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## Train hits truck in Coahoma



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A truck driver, left, sits next to the wreckage of his flatbed trailer and its construction equipment cargo Wednesday after a train struck it near the intersection of North McGregor Road and Pacific Avenue in Coahoma. The tractor-trailer's cab ended up on the other side of the tracks. According to reports on the scene, the low trailer bottomed out on the crest of the railway roadbed and got stuck. There were no injuries related to the incident reported Wednesday.

## DAV Dove Hunt

### to honor veteran heroes

Dinner reception at Spring Creek Fellowship planned Saturday night

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

How do you honor American military personnel who have faced the hell of war for our country? In Howard County, you take them dove hunting. "Thursday night we've got four veterans coming in. We'll give them a



Tarpley

full weekend of dove hunting here in the Howard County area," said local veteran Mike Tarpley, senior vice commander of the local Disabled American Veterans chapter. "We've got a lot of people set up to feed them breakfast, lunch, and dinner on those two days. We ask the public to come in Saturday night at 7 o'clock at Spring Creek (Fellowship) church. We'll have a community-wide gathering there to honor these four vets.

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## BSISD trustees to receive donation for cheerleaders at tonight's meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Good news for Big Spring cheerleaders – at their meeting this evening, Big Spring school board trustees will accept a local business's donation for uniforms and equipment.

"I'm part owner of the company and my partner, his wife does a lot with the school board," said Justin Paredez of Blue Energy. "You know, for one, we like to definitely donate to youth. It kind of gives them life to do good and to do school functions. That donation helps a lot of kids that aren't able to afford uniforms or whatever the fact may be, that may prevent them from joining, whether it's the cheerleading squad or baseball team or whatever. We know that that donation goes definitely to a good spot and helps the kids in need."



Paredez

Bancroft said the \$1,000 donation is planned to take place at the regularly scheduled Big Spring school board meeting at 5:15 p.m. this evening in the board room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place.

In other business, the school board will consider approval of a "Board Resolution on Encouraging Participation in Exercising Right to Vote."

"The board resolution, we're members of the Texas Association of School Boards," Bancroft said. "They've asked their members to have their boards pass a resolution just appealing to the community to exercise their civic duty to become aware and participate in the voting process."

Bancroft said the appeal is not politically motivated in that the board won't be asking citizens to vote for any particular candidates or issues.

"No, certainly not," he said. "Just promote civic awareness and vote for the

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Bancroft

## KBest blood drive scheduled Friday

Special to the Herald

There will be a blood drive at KBest Media Studios, 608 S. Johnson, Friday from noon to 3:30 p.m.

Blood donors across the country are being asked to continue to give blood to help ensure patient blood needs can continue to be met due to the lingering effects of hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

According to a press release from United Blood Services, donors will be needed in the weeks and months to come both in local communities and in the areas working to recover and rebuild from the hurricanes.

"It is the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives," says the release. "That's why it's crucial we constantly replenish the supply so that we're prepared for disasters like this. It's vital that we maintain a safe and adequate blood supply for patients who need it, especially as we enter the winter holidays – typically a time when we see fewer blood donations because people are busy or out of town."

The release goes on to say that blood is needed on a regular basis – not just during times of crisis.

"Blood is always needed for patients undergoing surgery, receiving treatment for cancer, or needing transfusions on a routine basis," it says. "Every two seconds someone needs blood."

Individuals who are as young as 16 may donate with parental consent. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

Donors at the KBest Media drive will receive a "Texas Strong" T-shirt; a coupon for a Route 44 drink from Sonic in Big Spring; and 1,200 points in the UBS Rewards Program, which can be redeemed in the online store for two movie passes or other rewards.

Appointments are encouraged. Call 1-877-UBS-HERO (1-877-827-4376) and give the sponsor code "kbst," or visit [www.bloodhero.com](http://www.bloodhero.com) and enter the sponsor code "kbst," or download the UBS app to make an appointment.

## Irma pushes Florida's poor closer to the edge of ruin

By **JAY REEVES**

Associated Press

IMMOKALEE, Fla. (AP) — Larry and Elida Dimas didn't have much to begin with, and Hurricane Irma left them with even less.

The storm peeled open the roof of the old mobile home where they live with their 18-year-old twins, and it destroyed another one they rented to migrant workers in Immokalee, one of Florida's poorest communities. Someone from the government already has promised aid, but Dimas' chin quivers at the thought of accepting it.

"I don't want the help," said Dimas, 55. "But I need it." Dimas is one of millions

of Floridians who live in poverty, and an untold number of them have seen their lives up-ended by Irma. Their options, already limited, were narrowed even further when the hurricane destroyed possessions, increased expenses and knocked them out of work.

Not far from Dimas in impoverished Immokalee, located on the edge of the Everglades, Haitian immigrant Woodchy Darius, a junior at Immokalee High School, must decide whether to return to class when school reopens or head to the fields to pick berries once the land is dry enough to work again.

"The rent is \$375, and if I don't have the money they'll kick us out," said Darius, 17.

He lives in a grubby apartment building with bare concrete floors, burglar-proof doors and cinder-block walls that make it resemble a jail more than home.

The Census Bureau estimates about 3.3 million people live in poverty in Florida — nearly 16 percent of the state's 20.6 million population. For them, the amusement parks of Orlando or President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Palm Beach might as well be on Mars.

Many work by the hour in restaurants, gas stations, hotels, stores and other businesses forced to close for days after Irma, depriving them of paychecks. Others are day

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## Obituaries

### John B. Driver



John B. Driver was born April 2, 1944, and passed away Aug. 15, 2017.

John Driver, well known south Texas Oil and Gas man, died after a short illness in San Angelo, Texas on Aug. 15, 2017. John was born on April 2, 1944, in Seminole, Texas, to Elmer and Olaine Driver. He grew up and attended school in Seminole, Texas. Upon receiving special permission from his parents, he enlisted in the Navy at 17 years of age and began serving our country.

While in the Navy, John traveled the world. When he returned from the Navy, he began working in the oilfield and made this profession his livelihood. He worked as a "roughneck" for years and worked his way up the perilous and demanding ladder of the oilfield business.

He later owned and operated Driver Investment and River Resources and Driver Quick Line. John also enjoyed traveling all around the USA going to auctions and trying to get a good deal on a piece of

equipment, but what he truly loved was being in the company of friends and family, using his dry, Driver sense of humor and wit to entertain everyone.

John is survived by four children. Daughter, Jennifer Marchant and her husband, Johnny of Cabot, Ark.; son, Brady John Driver May and his wife, Amy of Prescott, Ark.; daughters, Tami Kuntz and husband Kim of Watertown, Minn., and Christin Driver of Romulus, Mich; 12 grandchildren, Magan, Sarina, Andrew, Gwenevere, Jacob, John Christian, Anna Cate, David Lee, Courtney, Kelly, Kyle, and Allison; two great-grandchildren, James and Luke; one brother, Billy W. Driver and his wife Mary of Caldwell, Texas; sister, Elaine Driver Morales and husband Richard Morales of San Antonio; two sisters-in-law, Belle Driver of Giddings, Texas, and Carolyn Driver Easley of Gardendale/Cotulla, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Leamon Driver and Olaine Simpson Driver; and brothers, Lewis Driver, Fayne Driver and Don Driver.

*Paid obituary*

### Mary Driver



Mary Driver, 75, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at her home.

Private services for family and friends will be at a later date.

Mary was born Sept. 8, 1942, in Graham, Texas, to Lucille Gathings Holmes and Lester Oscar Homes. She married B. J. Driver on March 3, 1982, in Coahoma. She lived most of her life in Big Spring and was a homemaker. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by her husband, B. J. Driver of Big Spring; two sons, Edward Patterson of Ft.

Worth, and Donald Patterson of Weatherford; two stepsons, Gary Driver and Jimmy Driver, both of Big Spring; two stepdaughters, Glenda Tate of Albuquerque, N.M. and Lisa Moore of Dallas, Ga.; seven sisters, Paula Underwood, Truly Dellinger, Tina White, Sheri Holmes, and Tracy Johnson, all of Big Spring, Lori Hodges of Comanche, and Jacqueline Wells of Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Lester Oscar Holmes, Michael Holmes, and Stephen Holmes; three sons, David Patterson, Michael Patterson, and Stephen Patterson; and one daughter, Laura Jean Patterson.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KORI NICOLE YANEZ**, 26, of 1308 Marijo Avenue was arrested on the charge of duty on striking fixture or landscaping.
- **MANUEL IV. SOSA**, 23, of 1810 Settles was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of East 12th Street.

• **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported near the 175 mile marker on Interstate 20 westbound.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at 17 Village Road and in the 3600 block of Hamilton

Street.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1600 block of Lark Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported at 17 Village Road.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, was reported in the 1200 block of Lloyd Avenue.

## Sheriff

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

Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KELLY R. WINGO ANDERSON**, 48, was booked by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired drivers's license, expired registration, three counts failure to appear and probation violation for possession of controlled

substance between one and four grams.

• **ALFREDO LANCE CASTILLO**, 32, was booked by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• **EMMANUEL COLUNGA**, 30, was booked by Glasscock County Sheriff's Department on a charge of assault class C.

• **RICARDO ORTIZ DELOSRIOS**, 56, was booked by BSPD on warrants of two counts driving while license invalid, violation

of promise to appear, and failure to appear.

• **KRYSTAL KAY HENDERSON**, 31, was booked by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **JOE RAY JR. LILLEY**, 43, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **REGINO GARCIA MENDEZ**, 38, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous convictions.

## Take Note

• The Big Spring ISD's Parent Involvement Committee will hold its first meeting of the 2017-2018 school year on Monday, Sept. 25, in the Big Spring High School Library from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The public is welcomed to attend. If you would like a seat on the committee, please contact George Bancroft at 432-264-3600. Go Steers!

• American Legion Post 506 Fish Fry will be Saturday, Sept. 16. Delivery will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$10 each. 3203 West Highway 80, 432-263-2084, everyone welcome. Also carry out!

• 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.

• 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 information, 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.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

## 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 have 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 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.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# DAV

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Howard County Fire Department will be providing barbecue. First come, first serve. It's supposed to be the best in the country."

During Saturday's event, the public is invited to present the four honored veterans with gifts.

"Saturday night we'll be honoring these veterans, and we'll give an opportunity for anyone there who would like to present those four veterans with a gift of appreciation, and also the DAV will be accepting donations that night to help fund all of the different aspects that we do in Big Spring and Howard County for disabled veterans," he said.

The event started several years ago and has become a Howard County tradition.

"This will be the fourth time we've had it," Tarpley said. "I'm a double Purple Heart recipient, and I was invited to go to Eden on a Purple Heart hunt seven years ago. They put us up for...it's actually a four-day hunt down there. I realized what a great thing it was. We got to shoot some nice animals, we were treated well."

A word to an influential friend sealed the deal.

"I came back and I was visiting with Evelyn Holcomb at church, and telling her about it, and she went home and told her husband (former Martin County Commissioner and local farmer E.D.) "Wimp" Holcomb," Tarpley said. "He came to the workshop one morning and said, 'I hear we're having a dove hunt.' I said, 'Well, I don't know,' and he said 'We're having a dove hunt.' I said 'Okay.'"

Mr. Holcomb was in ill health at the time and presented Tarpley with a generous gift to make the event a reality: 20 brand-new shotguns.

"I said, 'Well, we only need four. We'll just run four every year.' He said 'Well, I'm old, and I'm sick, and I'm buying 20 shotguns,'" Tarpley said. "Then he gave me a pretty nice check to make sure we made it happen. That was just three or four months before the first hunt, and Wimp passed away and didn't get to be there at the first hunt. But Evelyn has made sure that this hunt will go on as long as we want it to go on, and they will be awarded shotguns every year."

In addition to gifts from the public and shotguns, Tarpley said the honorees will receive several other gifts.

One is particularly special to him, he said.

"Of course there's all kinds of stuff that will be awarded," he said. "The thing I'm really proud of is the 'Quilts of Valor' from East Texas. They contacted me...they actually sent me a quilt in the mail. You open it up and read what it says, and it's actually pretty emotional. They asked me to be their presenter in this area. I got to present...this will be the third year presenting quilts to these men, and I get to present them in at the Purple Heart hunt each year in Eden as well."

Tarpley said the honorees have expressed excitement about the event; and, judging from past years, it should be a great time for them.

"I talked to them, and they're all excited and can't wait to get here. I will say, the past hunts, the wives and the girlfriends, their response is, 'I don't know what you did with the man I sent you, but I sure like the guy you sent us back,'" he said. "I saw a guy's employer, and he couldn't believe what a difference it made. We bring the guys in and we give them a group of men to just surround each guy during the day. But at night we put them up in a ranch house and just leave them alone. They go through a lot of demons. They can get them shared and get them gone."

Tarpley urges the public to turn out in force Saturday night.

"I just want to reiterate how important it is for the public to show up to honor these guys," he said. "The more people that show, the more these men are going to feel like they're being honored. All four of them are combat vets. A couple of them are Purple Heart recipients. So they've been there and done it. Monday night we honored the men who gave their life for this country. Saturday night, we're going to honor some men that fought, blood, sweat, and tears for this country."

The honorees include:

• **Master Sergeant Kristopher K. Parker, US Air Force:** Served as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Craftsman, tasked with responding to and rendering safe weapons of mass destruction, unexploded ordnance, and aerospace emergencies involving explosive hazards. Master Sergeant Parker grew up in Carlsbad, N.M., and entered the Air Force as an Airman Basic in April 2003. After graduating from EOD School in 2003, he has deployed four times in support of

operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and completed a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command mission to Xepon, Laos. During his last deployment in Afghanistan, Master Sergeant Parker was wounded in action by an improvised explosive device during an intense nine-hour engagement of a known enemy stronghold in Kandahar Province. He has received many medals for his service, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, the Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze service star, and many others.

• **Sergeant First Class Mark Micensky, US Army:** Served as a Field Artillery Direction Specialist, responsible for directing indirect fire through artillery and mortar and direct support assets such as multiple-launch rocket systems, close air support, and naval gun fires in support of an infantry combat team, and for directing counter fire missions. Sergeant First Class Micensky was born and raised in Phoenix, Ariz., and joined the Arizona National Guard at the age of 18, serving as a Cavalry Scout. In 1987 he transitioned to active-duty Army. His first duty station was in Schweinfurt, West Germany; followed by assignments with several artillery units at Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Carson, Colo.; and Fort Campbell (astride the Kentucky/Tennessee border), as well as in Korea and Germany. He served as his unit's Pathfinder for Air Assault Artillery Operations NCO during Joint Task Force 160; and was the Brigade Fire Direction NCO In Charge for the Third Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during the initial push into Iraq in 2003. He has received two Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, eight Army Commendation Medals, seven Army Achievement Medals, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Iraq Campaign Medal, and several others.

• **Sergeant First Class Clifford D. Neighbors, US Army:** Served as a field artillery cannon crewman before reclassifying as 11 Bravo Infantry. In 2006-2007, he was chosen along with 11 other men to travel to

Iraq to train Iraqi police. His career might have been cut short on Aug. 24, 2006, when, while doing a routine patrol of Iraqi checkpoints, his 11-man team came under a complex ambush of multiple improvised explosive devices. When the bomb disposal team arrived on the scene, Sergeant First Class Neighbors attempted to show them where the IEDs went off, and was struck by a sniper's bullet. His interpreter was also shot. Staff Sergeant Neighbors returned to his Humvee and performed first aid on himself and his interpreter, who died in his arms. Upon arrival at the hospital in Baghdad it was determined that the bullet had pierced both of Sergeant First Class Neighbors' lungs and the top of his heart. Following a stay at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and convalescent leave in Odessa, Texas, he returned to Germany to re-enlist and continue his duties as an instructor. His injuries prevented him from meeting the Army's physical standards for infantrymen, so he reclassified into a transportation specialty, training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and did his final tour of duty in Afghanistan. He has received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, and many others.

• **Staff Sergeant Taylor P. Tassin, US Army:** Served as a 19 Delta Cavalry Scout, tasked with being the commander's eyes and ears on the battlefield, setting and occupying observation posts and listening posts, conducting surveillance missions, route reconnaissance, bridge classifications, convoy security missions, mounted and dismounted patrols, and enemy engagements. Staff Sergeant Tassin grew up in Moreauville, La., and entered the Army as a private in April, 1993. During his time in the Army, he was deployed four times in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. He has received the Army Commendation Medal with silver oak leaf cluster and one bronze oak leaf cluster; the Army Achievement Medal with one silver oak leaf cluster; the Iraqi Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, and several others.

# IRMA

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laborers or migrants who earn money by the pound picking produce that's sold in stores nationwide. Still others are retirees on fixed incomes or disability checks whose budgets already were tight before Irma.

Fleeing Irma wasn't an option for those who lacked transportation to get to a shelter, couldn't afford gas to drive north and couldn't rent a hotel room. The likely costs associated with cleaning up or finding a new place to live pushed them closer to the edge than ever.

After Irma, Gwen Bush scrambled to find a place just to sleep after flood waters rose around her home.

A security worker for Amway Center in Orlando, Bush hadn't worked in the days leading up to Irma because concerts and other events had been canceled as the storm approached. It's not certain when the arena will be open for business, and she was down to her final \$10 before the storm.

"I've been through some hurricanes and some storms living here but I can say on my life this is the worst I've ever

seen," said Bush, 50, a lifelong resident of Orlando. "How do you recover from this, losing all of your stuff?"

David and Andrea Jewell survive on disability checks and live on a sailboat they bought for \$1,000 on eBay years ago. David Jewell, 51, can't imagine now living on land; both consider the ocean — like the dolphins they watch — their only real neighbors.

After the storm, the Jewells stayed on cots in the gym at a community center in Jacksonville. They tried to figure out if they could get a new boat if theirs was destroyed. Maybe, they decided, they could just cut back on food and find another cheap one with their next disability checks.

"There aren't any answers," he said, "so I guess I'll have to roll with it."

But in one bit of good news, they later learned from a friend that their boat is still floating.

For some poor people, there's at least a little upside to the devastation.

Guatemalan immigrant Aura Gaspar totaled up storm-related expenses of about \$600 while using a twig-fired grill to stew chicken on her front stoop in Immokalee; she has three school-age children to feed and a 2-week-old baby.

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candidate of their choice."

The trustees will also:

• Consider approval of expedited and general state waivers regarding early release days, modified schedule for state assessment testing days, foreign exchange students, and the Teacher Data Portal of the Texas Assessment Management System.

• Hear a report from superintendent Chris Wigington regarding employments, resignations, and retirements; the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards Convention; and enrollment.

• Hear the annual delinquent tax report.

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## Texas Trump supporter tapped for Federal Election Commission

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has selected a Texas attorney and supporter to join the beleaguered Federal Election Commission.

Trump appointed James "Trey" Trainor III, a well-known election-law specialist based in Austin, to the panel that monitors and polices federal campaign fundraising and spending. The position requires Senate confirmation.

Trainor would serve a term that expires in April 2021, according to a White House announcement Tuesday night.

The FEC is typically made up of six commissioners, and by law no more than three can be from the same political party. At least four votes are required to take action on any enforcement matter, explaining why the politically divided FEC has deadlocked repeatedly in recent years.

Trainor is pictured in a January Austin American-Statesman story grinning broadly and holding pro-Trump signs.

## Injured hawk 'Harvey' that gained online popularity released

PLANO, Texas (AP) — An injured hawk that sought refuge in a Houston taxicab before Harvey made landfall last month has been returned to the wild.

Cabdriver William Brusco dubbed the female Cooper's hawk "Harvey the Hurricane Hawk" in online videos. He found her Aug. 25 before the hurricane made landfall that night and took her home. As Harvey's rains fell the next day, Liz Compton of the Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition Wildlife Center picked her up.

Compton says the hawk couldn't fly because of head trauma, probably from flying into something.

After a week and a half of treatment by Compton, the hawk was taken to a center near Dallas for exercise before being released.

## Mourners remember Houston officer lost to Harvey's floods

HOUSTON (AP) — A veteran Houston police officer who drowned in Harvey's floodwaters was remembered Wednesday for his faith and his dedication to family and public service.

Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner were among the hundreds of mourners who attended the service for Sgt. Steve Perez at Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Houston.

Perez, 60, was driving a patrol car before dawn on Aug. 27 when the vehicle went into a flooded highway underpass. He served 34 years as a Houston police officer.

"Sgt. Perez represented and epitomized first responders," Turner said.

Many uniformed law enforcement personnel crowded into the church, including Houston police Chief Art Acevedo. Acevedo described Perez as "a man that had faith in his community and his family and his mission."

The police chief praised Perez for his work ethic and said he displayed it until the end.

## Man slays estranged wife, friends in shooting at Texas home

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Meredith Hight had gathered her friends at her suburban Dallas home for a day of grilling and watching football when her estranged husband showed up and opened fire, killing her and seven others before a police officer killed him.

The Dallas Morning News reports that those killed on Sunday night in Plano included the man who had stood by 32-year-old Spencer Hight when he said "I do" to Meredith Hight.

Spencer Hight's father, Chester Hight, tells the newspaper that the family is living a "nightmare."

Meredith Hight, who was 27, filed for divorce in July after six years of marriage. Her mother, Debbie Lane, said that her daughter's gathering on Sunday was the first party she was hosting on her own.

## Texas officials look to buyout homes with high flood risk

HOUSTON (AP) — County officials in southeast Texas are asking the federal government for \$17 million to purchase over 100 homes at high risk of flooding.

The Houston Chronicle reports the Harris County Commissioners Court voted Tuesday to apply for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant. The funds would be used to buy and demolish homes that are at least 2 feet (0.61 meters) below the flood plain.

The grant application is based on flooding in the previous two years, so it may not apply to the estimated 136,000 buildings in the county that were flooded during Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,000 residents have requested the county Flood Control District buy their homes damaged in the hurricane.

Local and FEMA officials say they hope to expand and speed up the buyout process.

# Hurricane victims facing a long road to home reconstruction



In this Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, photo, Arlene Estle looks at the damage to her home which was flooded in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, in Houston. Victims of Harvey, desperate to rebuild their homes and lives, are facing the harsh reality that it may take months for an overwhelmed construction industry to address their needs.

By ALEXANDRA OLSON AND ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press  
With floodwaters nearing knee height, Arlene Estle fled to the upstairs of the Houston house where she's lived for 50 years and raised four children. It was many hours later before her son-in-law arrived by boat to rescue her.

Her flooded home didn't fare so well. It could be a year, her contractor warned her, before she can return. Until then, she'll have to find some place to rent.

"I'm going to be 83," Estle said one recent morning as her daughter and housekeeper helped try to disinfect her belongings. "This is just a life-changing thing for me to face with making so many decisions. It's just overwhelming."

Estle is among the fortunate ones. She has flood insurance and a longtime contractor who can start work soon. Most victims of Harvey have neither. Months will be spent struggling to assess damage, navigate federal assistance and apply for loans. Then, victims will have to compete for contractors who have already put prospective clients on waiting lists.

All told, it could take years for some people to rebuild, if they can do it at all. The same could be true of many victims of Hurricane Irma, which caused its own catastrophic damage in Florida, though less than initially feared.

For anyone who needs to repair or rebuild a home or business, the back-to-back hurricanes coincided with a national shortage of carpenters, electricians, drywall installers and other skilled workers. Many construction workers left the industry after the housing bubble burst a decade ago and haven't returned.

With fewer younger workers entering the business, the average age of some construction trades has reached well into middle age. There were 255,000 unfilled construction sector jobs recorded in June, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

On top of the worker shortage, homeowners will pay elevated prices for materials, which had already been rising this year.

"The labor shortage is going to make this take longer, but more importantly, it's going to be more expensive than people think

because labor rates are going to go up dramatically," said John Burns, CEO of John Burns Real Estate Consulting, a housing industry research firm.

Few construction companies outside Texas and Florida are eager or equipped to travel there to handle rebuilding. Most are already busy on work closer to home.

"Why would I take a chance on going to Florida or the Gulf Coast for temporary work, where I might not be able to find housing, when I can find steady employment here and now?" said Ken Simonson, chief economist for the Associated General Contractors of America.

In Texas, Harvey compounded a heavy demand for housing. Texas had been on pace for 30,000 housing starts in 2017. Now, an estimated 200,000 more homes suddenly need to be repaired or rebuilt. Construction jobs were already taking one or two months longer than usual, said Scott Norman of the Texas Association of Builders.

Nearly 70 percent of Texas contractors had trouble finding concrete workers, electricians, cement masons and carpenters, according to a survey of construction firms that the Associated General Contractors of America conducted in July. Texas has long struggled to replenish its aging construction workforce. The average age of a master electrician in Texas is 59. For plumbers, it's 62.

Stephen McNiel of Creative Property Restoration, a remodeling firm in Houston, received calls from seven flood victims on the day he visited longtime client whose recently restored home had been ruined by Harvey. One came from a woman who had phoned dozens of contractors. All warned her it would be months before they could take on additional work.

"There is a tremendous amount of demand — far more than I'm capable of handling and than everyone I know in my industry is capable of han-

dling," McNiel said.

McNiel said he could use 50 percent more workers but is struggling to find subcontractors. He said he worries that the shortage of skilled labor is being exacerbated by a perceived suspicion of immigrants under President Donald Trump.

"The reality of my industry is that most of the work gets done by immigrants," McNiel said.

Simonson noted Trump's decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants a reprieve from deportation to nearly 800,000 immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

"Texas, more than ever, needs people with construction skills from any country," he said.

Victims of the storms can first expect delays in having their property assessed for damage by insurance adjusters. Then, securing financing will become a challenge. Flood insurance coverage has declined in both Texas and Florida as premiums have risen. Many homeowners will have to go into debt or dig into savings to make repairs — or sell their properties.

For homes that have sat the longest in feet-deep water, dry-wall and insulation will need to be stripped down to studs and dried. Then everything from wooden flooring to electrical systems and interior doors must be rebuilt.

Mary and Duane Hendricks, retirees who live a few streets from Estle, have decided to give up on their home, now flooded for the second time in two years. They still face a prolonged repair process in hopes of selling it. The Hendrickses have begun removing Sheetrock and flooring to prevent mold.

Two years ago, they tried to live in their home while it was being repaired for flood damage and ended up moving out after

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# US Virgin Islands getting aid, but still reeling from Irma

By **BEN FOX** and **IAN BROWN**

Associated Press  
ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — The last of the late-summer tourists were gone Wednesday from the U.S. Virgin Islands, ferried away from the wreckage of Hurricane Irma in cruise ships bound for Puerto Rico and Miami. Most part-time residents — and anyone else who didn't have to stay — had cleared out as well, back to homes on the mainland with water, power and Internet, and where food isn't scarce.

Those left behind on St. Thomas and St. John were surviving on whatever they could find as they tried to repair or secure their houses with whatever materials were available. They had to dodge downed power lines that snaked through hills that were a deep green before the storm but had been so stripped of leaves and trees that they were brown and desolate. Many were surviving on military rations handed out by U.S. Marines and the National Guard or at a local church that was serving 500 people per day.

"What I see are people coming who are hungry, who are tired, who are thirsty and need help," said the Rev. Jeff Neevel, the pastor of the St. Thomas Reformed Church in the Virgin Islands capital, Charlotte Amalie. "It's a destruction zone. Everything is destroyed. Everything."

His church got power Tuesday for the first time since the storm hit

a week earlier, thanks to the fact that it had been designated an official food distribution center. Neevel said one of the most critical needs he sees was for tarps to protect the many homes that had lost roofs. People were also desperate for power and water so they could get back to work and return to some sense of normalcy.

"The village where I live is devastated," said Dominique Olive, a 63-year-old from French Town, along St. Thomas' southern coast. "There are people I've known for many, many years. Everything they have is gone."

Olive said there has been some "disgusting" looting and desperation but also hopeful signs. "We are helping each other. It doesn't matter which color you are, we are all helping each other," he said as he walked through Charlotte Amalie shortly after the curfew was lifted at noon.

Hurricane Irma lashed St. Thomas and St. John with winds of 150 mph for more than four hours when the storm hit Sept. 6. A complete damage assessment has yet to be done but many homes were left in ruins, as were police and fire stations and the main hospital. There were four deaths from the storm, as well as a power line worker killed late Tuesday while trying to do repairs. About 5,000 tourists who couldn't make it onto any of the last departing flights endured the storm's wrath along with the islands' 105,000 residents.

# 6 die at Florida nursing home in Irma's sweltering aftermath



AP photo

Customers wait in line to buy generators as many residents are still without power three days after Hurricane Irma passed through in Fort Myers, Fla., Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017.

By **TIM REYNOLDS** and **TERRY SPENCER**

Associated Press  
HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Six patients at a sweltering nursing home died after Hurricane Irma knocked out the air conditioning, raising fears Wednesday about the safety of Florida's 4 million senior citizens amid widespread power outages that could go on for days.

Hollywood Police Chief Tom Sanchez said investigators believe the deaths at the Rehabilitation Center at Hollywood Hills were heat-related, and added: "The building has been sealed off and we are conducting a criminal investigation." He did not elaborate.

"It's a sad state of affairs," Sanchez said. "We all have elderly people in facilities, and we all know we depend on those people in those facilities to care for a vulnerable elderly population."

Gov. Rick Scott called on Florida emergency workers to immediately check on nursing homes and assisted living facilities to make sure the patients are safe. And he ordered an investigation into what he called an "unfathomable" situation.

"I am demanding answers," he tweeted.

The home said in a statement that the hurricane had knocked out a transformer that powered the AC.

Exactly how the deaths happened was under investigation, with Sanchez saying authorities have not ruled anything out, including carbon monoxide poisoning from generators.

He also said investigators will look into how many windows were open in the nursing home.

Across the street from the nursing home sat a fully air-conditioned hospital, Memorial Regional.

The deaths came as people trying to put their lives back together in hurricane-stricken Florida and beyond confronted a multitude of new hazards in the storm's wake, including tree-clearing accidents and lethal fumes from generators.

Not counting the nursing home deaths, at least 13 people in Florida have died under Irma-related circumstances, and six more in South Carolina and Georgia, many of them well after the storm had passed.

At least five people died and more than a dozen were treated after breathing carbon monoxide fumes from generators in the Orlando, Miami and Daytona Beach areas. A Tampa man died after the chain saw he was using to remove trees kicked back and cut his carotid artery.

In Hollywood, three patients were found dead at the nursing home early Wednesday after emergency workers received a call about a person with a heart attack, and three more died at the hospital or on the way, police said.

Altogether, more than 100 patients there were found to be suffering in the heat and were evacuated, many on stretchers or in wheelchairs. Patients were treated for dehydration, breathing difficulties and other heat-related ills, authorities said.



AP photo

A sign the Pena family put in a tree at the entrance of the Hills of Santa Fe neighborhood, in Gainesville, Tuesday Sept. 12, 2017. During Hurricane Irma water from the Meadowbrook Golf Course rushed over a hill behind the Pena's home and flooded the home with about six feet of water. After Hurricane Irma hit Gainesville, flooded homes and streets seem to be some of the biggest problems residents are dealing with.

Nursing homes in Florida are required by state and federal law to file an emergency plan that includes evacuation plans for residents. Any plan submitted by the Hollywood center was not immediately available.

Calls to the owner and other officials at the Hollywood home were not immediately returned, but the facility's administrator, Jorge Caballo, said in a statement that it was "cooperating fully with relevant authorities to investigate the circumstances that led to this unfortunate and tragic outcome."

Through a representative, Carballo told the SunSentinel newspaper that the home has a back-up generator but that it does not power the air conditioning.

The nursing home was bought at a bankruptcy auction two years ago after its previous owner when to prison for Medicare fraud, according to news reports at the time of the sale.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which regulates nursing homes, gives the Hollywood center a below-average rating, two stars on its five-star scale. But the most recent state inspection reports showed no deficiencies in the area of emergency plans.

Florida, long one of America's top retirement destinations, has the highest proportion of people 65 and older of any state — 1 in 5 of its 20 million residents.

As of 2016, Florida had about 680 nursing homes.

As of Tuesday, the number of people without electricity in the steamy late-summer heat had dropped to 6.8 million — about a third of Florida's population. Utility officials warned it could take 10 days or more for power to be fully restored. The number of people remaining in shelters fell to under 13,000.

Elsewhere around the state, a Coral Gables apartment building was evacuated after authorities determined a lack of power made it unsafe for elderly tenants.

And at the huge, 15,000-resident Century Village retirement community in Pembroke Pines, more than half the residential buildings had no power Wednesday afternoon. Rescue crews began going door to door in the 94-degree heat to check on people and hand out water, ice and meals.

"These people are basically prisoners in their own homes," said Pembroke Pines City Manager Charlie Dodge. "That's why we are camped out there and doing whatever we can to assist them in this process. And we're not leaving."

Florida Sen. Bill Nelson called the six deaths in Hollywood "an inexcusable tragedy" and called on authorities to get to the bottom of it.

"We need to make sure we're doing everything we can to keep our seniors safe during this difficult time," he said.



AP photo

This photo provided by Caribbean Buzz Helicopters on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017, shows storm damage in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

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three months. This time, they arranged a rental even before the hurricane hit. If they can't sell, they will just walk away from the home they bought in 1971, where they raised two children and built a sunroom where they taught yoga in retirement.

"We cannot go back," said Mary Hendricks. "It's a beautiful home, and we've had it for years and we've done a lot of work on it. That's the heart-breaking part."

In Florida, the magnitude of damage from Irma is still coming into focus. But the widespread flooding means Florida will have to compete with Texas for many of the same materials and laborers. Irma spread its destruction over a vast territory, covering all of Florida and causing major damage to Georgia as well.

"It isn't just a few counties — it did damage in county after county," said Douglas Buck of the Florida Home Builders Association. "That's

going to make it more difficult for contractors and builders to go where the problem is and help rebuild communities."

In Houston, Estle's contractor, Dan Bawden, urged her to seek a yearlong rental while her house gets fixed. Bawden foresees months of delays in obtaining drywall, interior doors, siding, trim moldings, ceramic tile, cabinets and plywood.

Even before the storm hit, his remodeling firm had a six-month backlog of projects. Now, with eight full-time employees, he's "overwhelmed with more calls coming in that we can respond to." Prospective clients must get on a waiting list.

As Harvey approached, Bawden rushed to secure his network of 60 contractors, knowing they would soon be pulled in different directions. He worries

that six months from now, "they are going to want to charge more or go work for someone else."

Florida is no more equipped than Texas to handle a surge of construction demand. Miami still hasn't recovered all the construction jobs lost in the recession. The metro area, which also includes Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, had 130,000 construction workers in August, compared with 168,000 in 2006.

"In our economy, money talks," Simonson said. "People who have the most urgent need in some cases will be able to buy their way to the front of the line."

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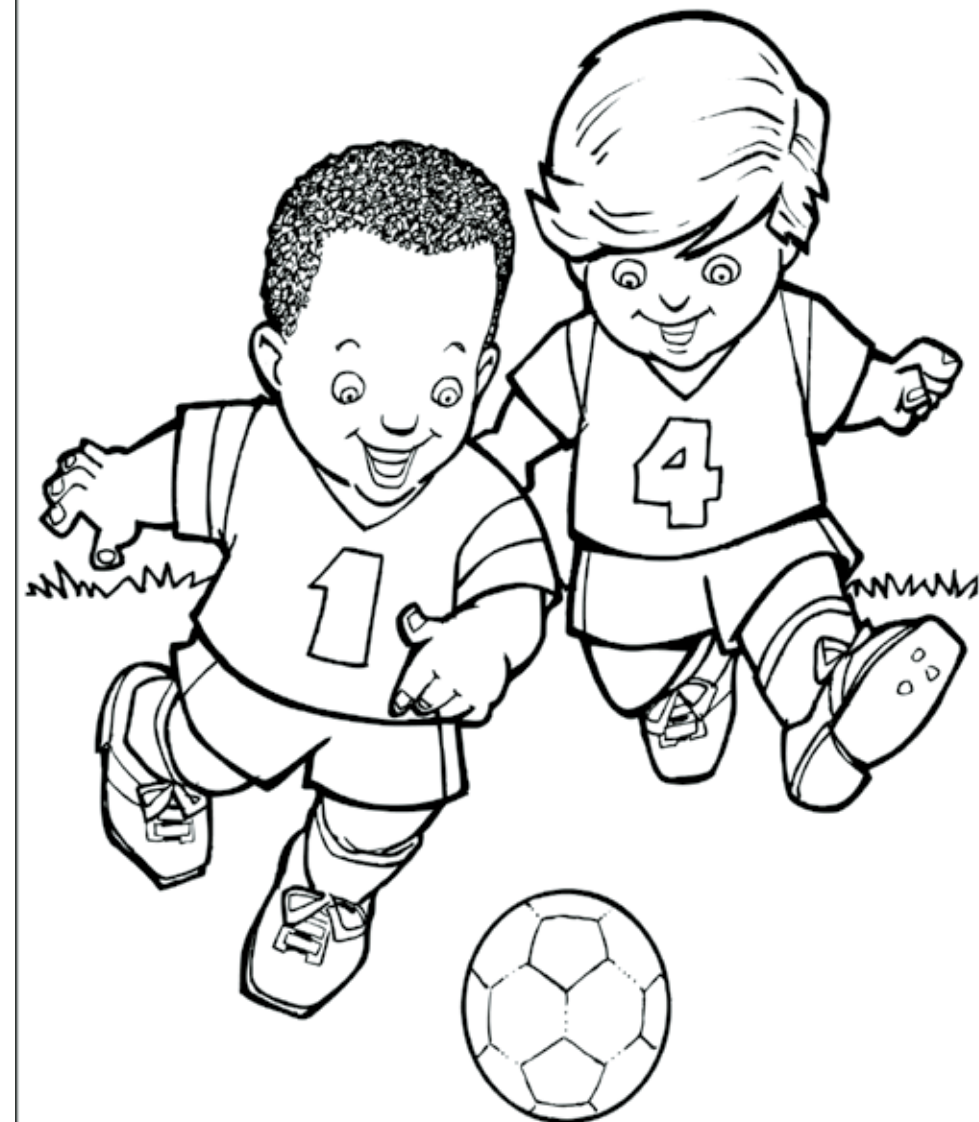
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Some answers: bowl, coal, foal, hole, mole, pole, role, roll, sole, stole, toll

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## Name That Method

Each of the following is a method used to restart play in a soccer game. Fill in the blanks to name that method.

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Answers: 1) Kick-off, 2) Corner kick, 3) Throw-in, 4) Penalty kick, 5) Dropped-ball, 6) Goal kick, 7) Direct or indirect free kick

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The idea for the World Cup started with Jules Rimet, president of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). After soccer was dropped from the 1932 Summer Games, Rimet worked hard with officials to bring together the best soccer teams worldwide to compete for a world championship title.

The first World Cup took place in 1930 and Uruguay won the championship. Many World Cups have been held in the years since, and the championship tournament has become one of the ones to see in soccer. Billions of fans tune in every four years to see what team will be awarded the World Cup trophy in both men's and women's soccer.

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## SOCCER CHALLENGE



Soccer has been around for centuries, and with the rise of stars like Mia Hamm and David Beckham, the sport has grown in popularity in recent years. In order to play soccer well, players must know the rules of the game inside and out. Here are some questions about the rules of soccer. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) No player but the goalie is allowed to handle the ball with their hands during play. Fact or Fiction?
- 2) Players can jump when throwing in the ball. Fact or Fiction?
- 3) Players cannot throw the ball in and then kick it. Fact or Fiction?
- 4) Goalies cannot take a goal kick. Fact or Fiction?
- 5) No player can touch the ball while it is in the penalty area. Fact or Fiction?
- 6) Players may push and trip each other. Fact or Fiction?
- 7) Players may score on indirect kicks. Fact or Fiction?
- 8) Indirect kicks are the result of a contact foul or hand ball. Fact or Fiction?
- 9) Players cannot touch the ball twice in a row when putting it into play. Fact or Fiction?
- 10) Players who receive a yellow card must leave the game. Fact or Fiction?

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, players must have both feet on the ground when throwing in the ball, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fiction, players may score on direct kicks, another player must touch the ball on an indirect kick before it goes into the goal, 8) Fiction, direct kicks are the result of a contact foul or hand ball, 9) Fact, 10) Fiction, players who receive a red card must leave the game

## Jokes and Riddles



Q: Why are there no soccer stadiums in outer space?

A: Because there is no atmosphere there.

Q: What do a soccer player and a magician have in common?

A: They both do hat tricks.



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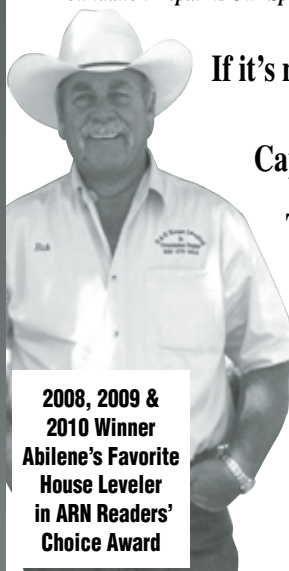
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

someone near seems a little blue, you hope to overturn the trend with your compassion and maybe a little levity. Hopefully you'll do this without setting up an expectation of becoming this person's 24/7 emotional babysitter.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You believe that what's worth having is worth working for. But what about when the ones who are doing the work are not the same ones doing the having? Try to set the unfair situation right.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Maybe there are times when it's appropriate to make a sacrifice, but not now. Rest assured there will be absolutely no benefit to sacrificing your plans for the sake of entwining your life with someone else's today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's like your mind's eye is wearing a bifocal. You'll slant your head one way to view the big picture and another to catch the small (perhaps bothersome) details. All in all you'll get an accurate view of the emotional landscape.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-**

**Sept. 22).** For you it's rather easy to see the difference between bravado and bravery, between the poseurs and the performers. More naive souls around you will be blind to the signals. Your role: wise protector.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** In order to stay inside your own power zone today you'll need to be aware of the subtle forms of control that people may try to assert. Good news: If they don't work on you, they won't be reasserted anytime soon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Lately you're conscious of trying to be extremely laid-back about relationships. You don't put others in a position of having to choose between you and the other important things in life, and this will be much appreciated now.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Filmmakers aren't the only ones who benefit from knowing when to go close and when to back up for the wide angle. When you're setting something up, it's important to focus

close.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In the name of wholeness, you'll be pulling together polarities within you -- strengths and weaknesses, attractions and repulsions, the private and the public parts of your personality. There's power in accepting it all.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You realize that any business you get into is going to have a certain outlay that you'll have to recoup before you make a profit. Go for the sweat-based instead of the cash-based investment. You'll learn more.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your tolerance for boredom is low now and getting lower by the hour. This will work in your favor, as you'll go out of your way to create fun and excitement. Just keep it positively focused!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14).** There's a rebelliousness that accompanies this solar return, and you'll overturn the status quo to get more control over your destiny. A flight of fancy will turn into something lucrative

at year's end. You'll form a tight team for a victory that serves all in January. Something you lost will return to you in 2018. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 18, 45, 22 and 37.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I don't like to meditate. I've tried a few methods, and I've either become more irritated than I was to begin with or I've fallen asleep. Also I can't stand yoga. Is there anything else I can do to get the benefits of these popular techniques?"

The popularity of yoga and Zen meditation is at an all-time high, but these are only two of hundreds, if not thousands, of possible meditative practices. Broaden your definition to include any of the activities that allow you to slip into a peacefully concentrated state: coloring a mandala, knitting, fishing, reading, praying, studying, walking, playing an instrument, doing a math problem, playing a game, drawing, dancing, doing a crossword puzzle, watching waves and clouds, etc. Meditation

is really more a quality of mind than it is one specific activity. So if the Downward-Facing Dogs and oms don't take you there, by all means, find what does. And don't let anyone tell you that their method is superior to yours just because theirs involves a lotus pose and yours involves crayons. Such comparisons are not Zen, nor are they cool.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** When it comes to Prince Henry of Wales, the internet is updated several times a day (if not an hour) on matters such as his love life; the royal family; his militaristic, conservationist and charitable activities; and much more. Prince Harry possesses the excellent work ethic Virgos are known for, the organized focus of Mercury in Virgo and all the charm inherent with Libra in Venus.

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Passion Moon and Pluto

The ancients regarded volcanoes as gods' anger. Nowadays we know it's just nature's way of letting off pressure. This knowledge doesn't make the blow any less destructive, although we can often be forewarned. As the passionate Cancer moon opposes Pluto, when you come across emotional volcanoes, flee the danger zone.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Unsure which way to go, the temptation will be to fit into a group and march on. Don't be so quick to fall in line today. There's more for you! Dare to slow down (and stick out) for a minute to observe less obvious options.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When

Annie's Mailbox

Miscarriage Etiquette

**Dear Annie:** My sister had a miscarriage this week, and I'm at a bit of a loss. I want to support her but fear that I am putting too much of a focus on it. I'm not sure whether I'm expecting a certain type of response unfairly from her -- sadness, anger, frustration -- but she seems to just want to move on. With the rest of our family, there's a feeling of hopelessness all around, as

we're not sure how to be there for her and her husband. I was going to send them flowers and a sympathy card, but my other sister thought it could be too much of a reminder. I think a lot of the uncertainty of what to do stems from the topic of miscarriages being a bit taboo. However, I know they are more common than many think. I've known a few people who have experienced miscarriages, but it's not always talked about openly. I'm not

sure why they are viewed as shameful or a secret or something to hide. Annie, I'd love to hear your thoughts on this. -- Unsure in Ithaca

**Dear Unsure:** I am so sorry for your sister's loss. Tell her one time how very sorry you are for her loss and that you love her very much. Say it only once, and say it kindly and compassionately. Sending flowers would be a thoughtful gesture, and I would encourage you to do so if you are so inclined.

Sadly, you are correct that miscarriages are common, occurring in roughly 15 out of every 100 pregnancies, and that it's not something people talk about often. I think that silence is connected to a long-

held (and erroneous) societal belief that a woman is somehow to blame for losing a pregnancy.

But miscarriages shouldn't be taboo at all. I, for one, would love to see a world where there is more support for women from women who have had miscarriages. We need to shore them up and recognize that their bodies were actually working perfectly.

**Dear Annie:** I have a boyfriend, whom I love dearly. But one thing he does makes me crazy. He's always commenting on other girls' beauty. We will be watching TV, and he'll say, "She is beautiful and has a nice voice" or "She is really pretty but can't act." He tells me I'm beautiful, but I

wouldn't say the same things in his presence about men I see. I did that once so that he could see how it feels, but he keeps on doing it. I know guys talk this way to one another, and that's fine. But I don't know why he has to always say this to me. And sometimes it's with facial expressions and hand gestures to indicate how "hot" she is. -- A Secure Woman Feeling Uncomfortable

**Dear Secure Woman Feeling Uncomfortable:** You could ask him to stop sharing these thoughts, but it wouldn't stop him from having them. And I have a feeling that would start to nag at you, too, because you'd always wonder, "What's he thinking

about her?"  
The comments may annoy you less if you look at them as a sign of how open he feels with you. Not only does he think you're gorgeous (and he tells you so); he also feels close enough to talk to you as a friend. Embrace that and you'll feel even more secure.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## What can defeat me?

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 3  
♥ 8 7 4 3  
♦ 6 2  
♣ Q 8 6 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ K J 10 6 2  
♦ J  
♣ K 9 7 4 2

**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ A Q 9 5  
♦ Q 10 9 8 4 3  
♣ J 10

**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q J 10 8 7 5 2  
♥ —  
♦ A K 7 5  
♣ A

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2♣\* Pass 2♦\*\* Pass  
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
6♠

\* strong, artificial \*\* negative  
Opening lead — jack of diamonds.  
There are plays in bridge that may seem to make no sense to the casual observer, but which upon re-examination prove to be far more sensible than is at first apparent.  
Consider this deal from a team-of-four match. At the first table, West led the diamond jack against six spades. South won with the ace and continued with the king, planning to ruff a diamond high in dummy next and thus assure the slam.

**South's plan** would certainly have succeeded on the great majority of occasions, but in this case West ruffed the king and returned a trump, and declarer later lost another diamond to go down one.  
At the second table, South likewise got to six spades, and again the opening lead was the jack of diamonds. But here declarer made the slam, and there was nothing the defenders could do to stop him.  
After taking the jack with the ace, South returned the five of diamonds! This play guaranteed the contract regardless of how the opposing cards were divided, so it is hard to find fault with it. South realized there was no way the defenders could prevent him from ruffing the seven of diamonds with the king of trumps as soon as he regained the lead, and the slam was therefore unbeatable.  
The hand demonstrates for the umpteenth time that when declarer feels certain of his contract, he should always ask himself: "Is there anything that can defeat me?"  
Had the declarer at the first table asked himself this question, he would have realized that the only thing that could stop the slam was a 6-1 diamond division. He might then have found the same low diamond play at trick two as his counterpart at the other table.

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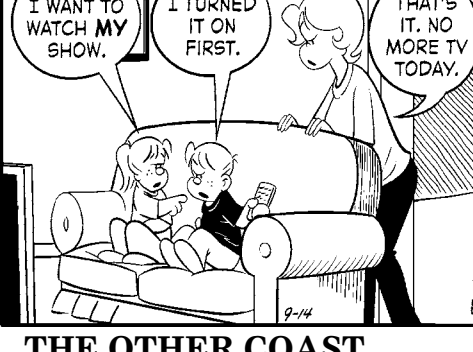
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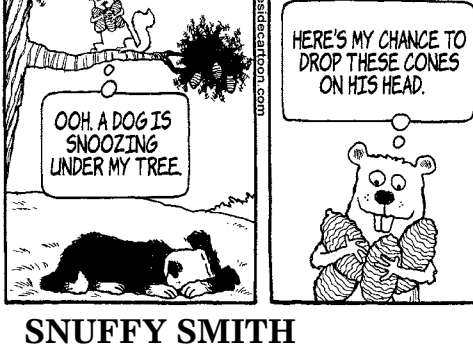
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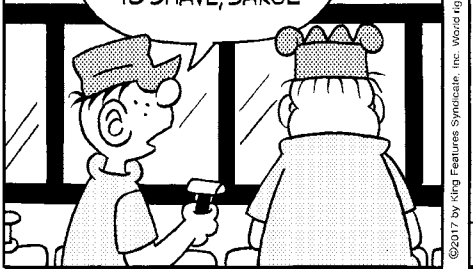
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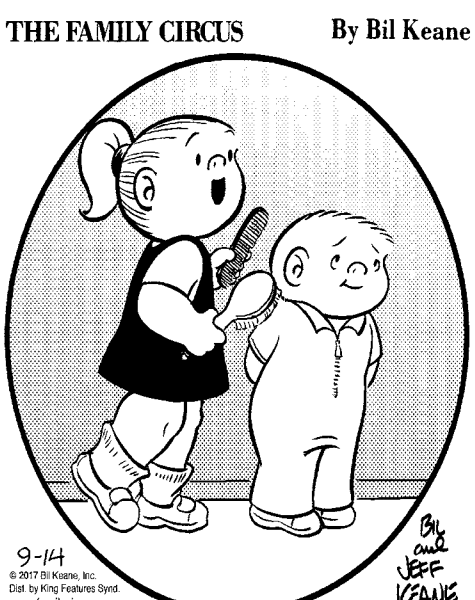
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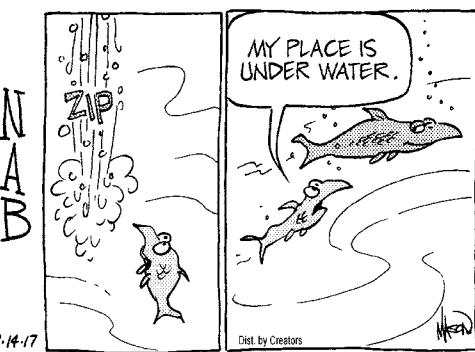


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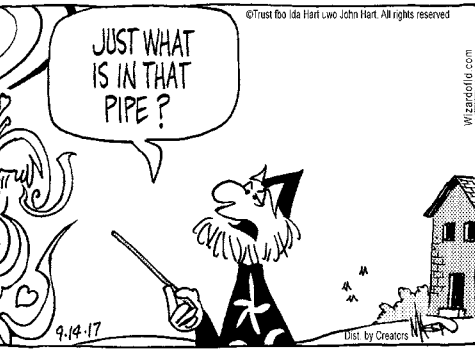


"I'm gonna give PJ a new hairstyle. Any requests?"

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In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as "Vatican II." (The session closed two months later.)  
In 1975, Pope Paul VI declared Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint.  
In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before; Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel (bah-SHEER' jeh-MAY'-el), was killed by a bomb.  
In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, appeared together on radio and television to appeal for a "national crusade" against drug abuse.  
In 1991, the government of South Africa, the African National Congress and the Inkatha (in-KAH'-tah) Freedom Party signed a national peace pact.  
In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in

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  - 63 Artistic inspiration
  - 64 Traveler's sewing supply
  - 65 Get billed

**Answers to previous puzzle**

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# The Lasso

## Big Spring High School's weekly update

By **BRITNEY TAN**

BSHS Editor-in-Chief, The Corral, El Rodeo

The halls of Big Spring High School as of late have been teeming with kids adorning everything from Texas flags to their favorite college gear, all in the name of Pride Week.

Monday was "Merica Monday" to show pride in our country, Tuesday was "Texas Tuesday" to show pride in our state, Wednesday was "College Wednesday" to show pride in future/favorite colleges, today is "True-to-you Thursday" to show pride in yourself, and tomorrow will be "Steer Pride Friday" to show pride in the school.

Sophomore Kynleigh Joy, a student council representative, enjoys Pride Week and the environment it brings to BSHS. "Spirit week means showing that although we have gone through hard times, we still have people coming together to show that Big Spring is stronger than anything that comes our way," Joy said. "We show pride in our country and that we always fight through no matter what."

On Tuesday, the freshmen, JV, and varsity volleyball teams played Andrews. Freshmen lost in three sets and Varsity lost in five sets of very competitive matches. JV prevailed as the only winning team, beating Andrews in three sets. All three teams will compete again Saturday in Greenwood.

Tonight, the JV Black and JV Gold football teams play Monahans at Memorial Stadium. Varsity football will play Monahans tomorrow night in their third away game of the season. The "This is Our Town" year-



Courtesy photo

**A Big Spring High School student busts a move on the gym floor during Big Spring High School's Pride Week on Monday. The week culminates in Steer Pride Friday to show pride for BSHS.**

book is now on sale, starting at \$65 and the price will go up after homecoming. Orders can be placed at the high school.

city football will play Monahans tomorrow night in their third away game of the season. The "This is Our Town" year-

## High school shooting in Washington state kills 1, injures 3



AP photo

**Parents gather in the parking lot behind Freeman High School in Rockford, Wash. to wait for their kids, after a deadly shooting at the high school Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017.**

By **NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS**

Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Wash. (AP) — A shooter opened fire at a high school in a tiny town in Washington state Wednesday, killing one student, injuring three others and sending worried parents to the school in a frenzied rush, authorities said.

Brian Schaeffer of the Spokane Fire Department told reporters that one child died at Freeman High School in Rockford, south of Spokane, while three injured victims were taken to a hospital and expected to survive.

"The shooter has been apprehended and is taken into custody," he said.

Michael Harper, 15, a sophomore at the school, told The Associated Press that the suspect was a classmate who had long been obsessed with past school shootings.

Harper said the suspect had brought notes to Freeman High in the beginning of the year, saying he might get killed or jailed and that some students alerted counselors.

The shooter came into the school Wednesday carrying a duffel bag, Harper said.

After shots were fired, students went running and screaming down the hallways, the teen said.

Harper said the shooter had many friends and wasn't bullied, calling him "nice and funny and weird."

Schaeffer, who didn't release any information about a possible motive or the age of the suspect, said the shooting was especially hard for first responders, many of whom have children at the school.

A two-lane road into the community of about 500 people near the Idaho border was clogged with vehicles.

Some people abandoned their cars on the street to make it to their children.

Cheryl Moser said her son, a freshman at Freeman High School, called her from a classroom after hearing shots fired.

"He called me and said, 'Mom, there are gunshots.' He sounded so scared. I've never heard him like that," Moser told The Spokesman-Review newspaper. "You never think about something happening like this at a small school."

Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital received three pediatric patients, spokeswoman Nicole Stewart said.

They were in stable condition and surrounded by family, she said.

Authorities didn't immediately release the ages of the victims.

Stephanie Lutje told The Associated Press that she was relieved to hear her son was safe after his high school near Freeman was put on lockdown. She commended the school district for its communication.

"It's been amazing, within probably 15-20 minutes of hearing about it, I'd already received a phone call, I'd already received a text message saying that their school is OK," she said.

# The Bulldog Report

## Coahoma ISD's weekly update



Photo courtesy of Coahoma ISD media

**Coahoma Elementary School pre-k students hold up pink elephant masks they made for the Howard County Fair.**

### Special to the Herald

School is in full swing at Coahoma ISD with activities bustling throughout the classrooms.

To assist a school district impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Coahoma ISD is hosting a fundraising drive which began on Monday, Sept. 11. As part of those efforts, on Thursday, Sept. 14, students will be able to wear a hat to school if they donate \$1 to the relief efforts. The public is invited to bring donations to the high school office to help out our fellow Texans.

Last week, Shayla Seymore's pre-k class made pink elephant

masks to enter into the Howard County Fair's Crafty Kids contest. This year's theme is "It's A Jungle Out There". These works of arts will be on display during the fair which is Sept. 28-30 at the Fair Barns in Big Spring.

Coming up on Thursday, the Coahoma Junior High football teams will play against the Reagan County Owls in Bulldog Stadium. The action begins at 5 p.m. when the seventh grade team takes the field. The eighth grade team will follow at 6:30 p.m. The junior varsity team will head to Reagan County for their game with the Owls. Kick-off is at 6 p.m.

Don't forget to come out to the community pep rally Friday and show your Bulldog spirit. This week's theme is Black Out. The pep rally begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary gym. Come support our varsity football players as they take on the Reagan County Owls in Bulldog Stadium at 7:30 p.m.

Also the high school volleyball teams will be in action Saturday morning beginning at 10 a.m. with the varsity squad expected to play at 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Elementary gym. The Cross Country team will be competing in San Angelo Saturday morning.

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# FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

## Steers make adjustments in new system, focusing on themselves

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers have a lot on their plate. With a whole new system on offense and defense, a newer coaching staff, a tough schedule, and a lot of road games, this season has definitely presented its challenges for this young team.

Just as head coach Mitch McLemore said after their tough loss to Sweetwater last week, "Our guys are going to have to make choices about how they prepare themselves for football games, because we don't have any easy games on our schedule."

"The ones who are tough-minded will walk it the way it's supposed to be walked, and I am going to walk my faith no matter what the score is. That is what I expect them to do as well," he continued.

It is apparent that he has high expectations for this program, they just have to get there.

The Steers are going through a timely process of implementing new things in every aspect of the game, and while we only see them compete every Friday against very skilled teams who have had their same systems in place for years, we don't see what is behind the scenes and what all it takes to make this transition they're making. Above all, McLemore has still managed to take a lot of positives from the team's adversities.

"It's definitely a process, and that is



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**Big Spring defender Jordan Dunn brings down a Mustang ball carrier during the Steer's out of town football game at Sweetwater on Friday, September 8, 2017.**

what some don't understand. When you have as many good players out as we have, you've got to evaluate, reevaluate and keep putting guys in positions where they can be successful. That process still continues right now," explained McLemore. "The

schedule hasn't helped much either. When you have three straight road games, a brand new system and a lot of youngsters out there that haven't played in a while, it's definitely a huge learning curve and a challenge both mentally and physically. At

the same time, we are learning a lot about our team and I do know that in the end this is going to make us a lot stronger, and I am quite sure of that as long as we can stay healthy."

Moving forward to their matchup with a top 25 division ranked Monahans team, The Steers continue to work hard in preparation for Friday and are making adjustments to better suit their team.

"We are going to have already worked hard on simplifying some things come Friday to make it easier for the kids. The staff has made some great adjustments, but our main focus is us," said McLemore. "If we can stop beating ourselves, we will have a chance to win some football games so we are going to get it fixed this week."

While we did see some improvements in different areas, Big Spring still set themselves back last week against the Mustangs with 24 penalties for 174 yards and a few unforced errors.

McLemore says that the key to finding success this week is to eliminate the penalties and take better care of the football.

"Our penalties were a big set back. We have to avoid beating ourselves, avoid the turnovers and win the first down battle on both sides of the ball. That is a huge point of emphasis for what we do on both offense and defense," he said.

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## Bulldogs look to bounce back against Reagan County

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

Coahoma is coming off of a tough 46-26 loss to McCamey, and their main focus doesn't have much to do with what they did wrong physically, but a lot to do with their performance mentally.

"The biggest deal to me moving forward, is we have got to do a better job of mental preparation and mental focus," said head football coach Fred Dietz. "I feel like physically we have the ability to be a great football team, but between our ears we have to get locked in and ready to play before Friday gets here. I think that is what was lacking a little bit this last week.

We had a lot of mental errors and mistakes that led to other things and it kind of unraveled on us."

The Bulldogs are determined to bounce back, and according to Dietz, they have had a strong week of practice to prepare for a talented Reagan County football team.

"We have 24 football players on our varsity football team, and there were 24 of them sitting there waiting for me Saturday morning when it was time to go to work. The kids understand that sometimes

things don't go your way, and the only ones who are in control of what happens this week is us," he said. "We have beared down and really went to work this week, and both mentally and physically worked to prepare for this game. Our kids believe in each other and they believe in themselves. It helps to have a good strong set of seniors that do an excellent job of leading by example."

Dietz says their lack of mental sharpness last week caused them to lack in execution as well, and that will be their main focus coming into this game. He says fixing that will be the key ingredient they need to find success against the Owls.

"Number one thing we have to do is take care of the football, and that means executing and being sharp offensively. We struggled mentally last week.



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**Coahoma place kicker Brice Martin kicks an extra point attempt from the hold of Braxton Chandler during the Bulldog's 24-19 win over Forsan in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.**

We didn't look locked in or ready to play. We need to be getting kids in and out of the game like they are supposed to when their personnel pack-

age needs to be in the game, and doing it quickly and looking like we know what we are doing," said Dietz. "Week one we were focused, we were

in and out of the game, moving at a quick pace, and we looked like a good football

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# West Texas Scoreboard

# Bufs ready for rivalry game against Stanton

6A District 2	Record	PF	PA
San Angelo Central	(2-0)	78	38
Odessa Permian	(2-0)	70	38
Midland Lee	(2-0)	107	38
Amarillo Tascosa	(2-0)	97	32
Odessa	(2-0)	56	45
Midland	(0-2)	75	106
Wolfforth Frenship	(0-2)	62	125

4A District 2 Division 1	Record	PF	PA
Andrews	(2-0)	134	49
Clint	(2-0)	55	33
Fabens	(2-0)	33	6
Clint Mountain View	(0-2)	23	49
San Elizario	(0-2)	19	98

4A District 3 Division 1	Record	PF	PA
Abilene Wylie	(2-0)	87	23
Stephenville	(2-0)	94	33
Brownwood	(1-1)	109	74
Snyder	(1-1)	44	48
Big Spring	(0-2)	38	94

4A District 2 Division 2	Record	PF	PA
Sweetwater	(2-0)	91	30
Midland Greenwood	(2-0)	63	21
Pecos	(2-0)	80	48
Monahans	(1-1)	36	71
Seminole	(1-1)	53	30
Fort Stockton	(1-1)	49	44
Lamesa	(1-1)	56	67

3A District 2 Division 2	Record	PF	PA
Colorado City	(1-1)	8	30
Coahoma	(1-1)	50	65
Idalou	(0-2)	17	71
Stanton	(0-2)	34	81
Lubbock Roosevelt	(0-2)	12	114

2A District 4 Division 1	Record	PF	PA
Anson	(2-0)	82	38
Hawley	(2-0)	67	27
Post	(1-1)	65	27
Stamford	(1-1)	27	69
Forsan	(1-1)	53	30

1A District 5 Division 1	Record	PF	PA
Borden County	(2-0)	106	0
Hermleigh	(2-0)	114	78
O'Donnell	(2-0)	121	48
Ira	(1-1)	94	91
Lamesa Klondike	(1-1)	105	76

1A District 6 Division 1	Record	PF	PA
Garden City	(2-0)	144	26
Westbrook	(1-1)	52	57
Robert Lee	(1-1)	123	113
Sterling City	(0-2)	56	92

1A District 6 Division 2	Record	PF	PA
Ackerly Sands	(2-0)	90	58
Welch Dawson	(1-1)	70	105
Wellman-Union	(1-1)	59	50
Loop	(1-1)	64	67
Lenorah Grady	(0-2)	58	120

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

Forsan is coming off of a big 34-6 win against Eldorado and now have their sights set on this week's match up with their friendly rival, the Stanton Buffaloes.

Last week Forsan was explosive on both sides of the football and had a lot of success, but head football coach Jason Phillips says there are still a few things they need to work on to get ready for district, when the games matter the most.

"Offensively, we just have to execute a little bit better. We probably left some points on the board Friday. Our execution wasn't bad, but it wasn't as good as where we needed it to be. We have been focusing on that, especially in our blocking schemes this week, and just trying to execute a little bit better to make the offense a little more crisp," he said. "We also need to continue to improve on our tackling on defense. We did a better job against Eldorado than we did against Coahoma, but we still need to get a little bit better in that area too. That is what these pre-district games are for, to see what you need to work on and get you ready for district. Overall, It was a great game for us, and a great bounce back win. Hopefully it will keep us on the right track for a while."

While the scoreboard from last week's game showed their success offensively, it was their defense that had a heck of a night as they came away with five interceptions and held Eldorado to just six points. "Our defense had a strong game. Eldorado throws the ball a lot, and they challenged our secondary and line backers with that last week. We did a great job creating turnovers. We got some pressure on the quarterback and made him uncomfortable. Our DBs and LBs were able to make some big plays on the back end," said Phillips. "Anytime you get five or six turnovers a game, it helps a lot and there is a good chance you're going to win the game. I wish we could do that every week. We like the way our defense

is flying to the football and creating those turnovers so hopefully we can keep that up."

Forsan has hit practice hard this week with their main focus being to play physical and control the game up front. According to Phillips, the team has been able to make adjustments accordingly through film study to get them where



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**Coahoma's Zach Holmes (22) rushes Forsan's Bryce Hergert (1) during the Bulldog's 24-19 win over Forsan in the Howard County Bowl game on Friday, September 1, 2017.**

they need to be, and that they are ready to hook horns with Stanton.

"This week's practices have been great. It's not hard to motivate your guys to prepare for Stanton, you know. Coahoma is our biggest rival, and Stanton is right there with them. It's always a big rivalry game, and it's always a tough place to play when you go over there. It's been a little bit warmer this week, but the guys have adjusted well and we have had some really strong practices," continued Phillips. "We have to control the line of scrimmage. They like to line up and run the football right at you, so defensively we have to control the line of scrimmage, and we have to be able to do it offensively as well. I think that whoever does that this week, because we both like to run the ball, has got a really good chance to win. We just have to get out there and get it done."

The Forsan Buffaloes and the Stanton Buffaloes are set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. in Stanton.

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team that was prepared to go in a football game. Last week, we struggled a little bit out of the gate. You could see that our mental focus was lacking, and to me that is the number one thing, to be sharp and mentally focused. If you can get to that point, I think the rest takes care of itself."

The Coahoma Bulldogs and the Reagan County Owls are set to kick off in Coahoma at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.



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**Big Spring's Jeremiah Cooley gets off a strong punt during the Steer's out of town football game at Sweetwater on Friday, September 8, 2017.**

## STEERS

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"If you win first downs, you give yourself a chance to be successful and put yourself in good situations, so that along with simplifying some things is going to be our main focus."

Last week, we saw a quarterback committee featuring both Jack Everett and Abel Clark. While we have seen the strength in Everett's ability to throw the ball, Clark has proven to be a threat on his legs. It's still up in the air as to who will get the starting QB spot. While it is nice to have options with differ-

ent strengths at the position, the coaches plan to make a decision that best suits the team on who the starter will be. Until then, that will be something to look for each week.

The Big Spring Steers and the Monahans Loboes are set to kick off in Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

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## Q&A with Monahans head football coach Mickey Owens

**How long have you been a coach at Monahans?**

"I've been coaching here for 23 years, but this will be my 13th year as the head football coach."

**How familiar are you with Big Spring football and the coaching staff?**

"Well, I know they've pretty much got a whole new coaching staff. We have played Big Spring over the years so I am a little familiar with what kids are returning, but its a whole new system offensively and defensively, so we had to pick up on that a little bit and see what they're doing. Coach McLemore has them heading in the right direction, there's no doubt. They are very talented so, we have to be prepared for that."

**How was this week's practice been so far in preparation for Friday?**

"This week has been good. We have

had a great week of practice so far."

**Coming off of your win against Canyon, what is your main focus entering this game with Big Spring?**

"Well in the pre-season, you do go against your opponent but really your main goal is to try to get your own kids better. Thats a big deal for us right now, is to try to get us where we need to be. Yes, of course you want to win, but you want to get concentrate on improving because the district games are the most important ones. We know going in that we are fixing to face a Big Spring team that is very talented. I know last week they just had a few turnovers and things like that that have kind of gone wrong, but I know they can put it together Friday night, so our main focus is just getting us better during the week."

**What can we expect to see from**

**the Lobos on both sides of the ball this Friday?**

"We are a run-oriented team. We are a wing-t on offense, and it's a 4-2-5 on defense."

**What has been a strength for your team this season?**

"Probably just tradition. The kids know what is expected of them here. We have 27 seniors, but we lack a little bit in game experience that I thought showed up our first game. The second game we got a little bit better, so that part is just coming along slowly."

**With multiple returning defensive players having received all-district honors last year, what are your expectations of those guys?**

"Yes, we feel like our defense is probably ahead of our offense right now. We had a few more returning on that side of the ball, not a whole lot, but a few more. So, those kids coming

back are really going to have to lead us. We are only returning five, so six more are inexperienced there. We are getting better, but we are a long way from where we need to be."

**What can we be on the lookout for from your offense, and do you have high expectations from your returning running back, Tylan McAllister, who received second team all-state and first team all-district honors last year?**

"Tylan is a great running back. He had a good year last year, and that's mainly because of our offensive line we had, who was very talented. We lost four guys of the five we had, so we are trying to regroup a little bit. His yards are a little harder to come by now than they were last year, but my tailback is getting better, as well as my quarterback. We just have to continue to get better."

## Q&A with Reagan County head football coach Blake Weston

**How long have you been a coach at Reagan County?**

This is my first year here as the head coach.

**Coming off of your huge 58-8 win against Irion County, what is your main focus entering this game with Coahoma?**

"Just to keep betting better. We are in a new system, so we have to do things to get better every week. We put up a lot of points last week, but things still aren't where they need to be. We just have to keep working to get better at this new system."

**With this being your first year, what are some of the things that you've implemented on both sides of the ball that we should expect to see?**

"I would say there is a lot of passion and determination. We have a

lot of kids that really fly around, and whether we know what we are doing or not, we are going full speed when we do it, and thats always a good thing. Offensively, we are very multiple. We are going to get into whatever we've got to get into to give us the best shot to win. Defensively, we have toyed with some things. We have a good front seven and our back end is getting better as well. Last week they only scored once on us, and it was eleven shirts trying to get to the football. We are getting better at it. It's just something we have to continue to do, to keep playing with that passion and intensity on both sides of the football."

**Are you committed more to the run or pass, or do you like to change your approach based on the personnel you have on the field?**

"Well, the first week we were about 50/50 run/pass. This week, we were about 80/20 run. With us, it just depends on what we can get from the defense, and what we need to do to be successful."

**What has been a strength for your team this season?**

"I would have to say the physicality up front from the offensive lineman. Really, just being physical and playing physical football is our strength."

**With multiple returning offensive players having received all-district honors last year, what are your expectations of those guys?**

"It helps, but going into a completely different system has presented its challenges. Last year, they were a wing-t, and this year we are more spread so it's been a learning gap

early in the year. The leadership that we had come back has really been key for us to not have such big growing pains. We graduated 18 seniors last year, so losing that experience has presented some growing pains, but the kids we have back are great and they really are special athletes so that has helped tremendously."

**What do you think is going to be the key ingredient to winning this game against Coahoma?**

"I think its going to be physicality. I feel the most physical team is going to win there. I say this every game, but turnovers have a lot to do with it as well. Whoever wins the turnover battle is probably going to win the game."

## Q & A with Stanton head football coach John Peterson

**How long have you been the coach at Stanton?**

This is my ninth year.

**What kind of offensive and defensive schemes do you run?**

We run a multiple offense of spread and offset I, defensively we are a 3-4.

**Coming off of tough losses against Seagraves and Wink, how do you plan to re-engage going forward, and what is your main focus entering this game with Forsan?**

"We had a great practice yesterday, and really this week has been a great practice week. Our kids respond. They know it's not the end of the season, and that two losses doesn't make a season. We just continue to work hard and get better each day."

**How familiar are you with Forsan football and the coaching staff?**

"We have been playing them ever

since I have been here. Each year we compete against each other in multiple sports. They are friendly rivals that we go up against throughout the year, so its just a good match up and a good game for all of us."

**Are you committed more to the run or pass, or are you able to change your approach based on the personnel you have on the field?**

"We definitely change the approach

according to the players that I have each year, and that goes for offense and defense. We always strive to make the best fit for our kids."

**What do you think is going to be the key ingredient to winning this game against Forsan?**

"We can't hurt ourselves. We have got to execute the game plan, try to win the big play battle and eliminate the turnovers."

# Howard County Players of the Week

### Big Spring Steers



**Dylan Treadaway**  
OL/DL (Sr.)



**Edward Aguilar**  
OL/DL (Sr.)



**Jordan Dunn**  
OL/DL (Sr.)



**Isaac Rios**  
OL/DL (Sr.)



**Ivan Delgado**  
OL/DL (Sr.)



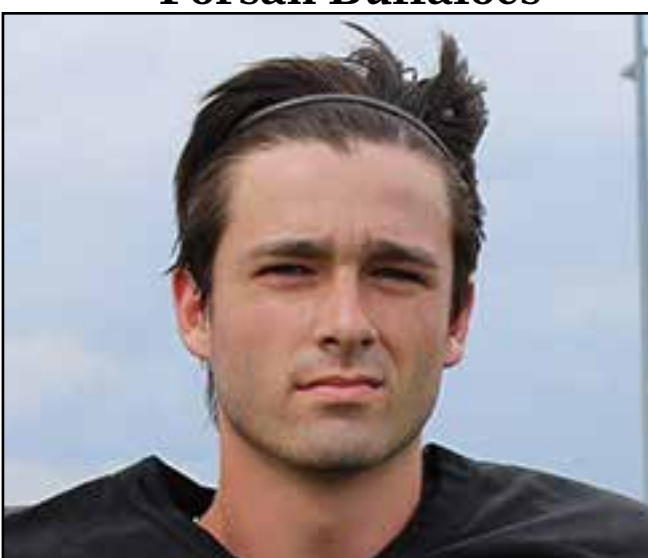
**AJ Gonzales**  
OL/DL (Jr.)



**Robert Sotelo**  
OL/DL (Jr.)

While McLemore commended Robert "Gordo" Valencia and Damien Cisneros on their great games, his hat was off to the Steer offensive line. "I have to give credit to all of the ones on the offensive line," he said. "Our pass protection was much better. They were very good on the run for the most part, and we were able to run the football for over 200 yards so I was excited to see that. They just got a lot better last week and really made huge strides there and I am very happy with that."

### Forsan Buffaloes



**Garrett Evans WR/CB (Sr.)**

In Forsan's victory over Eldorado, Evans had a huge impact on both sides of the ball. On offense, he is a receiver from the slot, and on defense he plays cornerback. Evans had four receptions for 42 yards and three touchdowns, two rushes for six yards, and three interceptions on defense. It's no surprise here that he is this week's Buffalo player of the week.

"What he did was pretty phenomenal," said head football coach Jason Phillips with a chuckle. "I don't know that I have ever had a kid do all of that in just one game, so its a no-brainer."



**Gage Clark WR (Jr.)**

### Coahoma Bulldogs

Although the Bulldogs didn't come away with the best game, Coach Dietz was still impressed with their wide receiver, Gage Clark. He had five receptions for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

"Gage is a weapon for us on the outside," he said. "In the second half, we hit him for some big plays and it really kind of jump started us offensively."



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