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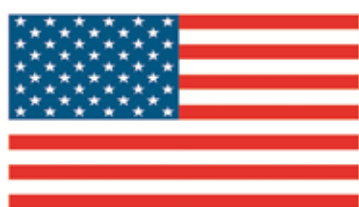
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Sylvia Cansino

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A Moment in Time

The Courting Swing

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**
Heritage Museum

Slowly swinging the evening away, is a past time enjoyed by many Big Spring residents even as early as the late 1800's. Pioneer Mary Zinn owned one of these special 'courting swings.' The swing had two sides that faced each other and was made from paneled wood. A wooden paneled floor was shared by the swingers. Those courting could share one another's company without actually touching one another which

was considered inappropriate etiquette. The slightest motion would cause the swing to move in a back-and-forth motion.

The Zinn's were the first to live on the lot located at 507 Scurry Street. They had their home moved in from Colorado City in 1883. Mary would often swing quietly in the evenings as she enjoyed the West Texas sunsets. She saw transportation turn from horse and buggy to automobile and dusty roads to paved streets. As neighbors

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Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum
R.B. and Mary Zinn are pictured in front of their home at 507 Scurry. The Courting Swing is located on the left side of the home.

Sands JH One Act earns District Champion, Honorable Mention, All Star Cast awards



Courtesy photo

Sands Junior High competed Saturday in their District Contest and took home the title of District Champion. Also competing were O'Donnell and Grady. The following company members took home the following awards. Honorable Mention All Star Cast: Kevin King, Myah Heald, Madison Hataway. All Star Cast: Presley Goodman, Keller Doster, Evan Lucio. All Star Crew: Hayley Connell

Sands also took home Over all Outstanding Crew consisting of Cali Howard, Hayley Connell, Sophia Haston, Julia Reese, David Lucio and Zoe Murrieta

Sands performed scenes from Anatomy of Gray and were directed by Tana Howard, Jay Stinson, Rachelle Morrow and Michele Stinson

Senator Seliger holds a virtual Town Hall Zoom meeting

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
Managing Editor

Senator Kel Seliger hosted a virtual Town Hall meeting for Howard County on Friday afternoon. During the Zoom meeting, Howard County residents joined together for the hour of Q&A discussion where Senator Seliger discussed upcoming topics for the legislature.

A substantial portion of the Town Hall focused on the Covid-19 pandemic and the authority the legislature has over mandates and other protocols associated with slowing the spread in Texas. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of mask mandates and the implications brought upon by such mandates pushed out in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order and local authority.

"Right now the legislature is not in session so there is no much control that we have currently," Senator Seliger said.

Due to the state of emergency, Governor Greg Abbott has been granted certain authority regarding the pandemic and mandates associated with slowing the spread across the state. To date there have been 20,000 deaths related to Covid-19 across the

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City of Big Spring implements office closures; Festival of Lights announces no greeters this year

Herald Staff Report

As Covid-19 cases continue to rise in Howard County and across West Texas, the City of Big Spring issued a series of notifications this past week regarding the closure of City rentable facilities, Festival of Lights and City offices.

The first in a series of notices on Friday morning involved The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights. The Festival of Lights Board has made the decision to hold this year's event without Greeters.

"This is a decision that has been made for the safety of our volunteers and citizens," the press release stated.

The Comanche Trail Festival of Lights will run from Dec. 1 to Dec. 25 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. nightly.

"This is the perfect social distancing event and we hope you enjoy all the displays," the release stated.

For more information or for an opportunity to donate to the Comanche Trail Festival of Lights, contact Vicki Stewart at 432- 935-0572 or Hayley Herrera at 432-264- 2516. Donations are normally received as visitors go through the Festival of Lights at the greeters stand.

The second notice involved the closing of City Offices. According to the press release moving forward City Offices will only be open by appointment or electronic communication.



HERALD file photo

This year the Festival of Lights will not have greeters for the safety of those going through the lights, the volunteers and the community as a whole.

The press release reads as follows:

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Obituaries

Bobby Joe Driver

In Loving Memory of Our Father Bobby Joe Driver



On Monday, Nov. 16, 2020, Bobby Joe Driver, Loving Husband and Father of five children, passed away at the age of 89 years old.

He was born on March 18, 1931, in La Mesa, Texas, to William and Maude Driver. He is the youngest of seven brothers. Bobby Joe grew up working in the cotton and oil fields, was a member of the United States Army, and served in the Korean War. When he returned home, he met and married Helen Faye Marlenee, and together they had five children: Glenda Faye, Deborah Gail, Leisa Carol, James Robert, and Gary Don. Deborah Gail passed away when she was 12 days old.

He later met and married Mary Patterson, and together they lived and loved life working together in a Nursing Home, an Animal Shelter, and a Hunting Lodge. Together they retired and moved to Big Spring, Texas.

Bobby Joe was a dedicated member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Big Spring,

Texas for many years. He enjoyed and loved being a part of their congregation and he was loved and respected by them. Bobby Joe loved his family more than anything and he was always willing to help anyone in need.

Bobby Joe was preceded in death by his Father, William; Mother, Maude; his brothers Elmer "Pete" Leamon, John Everette, Prentis Dee, Luther "Luke" Jay, and Willie Lee "Bill", his daughter Deborah Gail, his first wife Helen Faye, and his second wife Mary, and his great nephew Landon Fuller.

He is survived by his children: Glenda Faye Tate and her husband Michael, Leisa Carol, James Robert and wife Stacey, and Gary Don and wife DeeDee, 9 grandkids, 18 grandkids, and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews, and his Sister n Law, Joy Driver.

Bobby Joe, with a heart of gold, loved by many and will be dearly missed. May You Rest In Peace Until We Meet Again. We Love You.

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

Paid Obituary

Ramona Harris

Ramona Harris, 92, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Nov. 20, 2020.



Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Joe Nick Garfias, Jr.

Joe Nick Garfias, Jr., 72, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020.



Viewing and visitation will be Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a Vigil at 7 p.m. at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. Funeral service will be Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel with Deacon Clemente officiating.

Joe was born on May 9, 1948 in

Galveston.

He is survived by five children: Gloria Ann Ovalle of Big Spring, Teresa Jane Enriquez of Big Spring, Laura Yvette Garfias-Collins of Big Spring, Jose Nicanor Garfias III ("Nick") of Big Spring, and Luis Alberto Garfias of Big Spring; two brothers: Luis Garfias of AZ and Frank Garfias of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Hope and Joe Garfias, Sr.; his wife: Nora Juarez Garfias; and one brother.

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Maria Luiza Diaz

Maria Luiza Diaz, age 77, passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Nov. 19, 2020. She was born June 9, 1943, in Big Spring, Texas, and raised by Ponciano and Hortencia Lopez.

Maria loved to love on people. She was known as "Mom" or "Grandma" to everybody whether they were family or not. She knew no strangers and would take in anybody and make sure that their bellies were full before they left. Her homemade tortillas and tamales were legendary among her friends and family. Her favorite pastime was playing bingo, smoking her cigarettes and drinking her coffee. Close friends and family will remember Maria for her blunt "tell it like it is" with no filter personality. She was deeply loved by everyone in her life.

For many years Maria worked at a local nursing home as a cook in Big Spring. It suited her servant heart. She was loved by both the staff she worked with and the residents she served. She was never idle and worked every day until the Lord decided to take her home.

Her life was a living example of this Bible verse, Proverbs 31:25 — "She is clothed in strength and

dignity and she laughs without fear of the future."

Maria was preceded in death by four brothers, Santos Lopez, Lucas Lopez, Chino Lopez and Joel Lopez; four sisters, Manuela Rosales, Anna Lopez, Elena Gonzales, Ruth Contreras; one son, Tony Bernal and one daughter, Diane Bernal. She is survived by her brother Habacue Lopez, sister Martha Sandoval; her four sons Joe Bernal, Tommy Bernal, Chris Ledesma, Elias Ledesma and four daughters Rosemary Chavez, Mary Ann Bernal, Manuela Nalley and Ivy Ledesma; 36 grandchildren, two of whom she raised as her own, Toni Contreras and Sylvia Bernal; numerous great-grandchildren, cousins, nephews and nieces. All of these she loved and touched deeply.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Smith, Chris Ledesma, Cartavious Groage, John Bernal, Eli Ledesma and Tommy Bernal Jr.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with a Vigil service at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Paid Obituary

Lydia Jojola

Lydia Jojola, 68, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020. Viewing and visitation will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at 10 a.m. Burial

will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lydia was born June 18, 1952, in Los Angeles, CA. She is survived by her three daughters: Elizabeth Franklin, Christina Rivera, and Marlene Rodriguez; her father: Benito Perez; one sister: Bertha Moreno; two brothers: Benjamin Perez and Michael Ball; eight grandkids; and 10 great grandkids.

She was preceded in death by one grandchild and one great grandchild.

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state, and more than 1 million diagnosed with Covid-19. As part of the pandemic discussion, Senator Seliger referred to Dr. Rohith Saravanan – Chief Medical Officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center – in regards to the current availability of beds for the Big Spring community.

According to Dr. Saravanan, out of the 32 patients on the Med/Surg floor and ICU there are 21 Covid positive patients. The average census before the pandemic, at SMMC, was sitting at around 20 and currently sits around 50 plus patients. Howard County is sitting at 35% positivity rate for Covid cases.

"We are thankful for the support we have received from the State. We have about 30 staff from the State resources, which means at this moment we have more resource staff than we do local staff," Dr. Saravanan said.

With cases continuing to rise, hospital administration is reaching out and asking for the community to do their part in slowing the spread. For those who are needing to be out in public, masks are encouraged and social gathering should be limited, especially in excess of 10 people.

"We are a small community, and if we do what we should we could contain this," Dr. Saravanan said. "We should be having the conversation of wearing masks and not about portable morgues. We are building up resources, but we are wanting the community to not get to a point where they have to use the resources we are building up."

Dr. Saravanan continued, "Our staff is stretched thin, and while we appreciate the help from the State, we want to encourage the community to do their part because our staff is being stretched."

The health sector is not the only one being hard hit. The pandemic has created a new form of learning across the State of Texas as well. School districts are having to adjust to virtual learning, rotating class schedules and increased and additional cleaning protocols.

During the Town Hall with Senator Seliger, For-

san ISD Superintendent Randy Johnson addressed how the 2A rural school district has been handling different learning avenues this semester. Forsan ISD, as many of the other school districts in the area, has pulled away from virtual learning for the most part and has brought students back to the classroom.

"We are taking it day by day at this point," Johnson said.

Dr. Cheryl Sparks also addressed the learning avenues implemented at the junior college level and the extended holiday break happening at Howard College. While there has been a rise in cases lately, Howard College is hoping that additional time with students off campus will be an opportunity to curtail the rise in cases on campus.

The conversation shifted gears as attendees were able to submit questions through the Zoom Chat. One participant drew Senator Seliger to address the topic of what, if any plans, the legislature had

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to address election malfunctions.

"We want to see every vote cast is valid and counts," Senator Seliger said. "We will do whatever we need to do to make that happen."

Another question presented by Greater Big Spring Rotary Member Najam Hasan regarding the plans for addressing the oil industry and the recent downturn. According to Seliger, there won't

be much change in the upcoming session.

Other topics of discussion brought up in the hour long Town Hall included recently submitted gun laws circulating in the House, the 5% budget cut and who it will directly impact across the board, and the main focuses heading into the upcoming session.

"The most important things (as we head into the session) is what you all tell me; your priorities are my priorities," Senator Seliger said.

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Anyone wishing to make an appointment is asked to contact the appropriate department. A complete directory is available on the City website, www.mybigspring.com. Citizens are asked to visit only the department where they have scheduled an appointment and employees and visitors are asked to wear masks, if possible.

As of November 18, 2020, the Big Spring Senior Center was closed to the public; the center remains open for senior citizens to pickup

to go meals. Please call 432-267-1268, for more information on meals to go from the Senior Center.

For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401. In addition to City Closures, the Howard County Courthouse also issued a notice stating beginning Tuesday, Nov. 23, the Courthouse would be by appointment only. All doors except the handicapped entrance located on the west side of the building will be locked. All who enter the Courthouse will be screened following Covid guidelines. Face masks are required for all.

HISTORY

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strolled by and visited with other neighbors and children enjoyed a fast swing or as young men and ladies courted their sweetheart. The Zinn family kept the swing in use for years. Mary Zinn died in 1947 shortly after her 101st birthday. Her Granddaughter, Mrs. Guy (Althea) Craven, moved the swing to her home on Gregg Street. Mrs. Craven's home was known as the Poffenbach-Cravens home and later became a French Restaurant "Fenestra" meaning window. It was named for the beautiful stain glass window that was on the front of the home. Mrs. Cravens passed away in 1977 and the swing was donated to the historic Potton House in 1978. Local welder, Wayne Bureson restored the swing to its original condition, and it was placed in concrete at the front southeast side of the house.

No one ever dreamed it would be stolen but fast forward to 2018 and the unthinkable happened. Unable to remove the cemented swing set, the thief was able to remove the swing from the frame and took off with it. What a sad time when things are stolen right from under the watchful eye of the public. The history of the swing was probably unknown to the

majority of people including the thief. It is mystifying why someone would go to that much effort to remove the bolts and pins and take out the heavy old swing from its frame. Furthermore, doing this without being questioned on their trespassing. One must wonder, did the thief have such a desperate desire to 'swing' that they had to steal a piece of Big Spring's history. History that was meant to be shared by the community not one selfish person. The swing is gone forever but Mary Zinn's memory will live on.

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Gregory Phillippe, 71, died Tuesday. Burial will be at The Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Bobby Driver, 89, died Monday. Services will be at a later date.

Lydia Jojola, 74, died Wednesday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Wednesday and the family will receive friends from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Vernon Gamble, 84, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Joe Garfias, 72, died Wednesday. Funeral service will be at 2:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Trudy Louise Sherril, 58, died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM Friday, November 27, 2020. Funeral service will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Maria Diaz.77 died Thursday. Visitation will be 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Joyce Carroll, 85, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Lady Steers fall at home to Crane 45-34

By SHAWN MORAN

Herald Sports Writer

The Big Spring Lady Steers lost their second straight game when they fell to the Crane Lady Golden Cranes 45-34 on Saturday afternoon.

Big Spring got into foul trouble early, was unable to knock down any shots from beyond the arc, and struggled from the free throw line all-game long.

"We just couldn't make a shot today," Head Coach Eric Tuttle said. "I feel like our energy was a little lower today than it has been. I think they played a little bit harder than us today, and that's usually not a factor with us. We just came out flat, missed some shots early, and couldn't get into a rhythm."

Starting point guard Tristan Smith led the team with 14 points but she fouled out early in the fourth quarter and the Lady Steers were unable to mount a comeback. Forward Ryen Terrazas scored 11 points and fell just shy of a double-double with nine rebounds. Outside of those two players, only three other Lady Steers recorded a made basket and it was tough for Tuttle's squad to stick with the depth that Crane had.

Three Crane players ended up scoring in double-digits and the size that the team possessed was difficult for Big Spring to manage over the course of an entire four quarters. The Lady Golden Cranes were able to get to the free throw



HERALD Photo/Shawn Moran

Jacqueline Belew plays tight defense on a Crane player in Saturday's home loss to the Lady Golden Cranes.

line consistently and knockdown their shots, while that was the biggest problem that plagued Big Spring on Saturday.

"We just need to learn how to play better when we get fouled and knock down those free throws," Tuttle said.

Overall, it was a day to learn from for the Lady Steers and they will be looking to quickly bounce back when they take the court on Monday afternoon against Shallowater. Tuttle knows his team is still learning how to play under him and there are growing pains that they are working through as a group. At the same time, the Lady Steers new head coach expects his team to learn from their mistakes and put their best foot forward.

"We didn't turn the ball over as much today," Tuttle said. "We've got two tough games coming up but we just need to keep control of the ball and knock down some of those shots that we missed today."

UP NEXT: The Lady Steers will play two Thanksgiving week games. They will play Monday at home against Shallowater and Tuesday against San Angelo Central. Both games will be at Steer Gym with the JV kicking things off at 11:00 a.m.

Shawn Moran is the sports writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Coahoma Bulldogettes defeat Monahans 57-41 at home



Courtesy Photo/Coahoma ISD

Julia Cox (3) fights through a pack of Lady Lobes during Saturday's win.

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Bulldogettes hit the gas in the fourth quarter to nab their second win of the season on Saturday. Coahoma downed the Monahans Lady Lobes, 57-41.

After a slow start in the first quarter, the two teams headed to the locker room tied at 19-19. Returning for the second half, the Lady Lobes scored first with a field goal in the third quarter to push Monahans ahead by two points (19-21).

After that, the two teams battled for an advantage and traded the lead back and forth until MaKynlee Overton, Isabella Cox and Julia Cox nailed four points in a row from the charity stripe to put Coahoma ahead 27-23.

From then on, the Bulldogettes continued to maintain the advantage and by the fourth quarter, Coahoma upped the pressure, scoring 19 points to Monahans' nine. This allowed the Bulldogettes to run away with the game for their second straight victory of the young season. They will look to build off of this hot stretch as the season moves along.

Scoring was not an issue for Coahoma this weekend as four Bulldogettes scored in the double digits. Overton and J. Cox led with 16 points each. I. Cox had 11 and Madison Rodgers tallied 10.

UP NEXT: The Bulldogettes (2-2) return to action to host Grady on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Eli Cranor's Athletic Support: "Time to focus on one sport?"

By ELI CRANOR

Special to the Herald

Dear Athletic Support: Back when I was in high school, sports had fairly defined seasons. Football would end, then basketball would begin. When hoops were over, track started, then baseball. But sports are pretty much year-round now, both in terms of practice and play. Kids are encouraged to play multiple sports at young ages, which is good, but as they get older, it gets harder to pull off. My ninth-grade son is not going to play college sports, but he is good enough to still play multiple sports in high school, and he wants to. He did give up football to focus on basketball and baseball. At most lower classification schools with small enrollments, they rely on many of their kids playing multiple sports. But our high school is larger, so that is not the case. My son has the ability to make his high school basketball team and baseball team. But I'm afraid each coach will want him to pick one or the other, as I would imagine each coach is going to want him to devote off-seasons to one particular sport. Another fear is if both coaches opt not to keep him, thinking my son will do the other sport, and he ends up on neither team. I want my son to make his own decisions here, but do you have any advice on the matter?

—Supportive Father

Dear Supportive: This is by far the most popular question I've gotten over the



ELI CRANOR

years. Go back and check out my previous columns, "Time to switch teams?" and "Transferring to a smaller school," for a more information on the subject.

Let me start by saying this — the more sports the better! Period. In any coach's mind, though, coaches don't have to say anything and parents/players still get the wrong message.

In other words, it's hard for any young athlete to be away from workouts or practice and not start to feel guilty. Parents feel this same way. And that's when the vicious cycle of worrying and wondering starts.

Don't let that happen. Don't worry for no reason.

I have a lot of faith in coaches. I'd be willing to be there's not many coaches out there who will flat out tell a young athlete he cannot play multiple sports. A coach might make a few jabs here and there, trying to suggest your son might be better off if he stuck to one sport, but don't listen to that stuff.

Deep down, any good coach wants what's best for his athletes. And there is no substitute for game-time experience. It doesn't matter if your son is up to bat with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, or if he's ready to take the game-winning shot as time expires — there's no way to simulate those types of high-pressure situations in the off-season.

A good coach understands that. I hope your son has good coaches!

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Iowa Angler Cole claims B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Series victory at Chickamauga

Special to the Herald

DAYTON, Tenn. — With the help of a last-minute giant, Tyler Cole, of Hopkinton, Iowa, secured the victory at the Huk Bassmaster B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Series powered by TourneyX presented by Abu Garcia at Chickamauga Lake with five bass that measured 89.5 inches.

Cole earned \$6,907 and will join the Top 29 anglers from this event at the Huk Bassmaster B.A.S.S. Nation Kayak Series National Championship scheduled at Lewisville Lake March 17-18 in conjunction with the 2021 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk.

"This has been pretty amazing," Cole said. "Especially after the Lake Fork event this spring. I had four good fish down there and I lost my fifth fish at the net that would have gotten me to the Top 3. This gave me a little redemption from that. All I've ever wanted is one of these blue trophies and now I've got it."

Cole used his grass-fishing experience on the Mississippi River, fishing only a Booyah Pad Crasher to catch his bass.

"Frogging is my forte back home so I stuck with something I know. I caught two smaller fish on a ChatterBait and two on a frog (in practice), one was 18 and one was 19.5," Cole said. "And I thought if I could string together five of those bites, I should be able to get up there pretty good. I thought it was going to take more than 89.5 to get there."

Cole launched from Chester Frost Park on the Southern end of Chickamauga — an area that has been historically productive — and targeted grasslines in 2 to 3 feet of water. He started slow, catching just one bass in the opening hours before he landed back-to-back fish around 10 a.m.

The rest of the day, Cole worked the same stretch of his most productive water. One bass short of a limit and minutes removed from losing another quality fish, Cole landed a 21-inch bass with 15 minutes remaining to fill his limit and ultimately

secure the win.

Tennessee angler Brandon Strock found success fishing in the same area as Cole, catching 87 inches of largemouth to finish in second place and earning \$3,207. Strock focused on grasslines that had rock present.

He crawled a Z-Man JackHammer ChatterBait across the rock and when he got hung, ripped the bait out of the grass.

"It is a known winning area," Strock said. "I started out throwing an A-rig and I missed a couple on that first thing in the morning. It wasn't really productive, so I switched to a ChatterBait."

After switching lures, Strock was able to find a rhythm, catching four keepers by midday. Then he went searching for a kicker — and with about five minutes to go, he landed a 21-incher to fill his limit.

"I knew if I had one good fish, I would at least give myself a shot," he said. "I was like Iaconelli back there, just whooping and hollering, and everyone in the campground was looking at me."

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Annie's Mailbox

Catch a Fly With Honey

Dear Annie: I have two stepdaughters whom my wife and I have I raised since they were 7 and 10 years old. We also have three daughters from our 18-year marriage. My wife and I worked very hard to put both the older ones through college. We've always had trouble keeping the oldest one engaged with making the best of decisions for herself. She finished college with a teaching degree yet doesn't use it and waitresses at a restaurant. It's hard watching her struggle financially knowing she could have a career as a

teacher. She moved out at age 25 to live with a friend. They had a falling out about nine months later, and she moved in with a man she had known for two months. He is living here illegally and was in jail previously, related to an issue with a woman he had been seeing. I don't know why, and our daughter has never told us the whole story about it. After about nine months of knowing him, she tells us she is marrying him. Well, that announcement didn't go so well. My wife and I told her that we had concerns, and she was hurt by our reaction.

Our relationship is somewhat stable. We call and invite her over several times a year. However, she never calls us, has never invited us over and never comes over unless there is something in it for her, such as dinner or gifts. I need some wise advice. -- Shepherd With a Lost Sheep

Dear Shepherd: She will marry the man she loves, regardless of his prior jail time or your disapproval. Invite both of them over for dinner more often. You say she ignores your invitations unless there is something in it for her, such as dinner, so dinner it is!

The point is that you need to communicate with her -- and her future husband -- if you want to have a closer relationship and offer advice based on the years of wisdom you and your wife have accumulated. Try not to be judgmental or critical. A warm, loving and accepting approach is much more likely to bring her around to your way of thinking. Keep us posted.

Dear Annie: Caught in the Middle was stepping away from social situations because discussions of politics were becoming so ugly among his friends. You suggested that he and his wife set

a rule for gatherings saying no politics are discussed.

I have another approach. What if, instead, people agreed to rules that mandated that political discussion be conducted in a respectful way? They could study up on the rules of debate. They could outlaw sarcasm and personal attack. They could ask people to back up assertions with fact. They could require that people cite the source of information.

At least these friends are engaged in politics. Too many people are not. Setting different rules would give everybody a chance

to grow, intellectually and socially. -- Healthy Political Discussions

Dear Healthy Political Discussions: It is true that for democracy to work, we need to be able to have healthy and respectful debates on difference of opinions. But there is a time and a place. Forming a group meeting to discuss all sides of current political issues is brilliant. If it is an ordinary dinner party or get-together, I think it's good to avoid political debate.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Communication Tips From Mercury and Venus

Venus and Neptune form an auspicious trine, favoring effective communication, which is different from the automatic and sometimes false pleasantries. Voicing positivity doesn't always make for a connection. Think more about listening to others and matching them where they're at. Then it will be possible to lift spirits in small increments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). One way to leave a party is to slip out without saying goodbye. It's quick, but it only works well in a lively crowd. There's something you want to get out of. You dread a long discussion. Wait for a diversion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It would be easy to blame a new person for what the old person did. You'll know you're doing this because your reaction will be disproportionate to what caused it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If the meaning of life is to give life meaning, you'll be most fulfilled by today's experience. You take it all in, make sense of it and then assign significance accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In an effort to be strong, you

might tell yourself that you don't care (when you do) or that you're fine with discomfort (that is heading toward unbearable). Get to a safe place where you can rectify your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). They say what's not given freely is not worth having. On the other hand, some people are never going to give freely or fairly, so you have to extract your dues when you can instead of waiting for benevolent disbursement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find it hard to put a price on something, but you must, or you're not going to be able to exchange it for what you need. Value is subjective, but you'll find the sweet spot where a deal can be struck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't need to change anything about yourself today, though you may need to change

who you're sharing yourself with. The ones who get you will be curious, playful and delighted by your quirks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We constantly cast one another in roles according to what we each need in our lives. Play the role you were cast in if it suits you, but don't believe for a minute it's who you are. You're the actor, not the part.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Focus and it's yours. Get ahead of potential attention syphons. Think about what might distract you, and then make contingency plans to prevent those outcomes. With disruptions to a minimum, you're unstoppable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may say that you don't want to get involved, but you can't help but notice what the people you love are dealing with. Even so,

resist the impulse to fix people's problems for them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Presentation is important. Don't leave it up to the fates. The power play is to give people something to focus on. Later, they're going to talk. If you're proactive, you'll greatly influence what they talk about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A bit of soul searching will be in order, but it's not a long, deep process. This is a quick check-in to see how the move you're thinking about measures up to basic tenets, such as the Golden Rule.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 23). The solar journey will be marked by a snappy rhythm: actions repeated, habits established, checkpoints reached to bring your goals to hand. Your schedule and the people you see regularly form a supportive infrastructure to help you accomplish your purpose. In 2021, you will experience a mysterious and beautiful process and learn it intimately so that you may teach others. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 33, 38 and 42.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Aural and visual clues

North dealer
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 8 3
♥ J 9 3
♦ 10 6 3
♣ 10 7

WEST
♠ K 6
♥ K 8 7 6
♦ J 5 4 2
♣ K J 8

EAST
♠ 4
♥ A Q 10 4 2
♦ —
♣ A Q 9 6 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A 10 7 5 2
♥ 5
♦ A K Q 9 8 7
♣ 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1♣ 1♦ 1♥
Pass 6♥ ?

Now, Bill had been around for a while and knew the value of an ace when he saw one. Especially, two aces. He knew that East, a worthy foe, also appreciated the power of an ace. And here was East, obviously aware he was missing two aces, bidding six hearts, apparently with the expectation of making it.

So Root bid six spades, believing his ears rather than his eyes. And he was right, of course, since six hearts would have been a breeze for West.

West doubled six spades, and the hand was played there. The defense didn't find its diamond ruff, so six spades went down only two — 300 points. A double or a pass by Root would have given East-West a vulnerable small slam.

Afterward, West expressed his regret that he had not bid seven hearts instead of doubling. He had something there, since North would have had a difficult guess as to whether to lead a spade or a diamond against seven hearts. A diamond lead, of course, would have allowed West to make the grand slam.

But Root said the matter was academic because he would have bid seven spades over seven hearts. He could not afford to risk losing 2,210 points as the result of a wrong lead when a relatively cheap sacrifice was available. He was willing to pay a small premium to take out insurance against a big loss.

Should you believe your eyes or your ears? This question comes up from time to time at the bridge table, and there is no easy answer to it. It depends on the hand you've been dealt, the opponents you're playing against and any other factors that may be present.

For example, take South's problem on this hand. South was the late Bill Root, one of the game's top players and teachers. All he did was to overcall East's one-club bid with one diamond, and the next thing he knew, he was faced with a six-heart bid by East.

Tomorrow: Solution to a quandary.

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6	7	9	8	3	5	4	1	2
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8	2	4	7	1	9	6	3	5
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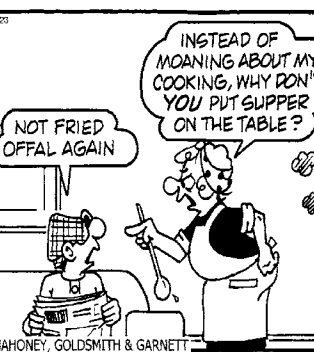
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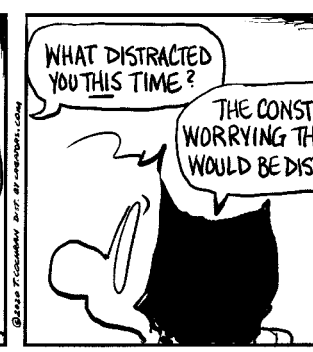
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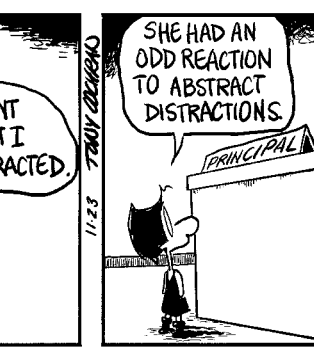
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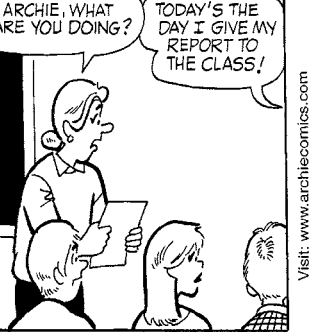
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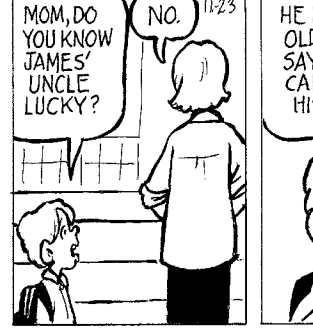
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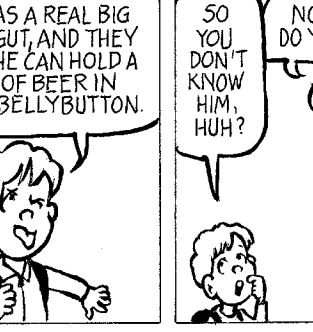
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This Date In History

Today in History Today is Monday, Nov. 23, the 328th day of 2020. There are 38 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 23, 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Nov. 25 a day of national mourning following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. On this date: In 1887, actor Boris Karloff was born William Henry Pratt in London. In 1914, the seven-month U.S. military occupation of Veracruz, Mexico, ended. In 1936, Life, the photojournalism magazine created by Henry R. Luce (loos), was first published. In 1971, the People's Republic of China was seated in the U.N. Security Council. In 1980, some 2,600 people were killed by a series of earthquakes that devastated southern Italy. In 1996, a commandeered Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the water off the Comoros Islands, killing 125 of the 175 people on board, including all three hijackers. In 2000, in a setback for Al Gore, the Florida Supreme Court refused to order Miami-Dade County officials to resume hand-counting its election-day ballots. Meanwhile, Gore's lawyers argued in a brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court that the high court should stay out of the Florida election controversy. In 2001, the U.N. war crimes tribunal said it would try former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic (sloh-BOH'-dahn mee-LOH'-shuh-vich) for genocide in Bosnia, linking him for the murders of thousands of non-Serbs and the displacement of a quarter million people. (Milosevic died in March 2006 while his trial was in progress.) In 2003, five U.S. soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Eduard Shevardnadze (sheh-vahrd-NAHD'-zeh) resigned as president of Georgia in the face of protests. In 2006, former KGB spy Alexander Litvinenko (leet-vee-NYEN'-koh) died in London from radiation poisoning after making a

deathbed statement blaming Russian President Vladimir Putin. In 2012, supporters and opponents of Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi clashed in the streets of Cairo and other major cities in the worst violence since Morsi took office nearly five months earlier. Actor Larry Hagman, best known for playing the scheming oil baron J.R. Ewing on TV's "Dallas," died in Dallas at the age of 81. In 2016, President-elect Donald Trump selected two Republican women who'd had unflattering things to say about him during the campaign: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley to serve as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and charter school advocate Betsy DeVos to lead the Department of Education. Ten years ago: North Korea bombarded South Korea's Yeonpyeong (yuhn-pyuhng) Island with artillery fire, killing four people and raising tensions between the two countries. Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton was a run-away winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award. Ingrid Pitt, who'd survived a Nazi concentration camp and dodged Communist police to become one of Britain's best known horror stars, died in London at 73. Five years ago: The White House urged its allies to step up their contributions to the campaign against the Islamic State, as President Barack Obama faced pressure to show the U.S.-led coalition would intensify efforts even without a major shift in strategy. Blue Origin, a private space company, landed a rocket called New Shepard upright and gently enough to be used again, a milestone in commercial aeronautics. Cynthia Robinson, 71, a trumpeter and vocalist who was a key member of Sly and the Family Stone, died in Carmichael, California. One year ago: Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Mason

Rudolph was fined \$50,000 by the NFL for his involvement in a melee that began when Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett pulled off his helmet and hit him over the head with it. (In all, the league assessed more than \$700,000 for discipline stemming from the brawl; Garrett was indefinitely suspended.) Beginning a three-

day visit to Japan, Pope Francis denounced the "evil" of nuclear weapons. Today's Birthdays: Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 90. Actor Franco Nero is 79. Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas (ES'-tur-hahs) is 76. Actor-comedy writer Bruce Vilanch is 73. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., is 70. Singer Bruce Horn-

sby is 66. Former Sen. Mary Landrieu (LAN'-droo), D-La., is 65. Actor Maxwell Caulfield is 61. Actor John Henton is 60. TV personality Robin Roberts ("Good Morning America") is 60. Rock singer-musician Ken Block (Sister Hazel) is 54. Actor Salli Richardson-Whitfield is 53. Actor Oded Fehr (OH'-dehd fayr) is 50.

Rapper-actor Kurupt (Tha Dogg Pound) is 48. Actor Page Kennedy is 44. Actor Kelly Brook is 41. Actor Lucas Gabeel (GRAY'-beel) is 36. TV personality Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is 33. Actor-singer Miley Cyrus is 28. Actor Austin Majors is 25. Actor Olivia Keville (TV: "Splitting Up Together") is 18.

Newsday Crossword

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