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Weather



Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 95. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 73.
Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 97.
 Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Today in History
On August 12

1851: Isaac Singer is granted a patent for his sewing machine.
1960: Echo 1A, NASA's first successful communications satellite, is launched.
1981: The IBM Personal Computer is released.
1992: Canada, Mexico and the United States announce completion of negotiations for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Daily Quotes

"Give me any two pages of the Bible and I'll give you a picture."
 — Cecil B. DeMille

"What we observe as material bodies and forces are nothing but shapes and variations in the structure of space."
 — Erwin Schrödinger

"The first obligation of all human beings is to be happy. The second obligation, is to make others happy."
 — Cantinflas

"I am who I am, I am what I am, I do what I do and I ain't never gonna do it any different. I don't care who likes it and who don't."
 — Buck Owens

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Texas Secretary of State urges Texans to register to vote

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — On Thursday, Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texas voters to make sure they are registered to vote by October 11 to participate in the upcoming November 8 General Election.



John Scott

Texas law requires eligible voters to be registered 30 days before Election Day, and since the 30th day before November 8th, 2022 falls on the Sunday before Columbus Day, eligible Texas voters effectively have two extra days to register this year (Texas Election Code Sec. 13.143(e)). Secretary Scott urged Texas voters to visit the state's official voting web site - VoteTexas.gov - for accurate and comprehensive information on voting in Texas.

"Even though we're still two months away from the voter registration deadline, it's never too early to make sure you're registered, update your registration information if you need to, and prepare yourself to vote in the upcoming

election," Secretary Scott said. "If you're renewing your Texas Driver License or personal ID card online, please take the extra second to check the box to register to vote if you're eligible to do so. If you're registering to vote for the first time, make sure your signed voter registration application is postmarked to your county voter registrar by October 11th. If you simply need to update your voter registration information - such as your name, address or ID numbers - you can do so online through our portal available at Texas.gov. Don't let the deadline sneak up on you - get registered and start preparing for the upcoming election today by visiting VoteTexas.gov!"

Eligibility for Voter Registration in Texas

- You are eligible to register to vote in Texas if:
- You are a United States citizen;
 - You are a resident of the county where you submit the application;
 - You are at least 17 years and 10 months old on the date your voter registration application is submitted, and you are 18 years of age on Election Day.
 - You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and pa-

role); and

- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Registering to Vote for the First Time

If you are a first-time Texas voter, make sure to complete your voter registration application and make sure it is postmarked to your county's voter registrar by Tuesday, October 11th. To obtain and complete your application, you have several different options:

Complete an application using the SOS Online Voter Registration Application form. Simply fill in the required information, print, sign and mail the completed application directly to your county voter registrar;

Request a printed application from the Texas Secretary of State's office. Our office will mail a postage-paid voter registration application to the address provided; OR

Contact or visit your county election office, public library or other local government office to obtain a voter

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Water line work



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

City of Big Spring utility crews worked to repair a water leak at the intersection of Harding Street and West Highway 80 Thursday. The repairs caused temporary low water pressure for customers in the area.

HTeaO treats the Herald



Courtesy photo

The good folks from Big Spring's HTeaO tea shop, 911 S. Gregg St., stopped by the Big Spring Herald's offices Wednesday with a care package of their sweet flavored teas. The Big Spring location opens for business Aug. 19. Shown from left are HTeaO's Aimee Garcia, and the Herald's Trinity Fuentes, Rick Nunez and Angela Lance.

BBB warns about fake check scam

Special to the Herald

While fake checks are often a common tactic of scammers carrying out an employment scam, Better Business Bureau has recently received information from Texas business owners that a new type of scam targeting small businesses is making rounds in multiple counties across the Lone Star State.

How the Scam Works

A local contractor or service provider is contacted by an individual who claims to live out of state and manages one or multiple properties that need work. Most often, landscaping or remodeling contractors are targeted by these con artists. After solidifying the project's scope, the client mails a check to the business, which deposits it in their business account. Communication with the client is primarily through email or text; the contractor never physically meets with the potential client. The property in question is often abandoned or listed for sale, so there is no access to it. Reports to Better Business Bureau indicate that these scammers target Spanish-speaking businesses at significantly higher rates. Shortly after depositing the check, the client requests the money be returned through a nontraditional method, such as a wire

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Howard Cty. students head back to school

By ANDREIA MEDLIN
 Staff Writer

New clothes, new school supplies, new haircut, new teachers and friends. It's that time of year again when our youngsters head back to school and parents breathe a collective sigh.

While Coahoma ISD has a jump start on the school year, Big Spring and Forsan are not far behind. For Big Spring ISD the first day of school will be August 22.

Big Spring Junior High School 7th grade orientation and schedule pickup is August 16, 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., and the 8th grade orientation and schedule pickup is 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Washington elementary students and their parents are invited to meet the teacher August 17, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Goliad meet the teacher will be from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; and BSHS freshmen orientation and schedule pick-up will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Big Spring Intermediate 5th grade meet-the-teacher and schedule pick-up will be August 18, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Moss and Marcy Elementary's meet the teacher will be 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and 6th grade will be 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

On Friday the 19th, BSISD will have their

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Obituaries

Joyce Thea Lucas "JT"



With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Joyce Thea Lucas, "JT," beloved father, grandfather and friend to all the lives he touched, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. He was 87 years-of-age, born in Runnels County on August 21, 1935. He graduated from Winters High School and married Ruby Kruse, on June 6, 1953.

JT had an exceedingly full life as a father, grandfather and committed employee in the gas industry. As a young man, he had dreams of working on rigs and this became a reality for him when he moved to New Mexico with his young family to drill one of the first pilot holes for uranium.

He moved back to Greenwood, Texas after just a few years in New Mexico and leased some land to farm. He continued to acquire more parcels and enjoyed working the land. During this time, he served on the school board and was a deacon at Greenwood Baptist Church.

Following his time in Greenwood, he moved his family to Pyote and continued farming. Before beginning his lifelong career in the gas industry, he and Ruby worked at a children's home in Pyote.

In 1973, he began his career as a plant operator for Coastal States. He also worked for Adobe Oil in 1974 and eventually returned to Coastal States. He continued to rise in the company with several promotions and became an integral part of Valero in McAllen, Texas, recommending ways to improve production resulting in vast savings for the company.

He was well known for his ability to lead, inspire and cultivate a collaborative, cooperative spirit among his employees. He was quoted as saying, "I believe in helping each other in any way we can, and I'm always willing to lend an ear to listen."

Janie Parrish

Janie Parrish, 85, of Coahoma, TX died August 9, 2022 at her residence. Private services will be held at a later date.

She was born on in 1936 in Norfolk, Nebraska, to the late Leo and Erline Tucker. She came to Coahoma in 1961 and taught in CISD for 34 years. She was a Methodist.

Janie is survived by her son and daughter-in-law:

Problems can be solved only when communication begins." These were a few of the gifts he offered anyone around him, at home or in his personal life.

Despite these amazing accomplishments, the part of his life he treasured the most was his "little dandies" or "sugar foots" as he called them-his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He worked together with his wife to teach Christian values to their family. He brought his listening ear from his work environment into his home and was always open for a good conversation.

His "sugar feet and dandies" will also fondly remember their Papa saying that "you get what you get and you don't throw a fit." He taught them how to live life well and how to enjoy what you have. Additionally, he will be remembered for his quick wit, ability to make people laugh and feel comfortable and his zest for life.

He will be dearly missed and will remain a legend and a core piece of all our hearts forever.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Ruby Lee Lucas, his mother and father, Allen Thea and Zenona (Northcutt) Lucas, and his daughter, Cindy Lucas Johnston.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Allen and Kay Lynne Lucas, Linda and Johnny Gonzales, and Audrey and Joe Hollingsworth. He has one surviving sister, June Lucas Houston. He cherished his 12 grandchildren, twenty nine great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

A viewing will be held Friday, August 12, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held at Evergreen Cemetery Chapel, Stanton, Texas, Saturday, August 13, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Greg and Candy Parrish; grandchildren: Megan Ditto (Cody) and Garrett Parrish (Jisele Olivarez) and great-grandchildren: Tucker Lee Ditto, Madix and Korbin Ditto.

Janie was preceded in death by her husband: Tommy Parrish and her parents.

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

Paid obituary

Tommy Billalba



Tommy Billalba began his heavenly pilgrimage on Tuesday, August 9, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, Texas. Tommy was 64 years-old and a lifetime resident of Big Spring, graduating from BSHS in 1976.

Tommy was born Nov. 21, 1957, and was the sixth of eight children born to Ruben Sotelo Billalba and Rosalia Gonzalez Billalba. Services will be conducted by Myers and Smith Funeral Home and visitation is scheduled for Friday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a Holy Rosary to be prayed at 7 p.m.

Funeral mass is set for 10 a.m., Saturday, August 13 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, with interment at Mount Olive Cemetery. A fellowship meal and reception will be held at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hall immediately following the cemetery service.

Tommy married the love of his life, Olga Mendoza, in a civil ceremony on January 27, 1979, and had a strong and loving marriage for 43 years. Several years later, Tommy and Olga renewed their vows in the catholic church. Their union was blessed with two children: Vanessa BillaIba-Bennett (Jody) and Tommy Jr. (Sylvia Lopez). Continuing Tommy's legacy are his grandchildren: Zachery Bennett (Shaylee); Brycen Billalba; Beau Billalba; Boston Billalba; Lexi Bennett and Braydee Billalba.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Francis Billalba McKiski and Ruben Billalba Jr. Surviving Tommy are his sisters: Beatrice BillaIba Stevens of Lubbock, TX, Mary Lou Billalba Lujan (Santos) of Big Spring, Adelina BillaIba Correa (Albert) of Canyon, TX, Nora (Pinky) Billalba Paul (Peter) of Las Vegas and Delia BillaIba Cruz (Mike) of Amarillo, TX. Also mourning the Loss of Tommy are many nephews, nieces and friends.

Honored to be selected as pallbearers are Felix Martinez; Mike Sanchez, Sammy Reyna, Nick Reyna, Luven Flores and Charles (Chuck) Howard. Honorary pall bearers are his nephews and all members of the Chicano Golf Association (CGA).

Tommy worked for 10 years at Winn Dixie until the store closed in 1994. He then began his 28-year career with the local Federal prison, serving as Food Service foreman. He was extremely proud of his employment with the federal prison and served with pride and dedication until his retirement in November of 2014. Tommy loved attending mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church and voluntarily gave so much of his time and talents by serving on the Parish Council as well as cooking hundreds of delicious meals for the church. In addition to his golf and church interests, Tommy loved working on his front yard, which he considered his pride and joy.

As a member of the Chicano Golf Association, Tommy realized his love of community service by being a member for 42 years, serving as President for 7 years. One of the highlights of his leadership was the introduction of the first Annual Scholarship Tournament in 1990 that has benefited so many Howard County high school students achieve their college goals and which is still a major fundraiser for the club today.

Tommy was a unique human being that not only loved people but loved serving them even more. His absence from this earth will definitely be felt by his family and all his friends. Travel well dear Tommy and rest with our sweet Lord.

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

Paid Obituary

Geneva Roberts



Geneva Roberts, 100, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, August 11, 2022. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Sheriff

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

Note - Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 103 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO JR**, 26, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury -family violence.
- **GABRIEL ISAIAH FAZ**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **JUSTIN DEWAYNE FLANERY**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on charge of violation of bond/protective order, evading arrest detention.
- **WAYNE LANCE BIDDLE LAND**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **MEAGAN L MCBEE**, 30, was arrested by BSPD

on a charge of theft of service more than \$100 less than \$750.

- **MELISSA SUE MIZE**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt investigation.
- **JOSE A MORAN**, 28, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of theft property more than \$100 less than \$750.
- **ORTIZ SABASTIEN SANCHEZ**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of burglary of habitation.
- **RICHARD SHEAN SHOEMAKER**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of fail to identify fugitive.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block Monmouth Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block Lincoln. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on 400 block Hilger. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block W 5th St. No person was transported.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block W FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block S Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2100 block S Main St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block Steakley St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block N Lamesa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block W 5th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block S Scurry St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block Oasis Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block W Highway 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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VOTE

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registration application.

Register to Vote When Renewing Your Driver License

If you're not already registered to vote but have an existing Texas Driver License or Texas Personal ID Card, you can register to vote online when renewing, replacing or changing your contact information for either of these cards through the Texas

Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Follow the steps on the DPS web portal to update your driver license information, and you will be given the option to register to vote when renewing or updating your information.

You can also register to vote while obtaining your Texas Driver License or Texas Personal ID card in person from DPS.

Update Your Voter Registration Information Online

Whether you've recently moved or changed your name, you can now update all your information on

your voter registration record through the Texas Secretary of State's portal on Texas.gov.

You can also use the same portal to update your voter registration file with your Texas Driver License number, Personal ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number to ensure the information is on file with your county voter registrar.

For more information on registering to vote and voting in Texas, visit www.votetexas.gov or www.votetexas.gov/es for voting information in Spanish.

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transfer or mobile banking app. Since no work has been started, the business owner agrees and returns the money through the requested method. After providing the refund, the business does not hear back from the client again. In time, the business's bank flags the deposited check as fraudulent and removes the funds from the account, leaving the business out however much they 'returned' to the client. Some businesses report that their account is permanently closed due to fraudulent activity, requiring them to open a new account at a different financial institution.

In another twist, some of these scammers provide a check that is \$2,000-\$5,000 more than what the business owner bid under the direction to use the extra money to pay other contractors that are working at the property. To be accommodating, many business owners agree. When the check is detected as a fake, they lose the money they paid the other contractor(s) in addition to their own losses. Often, the other 'contractor' paid by the business on behalf of the client is also fraudulent.

BBB business practices experts estimate they have received reports of this scam occurring in counties across Texas at least twice per week for the past two years.

How to avoid fake check scams targeting contractors

Do not fall for an overpayment scam. Only accept payments for the job bid by your business and avoid any client who overpays and requests you to pay other contractors supposedly working on the property. Also, be wary of requests from the client to return additional money through nontraditional means such as a gift card, wire transfer or mobile banking app.

Insist on communicating over the phone or video call at least once. Most scammers using this scam will claim that they are either out of state or otherwise unable to meet in person, but contractors should be wary of any client that also refuses to talk over the phone or video call at least once. When talking with the client over the phone, consider if the phone reception seems spotty or excessively loud or if the client seems to be in a rush to resume communications through text or email. If any or multiple of these exist, take the time to ask a few detailed questions about the property, such as its location or distinguishable characteristics. It may not be in the business's best interest to accept clients who provide vague answers or become aggressive.

Verify the state of the property. Despite clients' claims that they own the property, it is good practice for the business to conduct an on-site evaluation before providing a quote or estimate for the project. This will allow the business to properly assess the full scope of the project, as well as determine if the property is vacant or for sale. Scammers use the addresses for vacant properties for various scams and can easily locate these locations online for their schemes.

Do not provide refunds through nontraditional methods. Scammers know that payments made through wire transfers, gift cards and mobile banking

apps are difficult, if not impossible, to reverse. Be wary of any client who insists on returns through these methods. When possible, only provide refunds for checks with another check. Business owners may need to explicitly state that refunds will only be provided by check to protect themselves from falling victim to this scam.

Spend the time to verify the authenticity of the check. Fake checks can be challenging to identify and may even pass an initial verification process by a bank. However, it will eventually be detected as a fake and can significantly impact a business's operations, especially if it leads to account closure and the removal of thousands of dollars. BBB recommends businesses look for some of the hallmarks of fake checks. A few things to consider include:

- Does the check number at the top-right corner match the check number included at the bottom?
- Is the company's or individual's name or address misspelled?
- Is the check stock flimsy or suspicious?
- Does the check have the correct routing number at the bottom for the bank it is supposedly drawn on? Consumers can search for routing numbers for most banking institutions online.

Typically, banks will immediately provide a portion of the check as available funds until it has been verified. Think of immediately available funds as an advance, and if the check is found to be fake, the account holder is held liable to repay that advance. Businesses are encouraged to review their bank's policies and processes for check verification and the portion of funds they make immediately available. Most banks take two or three business days to complete the verification process.

For more information and tips from Better Business Bureau focused on preventing scams from impacting small businesses, visit BBB.org/SmallBusiness.

ABOUT BBB: The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at BBB.org. Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB serving the Heart of Texas, which was founded in 1950 and serves 105 counties across Texas.

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Mary Churchwell, 66, died Wednesday. A memorial service Friday, August 12, 2022 at 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Desiderio "Desi" Carmona, 75, of Big Spring died Saturday. Visitation Sunday 9 AM until 9 PM with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Monday 10 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Park.

Linda D. Rodriguez, 73, died Sunday. Visitation Thursday 9 AM until 9 PM with a vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service Friday 2 PM Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Barbara Sue Kilgore, 81, died Tuesday. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Janie Parrish, 86, died Tuesday. Private services will be held at a later date.

Tommy Billalba, Sr., 64 died Tuesday. Visitation Friday 9 AM until 9 PM with vigil service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass Saturday 10 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive.

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SCHOOL

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convocation at the Howard College Coli-

seum. The doors open at 8 a.m. and breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m.

Forsan ISD will begin the school year on August 17. Junior and senior high orientation is being held today and orientation

for the 5th and 6th grade students will be held August 15, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Remember to slow down and no texting and driving in the school zones and we hope everyone has a great school year.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.
- 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. to 8 p.m.

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

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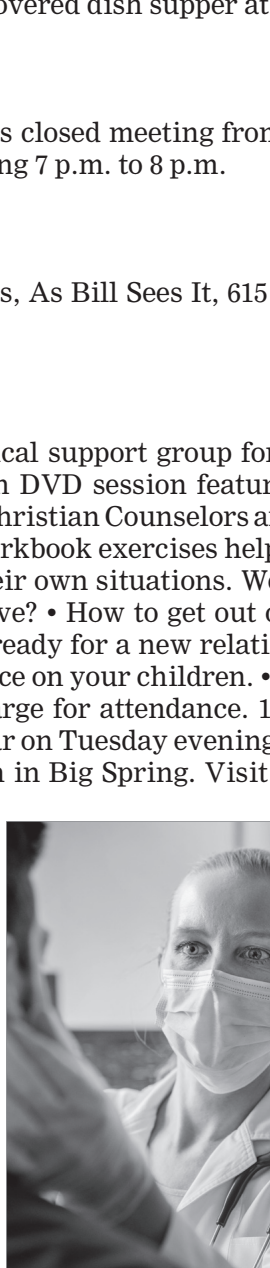
• Alive in Christ Lutheran Church will host a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at 2805 Lynn Dr. in Big Spring. You can pre-register to donate blood at www.donors.vitalant.org by using the Blood Drive Code: Alive. For more information contact Buddy Roever at 432-270-7783.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy News flash: now enrolling for 2022-2023 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We began August 1, 2022 and are a year round school. We service Home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. This year we graduated two Seniors, Grace Wheat, Daughter of Ray Wheat of Denton, Texas, also a graduate of Maranatha. Grace is enrolled at the University of North Texas. Bryson McMurtrey, grandson of Tommy and Brenda McMurtrey, of this city. Bryson is enrolled at the Angelo State University.

We are extremely proud of our two graduates. We have been in operation for 40 plus years, and we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact us for further information, about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our educational successes. Dr. Lillian Bohannon.

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• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.



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- Times on the Sign:
- Sunday:
 - 9:15 a.m.: Bible Study for all ages.
 - 10:45 a.m.: Worship time
 - 5 p.m.: Girl's Missions
 - 6 p.m.: Sunday Evening Service
 - Wednesday:
 - 7 p.m.: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
 - 7 p.m.: Children meet for King's Kids and Krafts.

Nursery and extended care is as needed for all services.

Come join in the fun as we celebrate during this summer season, serving our Lord. Services for August 14, 2022, are a great opportunity for families to gather and celebrate our God together.

Our services are in the building, livestreaming, and on our Facebook page as well.

Visitors, it was a such a joy to welcome you on Sunday. Come join us again as we gather in exciting and worshipful services. Come and find out about our great love for the youth of our community.

We definitely enjoy the worship time as our ministry team leads us in songs of praise, and where our pastor, Bro. Ken McMeans, inspires us as we delve into God's Word. Come and study with us as we celebrate our God, knowing He really cares for us so much He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us. Focus on growth in Jesus, the Lamb of God, as we celebrate Fall 2022. As our pastor reminds us every Sunday, Jesus is coming soon! Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information concerning Men's, Ladies' and youth meetings at this great and friendly church. Pray that lives are changed by the Presence, peace, and power of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Cornerstone!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to par-

ticipate in our services. We are located north of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesdays we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday evenings we have Evening Prayer and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rally Day: On Sunday, August 14, after the 10:30 a.m. service we are going to have a shrimp boil celebrating the new year and "The Feast of St. Mary the Virgin." The celebration will start around 11:30 a.m. All people from the community are invited to the celebration.

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You can find us live online at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring or at Cornerstone Covenant Church live on YouTube (look for the CCC logo).

Please join us this week at one of the following events:

- Friday, August 12: Chosen Generation Youth Fire Night - Come on out and join us for food, fun and fellowship. Our theme is: Back to school from 6 to 11 p.m. in the youth sanctuary.
- Saturday, August 13: Complete Singles will meet from 5 to 8 p.m. in the ARC for a Family Potluck and Game Night.

Here is how you can sign up: Call CCC 432-264-0015, CCC Text 432-218-2610 then text Complete

Singles, www.cccbigspring.org, or Sign up onsite @ kiosk.

• Sunday, August 14: We are so excited and would love for you to be apart of what is happening at CCC. We believe that experiencing purpose, hope and joy is possible in Christ Jesus. Whether it's your first time or you've fellowshiped with us before, our desire every Sunday is for you to feel sense and embrace the presence of the Lord.

• Wednesday, August 17: Join us for our MDWK service. We offer classes for all ages at 7 p.m. Adults meet in the Main Sanctuary. Youth: High School age meet in ARC and Junior High age meet in youth sanctuary. Children's church is divided into two locations with age specific classes: Kovantville for first and second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade; Tiny Land for Newborn to 23 months, two and three years old, and four years old through Kindergarten.

• Sunday, September 11: Are you and your family looking for a church? Are you looking to connect? Join us in the ARC at 12:30 p.m. for your "Next Step"- Growth Track 101. This is a great opportunity for you and your family to fellowship, ask questions and become better acquainted with the vision of CCC. We ask that all attendees RSVP for this course.

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Reflections

You Can't Take It With You

Our 48-year-old son has entered the theater, in Belle Fourche, SD, a small town near Sturgis that claims to be the geographic center of the US. He is keeping his day job. A few years ago, his entire family, including our daughter-in-law and three grandchildren took part in performing Beauty and the Beast, a hilarious and fun performance. Next month, he and our granddaughter will perform in You Can't Take It With You, a comedy that exposes the vanity of pursuing wealth and power instead of building friendships and family. We will be in the audience.



BILL TINSLEY

The movie version appeared in 1938 starring James Stewart and Lionel Barrymore. Stewart played the son of a wealthy mogul who will stop at nothing to build his financial empire. The son falls in love with his stenographer, a young woman from the other side of the tracks. Of course, in the end, the wealthy snobs get their comeuppance. A few years later Stewart and Barrymore teamed up again in the 1948 classic It's a Wonderful Life as George Bailey and Mr. Potter, another film that exalts the value of friendship and family over the pursuit of money and power.

Perhaps these two plays reflect the values learned by the generation that endured the Great Depression and WW II. It is a lesson every generation must learn. One we must learn again in these inflationary post-Covid times. Life is more than the sum of our possessions. Relationships, family, friends and faith are the true treasures to be prized.

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth

and rust destroy, and thieves break through and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys, and thieves do not break in and steal," (Matthew 6:19).

And again, "He said to them, 'Beware and be on your guard against every form of greed, for not even when one is affluent does his life consist of his possessions. And He told them a parable, saying, 'The lans of a rich man was very productive. And he began thinking to himself saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' And he said, 'This I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and I will store my grain and all my goods there.' And I will say to myself, 'You have many good stored up for many years to come. Relax, eat, drink and enjoy yourself!' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is demanded of you; and as for all you have prepared, who will own it now?' Such is the one who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God," (Luke 12:15-21).

I have lived long enough to know. I have seen the treasures of youth rusting away mildewed barns and rotting in dusty attics. I have watched the wealthy store up vast fortunes only to end their days in loneliness, their estates tied up in bitter law suits. And, by contrast, I have the seen the poor surrounded by family and friends in their old age. The saying is true, "You can't take it with you."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. His book, We Beheld His Glory is free as an eBook August 9-13 on Amazon. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.

Men's Applause

I remember when I was probably five or maybe even six years old, seventy years ago now. I was traveling on a bus by myself to Elko, Nevada under the special care of the bus driver. I had some people meeting me to take me to the eye doctor there. I lived about one hundred and twenty miles away and I was thrilled to get to go.

I loved to sing and I entertained the whole bus by singing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and various and sundry other songs of my childhood days.

The people kept clapping and I kept singing. I've seen children of that age sing since that time and I can see why they kept clapping. When the bus driver got tired of the noise,

he told me to please rest my voice so I sat down and promptly went to sleep. By the time I woke up, we were there.

There is a great danger in seeking men's applause. The danger is called pride, and it will capture your life if you are not careful. Just recently I was elected to a very important position. And I felt so humbled by it that I actually wept.

I have friends who I care for greatly. And one or more of them are constantly affirming what I do. Just recently the Lord gave me a task to do for Him. When I get weary and down with the tasks at hand, I try to turn to my greatest Friend, Jesus, for consolation. He keeps the pride from creeping in, but always, always bolsters me up and keeps me walking with Him.

Jesus is the greatest applauder of what we do in His Name. He encourages us beyond what earthly friends can do. He is the leader in the grandstands

of Heaven to direct the great cloud of witnesses that have gone on before us.

There is a song that comes to mind. It's got a phrase in it that says, "Are you weary, are you heavyhearted, Tell it to Jesus, Tell it to Jesus, Are you grieving over joys departed, Tell it to Jesus alone."

Jesus is the answer to all of men's applause—mainly because men's applause is only temporary. There is truly no other such a friend or brother. My reward is in Heaven not on this earth. When Jesus gets through applauding His servants in Heaven they will wear a soul winner's crown for a little while—just long enough to lay it back at His feet. I love the rewards of the Lord.



DR. LILLIAN BOHANNAN

Matthew 5:20

By JOELLE LUDINGTON
Religion Columnist

Matthew 5:20, NIV: For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of God.

I sit and weep, because the mountains seem too high.

And I see my condition that I am weak.

And I have nothing, I own nothing of value.

No one listens to a poor man.

I am but a man.

At what age does one lose its voice.

At what age does one lose its worth.

And who cares:

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I can't live without you

The burden is so heavy

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Our character reflects what we love

Most of us have heard that having lots of money cannot buy love or bring happiness. Since I've never been mega-wealthy, I will trust God on this one. Most people are trying to build financial security, but it's also common for those who succeed to encounter frustration and disappointment. Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 gives us this divine insight, "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them, and what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them? The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep."

We notice this passage begins with someone who loves money as there is a difference between enjoying wealth and it becoming an idol that is worshiped. A popular Bible verse in I Timothy 6:10 says, "For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some have coveted after, they have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." Money does not develop character, it reveals it. I've heard people say that money is the root of all evil, but this is incorrect. Money is not evil in itself, in

fact, it can help people and accomplish wonderful things. The danger is how it can possess the hearts and minds of those who have not learned how to prevent it from controlling them. Again, we see that true wealth is joy, peace, and contentment. This reminds me of a story about a little boy that loved pancakes. His mother told him one day, I am going to fix you all the pancakes you can eat, so he thought this will be wonderful. She started cooking and he kept eating. She finally asked if he would like another pancake, to which he replied, "no mam, I don't even want the ones I've already had!"

King Solomon comes to mind when we think of someone who had more wealth than anyone in the world and yet was miserable. He said that having everything you could ever imagine cannot satisfy and is what he called vanity. Sadly, many believe if they could win the lottery, have their dream house, a flashy car, or marry that amazing person they would be happy, and there is nothing wrong with having these things until they begin to have us. There is only one thing that can truly satisfy the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of the human experience and that is having a personal relationship with God. He wants to bless us so that we can live an abundant life and also be a blessing to others. Remember the man in Luke chapter 12 who tore down his barns so that he could build larger ones? God was not pleased with him being so insensitive and self-absorbed.

The end of our verse in Ecclesiastes talks about how the person who works hard and obeys God can rest in peace, but those who love riches are always frustrated with stress and anxiety. I remember when I was a young boy, my dad worked for a very wealthy man. This person was in the construction and developing industry and built subdivisions and shopping centers and owned several farms and so on. He would drive out to the job sites and tell my dad to get in his Lincoln and they would go for a drive and chat. He would tell my dad that he had not slept all night because he was watching the stock market and was consumed about losing money. Instead of being grateful and filled with joy with what God had helped him accumulate, he was nearly in tears and afraid that he might not be making the right decisions. He was obsessed with his riches and even though he had more than he could ever spend, he was being controlled and incarcerated in the darkness of fear and gloom. We were created to love our Creator and be generous, not to allow the pride of materialism to lure us into a state of disappointment and depression. Whatever consumes our mind controls our life. The more we focus on our possessions, the more entangled and distracted we are from our priorities. However, the more we seek and love God and commune with Him, the more we will reflect His attributes.

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The Goodness Of God



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"Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans 2:4

How good is God? I believe we find the answer to this question in another question; how sinful is our sin? The Word of God says that the Law reveals sin as exceeding sinful. The fact that God sent Jesus to be the end of the Law for righteousness to all who believe, tells us just how good God is. The Law (ten commandments) is harsh. It curses sinners as it hunts them down and kills them. I am worthy of this curse and death because I am guilty of sin. However, we see the goodness of God in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins.

The true, biblical definition of the gospel of Christ can be found in Galatians 3:13 which says: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree". This is the riches of God's goodness. Have

we embraced this goodness which leads us to repentance? Are we aware of the fact that the goodness of God leads us to repentance, or are we stuck on our religious formalities? If the definition of the gospel of Christ is that He has delivered us from the curse of the Law, then the definition of true, biblical repentance is turning from the deeds of the Law, to Christ in faith. This too, is reflective of the goodness of God, in that first, the faith by which we turn to Christ comes from God, and second, in that the definition of repentance is not sinless perfection, but a transformation in our attitude toward Christ. I urge you to consider, and take to heart the goodness of God as revealed in the following verses. Romans 10:9-10: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation".

Have you trusted the goodness of God? Has your attitude toward Christ been transformed by the power of His grace?

Lutheran bishop issues public apology to Latino congregation

By DEEPA BHARATH and HOLLY MEYER

Associated Press

Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, issued a public apology Tuesday to members of a majority Latino immigrant congregation for the pain and trauma they endured after the predominantly white denomination's first openly transgender bishop unexpectedly fired their pastor.

Speaking during the 2022 Churchwide Assembly being held in Columbus, Ohio, Eaton delivered the apology to members of the Iglesia Luterana Santa Maria Peregrina in Stockton, California, describing the events that transpired as "a sharp assault on your dignity."

The series of events that led to the apology began on Dec. 12 when the Rev. Megan Rohrer, the denomination's first transgender bishop who oversaw one of the church's 65 synods, announced to the congregation that their pastor, the Rev. Nelson Rabell-Gonzalez, had been removed over allegations of verbal harassment and retaliation. Rohrer oversaw nearly 200 congregations in northern California and northern Nevada.

Rohrer's shocking announcement upended the congregation's much-anticipated celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The community had planned an elaborate program that day with mariachi singers, traditional dancers and performances by children, all led by their pastor. After the pastor's firing, the congregation lost the denomination's financial backing and were forced to vacate their building and worship in the parking lot.

Rohrer resigned in June and the next day became the target of a church disciplinary process.

During Tuesday's public apology, Eaton addressed how especially egregious it was to have the announcement of their pastor's termination coincide with the feast day that has elevated significance within the Latino community. Eaton said she is working with church leadership to make amends with the congregation and reviewing Rabell-Gonzalez's case.

What happened "exposed the depth of systemic racism that we wrestle with as a church and in society," Eaton said.

"It is not the end, but a critical step on a continuing journey for the goal of being a more faithful church responding to the plague of racism," Eaton said. "I pray that God's power enables these words of apology and acknowledgement as a step toward concrete repentance."

Eaton also committed to listening intently to the voices of those traditionally marginalized. She delivered her remarks in English and they were translated in real time into Spanish.

Jovita Torres Pérez, a congregant from the California church, delivered an emotional address in Spanish, saying it was not easy for her and other church members "to be here."

"The last nine months have been difficult and painful for our community," she said, adding that their pastor and the community have been victims of various racist actions on the larger church's part.

Pérez accepted Eaton's apology on behalf of her

church and said the congregation believes in forgiveness, reconciliation and reparations. She said she viewed this apology as the first step in the process of dismantling systemic racism and white supremacy within the denomination.

Pérez said congregants still support their pastor. "We believe in his integrity and honesty," she said.

Another congregant choked up as she translated Pérez's words into English. Eaton hugged Pérez and the other congregants and the crowd listening rose to their feet in applause.

Eaton invited those in attendance to write on ribbons their laments and prayers for the congregation, the church and the world, and tie them onto a wired cross that will be on display during the assembly.

Rohrer, who uses "they" pronouns, said they were traveling in Israel. Rohrer responded via direct messaging to The Associated Press on Tuesday expressing support for "all efforts to provide care, healing and reconciliation for all affected from 2019 to the present."

"At its assembly, our beloved ELCA has the opportunity to prayerfully take legislative actions that will support diversity and the inclusion of more of God's beautiful creation," Rohrer said. "I pray they will do so, in intersectional ways."

Rohrer said they were in Israel "learning more about peacemaking efforts and supporting LGBTQ individuals in Israel and Palestine."

"I'll also be discerning God's call for the next chapter of my life," Rohrer said.

Pope Francis meets transgender guests of Rome church

By NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis has met with a fourth group of transgender people who found shelter at a Rome church, the Vatican newspaper reported Thursday.

L'Osservatore Romano said the encounter took place Wednesday on the sidelines of Francis' weekly general audience. The newspaper quoted Sister Genevieve Jeanningros and the Rev. Andrea Conocchia as saying the pope's welcome brought their guests hope.

The Blessed Immaculate Virgin community in the Torvaianica neighborhood on Rome's outskirts opened its doors to transgender people during the coronavirus pandemic.

Francis previously met with some of them on April 27, June 22 and Aug. 3, the newspaper said.

"No one should encounter injustice or be thrown away, everyone has dignity of being a child of God," the paper quoted Sister Jeanningros as saying.

Francis has earned praise from some members of the LGBTQ community for his outreach. When asked in 2013 about a purportedly gay priest, he replied, "Who am I to judge?" He has met individually and in groups with transgender people over the course of his pontificate.

But he has strongly opposed "gender theory" and has not changed church teaching that holds that homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered." In 2021, he allowed publication of a Vatican document asserting that the Catholic Church cannot bless same-sex unions since "God cannot bless sin."

Recently, Francis wrote a letter praising the initiative of a Jesuit-run ministry for LGBTQ Catholics, called Outreach. The online resource is run by the Rev. James Martin, author of "Building a Bridge," a book about the need for the church to better welcome and minister to LGBTQ Catholics.

Francis praised a recent Outreach event at New York's Jesuit Fordham University, and encouraged organizers "to keep working in the culture of encounter, which shortens the distances and enriches us with differences, in the same manner of Jesus, who made himself close to everyone."

The first Jesuit pope of the Roman Catholic Church has spoken of his own ministry to gay and transgender people, insisting they are children of God, loved by God and deserving of accompaniment by the church.

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Strong tradition key to Forsan's cross country team's success



Left, both the girl's and boy's Forsan cross country teams warm up at Buffalo Stadium Thursday morning. Right, the 2022-2023 Buffalo and Lady Buffalo cross country teams. Both the Buffalo's and Lady Buffalo's cross country teams will start their season on Wednesday August 24 in Eldorado as they will look to claim the district titles this coming season.

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

Forsan has a strong tradition when it comes to cross country running. Over the past several years Forsan has had many athletes qualify for both the regional and state meets. Back in 2012, the Forsan boy's cross country team won the UIL Class 1A state title, the first ever in school history. Last year, the Forsan boy's team won the District 8-2A title and qualified two of its runners to the state meet. On the girl's side, Forsan sent two girls to the regional meet. This year is looking no different. The Buffalo's, who competed in the District 8-2A last year, will be in a new district this season. The Buffalo's will travel south this season as they join District 7-2A due to the UIL's bi-annual district realignments.

The Buffalo's will also have a new coach this season. Both the girl's and boy's cross country teams will be led by first year head coach Juan Rios, well sort of. Coach Rios actually has 22 years of coaching and teaching experience but took a four year break from coaching. "This is my first year coaching" Forsan and my twenty second year overall coaching" Coach Rios stated. "I took the last four years off to watch my son play at another school, he graduated this past May so i'm back into coaching." Coach Rios added.

Tradition will be key for the Buffalo cross country teams this upcoming season. Coach Rios has high expectations for both the girl's and boy's teams to compete at a high level this year. "The expectations are still high there's a lot of tradition here." Coach Rios said. When asked how his teams are looking for the upcoming season Coach Rios stated "It's looking good we've got some girls that are really tough runners, they're young and on the boy's side we have one senior and the rest of them are sophomores and freshmen." Coach Rios added "We're very young but very competitive."

The Forsan boy's team will return one runner from last year's district championship team while the rest of the team will be comprised of underclassmen. On the girl's side, Forsan will return all of its runners from last year along with some talented freshmen. When it comes to competing in a new district, Coach Rios believes his young cross country teams will be in the mix for a district title. "We like our chances with anybody." Coach Rios stated. "I know



Forsan cross country runners

those southern districts have some good runners they're always competitive, Ozona always has good runners and Christoval is always competitive so we expect a battle every time." Coach Rios said about competing in the new district.

Coach Rios is very aware how young his team's are but has the confidence that come district they will be ready to compete for the title. "There's going to be some growing pains but we're young and me being the new coach this year but I think we'll be fine." Coach Rios stated. "Again the expectations are high and we have a strong tradition so we'll be ready." No doubt that it will be a competitive district this year, but with the talent returning and a strong tradition behind them, the Forsan cross country teams will be strong contenders for the district title this season. The Buffalo cross country teams will kick their season off on Wednesday August 24 where they head to Eldorado to run in the Stride on the Divide meet. Good luck to both Forsan's girls and boys cross country teams on the upcoming season!

NOTES

Both the girl's and boy's Forsan cross country teams will be competing in a new district this season. Forsan will now travel south where they will compete against Big Lake, Christoval, Eldorado, Ozona, Sonora, Sterling City, and Water Valley in District 7-2A this season.

The Lady Buffalo's cross country team will look to capture the district title this year as they return all runners from last year. Per head coach Juan Rios the girls will be young but had summer running workouts this summer. Coach Rios will look to last year's girls regional qualifiers Kaylie Rosenbaum and Cellie Melendez to lead the Lady Buffalos this season.

The Buffalo's cross country team were the District 8-2A champions last year and will now look to capture the District 7-2A title this year. The Buffalo's return one runner from last years district championship team with the rest being mostly freshmen and sophomores. Coach Rios anticipates some growing pains due to the boy's team being young and inexperienced but is confident they will no doubt be contenders for the district title.

Houston's Baker back after missing 5 games with COVID-19

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros manager Dusty Baker returned Thursday for the finale of a series against the Texas Rangers following a five-game absence after testing positive for COVID-19.

The 73-year-old Baker said he never felt bad and had only mild symptoms that he attributed to seasonal allergies before testing positive.

"I'm very fortunate that I had both my shots and the two boosters," he said. "So, I'm really hoping that everybody goes and gets the shots and boosters, because if you do get (COVID-19) hopefully it's mild like mine was."

Baker tested positive on Friday when the team was on a road trip in Cleveland. He isolated in his hotel room all weekend and did not return to Houston with

the team on Sunday night.

He returned to Houston on a private jet Monday but wasn't cleared to return to the dugout until Thursday.

At first, Baker welcomed the rest amid a hectic season in which he didn't get any time off during the All-Star break because he was the manager of the AL squad. But after a couple of days, boredom set in.

"I listened to music all day, watched TV, made phone calls and caught up on things," he said. "I don't get bored, but after five or six days you want to get back out here."

He kept up with the team by watching the games on television and staying in constant contact with bench coach Joe Espada, who managed the team in his absence. He didn't watch one game — Sunday's 1-0 loss to Cleveland — because it was broad-

cast on Peacock, NBC's streaming service, and he couldn't figure out how to watch it in his hotel room.

He wasn't that mad about it, though, because he used the extra time to catch a Bob Marley documentary on Netflix while keeping up with the game on his phone.

"That was a pretty good afternoon," he said, adding that he saw the late reggae great in concert twice, including once in Jamaica.

Baker said he was never that concerned about testing positive despite being in a high-risk age bracket.

"Not really because I didn't feel anything," he said. "And I kept waiting to feel something."

The Astros, who at 71-41 began Thursday tied with the Yankees for the best record in the American League, went 2-3 while Baker was out.

Coahoma Bulldogettes sweep Post in it's season opener

Special to the Herald

POST — The Coahoma Bulldogettes opened the 2022 volleyball season sweeping Post in three sets on Tuesday night: 25-19, 25-22, 25-22.

Shae Lang led Coahoma on the attack, laying down seven kills. Bree Lewis, a freshman, recorded six kills, one ace, and seven assists. Juniors Isabella Cox and Cayhill Lewis earned four kills each. Cox also pounded out three aces.

The Bulldogettes go-to setter Zoie Joslin, a senior, had 12 assists. Junior Brynn Rodgers had seven digs.

Both Coahoma JV teams won their match against the Lady Antelopes in two sets.

Next: The varsity Bulldogettes (1-0)

head to Monahans on Friday for a two day tournament. Friday's schedule of games are: Midland Classical (9 a.m.), Odessa Permian (10 a.m.), and Crane (noon).

Coahoma Def. Post (25-19, 25-22, 25-22)

Kills: Christian Everett 2, Isabella Cox 4, Shae Lang 7, Baylor Wright 2, Cayhill Lewis 4, Bree Lewis 6

Aces: Isabella Cox 3, Bree Lewis 1.

Digs: Brynn Rodgers 7, Christian Everett 2, Isabella Cox 5, Shae Lang 1.

Assists: Isabella Cox 1, Zoie Joslin 12, Baylor Wright 1, Bree Lewis 7.

Blocks: Shae Lang 1, Cayhill Lewis 1, Bree Lewis 1.

Block Assists: Baylor Wright 1.

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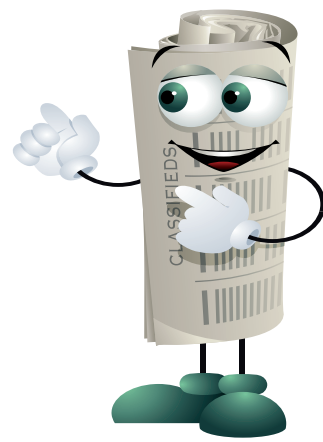
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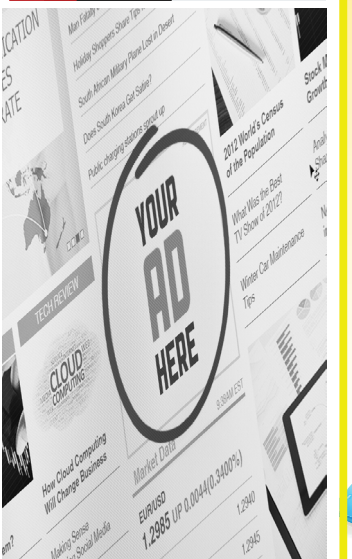
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4:30 PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer im-pacto (SS)	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Cowboy Israel	Almas Xavier	25 Words King	Steve Wilkos Show	Friends		World Series	World Series	Chicago Fire	The First 48	Gold Rush				
5:30 PM	ABC 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News NBC	The Creation	Molly Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Sheldon				Chicago Fire	The First 48	Gold Rush				
6:30 PM	News Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	Top Chef VIP (SS)	News Bible	M.25	Pinkalicious	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Sheldon				Chicago Fire	The First 48	Parker's Trail				
7:30 PM	Shark Tank	La mexicana	WWE Friday Night SmackDown	Celebrity Renovation		American Ninja Warrior (DVS)	MMTV Gr8	Pink	Chicago P.D.	Killer Camp	Movie: Creed, Tessa Thompson (DVS)				Chicago Fire	The First 48	Gold Rush				
8:30 PM	(:01) 20/20	Mi fortuna es		Blue Bloods	Amor valiente (SS)		Light of Southwest	Pinkalicious	Chicago P.D.	Dynasty					Chicago Fire	The First 48	Opal Hunters				
9:30 PM		El último rey: El hijo	FOX 24 News at 9	Blue Bloods	Infiel: Historia de un	Dateline NBC	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News Gold					Chicago Fire	(:01) The First 48	Opal Hunters				
10:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Noticias	News	News	Friends	Burgers	Burgers					Chicago Fire	(:04) The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge				
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Pawn	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias Zona	Tonight Show	Words of Heritage	Elinor	Friends	Burgers					Chicago Fire	(:03) The First 48	Gold Rush				
12:30 AM	Nightline	Combate global	Mod Fam	James Corden	Caso El Chema (SS)	Seth Meyers	Shofar	Tiger	CBS 7	black-ish					Chicago Fire	(:03) The First 48	Gold Rush				
1:30 AM	Extra	Peregrina	Mom	James Corden	El Chema (SS)	News	Heritage	Xavier	Forensic	Creek					Chicago Fire	(:03) The First 48	Gold Rush				
2:30 AM	DailyMail	Mom	Drew Barrymore	Programa	Programa	Top Story With	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Liquidator Gold					Chicago Fire	(:04) The First 48	Opal Hunters				
3:30 AM	Paid Prg.	La mexicana	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.		Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Pinkalicious	Minute	Brain Fog					Chicago Fire	(:05) The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge				
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6:30 AM	Paid Prg.	El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Noticias	1st Look	Church	Pinkalicious	Paid Prg.	Lejeune					Chicago Fire	(:05) The First 48	Gold Rush: F. Dodge				
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable, and the bidding has gone:

North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- ♠ AQ872 ♥ 63 ♦ J74 ♣ KJ5
- ♠ KJ94 ♥ K9 ♦ Q63 ♠ A865
- ♠ Q9652 ♥ 874 ♦ J ♠ AK96
- ♠ AK876 ♥ 92 ♦ K93 ♠ A84

- Three diamonds.** Game is uncertain at this point, so all you can do is invite partner to bid again. His two-diamond rebid is a warning that he might have a bare 12 or 13 points, in which case game is unlikely. But since partner might also have two or three points more than a bare minimum, you should give him the opportunity to continue bidding, which he can do by next showing three-card spade support, undertaking a notrump game, bidding three hearts to show a heart stopper, or even continuing on to five diamonds.
- Three notrump.** You have 13 high-card points, balanced distribution and a stopper in every suit, so game in notrump is clearly indicated. The queen of diamonds, in particular, is worth its weight in gold opposite a suit partner has bid twice. It would be wrong to bid only two notrump, which partner can pass, or to raise diamonds to any level.
- Pass.** Game is highly unlikely once partner announces a minimum, so the only remaining problem is to find the best partscore contract. Two diamonds is probably the best place to stop.
- It would be wrong to rebid your shabby spades, and it would be equally wrong to bid three clubs, which would force partner to bid again in a hand where game chances are at best remote.
- Three clubs.** Three-card suits are normally not biddable, but they are sometimes used as a means of exploring game-going possibilities. You have a game-going hand opposite partner's opening bid, but you can't be sure whether the best game contract is three notrump, four spades or five diamonds.
- The most intelligent way of trying to resolve this problem is to bid three clubs (forcing) and see what partner does next. You could reasonably consider a jump to four diamonds, but this might result in missing the best contract of three notrump. The three-club bid has the great advantage of keeping all avenues open.

Tomorrow: Don't take anything for granted.
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Today in History

Today in History: August 12, deadliest single-aircraft crash

Today is Friday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2022. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 12, 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

On this date:

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, with whom he had clashed over Reconstruction policies. (Johnson was acquitted by the Senate.)

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1909, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home to the Indianapolis 500, first opened.

In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1960, the first balloon communications satellite, "The Echo 1," was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral.

In 1964, author Ian Fleming, 56, the creator of James Bond, died in Canterbury, Kent, England.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1981, IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150, at a press conference in New York.

In 1985, the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Airlines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people. (Four people survived.)

In 1994, in baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, players went on strike rather than allow team owners to limit their salaries. (The strike ended in April 1995.)

In 2000, the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

In 2013, James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant. (Bulger was sentenced to life; he was fatally beaten at a West Virginia prison in 2018, hours after being transferred from a facility in Florida.)

Ten years ago: With a little British pomp and a lot of British pop, London brought the curtain down on the Olympic Games with a spectacular pageant. Before the closing ceremony, the U.S. men's basketball team defended its title by fighting off another huge challenge from Spain, pulling away in the final minutes for a 107-100 victory and its second straight Olympic championship. The victory by the men's basketball team gave the United States its 46th gold medal in London; the U.S. initially won 104 medals overall, but was later stripped of a silver medal after a men's relay team member tested positive for steroids. Rory McIlroy won the PGA Championship with a 6-under 66 for an eight-shot victory at Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Five years ago: A car plowed into a crowd of people peacefully protesting a white nationalist rally in the Virginia college town of Charlottesville, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer and hurting more than a dozen others. (The attacker, James Alex Fields, was sentenced to life in prison on 29 federal hate crime charges, and life plus 419 years on state charges.) President Donald Trump condemned what he called an "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides."

One year ago: The Taliban captured two major Afghan cities, Kandahar and Herat, and a strategic provincial capital, further squeezing the country's embattled government. The Pentagon said an additional 3,000 U.S. troops would go to Afghanistan to assist in the evacuation of some personnel from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. U.S. health regulators authorized an extra dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines in people with weakened immune systems to better protect them from the virus. The Chicago White Sox beat the New York Yankees 9-8 in the first Major League Baseball game ever played in Iowa; the teams combined to hit eight home runs into the cornstalks beyond the outfield fence, next to the site used for the 1989 movie "Field of Dreams."

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Hamilton is 83. Actor Dana Ivey is 81. Actor Jennifer Warren is 81. Rock singer-musician Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) is 73. Actor Jim Beaver is 72. Singer Kid Creole (of Kid Creole and the Coonuts) is 72. Jazz musician Pat Metheny is 68. Actor Sam J. Jones is 68. Actor Bruce Greenwood is 66. Country singer Danny Shirley is 66. Pop musician Roy Hay (Culture Club) is 61. Rapper Sir Mix-A-Lot is 59. Actor Peter Krause (KROWZ-zuh) is 57.

22-23 Forsan Cross Country Teams



Herald photos/Patrick Gonzales

Above, pictures of the Forsan girl's and boy's cross country teams on Thursday. See the story on page 7 to read about Forsan's upcoming cross country season.

Taveras career-high 5 RBIs, Rangers beat Astros 8-4 in 10

HOUSTON (AP) — Leody Taveras drove in a career-high five runs, including a bases-clearing double as part of a five-run 10th inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 8-4 on Wednesday night.

Marcus Semien hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly off Phil Maton (0-2) to put Texas ahead 4-3 in the 10th and Corey Seager followed with an RBI single.

The Rangers loaded the bases again on a single by Adolis García, and two batters later, Taveras cleared them with a drive into the right-center gap.

"I think just his calmness, his ability to kind of like, 'OK, I am going to navigate my way through these at bats every single game.' I'm proud of him," Texas manager Chris Woodward said. "He has come a long way in a short amount of time, and he's proven to us that I can't take him out of the lineup."

Taveras also had a sacrifice fly in the sixth and an RBI triple in the fourth off Justin Verlander.

"I was not trying to do too much," Taveras said of his approach against Verlander. "He's a really good pitcher, and I was just trying to put the ball in play."

Taylor Hearn (5-6) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

Verlander yielded three runs on five hits with seven strikeouts in six innings. He leads the majors with 15 wins and a 1.85 ERA.

The three runs were the most Verlander had allowed since surrendering seven in a loss to the White Sox on June 18, snapping a streak of seven straight starts giving up two runs or fewer.

"I think I made some good pitches," Verlander said. "A couple things just didn't go my way, and that's OK. That's baseball. I thought the stuff was actually pretty sharp. I thought my slider was pretty good. A lot of positives to take away from it. Obviously, not the type of boxscore I would like to have, but I was able to grind through six."

Kyle Tucker and Yordan Álvarez each hit solo home runs for the AL West-leading Astros. Tucker hit an RBI single in the 10th. Houston finished 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position.

"I thought we did have some opportunities," said Houston bench coach Joe Espada, who managed the team with manager Dusty Baker out after testing positive for COVID-19 last week. "I didn't think it would come back to haunt us, but those opportunities once you get them, you want to capitalize."

Texas starter Glenn Otto allowed two runs on four hits with five strikeouts in five innings.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Spencer Howard was placed on the 15-day injured list retroactive to Monday with right shoulder impingement. LHP John King was recalled from Triple-A Round Rock.

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers Jr., who has been on the injured list since the start of the season with a right forearm strain, is set to make his first start of the season on Saturday against Oakland. ... OF Michael Brantley, who has been on the injured list since June 27, will get a second opinion on his injured right shoulder.

CLIMBING THE RANKS

Verlander broke a tie with Mets ace Max Scherzer — for now — for 14th on the all-time strikeout list and now has 3,147 in his career. Pedro Martinez is 13th with 3,154 strikeouts.

LITTLE LEAGUERS IN THE HOUSE

Pearland Little League, which won the Southwest Regional and advanced to the Little League World Series, was in attendance for the game. The team went down to the field pregame for autographs from Astros players and were shown on the big screen during the game.

AP source: Jets signing OT Duane Brown to 2-year deal

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Jets and offensive tackle Duane Brown agreed to terms on a two-year contract Thursday, a person with direct knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press.

The move came three days after the Jets learned they likely lost Mekhi Becton for the season because of a knee injury suffered in practice.

The person spoke to The AP on condition of anonymity because the team had not announced the signing. ESPN first reported the agreement between the Jets and Brown. NFL Network reported the deal is worth \$22 million.

Brown, who turns 37 on Aug. 30, visited the Jets and attended their scrimmage at MetLife Stadium last Saturday night. Coach Robert Saleh acknowledged there was "mutual interest," and Becton's injury made a deal even more likely.

Becton suffered a chip fracture to his kneecap during the second play of 11-on-11 team drills Monday. The initial prognosis was optimistic, but an MRI later revealed more damage to the knee than first expected.

After Becton injured the same knee in the season opener last year, George Fant slid from right tackle to the left side and played well. Fant retained the starting spot at left tackle entering camp, with Becton moving over to the right side for the first time.

Saleh praised Fant's play in Becton's absence and said the versatile veteran was "much more comfortable" playing left tackle. But the addition of Brown — Fant's former teammate in Seattle — means Fant could again move to the right side.

Brown, who made his fifth Pro Bowl appearance last season, has played left tackle his entire NFL career.

The Jets were working Chuma Edoga and rookie Max Mitchell at right tackle in Becton's ab-

sence.

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