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Former detective pleads not guilty

Rojo arraigned on two new sex charges

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

A former Big Spring Police Department detective has pleaded not guilty to two new felony charges alleging sexual misconduct.

Joel Rojo, who was fired from the police department after being originally indicted earlier this year, entered his plea to the new charges during arraignment before 118th District Judge Timothy Yeats Wednesday.

The new charges Rojo faces are indecency with a child by sexual con-

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Rojo

'Harvey' on stage



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College theater department students rehearse a scene from "Harvey," which will be staged tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Hall Center for the Arts on the college campus. Performances are sold out, but unused tickets will be available for resale at 7:55 p.m. Cost is \$5 for the general public, while college students and staff are admitted for free.

Voter registration deadline for general election nears

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

If the latest turnout for voter registration is any indication, Howard County may have the largest voter participation for the national presidential election in numerous years.

"We've been pretty busy with new voter applications," said Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom. "I think this is heavier than four years ago. Just from some of the remarks people have made makes me think we are going to see a lot of first time voters or people who haven't voted in a long time."

The deadline is fast approaching to register to vote in the Nov. 8th election which will decide the race between the Republican candidate

Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, the Democratic candidate. Applications can be found at the county Election Office located on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. The deadline is Tuesday.

In 2012, 52 percent of Howard County registered voters participated in the last national presidential election, according to the election office records. That number is slightly down from 2008 when President Barack Obama was first elected to the office. Then 54.78 percent of Howard County voters turned out for the election.

Based on the number of voter registration applications, Bloom estimates the county may possible have

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Salt water disposal site opponents seek support

By **AMANDA ELSTON**
 Managing Editor

Oasis Addition residents are petitioning tonight to stop an underground salt water disposal site from being constructed near their community.

The disposal site, which will house salt water collected from fracking sites as well as various other sources, is currently in the works to be constructed by Manhattan Petroleum Inc. out of Midland and Powers Energy out of Austin, neither of which returned phone calls as of press time.

Residents petitioning, such as organizer Woody Enos, are concerned that the disposal site will interfere with day-to-day life.

"This will destroy our way of life," said Enos. "Not only is this hazardous to water wells, but it will cause about 200 trucks a day to drive up and down the roads. They dispose of about 25,000 barrels of salt water

a day. It has the potential to damage our water, cover our crops with dust, and cause a lot of truck traffic."

The petition against the disposal sites notes the problems with waste wells such as surface contamination, increased truck traffic, air pollution, and sub-surface contamination.

The community, which is a little more than three miles north of Big Spring, has faced similar battles with disposal sites before.

Back in February 2008, a successful petition against Abilene-based Kemper Operating Company halted plans to use an old oil well for disposing of salt water. At the time, owner and operator William Kemper assured residents that the disposal site was safe.

"There are thousands — at least 5,000 that I know of — of these wells across the state of Texas," said Kemper in an interview with the Herald in 2008. "They are closely monitored

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'I'll watch it on TV': Coastal residents flee hurricane

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Some 3,000 people checked into shelters across Florida, a judge in coastal Georgia suspended a murder trial and deputies in South Carolina shot and wounded a motorist during a dispute over an evacuation route as Hurricane Matthew inched closer to the Atlantic coast.

On Wednesday night, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal urged more than 522,000 residents of six coastal counties to

voluntarily evacuate with the threat of Hurricane Matthew approaching the region. An evacuation hasn't been seen in coastal Georgia in 17 years.

On Tybee Island, home to Georgia's largest public beach, Loren Kook loaded up his pickup truck with suitcases and a computer late Wednesday afternoon to hit the road to metro Atlanta.

"It seems like a lot of the longtime residents are staying," said Kook, who moved to the coast four years ago. "I've never sat through a Category Whatever. I'll watch it on TV."

Authorities say the motorist in South Carolina was shot and wounded by deputies during an altercation Wednesday afternoon over a Hurricane Matthew evacuation route.

Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis told local news outlets it happened about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in Moncks Corner when the man came to a check point, knocked down traffic cones and sped off.

The sheriff said when deputies caught up with the driver a few miles away he pointed a gun at them and started shooting. Lewis said the dep-

uties shot back, wounding the man who was taken to the hospital. His name and condition were not immediately released.

In the coastal Georgia city of Brunswick, a judge suspended the murder trial for a man charged with leaving his son to die in a hot car until Monday because of the impending storm.

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Obituaries

Opal Faye Patterson Spivey

Opal Faye Patterson Spivey, 94, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, at Terral Cemetery, in Terral, Okla.

She was born March 7, 1922, in Jefferson County, Okla., and married Haskell Colwell "Hack" Spivey July 17, 1942, in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death Jan. 15, 2001.

Opal worked as Dr. Floyd Mays' nurse for 22 years at Medical Arts Hospital. She moved to Terral, Oklahoma in 1975 after retiring, and returned to Big Spring in 2005.



Survivors include three children, Lois Hammond and husband Tommy of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Jerold Spivey and wife Judi, and Diana Bailey, all of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Kenneth Thomas Spivey; a son-in-law, Jimmy Bailey; and seven brothers and sisters.

The family would like to say "Thank you" to the Home Hospice staff, Jessica, Debbie, Cathey, Debra, Linda, Margie, Jennie, Brenda, Emily, and Jana for the excellent care they provided to Opal.

The family requests memorials be made to the Hillcrest Baptist Church Building Fund, 2000 W. FM 700, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Elisa Silva

Elisa Silva, 64, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, at her home.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born June 18, 1952, to Beatrice Mendoza Munoz and Atanacio Munoz in Roswell, N.M. She married Antonio Silva on Dec. 28, 1973, in Dexter, N.M. Elisa lived in Howard County for 40 years. She was a licensed vocational nurse for 30 years and worked at the Big



Spring State Hospital for 26 years before retiring in 2013.

Elisa is survived by her husband, Antonio Silva of Big Spring; two sons, Stacy Munoz and wife T.J. of Forsan, and Juan Silva of Big Spring; one daughter, Sandra Silva of Big Spring; four grandchildren; one sister, Julia Munoz of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

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

Mary O. Thomas

Mary O. Thomas, 89, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, 2016, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at Myers and Smith Chapel. There will be a private burial.

She was born June 24, 1927, to Hassie Mayfield Clanton and John Alexander Clanton in Howard County. She married Richard C. Thomas, April 8, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Oct. 22, 2005. She was a lifetime resi-



dent of Big Spring. Mary started working at the Big Spring State Hospital in 1961 as a secretary to the superintendent and obtained her nursing degree in 1983 at Howard College while working as psychiatric supervisor. She served on Borden County ISD school board and was a part of several other organizations. She retired in 1992.

Mary is survived by one daughter, Anne Tubb and her husband Donnie of Big Spring; one son, David C. Thomas and wife Anne of Duncanville; six grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, John Richard Thomas; and eight brothers and sisters. Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Russell Neefe

Russell Neefe, 64, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Jaime Renteria

Jaime Renteria, 53, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 10/7	Sat 10/8	Sun 10/9	Mon 10/10	Tue 10/11
 69/53 Cloudy. Gusty winds in the morning. A stray shower or t-storm is possible. High 69F. Winds NE at 20 to 30 mph.	 75/58 More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	 80/59 A few morning showers. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	 86/63 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 90/62 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:44 AM Sunset: 7:22 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:20 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 7:19 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 7:18 PM	Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Ablene	89 62 Sunny	Kingsville	92 72 P Cloudy
Amarillo	86 42 M Cloudy	Livingston	91 65 M Sunny
Austin	91 72 Cloudy	Longview	91 64 P Cloudy
Beaumont	91 67 Sunny	Lubbock	89 52 Sunny
Brownsville	92 74 Sunny	Lufkin	91 64 P Cloudy
Brownwood	90 67 Sunny	Midland	93 65 Sunny
Corpus Christi	92 76 M Cloudy	Raymondville	94 73 M Sunny
Corsicana	90 69 Cloudy	Rosenberg	86 68 P Cloudy
Dallas	90 71 Cloudy	San Antonio	92 72 Cloudy
Del Rio	90 71 Cloudy	San Marcos	89 70 Cloudy
El Paso	85 60 M Sunny	Sulphur Springs	92 67 M Cloudy
Fort Stockton	92 65 Sunny	Sweetwater	89 60 Sunny
Gainesville	87 64 Cloudy	Tyler	91 66 M Cloudy
Greenville	90 67 M Cloudy	Weatherford	90 69 Cloudy
Houston	88 72 P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	91 59 M Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Atlanta	81 64 M Cloudy	Miami	83 77 Cloudy/Wind
Boston	68 53 Sunny	Minneapolis	64 42 P Cloudy
Chicago	77 67 T-Storms	New York	75 59 Sunny
Dallas	90 71 Cloudy	Phoenix	89 66 P Cloudy
Denver	56 35 Rain	San Francisco	66 50 Clear
Houston	88 72 P Cloudy	Seattle	63 56 Cloudy
Los Angeles	83 60 Sunny	Saint Louis	88 64 P Cloudy

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL WILLIAM AKIN**, 20, of 1503 Sycamore St. Apt. A was arrested on warrants for no driver's license and no fire extinguisher.
- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 25, of 1611 S. Owens St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.
- **DENNY RAY WANNER**, 40,

of 617 Caylor was arrested on warrants for expired registration, defective stop lamp(s), failure to stop at designated point (at yield sign), and failure to appear.

- **JOHNATHAN GARZA**, 20, of 1609 S. Main St. was arrested on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.
- **JOSSIE DANIEL VILLAREAL**, 22, of 408 Abrams St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

of 29, of 1800 S. Lancaster St. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and failure to appear.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of West FM 700.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willia Street.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MICHAEL WILLIAM AKIN**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for no driver's license and no fire extinguisher.
- **ADALBERTO LOZANO CALIXTO**, 25, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to appear, and violation of promise to appear.
- **DOMINGA SIMONA CHAPA**, 20, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams).

of 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **GARY WAYNE ELLETT JR.**, 37, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for driving while intoxicated.
- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 34, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (1 to 4 grams).
- **JOHNATHAN GARZA**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.
- **LONNIE RAY GRAY JR.**, 36, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation warrant, and on warrants for driving with an invalid license, failure to maintain

financial responsibility, displaying expired registration, and failure to appear.

- **MARK HOLLIS RYERSON**, 29, was booked by HCSO on warrants for driving with an invalid license and violation of promise to appear.
- **ISRAEL SAIZ**, 19, was booked by HCSO on warrants for burglary of a habitation.
- **JOSSIE DANIEL VILLAREAL**, 22, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **DENNY RAY WANNER**, 40, was booked by BSPD on warrants for violation of promise to appear, expired registration, defective or no stop lamps, and failure to stop (yield sign).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesquite. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **PUBLIC SERVICE CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.

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News in brief

Haiti starting to gauge full damage from Matthew's rampage

LES CAYES, Haiti (AP) — Two days after Hurricane Matthew rampaged across Haiti's remote southwestern peninsula with roaring winds and flooding rains, local authorities and international aid workers still lack a clear picture of the storm's destruction.

But as the weather began calming and a way was found around a key bridge that was washed away, convoys and helicopters have begun venturing to marooned corners to assess the damage and determine how to help thousands of people who lost homes, livestock and crops.

At least 16 deaths in the Caribbean have been blamed on the storm. The death toll in Haiti alone was raised to 10 by the country's civil protection agency Wednesday evening, but the number was expected to tick upward as more hard-hit rural areas are reached Thursday and people tell their stories.

In Aquin, a south coast town outside the battered city of Les Cayes, people trudged through the mud around the wreckage of clapboard houses and tiny shops.

Cenita Leconte was one of many coastal residents who initially ignored official calls to evacuate vulnerable shacks before Matthew roared ashore at dawn Tuesday as a Category 4 hurricane. The 75-year-old is thankful she finally complied and made it through the terrifying ordeal with her life.

Explosion in Syria near Turkey border kills at least 20

BEIRUT (AP) — An explosion in a village in northwestern Syria near the border with Turkey killed at least 20 people on Thursday, including several Turkey-backed opposition fighters, Syrian activists said. The attack was quickly claimed by the Islamic State group.

The deadly bombing underscored the complex

layers of the Syrian conflict, where a civil war between Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces and the rebels trying to oust him is taking place alongside a militant insurgency and an international war against the Islamic State group.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the blast in the village of Atmeh was caused by a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt. The activist group, which tracks the conflict through a network of activists on the ground, said it along with 20 killed, many others were wounded in the explosion.

Another group, the Local Coordination Committees, said the blast was caused by a bag filled with explosives that went off on the Syrian side of a border crossing, killing 35 people including two senior judicial officials from the opposition.

The Observatory said the dead were Turkish-backed opposition fighters who have been fighting along with Turkish groups against the Islamic State group since August.

Once lauded as a peacemaker, Obama's tenure fraught with war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven years ago this week, when a young American president learned he'd been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize barely nine months into his first term — arguably before he'd made any peace — a somewhat embarrassed Barack Obama asked his aides to write an acceptance speech that addressed the awkwardness of the award.

But by the time his speechwriters delivered a draft, Obama's focus had shifted to another source of tension in his upcoming moment in Oslo: He would deliver this speech about peace just days after he planned to order 30,000 more American troops into battle in Afghanistan.

The president all-but scrapped the draft and wrote his own version.

The speech Obama delivered — a Nobel Peace Prize lecture about the necessity of waging war

— now looks like an early sign that the American president would not be the sort of peacemaker the European intellectuals of the Nobel committee had anticipated.

On matters of war and peace, Obama has proven to be a confounding and contradictory figure, one who stands to leave behind both devastating and pressing failures, as well as a set of fresh accomplishments whose impact could resonate for decades.

NSA contractor arrest highlights challenge of insider threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arrest of a National Security Agency contractor for allegedly stealing classified information was the second known case of a government contractor being publicly accused of removing secret data from the intelligence agency since 2013.

The latest arrest came despite efforts to reform security after the Edward Snowden disclosures, especially in regards to insider threats.

Harold Thomas Martin III, 51, of Glen Burnie, Maryland, was arrested by the FBI in August after federal prosecutors say he illegally removed highly classified information and stored the material in his home and car. A defense attorney said Martin did not intend to betray his country.

The arrest was not made public until Wednesday, when the Justice Department released a criminal complaint that accused Martin of having been in possession of top-secret information that could cause "exceptionally grave danger" to national security if disclosed.

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by the Railroad Commission, and it's rare for their to be a problem with one of them. I understand why these people are upset, but I really believe if they have the facts they will feel a lot more comfortable with it."

According to Enos, anywhere from 200-500 people live in the Oasis Addition, depending on how the oil industry is doing.

The community meeting in which citizens can learn more about the salt water disposal well site and sign a peti-

tion against the site will be held tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Methodist Church, located at 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

"We need all the people we can," said Enos. "It is a must for our way of life."

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ROJO

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tact (a second degree felony) and attempt to commit indecency with a child (a state jail felony).

Rojo was originally indicted in April on one count each of sexual performance by a child and indecency with a child, and three counts of official oppression.

District Attorney Hardy L. Wilkerson said the new second-degree charge came about after an additional victim came forward, while officials dropped one of the official oppression charges and replaced it with the attempt to commit indecency indictment.

"As we reviewed (Rojo's) prior behavior, we felt that, instead of official oppression, it would be more appro-

priate if he was charged with attempt to commit indecency with a child," Wilkerson said.

Allegations against Rojo first surfaced in August 2015. At that time, BSPD launched an investigation and placed Rojo on administrative leave.

In April of this year, Wilkerson and Howard County Attorney Joshua Hamby convened a special grand jury session, at which time the

original indictments were returned. BSPD fired Rojo in June.

The former detective's trial on the four felony charges has tentatively been set for Feb. 21 in 118th District Court. The official oppression charges are misdemeanors and will be tried in county court, officials said.

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VOTE

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more than 60 percent of registered voters participate in the upcoming election.

The deadline to ap-

ply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 28. Mail-in ballots cannot be sent to a residence in Howard County with the exception of voters who are 65 years of age or older or are physically disabled.

Howard County regis-

tered voters who have moved residences in the past year or those who have not received their blue and white colored voter's card in December should contact the Howard County Election's Office to update their information. The phone number is 432-

264-2273. Early voting begins for the Nov. 8th election, on Monday, Oct. 24, on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse. Voting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Tuesday, Nov. 1,

and Friday, Nov. 4, voting hours will be extended from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or email citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

STORM

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shine State, the Florida Division of Emergency Management said 48 shelters set up in schools already are providing for just over 3,000 people, mostly in coastal counties. Another 13 special needs shelters are currently housing 31 people.

These shelters are in areas where evacuations — either mandatory or voluntary — are underway.

Patients are being transferred from two waterfront hospitals and a nursing home near Daytona Beach to centers away from the coast.

Officials at Florida's major airports said Thursday they are monitoring conditions as Matthew bears down on the state and warned of delays or cancellations. On its website, Fort Lauderdale International Airport announced plans to close at 10:30 a.m. Officials advised travelers to check with individual airlines about flight plans.

As Matthew put the U.S. in its sights, about 2 million people were encouraged to head inland

ahead of the most powerful storm to threaten the Atlantic coast in more than a decade. Matthew killed at least 16 people in the Caribbean as it cut through Haiti, Cuba and the Bahamas.

The storm is forecast to near the Florida coast starting Thursday night, potentially as a Category 4 storm with 130 mph winds. Any slight deviation could mean landfall or it heading farther out to sea. Either way, forecasters say it will come close enough to wreak havoc along the lower part of the East Coast, dumping up to 15 inches in rain in some spots. Storm surge of 5 feet to 8 feet was expected along the coast from central Florida into Georgia.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said tropical storm conditions with rain and wind are first expected in the state later Thursday morning.

John Long, who lives in the town of Cape Canaveral, said he's staying put in spite of the warnings.

"The hype is going to be worse than the actual storm. I feel I can do quite well," said Long, who owns a bike shop and plans to ride out the storm with his cat in

his 32-foot recreational vehicle a half-mile from the ocean. He has lived in the Space Coast area for three decades.

"There's always tremendous buildup and then it's no stronger than an afternoon thunderstorm. I'm not anticipating that much damage," he said Wednesday.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has urged people to reconsider.

"This is a dangerous storm," Scott said. "The storm has already killed people. We should expect the same impact in Florida."

Similar warnings were issued in Georgia and the Carolinas, where the storm is expected to arrive by the weekend. The last Category 3 storm or higher to hit the United States was Wilma in October 2005. It made landfall with 120 mph winds in southwest Florida, killing five people as it slashed across the state.

In South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley reversed the lanes of Interstate 26 for the first time on Wednesday so that all lanes of traffic were headed west and out of Charleston. Plans to reverse the lanes were put in place after hourslong traffic jams during Hur-

ricane Floyd in 1999. Haley planned to call for more evacuations Thursday, which would bring the total to about 500,000 people in the state. Florida urged or ordered about 1.5 million to leave the coast, said Jackie Schutz, spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Scott. About 50,000 people were told to go in Georgia. Early Thursday, Matthew's center was about 215 miles southeast of

West Palm Beach, Florida, and slogging ever closer at a clip of 12 mph.

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Irma Lozano, 64, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mary O. Thomas, 89, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends Friday from 5:00 PM thru 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial will follow the service.

Elisa Silva, 64, died Tuesday. No services planned at this time.

Jaime Renteria, 53, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

Russell Neefe, 64, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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What Rhymes with...



List 10 words that rhyme with "bark."

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Some answers: arc, ark, dark, bark, lark, mark, park, shark, spark, stark

Jokes
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Q: Why do some fish live in salt water?

A: Because pepper makes them sneeze.

Q: How did the dog stop the DVD?

A: He pressed the paw's button.

Fact or Fiction?

Animal Class Challenge



Scientists group animals into classes according to things they have in common. Here are some questions about those classes. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) There are six basic classes: mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 2) Invertebrates have no backbones. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 3) People are mammals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 4) Cats and robins are mammals. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 5) Snakes are amphibians. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 6) Frogs are reptiles. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 7) Mammals are cold blooded, whereas reptiles are warm blooded. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 8) Birds have feathers. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 9) Fish have gills. **Fact or Fiction?**
- 10) Most amphibians have gills as babies and develop lungs as adults. **Fact or Fiction?**

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fact, 4) Fiction, cats are mammals while robins are birds, 5) Fiction, snakes are reptiles, 6) Fiction, frogs are amphibians, 7) Fiction, mammals are warm blooded while reptiles are cold blooded, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact

Name That Stinger

Some animals defend themselves by stinging. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

1. B _ _ _ S
2. W A _ _ _ S
3. A _ _ T _ _
4. S P I _ _ E _ _ S
5. C E _ _ T I P E _ _ E S
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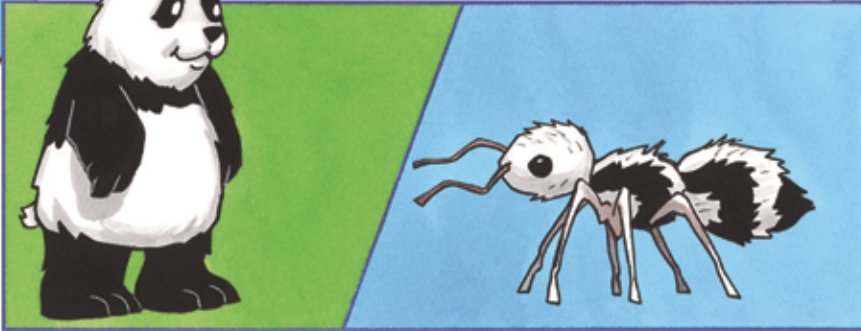


Answers: 1) Bees, 2) Wasps, 3) Ants, 4) Spiders, 5) Centipedes, 6) Scorpions, 7) Jellyfish

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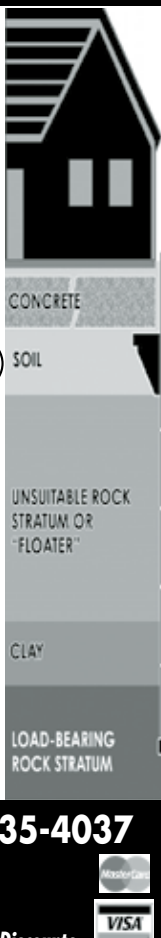
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Gamer's Moon

Under the Sagittarius moon, if you're running, you'll be chased. It's just the kind of game this restless lunar aspect enjoys. Knotty puzzles are also welcome: That's how we keep each other tuned in. Once the challenge is complete, the attention stream will be broken. Maybe this will be a welcome break. If not, plan the next game.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today is rife with potential for emotional excitement. Steer clear of touchy conversational topics and hot buttons in general. Stay alert; some seemingly innocuous items could have symbolic significance to others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The hard-line approach just isn't working. Let things slide a bit today, in the

name of self-compassion. Do the best you can, and let the cards fall where they may.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you're distancing yourself, you're doing it for a reason. More reality is often more stress. For now it's enough to be a kind observer of yourself. What do you think you're trying to accomplish with your behavior?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). High-tech scales can report water and body fat percentages now. Regardless, what's controllable in the scenario is what always has been: what goes into your mouth and how you burn it off. This plays large into your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Extreme cuteness has a way of melting your heart. So do extremes of pathos, need, affection, vulnerability, softness, beauty and more. You'll come across remarkable instances of at least one or more of these qualities today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Studies show that daily hassles can have a more significant impact on health and well-being

than big life events do. That's why it's important to fix the small things that are bothering you. Do it now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People who are overly dramatic (or who, through no fault of their own, just happen to need lots of attention) make it harder for you to choose the actions that will uphold values that reflect what you care about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Food could be and should be a pleasure. Instead of wondering what will work adequately for your next meal, you want to delight in the daily practice of eating. What would be ecstatic on the taste buds?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The ability to observe external and internal information is governed by different parts of the brain. Switch back and forth often today. There will be magic in the fusing of your outside and inside worlds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You would like to have more empathy, love and compassion, but you also have goals

to reach that disallow you to spend too much time trying to sort out and cater to those messy things called "feelings." There's the rub.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your friend seems happy to accept what is. Why can't you be? Sometimes it's problematic to have this kind of mind that reaches here, there and everywhere for answers, but thinkers like you are integral to the human race.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll embrace differences, dance with complexities and have your way with the contrasts that make life so interesting. With your open mind and big spirit, you'll accomplish unusual things.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 6). That part of your life that has been frustrating you gets lifted and solved, and it will have you soaring in big ways in 2017. Dedicate yourself fully to a mental or physical fitness challenge in the next 10 weeks, because this will favorably alter your fate. Love bonds are made when you're part of a

team. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 15, 38 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPICS -- MERCURY IN LIBRA: Tomorrow the fleet-footed messenger of the gods will join the cosmic party in Libra, adding his two cents to discussions on aesthetics, partnerships and justice for all. This transit will stir up something interesting in day-to-day life. First of all, on the social front, if the usual methods of dealing with people are not producing desired results, Mercury in Libra will be an opportunity to try a novel approach. Boldness will be seen as confidence. Quirks will be regarded as signs of intelligence. Mistakes will be considered artistic.

Here's a rule that will stand us all in good stead and save time, energy and frustration in the weeks to come: Don't offer unsolicited advice. As much as we may sincerely want to help each other, the thing is that most people don't even listen to advice that (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) solicited. Unsolicited advice will

only annoy and offend while Mercury is buzzing through the sign of the scales. Everyone is trying like mad to judge their own scene and find their own balance. Think of it as an independent study. When people do want to share, just listen and be a strong energetic presence: That's more help than most people realize.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lovely Libran Carole Lombard was born on this day in 1908. The beloved star of drama and comedy was one of the highest paid actresses in the 1930s. Her life was cut short in a plane crash. Lombard exuded the grace of Venus-ruled Libra, and her Pisces moon was an aspect to give a thespian a leg up. Pisces is the most empathetic of influences, and Pisces moon people slip easily into a character's mindset.

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Annie's Mailbox

I remember when our wedding pictures came in the mail from our photographer. I felt as if I were looking at a stranger when I saw myself. The happy bride in the photos seemed a million miles away. I wondered what was wrong with me. How could I have been so happy just a few weeks before? I was absolutely positive that I would never smile again the way I smiled in those photos. On top of that, I felt so embarrassed and ashamed to be so unhappy. After all,

a large group of my friends and family just celebrated with us, brought gifts and wished us well.

I forced myself to join a social group in my new city and saw my primary care physician for a referral to a mental health professional. She diagnosed me with depression and explained that a major life change can sometimes contribute to depression, even if that life change is something great. I got treatment and have felt much better. I want other people to know that they don't have to suffer with depression. There is help available. -- Chris in Massachusetts

Dear Chris: Thanks so much for coming forward and reminding all of us that depression is common and treatable. Today, Oct. 6, is National Depression Screening Day. About 10 percent of Americans suffer from depression each year. Symptoms to look out for include feelings of hopelessness and pessimism, decreased energy, insomnia or oversleeping, and significant changes in weight. If you feel you or a loved one may be depressed, see a licensed therapist.

Anyone can take a free and anonymous depression screening at <http://www.HelpYourselfHelpOthers.org>.

Dear Annie: In response to "Sick and Tired," the gentleman who is 5 feet tall and having a tough time: My husband and his brother were both short. The difference in the two was that my husband carried himself tall while his brother used his height to gain pity.

My husband not only handled everyday life well but also stood up for those who could not stand up for themselves. Once, when a gang of teens surrounded a man in a wheelchair, terrorizing him, my husband, who was using a cane at the time to get around,

waded into the fray, giving the man a chance to get into a nearby store.

The store manager, a woman, came out to help, while all the "tall" men hid like children in safety.

It is not your height that makes you tall. It's how you feel about yourself. -- Proud of My Husband

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When Depression Strikes

Dear Annie: I want people to know that depression can happen to someone even if her life appears wonderful. I know from experience. A few years ago, I had just married a wonderful man and moved to a beautiful home in a fun new city. I had been looking forward to these changes for months. However, once we moved, I found myself deeply sad and irritable.



By Steve Becker
It's all very logical

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 10 5
♥ 10 3
♦ K 9 8
♣ A Q 9 4 3
WEST
♠ 6 4 2
♥ Q 9 8 6 5
♦ 5 4 3
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ A J 7
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ K 8
SOUTH
♠ K Q 7
♥ K 4 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ J 10 7 5

hearts are left withering on the vine. **Now let's suppose East** plays the jack of hearts on the opening trick rather than the ace. In that case, South is essentially forced to win the trick with the king, since the whole suit could be run against him if West had the ace. After taking the king, he would then go down one when the club finesse lost and East played the ace and another heart.

It is true that in playing the jack rather than the ace, East must violate the general practice of playing third hand high. Nevertheless, the play of the jack has solid logic behind it. **By the Rule of Eleven,** East knows that declarer has only one heart higher than the six. If he assumes that card is the king, the jack automatically becomes the proper play. However, it is also true that if the card is the queen, it costs East a trick to play the jack.

The question, therefore, is whether South is more likely to have the queen or the king. Given that South should have a minimum of 15 points in high cards for his one-trump opening, and that East can see 23 points between his own hand and dummy, it becomes impossible for West to hold the king. Consequently, the jack is the proper play at trick one.

The bidding: East South West North Opening 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead — six of hearts. A defender cannot rely on standard procedure — that is what one would do most of the time — and expect to get the best results. Take this deal where West leads a heart against three notrump. Dummy follows low, and if East makes the mistake of playing the ace, declarer makes the contract. South ducks the jack continuation and wins the third heart with the king. He then tries a club finesse, losing to East's king, but scores the rest of the tricks as West's two good

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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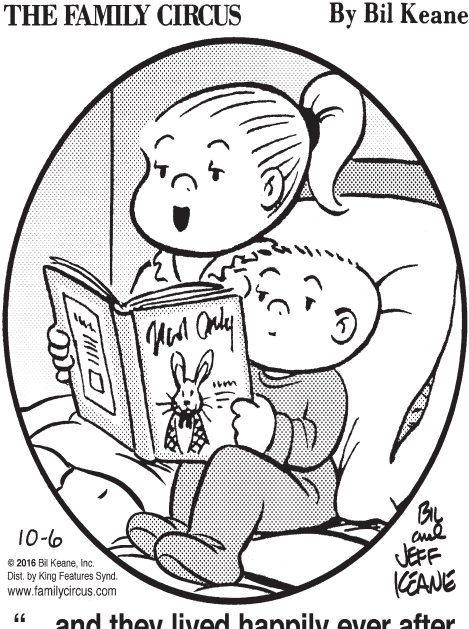
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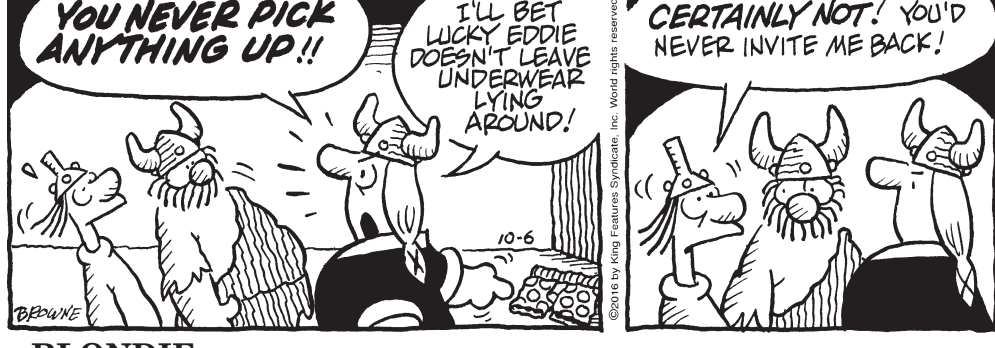
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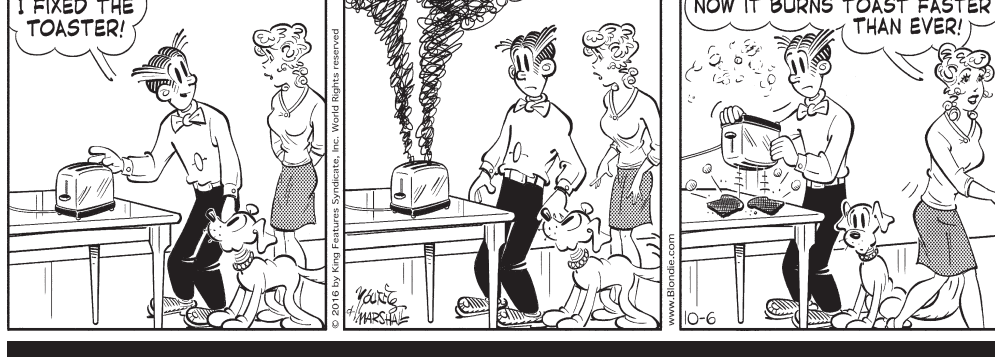


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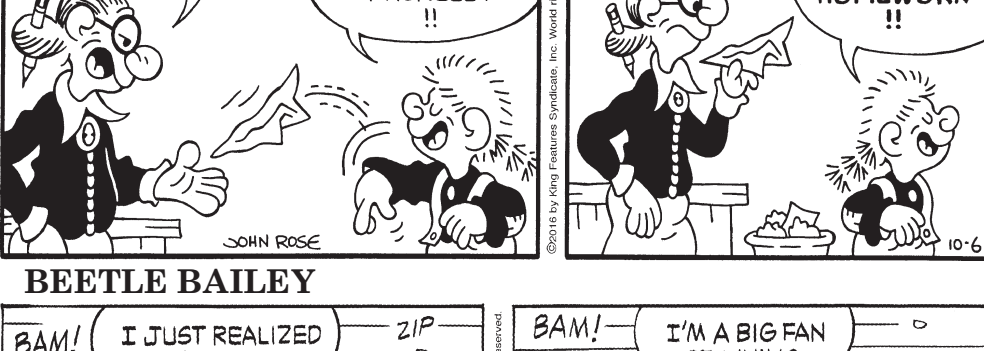
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Oct. 6, the 280th day of 2016. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 6, 1976, President Gerald R. Ford, in his second presidential debate with Democrat Jimmy Carter, asserted that there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded such was not the case.)

On this date:
In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.
In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, Rhode Island.
In 1891, Charles Stewart Parnell, the "Uncrowned King of Ireland," died in Brighton, Sussex, England.
In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson, a movie featuring both silent and sound-synchronized sequences.
In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe — a plan which would entail settling the "Jewish

problem."
In 1949, U.S.-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison (she ended up serving more than six).
In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.
In 1960, the historical drama "Spartacus," starring Kirk Douglas and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in New York.
In 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday. (Israel, initially caught off-guard, suffered heavy losses before rebounding and pushing back the Arab forces before a cease-fire finally took hold in the nearly three-week conflict.)
In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.
In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.
In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine (nu-ye-sur-sehn), France, at age 81.
Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council adopted a

statement warning North Korea of unspecified consequences if it carried out a nuclear test. Petty Officer 3rd Class Melson J. Bacos, a Navy medic, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and conspiracy, telling his court-martial at Camp Pendleton, California, that he stood and watched as seven members of a Marine squadron murdered an innocent Iraqi civilian. (Bacos was sentenced to a year in military prison and was released two months early; the Marines were convicted or pleaded guilty in the killing.)
Five years ago: In a poor quality audio recording, a voice identified as that of Moammar Gadhafi called on Libyans to take to the streets and wage a campaign of civil disobedience against the country's new leader.

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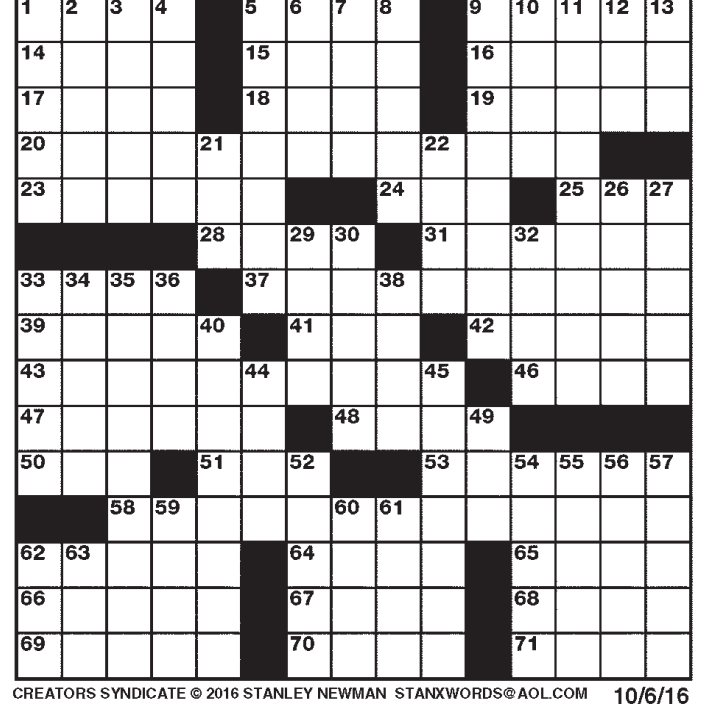
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 - 23 Verbal contest
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 - 25 Bumbler
 - 28 Small portions
 - 31 Bounce (off)
 - 33 On-tap offerings
 - 37 With 43 Across, exhibits optimism
 - 39 Antiseptic acid
 - 41 Bearded antelope
 - 42 Went boating, perhaps
 - 43 See 37 Across
 - 46 Moves of agreement
 - 47 A perfect-game spoiler
 - 48 Essence
 - 50 Toe preceder
 - 51 Caustic cleaner
 - 53 Go by
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 - 60 Give off
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Academic Star Student of the Week

Carli Rose Martinez
Coahoma High School

Carli is an outstanding student at CHS. She shows great leadership through her strong work ethic and contagious smile. Carli stays busy being Bruiser, the school's mascot, keeping her grades up, preparing for softball, and her love for cooking.

She also enjoys giving back by being active in community service projects and thanks her parents for that. Carli's favorite thing about CHS is the school spirit and student support.

"We have each other and know that we will be there to cheer each other on! It's great!"

After graduation Carli plans to attend Angelo State University to study elementary education.

She is the daughter of Manuel and Lori Martinez.



Congratulations, Carli!

Parent's Corner



What the night watchman will do

I recently read a story that I believe you will find quite interesting and that fits our current situation very well: Once upon a time the government had a vast scrap yard in the middle of a desert.

Congress said, "Someone may steal from it at night." So they created a night watchman position and hired a person for the job. Then Congress said, "How does the watchman do his job without instruction?" So they created a planning department and hired two people, one person to write the instructions, and one person to do time studies.

Then Congress said, "How will we know the night watchman is doing the tasks correctly?" So they created a Quality Control department and hired two people. One was to do the studies and one was to write the reports. Then Congress said, "How are these people going to get paid?" So they created and hired two positions: a time keeper and a payroll officer.

Then Congress said, "Who will be accountable for all of these people?" So they created an administrative section and hired three people, an Administrative Officer, Assistant Administrative Officer, and a legal secretary.

Then Congress said, "We have had this command in operation for one year and we are \$918,000 over budget, we must cut back." So in their great wisdom they laid-off the night watchman.

As we think about this story I am reminded of a similar situation a few years ago when Congress created the Department of Energy during the President Jimmy Carter's administration.

The Department of Energy was instituted on Aug. 4, 1977, to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. At the time, the thinking was that it was very appropriate. Now, 39 years later, with the budget for this department in excess of \$34.2 billion, 19,000 regular employees and approximately 120,000 contract employees we wonder why this department is needed.

Thirty eight years ago 30 percent of our oil consumption was foreign imports. Today 70 percent of our oil consumption is foreign imports. Federal bureaucracy has proven its ability to turn what could be a good thing into something totally out of focus.

Today, as we look at our government, we notice we have turned over the banking system and our health care system to the feds, not to mention many other areas where government jobs have been created, and we are nearly \$20 trillion in debt. I can't help but wonder when the night watchman will lose his job.



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Darrell Ryan is the Big Spring ISD Director of School Safety

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Steer Pride Corner



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Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade science teacher, Billy Morgan, recently provided an opportunity for students to learn about chemical reactions in a demonstration that took place on the curb of the school. Due to a donation of large water bottles by Mr. Dickie Wright at Culligan, students got to observe the chemical combination cause a mini-explosion and witness science in action.

Student of the Month

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club recently honored its September Student of the Month, Alexess Sosa, who is an honor student at Big Spring High. Alexess had the opportunity to attend workshops at Princeton University in New Jersey last summer for journalism, one of her greatest interests. Pictured from left is BSHS Assistant Principal Melissa Miller, Alexess Sosa and her mother Robin, and George Bancroft, Big Spring ISD executive director of human resources.

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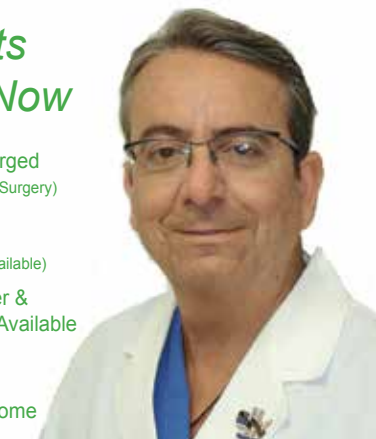
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FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

Howard Co. teams open district play Friday

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

District play across the county starts this week as the "brand new season" begins. "Nothing matters. We're 0-0, and we get our first test of district this week," Big Spring head coach Clint Finley said.

Big Spring, Coahoma, and Forsan will each have a chance to show how the non-district schedule prepared them, and it's not crazy to think the teams could combine to go 3-0 this weekend.

The Steers will face off

against a Snyder team that shares an uncanny amount of similarities with Big Spring. Snyder is winless, they're playing under a first-year head coach who has implemented entirely new systems, and they've had weather-shortened games. Because these two teams round out the bottom of the standings in 3-4A, it's possible this is the game that determines the fourth and final playoff spot. Despite the importance, Finley is treating it the same as games in the past.

"We're approaching it just

like any other game. District, non-district, scrimmage, what have you. I think you get yourself into trouble when you start treating certain games more importantly than others. It's important to go out and concentrate on playing your best game regardless. We're not going to talk like this game is more important than any of them," Finley said. "I expect to win all of them."

As expected, Abilene Wylie and Brownwood look to be shoo-ins for a playoff berth after a strong non-district

showing. That should leave Stephenville, Snyder, and Big Spring fighting for the final two spots. Stephenville, though, could just as easily be the team left out after an underwhelming non-district performance has them entering this weekend at 1-5. Their lone win was a 55-28 victory over Graham, which handed Big Spring their fifth loss last weekend.

Coahoma goes into their district opener against Stanton off of a 27-6 win over San Angelo TLCA. Much like Big Spring's situation, this game

could go a long way towards a playoff berth in District 2-3A, DII.

Stanton comes in winless and has been outscored 184-32 this season. That might be worth taking with a grain of salt, however, as Stanton got their best player, Alex Martinez, back last week. With him on the field, Stanton avoided a blowout for the first time this year, falling to Alpine 40-24.

"They're getting a very explosive football player back.

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Battle of 5-1 teams highlights Howard Co. slate



Courtesy photos/Forsan ISD

At right, defensive back Garrett Evans makes a tackle last Friday against Wink and at right, Tearell McVae runs the football last Friday against Wink. The Buffaloes will need big games Friday from McVae and the defensive backfield to take down a high-powered Hawley team.

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

After an impressive homecoming win against a 4-1 Wink team, the Forsan Buffaloes are going into their district opener against Hawley (5-1) on a high note.

"It was a good win for us. A good opponent, and an opponent similar to the district teams that we'll see. So it was good to see how we matched up against that style of football and see what we need to fix, see where we're good, and learn from it. The guys played well, and overall it was just a good win for us," Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said.

Phillips also said that while a homecoming game doesn't necessarily match the pressure that will come with district games, there is an element of trying to win in front of more fans that added another reason to be proud of the way his team played.

"Homecoming's always a crazy week for high school. The coaches too, not just the players. It was good to see, because we had a huge crowd, a loud crowd, and it was good to see those guys respond to that because it's going to be a similar atmosphere in the

district games," he said.

The Hawley Bearcats come with the same record as the Buffaloes, and each team's lone loss looks to be more of an anomaly than an indication of bad play. Forsan lost in a blowout to Reagan County, 42-14, and Hawley lost in a blowout to Mason, 62-27. The ten combined wins for each team far outshine the two losses, though, as each team spent the majority of non-district play doing the blowing out themselves.

"They're a good football team. They throw the football as well as anybody we've seen throw it probably in a couple years. They've got a really good quarterback, a good group of receivers, but we think we match up well in the secondary. We've got a solid secondary that can cover, that can run, and we're going to try and put some pressure on him and make him as uncomfortable as possible in the pocket and try and get him on the ground a couple times and get some sacks," Phillips said.

The big play ability and the athleticism in Hawley's receiving corps explains Phillips' thoughts on the biggest

matchup for his team Friday. He added that Hawley spends almost all of their time in the spread with four or five wide receivers.

"It's going to be our secondary matched up against their receiving crew and their quarterback. We're going to give some different looks to kind of disguise our coverages, and we've got a solid secondary but they're going to be put to the test this week. They've got a big job in front of them," he said.

On the offensive side of the ball, the game plan will almost certainly involve getting the ball in the hands of running back Tearell McVae. McVae rushed for 276 yards on 11 carries against Wink. Phillips said he expects a challenge, but that he has faith in his offensive line against Hawley's defensive line.

"They've got a couple really big guys up front, but probably overall, their line against ours, it's about even," Phillips said. "We always tell them, the way our offense is, we don't have to maintain a block for a really long time because we've got some guys with some speed. But we've

Star Athlete of the Week

Tearell McVae
Forsan Buffaloes

It's not hard to pick a standout athlete when a box score looks the way Forsan's did Friday.

Forsan Buffalo Tearell McVae rushed for 276 yards with three touchdowns on just 11 carries Friday against a Wink team that came in 4-1 and with what seemed like a stout defense.

McVae has an almost unbelievable stat line through six games. So far this season, he's rushed for 776 yards on 53 carries, adding eight touchdowns.



got to get them locked up, and they've done a really good job this year of getting not just Tearell, but all our guys that carry the ball, free and open space. Luckily we have some speed, and those two things combined are a good combo."

The Buffaloes will also have to deal with a defense that likes to bring pressure.

"They're a four-man front base. We've seen more five-man fronts. I guess you could say we've seen more of a 50 look or a 4-3 look, so it's a little

bit different for us. But they do blitz inside with their linebackers. They've got a good linebacking corps, but we've got some formations that we think can kind of balance that out and maybe hurt them a little bit," Phillips said.

Starting quarterback Bryce Hergert also remains a question mark for the Buffaloes. Hergert left Friday's game against Wink after suffering an injury in the first quarter.

Forsan and Hawley kick off at 7:30 p.m. at Hawley.



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Equal matchup presents good opportunity for Steers

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

After a 50-20 loss against Graham last Friday, Big Spring head coach Clint Finley admits there's still lot of things for the Steers to work on this week at practice as district games approach.

"There's a lot of things we need to do better. The kids continue to get better, it's just that we have to eliminate the mistakes and inconsistency, and making the same mistakes over and over again. Sooner or later we've got to get past that stuff if we ever want to move on and be what we want to be," he said. "We're working it, and all we can do is continue to work it. But we've got to get it done. Time has run out, it's here, and the good thing is it's a brand new season."

The downfall of the Steers against Graham was the big pass play. Graham started out using swing passes to their running back, and an adjustment to that by Big Spring allowed Graham to air it out over the top. Big Spring has been rotating multiple players in at safety over the past few weeks, but Finley wouldn't use that as an excuse.

"I wouldn't attribute that much to it. I attribute it to an adjustment that didn't make sense to the kids. It made sense to them on the chalkboard, it made sense when we were talking, but when you make an adjustment and things are flying fast, it's harder to



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Big Spring's Riley Henson scores his second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter against Graham last Friday.

execute when you try to do something you haven't practiced. But that's part of making adjustments, that's part of growing up, and that's part of having some experience and understanding how to do those things," Finley said.

One thing of note for Big Spring on the positive side of things was the emergence of Riley Henson on offense. Henson has been a big contributor defensively all season long, but against Graham he made huge blocks in the screen game and caught two touchdowns of 36 and 24 yards

"He just did a good job of making a play when he had the opportunity. He made some plays for us, did a good job blocking, caught the ball, and we saw a gear we hadn't seen since two-a-days with him. He kind of tweaked his knee in the intersquad scrimmage and hadn't been quite the same speed since, but it was good to see him shift gears, throw it in the fourth gear and go," Finley said.

Finley said Henson's touchdowns weren't a matter of trying to get him the ball, but just him capitalizing

when an opportunity presented itself.

"I don't think we're trying to work him in any more necessarily, it was just that he made the plays, and the quarterback did, too. They were on the same page and got it done," Finley said.

Friday's game against Snyder marks a big opportunity for Big Spring to get their first win of the season. Snyder comes to Howard County in the same boat that the Steers are in, winless and still adapting to new systems.

"They're learning a new offense and a new defense and a new way of doing things, and getting accustomed to a new staff. They're going through all the same things we're going through, and we're going to find out who's further along on Friday," Finley said.

It also presents both teams with arguably their best chance at a district win this season as Abilene Wylie, Brownwood, and Stephenville are projected to be tough opponents, and the winner of this game will have a huge leg up on the other when it comes to a playoff chance. Finley said he views it like any other game and is expecting to win.

"We're approaching it just like any other game. District, non-district, scrimmage, what have you. I think you get yourself into trouble when you start treating certain games more importantly than others. It's

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Coahoma enters first district game off team's first win

By DREW WILLIAMS

Sports Editor

The win column is no longer empty in Coahoma, and head coach Fred Dietz said it feels good.

"It was huge, there's no doubt about it. It feels good to win, and winning is good for everybody. For our kids, I'm so happy that we got to go and experience that," he said. "We've got to clean some stuff up. We made a few mistakes that we hadn't made the last couple of weeks, but we were still able to overcome them and come out of there with a win. So it's a great feeling, and to go into district play off the back of a win, I really feel like that's a big deal."

San Angelo TLCA wasn't the toughest of opponents, having been outscored 202-6 before Coahoma's 27-6 win, but a win is a win, especially the week before the Bulldogs travel to Stanton (0-5) for their first district game.

"We really, to be honest, didn't play as good as we wanted to play. We sputtered at times offensively, especially in the first half. Thank goodness our defense really bowed up and played well, and kept us in the game and gave us a chance to get it going offensively," Dietz said.

The defense playing well, no matter the record of the opposing team, is huge coming off of a near 80-point performance by Grape Creek. Coahoma's 78-50 loss to undefeated Grape Creek is a good example of the quality team they could be when they play a complete game. Against

Grape Creek, the defense struggled and the dangerous offense was able to keep up. Against TLCA, the defense kept them in the game until the offense found their stride.

Tied at six at the half, Dietz said it was both the athleticism of his players and their ability to make halftime adjustments that led to a 21-0 second half score.

"It was kind of a combination. We shot ourselves in the foot the first half. We fumbled a punt return and gave them the ball on the 20-yard line. We busted some assignments that led to three-and-outs. We just did some things that weren't very sound in the first half, and we had to clean them up. That's what I talked to the kids about at halftime," he said. "These were the things we were doing week one against Forsan and week two against McCamey. We had cleaned it up since then and we hadn't been doing those things, so I said 'Let's go clean it up, and let's show them that we're a quality football team,' and that's what we did. We went out there in the second half and we didn't make the mistakes that we made early."

Dietz attributes his team's recent offensive success to a slimming down of the playbook that took place just before the Bulldogs' game against Bangs. That game was cancelled due to lightning, and it ended up giving Coahoma another week to implement the game plan against Grape Creek.

"I felt really comfortable

and confident going into the Bangs game with what we had and what our game plan was. I really felt like the kids were ready to go execute it and were ready to go play football. Unfortunately, we weren't able to play, but then what that did was it allowed me to just carry that same game plan into the next week. So two weeks in a row we had a simple, stripped down game plan that we were able to just rep time and time again every single day in practice. And I think that showed the next week against Grape Creek," Dietz said.

Dietz said the playbook continues to be slim compared to what it was, but that he's adding to it every week as the players get more comfortable with it.

"We've slimmed it down, and we're gradually adding to it now as we go. But to me, that's the reason why we kind of took off offensively," he said.

Despite Stanton's struggles in non-district play, Coahoma could need their offense to score as many points as possible. Stanton is getting their star running back, Alex Martinez, back from an injury just in time for district games.

"It's going to be a battle. We're ready for an intense, physical football game. Those guys are going to be ready to play, and Coach Peterson does a good job of coaching them up and getting them prepared," Dietz said. "And he's (Martinez) giving them a lift as far as their confidence



Deena Richardson photo (www.deenasphotos.photorelect.com)

Coahoma celebrates its win in San Angelo.

is concerned. So we can't take them lightly by any means. They're a quality team that's capable of doing good things."

For Dietz, the key to the game will be the pace and confidence that Coahoma is able to play with. He said playing at a high tempo and the ability to make quick decisions will be a huge factor in the outcome of the game.

"I talked to the kids about when we're good, we're playing fast. There's a difference between being fast and playing fast. You don't have to be fast to play fast. There's times where our kids go out there and they play really fast. They play like a good varsity football team does on Friday night and at the speed you have to be at to be successful," Dietz said. "Then there's times when we don't. The third quarter against Grape Creek is an example. We came out and we didn't play fast. They were executing at a lot faster of a tempo than we

were, and it ended up showing up on the scoreboard.

"So that's what I've talked to the kids about. We have to start the game out playing fast. Last year we lost to Stanton in the district opener and it's because they started the game faster than we did. They jumped out ahead of us and got an early lead, and we were able to hold it. We can't allow that to happen."

Dietz also said there won't be any looking past Stanton just because of their record.

"Right now, I'm concerned with Stanton, it's a huge, huge football game. It's the difference between getting started the way we want to and not. I'm concerned with all of them. I wouldn't say concerned, but I'm going to spend an equal amount of time preparing for every opponent when it comes time to prepare for them," he said.

Coahoma and Stanton will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton.

Q&A with Snyder Tigers head coach Cory Mandrell

How have the kids handled the transition in your first year?

They've done really well. I got here in the spring and there were just a couple weeks of school left, so we didn't have much time with the kids. They pretty much did all their learning August 1 when we showed up for camp. It's a whole new offense, a whole new defense, a whole new general way of doing things that they're not used to, but they've been outstanding.

How has the Tigers' season been so far in your first year as head coach?

It's been a strange season. Playing two games, then off for two weeks, now we've played two

games. So it's kind of been a roller coaster of a season so far. But we've been getting better every week. At this point, with your record the way it is, you look for the positives, and that's what we're doing is just working to put a better product on the field every week.

What are the effects of losing two games due to weather?

The upside of it is our kids are fresher. There's not as many injuries and things like that can help you I guess. But it is a concern. To me, there's a difference between being in shape and being in game shape, and when you haven't played as many games, you're afraid you're not going to be in the shape you need

to be in to play for four quarters. And I say that, but last week we played well. We ended up being beat by nine, but it was a two-point game with less than two minutes left.

How big of a game is this district opener?

Anyone who knows anything about this district knows that this is a big game for both teams. You know that pretty much the winner goes to the playoffs. It's not as cut and dried as that, but this is a big game for both of us as far as making it to the playoffs. There's no secret to that. But if you look at our district and in the preseason, nobody is just outstanding. But in the grand scheme of things, it's a huge game for both of us.

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Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
San Angelo Central	5	0	240	74	1.000
Midland High	5	1	246	168	.833
Odessa Permian	4	1	166	94	.800
Amarillo Tascosa	4	2	208	153	.666
Wolfforth Frenship	3	3	159	81	.500
Lee	2	4	208	255	.333
Odessa High	0	6	55	310	.000

Friday, Sept. 9 scores
Midland 38, Wolfforth Frenship 28; Midland Lee 42, Amarillo Tascosa 35, OT; Odessa Permian, bye; San Angelo Central 55, Odessa 0

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Clint	5	0	175	43	1.000
Andrews	5	1	262	222	.833
Mountain View	3	2	115	68	.600
San Elizario	2	4	33	136	.333
Fabens	1	5	72	207	.166

Last week's scores
Lubbock Coronado 49, Andrews 28; Clint 59, bye; Clint Mountain View, bye; Anthony 21, Fabens 6; San Elizario 16, Tornillo 7

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Abilene Wylie	3	1	119	67	.750
Brownwood	2	2	116	115	.500
Stephenville	1	5	189	272	.166
Snyder	0	4	72	181	.000
Big Spring	0	5	108	231	.000

Last week's scores
Graham 50, Big Spring 20; Abilene Wylie, bye; Brownwood, bye; Perryton 38, Snyder 29; Lubbock Monterey 56, Stephenville 14

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	5	0	286	90	1.000
Greenwood	5	0	230	125	1.000
Pecos	3	2	250	173	.600
Seminole	3	2	171	100	.600
Monahans	2	2	168	163	.500
Fort Stockton	2	3	137	191	.400
Lamesa	1	4	93	179	.200

Last week's scores
Midland Greenwood 52, Seminole 50; Pecos 76, Fort Stockton 27; Sweetwater 52, Lamesa 12; Monahans, bye

District 2-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Idalou	3	3	127	164	.500
Lub. Roosevelt	2	4	103	162	.333
Coahoma	1	4	146	213	.200
Colorado City	1	5	98	118	.166
Stanton	0	5	32	184	.000

Last week's scores
Coahoma 27, San Angelo Texas Leadership 6; Alpine 40, Stanton 24; Big Lake Reagan County 21, Colorado City 20; Idalou 42, Denver City 34; Abernathy 40, Lubbock Roosevelt 0

District 4-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Post	5	1	247	119	.833
Hawley	5	1	227	136	.833
Forsan	5	1	211	104	.833
Anson	4	2	203	146	.666
Stamford	2	4	119	166	.333

Last week's scores
Forsan 53, Wink 36; Windthorst 52, Anson 48; Hawley 48, Seymour 21; Post 61, Farwell 33; Stamford

District 6-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	4	1	275	119	.800
Westbrook	4	1	270	122	.800
Sterling City	4	2	276	149	.666
Robert Lee	3	2	223	166	.600

Last week's scores
Garden City 70, Imperial Buena Vista 46; Robert Lee 30, Rankin 22; Richland Springs 48, Sterling City 0; Westbrook 60, Welch Dawson 8

District 7-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Marfa	4	2	313	202	.666
Buena Vista	3	2	205	156	.600
Fort Davis	2	4	187	320	.333
Rankin	1	5	140	219	.166

Last week's scores
Robert Lee 30, Rankin 22; Grandfalls-Royalty 54, Fort Davis 8; Marfa 80, Fort Hancock 30; Garden City 70, Imperial Buena Vista 46

District 6-1A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Loop	2	1	134	102	.666
Dawson	3	3	203	234	.500
Sands	2	3	164	211	.400
Wellman-Union	2	4	113	261	.333
Grady	1	5	216	336	.166

Last week's scores
Ira 70, Ackerly Sands 22; Westbrook 60, Welch Dawson 8; Ropesville Ropes 46, Wellman-Union 0; New Home 50, Lenora Grady 42; Loop 68, Lubbock Kingdom Prep 20

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Their running back, Martinez, he hadn't played for them all year. He's their guy. He's an explosive player, he's really fast. They played him at receiver against Alpine, and then when they put him in the backfield, I think the first time he touched it he went 70 yards for a touchdown. And you could just see their spirits lifted over there when that happened," Coahoma head coach Fred Dietz said. "They were held to eight points the whole season until they put him in the backfield, then they scored 24 against Alpine. So he makes them a different team. I feel like they're going to be hungry for a win. They haven't experienced that yet. It's the first district game, and they're getting a huge shot in the arm with getting their difference-maker back."

But Coahoma also has things to be proud of offensively. They used a balance attack to outscore San Angelo TLCA 21-0 in the second half, and scored 50 points on an undefeated Grape Creek squad. They've also seemingly found a three-headed monster at the running back position with Braden Pearson, Joe Isaack, and Justin Cuellar contributing in big ways out of the backfield.

Should Coahoma fall this

weekend, though, it might not be the downfall of their year. This game has been circled as an important game due to the dominance of district foes Idalou and Lubbock Roosevelt over the years, but this year those two teams don't look quite as dominating as preseason polls predicted. Idalou enters district play 3-3 and Roosevelt enters 2-4, and if Coahoma can continue to build on their offensive success from the past few weeks, a playoff berth seems likely.

While Big Spring and Coahoma open district against teams that have been struggling, Forsan does the opposite. The Hawley Bearcats, like Forsan, come in at 5-1 after an impressive non-district performance and are many pundits' pick to win district 4-2A.

Forsan, though, has shown that they can't be underestimated. After Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine picked the Buffaloes to finish last in the district, the Buffaloes arguably put together the best non-district stretch out of all five teams. Outside of a 42-14 loss to Reagan County that's looking more and more like an anomaly, the Buffs have outscored their opponents 197-62, including back-to-back shutouts against Eldorado and Stanton.

Also unlike Big Spring and Coahoma, there aren't any teams struggling in Forsan's district. Hawley,

Post, and Forsan all come in 5-1, Anson sits at 4-2, and the Stamford Bulldogs come in as possibly the best 2-4 team in Texas at the 2A level after playing an incredibly challenging non-district schedule that included an undefeated Brock team at the 3A level and a 4-1 Munday team.

The main question marks surrounding Forsan's ability to find success this season will be whether their offensive line can win the line of scrimmage to get running back Tearell McVae in space against tough defensive lines like Hawley's and Post's, and the health of starting quarterback Bryce Hergert, who has been battling injuries since he suffered a sprained ankle in the first offensive series of the season against Coahoma, left Friday's game against Wink in the first quarter with another injury. If there's a silver lining, it's that backup quarterback Ehrin Hillger has plenty of experience should he need to step in during district play.

"He's gotten a lot of snaps this year. He's filled in a couple different times, and we don't change really anything in the playbook when he's at quarterback. He comes in there and does a good job," Forsan head coach Jason Phillips said.

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important to go out and concentrate on playing your best game regardless. We're not going to talk like this game is more important than any of them," Finley said. "I expect to win all of them."

Snyder head coach Cory Mandrell's new system presents something most Big Spring fans won't recognize from past Snyder teams. On offense, they're about as varied as it gets.

"They're very multiple on the offensive side of the ball. They'll load the box and pound you, put a couple fullbacks in, go I-back and get up underneath center and come right at you. They'll spread it out, and then they'll kind of get in between there with a tight end in the ballgame, have three wide receivers, get up underneath center and do some things," Finley said. "So we'll have to do a good job of getting lined up because they'll throw a lot of formations at you."

Like most weeks, Finley said

winning the trenches will be the most important factor against Snyder, but added that getting lined up against an offense that can run such a variety of formations is just as important.

"Getting lined up defensively is half the battle. You've got to put yourself in position to be successful. If you don't have enough people where you're supposed to have them, you're going to be in trouble. So getting lined up has been a big emphasis," he said.

On the defensive side, Snyder will run a 3-3 stack that will resemble Coahoma's scheme for any Howard County football fans that have had a chance to watch the Bulldogs. It's a formation known for bringing pressure, and Finley said it's something starting quarterback Dylan Cantu is going to need to handle well for the team to win.

"They're not afraid to send some pressure at you, that's what a 3-3 stack is made to do, and those guys do it. They'll do it a lot, and they're very dangerous. They've got good athletes on both sides. They're big, they're strong, they're fast," Finley said.

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