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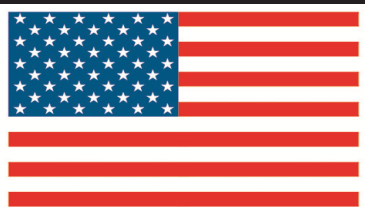
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Weather
 Chance of showers & thunderstorms Tuesday night & Wednesday

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of thunderstorms after 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

Source: NWS, via weather.gov

Steers head back to school



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

A line of cars formed in front of Big Spring High School Monday morning, as well as at other schools throughout the Big Spring ISD, dropping off a herd of Steers for the first day of school in Big Spring. Big Spring is the last of Howard County's three public school districts to begin classes; Coahoma ISD started Aug. 10, while Forsan ISD students headed back to class on Aug. 17. High school football fans have the Howard County Bowl between Forsan and Coahoma coming up Thursday, then the mighty Steers facing off against Pampa Friday at 7 p.m. at Memorial Stadium. Good luck, football teams, and a great year to all Howard County students!

Today in History
 On August 23

1305: Sir William Wallace is executed for high treason at Smithfield, London.

1784: Western North Carolina (now eastern Tennessee) declares itself an independent state under the name of Franklin; it is not accepted into the United States, and only lasts for four years.

1991: The World Wide Web is opened to the public.

Daily Quotes

"I wanted to do new things with dance, adapt it to the motion picture medium."
 — **Gene Kelly**

"I didn't know I was compared to Elizabeth Montgomery, but I think that I'm in very good company with her."
 — **Barbara Eden**

"My friends call me Keith, but you can call me John."
 — **Keith Moon**

Acting is like a Halloween mask that you put on.
 — **River Phoenix**

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Kicking it off for United Way



HERALD photo/Andreia Medlin

William Clark Green, center, headlined the United Way Campaign Kick-off Concert Saturday night at the Howard County Fair Barn.

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Lubbock band Spur 327 also performed during the United Way Campaign Kick-off Saturday, which was well-attended despite the rain.

By **ANDREIA MEDLIN**
 Staff Writer

Despite the rain, the Rock-n-Roll Golf Tournament and Campaign Kick-off concert was a huge success Saturday night with William Clark Green

who headlined the event and special guest Spur 327. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County hosted the event to raise money for area causes. The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the health

and human service agencies of Howard and the surrounding counties. For more information check out their Facebook page or their website at www.unitedwaybshc.org or call 432-267-5201.

Council to consider euthanization issue at Tuesday meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Managing Editor

When it meets this evening, the City of Big Spring will consider taking a step toward euthanizing dogs instead of continuing to operate a no-kill shelter. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St. During the meeting, the council will consider a resolution repealing City Council Resolution 003-2016 "...which set the goal of ending the euthanization of homeless pets...", according to the meeting's agenda. The next item on the agenda would amend the ordinance establishing the city's Animal Control Committee "...to exclude from the committee's responsibility providing assistance to the city in becoming a no-kill shelter; and amending various sections of Chapter 8 'Animals'..." Information provided with the meeting's agenda indicates that the council will consider entirely repealing City Council Resolution 003-2016, which reads "The City of Big Spring City Council hereby adopts the goal of ending the euthanization of homeless pets in the City of Big Spring's animal shelter by January 1, 2017." Also included in the supplementary information provided with the agenda is a planned ordinance which sets out the rules - including rules for "humane euthanization" - for dealing with stray animals. According to those proposed rules, dogs and cats must be kept for a minimum of five days, or a

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Teachers receive HOPE grants at BSISD Convocation



Congratulations to the eight BSISD teachers who received 2022 Grants from the HOPE Foundation, an affiliate of the Big Spring Area Community Foundation. The grants awarded were as follows:

- \$3,700 to Kristi Carstensen (BSHS)-- for The Green Thumb Project. These funds will help raise and sell plants grown in a greenhouse on the BSHS campus. The students will learn about horticulture and small business operation.
- \$4,500.00 to Cadet D Bryant (Washington and Goliad campuses) This grant will fund the continuation of a recycling

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Obituaries

Georgia Charlene "Charlie" Starr



Georgia Charlene "Charlie" Starr, age 78, loving mother of six, beloved grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, changed a fleeting world for an immortal rest on Monday, August 15, 2022. Her spirit will continue

living on through her adoring family and friends. Charlene was a caring and lovable woman who, throughout her lifetime, devoted herself to her pets and the people around her. Born in 1943 in Fort Worth, Texas, to Charles and Georgia, she was the eldest of seven. Charlene was an intelligent and charismatic woman whose smile would light up a room. In spite of the many struggles and myriad of health problems, she would always seem to look at the brighter things in life and never said a bad word about anyone.

As a mother of six children, she was generous, loving and kind. When Charlene became a grandmother, she was absolutely thrilled about her family growing even bigger. In her free time, Charlene loved to write poetry, care for her animals or visit with friends and family, especially her grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and especially her children, Gary, David, Kevin, Rhonda and Kelly, who adore her with all of their hearts.

Charlene was preceded in death by her father, Charles, and her mother, Georgia; her sister, Katherine; her brother Steve; and her firstborn son, Randy. She is survived by her three sisters, Carol, Jane and Nila; her brother, Terry; three sons, Gary, David and Kevin; six daughters, Rhonda and Kelly; six grandchildren, Randy, Breana, Hollynne, Caleb, Chloe and Aedyn; and her five great-grandchildren, Zalei, Aiden, Jake Daniel, Malaysia and Malachia.

There will be a service for Charlene for those who would like to pay their respects on the 27th of August, at 1 p.m., Barnes Friederich Funeral Home, 1820 S. Douglas Blvd, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73130. If desired, friends may make contributions to Buddies Place Cat Rescue at buddiesplacecatrescue.org. Condolences may be sent to the family at thebrighteststarr43@gmail.com. Flowers can be sent to Barnes Friederich Funeral Home.

We know that we can't have you but we're happy knowing that the angels have finally got you back. Goodbye to a beautiful woman and a wonderful mother.

Paid obituary

Bennie Lawrence Porter



On Thursday, August 18, 2022, Bennie Lawrence Porter, 87, met his heavenly Father.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, at College Baptist Church in Big Spring, with Ken McMeans officiating.

Bennie was born Feb. 17, 1935, in Echo, to Bennie T. and Lilly Porter. He married Ruelene Wyatt in Big Spring Dec. 28, 1956.

They had two daughters; Jana Lynn and Nancy Ann.

Bennie served in the Army and National Guard and was honorably discharged.

Bennie worked at Cosden Oil and Chemical Company from 1961 to 1996 where he retired after 35 years of service. He was active in his church (College Baptist Church). He enjoyed

playing dominoes and train. He enjoyed his retirement spending time with his wife, kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and wonderful friends. His friends and family grieve at his passing. He was such a kind and gentle soul. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of thing has passed away." Revelation 21:1-7

Bennie is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruelene Porter; two daughters, Jana and Nancy Porter of Big Spring; grandchildren, Weldon Gibbs, Heather Vaughn, Paden Black and wife Kristy of Big Spring, Kristi Gibbs-Hobbs and Glen Dunna-hoo of Roswell, NM, Stacy Gibbs and wife Shannon of Greenwood, MO, Mylia Daniels and husband Caleb of Rockford, IL; great-grandchildren include Brianna and Sara Gibbs of Big Spring, Josh Gibbs of Greenwood, MO, Celeste Outland of St. Louis, MO and Emmalyn and Kallen

Paid obituary

Anita Gonzales

Anita Gonzales, 71, died Sunday, August 21, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ermelinda Garcia

Ermelinda Garcia, 73, died Saturday, August 20, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Take Note

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags or a box, and answer a few questions - such as how many people live in the household - to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• 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. The BSAA meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you. For more information, call 432-263-4155; Michelle Worthan at 325-227-3911; Kay Smith at 432-213-1153; or Ruby Bruns at 432-664-1943.

Support Groups

- 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.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
- BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.



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Police blotter

- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:
- **DERRICK TODD DRAKE**, 36, of 4211 Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **BRANDON MANUEL ONTIVEROS**, 32, of 1601 E. 11th Pl., was arrested on a charge of forgery-check/credit card.
 - **SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ**, 34, of 402 NE 11th St., was arrested on a charge of forgery-check/credit card.
 - **JOSIAH NATHANIEL AGUERO**, 17, of 2101 Allendale, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
 - **MICHAEL SHANE STANTON**, 39, of 1425 E. 6th St., was arrested on a charge of silent or abusive calls to 911 service.
 - **PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE**, 50, of 1513 17th St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
 - **ISA RENE PENE**, 24, of 2613 Ent Dr., was arrest on warrants from another agency.
 - **ISAIAH LEE BITELA**, 25, of 2325 58th St., Lubbock, on a warrant from another agency.
 - **LOREN RAYMOND WILSON**, 52, of 203 Rex Ave., Forsan, was arrested on a warrant for failed to maintain financial responsibility and on a warrant from another agency.
 - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 1900 block of Wasson Rd.
 - **THEFT** was reported at the 2500 block of Wilkerson Rd.
 - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
 - **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 1300 block of Mesquite.
 - **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported at the 7100 block of the N. Service Rd.
 - **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the 2900 block of W. Highway 80.
 - **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported at the 1000 block of E. 14th St.
 - **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 300 block of Main.
 - **FORGERY** was reported at the 500 block of Lamesa Highway.
 - **THEFT** was reported at the 1400 block of E. 6th St.
 - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported at the 5500 block of E. Midway Rd.
 - **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 900 block of Baylor Blvd.

Sheriff

- The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:
- Note - Official's with the Howard County Jail reported having 105 inmates at the time of this report.
- **JOSIAH NATHANIEL AGUERO** was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
 - **SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ** was arrested on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
 - **PHILLIP WAYNE BEBEE** was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous conviction/suspension.
 - **PRESTON LEE BISHOP** was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 - **ISAIAH BITELA** was arrested on a motion to proceed with adjudication.
 - **DERRICK TODD DRAKE** was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
 - **JOE DON DURAN** was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
 - **RUBEN RICARDO GARCIA** was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
 - **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY** was arrested on a charge of assault of a public servant.
 - **BRANDON MANUEL ONTIVEROS** was arrested on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.
 - **ISA RENE PENA** was arrested on charges of bail jumping, fail to appear and parent contributing to non-attendance.
 - **FREDRICK NICKOLAS RUBIO III** was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 - **MANUAL SOSA IV** was arressed on a charge of theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 but less than \$750.
 - **MICHAEL SHANE STANTON** was arrested on a charge of silent abusive call/electronic communication.
 - **AARON SUTHERLAND** was arrested on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 - **JOSEPH TUCK** was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
 - **LOREN RAYMOND WILSON** was arrested on charges of fail to maintain financial responsibility, bail jumping and fail to appear.
 - **KORI NICOLE YANEZ** was arrested on a motion to revoke probation/duty on striking fixture/highway.

Fire/EMS

- Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 800 block of W. FM 700. No transport.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at CR 53 and Highway 350. One person transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person transported to SMMC.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 200 block of W. Marcy Dr. One person transported to SMMC.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 1900 block of Simler Dr. One person transported to SMMC.
 - **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at Highway 350 and CR 35. No transport.
 - **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the 2500 block of Gunter Circle. One person transported to SMMC.

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minimum of 15 days for animals with microchips or ID tattoos, or until claimed by their owner.

Animals which exceed their redemption period may be placed by the city for adoption through a humane organization.

While the rules do allow others to adopt the animals following the 5- or 15-day period and allows the city to foster them out to those willing to take them, they also allow circumstances in which the animals may be put down by the city: "In the event that an animal impounded for forty-five (45) or more days is not adopted, fostered, or transferred to a humane organization, the ACD may humanely euthanize the impounded animal," "In the event that insufficient space exists for newly impounded animals, and that an animal past its redemption period is not adopted, fostered, or transferred to a humane organization, the ACD may humanely euthanize the impounded animal," and "Any impounded animal which appears to be suffering from serious injury or disease and which is in great pain and suffering and probably will not recover or which appears to have an infectious disease which is a danger to humans or to other animals in the opinion of the ACD or which, due to its extremely violent nature, poses a substantial risk of bodily harm to the safety of ACD staff, may be humanely euthanized at any time during its holding period." The

the third case, the ACD must attempt to contact the owners of animals with ID tags, ID tattoos or microchips before euthanizing them.

At the start of tonight's meeting, following the call to order, invocation, and pledges to the flags, a time will be provided for public comment.

Next, City Manager Todd Darden will give his regular report, including a follow-up report on the Aug. 17 Large-Item Pickup in District 2; The Labor Day city holiday on Sept. 5; an update on abatement properties; and a reminder that school has started.

The meeting's Consent Agenda consists of five items: Approval of minutes of the Aug. 9 regular City Council meeting; final reading of three ordinances: increasing the 2021-22 budget by \$56,000 to pay for a gray water line for Roy Anderson Sports Complex; repealing a Section of City Code forbidding the provision of city office space to council members; and appointing council members as second and third alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; and final reading of a resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Executive Committee of Cities Served by Atmos West Texas and Atmos Energy Corp. West Texas Division.

The council will consider approval of vouchers for Aug. 11 in the amount of \$759,523.15 and for Aug. 18 in the amount of \$600,812.62; as well as manual checks and drafts totaling \$588,369.67.

The council will consider awarding a bid for fencing at the Big Sandy Landfill to Containment Systems LLC of Birmingham, Ala., in the amount of \$138,505.

In New Business, the council will set Sept. 13 as the date of public hearings on the city's 2022-23 annual budget and proposed tax rate. The hearings will be held in the Council Chambers at 307 E. Fourth St. at 5:30 p.m.

The two items regarding animal euthanization are next on the agenda. Following them, the council will:

- Consider an agreement with HomeAway for collection of hotel tax from short-term rental properties in Big Spring;
- Consider an agreement with CivicPlus for mobile app services;
- Consider an agreement with the Howard County Tax Assessor/Collector for collection of city property taxes;
- Consider a recycling agreement with Keep Texas Recycling;
- Consider qualifications, appointments, policies, procedures and possible consolidation of boards and committees.

Each council member will next have the opportunity to offer input, after which the council will adjourn into closed session to discuss and deliberate on economic development negotiations. No item will be voted on in executive session; instead, the council will conduct any votes in open session.

Following the executive session and any resulting votes, the meeting will be adjourned.

GRANTS

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• \$4,500.00 to Cadet D Bryant (Washington and Goliad campuses) This grant will fund the continuation of a recycling project Mr. Bryant started with students from the two campuses last year.

• \$1,249.90 to Brian Moss (BSHS)--Mr. Moss's grant will fund the purchase of a subscription to Grammarflip, an online English language instruction enhancement.

• \$7,000.00 to Tracy Moss (BSHS)-- The grant will finance the purchase of a complete UIL One Act Play Unit Set - something that is critical to the success of the One Act Play activities. We look forward to seeing Ms. Moss take her students all the way to State - - and wining it all.

• \$6,200.00 to Andrea Phinney (BSHS) -- with this grant, Ms. Phinney will be

able to purchase the items necessary to provide for a Ceramics Studio at BSHS - - the only ceramics studio in the surrounding area.

• \$2,901.23 - to Stephanie Laplante (BSHS)-- Two years ago Ms. Laplante started a food bank that benefits the entire community. This grant will allow Ms. Laplante and BSHS students to continue serving under-resourced families in our community.

• \$4,589.60 - to Ashley Morgan (BSJHS)--Ms. Morgan is the librarian at the junior high. This grant will allow her to help teachers establish mini-libraries in their classrooms.

• \$2,500.00 - to Kristi Karstensen (BSHS)--this is the second of two grants awarded to Ms. Karstensen this year. Kristi will use these funds to help her Life Skills students learn to make and sell cookies.

• \$1,200.00 - to Misti Middleton (BSJHS)-- this grant will help Ms. Middleton reestablish a Journalism program at the junior high.

Go Steers!

Election staff abruptly quits, upending rural Texas county

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas (AP) — Part of why Terry Hamilton says he abruptly left his job running elections deep in Texas wine country is by now a familiar story in America: He became fed up with the harassment that followed the 2020 election.

But this was no ordinary exit.

On the brink of November's midterm elections, it was not just Hamilton who up and quit this month but also the only other full-time election worker in rural Gillespie County. The sudden emptying of an entire local elections department came less than 70 days before voters start casting ballots.

By the middle of last week, no one was left at the darkened and locked elections office in a metal building annex off the main road in Fredericksburg. A "Your Vote Counts" poster hung in a window by the door.

A scramble is now underway to train replacements and ground them in layers of new Texas voting laws that are among the strictest in the U.S. That includes assistance from the Texas Secretary of State, whose spokesperson could not recall a similar instance in which an elections office was racing to start over with a completely new staff. But the headaches don't stop there.

The resignations have more broadly made the county of roughly 27,000 residents — which overwhelmingly backed former President Donald Trump in 2020 — an extraordinary example of the fallout resulting from threats to election officials. Officials and voting experts worry that a new wave of harassment or worse will return in November, fueled by false claims of widespread fraud.

Hamilton, who has clashed with poll watchers in Gillespie County in past elections, said he didn't want to go through it again.

"That's the one thing we can't understand. Their candidate won, heavily," Hamilton said. "But there's fraud here?"

He declined to discuss the nature of the threats in a phone interview, referring questions to the county attorney, who did not respond to a phone message. Gillespie County Sheriff Buddy Mills said neither his department nor police in Fredericksburg had received information about threats from elections officials.

Hamilton worked under Anissa Herrera, the former county elections administrator whose resignation was first reported by the Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post. "I was threatened, I've been stalked, I've been called out on social media," she told the outlet. "And it's just dangerous misinformation."

The departures pile on the examples across the U.S. of how death threats, harassment and unfounded accusations have driven local election officials from their jobs. Citing the potential effect on democracy, the U.S. Department of Justice launched a task force last year to address rising threats against election officials.

They are familiar to many election workers in Texas, which has been at the vanguard of a Republican campaign nationwide to tighten election laws in response to Trump's baseless claims that the 2020 election was rigged. Supporters are easy to find in Gillespie County, a popular getaway to booming vineyards and vacation rentals in the scenic Texas Hill Country, which is a short day trip from the state's liberal capital in Austin but separated by a gulf politically. In 2020, Trump won the county with nearly 80% of the vote.

But the resignations surprised Mo Saiidi, chairman of the Gillespie County GOP, who said recent elections had run smoothly. Hamilton said run-ins with poll watchers traced back to 2020 but said other issues weighed on the office, including what he contended was a lack of support from the county. He also recently decided to run as a write-in candidate for county treasurer, which he said required him to step down.

Saiidi believes funding played a role. "They had some differences and they

couldn't come to a closure, and they decided in frustration to just quit," said Saiidi, who also serves on the county's election commission.

A survey released in March by the Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law found that one in three election officials knows someone who has left a job in part because of threats and intimidation, and that one in six had experienced threats personally.

In Texas alone, at least 37 election administrators since the 2020 election have left what were previously stable positions, said Trudy Hancock, president of the Texas Association of Elections Administrators, citing a presentation she had seen. There are 254 counties in Texas, not all of which have dedicated election administration offices.

Threats are not all that's making the job tougher in Texas. A sweeping new voting law gives wide latitude to partisan poll watchers and threatens election workers with criminal charges for denying them access. The same law put new restrictions on mail voting but made a messy debut during Texas' first-in-the-nation primary in March, when more 23,000 mail ballots were discarded outright as voters struggled to navigate the new rules.

It underscores the challenges a new staff will face getting up to speed under a time crunch. For now, Saiidi said the county clerk and tax assessor have been discussed as possible fills-in.

Hancock, who is also the elections administrator in Brazos County, said her workers could previously take angry calls as voters blowing off steam. "But in this climate and the things that go on now, we have to take everything serious and at face value," she said.

Less than 24 hours after the office in Gillespie County officially cleared out, the resignations were front of mind at a pavilion in Fredericksburg, where Democrat Beto O'Rourke had swung through in his campaign to unseat Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Roger Norman, 60, felt the election was still in good hands but called threats a pattern of intimidation. Outside, at a counter rally of Trump supporters, welder Abel Salazar said he had no concerns with elections in the heavily conservative county and that interest in poll watching was high.

"There are a lot of people that have been volunteering," Salazar, 53, said.

Hamilton said deadlines in his old office are already creeping up.

"They didn't think we did anything," he said.

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Bennie Porter, 87, died Thursday. A memorial service Tuesday 10 AM at College Baptist Church.

Caroline Hobbs, 82, died Friday. Grave-side service Tuesday, August 23, 2022 1 PM at Memorial Lawn Rosewell, NM.

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Sands cross country team's fare well at the Andrews Derek Hernandez Memorial Relay



Courtesy photos

Left, Sands High School Girl's Cross Country Team, left to right: Freshman, Sophia Haston; Sophomore, Hayley Connell; Junior, Maddie Segundo; Senior, Bianca Plata; and Junior, Cyanne Compton. Right, Sands High School Boy's Cross Country Team, left to right: Fr., Carlos Plata; Fr. Caleb Bordayo; Jr., Rodolfo Juarez; Sr., Chuy Porras; Soph., Xavier Cisneros; Soph., Wyatt Herm; Jr., Wiley Gaskins. The teams competed well in the first meet of the year against mostly 3A-6A level schools.

Special to the Herald

The Sands Cross Country teams ran at Andrews' Derek Hernandez memorial relay on Saturday, August 20th. The high school runners ran with a partner, with partner 1 running 1.5 miles, followed by partner 2 running 1.5 miles, and then they repeated the process for a partnership total of 6 miles. The top boy's finishers, Rodolfo Juarez and Carlos Plata finished/medaled at 7th place.

The top girl's finishers finished 15th.

The Junior High teams also ran a relay. They ran 1.5 miles each, one time for a partnership total of 3 miles. The top Junior High boy's finishers for Sands placed/medaled at 5th overall and the top Sands' girl's finishers finished/medaled at 9th place.

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Big Spring boy's cross country team heads into the season ranked No. 3 in the state

By PATRICK GONZALES

Herald Sports Writer

son off ranked third in the state. Ranked just above the Steers are region one rivals with San Elizario ranked second and Canyon ranked number one.

The Steers won the District 3-4A team title last year and finished third as a team at the UIL Region 1 meet. The Steers capped their season off with a fourth place finish at the UIL state meet.

This year the Steers will look to pick up where they left off last season, as the Steer's return most of its runners from last year, along with some up and coming junior varsity runners that have been working hard over

Before the season started, the Steer's are the projected favorites to repeat as the district champions and are serious contenders to win both the regional and state meets. The Steer's are lead by seniors Adrian Solis and Isaac Gonzales this season and will look to lead the team this season on their journey to win a state title!

4A Preseason Poll

GIRLS	BOYS
1 Canyon	1 Canyon
2 Fredericksburg	2 San Elizario
3 Celina	3 Big Spring
4 La Feria	4 Giddings
5 Salado	5 Bandera
6 Kaufman	6 La Feria
7 Canyon Randall	7 La Feria
8 Sanger	8 Kennedale
9 Huffner Hargrave	9 Huffner Hargrave
10 Bridgeport	10 Palestine

Courtesy of The Texas Cross Country Coaches Association

Last year's accomplishments by the Big Spring boy's cross country team has coaches, across Texas, attention! Recently, The Texas Cross Country Coaches Association released its preseason rankings and the Steers start the sea-

the summer.

Head cross country coach, Brandon Clemmons is confident in his team this year and knows that they will be ready to compete and be contenders come late October and early November.



Short-timers Cincinnati, Houston, UCF expected to lead AAC

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

The Big 12 is skimming the cream off the top of the American Athletic Conference next season, shifting the landscape for a second-tier conference that has struggled for a measure of national respectability.

Last year's AAC champion, Cincinnati (13-1, 8-0 AAC), became the first school outside a major conference to reach the College Football Playoff.

Runner-up Houston (12-2, 8-0) beat Auburn in the Birmingham Bowl and finished No. 17 in the country. Central Florida (9-4, 5-3) took the country in the Gasparilla Bowl.

All three will make the move to the Big 12 in 2023. First, though, they are expected to finish top of the table in their final AAC campaign.

Behind transfers and established upper-classmen, Cincinnati had a lightning-in-a-bottle 2021 season and made the CFP, only to lose to Alabama in a semifinal.

The Bearcats saw nine players chosen in the NFL draft, including quarterback Desmond Ridder, running back Jermond Brown and cornerbacks Ahmad Gardner and Coby Bryant.

"We lost a lot of big-time players and players that have been here for a long time," Cincinnati coach Luke Fickell said. "I say that life without

Desmond Ridder and Coby Bryant is different, but I think that sometimes players in their own way are really excited about proving who they are and what they have done as leaders."

No. 23 Cincinnati will try to replace Ridder, one of the nation's top QBs a year ago, with Ben Bryant, who was Ridder's backup for two seasons before playing at Eastern Michigan last season, or sophomore Evan Prater. The Bearcats ended fall camp without declaring a starter.

The uncertainty is reflected in the AAC preseason media poll that picked Houston to finish No. 1 over Cincinnati by a single point (243-242).

Houston coach Dana Holgorsen isn't buying it.

"I doubt they were relying on just those guys within their program," Holgorsen said. "They probably have some good players behind them. They haven't lost a game in the conference in the last couple of years, so (Cincinnati) is going to have to be my pick. They are setting the standard for what it takes to win in the American."

No. 24 Houston has one of the more experienced quarterbacks in Clayton Tune, a fifth-year player who completed more than 68% of his passes and threw 30 touchdowns in 2021. He has started 30 college games.

"I've always believed in Clayton," Holgorsen said. "I think he's one of

the best quarterbacks in the country, no doubt. Probably the biggest key is we got better pieces around him right now."

Tune's weapons include Nathaniel Dell, who was one of the nation's top receivers last year.

WELCOME BACK

At least seven other experienced quarterbacks are set to lead AAC squads in 2022: Holton Ahlers at East Carolina; Seth Henigan at Memphis; Davis Brin at Tulsa; Michael Pratt at Tulane; Tai Lavatai at Navy; D'Wan Mathis at Temple; and Tanner Mordecai at SMU.

CHANGING UNIFORMS

Making the AAC more unpredictable is the number of new players coming to the teams via the transfer portal.

SMU, South Florida, Central Florida and East Carolina brought in at least a dozen new players via the portal.

UCF coach Gus Malzahn noted that eight of the 16 transfers coming to Orlando left Southeastern Conference schools to do so.

Ole Miss transfer John Rhys Plumlee won the starting quarterback job at UCF, and Baylor transfer Gerry Bohanon was named starting QB at South Florida.

NEW BOSSES

The AAC has two new coaches in 2022. Rhett Lashlee takes over at SMU for Sonny Dykes, who moved on to the head coaching job at TCU. Lashlee returns to Dallas after serving as the SMU offensive coordinator in 2018-19 before moving to Miami. Stan Drayton takes over at Temple after spending the last five seasons as the running backs coach at Texas.

ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

All the realignment leaves smaller conferences with a more uncertain competitive and economic landscape.

The AAC in 2023 is replacing its three top teams with a half dozen mid-majors imported from Conference USA.

Athlete compensation, the transfer portal and realignment have created a "perfect storm" for an unsettled situation, AAC Commissioner Mike Aresco said.

"We can lament realignment all we want, but we have to deal with it," Aresco said. "The realignment we have seen is of course driven by money and competitive positioning."

"We all know this a new and challenging era in college sports, unlike any that we've ever experienced," he said. "These are unsettling times."

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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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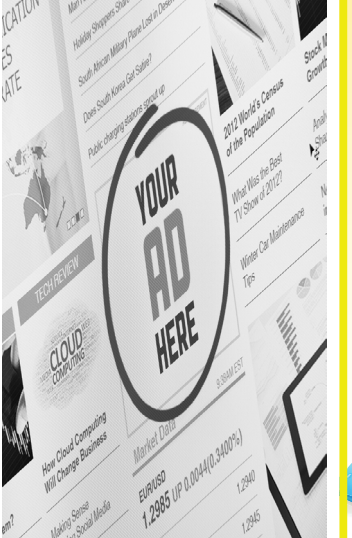
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5:AM	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Al rojo vivo (SS)	Newsweek 9	Shepherd Dr. Wil	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Smart	Law & Order: SVU	Jeremiah	Moonshiners	
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7:AM	Good Morning America		Good Morning Basin	CBS Mornings		Today	Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	Divorce Jerry	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter	High School Player	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Moonshiners	
8:AM			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elnor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins.	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Moonshiners	
9:AM	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	The Is	Clifford	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos	Broke Girl	Supernatural	First Take	Get Up		Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Moonshiners	
10:AM	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Real	The Price Is Right	Caso	Today-Hoda	The China	Words of	Curious	Friends	Friends	Supernatural				Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Moonshiners	
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12:PM	GMA3: What	Hoy (SS)	TMZ Live	News Bold	La reina del sur (SS)	Days of our Lives	News Hidden	Molly	Hero	Dateline	Hot	Supernatural	2022 Little League Baseball World Series	SportsCenter	Texas High School Football Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Kids Behind Bars	Moonshiners	
1:PM	General Hospital		The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	House	Cyber	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supernatural	This Just In			Law & Order: SVU	Inmate to Roommate	Moonshiners	
2:PM	Rachael Ray		Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	La mesa caliente	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Movie: Red Dawn (DVS)	2022 Little League Baseball World Series	Jalen	Texas High School Football Classics	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners	
3:PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Donkey	Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends				Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
4:PM	You Bet Jeopardy!	Primer impacto	Two Men	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Retro	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos	Sheldon	Movie: Armageddon, Liv Tyler (DVS)	2022 Little League Baseball World Series	Daily Wager	Polans	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
5:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS 7	Tele	News	MMTV	Molly	King	Nick Cannon	Sheldon					Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
6:PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Sheldon	CBS 7	Top Chef VIP (SS)	News	Freedom	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	MLB Baseball: New York Mets at New York Yankees.					Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
7:PM	Cinderella: The	La mexicana	So You Think	FBI		America's Got Talent	Our Mess	Eye on	Odd	Chicago Fire	Leonardo	Movie: Ready Player One, Ben Mendelsohn (DVS)	2022 Little League Baseball World Series	WNBA Basketball: Sky at Liberty	Pregame	WWE NXT	The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
8:PM	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella	La herencia	(.02) Fantasy Island	FBI: International	Amor valiente (SS)		Light of Southwest	Arthur	Chicago Fire	Devils				ESPN Films	WNBA Basketball: Aces at Mercury	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Colorado Rockies.	(.08) Movie: Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral	(.01) The First 48	(.01) Deadliest Catch
9:PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	Being	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon	Titans (DVS)	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Postgame	Rangers	(.04) The First 48		
10:PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Late Show- Colbert	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Creation	Tiger	Minute	black-ish	Sheldon	Movie: Ready Player One, Ben Mendelsohn (DVS)	SportsCenter	30 for 30	KINS 22	Snake in the Grass	(.03) The First 48	Deadliest Catch	
11:AM	Extra	Peregrina	Mom	James Corden	El Chema (SS)	News	The	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	George					Fast Lane	(.04) The First 48	(.01) Deadliest Catch	
12:AM	DailyMail	La mexicana	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	Top Story	Light of Southwest	Molly	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold					Law & Order: SVU	(.05) The First 48		
1:AM	Home	Utagas	Broke Girl	Paid Prg.	Programa	De siones	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Minute	Cold Case	SportsCenter	NFL Live	UFC Top	UFC	Law & Order: SVU	(.05) The First 48	
2:AM	(.06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(.07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Early Tdy	A Prom	Odd	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Wipeout	Cold Case	SportsCenter	UFC	Postgame	NASCAR	Law & Order: SVU	Smart	Bering Sea Gold
3:AM		El gordo y la flaca	Law & Order: SVU		Programa	Early Tdy	The Is	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Inogen!	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	E60	Race	Law & Order: SVU	Home	Bering Sea Gold	
4:AM	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	The Gath	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Home	Matters				Secrets	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.		

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Defensive reasoning

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A K J 4
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ A 8 5 2
 ♣ J 6 5

WEST
 ♠ 9 8 6 3 2
 ♥ 9 2
 ♦ Q 6 4
 ♣ K Q 4

EAST
 ♠ 10 5
 ♥ K 10 4
 ♦ J 10 9 7
 ♣ A 9 7 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 7
 ♥ A Q J 8 6 5
 ♦ K 3
 ♣ 10 8 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
 3♥ Pass 4♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

In the great majority of deals, it is incumbent upon the declarer and the defenders alike to assume that a distribution of the cards exists which allows the contract to be made or defeated. Without such an approach, numerous opportunities for a favorable outcome can easily be missed.

Consider East's situation in

today's deal after West leads the K-Q of clubs and continues with a third club to East's ace. With three tricks already in the bank, the question is what East should do next.

The mechanical return would be the jack of diamonds, a "safe" lead that cannot jeopardize any diamond values West may hold. But if the diamond jack is returned, South would have no problem scoring the rest of the tricks with the help of two heart finesses against East's king.

This should come as no surprise to East in view of South's bidding. East is in good position to judge that South, who opened the bidding, cannot have a spade or diamond loser after having already followed low to three rounds of clubs. East's only hope, therefore, is to try to develop a trump trick for his side.

Accordingly, East should return his remaining club at trick four, hoping to find his partner with the nine of trump — a card declarer certainly does not need to have for his bidding. In the actual case, West does hold that card, and, as a result, the contract goes down no matter how declarer elects to play from that point on.

Tomorrow: No peeking necessary.
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Today in History

Today in History: August 23, Jacob Blake shot in Kenosha

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 23, the 235th day of 2022. There are 130 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1973, a bank robbery-turned-hostage-taking began in Stockholm, Sweden; the four hostages ended up empathizing with their captors, a psychological condition now referred to as "Stockholm Syndrome."

On this date:

In 1305, Scottish rebel leader Sir William Wallace was executed by the English for treason.

In 1775, Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

In 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

In 1927, amid worldwide protests, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. (On the 50th anniversary of their executions, then-Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis issued a proclamation that Sacco and Vanzetti had been unfairly tried and convicted.)

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union agreed to a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, in Moscow.

In 2000, A Gulf Air Airbus crashed into the Persian Gulf near Bahrain, killing all 143 people aboard.

In 2003, former priest John Geoghan (GAY-gun), the convicted child molester whose prosecution sparked the sex abuse scandal that shook the Roman Catholic Church nationwide, died after another inmate attacked him in a Massachusetts prison.

In 2004, President George W. Bush criticized a political commercial accusing Democratic nominee John Kerry of inflating his own Vietnam War record, and said broadcast attacks by outside groups had no place in the race for the White House.

In 2008, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama introduced his choice of running mate, Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, before a crowd outside the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois.

In 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake centered near Mineral, Virginia, the strongest on the East Coast since 1944, caused cracks in the Washington Monument and damaged Washington National Cathedral.

In 2013, a military jury convicted Maj. Nidal Hasan in the deadly 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood, Texas, that claimed 13 lives; the Army psychiatrist was later sentenced to death. Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, the U.S. soldier who'd massacred 16 Afghan civilians, was sentenced at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, to life in prison with no chance of parole.

In 2020, a white police officer in Kenosha, Wisconsin, shot a Black man, Jacob Blake, seven times as officers tried to arrest Blake on an outstanding warrant; the shooting left Blake partially paralyzed and triggered several nights of violent protests. (Blake, who was shot as he was about to get into an SUV with a pocketknife that had fallen from his pants, later said he'd been prepared to surrender after putting the knife in the vehicle. Officer Rusten Sheskey was not charged.)

Ten years ago: First lady Michelle Obama consoled relatives of worshippers gunned down at a Sikh temple in suburban Milwaukee. Lance Armstrong chose not to pursue arbitration in the drug case brought against him by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, setting the stage for his Tour de France titles to be stripped and his name to be all but wiped from the record books of the sport he once ruled.

Five years ago: City workers in Charlottesville, Virginia, draped giant black covers over two statues of Confederate generals to symbolize the city's mourning for a woman killed while protesting a white nationalist rally. A federal judge again blocked a set of voter ID requirements in Texas, rejecting a weakened version that had been backed by the Trump administration. (An appeals court later allowed the law to stay in effect; it allowed voters without any acceptable photo ID to cast a ballot as long as they sign an affidavit.)

One year ago: The U.S. military was able to increase its evacuation flights out of Afghanistan; some 17,000 people were flown to safety in more than 40 flights over a period of 36 hours. The leader of the Proud Boys extremist group, Enrique Tarrio, was sentenced to more than five months in jail for burning a Black Lives Matter banner that was torn down from a historic Black church in downtown Washington and bringing two high-capacity firearm magazines into the nation's capital two days before the Jan. 6 riot. U.S. regulators gave full approval to Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine; more than 200 million Pfizer doses had been administered in the U.S. under emergency provisions since December 2020. The Pentagon announced that it would press ahead with plans to force members of the military to get vaccinated.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Vera Miles is 92. Actor Barbara Eden is 91. Political satirist Mark Russell is 90. Pro Football Hall of Famer Sonny Jurgensen is 88. Actor Richard Sanders is 82. Ballet dancer Patricia McBride is 80. Former Surgeon General Antonia Novello is 78. Country singer Rex Allen Jr. is 75. Actor David Robb is 75. Singer Linda Thompson is 75. Actor Shelley Long is 73. Actor-singer Rick Springfield is 73. Country singer-musician Woody Paul (Riders in the Sky) is 73. Queen Noor of Jordan is 71. Actor-producer Mark Hudson is 71. Actor Skipp Sudduth is 66. Rock musician Dean DeLeo (Army of Anyone; Stone Temple Pilots) is 61. Actor Jay Mohr is 52. Actor Ray Park is 48. Actor Scott Caan is 46. Country singer Shelly Fairchild is 45. Figure skater Nicole Bobek (BOH-bek) is 45. Rock singer Julian Casablancas (The Strokes) is 44. Actor Joanne Froggatt is 42. Actor Jaime Lee Kirchner is 41.

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