Robert Valencia - RB/CB	5-9	160	Jr.	66	Edward Aguilar - OL/DL	6-0	227	Jr.
17	CJ Harris - WR/S	6-2	190	Fr.	68	Ivan Delgado - OL/DL	5-7	205	Jr.
18	Tyler Sparks - QB/LB	5-10	200	Jr.	72	Levi Molina - OL/DL	5-9	252	Sr.
19	Jeremiah Cooley - WR/S	6-2	194	So.	74	Gabe Melendez - OL/DL	5-10	198	Sr.
20	Matthew Tarrats - QB/DL	5-8	221	Sr.	75	Andre Marquez - OL/DL	6-0	202	Jr.
21	Davian Moore - TE/DL	5-11	198	Sr.	76	Caleb Boyd - OL/DL	5-10	235	Sr.
22	Adam Gonzales - RB/LB	5-8	172	Jr.	78	Jordan Dunn - OL/DL	5-10	260	Jr.
24	Mikey Renteria - RB/LB	6-0	190	Jr.	82	Trusten Edmondson-TE/DL	5-10	184	Jr.
25	Kody Barber - WR/S	5-7	165	Sr.	84	DJ Molina - WR/CB	5-9	142	So.
27	Eugene Saldana - RB/LB	5-11	189	So.	86	Dimas Garcia - WR/CB	5-6	146	Fr.
30	Luke Edwards - RB/S	5-9	173	Jr.	88	Domiono Cole - WR/S	6-0	157	So.

2016 Freshmen & JV Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time (Freshmen/JV)
Aug. 25	at Caprock.....	TBA
Sept. 1	at Sweetwater	5/6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Monahans	5/7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Canyon.....	4/6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Andrews	5/6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Graham (at Abilene).....	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Snyder.....	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Wylie	5/6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Stephenville.....	5/6 p.m.
Oct. 27	Brownwood	4:30/7:30 p.m.

2016 8th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	Monahans	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Open	Open
Sept. 22	Andrews	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Jim Ned.....	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Snyder.....	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	Wylie	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	San Angelo Lincoln	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Brownwood (at SA Lakeview)	6 p.m.
Nov. 1	at San Angelo Glenn.....	4:30 p.m.

2016 7th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	Monahans	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Open	Open
Sept. 22	Andrews	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Jim Ned.....	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	Snyder.....	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Wylie	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	at San Angelo Lincoln	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Brownwood (at SA Lakeview)	4 p.m.
Nov. 1	San Angelo Glenn	4:30 p.m.



Top: Big Spring's freshmen. (courtesy photo)
 Above: Big Spring safety Daniel Luna intercepts a pass against Pecos in the first scrimmage of the year on August 12. (Tony Claxton photo, www.claxtonphotography.com)

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Forsan Buffaloes In the Huddle



District: 4-2A
 Head coach: Jason Phillips
 2015 Record: 8-3

Homecoming: Sept. 30 vs. Wink

Rivalry game: Aug. 25 vs. Coahoma at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring

Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense.

2016 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 25	Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Eldorado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Reagan Co.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Morton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Wink	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Open	
Oct. 21	Anson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Stamford	7:30 p.m.

Forsan in for tougher schedule in 4-2A

Impressive preseason to help Buffs in new district
 By DREW WILLIAMS
 Sports Editor

The Forsan Buffaloes are coming off a successful 2015 season that saw the team lift the district championship trophy after going 8-3 overall and 4-0 in district play. A move to 4-2A with brand new faces should make the upcoming season a bit more challenging for the Buffs. The new district features five teams (Forsan, Post, Hawley, Stamford, and Anson) that each finished with a winning record in 2015. Forsan will start their season at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring against Howard County rival Coahoma as they use their non-district schedule to prepare them for the road ahead. While the Howard County Bowl



Herald photo/Drew Williams
Forsan practices their running game in their second pre-season scrimmage against Colorado City.

between Coahoma and Forsan will feature two offenses that look similar, head coach Jason Phillips and the Buffaloes will tend to use their spread formation to free up space for their backs. "A lot of teams spread it out to throw the football, but we spread it out as much as anything to create running lanes. We utilize our inside receivers in our running game as well on jet sweeps, but it's kind

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At left, the Bulldogs practice a running play in their scrimmage against Ozona and at right, the Bulldogs' offensive and defensive lines do drills against each other during a two-a-day practice.

2016 Junior Varsity Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Forsan	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	at McCamey	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	Reagan County	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Bangs	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Grape Creek	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	San Angelo TLCA	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	Stanton	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Idalou	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Colorado City	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	Open	Open
Nov. 3	Lubbock Roosevelt	6 p.m.

2016 8th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	at Reagan County	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Bangs	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Grape Creek	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at San Angelo TLCA	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Stanton	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Idalou	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Colorado City	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Open	Open
Nov. 3	Lubbock Roosevelt	6:30 p.m.

2016 7th Grade Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	at Reagan County	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Bangs	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	Grape Creek	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	at San Angelo TLCA	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Stanton	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	Idalou	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Colorado City	5 p.m.
Oct. 27	Open	Open
Nov. 3	Lubbock Roosevelt	5 p.m.

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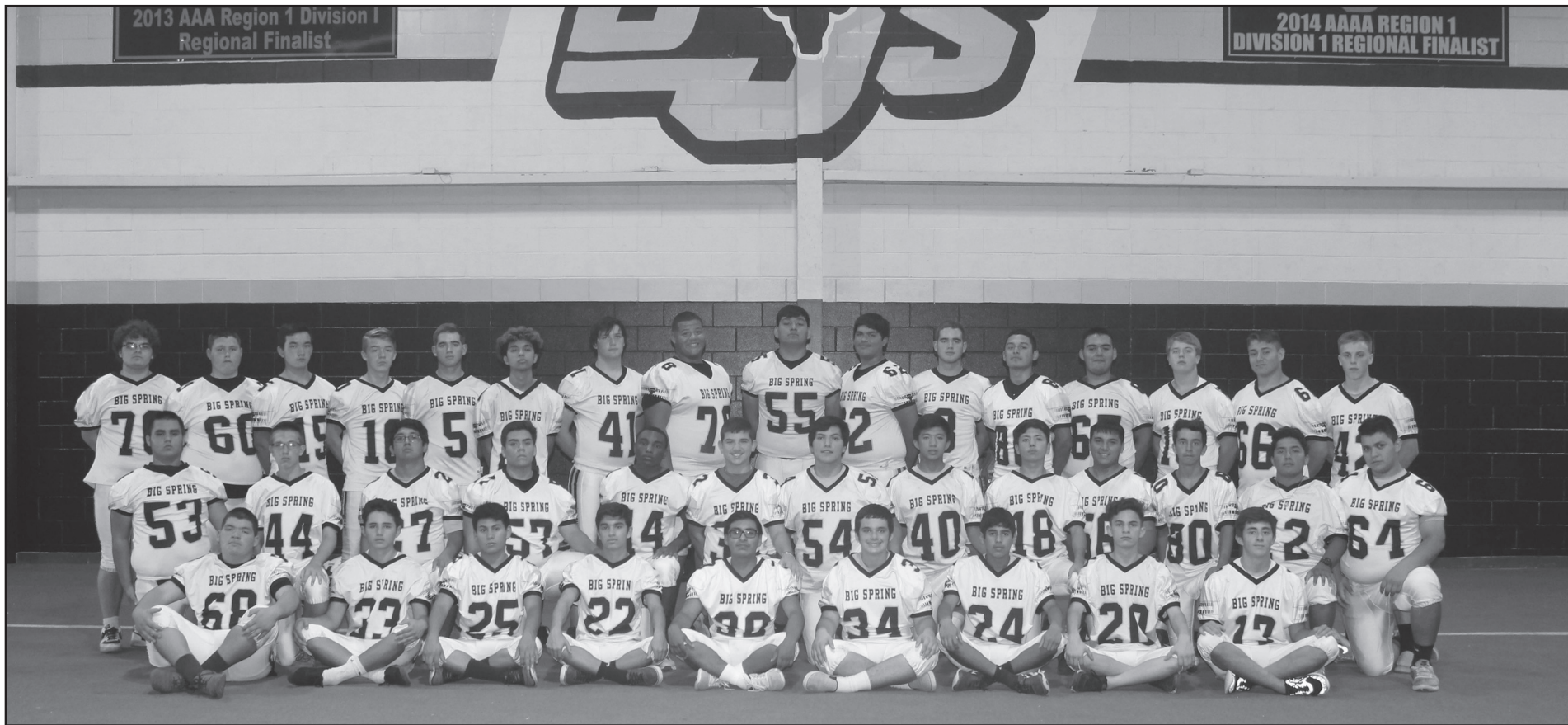
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ing each other up even when things were going south. There wasn't a lot of bickering, fighting, or arguing, it was just a lot of 'Let's find a way to do this. Come on, we've got to figure out a way to get it done,'" he said.

What to watch for

While it may sound cliché to say look for the "growth" of a team over the course of a season, it holds especially true for Coahoma. The Bulldogs have only six seniors on their roster compared to 15 juniors. Those 15 juniors

were 15 sophomores last year, and learning a completely different offense, let alone a spread offense, is not easy for underclassmen. Look for the juniors to mature and take a big step forward as they enter their second season in this offensive system.

"We need them to be that solid group of leaders, and unfortunately we don't have many seniors," Dietz said regarding his seniors. "Six out of 25 isn't very many, but our junior class, there's a bunch of those guys. So we need both of those groups to really take the lead and

become the leaders of the team."

One more thing to note is this: In Coahoma's lone scrimmage, senior offensive lineman Jonas Turnbough sat out with an injury. Filling his place on the line was freshman Keegan Dobbs. While Dobbs played well, particularly for it being his first game action ever at the high school level, replacing seniors with freshmen is less than ideal when the regular season rolls around. The health of the offensive line will likely play a big role in the Bulldogs' season.

2016 Coahoma High School Bulldogs Varsity Roster

No.	Name	Position	Class
1	Justin Cuellar	RB/DB	Jr.
3	Tyler McFall	WR/DB	Jr.
5	Joe Manning	WR/DB	So.
7	Gage Clark-Burdell	WR/LB	So.
8	Braden Pearson	QB/LB	Jr.
10	Adam Clark	WR/DL	Jr.
12	Mason Moore	QB/DB	Jr.
15	Donovan Barber	WR/LB	Jr.
17	Fletcher Mashburn	WR/DB	Sr.
20	Tyler Martin	WR/DB	Sr.
21	Caimon Billingsley	RB/LB	Jr.
22	Zach Holmes	WR/LB	Jr.
27	Joe Isaack	RB/LB	Jr.
30	Alstion Roper	WR/DB	Sr.
34	Trey Brumley	WR/DB	Jr.
51	Rolando Ortiz	OL/DL	Jr.
52	Landon Barber-Grant	OL/LB	Jr.
54	Lane Williams	OL/DL	Jr.
62	Jonas Turnbough	OL/DL	Sr.
65	Reuben Campos	OL/DL	Sr.
70	David Sandoval	OL/LB	Sr.
71	Braidon Walker	OL/DL	Jr.
76	Bracy Bacon	OL/DL	Jr.
79	Isaiah Villareal	OL/DL	Sr.

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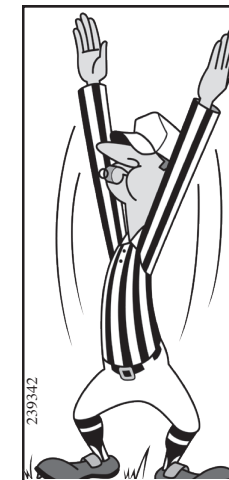


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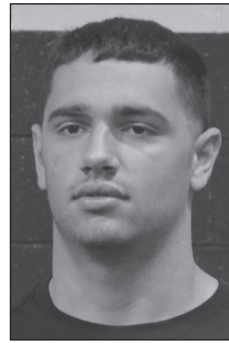
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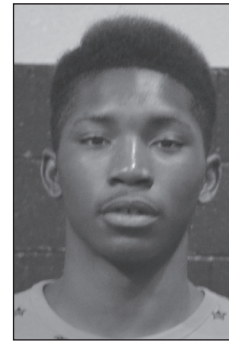
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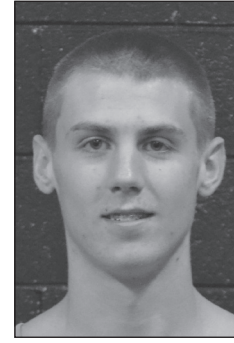
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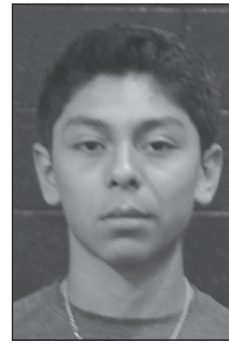
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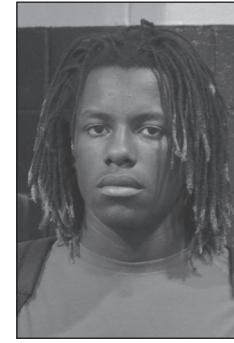
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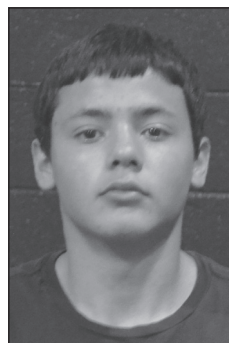
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Dietz said. "I count on my staff all the time for things. There may be times where I go to one of them and say 'Hey, you've got a great relationship with this kid—maybe because they've coached them in basketball or baseball—try to see if you can get to them better than I can. See if you can get something out of them that we know is there that I'm not able to get out.'"

Going into the first week of the regular season, Dietz said that one of the main priorities this season is his team's speed.

"We need to start playing faster. And what I mean by that is kids, once they understand the speed of the game at the varsity level, you just naturally start to play faster. So that's where we're trying to get to," he said.

Toughest 2-3A competition

Idalou joins Coahoma in district 2-3A, and will likely be the toughest matchup for the Bulldogs, as well as familiar faces Colorado City and Stanton. Since the turn of the millenium, the Wildcats have racked up an impressive 164-43 record, with their worst season being a 7-4 2009 campaign. They finished as state semifinalists in 2015 with a 13-1 record, going undefeated in district play. If there's a silver lining for the rest of district 2-3A, however, the Wildcats will only return one offensive starter and two defensive starters.

Preseason in a nutshell

The Bulldogs caught a bad break this preseason when their first scrim-

mage was cancelled due to rain. Their second scrimmage against Ozona turned out to be their first scrimmage, and the rust showed as Ozona won the live quarter simulation 28-0. The offense was productive, however, but was hindered by penalties and fatigue, with Dietz adding that conditioning will play a large role in practices going forward.

"We've got some things we need to fix, and we've got a lot of getting better to do, but we were able to identify some things and focus in on them now," Dietz said. "We'll take it, learn from it, get better, and coach our kids up."

One positive takeaway from the scrimmage, according to Dietz, was the character his team showed.

"Our cohesiveness seems to be a little better. Our kids were pick-

Coahoma Bulldogs In The Huddle



District: 2-3A, DII
Head coach:
Fred Dietz
2016 Record: 3-7

Homecoming: Sept. 23 v. Grape Creek

Rivalry game: Aug. 25 v. Forsan at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring

Returning starters: 5 offense, 7 defense.

2016 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 25	Forsan (in Big Spring)	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	McCamey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Reagan Co.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Bangs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Grape Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at San Angelo TLCA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Idalou	7:30 p.m.
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Coahoma ready for second season under Fred Dietz

By **DREW WILLIAMS**
Sports Editor

With his first year in the books, the hiring of Fred Dietz is old news at Coahoma. The second-year head coach of the Bulldogs will look to improve on his first season at the helm that saw Coahoma go 3-7 overall and 0-5 in the district. The good news for Coahoma is that Post, last season's district champion, is no longer in their district. The bad news is that perennial 3A powerhouse Idalou will join them, along with Lubbock Roosevelt, for the first time.

Dietz is known for his Air Raid-influenced offense, an offensive scheme that can take some time to implement and that should be much easier to grasp for the players as

they're in the second year of the system.

"We try to play fast offensively, up-tempo, and get to the line of scrimmage and get the play called and go, and really try and put the pressure on defenses with our tempo," Dietz said.

Dietz's offense will often feature four wide receivers and one back, with the occasional two-back formation in the mix. Dietz said he only has one set where the quarterback lines up under center, which is also the only set that features a tight end in his offense.

Junior quarterback Mason Moore will look to lead the spread offense with senior wideouts Fletcher Mashburn, Tyler Martin, and Al-stion Roper on the receiving end.



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Junior running back Justin Cuellar figures to get the bulk of the carries out of the backfield.

Bryan Jacobs remains as defensive coordinator and will be in charge of Coahoma's 3-3 stack defense that returns junior linebacker Joe Isaack. Dietz says the continuity factor of Jacobs and other as-

sistants coaching other sports can make his job a lot easier.

"Relationships are a big deal. Kids will turn loose and sell out for you when you know they genuinely care about them, and know that you're here for them and not you. And I feel like that's true for our staff. To have that continuity, it means a lot,"



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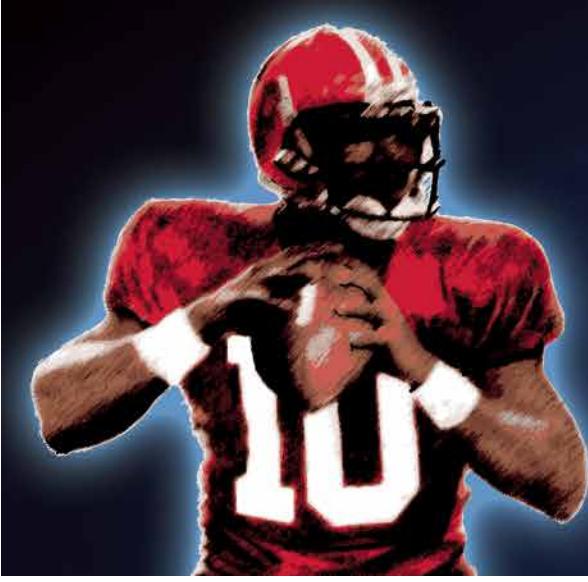
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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

Big Spring, Caprock equally prepared for Friday night opener

By **DREW WILLIAMS**
Sports Editor

Even though they've only played scrimmages so far, the Big Spring Steers and Caprock Longhorns have a good idea of what they'll be seeing from each other in their season-opening game Friday night.

"With what we've seen on film, they (Big Spring) look like a very well-coached, athletic team. We know it's going to be a very, very tough game considering we're traveling a long way down to Big Spring and going up against some kids our kids have never seen before. It'll just be a good experience and I'm hoping for a

good football game," Caprock head coach Dan Sherwood said.

Sherwood wasn't candid when he described what he'd like to run against the Steers, understandably keeping it vague.

"We do a little bit of mixing it up, we try to be 50-50. We'll spread the ball around, we'll

run it, we'll do a lot of things with it," he said. "Defensively, we're a multiple 3-4, 4-2-5 look. We'll rotate it in how we see fit with personnel."

Sherwood said his team has seen film from both Big Spring scrimmages. Big Spring defensive backs coach Nicholas Tyerman said the Steers will be going in pre-

pared as well.

"We were able to see their scrimmage they played last week. Since they're a bigger school, they only played one scrimmage, but we were able to study that one game. We've watched it a ton as a team with the kids," Tyerman

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The Coahoma Bulldogs end their two-a-day practice with a team huddle on August 17.

Back to the gridiron

Bulldogs and Buffaloes ready for Howard County Bowl

By **DREW WILLIAMS**
Sports Editor

It's not quite Christmas in July, but it's close. Whichever comparison or analogy you want to make, there's no doubt the players that take the field tonight at Memorial Stadium for the Howard County Bowl felt like children on Christmas Eve last night as they waited for the season opener against their county rivals. For the seniors, it's the last first game of their careers.

"We can say all day that we want to treat this like any other game, but it's not any other game. It's Forsan versus Coahoma, and we'd be lying to our kids if we told them different," Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said. "Our guys are friends with their guys, and their guys our friends with ours. They've known each other forever, and it's just a special game, it really is. We do try to get our kids to try and not get too caught up in it. It's one game in a long season. Obviously it's a rivalry game and one of our bigger games on the schedule, but it is a game. It's a game we want to try and go out and win, and we definitely don't ever look past those guys because they're going to give you their best effort, and I'm sure they're saying the same thing about us."

He was right. Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz echoed Forsan's approach to the game.



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Four Forsan Buffaloes surround Colorado City's running back as they make a tackle in the backfield during Forsan's 14-0 scrimmage win against the Wolves.

"Our kids get worked up for it. There's a lot of hoopla surrounding it, and for good reason. It's awesome for West Texas, and it's awesome for high school football in West Texas to have these games that are a big deal. If they weren't a big deal, then Texas high school football wouldn't be what it is," Dietz said. "But you do have to keep it in perspective. We talk to our kids about how the football season is

a marathon, it's not a sprint. This one football game is the beginning of that marathon, and we want to do everything we can to win this game, but it's not going to make or break our season. And it's hard for young kids to understand that because these games are hyped up, there's a lot of community involvement on both sides, it's a big deal to both communities, and we want to represent our community as

best as we possibly can."

The 2A Forsan Buffaloes enter the season opener on a high note after shutting out the 3A Colorado City Wolves in their final scrimmage. While the 3A Coahoma Bulldogs' preseason wasn't great, they had the disadvantage of only getting to play one scrimmage after their first was cancelled due to rain. Their lone scrimmage resulted in a 28-0 loss to Ozona.

"It didn't go quite like we want it to be honest. We had some bumps in there that we've got to get straightened out, especially defensively," Dietz said. "Going into a scrimmage we really work on us, and think about us. We don't really game plan for an opponent, and the thing that they base out of, a tight end and two backs, really gives our base defense some problems. We're more designed to defend a spread concept. We didn't want to differ from our base defense too much in a scrimmage, but I'm not going to make excuses. We still didn't play very well, and we didn't play very hard or run to the football like I wanted us to."

Dietz said fatigue played a major factor in the loss, as well as the game being the first game under the lights for some Bulldogs.

"We were tired in that first scrimmage. I think the fact that we didn't

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Similarities to help both Coahoma and Forsan

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

It couldn't have been much easier for the scout teams this week in preparation for the Howard County Bowl.

Coahoma and Forsan both run spread offenses with primarily one running back and four wide receivers. Both coaches said that played a big part in getting ready for the first game of the season as the scout teams were able to easily mimic what the other team would be running on offense.

"It helps, it really does. At our level, your second team a lot of times is your scout team. When we play a team that runs a Wing-T, like Reagan County later on in the year, it's a nightmare trying to get your scout team to line up right and then run those plays. With Coahoma, we can almost just line up and run our plays at our defense and our guys know what to do. They do a few things different than us. They throw more than we do. We like to run the football, and spread out to run it and pass second, and they're probably just a little bit opposite of that. But it makes it a lot easier when you see a team line up in a trips set instead of some kind of two-tight end, Wing-T set," Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said.

Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz said the ability to practice against the same type of schemes the Bull-



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Forsan practices its offense during two-a-day drills.

dogs will face tonight against Forsan should allow his team to play faster.

"I say it to our kids all the time, the less you have to think and the more you know exactly what your job is, the faster you're going to play. And the team that plays the fastest is usually the team that's going to win the football game. When you watch film and you see teams that are slow to react and guessing and not really on the attack, those are the teams that are generally getting beat. So that's what we talk to our kids about, especially this week. Turn loose and play, let's

play fast and run to the football. If you get lined up and you're not 100 percent sure what your responsibility is, do whatever you're doing as fast as you possibly can, and we can live with that. We can live with effort and we can live with intensity," Dietz said.

Although it helps the Bulldogs, Dietz was quick to admit it goes both ways.

"The fact that we do offensively line up in similar sets and our kids have seen it since August 1, that will help. I'd say it's an advantage, but it's working the same way for both teams," Dietz said.

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said. "We've just studied up as much as we can out of that. It's not the same as a full game, and it's not the same as it will be in a full season of seeing two or three films on a team, but we see some tendencies, we see some habits, and we've prepared the kids as best we can. After tomorrow the coaching will be done and it's just going to be up to the kids to execute."

What seemed like a weakness in their first scrimmage against Pecos turned out to be a strength against Estacado in regards to the Steers' secondary. Tyerman credits the turnaround to the dedication of the athletes.

"A lot of that early on stuff has a lot to do with a lot of scheme and just getting used to what their new jobs were and new routines and new habits. It takes a while to change habits, and I think we're getting there. We still have a long way to go, but they're getting a lot better with it and that's why I'm proud of them. They work their tails off," he said. "Early I think we were more comfortable in man (coverage), but we've developed good enough, in terms of studying, to where we're comfortable playing

zones, man, and a mixture of the two. And that's what I'm proud of them for. They've studied up on it."

If the Steers can get the mental side of coverage down, the athletic defensive backfield, which includes 2015 first-team all-district safety Daniel Luna and Big Spring track and field star Leon Mathews, could be a huge strength for the team.

"To have speed that Coach White coaches with the safeties, and to be able to have that speed on recoveries, it just helps them work together. It helps them be able to help each other recover and still play the ball, even if they make a mental error that may put them a half step behind. That's a half step that they can make up probably better than anybody else," Tyerman said.

The secondary also has the benefit of going against a receiving corps in practice that has the potential to get their hands on their own postseason awards.

"I think a lot of it just has to do with the kids and the work that we're getting against who I think are some of the best receivers that we're going to face. I mean, to go against two 6'4" men out there, not a lot of people get to practice like that. And they get to practice against that every day and that helps them improve quickly," Tyerman said.

downs were through the air.

"Bryce has looked really good throwing the football these first two scrimmages, and that's definitely an added weapon we can have. We may be more balanced than we thought we would," Phillips said.

And though Dietz saw his team fail to score, he said quarterback Mason Moore was a bright spot in the scrimmage.

"Overall, our quarterback took a big step forward. That was his first round out of the box since he was an 8th-grader, and here he is as a junior playing football again, and I thought he looked really good," Dietz said. "He was a good leader for us, so I was pleased with the way he played."

Scrimmages are in the books, however, and the game tonight will go down as an official win for one team and a loss for the other. With Coahoma in its second year under Dietz, Phillips expects this year's edition of the Howard County Bowl to be a greater challenge than their 53-26 win over the Bulldogs in 2015.

"Last year, Coahoma looked different than we've ever seen them. Coach Dietz has had a year to get his system in place, and it's pretty positive where they're at. They're going to be a tough challenge for us, just the reads the make offensively. But it's always good when you know your opponent, and they're the same way. They know what we like to do and what we're going to try to do," Phillips said. "They've progressed. Just watching them on film, they've done some things better already than at this time last year. He's done a good job getting those guys ready."

Keys to the game

Both head coaches in the Howard County Bowl have the same vision of what will determine the outcome of the game, and that's controlling the line. For Forsan's Jason Phillips, he needs his offensive line to win its matchups and establish the running game.

"Offensively, I think our offensive line has to win the battle at the line of scrimmage. I think we have to be able to run the football early and be able to control the line of scrimmage," Phillips said.

Coahoma's Fred Dietz needs his defensive line to not let that happen.

"I think our defensive interior has to really set the tone for us and play well inside. They're going to run inside zone and counter and jet sweep, and I think stopping those are the three keys to stopping those guys, and it all starts in the box," Dietz said. "In the interior we've got to really handle them in there, hold our own, and makes some stops, and get our defense off the field. To me, that's where the game is going to be won or lost."

And, as per usual when defending Coahoma's Air Raid offense, Phillips will look for his defensive backs to come up big.

"Defensively, I think we need to make sure we're covered on the back end. I think our secondary has got a great task in front of them. Grape Creek and C-City didn't control the ball near as much as we'll probably see from Coahoma, and they've got to be prepared," Phillips said.



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Big Spring cornerback Leon Mathews covers an Estacado receiver in the Steers' second scrimmage.

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have a first scrimmage came into effect later in our legs. But we're going to get better and we're going to learn from it. We've challenged the kids this week, we've watched some film and showed them where we went wrong and where we were beat," Dietz said. "We've got to learn how to be a little tougher, how to run to the football, and how to play with a little more passion."

Phillips said he was happy with his team's performance in Colorado City. The previous week the Buffaloes played Grape Creek in a scrimmage where each team scored three times, and the win against the Wolves proved that Forsan can play with higher competition. He added that Colorado City and Coahoma, who are in the same district, share a lot of similarities.

"I thought we performed well. First and foremost, we looked better offensively and defensively than we did against Grape Creek in the first scrimmage. I thought we made great strides on both sides of the football. Our tempo was good, it looked like our conditioning was a little bit better, and it was a good all-around scrimmage for us. We put some points on the board, and our secondary was probably our most improved area," Phillips said. "I'm just proud of those guys for getting that much work done and getting that much better in a week's time."

The play of first-year starting quarterback Bryce Hergert also impressed Phillips as both of the team's touch-

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Player spotlight: Daniel Luna, Big Spring

By OSCAR LEROY

Midland Reporter-Telegram via AP

BIG SPRING -- It didn't take long for senior Daniel Luna to understand what first-year Big Spring head coach Clint Finley was trying to do.

That's important for a new head coach and a player, who will be counted on to play a number of positions as the Steers look to get back into the playoffs this year.

"He's a tremendously smart young man and he takes control on both sides of the ball, offensively and defensively," said Finley of Luna.

"When he's on the field, on both sides of the ball, you can see that things are executed well because he does such a good job of taking control and making sure that everybody knows what to do and not only himself. He's going to play a little bit of everything. He's going to play in the secondary, either one of the safeties. He's smart enough to play both. On offense, he can play just about anywhere as a skill player.

"He understands where everything is supposed to be in a short period of time, which says a lot. I think he's top 10, maybe even top 5 in his class. He's

very intelligent and also very athletic."

The 5-foot-10, 175-pound Luna was a bright spot during last year's 2-7 season for the Steers. He caught 36 passes for 812 yards and seven touchdowns, while on defense he racked up 52 tackles and had a team-high three interceptions as he earned first-team all-district honors on both sides of the ball in his first year on the varsity.

This year he will be playing some fullback as well as wide receiver on offense, in addition to playing safety on defense.

"I'm playing a different position than last year, but that's never bad," said Luna. "It's good to always learn something new and be more diverse."

Luna, who will be on the varsity for the second year, also had to get used to a new coach after Phillip Ritchey announced his retirement at the end of last season.

Luna said the transition with Finley -- who came to Big Spring after six years at Class 6A Los Fresnos -- has been going really well and has been pleased with what the coach has implemented.

"I really like all the things that he's

doing, all the changes," Luna said. "Usually it's hard for seniors to jump on the bandwagon because it's their last year and they've been with a certain coach so many years. But we were all proud to jump on that bandwagon and go forth with what he has planned for us to do. It's very important to help them through the transition."

Luna will also have to get used to the new role of being a senior leader. Finley said it appears that Luna has embraced that role from the offseason workouts to the early part of two-day practices.

"For the younger guys, if they get down or do something wrong, you just have to pick them up, just show them what they're supposed to do," Luna said.

Luna added that he also tries to lead by working hard and doing his best to help the team in any way he can.

"The motivation is to not lose and to never let your coach or your teammates down," he said. "It's always about what you do for them, it's never a selfish game."

Luna hopes that mindset and attitude carries over to the rest of the



team as he has high hopes that the Steers will be better this season.

"I do think we'll improve from last year just because of the program and the way the offense and defense is set up, he said. "I expect big things to happen this year. We just have to start working as a team and get everything down. Of course, we are a team but you can always build more chemistry between each other."

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Player spotlight: Fletcher Mashburn, Coahoma



By OSCAR LEROY

Midland Reporter-Telegram via AP

Some high school football players were laboring under the hot West Texas sun when practices began earlier this month.

With temperatures hovering near the century mark and sweat pouring down their faces, some would probably rather be inside with the air conditioner full blast.

One player who didn't mind being back on the practice field in those hot conditions was Coahoma senior Fletcher Mashburn.

In fact, he was looking forward to it. Mashburn was hungry to get back on the field after missing a big chunk

of the 2015 season with a fractured femur in his right leg. The injury happened in the fourth game of the season, a 66-33 win over Miles, when he collided with a teammate after intercepting a pass from his free safety position.

Mashburn's injury was one of a few suffered by the young Bulldogs during a tough 3-7 season.

"Hopefully it goes better than last year," he said. "I broke my leg early and I was out for the rest of the year. This year hopefully I can help make my team better. It felt so great to be back (for the first day of practices on Monday, Aug. 1. I was glad to back working. It wasn't a good feeling sit-

ting on the sidelines and watching those games."

Second-year Bulldogs coach Fred Dietz is glad to have Mashburn back as well.

Not only is the senior a two-way contributor at wide receiver and free safety but the head coach believes Mashburn embodies everything it means to be a Bulldog.

"He's a leader. Fletcher is a kid that does things right," Dietz said. "He's a hard worker, he's a stand-up guy, a high character guy. When nobody's watching, he's still the guy that's doing the right thing. To me those are

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Player spotlight: Tearell McVae, Forsan

By WILL KORN

Midland Reporter-Telegram via AP

Tearell McVae has Forsan football running through his veins -- he couldn't stay away from it for too long.

The Buffaloes' dynamic senior running back grew up in Forsan but moved away from West Texas during his eighth grade year. He made brief stops in South Dakota and in Haltom City -- about fifteen minutes northeast of Fort Worth -- but always wanted to play for the Buffaloes growing up and was itching to return home.

"I missed the school and I told my mom I really wanted to go back," McVae said. "When I was in seventh and eighth grade, I always used to watch them (the Buffaloes) on the field and I would get so pumped up when I saw them come out of the tunnel. I said 'I want to do that one day. That's going to be me.'"

McVae moved back to Forsan before his sophomore year of high school. Two seasons of Buffalo football later, he realized his high school dream and has become the face of the program.

In his first varsity season, McVae used his frame and athletic ability to

burst onto the scene. He rushed for 886 yards and 12 touchdowns on just 98 carries -- good for a whopping 9.04 yards per carry average -- en route to helping Forsan to a 8-3 record and a first-place 4-0 finish in District 3-2A Division I.

He also caught seven passes for 138 yards and a pair of scores, while recording 84 total tackles and an interception as a linebacker on defense.

Forsan head coach Jason Phillips was quick to describe how special McVae is to the Buffaloes' program. In addition to his explosiveness, he said his positive attitude and passion for the game is infectious and separates him from other players.

"He's special," Phillips said. "He's a special athlete always. He's worked really hard to get bigger and faster. But the thing about him is he's just a great kid. He's a great leader -- not overly vocal but just by his actions. "He's one of those kids who always has a smile on his face. He's happy to be on the football field and we're blessed to have him."

McVae's passion for the sport, in part, stems from the personal meaning he's derived from Forsan football

dating back to his childhood.

"It (Forsan football) means a lot," McVae said. "It's like a religion. People get hyped up for it and for me, it's like my religion out there. I get hyped up for it and I love when I'm on the field."

At 6-foot-1 and 174 pounds, McVae is an energetic student of the game, constantly trying to improve himself as a player. He said he learned as much as he could from his experiences of watching and being around football in both South Dakota and Haltom City, and applied to his role as running back for the Buffaloes.

He added that football in a small West Texas town such as Forsan really does have a much different feel to it.

"I watched and learned what they did up there (in South Dakota) and I brought it back with me when I came (to Forsan)," McVae said. "In Fort Worth, there's so many guys there, so you have to learn everything yourself. Here, you can do more."

Speaking of doing more, McVae's main goal this season? Double up everything -- his own stats, as well as Forsan's advancement in the play-



offs. He said he wasn't satisfied with his production in 2015.

But with Phillips planning to limit McVae's defensive responsibilities this year, as well as now focusing him almost exclusively as a running back, McVae believes he has all the tools he needs to be successful.

"I set a goal of doubling everything I did last year," McVae said. "I expect to get more yards, more carries and have a great season with the boys."

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Schedule for the teams ranked in the AP Texas high school football poll, Aug. 26-30

- 6A**
1. Katy (0-0) at Austin Westlake, Friday
 2. Lake Travis (0-0) vs. Converse Judson, Friday
 3. Cedar Hill (0-0) vs. Bishop Gorman, Nev., Saturday
 4. Allen (0-0) vs. Hoover, Ala., Friday
 5. Austin Westlake (0-0) vs. Katy, Friday
 6. De Soto (0-0) vs. Dallas Jesuit, Friday
 7. Cibolo Steele (0-0) at SA Madison, Saturday
 8. Galena Park North Shore (0-0) at Spring Dekaney, Thursday
 9. Eules Trinity (0-0) vs. Broken Arrow, Okla., Friday
 10. Converse Judson (0-0) at Lake Travis, Friday
- 5A**
1. Aledo (0-0) at Colleyville Heritage, Friday
 2. Cedar Park (0-0) at Waco Midway, Friday
 3. Denton Ryan (0-0) at Lancaster, Friday
 4. Manvel (0-0) vs. Crosby, Friday
 5. Temple (0-0) at Belton, Friday
 6. Frisco Lone Star (0-0) at Frisco Heritage, Saturday
 7. Dallas Highland Park (0-0) vs. Rockwall, Friday
 8. CC Calallen (0-0) at Mercedes, Friday
 9. Richmond Foster (0-0) vs. Katy Taylor, Friday
 10. Lancaster (0-0) vs. Denton Ryan, Friday
- 4A**
1. Argyle (0-0) at Lucas Lovejoy, Saturday
 2. West Orange-Stark (0-0) vs. Nederland, Friday
 3. Waco La Vega (0-0) vs. Fairfield, Friday
 4. Navasota (0-0) vs. Franklin, Friday
 5. Carthage (0-0) at Gladewater, Friday
 6. Gilmer (0-0) at Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, Thursday
 7. Celina (0-0) at Princeton, Friday
 8. Abilene Wylie (0-0) at Vernon, Friday
 9. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (0-0) vs. Gilmer, Thursday
 10. Kennedale (0-0) idle.
- 3A**
1. Brock (0-0) idle.
 2. Mineola (0-0) vs. Van, Friday
 3. Cameron Yoe (0-0) at Bellville, Friday
 4. Canadian (0-0) at Bushland, Friday
 5. Waskom (0-0) at Jefferson, Friday
 6. Newton (0-0) vs. Kirbyville, Friday
 7. Malakoff (0-0) vs. Bullard, Friday
 8. Franklin (0-0) at Navasota, Friday
 9. Wall (0-0) at Monahans, Friday
 10. East Bernard (0-0) at Hempstead, Friday
- 2A**
1. Refugio (0-0) vs. Hebbronville, Friday
 2. Bremond (0-0) at Whitewright, Thursday
 3. Shiner (0-0) vs. Goliad, Friday
 4. Iraan (0-0) at Crane, Friday
 5. Stratford (0-0) vs. Amarillo River Road, Friday
 6. Albany (0-0) vs. Colorado City, Friday
 7. Mason (0-0) at Goldthwaite, Friday
 8. Crawford (0-0) at Tolar, Friday
 9. Mart (0-0) vs. Lexington, Friday
 10. Tenaha (0-0) at Joaquin, Friday

Area six-man teams look to overcome offseason changes

By WILL KORN
Midland Reporter-Telegram via AP

Last season, the Garden City football team came up nine points short of representing the Permian Basin in the Class 1A Division I state semifinal round. The Bearkats fell to Crowell in a 94-86 shootout in the state quarterfinal and finished the year 11-2.

Now Garden City, one of West Texas' premier programs, will aim to build on its deep postseason run in 2015 with a third state championship since 2009 in its crosshairs.

Meanwhile, two other area six-man programs -- Grady and Rankin -- are undergoing transition and will be attempting to get things back on track in the 2016 campaign.

For head coach Jeff Jones and the Bearkats, the road back to the playoffs begins with the return of two-way senior stars Riley Eggemeyer and Ethan Goodwin.

The explosive and versatile Eggemeyer, a running back/defensive back, rushed for 842 yards and 19 scores last season en route to earning all-district honors. He also hauled in 12 passes for 366 yards and seven touchdowns.

Goodwin, a 6-foot-4 receiver/defensive back was an imposing target for graduated quarterback Colton Jost last season, as he recorded 19 receptions for 424 yards and nine TDs. In the secondary, he led the team with 89 tackles and a whopping nine interceptions as an all-district defensive back.

As the program graduated five all-district players from last year's team, Jones said Eggemeyer and Goodwin will need to step up and grow into team leaders this season. Another challenge: The Bearkats were moved into a more competitive District 6-1A Division I beginning this season after realignment by the University Interscholastic League.

But Jones doesn't anticipate Eggemeyer and Goodwin having any difficulty rising to the occasion.

"Riley and Ethan have been chomping at the bit and are ready to carry it on their shoulders," Jones said. "They just need to do what they do and we'll be all right."

Jones has some other holes he still needs to fill at key positions going forward. But with a junior varsity team that went 9-0 last season at his disposal, the Bearkats likely won't be lacking in talent this year.

Still, Jones said he knows the going won't be easy in 2016.

"Things have to fall right," Jones said. "We got moved into a tough district and all four teams are good. Our district is a tough draw. It's about staying healthy and showing up to play (every game night)."

In Rankin, the Red Devils are being tasked with learning a fresh multiple formation-based offense and a 4-2 defense under new coach Jeff Shelton.

The Red Devils started off sluggish last season but picked up steam down the stretch. They fought their way back into the playoff picture before falling, 67-22, to Sterling City in the bi-district round and ending 2015 with a 4-7 record.

Shelton, who was previously the head coach at Spur, Roscoe Highland, as well as an assistant at Jayton, said he is still trying to learn his roster and figure out what kind of team he has. But he's been impressed with the makeup and effort of his players so far.

"For some of them, it's the fourth offensive/defensive system they've been in since seventh grade," Shelton said. "We're keeping it simple and the kids are asking a lot of questions."

"Their attitude and effort has been fantastic," Shelton added. "These kids are very coachable and that makes

UIL 1A Division 1 rankings, courtesy sixmanfootball.com

Rank	Team	2015
1	Borden Co.	13-1
2	Jonesboro	12-1
3	Happy	12-1
4	Buena Vista	13-1
5	Zephyr	11-3
6	Abbott	13-2
7	Knox City	7-3
8	Sterling City	10-2
9	Garden City	11-2
10	Ira	9-2

my job easier."

Similarly to Rankin, Grady is also undergoing a head coaching change. Assistant coach Brent Lucas is taking over head coaching duties from Chris Short, who has elected to focus his energy on coaching boys basketball at Grady.

Lucas inherits a program that went 2-7 last year and lost a number of skilled and experienced players to graduation. He said in order for a turnaround this year, his team will need to stay healthy, become more consistent and receive contributions from younger players.

"(Last year) we lost almost every starter to injury," Lucas said. "We'll have to count on a lot of younger guys who haven't played a lot of varsity. We need the younger guys (to be able) to come in and give the starters a rest."

Thanks to re-alignment, the Wildcats got dropped down to Division II of the six-man ranks. That could make earning a playoff bid slightly easier for the Wildcats.

Lucas is optimistic about his team's chances to make a run this season if everyone can stay healthy.

"I think we have a chance at being in the playoffs and we should have a chance to win district," Lucas said. "I think we could have a really good year."

MASHBURN

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the guys that you can build a foundation on."

Dietz added: "Our motto this year is 'Rock Solid'. We put the rock solid foundation into place, and now it's time to build upon that foundation. Fletcher is the epitome of what a rock solid foundation really is. He's going to work every day, he's going to do things right, he's going to push himself and push his teammates and he's going to make sure he's mentally and physically prepared to go every single day. He really is one of our rocks."

Mashburn said as a leader on the team, he made sure that ev-

erybody had the drive to get to summer workouts, to play hard during 7-on-7 football over the summer, and made sure everybody made it to practices with the drive to get better.

He said it's also important for him to set a good example for others to follow.

"It's important to me to work that hard just give everybody else more of a standard following and to show them that it's not impossible to work that hard, no matter what your mind thinks," he said.

An example of that can-do attitude was taking a stab at playing quarterback as he was one of three players who were taking reps at the position.

While he's comfortable playing wide receiver and loves playing safety because he "can hit peo-

ple", quarterback is something different for him altogether.

"I'm not as confident (playing quarterback)," he admitted. "It's all about decision making, but if I have to play quarterback I will."

If that attitude is contagious with the rest of his teammates, then there's no reason to believe that the Bulldogs can't be an improved team.

Mashburn said while they were young last year and took their share of lumps, the Bulldogs are a more experienced team now and that should be used a positive.

"This year we're looking forward to doing a lot better," he said. "It's going to take a lot hard work. It takes a lot toughness too and that's a big part of it."

Attention Herald readers & coaches

Fans of the area's smaller football teams (Sands, Grady, Stanton, Borden County, Garden City), as well as Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan, are encouraged to submit photos, scores, and statistics from all of their school's sporting events this season. Credit will be given to each person that submits a photo.

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