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## SM donates \$10K to BSISD for robotics program



**SM Energy employees Maggie Key, left, Kris Alles, and Kate Noble hand a \$10,000 check to BSISD Superintendent Chris Wigington Tuesday night during the board of trustees meeting. The money will be used to start a robotics program at Big Spring Junior High School.**

**By LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

SM Energy donated \$10,000 to Big Spring ISD Tuesday night to fund the start-up costs for a robotics program at the Big Spring Junior High School.

"We also partner with Texas Tech (University) with their robotics program, so hopefully we can encourage kids to get towards one of the collegiate routes," Kate Noble

of SM Energy told Big Spring ISD trustees. "What we are trying to do is we really hope it will take off in middle school and that we can share some for the elementary school and some for the next high school in the next few years."

The money will be used to purchase robotic sets from Lego. Noble said the company has helped start similar programs particular in the Midland area schools.

*HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody*

"Hopefully what they will be able to do and what we've done in Midland is that we'll get our staff to come in and help occasionally and one of the things that we really like to volunteer to do is when they actually do the competition, we come in and judge them," Noble said. "It's fun. It's a lot like a sporting event, but we like to think of

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## Local entities to close for Labor Day

**Special to the Herald**

The city of Big Spring will close all offices beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, and remain closed through Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday. This will include the Polly Mays Annex, Airpark Office, Convention and Visitors Bureau, City Hall, and City Hall Annex.

The landfill will be open Friday and Saturday with normal hours, but will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the holiday.

Sanitation will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, and there will be no trash pickup.

All other offices will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 8 a.m.

Emergency services (Police, Fire, and EMS) will continue normal operations during the holiday.

The Emergency Utilities Department will be in operations and can be contacted at 264-2392.

Also, Howard County and federal administration offices will close for the holiday.

Area public schools and Howard College students will enjoy a three-day weekend, as those schools will not be open on Monday. Classes resume on Tuesday with normal hours. Also, the Howard College Fitness Center will be closed Monday for the holiday.

## Local scam problem growing, warns BSPD

**Special to the Herald**

A scam alert was issued by the Big Spring Police Department Wednesday night after a growing scam problem in the area came to a head with someone impersonating the chief of police to a well-known radio station.

Among other scams involving an I.R.S. scam and a U.P.S./FedEx scam, a caller impersonating the chief of police contacted a radio

host recently advising he had raised money for the radio program and needed the host's banking information.

"The caller 'spoofed' the police department's phone number and it showed on the intended victim's caller i.d.," said a release from the BSPD. "The radio host did not fall for the scam and notified police."

Under no circumstances

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## Big Spring reaches out Local residents offer support for Harvey victims

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

People in South and Southeast Texas are suffering due to the recent floods caused by Hurricane Harvey. As usual, Big Spring residents are reaching out to help. Several local people are headed that way to offer services as volunteers or to take loads of supplies to those in need.

The following organizations are collecting funds and items to help fellow Texans weather this storm:

- The Salvation Army is accepting funds to help with Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Donors can call 1-800-SAL-ARMY, donate online at [www.helpsalvationarmy.org](http://www.helpsalvationarmy.org), donate by texting STORM to 51555, or mail donations by check to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1959, Atlanta, Ga., 30301. Be sure to note "Hurricane Harvey" on all mailed donations. For those wishing to donate clothing or other items, the Salvation Army is partnering with relief efforts at First United Methodist Church of Big Spring.

rently accepting donations to help in the Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. Water, personal hygiene items, pillows, and blankets are some of the most requested items. First Methodist will collect items until Friday morning, when a trailer will pick them up for delivery. To donate, go to the church at 400 Scurry Street in Big Spring, and follow the Red Cross signs into the alley. For more information call 432-935-4477.

- The Big Spring Center for Skilled Care is collecting items and donations for the relief effort. They are requesting paper goods such as toilet paper, napkins, paper towels; plastic eating utensils; Ziploc bags; wipes; laundry soap; bedding such as sheets, blankets, pillows, etc.; towels and rags; soap, shampoo, toothpaste; diapers, pullups, and Depends (all sizes); clothes of all sizes; hand sanitizer; wrapped snacks and drinks; and charcoal. To donate, contact Christy Brownfield at 432-606-5012 or 432-816-2977; or bring items to 3701 Wasson Road in Big Spring.

- Trinity Baptist Church of Big Spring accepts cash donations, which are then forwarded to churches in the affected area to

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## Floodwaters recede but Houston area still dangerous

**By NOMAAN MERCHANT and JUAN A. LOZANO**  
 Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Major dangers loomed over the U.S. Gulf Coast area Thursday with the continued threat of serious flooding near the Texas-Louisiana line and after a series of explosions at a flooded chemical plant, even as Harvey's floodwaters receded in the Houston area after days of torrential rain.

Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas, struggled with rising water after being pounded with what remained of the weakening storm, while Houston's fire department said it would begin a block-by-block search Thursday of thousands of flooded homes. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Mann said the searches were to ensure "no people were left behind."

The confirmed death toll climbed to at least 31, including six family members — four of them children — whose bodies were pulled Wednesday from a van that had been swept off a Houston bridge into a bayou.

"Unfortunately, it seems that our worst thoughts are being realized," Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said after the van that disappeared over the weekend was found in 10 feet of muddy water.

The Houston-area chemical plant that lost power after Harvey engulfed the area in extensive floods was rocked by two explosions early Thursday, the plant's operator said. The Arkema Inc. plant in Crosby had been left without refrigeration for chemicals that become volatile as the temperature rises.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said in a tweet that a deputy was taken to the hospital after inhaling fumes. Nine other deputies drove themselves to the hospital as a precaution.

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## Obituaries

### Steve Gray



Steve Gray, 52, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2017 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 and Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. at Saturday Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial

Park. Steve was born Oct. 28, 1964 in Robert Lee, Texas to Laura Luvenna Bearfield Gray and Jack Neal Gray. He had lived in various places growing up including San Antonio from 1964-1967; Waelder from 1967-1972; Pecos from 1972-1976; Eldorado from 1976-1977; Big Spring from 1977-1979 and he graduated from Balmorhea High School in 1983, where he was active in band throughout school. He then moved to Big Spring and he graduated from Howard College with an associate degree in automotive technology in 1985.

Steve was the garage supervisor for the city of Big Spring until his retirement. After his retirement, he worked for Phoenix and Cline Construction.

### Bonnie McLen



Bonnie left us to meet her Lord Jesus after a brief illness. She was 80 years old.

She was born in Kosse, Texas to Jesse and Edna Tucker on Sept. 30, 1936. She was the middle of three children. Bonnie spent her childhood as the daughter of an itinerant carpenter and lived throughout Texas, Arkansas, and Arizona.

As an adult she worked as a bank teller in Big Spring, Texas for many years and as a secretary for several oil and gas companies in Midland, Texas. Her talents as a bookkeeper were highly sought after. Her attention to detail with numbers was impeccable and her integrity and honesty with money was unimpeachable.

Bonnie's other talents included oil painting where, on one occasion, her entry at the Howard county fair won first place in the professional artist category. This was after she'd only entered it as an amateur entry. The judges were so impressed with this so called "amateur" that they awarded her the professional blue ribbon.

She also had a great singing voice and used it of-

### Betty Edmondson Hamilton



Betty Edmondson Hamilton, 78, of Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 28, 2017 at her residence. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 13, 1939, in Knott, Texas to Mary and Shorty Edmondson. She lived most of her life in Howard County. She was a homemaker, but also worked as a housekeeper and caregiver.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internation-

ally (see www.aceminiestries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohannan at 432-213-1046.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more informa-

tion, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

Through the years, he was very active in Boy Scouts Troop 5 and later Troop 187 as well as very active in the Midland County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol. He was active in Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Big Spring and Snyder, holding several offices. He was especially active with the youth programs and The Elder's Quorum. He married Terry Hudson on June 20, 1992 in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife Terry Gray of Big Spring; three brothers, Johnnie Gray and wife, Joyce, of Sherwood, Gary Gray and wife, Elaine, of Big Spring and Larry Gray and wife, Debbie, of Yakum; one sister, Laura Lowery and husband, Lee Dale, of Big Spring; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Laura Luvenna Bearfield Gray and Jack Neal Gray.

Pallbearers will be Johnnie Gray, Larry Gray, Nate Gray, Kenny Lowery, Gary Gray, Jack Gray, Lee Dale Lowery and Kerry Lowery. Alternates will be Jason Wheeler and Chris Dobson. Honorary Pallbearers will be Midland County Sheriff Department Mounted Patrol.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

*Paid obituary*

ten. She finally retired in 2009 after the birth of her most beloved granddaughter, Michaela. She agreed to help care for her, and as a result, got to chase her around most of the Western United States. She got to see Quincy, Washington for a year and finally Cheyenne, Wyoming, and most everything in between!

Bonnie is survived by her youngest son, Kristofer White and his wife Melissa and daughter Michaela, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; eldest son, Buddy Arrick and wife Debbie Arrick of Big Spring, Texas and daughter Joanie Brock of Wichita Falls, Texas. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, Sept. 1, 2017 at 10 a.m. with Gary Kennedy officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Salvation Army at P.O. Box 594, Midland, Texas 79702.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com).

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She is survived by one daughter Teresa Hamilton of May; one son, Monte Hamilton of Burnet; two grandsons; two granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers, Doyle Edmondson of Coahoma, Bobby Edmondson of Sand Springs, Jerry Edmondson of Midland, and Lee Edmondson of Clyde; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Woodard and Peggy Edmondson.

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### Brenda Sue Ann Johnson Dameron



Brenda Sue Ann Johnson Dameron, 70, of Big Spring, died Wednesday Aug. 30, 2017. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 at The Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment to follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, John "Tom" Dameron of Big Spring; a daughter, Anne Dameron Witherspoon; son-in-law, Jonathan Witherspoon, a grandson, and a granddaughter all of Lucas; her mother, Freda Mae Pearl Johnson; and a sister, Lorraine Johnson Davis both of Frederick, Maryland; and many other beloved family members and friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Earl Weston

Earl Weston, 73, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017 in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOHN FLORES JR.**, 53, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication and possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **JAMES RAY GERALDON**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for driving with invalid license and driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.

• **EPIFANIO JOE GUZMAN JR.**, 29, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for terroristic threat of family/household.

• **JOANN HIRZEL**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction/suspension.

• **MARK SADLER**, 58, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of interference with emergency request for assistance.

• **CALESTON NASIER SANDERS**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

• **TREVOR LEE SMITH**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

• **THADDEUS ONTAR STRAUGHTER**, 26, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for robbery.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion

meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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it as a sporting event of the mind.

"It's a lot of fun for us to be able to give the money but then also see what's happening with the kids and give them an opportunity to really invest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education," Noble continued. "That's what we like to largely invest in when it comes to education just because most of our

staff are more technological people you know engineers, geologist that sort of thing."

Kris Alles, a landman with SM Energy, said the program dovetails into the type of technology being used in the oil and gas field today.

"It's kind of a smart little Lego set that has little modular components that can perform activities and actions so it's kind of the same for us," he said. "You have drilling rigs that are controlled machines. There are a lot of code and computers on the background of that. So it's kinda of

the bridging between us and the machines we utilize.

Noble and Alles said this type of program will help students learn skills they can use for future employment.

"Oilfield technology has changed a lot over time and even recently since what they call the shale revolution," Noble said. "It's become a much more technologically advanced industry in the since we are geo-steering these rigs to go in different directions that we were never doing that short of thing even 20 years ago. And so it's

pretty fascinating to see how much there is this huge technological impact and how that really revolutionize the industry it's self and it's changing the face of oil and gas. Which is a lot of fun."

These types of programs provide opportunities for students to develop and foster a passion for this type of fields, Alles said.

"It's really giving the kids an avenue to start off and create passion and continue to foster that to higher education," he said.

# SUPPORT

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use for their local relief efforts. Those wishing to support this effort can call 432-267-6344.

- Pampered Paws Resort is accepting donations of food and supplies for dogs affected by the hurricane. The supplies will be sent out Friday. To donate, contact Betty J. Kelley at 432-267-5557.

- Happy Day Humane Society is accepting donations of food and supplies for animals and people affected by the hurricane. Food, blankets, and clothes are requested. The supplies will be sent out Friday. Bring donations to the Happy Day Humane Society at 5710 W. Interstate 20 in Big Spring. Call 432-267-7832 for more information.

- First Baptist Church of Big Spring, 705 W. FM 700, is working in conjunction with the West Texas Food Bank to collect items for the relief effort in South Texas. The Food Bank will provide an 18-wheeler to deliver the items, which can be dropped off at First Baptist Church Friday, Sept. 2, between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 3, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. The drop-off location is at the east side entrance of the building. First Baptist requests that donors not leave donations outside unless someone is there to receive them.

Requested items include: Pop-top style canned goods, hand-held foods such as granola bars, beef jerky, etc., snack foods, camping-type food (open and eat packet type), fruit, and snacks; as well as razors, shaving cream, tampons, feminine pads, baby wipes, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, combs, brushes, face and body wipes, band-Aids, antibiotic ointment, Chapstick, mosquito spray, gallon-sized Ziploc bags, body lotion, shampoo, deodorant, and hand sanitizer.

The coordinator for the drop-off is Debi Pirkle; people can call her to volunteer to sort and box the donated items at 432-935-2301.

- Midway Baptist Church, 6200 N Service Rd, is collecting supplies to take down to South Texas on Tuesday morning, September 5. The church is requesting donations of dog food, feminine products, diapers, baby formula, paper goods (plates, plastic silverware, etc), clean five gallon buckets, and monetary donations. Volunteers will be at the church collecting donations today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If donors are unable to make it to the church either day, the church is able to come pick supplies up by calling 432-263-6274.

The church is also looking for an enclosed motorcycle trailer to use for the trip to South Texas. If a volunteer is willing to let the church use a trailer for the trip, please text or call 432-816-3375.

- The Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team is setting up their first of many relief efforts at the North Bay Church of Christ in Portland, Texas. They are distributing supplies, cleaning up homes and serving home-cooked meals to the communities as well as the National Guard working in the area. Volunteer opportunities and information about donating can be found at [www.churchesofchristdrt.org](http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org).

If you know of other reputable organizations collecting supplies for Harvey victims, or otherwise assisting with relief efforts, get the information to the Herald and we'll run it in an updated list in the coming days. Call 432-263-7331, ext. 232; or email [life@bigspringherald.com](mailto:life@bigspringherald.com).

# Correction

In Tuesday's story regarding Monday's Howard County Commissioner's Court meeting, it was incorrectly noted that "Our state attorney general is the one who gives the tax appraisal office their marching orders."

In fact, the local Tax Appraisal Office receives direction from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, not the attorney general.

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# SCAMS

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should a person give any time of personal information to anyone on the phone, said the BSPD in the release.

A few other scams have been making the rounds in the area including an I.R.S. scam. The caller will pretend to be an I.R.S. agent and claim that the victim has been audited and owes a specific amount of money, usually in the thousands.

"You will be told that you must resolve this debt right now or a

warrant will be issued for your arrest," said the release. "Understand, the I.R.S. does not collect by phone, ever. Many people have fallen for this scam."

One of the more successful scams, according to the BSPD is one involving the mail or FedEx.

"Victims will receive an envelope by mail or by U.P.S. or FedEx. The envelope contains a check most always on some company account," said the BSPD. "The victim will have been contacted by phone or instructions will be in the envelope telling them to deposit the check or cash it at their bank and send a large

portion of the money to the sender and keep a certain amount for their trouble."

According to the BSPD, once the bank discovers the check is counterfeit, it is too late.

"The victim may have to pay back all the money," said the BSPD.

The BSPD including Sgt. Tony Everet, Lt. Brian Gordon, and Chief Chad Williams encourages citizens to contact the police department before taking action with a potential scammer.

"Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it is," said the BSPD.

# HOUSTON

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Authorities have not released information on how dangerous the explosions were or whether they sparked a fire at the Arkema plant in Crosby, Texas. An AP photographer at a roadblock about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from the scene could see no sign of a blaze in the direction of the chemical plant, as the sun rose Thursday morning.

The company shut down the plant before Harvey made landfall last week, but a crew of 11 had stayed behind. That group was removed and residents living within a 1.5-mile (2.4-kilometer) radius were told to evacuate Tuesday after the plant lost power.

Another threat was emerging east of Houston where weather conditions deteriorated close to the Louisiana line.

Beaumont and Port Arthur worked to evacuate residents after Harvey completed a U-turn in the Gulf of Mexico and rolled ashore early Wednesday for the second time in six days. It hit southwestern Louisiana as a tropical storm with heavy rain and winds of 45 mph (72kph).

When Harvey paid its return visit to land, it hit near Cameron, Louisiana, about 45 miles (72 kilometers) from Port Arthur.

Port Arthur found itself increasingly isolated as floodwaters swamped most major roads out of the city.

More than 500 people — along with dozens of dogs, cats, a lizard and a monkey — took shelter at the Max Bowl bowling alley in the city, said the establishment's general manager, Jeff Tolliver.

"The monkey was a little surprising, but we're trying to help," he said.

Floodwaters also toppled two oil storage tanks in South Texas, spilling almost 30,000 gallons (114,000 liters) of crude. It was not immediately clear if any of the spilled oil was recovered. More damage to the oil industry infrastructure is expected to emerge as floodwaters recede.

Forecasters downgraded Harvey to a tropical depression late Wednesday from a tropical storm but it still has lots of rain and potential damage to spread, with 4 to 8 inches (10 to 20 centimeters) forecast from the Louisiana-Texas line into Tennessee and Kentucky through Friday. Some spots may get as much as a foot, raising the risk of more flooding.

For much of the Houston area, forecasters said the rain is pretty much over.

"We have good news," said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist with the Harris County Flood

Control District. "The water levels are going down."

Houston's two major airports were up and running again Wednesday. Officials said they were resuming limited bus and light rail service as well as trash pickup.

At Hermann Park, south of downtown, children glided by in strollers and wagons, joggers took in midday runs and couples walked beside cascading fountains and beneath a sparkling sun. People pulled into drive-thru restaurants and emerged from a store with groceries.

At the same time, many thousands of Houston-area homes are under water and could stay that way for days or weeks. And Lindner cautioned that homes near at least one swollen bayou could still get flooded.

Officials said 911 centers in the Houston area are getting more than 1,000 calls an hour from people seeking help.

Altogether, more than 1,000 homes in Texas were destroyed and close to 50,000 damaged, and over 32,000 people were in shelters across the state, emergency officials reported. A b o u t 10,000 more National G u a r d troops are being d e p l o y e d to Texas, bringing the total to 24,000, Gov. Greg A b b o t t said.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Earl Weston, 73, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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# Floodwaters drop across much of Houston; danger not over



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Evacuees escaping the floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rest at the George R. Brown Convention Center that has been set up as a shelter in Houston, Texas, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017.

By **NOMAAN  
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Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Harvey's floodwaters started dropping across much of the Houston area and the sun peeked through thinning clouds Wednesday in the first glimmer of hope in days for the besieged city. But the crisis was far from over, and the storm began to give up some of its dead.

The number of confirmed deaths rose to 21 after Beaumont police confirmed a second death in that city.

Authorities also found the submerged van in which six members of a Houston family, including four children, were believed to have died when their vehicle was swept off a bridge. The bodies of two adults were spotted inside in the murky water, authorities said.

"Unfortunately, it seems that our worst thoughts are being realized," Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said.

While conditions in Houston appeared to improve, the disaster took a turn for the worse near the Texas-Louisiana state line.

The Texas communities of Beaumont and Port Arthur struggled with rising floodwaters and worked to evacuate residents after Harvey rolled ashore early Wednesday for the second time in six days, hitting southwestern Louisiana as a tropical storm with winds of 45 mph and heavy rain.

For much of the rest of the Houston area, forecasters said the rain is pretty much over and the water is already back within its channels in some places.

"We have good news," said Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District. "The water

levels are going down. And that's for the first time in several days."

Also, the water in two reservoirs that protect downtown Houston from flooding was likely to crest Wednesday at levels slightly below those that were forecast, officials said.

Nevertheless, many thousands of homes in and around the nation's fourth-largest city were still swamped and could stay that way for days or longer. Some Houston-area neighborhoods were still in danger of more flooding because of the risk of a levee breach.

And officials said 911 call centers in the Houston area were still getting more than 1,000 calls an hour from people seeking help.

Authorities expect the death toll to rise as the waters recede and they are able to take full stock of the destruction wrought by the hurricane.

The dead include a man who tried to swim across a flooded roadway, a former football and track coach in suburban Houston and a woman who died after she and her young daughter were swept into a rain-swollen drainage canal in Beaumont. The child was rescued clinging to her dead mother, authorities said.

Harvey itself was "spinning down" and expected to weaken into a tropical depression sometime Wednesday, National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said. A tropical depression has winds of 38 mph or less.

The remnants of the hurricane are expected to move from Louisiana into Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky in the next few days, with flooding possible in those states.

"Once we get this thing inland during the day, it's the

end of the beginning," Feltgen said. "Texas is going to get a chance to finally dry out as this system pulls out."

Eugene Rideaux, a 42-year-old mechanic who showed up at evangelist Joel Osteen's Houston megachurch to sort donations for evacuees, welcomed the reprieve from the rain.

He said he had not been able to work or do much since the storm hit, so he was eager to get out of his dark house and help.

"It's been so dark for days now, I'm just ready to see some light. Some sunshine. I'm tired of the darkness," Rideaux said. "But it's a tough city, and we're going to make this into a positive and come together."

When Harvey paid its return visit to land overnight, it hit near Cameron, Louisiana, about 45 miles from

Port Arthur. Port Arthur found itself increasingly isolated as floodwaters swamped

most major roads out of the city and spilled into a storm shelter

with about 100 people inside. Motiva Enterprises closed its

Port Arthur refinery, the largest in the nation, because of flooding.

Port Arthur Mayor Derrick Freeman posted



AP photo

Chris Gutierrez, second from right, helps his grandmother, Edelmira Gutierrez, down the stairs of their flooded house and into a waiting fire department truck in the Concord Bridge neighborhood as Addicks Reservoir surpasses capacity due Tropical Storm Harvey, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, in Houston.

on his Facebook page: "city is underwater right now but we are coming!" He also urged residents to get to higher ground and to avoid becoming trapped in attics.

In the Houston area, Harvey's five straight of rain that totaled close to 52 inches, the heaviest tropical downpour ever recorded in the continental United States.

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett said 30,000 to 40,000 homes, perhaps more, may have been damaged.

"It could be more," he told Houston's KTRK-TV. "We just don't know. A number are irreparable. We've got some difficult months and perhaps years ahead."

Some 13,000 people have been rescued in the Houston area, and more than 17,000 have sought refuge in Texas shelters. With the water still

high in places and many hard-hit areas still inaccessible, those numbers seemed certain to increase.

About 195,000 people have filed for financial assistance, and about \$35 million in direct aid has been distributed — numbers expected to climb dramatically in coming days and weeks, the chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said.

"This is going to be an incredibly large disaster," Brock Long said in Washington. "We're not going to know the true cost for years to come. ... But it's going to be huge."

Harvey initially came ashore as a Category 4 hurricane in Texas on Friday, then executed a U-turn and lingered off the coast as a tropical storm for days, inundating flood-prone Houston.

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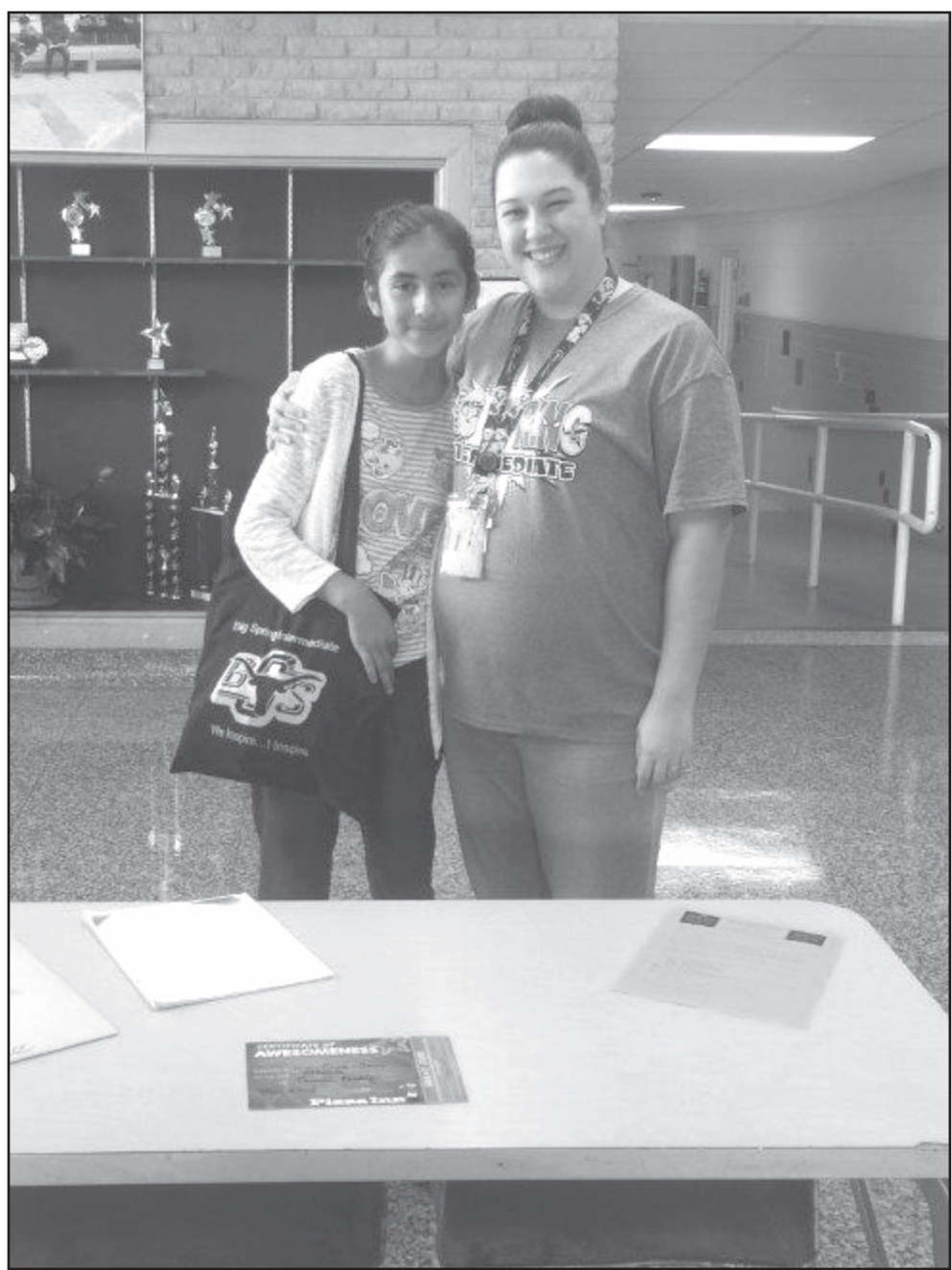


# Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photos

Above, ladies from the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Patti Horton Mrs. Katie Grimes came by Big Spring Intermediate School recently and donated to the school's emergency lunch money fund. Pictured are: BSI Assistant Principal Nicole Woodard, BSI Principal Patsy Sanchez, Horton, Grimes, and BSI faculty members Mrs. Macleod, Coach Arista, Mrs. Colette, and Coach Colon. At right, BSI student Arely Cruz-Garcia did her summer reading assignment while she visited her relatives in Mexico. Not only did she complete the graphic organizer but she created two extra projects reflecting what she had read. She also took additional books to read while she was in Mexico and read to her relatives. She is pictured here with current ELA teacher, Mrs. Nguyen. Her reading teacher last year was Ms. Metcalf. She received a BSI inspirational bag full of school supplies and other prizes. Way to inspire, Arely!



## Texas schools shuttered by Harvey could stay that way awhile

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Schools across Houston and parts of Texas' Gulf Coast will remain shuttered through Labor Day — and probably much longer — because their buildings and surrounding infrastructure will require extensive repairs even after Harvey's unprecedented floodwaters subside.

The 216,000 students in the Houston Independent School District, the largest in Texas and seventh-largest in the nation, were supposed to start classes this past Monday. Instead, many fled homes flooded by the storm.

Harvey roared ashore last week as a Category 4 hurricane and damaged school buildings in many coastal towns before unleashing unprecedented rainfall on much of a 200-mile (320-kilometer) swath of Texas stretching north to Houston.

More than 200 school districts and charter schools statewide canceled or delayed classes. It remains unclear when many could fully resume, since ongoing flooding has made it impossible for officials to get a complete assessment of the damage.

"We'll still have districts next week that can't open and we know that," said Lauren Callahan, a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman.

Other major storms around the country have kept schools closed for extended periods.

After Hurricane Sandy in 2012, New York City's public schools closed for a week, then opened to find heat and cafeteria facilities not working on some campuses and others continuing to be occupied by storm evacuees.

Following Hurricane Katrina's devastation of New Orleans in 2005, it was months

before even a few public schools reopened. Of the city district's roughly 125 schools, fewer than 20 escaped largely undamaged. So many people fled that district officials urged parents to enroll their children in schools close to where they were evacuated — including thousands transplanted to Houston — rather than trying to return.

New Orleans public schools had around 60,000 students before Katrina but only about 12,000 were enrolled by the end of the school year. The University of Tulane's state-ly New Orleans campus also closed for months for the first time since the Civil War.

In Texas, the Gulf Coast beach town of Rockport took a direct hit when Harvey made landfall and buildings on its high school campus sustained damage. Football and volleyball players came out Tuesday to help with the cleanup of their school. In the town of Seadrift, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north, the K-8 school is closed indefinitely due to extensive damage. Other schools around the state won't reopen until officials check more fully on their conditions.

Houston Superintendent Richard Carranza said 35 of his district's almost 300 school buildings were flooded or lost power. Some are inaccessible because roads are still flooded.

"This city is in a lot of pain right now. We want to get back as soon possible," Carranza said by phone. He said that, by Friday, he hopes to "make a decision on whether we are going to need to extend the delay of the school year."

"We just may not be ready in terms of facilities and, quite frankly, the city infra-

structure may not be ready to put 216,000 students on the road going to school," Carranza said.

Loretta Jones, and her sons, 12-year-old John and Thomas, age 8, rode in a military vehicle and then in the back of a U-Haul truck to evacuate to Houston's convention center after floodwaters reached their home. The boys weren't complaining about missing school, but their mother was more wary.

"It's tough," said Jones, 47. "They're going to miss a week and who knows how much longer."

Families that have been displaced to shelters in San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and elsewhere in Texas can enroll their children in the local school districts, though few appear to be doing so yet. If school districts affected by Harvey miss significant class time, they can get state exemptions that keep students from having to repeat grades. Exceptions also can be made for districts that see sharp drops in enrollment due to evacua-

tions, Callahan said.

"I think everybody's goal is to get these kids back in school," Callahan said. "Local schools are the rock of the community in a lot of ways."

The early damage to Houston's colleges, meanwhile, appeared to be less widespread. Rice University canceled classes, but its campus dorms and libraries remained open. The University of Houston's football team decamped to

Austin to hold normal practices — though the school decided late Tuesday to cancel its season-opening game at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

"When it's time to do football for these three hours, we do football for three hours," said coach Major Applewhite. "As soon as it's over, we're back on the phone, call mom, make sure everybody is OK."

### NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR HOWARD COUNTY

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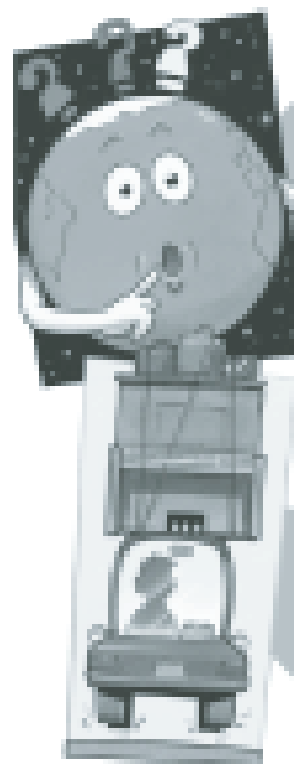
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# Erosion Challenge

Erosion is the shifting of soil and rock from one place to another. Here are some questions about erosion. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Erosion is a natural process.  
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*Fact or Fiction?*
- 3) There are two types of weathering: physical and chemical.  
*Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) Wind, water and ice are three forces of erosion. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) Humans have nothing to do with erosion.  
*Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) Deforestation can lead to erosion.  
*Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Mining can lead to erosion.  
*Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Construction can lead to erosion.  
*Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) Too much erosion can cause desertification. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) Humans can do nothing to stop erosion.  
*Fact or Fiction?*



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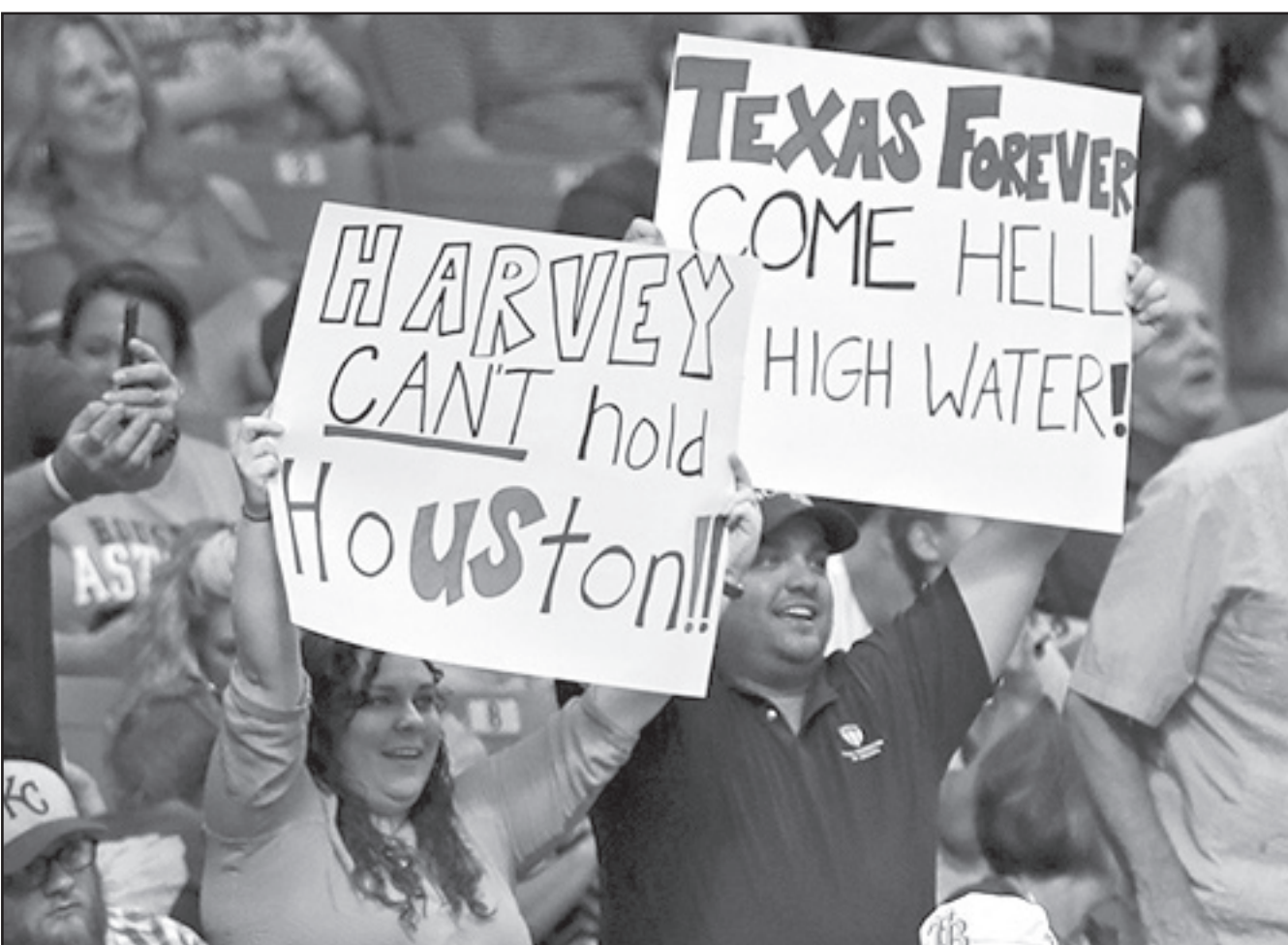
Many people consider volcanoes hot and fiery, and while that is true, they can also help to cool things down. Take the eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia in the spring of 1815. The weather cooled off a lot in the weeks afterward, resulting in a very cold summer.

Many other volcanoes had erupted in the area that year in addition to Mount Tambora. This created a lot of volcanic dust in the air, which kept the sun's rays from reaching the earth. Temperatures dropped throughout Europe and the northeastern United States, and snow fell in many places, killing crops and causing food shortages.

While volcanic eruptions can heat things up, they can also cool things down. Scientists are studying them further to see how they may affect global warming.



### Cashner shuts down Astros in Rangers' 8-1 win



By **FRED GOODALL**  
AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The displaced Houston Astros keep reminding themselves of what's really important.

The AL West leaders lost another game to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night, but news that they are returning home for the weekend to check on family and help victims of Hurricane Harvey gave them a lot to feel good about after the 8-1 setback.

"I can't wait," manager A.J. Hinch said after Rangers right-hander Andrew Cashner pitched eight strong innings and Mike Napoli hit a three-run homer for Texas.

The teams conclude a three-game series relocated to St. Petersburg on Thursday.

"I want to win a game before," Hinch said in anticipation of boarding a plane as soon as possible.

"It will be a happy flight and an even happier landing."

A from 3,485 the previous night for the opener of the series at Tropicana Field — watched Cashner (8-9) limit the Astros to three hits, one after the second inning.

Napoli's homer off Dallas Keuchel (11-3) capped a six-run fourth inning for Texas, which has won two straight following a three-game skid.

"Very impressive," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said of Cashner, who won for the first time in nearly a month.

Houston's third loss in four games, meanwhile, was overshadowed by the announcement that the Astros will fly to home to face the New York Mets this weekend.

After an unscheduled day off, they'll play a

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Fans hold up signs as a show of support for the city of Houston during the sixth inning of a baseball game between the Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Astros moved their three-game home series against the Rangers to St. Petersburg after being displaced by Hurricane Harvey.

AP Photo

### Texans ready to head home to Houston after game canceled



AP Photo

Houston Texans players stand on the sideline waiting to run sprints at the start of a morning practice at the Dallas Cowboys training facility, Monday, Aug. 28, 2017, in Frisco, Texas. The Texans are working out in the practice facility of the Dallas Cowboys because of floods pounding Houston. An exhibition game in the Texans' stadium Thursday might be moved to the home of the Cowboys.

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Texans headed home to flood-ravaged Houston after their final preseason game against the Dallas Cowboys was canceled Wednesday.

"We've got several members of our travel party — our coaches, our players, our staff members — whose families have been evacuated," general manager Rick Smith said. "There is so much devastation in the city and the region and we want to be part of the recovery process."

The game scheduled for Thursday night had been moved from Houston to the home of the Cowboys because of widespread flooding in the Houston area in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. The decision to cancel the game altogether was announced when the Texans said local authorities had found a safe route for the team to drive the 250 miles home.

Smith said Wednesday was the first day they had the option to return to Houston and the team

felt it was better to go home than to try and play a game Thursday.

"When it became available to us, we've got so many guys on the team that are distracted by all the events and the circumstances that it became increasingly more difficult from our perspective to go out and try to play a football game," Smith said. "And I'm not sure it would have been fair to do so. So when the opportunity arose today that we had a safe route to get home (we) made the decision to cancel the game."

After the Texans played their preseason game in New Orleans last weekend, they went to North Texas instead of home after the storm. The Texans worked out Monday and Tuesday at the Cowboys' practice facility.

Smith wasn't sure when the Texans would resume practice, but said that NRG Stadium wasn't damaged in the storm and that their opener there on Sept. 10 against the Jacksonville Jaguars would go on as planned.

"We're hurting. Hous-

ton is hurting, but we're strong," Smith said. "We've been there over a decade and we are part of the fabric of the community."

Texans star defensive end J.J. Watt was pleased with the decision to cancel the game and get back to Houston.

"I think it's the right decision," he said. "Everybody here is obviously most concerned about their families, their friends, the city of Houston back home. I think it's extremely important that we get home as quickly as we possibly can."

Watt almost didn't know to react to the stunning growth of his flood relief fundraising effort, which started with a web page and a video Sunday. Since then, he's been offering video updates as the total climbed over \$6 million. The original goal was \$200,000.

"We've upped the goal to \$10 million because everything is bigger in Texas," he said. "Why not? Let's shoot for \$10 million and see what

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### TCU QB Hill ready to change the narrative in his last season



AP Photo

In this Nov. 25, 2016, file photo, TCU quarterback Kenny Hill (7) throws against Texas during the first half of an NCAA college football game, in Austin, Texas.

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — Kenny Hill knows a lot of people prefer to focus on his Big 12-high 13 interceptions last season or TCU's losing record.

"I didn't play as well as I wanted to last year," Hill said. "I'm ready to come out and change the narrative about me."

Three years after his record-setting starting debut succeeding a Heisman Trophy winner at Texas A&M, and one season at TCU, Hill is now a senior for the Horned Frogs.

"You have no idea," Hill responded with a smile when asked how much he was looking forward to the season. "Been waiting for this one for a while. This is my last 'first' game in college. I'm ready to go."

TCU, coming off a 6-7 record that was only its third losing season under 17-year head coach Gary Patterson, opens the new season Saturday night at home against Jackson State.

While Hill had all those interceptions last season, his 609 yards rushing were the most by a Big 12 quarterback and he also ran for 10 touchdowns. Hill threw for at least 377 yards four times in the first five games, and his 3,208 yards passing for the season were the third-most in school history (Only Trevone Boykin had more, surpassing that total twice).

Patterson has sensed a different confidence in Hill, both during the offseason and through fall camp.

"I think I broke him down a little bit too much, maybe not understanding him quite as well," Patterson said. "He and I have a lot better understanding of what we're trying to get accomplished, trying to put a chip on his shoulder. People believe that he's not a good quarterback. ... So he's kind of like Trevone. How do you prove them wrong?"

In his first college start in the 2014 opener for the Aggies, their first game

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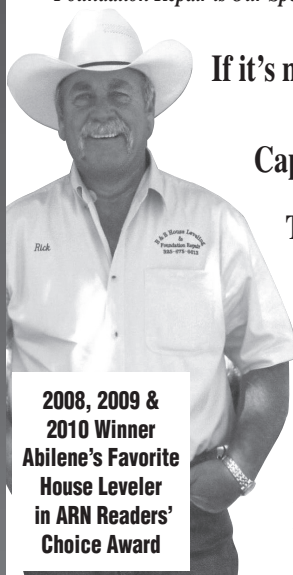
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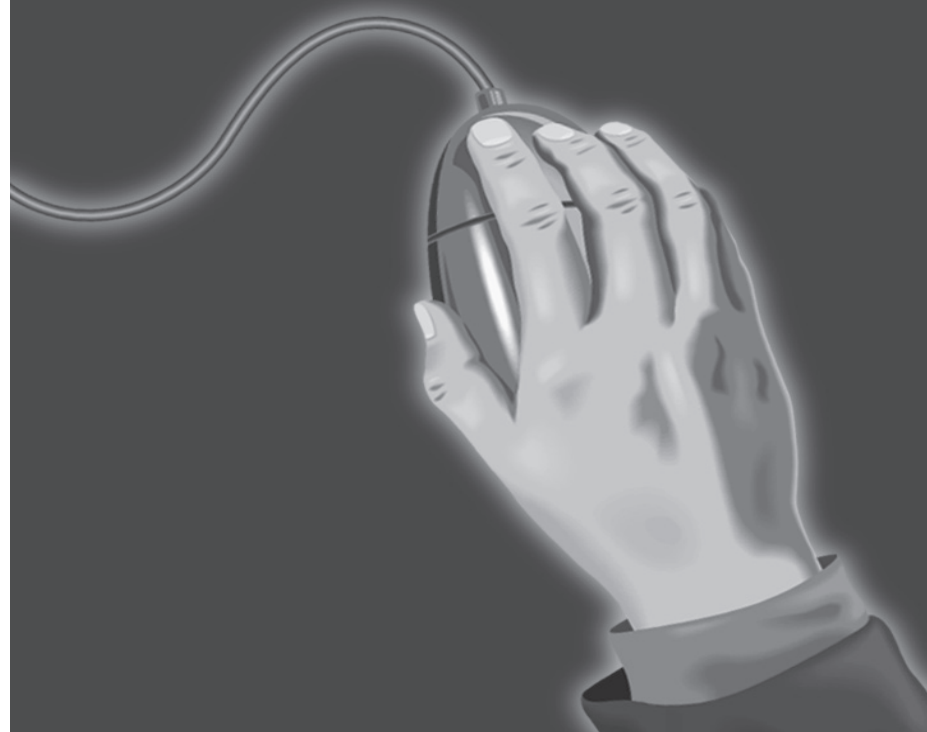
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Don't let things grate on your nerves. Make adjustments. It won't be easy, but the alternative is to think the same irritating thoughts again and again. Make a move instead.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If you

didn't feel and respect the risk involved, it wouldn't be exciting. You'll do creative and experimental things because you decide not to be ruled by your trepidations.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Ambitions don't end. As soon as you wrap your hands around one glittering fruit another one higher on the tree will catch your eye. Ambition is not about being satisfied but about embodying pursuit.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Some keep trying to bring your attention back to a rather dismal trajectory, and they call that "reality." Reality has many trajectories. Don't automatically accept the dark ones just because they are offered.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** When you pray for someone, do you pray to their god or yours? These and other spiritual questions are the order of the day, but don't worry about coming up with answers. All the benefit is in the pondering.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll be magnetized by your work, a wonderful

dynamic, really, as it satisfies many people at once. It's good to know there's something in your endeavors with the power to keep you coming back.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Any one part of your life doesn't have to be the best part of your life. So when one area isn't going right, don't worry yourself too much about it. Things will even out for you; they always do.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You are in control; you're also trapped. You have the power, but you're not sure how to seize and use it. Accept the complexity. Be gentle with yourself. Do what you can to increase the flow of good.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** What you do for your happiness you also do for your health. Another thing you may not realize is that your efforts to take excellent care of yourself are being watched. By caring for yourself, you inspire others to take care.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The old-school way has to do with prior-

ities and goals. Of course, if you don't know where you're headed, you're not going to get there. The new way has more to do with setting up systems and rhythms that work for you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There are some things about yourself that are not likely to change. When you've so many talents and abilities, why would you waste time even worrying about those things? Build up your strengths.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're seeking inspiration -- as much of it as you can get. You want to learn how people face adversity and set themselves up for success. Books lie. People lie. Still, you'll find enough truth to use and use well.

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**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** To further expand on yesterday's answer to the query of a Leo going through what he describes as "a horrible run of bad luck..."

While I do not agree with your ex-girlfriend's suggestion that Saturn has contributed to your economic and emotional hardship, I do think that the ringed planet might inspire you to get out of this difficult cycle. Saturn's lessons are not designed to destroy us but rather to help us dig deeper into ourselves to find the strength and creativity to reconfigure our lives. So, your girlfriend has left and has taken much of your stuff. Maybe this can be viewed as a liberation. You don't have to worry about or maintain the stuff now. And you are free to explore who you are outside of your relationship with her. And your job is hard, but you can use the experience you've gained from it to get

another job. Make a list of everything that could possibly be good about the recent events that have transpired. There are many benefits you're not currently seeing. Even if you don't feel that these events favor you, make the list as if they do. Because what you're labeling as "bad luck" may very well be the best thing that's ever happened to you.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Chris Tucker is a Virgo with a chatty Gemini moon -- and a motormouth delivery is this comic's trademark! His action-oriented Mars is in Virgo, too, grounding him in the kind of work ethic necessary to rise in the world of stand-up comedy and film alike. Tucker's earthy sense of comic timing is a perfect match with Jackie Chan's fiery Aries warrior spirit, as evidenced with the "Rush Hour" series.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

**Ruffling Some Feathers**

**Dear Annie:** I was at my brother's home for my sister-in-law's birthday a few weeks ago. My sister-in-law, "Jess," had a stroke some years ago and can only say a few single-syllable words at a time. She has an 18-year-old bird that she loves and takes care of.

My nephew's fiancée, "Becky," and her daughter, "Emily," came over during

the party, and Emily started to tease the bird. Jess looked at me and said, "Cover bird." I went over and very politely put the cover on the birdcage and said, "I think it's time for the bird to go to sleep. When there are a lot of people in the house, the bird gets stressed out. The cover helps him calm down."

Everything was fine for about 10 minutes. But then Emily went over, flipped part of the cover off the cage and started to

tease the bird again. Becky was sitting right there and did not say a word to her daughter. I looked on silently because I felt it was not my place to say anything, and Emily sat down after a few minutes anyway.

But then she went over to the cage a third time. She began teasing the bird. At this point, my brother politely told Emily to stop because she was upsetting the bird, and she did.

At that point, Becky got upset. She told my brother, "She's only playing with the bird." She and Emily left the birthday party early because of this.

My brother and I would like your opinion on whether or not it was inappropriate for him to tell Emily to stop. -- Birdy-guard

**Dear Birdy-guard:** Of course it was appropriate of your brother to speak up. If that ruffled Becky's feathers, she should have stepped in before he had to. The next time you're all together, set some ground rules right from the start, and make them clear to Emily, Becky and your nephew: no ifs, ands or squawks about it.

**Dear Annie:** I couldn't agree more with your reply to "Wondering Why at the Y," who complained about the odor of his fitness classmate. But this isn't just a problem at the gym.

In today's offices, people are often crammed into small areas to save money. If one inconsiderate man or woman puts on too much fra-

grance, it can give headaches to everyone around them. It's unfortunate when the person causing this problem is a supervisor. You don't tell the HR manager she stinks if you want to keep your job for very long! Once, my manager approached a corporate vice president about her perfume, because the noxious smell was making his employees ill whenever she visited. She replied that she paid big money for her French perfume and anyone who didn't like it could hit the road!

Long ago, I was given a piece of advice that I feel should be stressed in employee training and at workout centers: If you wear scents on a daily basis, you must

be very careful. Over time, you become immune to the smell. Bottom line, if you put on enough that you can smell it, it's probably terribly strong for everyone else! -- Glad I'm Retired

**Dear Glad I'm Retired:** Let this be a public service announcement: The perfumes and colognes you wear could ruin a co-worker's day. Spritz responsibly.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**The foresight saga**

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 2  
♥ A Q 8 6  
♦ Q J 8 3  
♣ A 7 5

**WEST**  
♠ Q 8 6  
♥ 9 3  
♦ A 10 9 4  
♣ 10 8 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 9 7 5 4 3  
♥ 7 5 4 2  
♦ —  
♣ J 9 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K  
♥ K J 10  
♦ K 7 6 5 2  
♣ K Q 4

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
2NT Pass 6♦

Opening lead — three of clubs.

One trait that distinguishes the expert declarer from the run-of-the-mill declarer is that he does not relax his vigil in the so-called easy hands. The expert always worries about what might happen to him if the adverse cards are distributed unfavorably.

Here is a typical case where it would be easy to go wrong. Let's say South wins the opening club lead with the king and leads a low trump. West follows low, and dummy's jack wins, East showing out.

**That is the end of the road** for declarer, because sooner or later he must lose two trump tricks and go down one. He could attribute this to bad luck, but the fact is that he himself is responsible for losing the slam.

South can see from the outset that six diamonds is ice-cold if he loses only one trump trick, and that the only way he could lose two trump tricks is if the opposing diamonds are divided 4-0.

Such a division occurs in only one deal out of 10, and normally this possibility would be negligible compared with other dangers that might confront declarer. But here there is no other threat on the horizon, so South should focus all his concentration on the unlikely — but possible — 4-0 division.

Accordingly, he should win the club lead in dummy and play a low trump to his king (or win the club in his hand and play the king of diamonds). After East shows out, it is not difficult for declarer to limit himself to one trump loser. West's 10-9-4 can easily be trapped later by leading twice toward dummy's Q-J-8.

It is true that initiating the diamonds by playing the king first would not succeed if East had the A-10-9-4, but in that case declarer could not make the contract whatever he did.

**Tomorrow:** Test your play.  
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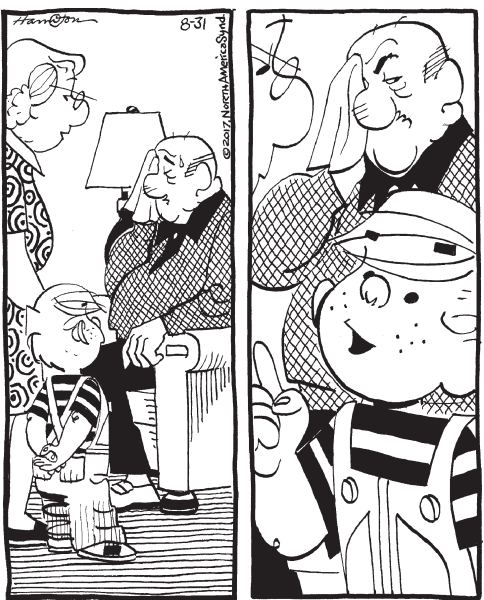
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| 8:PM  |   | Mi marido tiene     | Love Connection        | Big Brother         | Sin Senos Si    | The Wall        | Truth              | Diana -- Her Story | Mama's ALF    | Whose? Whose?     | Big Bang   |                                    |  |                                      |                    |               |                    |   |
| 9:PM  |   | La tierra prometida | News                   | Zoo                 | El Señor de los | The Night Shift | Light of Southwest | To Be Announced    | Heroes        | Seinfeld          | Big Bang   |                                    |  |                                      |                    |               |                    |   |
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| 11:PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live                               | Noticiero           | Two Men                | Late Show-Colbert   | Titulares       | Tonight Show    | Our Mess           | Hidden             | Hitchcock     | Rules             | Guest      |                                    |  | Nación ESPN                          | Texas Insider      | Shooter (DVS) | (:03) The First 48 |   |
| 12:AM | Nightline                                       | Contacto Deportivo  | How I Met James Corden | El Señor de los     | Seth Meyers     | Israel          | Behind (Off Air)   | Newsline           | Hitchcock     | Rules             | Conan      |                                    |  |                                      |                    |               |                    |   |
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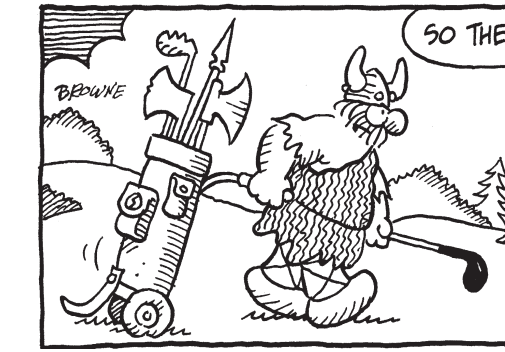
"His head aches because he has a hangover." "Does his belly ache? That hangs over a lot more!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



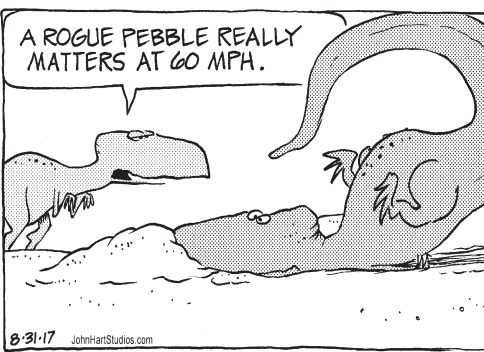
"How do I read this book? They forgot to add the pictures."

HAGAR



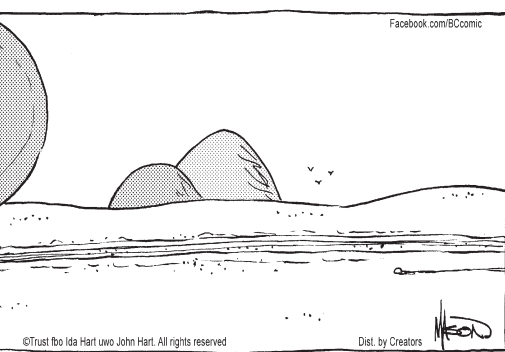
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A ROGUE PEBBLE REALLY MATTERS AT 60 MPH.

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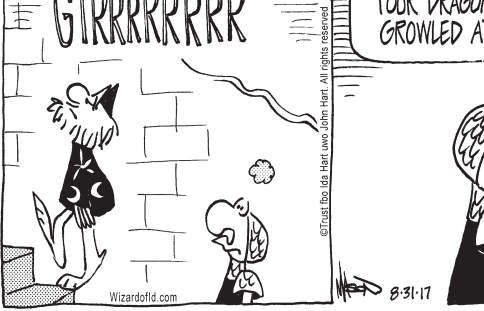
THAT MUST BE A FUN GIG! GETTING PAID TO WEAR A DUCK SUIT! NOPE! NOT TODAY

WIZARD OF ID



GIRRRRRRRR YOUR DRAGON JUST GROWLED AT ME IT'S OKAY. IT'S ONLY HIS STOMACH GROWLING

AGNES



SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW. SHEESH. ANOTHER YEAR OF SCHOOL. WHAT GRADE ARE WE IN NOW?

HI AND LOIS



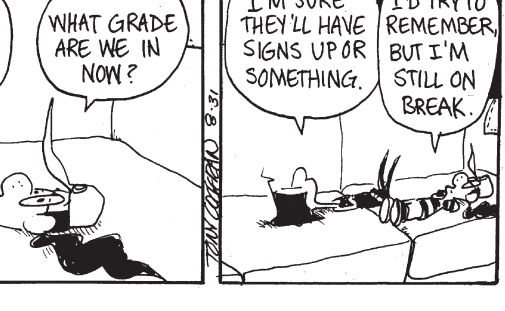
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BEEBLE BAILEY



STOP! DON'T COME IN, SARGE! WHY NOT? IT'S AGAINST FEDERAL LAW TO POLLUTE OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 2017. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On August 31, 1997, Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident earlier that day.

On this date: In 1867, French poet Charles Baudelaire, 46, died in Paris. In 1886, an earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 devastated Charleston, South Carolina, killing at least 60 people, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1916, the musical revue "The Big Show," featuring the song "Poor Butterfly" by Raymond Hubbell and John Golden, opened at New York's Hippodrome. In 1939, the first issue of Marvel Comics, featuring the Human Torch, was published by Timely Publications in New York. In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve," a spinoff from "Fibber McGee and Molly" starring Harold Peary, debuted on NBC. In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states; Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in some 70 deaths. In 1965, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to establish the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In 1972, at the Munich Summer Olympics, American swimmer Mark Spitz won his fourth and fifth gold medals in the 100-meter butterfly and 800-meter freestyle relay; Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut won gold medals in floor exercise and the balance beam. In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California. The Soviet passenger ship Admiral Nakhimov collided with a merchant vessel in the Black Sea, causing both to sink; up to 448 people reportedly died. In 1987, the Michael Jackson album "Bad" was released by Epic Records. In 1991, Uzbekistan (ooz-bek-ih-STAHN') and Kyrgyzstan (keer-gih-STAHN') declared their independence, raising to ten the number of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union. In 1992, white separatist Randy Weaver surrendered to authorities in Naples, Idaho, ending an 11-day siege by federal agents that had claimed the lives of Weaver's wife, son and a deputy U.S. marshal. (Weaver was acquitted of murder and all other charges in connection with the confrontation; he was convicted of failing to appear for trial on firearms charges and was sentenced to 18 months in prison but given credit for 14 months he'd already served.) Ten years ago: President George W. Bush met privately at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who conveyed their concern about a growing strain on troops and their families from long and repeated combat tours in Iraq. President Bush announced a set of modest proposals to deal with an alarming rise in mortgage defaults.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Royalty recipient
  - 6 Up in the air
  - 10 Follow closely
  - 14 Legal filing
  - 15 Network junction
  - 16 Hot-rod rod
  - 17 Specialized slang
  - 18 Certain something
  - 19 Phoebe on Friends
  - 20 Looped cross
  - 21 Boston hockey great
  - 22 Tenderize
  - 24 It's most likely to succeed
  - 26 About 8% of 24
  - 27 Surfing venue
  - 29 Bronco or Cowboy
  - 33 What triggers some alarms
  - 36 Period in geology
  - 38 What nobodies haven't
  - 39 Contrived cough
  - 40 Talked long
  - 42 Resistance measures
  - 43 About 38% of 24
  - 44 Pup squeak
  - 45 Neo-impressionism pioneer
  - 47 "Untrue!"
  - 49 Look angry
  - 51 Put to the test
  - 53 Ceaseless
  - 57 Rowdy disorder
  - 60 What CPOs call captains
  - 61 Wrapped up
  - 62 Continuously
- DOWN
- 1 Classroom with mice
  - 2 Get \_\_ on (learn about)
  - 3 Strong pulls
  - 4 24
  - 5 Weepy rock music
  - 6 Lined up
  - 7 24
  - 8 10-cent portrait
  - 9 Organic elevator
  - 10 24
  - 11 Take one's leave
  - 12 Other than this
  - 13 Earliest-joining member
  - 21 "Ransom of Red Chief" writer
  - 23 Dominate in competition
  - 25 HBO alternative
  - 28 Dude
  - 30 Fearful feline portrayer
  - 31 Austen novel
  - 32 Balance
  - 33 The Magic Mountain author
  - 34 River above Kentucky
  - 35 Backpacking burden
  - 37 Comeback
  - 41 Beleaguered insurance giant
  - 46 Poetic time
  - 48 Source of silver
  - 50 Dicing candidates
  - 52 Urban rec centers
  - 54 She had a First Wives Club cameo
  - 55 Less experienced
  - 56 Be abrasive
  - 57 National League East team
  - 58 Reebok rival
  - 59 Oral outburst
  - 64 Friend from Martinique
  - 65 Game extenders: Abbr.

24 DOWN by Billie Truitt

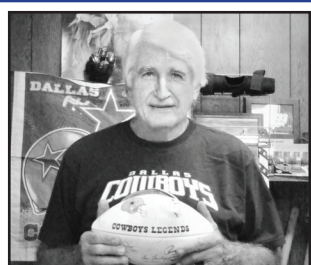
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# Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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  9. Wichita Falls
  10. Sterling City
- Tie Breaker: Forsan



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  5. Stanton
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  9. Sweetwater
  10. Sterling City
- Tie Breaker: Coahoma



**Porter's**

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### Pigskin Picks Entry Form

Team

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> </ol> | Name: _____<br>Address: _____<br>Phone Number: _____<br><br>Tie Breaker - Circle the winner and note total points scored<br><b>COAHOMA vs FORSAN</b><br>Score: _____ + _____ = _____ |
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## TEXAS

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doubleheader Saturday and afternoon game Sunday against the Mets.

"I think it's going to mean a lot. We're hoping that's the case," Keuchel said.

"The first thing that comes to mind is safety. If it's not completely safe, then we don't want a lot of people risking to come out," the All-Star lefty said. "But if it is, we're going to do everything in our power to win some ballgames and cheer some people up, for sure."

Hinch broke the news to relieved players at an afternoon meeting. In addition to reuniting with family and friends, many of them plan to spend part of Friday assisting people affected by the storm.

Returning to Minute Maid Park figures to be emotional.

"I know it will be a warm welcome. ... You never know how much home means to you until you're not allowed to go home," Hinch said, adding it's difficult to anticipate exactly what the scene will be like Saturday.

"Our attention is still going to be centered around the city and all the devastation that's going on," the manager added. "If we can provide any sort of relief, or any sort of escape, or any part of a distraction away from what's going on, I think that's going to be part of it."

Keuchel retired 10 in a row to begin the game before Texas broke through for six runs within a span of six batters. Joey Gallo drew a bases-loaded walk, Carlos Gomez delivered a two-run single and Napoli capped the surge with his 28th homer of the season.

Cashner, meanwhile, shut the Astros down after giving up a single, double and Carlos Beltran's sacrifice fly in the second inning. The right-hander allowed two baserunners after that, one of them on an error.

Ricky Rodriguez finished the combined four-hitter, giving up an infield single to Jose Altuve in the ninth.

The loss dropped Keuchel to 2-3 over seven starts since returning from a stint on the 15-day disabled list due to neck discomfort. The Astros ace allowed six runs, five hits, three walks and struck out seven over six innings.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: LHP Jake Diekman, continuing a comeback from three abdominal operations, pitched a scoreless inning for Double-A Frisco on Tuesday. In six rehab outings with Frisco and Triple-A Round Rock, he's allowed one earned run in 6 1/3 innings.

Astros: SS Carlos Correa, on the 10-day disabled since July 18 due to a torn ligament in his left thumb, is expected to make two more minor league rehab

## NFL

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we can do."

Watt added that he has trucks filled with supplies that he expects to arrive in Houston by this weekend.

"The tentative plan is Sunday we're going to have a bunch of my teammates are going to help me out in a few different locations around town to be determined and we're going to hand out supplies," he said.

Watt said he's been moved by watching people help out in the crisis so far and is looking forward to pitching in.

"It's been extremely difficult to watch," he said. "But it's also been unbelievably motiva-

tional to see firefighters, policeman. Everyday citizens out in boats helping each other out ... it's an unbelievable thing to witness what happens in a time of crisis. The most difficult times bring out the best in humanity."

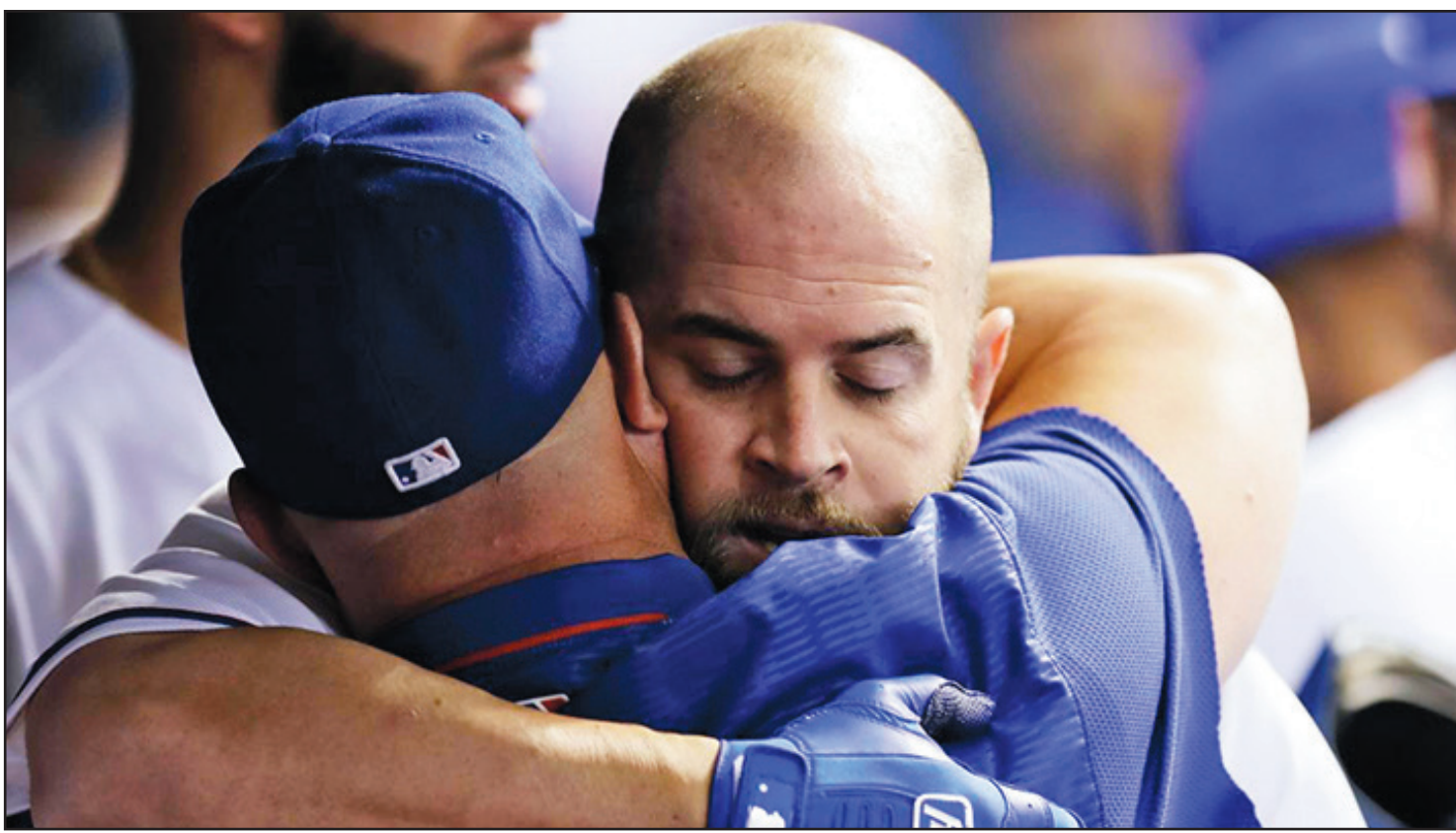
Cowboys tight end Jason Witten and most of the starters for both teams wouldn't have played in the preseason finale, and Witten said he was happy the Texans were going home.

"I know they're probably anxious to get home and see their families, just assess the situation," Witten said. "These guys have a great opportunity and platform to go back and check on their own families and get involved in the community and

rally in a lot of ways."

The Cowboys will practice Thursday night at 80,000-seat AT&T Stadium. The workout will be closed to the public, but will be part of a telethon with a local TV station to raise money for Harvey recovery efforts. Some fans who call in will get to talk to Dallas players.

"We told our team at the outset of the week that it might be a funny week given the circumstances that they're going through down in Houston," coach Jason Garrett said. "We're not going to play the game. It's easy to see why. Now we just have to adjust."



Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli, right, gets hugs in the dugout after his three-run home run off Houston Astros starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel during the fourth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Texas Rangers' Andrew Cashner pitches to the Houston Astros during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

## NCAA

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after Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel left for the NFL, Hill set a single-game school record. He threw for 511 yards in a 52-28 win at South Carolina, a prime-time televised game on a Thursday night before most teams opened their seasons two days later.

The Aggies started 5-0 for the first time since 2001, but then lost three straight while Hill struggled on the field. He didn't play again after that for Texas A&M when he was suspended for violating team rules. It was his second suspension from the team in less than a year.

When he decided to leave Texas A&M and wanted to go to TCU, Hill was encouraged by Patterson to

spend a semester at a junior college out of the spotlight. He enrolled at TCU for the 2015 fall semester when he had to sit out anyway to satisfy NCAA transfer rules.

Now going into his final college season, Hill feels like he is a different person than

when he first got to College Station after a standout career at prep power Southlake Carroll — which is much closer to the TCU campus.

"I think I've just grown up, 22 years old, and I've been through a lot, seen a lot, experienced a lot, just grown up," Hill said. "I've learned how to be more of a professional, learned what it takes to play this position in college, and I think that's really just the biggest thing."

Hill said he feels the same excitement for the start of his senior season as he did ahead of that impressive debut but he did for his first career start in 2014. Actually, he feels that way every time it's time to play a game.

"Man, you can just tell he's ready to go," Frogs senior cornerback Ranthony Texada said. "He's a leader on this team and he's ready to take that next step."

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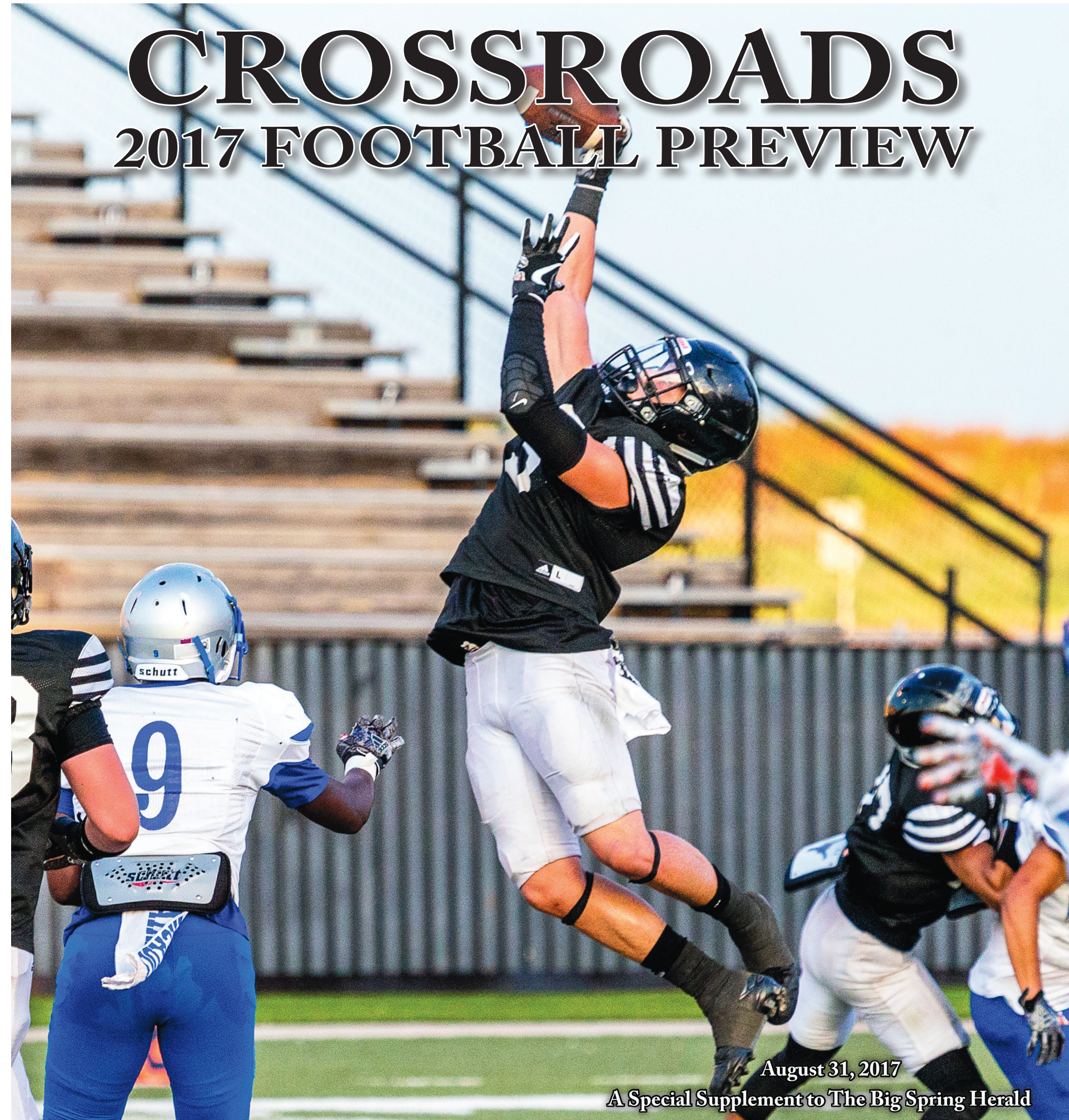
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## Sands Mustangs

| Date     | Opponent    | Time      |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | @ Klondike  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | @ Westbrook | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | New Home    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Midessa     | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Meadow*     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | Ira         | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | Grady       | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | @ Loop      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | Wellman     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | OPEN        |           |
| Nov. 10  | @ Dawson    | 7:30 p.m. |

## Garden City Bearkats

| Date     | Opponent         | Time      |
|----------|------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 2  | @ Austin Veritas | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | @ Santa Anna     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | OPEN             |           |
| Sept. 22 | @ Balmorhea      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Rankin           | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | @ Buena Vista    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | Marfa*           | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | @ Milford        | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | Westbrook        | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | Sterling City    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | @ Robert Lee     | 7:30 p.m. |

## Stanton Buffaloes

| Date     | Opponent          | Time      |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | @ Seagraves       | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | Wink              | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Forsan            | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | @ Christoval      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Merkel*           | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | @ Alpine          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | @ Coahoma         | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | Lubbock Roosevelt | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | OPEN              |           |
| Nov. 3   | @ Idalou          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | Colorado City     | 7:30 p.m. |

## Grady Wildcats

| Date     | Opponent     | Time      |
|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | @ Highland   | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | Robert Lee   | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Water Valley | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | @ Rankin     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Westbrook    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | @ Newhome    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | @ Sands      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | Dawson*      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | OPEN         |           |
| Nov. 2   | @ Loop       | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | Wellman      | 7:30 p.m. |

\*Homecoming

### On the cover...

Big Spring's Mikey Renteria leaps high to knock down a pass during the Steer's scrimmage with Lubbock Estacado on Friday, August 25, 2017. (Tony Claxton Photo) Note: All uncredited photos in this issue were taken by the Big Spring Herald.

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## Forsan Junior Varsity

| Date     | Opponent        | Time      |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | @ Coahoma       | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 7  | Eldorado        | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Stanton         | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | @ Reagan County | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Morton          | 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Wink            | 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | @ Hawley        | 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | OPEN            |           |
| Oct. 26  | Anson           | 7:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | @ Post          | 7:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 9   | Stamford        | 7:00 p.m. |

## Forsan 8th Grade

| Date     | Opponent      | Time      |
|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Sept. 14 | @ Stanton     | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Reagan County | 6:15 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Morton        | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Wink          | 5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | @ Hawley      | 5:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | OPEN          |           |
| Oct. 26  | Anson         | 5:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | @ Post        | 5:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 9   | Stamford      | 5:30 p.m. |

## Forsan 7th Grade

| Date     | Opponent      | Time      |
|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Sept. 14 | @ Stanton     | 5:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Reagan County | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Morton        | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Wink          | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | @ Hawley      | 4:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | OPEN          |           |
| Oct. 26  | Anson         | 4:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | @ Post        | 4:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 9   | Stamford      | 4:00 p.m. |

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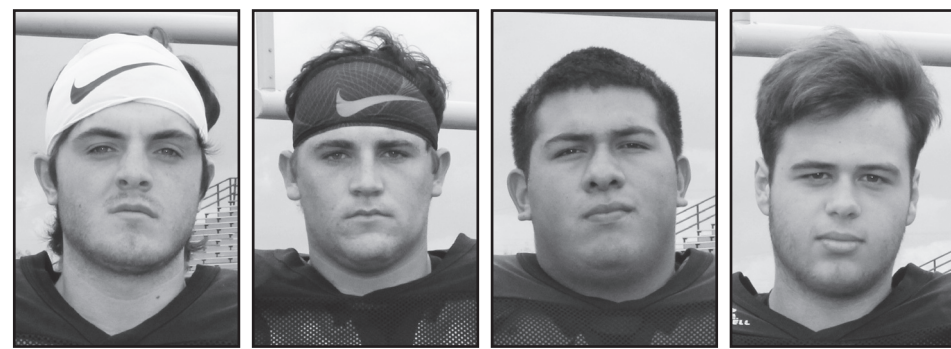
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| No. | Name - Position            | Ht   | Wt  | Class |
|-----|----------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| 1   | Bryce Hergert - QB/DB      | 6-1  | 178 | Sr.   |
| 3   | Garrett Evans - WR/DB      | 6-1  | 160 | Sr.   |
| 6   | Ehren Hillger - TE/OLB     | 6-3  | 171 | Sr.   |
| 10  | Ryan Buske - TE/DE         | 6-2  | 217 | So.   |
| 13  | James McCafferty - WR/OLB  | 5-11 | 176 | Sr.   |
| 17  | Austin Darden - WR/OLB     | 5-11 | 145 | Sr.   |
| 18  | Nathan Vidal - WR/DB       | 5-6  | 130 | Sr.   |
| 22  | Tristin Rangel - WR/OLB    | 5-9  | 145 | Sr.   |
| 24  | Kobe Richardson - QB/WR/DB | 6-0  | 154 | Jr.   |
| 25  | Kolby Watson - WR/DB       | 5-9  | 130 | Sr.   |
| 32  | Trey Brockman - RB/LB      | 5-9  | 176 | Jr.   |
| 33  | Dylon Kligora - RB/OLB     | 5-8  | 135 | Jr.   |
| 40  | Jaedon Ceasar - TE/DE      | 6-0  | 187 | So.   |
| 44  | Johnathon Gabehart - RB/LB | 5-10 | 172 | So.   |
| 52  | Conner Clarkson - OL/LB    | 5-9  | 185 | Sr.   |
| 54  | Caden Williams - OL/DT     | 6-2  | 280 | Jr.   |
| 55  | Eutimio Ortega - OL/DT     | 5-9  | 258 | Sr.   |
| 65  | Nathaniel Whitmore - OL/DT | 5-9  | 226 | So.   |
| 68  | Zach Bailey - OL/OLB       | 5-9  | 165 | Jr.   |
| 70  | Aries Gilbert - OL/DE      | 5-9  | 219 | So.   |
| 77  | Jake Patterson - OL/DE     | 6-2  | 241 | So.   |
| 78  | Brycson Pineda - OL/DT     | 6-2  | 300 | Sr.   |



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# A new Steers team under Mitch McLemore

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

When a football team gets a new head coach, it's always the top story of the off-season. Big Spring ISD hired Mitch McLemore in December of 2016 as its new head football coach and athletic director.

McLemore served the last three football seasons as the head coach and athletic director at Class 2A Division I Junction High School, where he went 18-17 overall and 10-6 in district play in that time.

Big Spring is McLemore's second head coaching job. Prior to his time in Junction, he was the defensive coordinator at Stamford from 2005-13.

There, he helped coach the Bulldogs to two consecutive Class 1A Division I state titles in 2012 and 2013.

McLemore has now taken over a young Steers' program that went winless last season for the first time since 2011, and will officially take the reigns in Big Spring for the first time on Friday, Sept. 1 when the Steers make their way to Amarillo to face Caprock High for their season opener.

McLemore wants to change more than just their record from last year into this new season.

"The biggest thing is, I want to change our mindset. When I got here, I guess the best way to describe it, is there wasn't a whole lot of belief in themselves, so our big push has been 'you are worthy,'" he said. "I want these kids to know that they are worthy of being successful, and it is our job to help them see that. I want them to believe it and

own it." Although there is a shortage of seniors this season, McLemore still has high expectations of them.

"We have an amazing group of seniors who are doing a great job in fulfilling their roles as leaders. There just aren't very many of them as we are a pretty young team," he said. "When you build a program, you want a strong core of seniors. They are absolutely vital in providing leadership because they've been there, done that. We don't have as many as we would like, which is another thing that we want to change here. We want to keep athletes in the program from 7th to 12th grade and to grow our senior classes each year."

The new head coach said they will run a spread offense to stretch the field and take advantage where the defense has a hole, and a multiple stack '3-3' defense with the Steers.

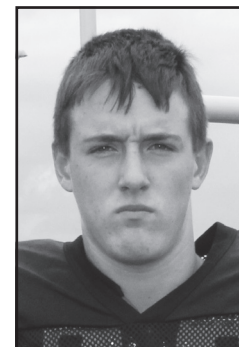
"We operate out of a one back set 90 percent of the time. Our deal is, we are going to create a horizontal stretch or a vertical stretch on a defense based on how many are in the box and take what they give us," said McLemore. "Defensively, they

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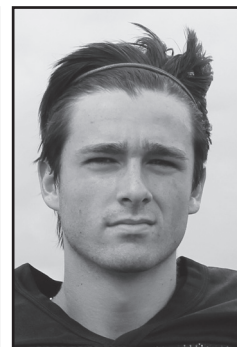


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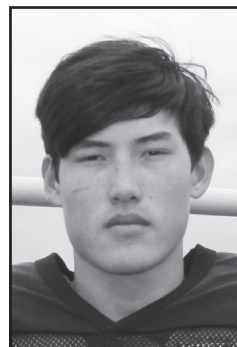
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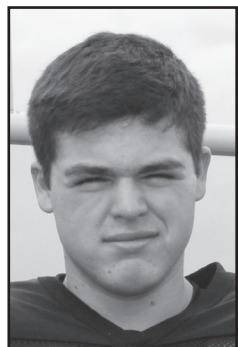
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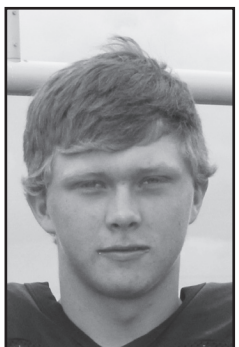
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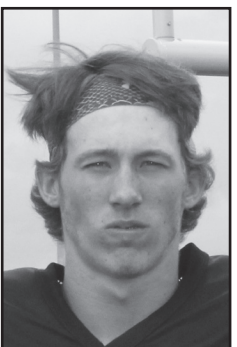
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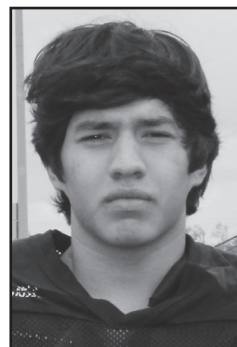
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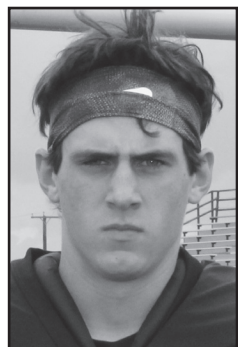
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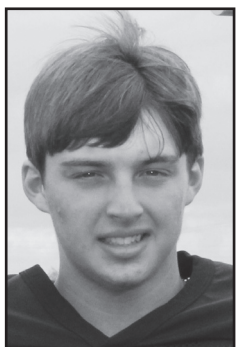
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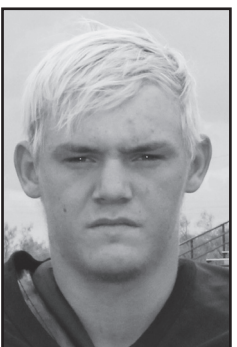
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District: 3-4A  
Head coach: Mitch McLemore  
2016 Record: 0-9

Homecoming: Oct. 6 v. Graham  
Rivalry game: Oct. 13 v. Snyder

**2017 Schedule**

| Date     | Opponent       | Time      |
|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | @ Caprock      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | @ Sweetwater   | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | @ Monohans     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Canyon         | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | @ Andrews      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | Graham         | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | @ Snyder       | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | Wylie          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | @ Stephenville | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | Brownwood      | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | OPEN           |           |

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which will enable us to put the ball in his hands a little more where he can read the play and either hand it off to our backs or keep it and throw it on the back side," explained Phillips. "It has really opened up our passing game as well as our running game. We are still mainly just one back, like we were last year, but we'll motion in and it will look like we are running a two back offense

sometimes."

The Buffs have moved from a 4-3 defense to more of a 3-4 scheme for this season.

"We thought it fit our personalities better and enabled us to get a little more speed on the field. We have got a lot of kids that can really run and play good defense that aren't necessarily defensive linemen, so we were able to get more of those type of kids on the field this year."

The Buffaloes have 8 returning players, six of them being seniors and the other two juniors, who

played a considerable amount of time last year, and are expected to be key players in leading the team to another successful season.

### What to watch for

Senior Austin Darden, who played more reps as a receiver than in the back field last year, will now be the starting tail back, as well as free safety, and will have plenty of chances to make some great plays for Forsan on both sides of the ball.

Senior Bryce Hergert, is return-

ing to the varsity team for the third time, and is to make his second consecutive start at quarterback for the buffs.

With big, strong bodies such as Bryceson Pineda (12) and Caden Williams (11) on the Offensive and Defensive lines, and a strong receiving corps which include Ehren Hillger (12), Garrett Evans (12) and Kobe Richardson (11), it's safe to say that we should be seeing great things from the Buffaloes this season.



The Forsan defense puts pressure on the Colorado City offense as their quarterback drops back to attempt a pass in their preseason scrimmage.

### Forsan Buffaloes In the Huddle



District: 4-2A  
Head coach: Jason Phillips  
2016 Record: 9-4

Homecoming: Sept. 29 vs. Morton

Rivalry game: Sept. 1 vs. Coahoma at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring

Returning starters: 6 seniors, 2 juniors

### 2017 Schedule

| Date     | Opponent   | Time      |
|----------|------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | Coahoma    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | @ Eldorado | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | @ Stanton  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Reagan Co. | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Morton     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | at Wink    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | Hawley     | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | OPEN       |           |
| Oct. 27  | @ Anson    | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | Post       | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 10  | @ Stamford | 7:30 p.m. |

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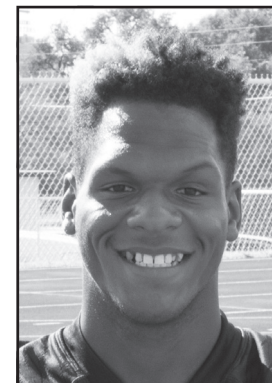
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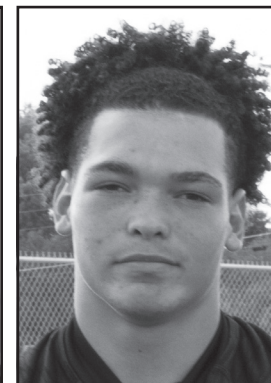
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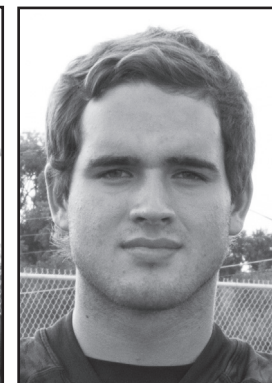
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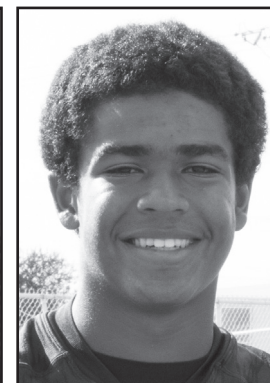
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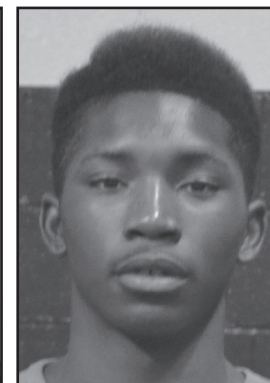
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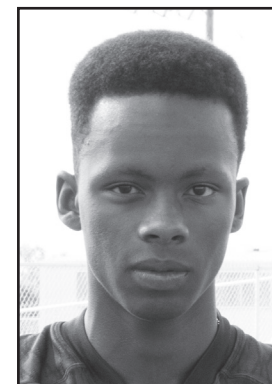
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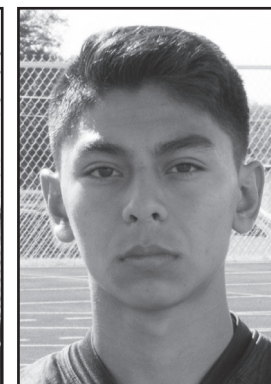
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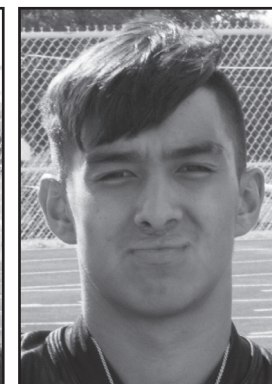
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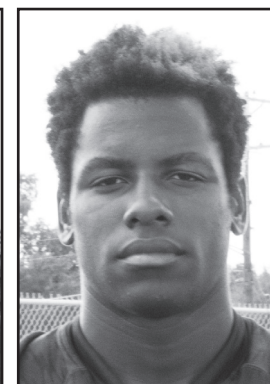
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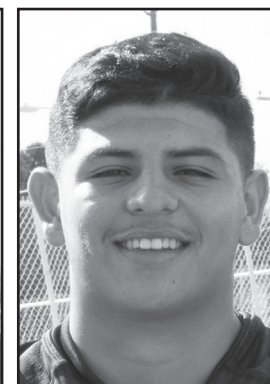
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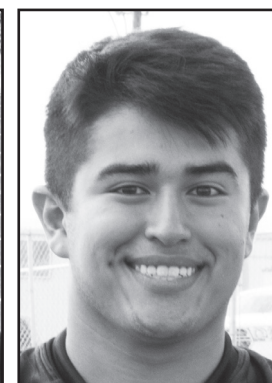
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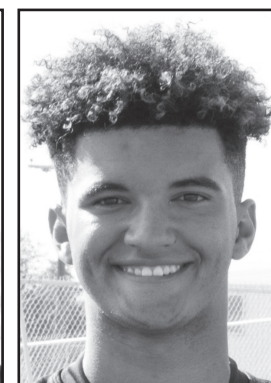
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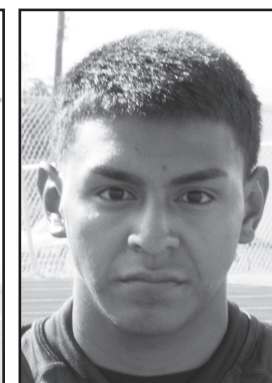
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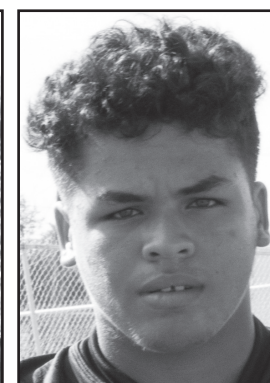
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Keith Sanchez



Thomas Williams

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were what we call a 4-2-5 and they pretty much stayed in the same front most of the time. Now, we work out of what we call a 3-3 stack which is a multiple front defense. Some people would say it's a numbers defense, but it's multiple. In other words, we can look like any defense out there according to what the opponent

does. We also have implemented more zone coverage than they have played in the past."

### Toughest 3-4A competition

Big Spring is in the difficult district of 3-4A Division I that includes Class 4A state finalist Abilene Wylie, Brownwood and a usually competitive Stephenville.

"It starts with Wylie," said McLemore. "They are state finalists

and have a core group of coaches that have been there for multiple years, so their kids are familiar with everything. They know exactly what to do and how to do it because they have been in the same system for so long."

### What to watch for

The question of who the starting quarterback will be for the 2017 season still remains to be determined, and according to McLemore, there

are multiple contenders for the role.

"We may be working two in one game. Nobody will know that until I make a decision. It's between multiple kids, but the two front runners right now are Jack Everette (11th) and Able Clark (10th)," he said. "Tristan Myrick (12th), who came out this year, is making a strong push as well. Also, Tyler Sparks (12th), who got hurt last week and will hopefully be back this week, has been looking really good as well."



# Big Spring Steers Varsity



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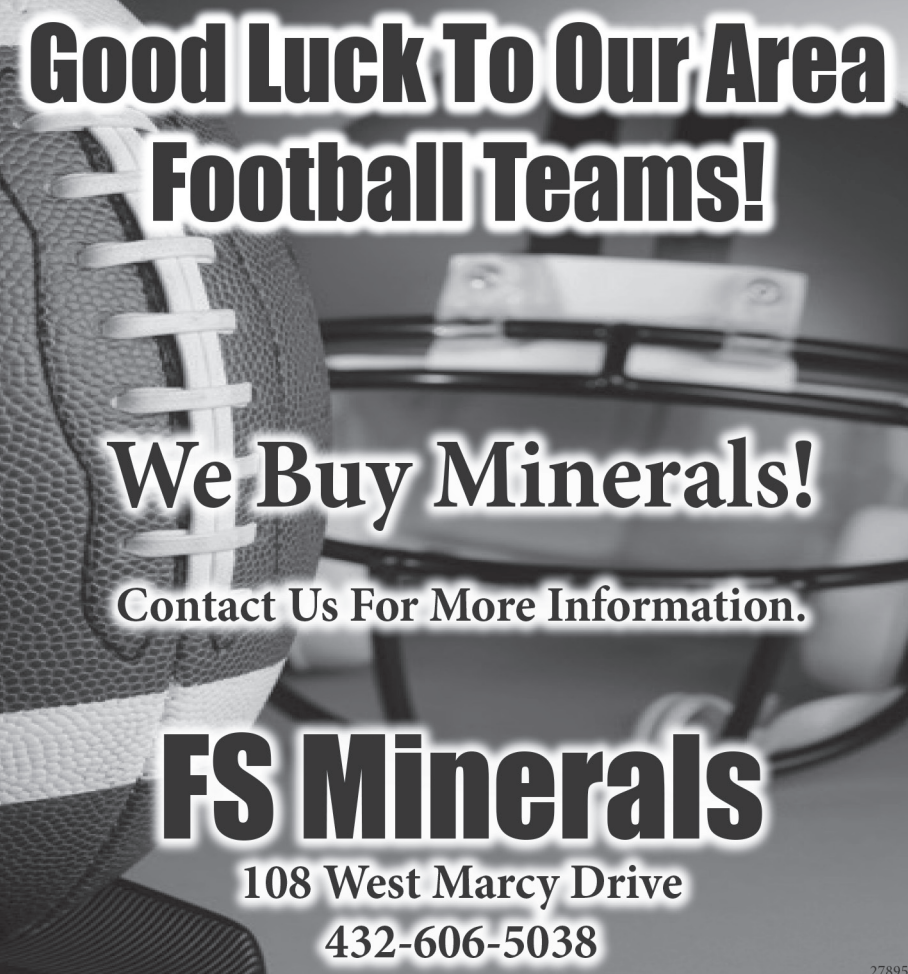
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## 2017 FORSAN VARSITY

### Buffs focus on another successful season

**By MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The 2016 season was a successful one for the Forsan Buffaloes. Last year, they were the Bi-District Champions and went on to win the Area Quarterfinal Championship before losing to Anson in the Regional Semi-final game.

"Last season was a great one for us," said sixth year head football coach Jason Phillips. "We were fortunate enough to go beyond district and win two playoff games. Our goal every year is to win the district title and extend our season into the playoffs, and that is the same for this year."

Forsan is in a difficult District 4-2A, which is loaded with talent and includes Post, Hawley, Stamford and Anson.

Before the season began, the coaches met up and decided to make a few changes to their offensive and defensive schemes to better suit their playing style. They started implementing them day one of practice, and according to Phillips, it has benefited the team on both sides of the football.

"We are still a spread offense. We are just utilizing more motion and more reads from our quarterback, See **FORSAN**, Page 20

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# 2017 Coahoma High School Bulldogs Varsity Roster

| No. | Name - Position            | Ht   |
|-----|----------------------------|------|
| 1   | Brice Martin - WR/DB       | 6-1  |
| 3   | Garrett Evans - WR/DB      | 6-1  |
| 5   | Ehren Hillger - TE/OLB     | 6-3  |
| 7   | Ryan Buske - TE/DE         | 6-2  |
| 8   | James McCafferty - WR/OLB  | 5-11 |
| 10  | Austin Darden - WR/OLB     | 5-11 |
| 11  | Nathan Vidal - WR/DB       | 5-6  |
| 12  | Tristin Rangel - WR/OLB    | 5-9  |
| 15  | Kobe Richardson - QB/MR/DB | 6-0  |
| 17  | Kolby Watson - WR/DB       | 5-9  |
| 21  | Trey Brockman - RB/LB      | 5-9  |
| 22  | Dylon Kligora - RB/OLB     | 5-8  |
| 27  | Jaedon Ceasar - TE/DE      | 6-0  |
| 33  | Johnathon Gabehart - RB/LB | 5-10 |
| 50  | Conner Clarkson - OL/LB    | 5-9  |
| 51  | Caden Williams - OL/DT     | 6-2  |
| 52  | Eutimio Ortega - OL/DT     | 5-9  |
| 54  | Nathaniel Whitmore - OL/DT | 5-9  |
| 55  | Zach Bailey - OL/OLB       | 5-9  |
| 61  | Aries Gilbert - OL/DE      | 5-9  |
| 62  | Jake Patterson - OL/DE     | 6-2  |
| 71  | Brycson Pineda - OL/DT     | 6-2  |
| 72  | Zach Bailey - OL/OLB       | 5-9  |
| 76  | Aries Gilbert - OL/DE      | 5-9  |
| 79  | Jake Patterson - OL/DE     | 6-2  |
| 88  | Brycson Pineda - OL/DT     | 6-2  |




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# 2017 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 | Sr.   | 40  | Keith Sanchez - RB/LB    | 5-10 | 190 | So.   |
| 3   | Tristan Myrick - QB/LB   | 6-3  | 200 | Sr.   | 41  | Thomas Williams - WR/CB  | 5-10 | 175 | Sr.   |
| 5   | Mikey Renteria - RB/S    | 6-0  | 190 | Sr.   | 42  | Damien Cisneros - OL/DL  | 5-10 | 268 | Jr.   |
| 6   | Aaron Olague - WR/S      | 6-0  | 170 | Sr.   | 44  | Isaac Rios - OL/DL       | 5-3  | 155 | Jr.   |
| 7   | Logan Edwards - WR/LB    | 5-11 | 189 | Sr.   | 50  | Channing Miller - TE/DL  | 6-0  | 220 | So.   |
| 8   | Abel Clark - QB/LB       | 6-2  | 188 | So.   | 51  | Roger Eddington - OL/LB  | 6-0  | 200 | Jr.   |
| 9   | CJ Harris - WR/S         | 6-3  | 190 | So.   | 52  | Dylan Tredaway - OL/DL   | 5-7  | 211 | Jr.   |
| 10  | Domiono Cole - WR/S      | 6-0  | 157 | Jr.   | 54  | Kevin Martiarena - OL/DL | 6-0  | 235 | So.   |
| 12  | Jack Everett - QB/CB     | 5-10 | 165 | Jr.   | 55  | Austin Hilario - OL/DL   | 5-8  | 210 | Sr.   |
| 14  | DJ Molina - WR/CB        | 5-9  | 142 | Jr.   | 60  | Trusten Edmondson- TE/DL | 5-10 | 184 | Sr.   |
| 15  | Robert Valencia - RB/CB  | 5-9  | 160 | Sr.   | 62  | Andrew Roberts - OL/DL   | 5-10 | 205 | So.   |
| 17  | Jaidon Ludington - WR/CB | 6-0  | 178 | Sr.   | 64  | Gabriel Melendez - OL/DL | 5-10 | 198 | Sr.   |
| 18  | Tyler Sparks - QB/LB     | 5-10 | 200 | Jr.   | 65  | Michael Doport - OL/DL   | 6-1  | 235 | Sr.   |
| 19  | Jeremiah Cooley - WR/S   | 6-2  | 194 | So.   | 66  | Edward Aguilar - OL/DL   | 6-0  | 227 | Jr.   |
| 20  | Emiliano Vasquez - RB/LB | 5-9  | 160 | So.   | 68  | Ivan Delgado - OL/DL     | 5-7  | 210 | Jr.   |
| 21  | Justin Cuellar - WR/CB   | 5-9  | 167 | Sr.   | 72  | AJ Gonzales - OL/DL      | 6-4  | 230 | Sr.   |
| 22  | Adam Gonzales - RB/LB    | 5-8  | 172 | Sr.   | 75  | Donovan Wilson - OL/DL   | 6-0  | 227 | Sr.   |
| 24  | Tre Wheat - WR/LB        | 6-2  | 198 | Sr.   | 76  | Robert Sotelo - OL/DL    | 5-11 | 222 | Jr.   |
| 27  | Eugene Saldana -RB/LB    | 5-9  | 172 | Sr.   | 78  | Jordan Dunn - OL/DL      | 5-10 | 260 | Jr.   |
| 30  | Tyree Ross - RB/CB       | 5-9  | 142 | So.   | 82  | Calen Rodriguez - RB/LB  | 5-9  | 176 | Jr.   |
| 32  | Cade Wash - WR/LB        | 5-11 | 184 | Jr.   | 84  | Caleb Caldwell - WR/CB   | 5-9  | 160 | Sr.   |
| 33  | Brett Berringer - TE/DL  | 5-10 | 200 | Jr.   | 86  | Justin Ormsby - R/LB     | 5-7  | 157 | Sr.   |
| 34  | Zephaniah Nelson - WR/S  | 5-8  | 160 | So.   | 88  | Elias Arrendondo - WR/CB | 6-0  | 170 | Sr.   |
|     |                          |      |     |       | 89  | Ethan Arteaga - WR/DB    |      |     |       |



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# Coahoma Bulldogs Varsity



## Coahoma Junior Varsity

| Date     | Opponent          | Time      |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | Forsan            | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 7  | McCamey           | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | @ Reagan Co.      | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | @ Bangs           | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Grape Creek       | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | @ San Angelo TLCA | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | @ Stanton         | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | Idalou            | 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 26  | @ Colorado City   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | OPEN              |           |
| Nov. 10  | Lubbock Roosevelt | 6:00 p.m. |

## Coahoma 7th & 8th

| Date     | Opponent            | Time           |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 14 | Reagan Co.          | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Bangs               | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | @ Grape Creek       | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | San Angelo TCLA     | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | Stanton             | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | @Idalou             | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 26  | Colorado City       | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | OPEN                |                |
| Nov 10.  | @ Lubbock Roosevelt | 5:00/6:30 p.m. |



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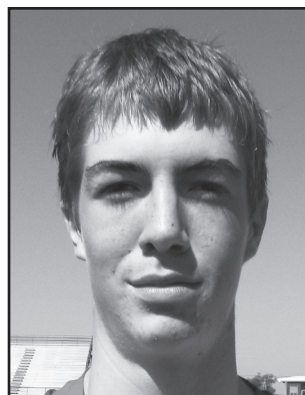
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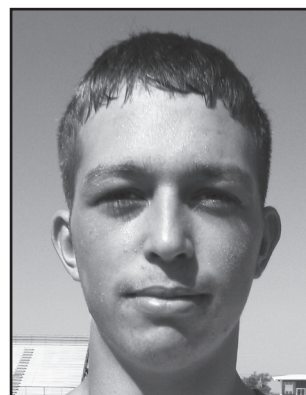
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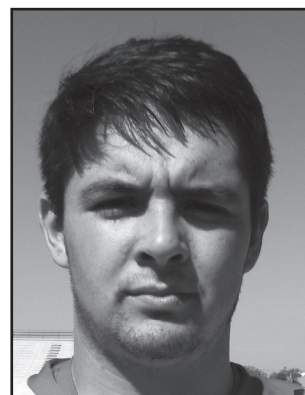
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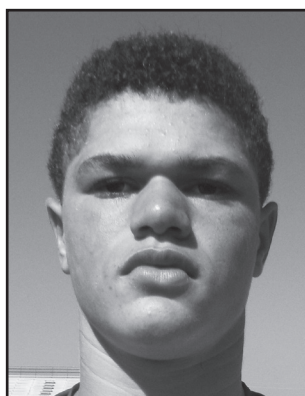
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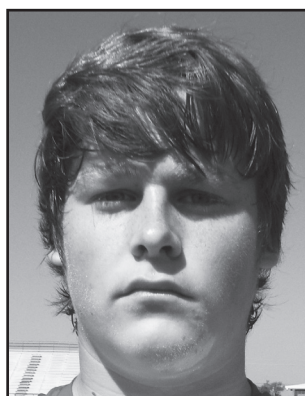
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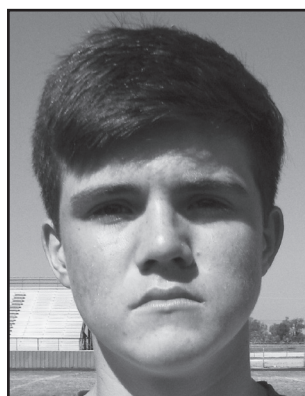
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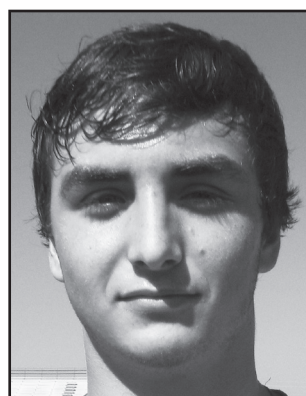
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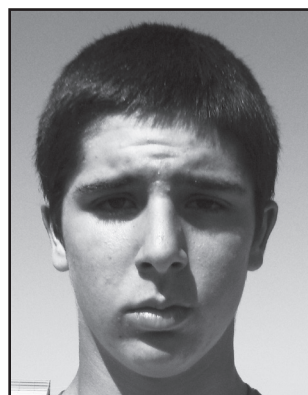
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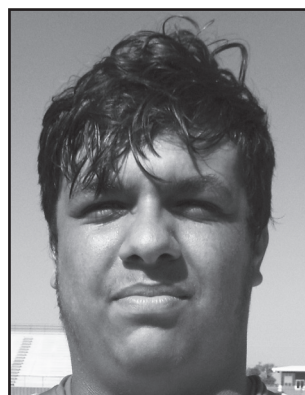
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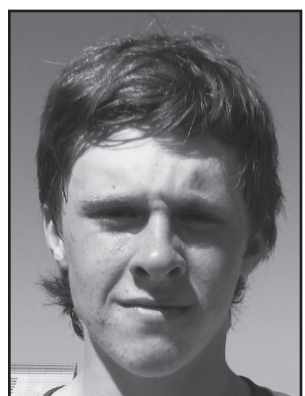
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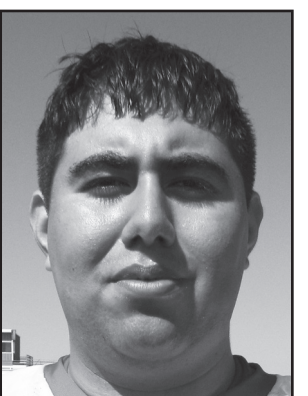
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## Big Spring Junior Varsity

| Date     | Opponent          | Time      |
|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 31  | Caprock           | TBA       |
| Sept. 7  | Sweetwater        | 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 14 | Monahans          | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | @ Canyon          | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | Andrews           | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Graham (site TBA) | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 12  | Snyder            | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 19  | @ Wylie           | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 26  | Stephenville      | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 2   | @ Brownwood       | 7:30 p.m. |

## Big Spring 8th Grade

| Date     | Opponent          | Time               |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 14 | @ Monahans        | B 4:30/A 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | OPEN              | OPEN               |
| Sept. 23 | @Andrews (B only) | 12:30 p.m.         |
| Sept. 28 | @Andrews          | B 5:00/A 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Jim Ned (A)       | 6:30 p.m.          |
|          | Merkel (B)        | 4:00 p.m.          |
| Oct. 10  | @ Snyder          | B 4:30/A 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 17  | @ Wylie           | B 4:30/A 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 24  | Andrews (B only)  | 6:30 p.m.          |
| Oct. 31  | @ Brownwood       | B 6:00/A 7:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 7   | OPEN              | OPEN               |

## Big Spring Freshman

| Date     | Opponent          | Time           |
|----------|-------------------|----------------|
| Aug. 31  | Caprock           | TBA            |
| Sept. 7  | Sweetwater        | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Sept. 14 | Monahans          | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Sept. 21 | @ Canyon          | 4:00 p.m.      |
| Sept. 28 | Andrews (A/B)     | 5:00/5:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Graham (site TBA) | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Oct. 12  | Snyder            | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Oct. 19  | @ Wylie           | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Oct. 26  | Stephenville      | 5:00 p.m.      |
| Nov. 2   | @ Brownwood (A/B) | 4:30/6:30 p.m. |

## Big Spring 7th Grade

| Date     | Opponent          | Time               |
|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 14 | @ Monahans        | A 4:30/B 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | OPEN              | OPEN               |
| Sept. 23 | @Andrews (B only) | 11:00 a.m.         |
| Sept. 28 | @Andrews          | A 5:00/B 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 5   | Jim Ned (A only)  | 5:00 p.m.          |
| Oct. 10  | Snyder            | B 4:30/A 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 17  | Wylie             | B 4:00/A 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 24  | Andrews (B only)  | 5:00 p.m.          |
| Oct. 31  | @ Brownwood       | B 4:00/A 5:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 7   | OPEN              | OPEN               |

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that will work to our benefit.”

For the 2017 season, the Bulldogs are setting their goals high and are determined to reach them.

“Right now, our ultimate goal is to win a district championship. We are setting the bar high for ourselves. We want to win a gold ball, go on into the playoffs and win us some playoff games,” said Dietz. “That hasn’t been done around here in a long time. We would obviously like to win a lot more games than the three we won last year, and I feel like we are very capable of doing that,

so we are setting our goals high.”

### What to watch for

Expectations are high for a few of the Bulldogs returning players, one of them being senior Adam Clark. He is a returning 2-way all-district player. Clark plays with tremendous energy on both sides of the ball. He is a defensive lineman, and on offense, he is a possession-type receiver who has no trouble getting open. According to Dietz, the quarterbacks are very comfortable throwing to him, so he should be one to keep an eye on.

Another to add to the list would be senior Zach Holmes, who was a first team all big country utility player last year. On defense, he is an OLB and Dietz is pleased with how well

he runs to the football. Offensively, Coahoma uses his explosiveness at receiver and makes it a point to get the ball in his hands as many ways as they can.



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# Coahoma Bulldogs ready to kick off 2017 season



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Fred Dietz is entering his third year as the head football coach for the Coahoma Bulldogs. Upon his arrival to Coahoma in 2015, he converted what once was a wing-T offense for years prior into a spread offense, and that kind of change doesn't happen overnight. Following a rough 3-7 finish for the 2015 season, the Bulldogs showed great improvement in the 2016 season as they played very competitively against their district opponents and made it into the playoffs. He feels like the team is making significant steps in the right direction, that they are now past the adjustment stage and are ready to execute.

"It's always tough when you are making that conversion, and when kids are used to one style of football and you come in with another, it makes it a bit of a challenge," said Dietz. "Things are installed now, we are on the right side of things and the kids are hungry for success."

Although Coahoma is a spread based team on offense, and Dietz's background is in air-raid schemes,

they still plan to utilize their ground game quite a bit, especially with their starting quarterback, Braden Pearson, who was the starting running back last season.

"Braden is a returning 1,000 yard rusher and is a tremendous leader for us. While he is a very capable passer who continues to develop, has a great arm and becomes more accurate everyday, his strength is definitely running the football," said Dietz. "He is a strong, physical runner. He doesn't do a whole lot of trying to make people miss, he would rather just run through you."

Coahoma has a big returning group of seniors this season, 15 to be exact, which will work in their favor as most of them have been on varsity since they were sophomores.

"I think the biggest deal now is having such a large group of seniors, especially compared to last year. We only had five. There is a pretty big difference between a 15-year-old kid and a 17- or 18-year old kid," said Dietz. "Now most of them have

at least two years of experience at the varsity level, they know what the game is about and what its like at this level. There are no surprises, and they are experienced so I think

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## Coahoma Bulldogs In The Huddle



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

Homecoming: Oct.6 v. San Angelo TLCA

Rivalry game: Sept. 1 v. Forsan at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring

### 2017 Schedule

| Date     | Opponent               | Time      |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. 1  | Forsan (in Big Spring) | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 8  | @ McCamey              | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Reagan Co.             | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 22 | Bangs                  | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | @ Grape Creek          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 6   | San Angelo TLCA        | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 13  | Stanton                | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | @ Idalou               | 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 27  | Colorado City          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Nov. 3   | Open                   |           |
| Nov. 10  | @ Lubbock Roosevelt    | 7:30 p.m. |

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Credit will be given to each person that submits a photo.

Please submit photos, stats and other items to the Big Spring Herald Sports Department via email at [sports@bigspringherald.com](mailto:sports@bigspringherald.com).

Photos must be submitted by 8 a.m. on Saturday to be included in the Herald's weekend edition.

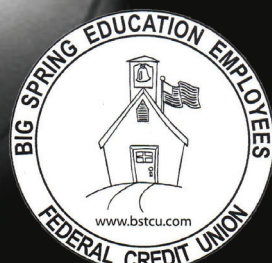


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