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## Life skills program SOAR returns to BSISD

By ERIN STEPHENS  
 Staff Writer

A student outreach and resiliency program known as SOAR, has come back to Big Spring Independent School District thanks to a generous donation from the Dora Roberts Foundation.

SOAR was previously in place at Big Spring Junior High and high school but due to budget cuts, the program wasn't able to continue until now.

"There are different curriculums that I put together that fit the different needs of children, but a lot of SOAR is just giving kids a safe place to talk about whatever they want to talk about," said SOAR CEO and founder Myrna Russell.

The idea of the program is that it starts in junior high with 7th grade students so their progress can be tracked all the way through high school. What the students learn, they're expected to

pass onto others.

"We're really a support group and we want to give kids the guidance they're looking for and just be there for them in general," said Russell.

There is a designated classroom at both the junior high and high school where SOAR meets once or twice a week, depending on the week. Life and social skills are taught along with planning of community service activities

for students to take part in. SOAR is only serving Howard County at this time and runs solely on donations; it is free to all students who choose to participate.

"The program is only offered during the school day because some kids can't stay after school," said I. "Our ultimate goal is to empower and motivate young men and women to make positive choices and changes in their lives."

There are several different subgroups that fall under the SOAR umbrella. Each group has their own specific material but the overall goal is the same and that's to offer support to students that need it. All programs are for male and female students. GEMS is a subgroup that is used to build self confidence, self worth, and provides leadership skills. Empowered

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## KBSB plans Main Street clean up Saturday

By ROGER CLINE  
 Staff Writer

Not satisfied with Big Spring's cleanliness? Now's your chance to do something about it. This Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon, Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be cleaning up Main Street.

"Keep Big Spring Beautiful is always looking for projects to make the town look better," said Big Spring City Councilman Jim DePauw, a member of Keep Big Spring Beautiful. "I'm not sure who came up with the idea of this, but it's the first time we've ever done it. That's kind of what Keep Big Spring Beautiful does, we find little projects and do what we can. What we want to do on Saturday is, there's always leaves and trash and things like that, and we're just going to clean up what we can clean up."



DePauw

The public is invited to join the clean-up, DePauw said.

"Please, absolutely. Just like Tuesday Trash-offs," he said. "We're going to meet down in the 100 block of Main Street in the area by the Train Car and the Desert Flower."

Volunteers don't need to bring anything but a willingness to work, but DePauw suggested some things that might make the job go easier.

"They might bring some rakes and gloves, and things like that," he said. "We ought to have some trash grabbers if there's trash to pick up. We'll have the bags and things like that. But if they can come for a half hour, that's fine. Nine to 12 is the general time we're going to be doing it, so if they can come at 10:30 or 11, that's great."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext 235, or by email at reporter@big-springherald.com.

## Big Red Band makes it big



Courtesy photo

The Big Red Band of Coahoma High School competed in Abilene this week and earned a Division 1 rating. This Saturday the band will travel to Amarillo to compete in Area contest.

### CHS band turns attention toward Area set for Saturday

#### Special to the Herald

COAHOMA - Monday evening was a day of celebration for Coahoma High School Band members after they earned a Division I at UIL Region 6 Marching Contest held at Wylie High School Stadium in Abilene.

Tuesday, however, the

band was back to business on the field fine tuning its 2017 marching contest show to prepare for Area competition this Saturday in Amarillo and a bid at something that's been elusive for the Coahoma band program - a slot at State.

"I think they did well today (Monday), but we have a

lot of work to do for this Saturday, and I think they are eager to get to it," said Head Band Director John Landin, who under his leadership for the past five years, the band has qualified for area marching contest twice and earned three sweepstakes awards.

See **CHS**, Page 3A

## Trunk or Treat!

Get your little ghouls and goblins ready! On Halloween evening, Tuesday, Oct. 31, the city will be closing part of Scurry Street to make way for trick-or-treaters. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., both sides of the street will have trunk-or-treating available at the following places:

- Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union
- Wells Fargo
- First United Methodist Church
- Heritage Museum
- Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce
- Western Bank
- Howard County Library
- Back in Motion
- Big Spring Herald
- Cricket Wireless

## Companies in West Texas oil patch need production workers

By COLLIN EATON

Houston Chronicle

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Three years ago, when crude prices still floated above \$100 a barrel and the nation's oil fields were booming, Clint Concord could hire 20 new workers a day in the West Texas oil patch to meet the constant demand from his production company clients.

The Houston Chronicle reports that today, with the Permian Basin booming again, Concord said he's lucky to find one qualified candidate every two days to keep up with the work. Concord, a senior operations at Byrd Oilfield Service, estimates his company is

losing \$7,000 a day because it still doesn't have enough truck drivers to deliver equipment to its crews.

"Some people got smart and got out of the oil field," Concord said. "They're finding other career paths because they can't handle the inconsistency of it."

The oil bust that wiped out scores of companies and tens of thousands of jobs is still weighing on the industry more than 18 months

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## Obituaries

### Lana Kay Cox

Lana Kay Cox, 68, of Coahoma, died Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017, at her home. Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Monahans, Texas, to Violet Vera Engs Moody and Arlen Levi Moody. She was preceded in death by her parents; two

husbands, J.B. Molten and Coy Cox; one son, Dallas Raymond Molten; two brothers, Bobby Moody and Ruel Moody; and three sisters, Carolyn Par-ton, Katy Jean Vogel, and Virginia May Moody.

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

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.

- **GREGORY ANTOINE CARTER II**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of controlled substance.

- **JOHN FLORES JR.**, 53, was

arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CLARENCE ERIC FRANKS**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- **STEPHANIE FRISBY**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of no drivers license.

- **CALEB JAMES LOVELESS**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

- **SAMANTHA BARBARA MUNOZ**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia.

- **ABIGAIL LYNN ORTEGA**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property (\$500 to \$5,000).

- **CHELSEA LEE RICHARDSON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrant of criminal mischief impair/interrupt.

## Take Note

- Western Sportsman Club has a Sight-In Day which will be Oct. 28 beginning at 9 a.m. The Club will furnish targets, sandbags and spotting scopes. For directions to the range and for more information, call 432-267-1816

- The Salvation Army will take applications for its Angel Tree Christmas assistance program on and Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. from 8 p.m. This program is for children ages 13 and under, and seniors age 60 and up. Applications will be taken at the Salvation Army office building, 811 W. 5th St.

To apply for Christmas assistance, you will need to provide the following: picture I.D.(applicant), proof of address, birth certificates (children 13 and younger), and proof of government assistance (ex: food stamps, SNAP, housing, etc). If you do not receive any form of government assistance you will need to show proof of income. Also, please provide the ages, clothing, and shoe sizes of each child/senior. The Salvation Army asks that applicants not bring children to the application event.

- 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.

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.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, con-

tact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. To volunteer contact Heath White at 268-4850.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **STEPHANIE CRYSTAL FRISBY**, 32, of 506 E. 16th St., was arrested on the warrant of no drivers license whine unlicensed.

- **CHELSEA LEE RICHARDSON**, 35, of 1200 E. 15th St., was arrested on warrant of criminal mischief impair/interrupt.

- **ABIGAIL LYNN ORTEGA**, 23, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a warrant of theft of property in between \$500 and \$5,000.

- **JOHN FLORES JR.**, 53, of 1517 Sycamore St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **CLARENCE ERIC FRANKS**, 61, of 2209 Cecilia, was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

- **GREGORY ANTOINE CARTER II**, 26, of 1005 Long Meadow, was arrested on warrants of unlicensed possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of controlled substance.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- 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 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

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

### TUESDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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**OIL**

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After prices hit bottom in early 2016, its brutal memories contributing to a labor shortage that is slowing the energy recovery. From small companies like Byrd to global giants like Houston's Halliburton, the oil field services companies that drill, frack and haul equipment, supplies and wastewater are finding far fewer people willing to work for a boom-and-bust industry.

The shortages are frustrating oil producers and disappointing investors and analysts who had expected the surge in drilling activity that has followed rising oil prices to yield more crude and more profits. Oil executives, meanwhile, have deeper fears that the difficulty hiring is a harbinger of long-term consequences that could hobble the industry for years — or decades — to come.

The precedent is the epic 1980s oil bust, which drove a generation away from the oil industry, leaving a workforce gap that companies are struggling to fill. In recent years, companies have grappled with the challenge of replacing retiring workers in their 60s with a new generation largely under 35, without midcareer employees to aid the transition.

Even in the prolific West Texas oil patch, it's as if thousands of workers have disappeared — an eerie echo of 30 years ago. Bandy Watkins, a salesman at energy service company Pinnergy in Midland, has posted ads on social media, put up flyers in truck stops and paid for ads on radio stations and local newspapers in the search for truck

drivers. But he hasn't found nearly enough to hire.

"I don't know where they went," Watkins said. "Finding fracking truck drivers is now extremely hard."

Halliburton has hired hundreds of workers in West Texas this year to meet demand for hydraulic fracturing services, but even the largest U.S. fracking company has had to look beyond Texas to replenish a workforce that was decimated by years of cheap oil prices. The company holds job fairs in places like Alabama, Mississippi and Nevada.

"We have a real bottleneck with people out here," said Chris Gatjanis, who runs Halliburton's operations in the Permian. "When the market fell, we reduced our head count. All of us did. Some of those people didn't come back to the industry. They were burned and hurt. It takes a while to build that back up."

Halliburton and its oil field services rivals Schlumberger and Baker Hughes cut more than 100,000 jobs worldwide between them as oil prices fell in 2015 and early 2016. Since the middle of last year, as crude prices and drilling activity recovered, oil producers and service companies have hired around 30,000 workers in Texas, after cutting more than 100,000 oil field jobs across the state — roughly one in every three such jobs — between December 2014 and July 2016.

Drilling has surged in the Permian Basin this year, but the shortage of workers for 50-person fracking crews has led oil companies to leave hundreds of wells untapped for months in West Texas. The number of dormant wells in the Permian Basin has

climbed from 1,310 in June 2016 to more than 2,400 last month.

Analysts blame a lack of available labor and fracking equipment in West Texas, where the bulk of the oil industry's nascent recovery has occurred this year. The unemployment rates of Midland and Odessa, two Texas cities at the heart of the Permian Basin, have fallen from 4.9 percent and 6.8 percent, respectively, in June 2016, to 3.2 percent and 4.3 percent in August, according to the Labor Department.

"The labor pool has been completely plundered," said Bill Herbert, an analyst at Simmons & Company International in Houston. "Growth expectations are being recalibrated."

The oil industry's ongoing recovery began in an economy with a low unemployment rate and far less spare labor than after the financial crisis in 2009, when the nation's first shale oil boom began. To lure workers from out of state, Halliburton and its rivals are raising wages, offering housing allowances and providing temporary homes, known as man camps.

All of this, however, is increasing labor costs that will soon eat into companies' bottom lines, ultimately slowing investment and further weighing on the recovery, analysts said. So far, prices for various oil field services have risen between 15 percent and 25 percent in the Permian Basin, but those prices will have to continue to increase to get workers back into the oil patch.

CUDD Energy Services, a hydraulic fracturing firm in Midland, took several months to fully staff its frack-

ing crews after idling about half of the pressure pumping equipment used in hydraulic fracturing during the oil downturn.

"Right now, we've got more demand for frack crews than there are frack crews," said Clint Walker, general manager at CUDD. "Everybody's trying to hire as fast as they can to meet demand. But the manpower isn't there yet."

In December 2014, at the peak of the oil boom, the average wage for an oil industry worker in Texas was \$1,276 a week, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. That dropped to a low of \$1,047 a week in March 2016, the month after crude prices reached a 12-year low at \$26 a barrel. Last month, with prices around \$50 a barrel, those wages had rebounded to \$1,206 a week.

"Labor is an issue," said Claire Harvey, a principal on the energy investments team at private equity firm Pine Brook Partners in Houston. "And prices are going up."

Another shortage in the oil patch: working fracking equipment. During the downturn, scores of oil field services companies cannibalized their idled equipment for spare parts, instead of repairing the equipment that was working in the oil fields. Across the United States, there's enough demand for fracking equipment totaling 14 million to 18 million hydraulic horsepower. But there's only 12 million hydraulic horsepower available today.

Just about every kind of oil field tool is in high demand, and there's a limited supply in the Permian Basin, said Paul Madero, who oversees Permian Basin operations at Hous-

ton oil field services company Baker Hughes, which is now controlled by General Electric Co. of Boston. Thomas Rinald, president of Aim Direction Services, a drilling services company in Odessa, said for months his company couldn't find enough of a certain motor used to power drilling in working condition.

"The entire supply chain has been challenged," Madero said.

Across the oil patch, trucking companies said it has become much harder to find enough commercially licensed truck drivers in West Texas to keep up with rising demand for hauling sand and oil field equipment. In short supply, some of these truckers, particularly those with years of experience, can make as much as \$4,000 a week — \$200,000 a year.

Next month, the shortage of drivers could worsen. The Department of Transportation will begin requiring truckers to use electronic logs to keep track of the time they spend on the road and idled — a rule that will make it harder for truckers to work beyond certain driving time limits. Many veteran drivers, who would likely earn less under the new rules, are expected to retire.

"You'll have fewer trucks, as far as hours go, and higher demand," said Chris Welcher, safety director at Horizon Transportation, a frack sand trucking company in Midland. "We'll need more truckers, and at some point it'll have to affect the oil companies. Companies are going to say: 'There's a shortage. I'm going up in price.'"



Courtesy photo

**CHS**

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In 2015, the last state marching contest qualifying year for Division 3A schools, the Coahoma band just missed a state slot by placing fourth at Area Contest finals.

"We are going to work really hard all week to get ready," said senior Drum Major Hope Ramirez.

Overall, both Drum Majors of the Big Red Band said they were pleased with Monday's performance.

"I think we did pretty well from my perspective," Ramirez said. "We

hit the visual we just barely added in a week ago. We hit it pretty well."

"It was a bit of challenge for us because it's a lot more wide open stadium, so our sound was a lot smaller, but we still managed to make it travel enough for the judges to enjoy it," senior Drum Major Tyler McFall added.

McFall, who placed fifth chair in the trumpet section for the 2017 ATSSB All State Band, is one of two featured soloists. CHS junior Andrea King plays a flute solo.

This year's show theme is "A Grimm Tale" featuring the following musical pieces by composer

Luke McMillan: "Grimm's Theme", "Red Riding Hood's Theme", "The Chase", and "Grimm's Theme Reprise." The Color Guard Choreography is by Zach McKennon and dance choreography is by Stevi McKinnon. The show centers on the Brothers Grimm version of Little Red Riding Hood.

Assistant band directors for the program are Jessica Fox and Kira Landin. The CHS band will compete in Area semi-finals at 2:45 p.m. Saturday in Dick Bivins Stadium Stadium in Amarillo. Finals is expected to begin at 7 p.m.

**SOAR**

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is a 12-step leadership and recovery program for addictive behaviors. Moving Forward with Hope is a general support group. Inspiring Legends is for students who have parents that either currently are or have been incarcerated.

"We need to let these kids know they aren't alone and there are other people going through the same things and we're willing to listen and help," said Russell. "I think SOAR and our other groups are important because a single decision made by a young person could alter their lives forever."

A speaker from Palmer Drug Abuse Program in Midland, Texas, will be at Big Spring Junior High today. All members of SOAR are expected to be in attendance. The speaker will address issues dealing with substance abuse and goggles that simulate what it feels like to be under the influence of substances like alcohol, marijuana, and Ecstasy.

Russell is a licensed chemical dependency counselor, anger management therapist, is life/social

skills training certified, and holds various other certifications. Donations to SOAR can be sent to P.O. Box 66 Midland, Texas, 79705; and checks can be made payable to Project SOAR.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

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# ACLU: Teen at center of abortion case has had procedure

By **JESSICA GRESKO** and **NOMAAN MERCHANT**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An immigrant teen in federal custody who was seeking an abortion over the Trump administration's objections had the procedure Wednesday after a U.S. appeals court ruled in her favor, her lawyers said.

The 17-year-old had fought for a month to have an abortion, eventually leading to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency oversees facilities for unaccompanied minors who enter the United States illegally and had refused her requests for an abortion.

The full U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on Tuesday restored a lower court's ruling against HHS. The new ruling ordered HHS to step aside and allow the teen to go forward with an abortion.

The Trump administration did not appeal to the Supreme Court before the procedure, but advocates for the teen — referred to in court filings as Jane Doe to shield her identity — rushed to arrange the abortion after the ruling Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm relieved for Jane Doe, but I'm so incredibly frustrated that we had to go through all of this for what is a very well-settled constitutional right," Brigitte Amiri, an ACLU lawyer who argued for the teen in court, told The Associated Press.

The teen illegally entered the U.S. in September and learned she was pregnant while in federal custody in Texas. She obtained a state court order on Sept. 25 permitting an abortion.

But federal officials refused to transport her or temporarily release her so that others could take her for the procedure.

HHS argued it had established a policy of "refusing to facilitate" abortions for people in its care.

Government lawyers said the teen could ask to be returned to her country of origin instead of seeking an abortion while in HHS' custody.

Lawyers for the teen said government officials were illegally denying medical care to which the teen was entitled, and that the shelter had instead taken her to a crisis pregnancy center. Such centers try to discourage pregnant women from having abortions.

The ACLU sued HHS last year, during the Obama administration, over its funding of facilities run by religiously

affiliated groups that oppose abortion. But Amiri said the agency has been far more active under the Trump administration in trying to intervene in individual cases and stop abortions.

In emails released by the ACLU, Scott Lloyd, the head of HHS' Office of Refugee Resettlement, which oversees facilities for unaccompanied minors, is quoted telling a subordinate in March that its facilities "should not be supporting abortion services pre or post-release." Lloyd is quoted in other emails asking about the specific case of another pregnant teenager and offering to find a "few good families" to "see her through her pregnancy."

The teen's case "is a canary in the coal mine," Amiri said. "It is emblematic of what is to come."

Jane's Due Process, a Texas group that works with minors seeking abortions, said it and other groups had raised private money to pay for the teen's abortion. It said lawyers appointed to represent the teen's interests would take her from the South Texas facility where she was being held to and from an abortion clinic.

Lawyers for the teen have not identified her name or country of origin, citing privacy reasons, but have said she was from Central America. But they said the teen feared having her parents find out that she wanted an abortion because she had seen them abuse a sister who was pregnant.

The teen was about 15 weeks pregnant, and Texas law bans most abortions after 20 weeks.

"It shouldn't take dozens of lawyers for anyone to get an abortion, and that's what it took in this case," said Susan Hays, legal director for Jane's Due Process.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who argued in court filings that the teen did not have a constitutional right to an abortion, called the case "tragic" and argued it could "pave the way for anyone outside the United States to unlawfully enter and obtain an abortion."

Paxton noted in his statement that the U.S. Department of Justice did not appeal the circuit court's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court.

HHS and the Department of Justice did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

# Texas House speaker who slowed conservative agenda retires



AP photo

In this July 18, 2017, file photo, Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, calls the House of Representatives to order in Austin, Texas. Straus, a powerful moderate voice that kept the country's largest conservative state from moving even farther to the right, abruptly announced Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, that he won't seek re-election.

By **WILL WEISSERT** and **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' Republican House speaker who blocked a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people abruptly announced his retirement Wednesday after a decade as a powerful moderating influence on a state GOP party emboldened by the rise of President Donald Trump.

The unexpected departure of Joe Straus sent shockwaves through the Texas Capitol and removes a roadblock to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who had grown publicly critical of the House leader for slowing his agenda of tax cuts, immigration crackdowns and taxpayer-funded vouchers for private and religious schools.

Straus beamed politics growing more "trial and divisive" in a parting shot that echoed the forceful condemnation Republican U.S. Sen Jeff Flake of Arizona gave the GOP in announcing his retirement Tuesday.

"Bread and butter issues

that are important to people is what I want to continue to be talking about," Straus told reporters in his Capitol office. "Some of the other ideas that I didn't think were the best, if I played a role in keeping them from happening, some people appreciate that."

Straus, 58, is a friend of the Bush family who has remained a traditional business-friendly Republican while the rest of the Texas GOP has drifted increasingly rightward. One telling sign of his place in Texas Republican politics: Straus announced his retirement in Austin as Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan

Patrick were set to appear with Trump at a Dallas fundraiser.

Straus served a record-tying five terms as Texas speaker. But mounting pressure from the GOP's ascendant wing of social conservatives made his prospects of leading the House again in 2019 far from certain.

His defining moment as House speaker came this year when he twice scuttled a North Carolina-style proposal that would have required transgender Texans to use public restrooms according to the gender on their birth certificates. Straus was forceful in

his denouncement on both moral grounds and the economic blowback he predicted the bill would wreak on Texas.

Texas Democrats, who are largely powerless in the state Capitol and haven't won a statewide office since 1994, had grown reliant on Straus to stop legislation that they viewed as the most extreme.

"Compassionate conservatism is no more and Trumpism has infected every corner of the Grand Ole Party," said Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party.

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# AP Explains: What could be in the long-secret JFK files?



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In this Nov. 22, 1963 file photo, President John F. Kennedy waves from his car in a motorcade in Dallas. Riding with Kennedy are First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, right, Nellie Connally, second from left, and her husband, Texas Gov. John Connally, far left. President Donald Trump, on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, says he plans to release thousands of never-seen government documents related to President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

By **ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — For decades, the existence of secret government files linked to President John F. Kennedy's assassination has helped fuel conspiracy theories that others besides Lee Harvey Oswald were involved in his murder. Now the public is going to get a deeper look at the collection.

The government is required by Thursday to release the final batch of files related to Kennedy's assassination in Dallas, Texas on Nov. 22, 1963. Experts say the publication of the last trove of evidence could help allay suspicions of a conspiracy — at least for some.

"As long as the government is withholding documents like these, it's going to fuel suspicion that there is a smoking gun out there about

the Kennedy assassination," said Patrick Maney, a presidential historian at Boston College.

Here's a look at what to expect from the files:

## HOW MANY FILES ARE THERE AND HOW CAN I SEE THEM?

The collection includes more than 3,100 documents — comprising hundreds of thousands of pages — that have never been seen by the public. About 30,000 documents were released previously with redactions. The National Archives is planning to post the files on its website.

## WILL ALL OF THEM BE RELEASED?

It's unclear exactly how many files will be released. President Donald Trump is the only person who can stop any of the documents from becoming public. Trump

"subject to the receipt of further information" — he will allow the "long blocked and classified JFK FILES to be opened."

The CIA and FBI, whose files make up the bulk of the final batch, have refused to say whether they're lobbying the president to keep any of the files under wraps. Experts expect certain IRS files to remain secret, like the tax return of Jack Ruby, the man who killed Oswald two days after Kennedy's assassination when the suspect was in police custody.

## WHY ARE THEY BECOMING PUBLIC NOW?

President George H.W. Bush signed a law on Oct. 26, 1992, requiring that all documents related to the assassination be released within 25 years, unless the president says doing so would harm intelligence, law enforce-

ment, military operations or foreign relations. The push for transparency was driven in part by the uproar in the wake of Oliver Stone's 1991 conspiracy-theory filled film "JFK."

## WILL THERE BE ANY BOMBSHELLS?

The chances are slim, according to the judge who led the independent board that reviewed and released thousands of the assassination documents in the 1990s. The files that were withheld in full were those the Assassination Records Review Board deemed "not believed relevant," Judge John Tunheim of Minnesota told The Associated Press. But Tunheim said it's possible the files contain information the board didn't realize was important two decades ago.

JFK experts believe the files will provide insight into the inner workings of the CIA and FBI. But they stress that it will take weeks to mine the

documents for potentially new and interesting information.

## WHAT WILL THE FILES SHOW?

Some of the documents are related to Oswald's mysterious six-day trip to Mexico City right before the assassination, scholars say. Oswald said he was visiting the Cuban and Soviet Union embassies there to get visas, but much about his time there remains unknown.

The to-be-released documents contain details about the arrangements the U.S. entered into with the Mexican government that allowed it to have close surveillance of those and other embassies, Tunheim said. Other files scholars hope will be released in full include an internal CIA document on its Mexico City station, and a report on Oswald's trip from staffers of the House committee that investigated the assassination.



AP photo

Traffic streaks past the U. S. National Archive headquarters building early in the morning, Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017. President Donald Trump announced last week he intendeds to allow the National Archive to release additional classified documents on the assassination of President John F. Kenney.

# NAACP warns African-Americans against travel on American Air

By **DAVID KOENIG**

AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The NAACP is warning African-Americans that if they fly on American Airlines they could be subject to discrimination or even unsafe conditions.

American's CEO said Wednesday that he was disappointed by the announcement and that American wants to discuss the matter with the civil rights group.

The NAACP said that for several months it has watched a pattern of disturbing incidents reported by African-American passengers. Among them were separate cases in which an NAACP official and another civil rights activist were kicked off flights.

In an interview with The Associated Press, new NAACP President Derrick Johnson said they are not boycotting American Airlines, but the sheer numbers of events made them feel like they had to issue a warning.

"We're not telling people not to fly on American," he said. "We're just saying to individuals that here is an advisory note. We have picked up a pattern of a certain behavior of this

corporation and until further notice be on alert."

American Airlines issued a statement saying that it serves customers of all backgrounds and itself has a diverse group of employees.

In a memo to employees, CEO Doug Parker said American endorses the NAACP's mission statement against racial discrimination.

"We do not and will not tolerate discrimination of any kind," Parker wrote. "We have reached out to the NAACP and are eager to meet with them to listen to their issues and concerns."

The NAACP highlighted four recent incidents in which African-American passengers said they were treated in a discriminatory way.

One involved the head of the North Carolina NAACP, the Rev. William Barber, who sued American after being removed from a flight last year. Barber said police were called and removed him from the plane after he asked a flight attendant to tell a white passenger behind him to quiet down.

Barber accused the other passenger of making a comment about having a

problem with "those people."

An incident last week involved Tamika Mallory, an organizer of the

Women's March on Washington in

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The House speaker decides committee assignments and Straus used top lieutenants to block top legislation such as the bathroom bill. Conservative groups have for years decried Straus as a closet Democrat, but he crushed primary challenges backed by the tea party movement in recent electoral cycles.

In January, his colleagues elected Straus to a record-tying fifth term unanimously, signifying at the time that he was at the height of his power. But by summer he had come under attack from Abbott and was increasingly targeted by deep-pocketed conservative donors. In a statement, Abbott thanked Straus for serving "with distinction" for both his San Antonio district and the Texas House.

Texas might like to see him run for governor, he said it was doubtful he will seek statewide office in 2018.

"It's been decades since someone has left the Speaker's office on his own terms," Straus said. "But we have accomplished what I had hoped the House would accomplish when I first entered this office, and I am increasingly eager to contribute to our state in new and different ways."

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# Trump OKs test program to expand domestic drone flights

By **JOAN LOWY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Americans could see a lot more drones flying around their communities as the result of a Trump administration test program to increase government and commercial use of the unmanned aircraft.

President Donald Trump gave the go-ahead Wednesday, signing a directive intended to increase the number and complexity of drone flights.

The presidential memo would allow exemptions from current safety rules so communities could move ahead with testing of drone operations.

States, communities and tribes selected to participate would devise their own trial programs in partnership with government and industry drone users. The administration anticipates approving at least five applications, but there is no limit on the number of communities that can join.

The Federal Aviation Administration would review each program. The agency would grant waivers, if necessary, to rules that now restrict drone operations. Examples include prohibitions on flights over people, nighttime flights and flights beyond the line of sight of the drone operator.

Among the things that could be tested are package deliveries; the reliability and security of data links between pilot and aircraft; and technology to prevent collisions between drones and other aircraft and to detect and counter drones

flying in restricted areas.

The trial program will collect data on drone operations that will aid the government's effort to develop a separate air traffic control system for low-flying unmanned aircraft, Michael Kratsios of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy told reporters in a conference call. Ultimately, the information is intended to be used to more generally expand drone flights around the country.

The test zones are expected to start going into place in about a year. The program would continue for three years after that.

The program is intended "to foster technological innovation that will be a catalyst for ideas that have the potential to change our day-to-day lives," said Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao. She noted that drones have proven to be an especially valuable tool in emergency situations, including assessing damage from natural disasters such as the recent hurricanes and the wildfires in California.

Drone-makers and businesses that want to fly drones have pushed for looser restrictions. Trump discussed the issue with industry leaders at a White House meeting in June.

In the past two years, the FAA has registered over 1 million drones. The majority of them belong to hobbyists. There are now more registered drones than registered manned aircraft in the U.S.

Safety restrictions on drone flights have limited drone use, and U.S. technology companies

seeking to test and deploy commercial

discrimination lodged against airlines in recent years, particularly by Muslims, some of whom have said they were booted off flights just because other passengers felt uncomfortable around them.

Last year, a college student said he was kicked off a Southwest Airlines flight and subjected to additional questioning by security officers after another passenger overheard him speaking in Arabic before takeoff. Last month, an art instructor forcibly removed from another Southwest flight said she was targeted because she is Muslim; the airline said she had claimed a life-threatening allergy to two dogs that were on the plane, but it quickly apologized for the way the situation was handled.

Airline officials are uncomfortable discussing complaints of bias, even when they believe they are unfounded. American took its time before issuing a cautious, restrained response to the NAACP charge.

Bruce Rubin, a Miami public relations professional experienced in crisis reaction, praised American's response, including the invitation to NAACP leadership to talk. He said it was wiser than being confrontational.

The goal is "to tamp down the story instead of feeding it," Rubin said. "There aren't very many options when the race card gets tossed at you."

American, based in Fort Worth, Texas, is the world's largest airline. The NAACP describes itself as the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization.



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In this Jan. 5, 2017 file photo, an exhibitor demonstrates a drone flight at CES International, in Las Vegas. White House officials said Trump will sign a memorandum Wednesday permitting states, localities and tribes to craft their own pilot programs to test drones. There is no limit on the number of communities that can participate.

drones have often done so overseas. For example, Google's Project Wing is testing drones in Australia, and Amazon is testing drone deliveries in the United Kingdom.

"In order to maintain American leadership in this emerging industry here at home, our country needs a regulatory framework that encourages innovation while ensuring airspace safety," Kratsios said.

Safety concerns over drones have risen recently after the collision of a civilian drone and an Army helicopter over Staten Island, New York, and the first verified collision in North America between a drone and a commercial air-

craft, in Quebec City, Canada.

The test program doesn't address complaints by local governments that low-flying drones present safety, privacy and nuisance risks. The FAA says it has the sole authority to regulate the national airspace, but some communities have passed their own restrictions.

The test program "doesn't go far enough in protecting local control and the rights to privacy and property," said Rep. Jason Lewis, R-Minn. He has introduced a bill to give local governments more control over drones flying under 200 feet.

But Doug Johnson, vice president of technology poli-

cy at the Consumer Technology Association, said the test program recognizes that "the federal government cannot manage policymaking and enforcement by itself" and must work with local governments.

"Public-private partnerships like those that would be created by the program are critical to realizing the economic benefits of drones," he said.

The association, whose members include drone-makers, has estimated 3.4 million drones will be sold in the U.S. this year, 40 percent more than last year. Revenue from those sales is estimated at about \$1.1 billion.

## NAACP

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January. Mallory had changed her seat at an airport kiosk, only to be told at the gate that the seat had been assigned to another customer.

Mallory said she was treated disrespectfully by the gate agent — another African-American woman — and was outraged when a white male pilot asked if she could control herself while on the flight.

After being told she was being kicked off the plane, Mallory called the pilot a racist in a profanity-laced exchange. She took a later flight home to New York on American, then held a press conference two days later and threatened to take legal action against the airline.

The NAACP called its warning a travel advisory, similar to the one it issued against Missouri in August after citing reports that African-Americans were more likely than whites to be stopped by law enforcement officers there, as well as other current and past racial issues in the state.

Johnson would not say whether his organization would issue more warnings in the future.

"Our goal is to advise or warn people when we identify a pattern," Johnson said. "It is not based on an individual incident. It is truly based on what the potential is when you have a state like Missouri that created public policy that we see as adverse to African-Americans or companies that create an atmosphere that could be adverse."

The group's advisory against American comes on top of several complaints of racial

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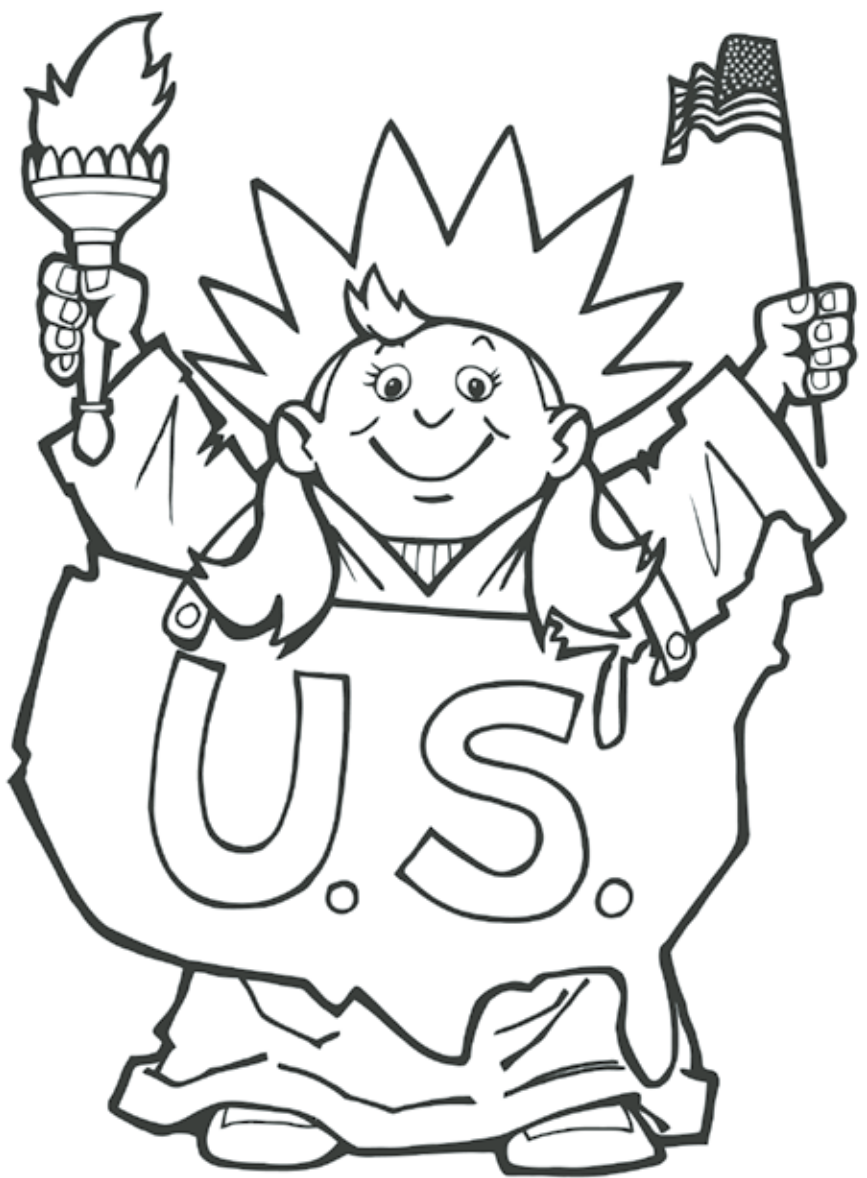
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

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## Public Notice

Notice if hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of JANE H. MOORE, DECEASED were issued on October 20, 2017, in Cause No. p-14717 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to CYNTHIA MORRIS, formerly known as Cynthia Longoria, and CARA NICHOLS.

The address of CYNTHIA MORRIS P.O. Box 3189, Big Spring, Texas 79721-3189. The residence of CARA NICHOLS is 508 Dealy Road, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law.

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## Annie's Mailbox

## Daughter Being Bullied

## Dear Annie:

My daughter, an eighth-grader, had always enjoyed going to school until recently. She has many friends and has always received straight A's. My wife and I have heard from some of her friends' parents that she is being bullied by two of the popular girls, both online and with gossip behind her back. We have no evidence of the online bullying, as it has been erased. My daughter confirms the bullying and says one of the girls even gets in her face at school, flips her off and calls her

names.

She doesn't want us to get involved, because she thinks that would make it even worse, so she goes about her business, smiles and attempts to be cordial with the girls. I see these two often at sporting events, and we have spoken to the mother of one of them before, so I am considering speaking to her about it despite my daughter's wishes. Their fathers are out of the picture; one is in jail. And neither mother seems to have much control or the ability to enforce discipline, so I don't know whether my discussion would make a difference.

Should I speak to the girls themselves

(individually) in a nonconfrontational way about why they are doing this? Do you have any suggestions on how to handle this situation? -- Desperate Dad

## Dear Desperate Dad:

Your daughter needs help, but only in a way that comes from someone else. Have you talked to her teachers or school administrators? Most schools are determined to prevent bullying. The adults need to be sensitive of the need to keep you and your daughter out of it so it doesn't look as if your daughter came crying to Daddy to fight her battles. At the same time, encourage the school administrators to talk to your

daughter's friends and their parents to find out the facts so they can confront the bullies to make sure they stop. If they don't, you might consider finding a new school. There are too many stories involving teenage bullying that have tragic endings. Your awareness and sensitivity are extraordinary and might well save your daughter from something serious.

Dear Annie: My wife and I were discussing a reply we have noticed from young adults recently. When we are waited on in stores, restaurants and the like, these young people respond to our "thank you" with "no problem." After many years

of using and hearing "you're welcome" as the appropriate response, this answer -- indicating that we are being done a favor -- is a bit grating. Granted, this is not an earth-shaking event, but nonetheless we both find it less than appropriate.

Could you give us your thoughts on this linguistic change? -- Out of Touch

## Dear Out of Touch:

Touch: This is a generational thing. Whereas baby boomers say "you're welcome," millennials say "no problem." They mean the same thing. As someone who grew up hearing "you're welcome," you find it grating when someone says "no problem" because you

interpret it to mean that the person thinks he or she has done you a favor. But that is almost certainly not what the person means. Ask any young person. When young people say "no problem," they are really saying, "It's nothing. No need to thank me. I was happy to serve you." If you interpret it that way, you'll feel a lot better about it.

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♥ 10 9 7 2  
♦ A  
♣ A Q 6 5

**WEST**  
♦ 7  
♥ K Q 6 4  
♦ 8 7 5 3  
♣ J 9 4 2

**SOUTH**  
♦ A J 9 5 2  
♥ A J 5  
♦ 10 6  
♣ K 7 3

**EAST**  
♦ 8 6 3  
♥ 8 3  
♦ K Q J 9 4 2  
♣ 10 8

The bidding:  
**East** 2♦  
**South** Dble  
**West** 3♦  
**North** 4♦

Pass 4♣  
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Pass 4NT  
Pass 6♠

Opening lead — three of diamonds.  
**This deal from a team contest** shows what can happen when declarer settles for an odds-on approach to making his contract without taking the time to consider other options.  
**At both tables**, North-South bid aggressively to reach the excellent spade slam. If the opposing clubs were divided 3-3 or if East had either of the missing heart honors, six spades would make easily.  
**At the first table**, declarer was content with these possibilities, and he proceeded accordingly. He won the diamond lead and drew trumps in three rounds, West discarding a heart and a diamond. South then ruffed a

diamond with dummy's last trump and led a heart to the jack.

**West won with the king** and returned a diamond, ruffed by South, who then cashed the K-Q-A of clubs. When the clubs didn't break, South led the heart ten and let it ride, losing to the queen for down one.

**At the other table**, declarer saw the same possibilities as his counterpart, but also spotted a significant additional chance. He too won the diamond lead, drew trumps, ruffed a diamond and led a heart to the jack. But after ruffing West's diamond return, this South paused to consider what he had learned so far.

**East**, marked with six diamonds for his weak two opening, had turned up with three spades. If East held three clubs, the slam was home; but even if East held only two clubs (and therefore only two hearts), the slam was still in the bag regardless of who actually had the missing heart honor.

**Accordingly**, declarer cashed the Q-K of clubs, but before playing a third club, he cashed his remaining spade. West, down to the J-9 of clubs and Q-6 of hearts, had no choice but to discard a heart.

**South then played** a club to the ace, disclosing the 4-2 break in that suit. Since West was known to have one club and one heart left in his hand, and East was known to have only one heart remaining, it was then a simple matter to lead a heart to the ace, drop the missing queen and so make the slam.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Sun Conjunct  
Jupiter

This alignment of the center of our solar system with its largest planet is a lucky omen for understanding personal power. We can participate in a shared dream of reality without expending much energy, and yet it takes a great deal of energy to create and operate inside your own dream. The energy is available, though. Plug in!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**. The mighty warrior knows that battling is one way to the victory, but it's not the only way. Some of the best victories are handed over. Negotiation will serve you well today.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**. To keep the peace you may have to let a few things slide. It's in your best interest not to be difficult. There are so many benefits to playing well with others. Success will be as simple as finding and sharing some fun.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**. You're excellent at paying attention to others in a casual, low-key way that winds up somehow making them feel very special. Consider dialing up the effort a few notches -- turning the gesture into a memorable experience.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**. Fitting opportunities will be the cosmic boon of the day. You'll find out where to get training to improve an area of life in which you've been ailing or ignorant. This is the start of something good.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**. You could be feeling uncharacteristically reserved. Counteract this bout of shyness with a friendly action. Start up a conversation. One connection will lead to another.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**. It's not like you're searching for tenderness and friendship in this harsh and competitive world, but when you accidentally stumble across it today you'll realize how much

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 26)**. You reach out. You give. You build. You're mostly just following the leanings of your heart in all this, though you never can tell whence your next string of good luck will begin. Business flows to you with the surge of December popularity. A competition is featured in April; the preparation is its own benefit. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 33, 12 and 28.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I have dated several Gemini women in a row, and I have come to the conclusion that I am not good with Gemini. I'm a Leo. I want to date an Aries woman. I cannot ask every woman I meet when her birthday is. They will think I am crazy, rude or both. What are the physical characteristics associated with Aries?"

Physical characteristics are usually associated with a person's rising sign and other strong influences in the astrological chart. You would have to have the exact birth time and place of a person in order to ascertain this information, and that would probably make you seem even more odd or rude. Most people know better than to ask a woman her age. I suggest that you have a conversation with your own heart, dear Leo; your sign rules the heart, you know. You are getting too caught up in analyzing your love life and setting expectations, and you are forgetting the most important part. You can only make a connection in the "now" moment. When you meet a woman, focus on what your heart is experiencing as you get to know this person. Later, you can use astrology as a tool to further enhance your own intuitive leanings.

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

ANSWER:



# Steer Pride Corner



Courtesy photo

Have you heard? Big Spring ISD has a new campus this year in an old elementary building! Anderson Accelerated, located on Airbase Road, is the new location of the District Alternative Education Placement. Additionally, the campus offers a "school of choice" for students in grades 7-12 who work more productively in a nontraditional school environment. Smaller class sizes allow for a more intimate and inclusive educational environment. All course work is completed through a self-paced curriculum that meets state standards with a dedicated staff available to teach mini lessons and provide support. The campus celebrated the success of their first graduate of the 2017-2018 school year recently and looks forward to more students achieving their goal of graduating early. Monthly activities include Mentor Mondays, Anderson Assemblies with guest speakers from the community, and more. Each month the campus selects a "student of the month". This award goes to a student who demonstrates appropriate conduct, complies with the rules and completes assignments in a timely manner. Congratulations to Colton Chappell for being the Anderson October Student of the Month. A big shout out to The First Presbyterian Church for providing lunch money for students who may be in need and to Delek for donating \$1000 to be used for student incentives. Want to know more? Come visit the campus and take a tour.

## Fatal shootings at Grambling State not random, sheriff says

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) — Authorities searched Wednesday for a suspect in a shooting that killed a Grambling State University student and his friend after an altercation on the Louisiana college's campus.

Lincoln Parish Sheriff Mike Stone said the suspect and victims knew each other "to some extent" and stressed that the shooting wasn't random or an act of terrorism.

"There are no indicators that this incident bears any resemblance to any of the random acts of violence or domestic terrorism that have been experienced around our country in recent weeks," Stone said in a statement.

The suspect remained at large hours after the shooting, but classes at the historically black college were held as usual.

The sheriff's office said the suspect was a black male but didn't immediately release a detailed description of him.

Both shooting victims also were black, according to a spokesman for the sheriff's office.

University spokeswoman Kathy Spurlock identified the victims as Grambling senior Earl Andrews and Monquarious Caldwell, both 23 and from Farmerville, Louisiana, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from Grambling.

Andrews' brother, Ledarius Heard, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that Andrews and Caldwell were friends from high

school and cousins by marriage.

Heard, 31, said his brother, who lived with him off campus in Ruston, was studying criminal justice and hoped to move to Texas after graduation to be closer to his 1-year-old son.

"Earl didn't bother nobody," Heard said.

The deadly shootings happened during the school's homecoming week. Heard said Andrews typically came home immediately after classes ended but had been on campus Tuesday night to hang out with friends during homecoming week. Heard said he didn't know of any conflicts between his brother and anyone else.

"If he ever had any problems, he would let me know," he added.

Grambling State President Richard Gallot Jr. said the college will have "increased police and security" on campus this week but will proceed with a normal academic schedule and isn't canceling homecoming events. A student-led prayer vigil was planned for Wednesday evening.

Lincoln Parish Sheriff's spokesman Stephen Williams said detectives joined Grambling State's campus police in investigating the double homicide after getting 911 calls starting at 12:04 a.m. Wednesday.

The university in northern Louisiana has an enrollment of nearly 5,000 students.

# Academic Star Student of the Week

Mason Moore  
Coahoma High School

Mason Moore is a senior at Coahoma High School and keeps a busy schedule balancing his student leadership roles with being an all around athlete while keeping up with academics. He does this well. Mason plays basketball, football, golf, and track. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the Student Council president. Both his sophomore and junior years, Mason was named to 1st Team All District as well as being named Team MVP for basketball. He was named Team Golf MVP his junior year and Outstanding Astronomy student. Mason was also named All District Second Team Quarterback his junior year.

Following graduation, the young entrepreneur will pursue a degree in business with ultimate plans to open his own business one day.



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# The Bulldog Report

Coahoma ISD's weekly update



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At top, from left, Lily Gutierrez, Mason Franco, Peyton Beck, Brookyn Beck, Jovi Rye, and, pictured in the back row, Marisha Beck look at items during the Coahoma Elementary School's Book Fair held Monday night. The fair continues through Friday. At bottom, 6th grade teachers Kelly Wright, left, and Eva Salinas wait to welcome parents at the open house held Monday night.

## Special to the Herald

It's been a busy week at Coahoma Elementary School.

On Friday, members of the Hawks men's basketball team flew back to Shayla Seymore's Pre-K class to help the young students carve Halloween pumpkins. For many of the children and for some of the Hawks, this was their first time to carve a pumpkin.

Then on Monday night, the elementary school opened its book fair and in conjunction with CISD held an open house. The event drew lots of interest and parents to visit with elementary teachers and shop at the fair. The book fair will continue through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the elementary. Proceeds from the fair is used to purchase new books for the library.

Coahoma Elementary hosted a Grandparents Lunch on Tuesday which was well attend-

ed. In other news, the Big Red Band earned a Division I rating for its 2017 Marching Show contest at Region 6 UIL Contest held in Abilene Monday. Now the band is off to contest again this Saturday at Area in hopes to make a bid at state. Go Big Red Band.

In Bulldog athletics, the junior varsity football team will head to Colorado City Thursday to take on the Wolves in Wolf Stadium. The game begins at 6 p.m. The junior high 8th and 7th grade football teams will be at home to host Colorado City. The 7th grade game begins at 5 p.m. with the 8th grade game expected to start at 6:30 p.m. at Bulldog stadium.

The varsity Bulldogs will play a crucial game this Friday against Colorado City at home. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the Dogs during the community pep rally set for 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Coahoma Elementary competition gym.

# HCSWCD poster/essay contest

The Howard County Soil and Water Conservation District is holding a poster/essay writing contest this year. The contest is open to all public, private, and home school students ages 12 and under considered eligible under Texas UIL requirements. The theme for both the poster contest and the essay contest is "Healthy Soils are Full of Life".

Poster entries must be 22"x14" (½ size of standard poster board). Posters should be original drawings created by an individual student rather than a team. It is encouraged that the student completes the poster by themselves. Entries completed by students in their own handwriting and coloring usually score better than those designed by adults. Posters can be completed in pencil, col-

ored pencil, crayons, or water based paint that does not smear, crack, or chip. No glitter or chalk. The student's name should be printed on the back of the poster along with the signed entry form.

The essay entries are divided into two divisions: A junior division for ages 13 and under and a senior division for ages 14-18. The junior division has a maximum of 300 words and the senior division has a maximum of 500 words. All entries must be typed. Write about soil and water conservation practices and make sure it is interesting to the reader. Winner will be invited to a banquet in their honor in March. Deadline for both contests is February 1, 2018. For an entry form or more information, email Judith.Terletsy@tx.nacdn.net.

# The Lasso

Big Spring High School's weekly update



Courtesy photo/Samara Daniels

Junior Cooper Miller gets emotional as he finds out he qualified for the State Cross

By SARIAH COX

BSHS Student Journalist

The halls of BSHS have been crawling with babies and students decked out in red, all in the name of Red Ribbon week to say "no" to drugs. In order to "put drugs to sleep," students wore pajamas to school on Monday. Tuesday, to advocate "growing up and not doing drugs," students paired up and one dressed like a baby and the other dressed as an old person. Yesterday, students wore all red because "on Wednesday, we wear Red because we're drug free." Today, to "lasso drugs out of this world,"

students wear western wear or an alien outfit, and tomorrow, students won't "be tricked, drugs are no treat."

Monday, the boys and girls cross country teams competed at the regional competition in Lubbock. Aaron Martinez and Cooper Miller qualified for state by placing in the top ten.

Tuesday, the Lady Steers closed district with a win over Snyder, claiming the final play-off spot in district 5-4A. It was a sweep, with a 25-19 win in the first set, 25-21 win in the second set, and a 25-22 win in the third set. They will play Graham Mon-

day in Clyde.

Yesterday, BSHS Yearbook celebrated National Buy Your Yearbook Day by giving away nameplates, pieing their advisor in the face, and providing bobbleheads to those who bought them.

Today, JV Steers football will face Stephenville at Memorial Stadium beginning at 4.

Tomorrow, the varsity Steers will play off with Stephenville in their final away game of the season.

For more information from Steer Nation, check out thecorralonline.com, the official student news site of BSHS.

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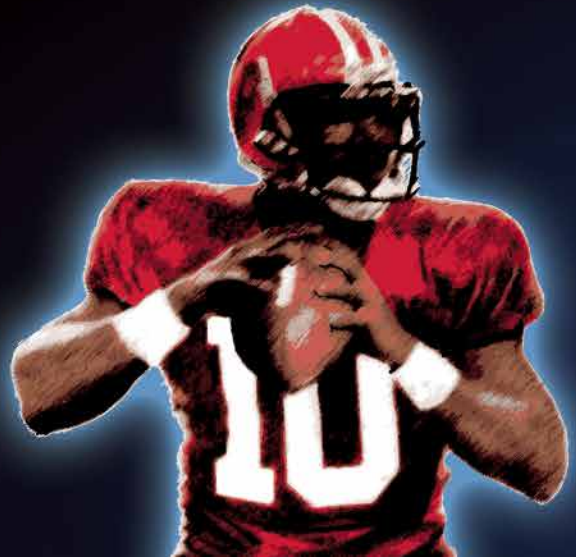
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# FRIDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS

High School Football In Howard County

## Steers continue to improve while battling through tough schedule



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Big Spring's Cade Wash and Damien Cisneros tackle the ball carrier during the Steer's home game with Abilene Wylie on Friday, October 20, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers are currently 0-8 for the season after taking another rough loss last Friday against an undefeated Abilene Wylie team, who played in the state cham-

ampionship game last season. While the score suggested it was all Wylie the whole game, that wasn't entirely the case. Of course a team like theirs will score on you, and they have a pretty unforgiving defense to say the

least, but a young and inexperienced Steer team holding them to three-and-outs, forcing them to punt and even pushing them back into negative yards multiple times is definitely not something to ignore. Despite the 2017 sea-

son that has been filled with new things, many changes, and challenges that come with rebuilding a young program, the Big Spring coaching staff has noticed many positive strides from the Steers in multiple areas.

"Our defense is starting to figure it out. We are still in some pretty basic stuff, but they are getting better at it. The longer you do it, the better they get and know what to do. It's just a learning curve. It's huge against really good teams, and every one we have played so far this season has been exceptionally good football teams, so I'm proud of that," said head football coach Mitch McLemore. "I was also pleased with the way the offense moved the ball last week. Once again, we led in possession time with 27 minutes. But, every time we get in the red zone we seem to do something, whether it's a penalty or a turnover, so we just have to learn to finish. With that being said, we also had 7 underclassmen on both sides of the ball. Wylie had 20 seniors on both sides, so I

was very proud of the way we battled. Of course we can be better than we are, and as we progress we are going to be. We are figuring it out and our kids are trying to do things right, but it just takes time. It doesn't mean anything other than the fact that we are getting better."

While improving on the football field is their goal every single day, McLemore and the rest of the coaching staff always make sure to stress to the players that whether they win, lose, or tie, it's their character that matters. Especially through their tribulations as a young new team with brand new systems that they are still learning, that it is their character that's going to carry on farther in life than anything else. McLemore says the improvement in that department is very apparent and it makes him proud of his team for the way they have been battling this difficult season.

"There are a lot of good character things I've seen that help develop good football teams, and I am especially proud of them for that. What keeps their effort alive is the depth of their character, which is impeccable.

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## Bulldogs vs. Wolves in fight to remain undefeated in district

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

Both Coahoma and Colorado City remain undefeated in District 2-3A Division 2, and will play one of the biggest games of the season this Friday at Bulldog Stadium in hopes to keep their division-title goal alive.

The Bulldogs are on a five-game win streak and have a lot of momentum coming into this matchup after defeating Idalou in a 19-18 thriller last week.

"It was a really good win. It's a good feeling. There has been a different feel around here this week. The kids are bouncing around and it's just an exciting time. To be 2-0 in district and to have the winning streak we have it helps things alot," said head football coach Fred Dietz. "Last week, we didn't play as well as we wanted to offensively but our defense kept us in the game long enough and gave our offense a chance to go down and win it at the end and we got it done."

Their game-winning comeback was nothing short of exciting. Coahoma was down 13-18 to Idalou with two minutes remaining in the game when the Bulldogs put together a 10-play, 82 yard touchdown drive

to seal the victory. Quarterback, Mason Moore, showed his mobility as he extended plays to keep the drive alive.

"We went into a little bit of a hurry-up, two-minute offense there. We caught Idalou in a coverage they hadn't been in most of the night. They jumped in a man coverage and Mason did a really good job of running with the football. He dropped back to pass and guys were covered, so he made plays with his legs and did a good job of getting out of bounds," said Dietz. "He really just led us down the field on that drive and hit open receivers. We got the ball to Zack Schneider a few times as well, and he had some great runs. Our team just executed. The kids found a way to get us down the field and into the end zone. It was a really nice drive."

While Coahoma came out with the win, they still had some turnover issues and committed a few more penalties than they would have liked, which could have separated themselves from Idalou by a good amount. They were not the only ones though, as Idalou had four turnovers

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Pictured above are the offensive and defensive lines going at it at the line of scrimmage in Coahoma's district opener vs. Stanton on Friday, October 13, 2017. The Bulldogs won 34-0.

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Pictured above is Coahoma running back Zack Schneider running with the football in their game against Stanton on October 13, 2017.

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themselves compared to Coahoma's five. Dietz and the coaching staff have made it a big point of emphasis moving forward in their preparation for this crucial game against Colorado City.

"Turnovers are a big part of what we have done when we hurt ourselves. That is what it's been with, fumbling the football away and having costly penalties. We have got to clean it up. We started the game last week with a snap that went over the quarterbacks head and gave the ball away. Idalou scored really quickly to start the game because of it. We dug ourselves a hole right away," said Dietz. "Luckily our kids were resilient and they fought back. They didn't let that keep us down, but we have got to take better care of the football. Luckily our defense created some turnovers of our own and it kind of balanced those things out, but if we are going to continue to beat good football teams and win close games, the turnovers have got to stop. So, that is what we are working on."

The Bulldogs use Monday practices as their mental preparation day, where they can really break down their opponents and the coaches show the players what they are going to see and how they plan to attack it. With Colorado City, who is typically a run-first football team but is still capable of throwing on you, Coahoma knows that if they are able to limit their turnovers and have control up front, they will find success.

"For us, the key is controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. Our offensive line has kind of been the backbone of our offense, and they need to continue to be that for us," said Dietz. "It's the same thing defensively. I feel like if we can control that line of scrimmage and play good up front on both sides, it really gives us a good shot."

Something else to be on the lookout for is Colorado City's Markis Monroe. Last season, Monroe was the Wolves' starting running back who received all-district first team offensive honors as a sophomore. This season, he is their starting quarterback and serves as a dual-threat with both his arm and his legs behind the line. The Bulldog defense, which has had a strong showing this season so far, has been focusing on doing their jobs to contain him and the Colorado City offense. It should make for an exciting match up.

"He (Monroe) is a special player. He is a difference maker, and they look for all sorts of ways to get that guy in space.

Defensively we have broken him down, and we have looked at what they do best and what they do out of each formation," said Dietz. "It's all about playing good assignment football. If we have every kid on our defense doing their job, their 1/11th, and trusting in their teammates, then the rest simply takes care of itself."

After taking on the Wolves in Colorado City the last two seasons, the Bulldogs will get them at home in what will be one of the most important games of the season for these two undefeated teams, as one has to leave the field with an L that will potentially keep them from their goal of the district championship title.

"The district championship has been one of our goals since we started last offseason, so yes there is a little bit of pressure. It's a huge deal and a big game, but our kids are focused and they understand the importance of this week. But I will tell you, we start the season off in that Howard County bowl in about the most pressure-packed situation you can put yourself in, especially for a season opener," said Dietz. "Most of the other teams are just playing someone they don't really know much about in a normal season-opening game, while play this bowl game that has all this implications and they give you this big trophy if you win, and there is a lot of media coverage. So, I think our kids are well prepared for this. We have played in this type of situation before. We just can't get too high, and we can't get too low. We just need to stay somewhere in the middle emotionally, but I really think we are going to be prepared to play."

The Bulldogs and the Wolves are set to kick off in Bulldog Stadium on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

## Refreshed Buffs ready for Anson after bye week

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

With the Buffaloes returning from their bye week, they are greeted with their second district matchup of the season against the Anson Tigers, who currently sit 4-4 for the season but remain winless in district play.

Forsan has taken this extra time off to not only break things down to prepare for the Tigers, but also for the players to recover and get replenished.

"We got to go back and really work on some fundamentals. We had a little extra time to, more importantly, rest up a little bit and get healed up," said head football coach Jason Phillips. "I mean we weren't unhealthy to begin with but anytime you can take a Friday off, because that is when they get the most sore and the

most bruised and banged up, it's going to give you a little spark going into the next week. We got in a good week and a half in preparing for Anson, and I think the guys are ready to go."

The Buffs have their sights set on the Tigers and realize the importance of this week's game, as a win would pretty much secure their spot in the post season. While it is not a must-win situation to make it there, they plan to get it done



now and are ready to fight for that victory on Friday to make their playoff chances that much greater.

"This game is definitely important and is a big one for us. Anson is a good football team, especially on their home field, so it will be a tough test for us but I think our guys are

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## Pearson to be more involved after coming off high-ankle sprain

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**  
Sports Editor

It's no secret that the Bulldog offense has multiple ways to attack defenses. We have seen explosiveness from all aspects including their receiving corps, their running backs, their depth at the quarterback position that can attack in many ways, and the strength in their offensive line.

While sophomore Zack Schneider has carried the bulk of the work with his dynamic play-making abilities, Coahoma has a roster that is full of those play-maker type of guys, Braden Pearson being one of them.

Pearson began the 2017 season behind the line and showed to be more of a power-running type quarterback rather than attacking through the air, and was a returning 1000-yard rusher coming into this season. In

week two, Pearson went down with a stubborn high-ankle sprain that held him out for four weeks. In his absence, the Bulldogs utilized their depth at the quarterback position and found an exceptional passer in Mason Moore and another power-back option in Zack Schneider.

Pearson has seen a limited amount of snaps in the last two weeks as the coaching staff as eased him back into things coming off of his injury. With his health progressing, his snap count should increase as well as his involvement. It is no doubt that Schneider

has been tearing it up on the ground for Coahoma, but the Bulldogs are ready to have their strongest runner back, not only to give their offense that extra boost, but to take some of

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Braden Pearson RB (Sr.)



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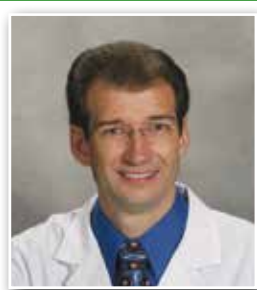


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Steer Players of the Week



**Mikey Renteria RB/S (Sr.) Jordan Dunn OL/DL (Sr.)**  
According to Steer head football coach Mitch McLemore, both Renteria and Dunn stood out and had strong performances in their game against Wylie last week.  
"I thought Mikey Renteria had the best defensive game he has played all year," he said. "Dunn really anchored the center position after Kevin (Martiarena) was hurt and always grades out well."

Buffalo Players of the Week



**Nathaniel Whitmore OL/DT (So.) Jake Patterson OL/DE (So.)**  
"We have kind of given these two guys some different roles since the Hawley game. Nathaniel is going to be more involved offensively, and Jake is going to be involved more defensively," said Phillips. "They have done a great job picking up what we have asked them to do. We have been playing Caden Williams and Brycson Pineda pretty much the entire game, and these two have stepped up and are going to be able to let those guys have a little bit more of a breather and play more on just one side of the ball."

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They are called to be warriors, and that means protectors, and they are. They are also learning to love each other the right way, and to play with each other the right way. Love comes in many different forms, and when I say that, I don't say it lightly," he said. "It's just like I told the guys, 'most people don't get to become champions because it's just too damn hard'. That's simply the truth. It's weights, it's grinding, and it's going through the hard seasons, but these young men, they are amazing. They come back with a smile on their face and are always ready to go to work. They own what they need to own, which is another huge stride we made the other night. Nobody made excuses. They just simply said 'my bad, I'll get it next time.' That's when you know that God is doing some amazing things."

Of all of Big Spring's improvements and positive strides they've made moving forward, the thing that pleases Mitch the most is the pure fight from his players and his coaches. Their road has been rough this season, but they have not let up on effort and determination. No matter how far down they have been in a game, they always keep holding on to the rope.

"Our kids just didn't quit, they didn't explode, and I am really proud of them for that. I am also extremely proud of our coaches too. Especially the ones that have been here a long time, because I know how hard it is. It's



**Big Spring's Zephaniah Nelson runs around the left end during the Steer's home game with Abilene Wylie on Friday, October 20, 2017.**

hard on me, but in my opinion it's as hard, or harder, on them. All of them are doing a great job of staying the course," said McLemore. "We just need to continue to dig in, work harder, stay the course, hang on to the rope, let stuff go and just keep getting better. We are doing just that. It's a grind right now, ya know. We're 0-8 and have to go to Stephenville who just beat Brownwood, who lost to Wylie in triple-overtime. Then we have to finish with Brownwood at home, who probably has the best looking kids in the district, all without an open week until the season is over. It's just been one of the hardest schedules in the state of Texas, but we are fighters."

The Steers will make the trek to Stephenville this Friday to take on the Yellowjackets, who are undefeated in district and currently sit in second place behind Wylie. The Steers have their work cut out for them in this one, but their main focus is

Bulldog Players of the Week



**Zack Schneider QB/RB/DB (So.)**

**Joe Manning WR/DB (Jr.)**

The performances of Schneider and Manning had a lot to do with Coahoma's district win over Idalou last week. With an explosive 190-yard game from Schneider and a pick-6 that shifted the momentum to Coahoma's side by Manning, the Bulldogs brought home the W and remain 2-0 in district play.

"Zack is a workhorse. We gave it to him 30 times and he made the most out of every single one of those carries. He is a special football player, and he really is a kid that we trust the football to be in his hands in big moments. He made some big time plays for us, and on top of that, defensively he had 10 tackles and a forced fumble. Zack basically played the entire night and continued to make huge plays for us," said head football coach Fred Dietz. "Joe has really come on and become a big time part of our defense. Last week, Idalou tried to throw the ball and he jumped up, intercepted it and made a really good run to run it back for a touchdown. It was just a huge, pure-effort play. Joe swung the game for us with that big defensive play. It was a big time deal."

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that work load off of Schneider and keep their players as fresh as possible as they go deeper into district play.

"Fortunately for us, we do have those other guys. We don't have to be a one-man show. We have several guys who are very capable of making big plays for us offensively," said Dietz. "Braden Pearson is a guy who we are going to start getting more involved as we are going along. He needs the football. We trust him with it and he makes big plays when he has the football."

With the likes of Joe-Isaac Escobedo, who is also a great running back, and Adam Clark, Gage Clark, Alex Duenes and Zach Holmes leading the receiving corps, it's impossible for opposing defenses to focus on shutting down just one player.

West Texas Scoreboard

6A District 2	Record	District	PF	PA
San Angelo Central	(7-0)	(3-0)	326	148
Odessa Permian	(6-0)	(3-0)	269	95
Midland Lee	(7-1)	(3-1)	347	215
Amarillo Tascosa	(6-2)	(2-2)	326	194
Midland	(1-6)	(1-2)	159	274
Odessa	(2-5)	(0-3)	147	199
Wolfforth Frenship	(0-4)	(0-8)	116	416

Week 8 Scores:

San Angelo Central 49, Wolfforth Frenship 14; Midland Lee 28, Odessa 21; Odessa Permian 49, Amarillo Tascosa 7

4A District 2 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Andrews	(6-2)	(2-0)	421	191
Clint	(6-1)	(1-1)	239	124
Fabens	(4-4)	(1-1)	185	167
Clint Mountain View	(2-5)	(0-1)	133	180
San Elizario	(0-7)	(0-1)	47	301

Week 8 Scores:

Andrews 57, Fabens 14; Clint 21, Clint Mountain View 7

4A District 3 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Abilene Wylie	(5-2)	(2-0)	254	154
Stephenville	(5-2)	(2-0)	228	145
Snyder	(2-5)	(1-0)	134	198
Brownwood	(3-4)	(0-2)	258	238
Big Spring	(0-8)	(0-2)	99	365

Week 8 Scores:

Stephenville 28, Brownwood 21; Abilene Wylie 42, Big Spring 6

4A District 2 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
Sweetwater	(7-0)	(3-0)	361	102
Seminole	(6-1)	(3-0)	274	55
Monahans	(5-2)	(2-1)	190	200
Midland Greenwood	(4-2)	(1-1)	209	129
Pecos	(5-3)	(1-3)	213	231
Fort Stockton	(3-5)	(1-3)	129	235
Lamesa	(3-4)	(0-3)	181	233

Week 8 Scores:

Monahans 28, Pecos 21; Seminole 38, Lamesa 6; Sweetwater 41, Fort Stockton 7

3A District 2 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
Coahoma	(6-2)	(2-0)	253	177
Colorado City	(6-1)	(1-0)	172	64
Stanton	(2-6)	(1-1)	144	284
Lubbock Roosevelt	(0-7)	(0-1)	53	352
Idalou	(2-6)	(0-2)	111	228

Week 8 Scores:

Stanton 43, Lubbock Roosevelt 23; Coahoma 19, Idalou 18

2A District 4 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Hawley	(6-2)	(2-0)	228	153
Stamford	(6-2)	(2-0)	284	178
Post	(5-2)	(0-1)	263	119
Forsan	(3-4)	(0-1)	210	187
Anson	(4-4)	(0-2)	237	282

Week 8 Scores:

Hawley 51, Anson 14; Stamford 49, Post 34

1A District 5 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Borden County	(7-0)	(1-0)	426	50
Hermleigh	(4-3)	(1-0)	356	324
Ira	(5-3)	(1-1)	373	245
Lamesa Klondike	(5-3)	(1-1)	323	279
O'Donnell	(2-6)	(0-2)	246	395

Week 8 Scores:

Borden County 60, Lamesa Klondike 4; Ira 47, O'Donnell 0

1A District 6 Div. 1	Record	District	PF	PA
Garden City	(5-2)	(0-0)	393	203
Westbrook	(5-2)	(0-0)	344	205
Robert Lee	(4-3)	(0-0)	335	317
Sterling City	(4-3)	(0-0)	344	318

Week 8 Scores:

Robert Lee 64, Eden 28; Milford 66, Garden City 61

1A District 6 Div. 2	Record	District	PF	PA
Ackerly Sands	(6-2)	(2-0)	358	236
Wellman-Union	(4-3)	(1-0)	271	205
Welch Dawson	(2-3)	(0-0)	159	250
Lenorah Grady	(0-7)	(0-1)	121	429
Loop	(1-7)	(0-2)	86	393

Week 8 Scores:

Ackerly Sands 48, Loop 0

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ready. Defensively, we've really focused on playing the run better, especially with misdirection type stuff and counter plays. We also need to get more three-and-outs," said Phillips. "Offensively, we've kind of added a few little wrinkles in there for Anson, and our main focus has simply been to finish our drives. Even against Hawley, we drove down the field a couple of times and stalled out around the red zone. We scored some points, but we left some points on the board by just moving down the field and not finishing. We just have to

execute all the way through and not just at the beginning."

Some things to be on the look out for on this Anson team starts with their sophomore running back, Elijah Mozer, who has proven to be quite explosive. Their quarterback, Drew Hagler, is pretty similar to Forsan's quarterback, Bryce Hergert, as he can make big plays on the ground as well as through the air. The Tigers also have a fairly strong and good-sized O-line as the majority of those guys are returning starters from last year. With talent oozing from both teams, this match up should make for an exciting one.

The Buffs and the Tigers are set to kick off at 7:30 p.m. in Anson this Friday.

# Pigskin Picks Football Contest

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