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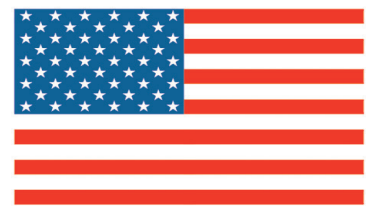
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17 of 21 City propositions pass All 8 State props pass, County measure fails

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

About 8.6 percent of Howard County's registered voters turned out to help decide the fate of City of Big Spring, Howard County, and State of Texas ballot propositions in the election which concluded Tuesday evening.

According to information provided by the Howard County Elections office Tuesday, of the county's 16,628 registered voters, 443 cast their ballots early, 285 by mail, and 704 on Election Day. There were no provisional ballots cast locally.

While results were still coming in around the state Tuesday evening, it appears that all eight state propositions will pass.

As of about 9:38 p.m., early voting totals and several county polls around the state indicate the following results. These results might shift as more counties report their results:

- Proposition 1: Allows charitable raffles at rodeo events: 84 percent for, 16 percent against.
- Proposition 2: Authorizes counties

Election Results 2021

State: All 8 propositions passed.

County: County Assistance District proposition: Failed.

City: Four of 21 propositions failed:

- Prop E (Gender-neutral pronouns)
- Prop I (Deleting disciplinary hearing process)
- Prop J (Bond requirement for City Council)
- Prop S (Reducing number of Council members needed to call a special meeting)

Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or a Texas court of appeals: 59 percent for, 41 percent against.

- Proposition 5: Allows the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to oversee candidates running for judicial office by accepting complaints or reports, conducting investigations and reprimanding them: 60 percent for, 40 percent against.

- Proposition 6: Allows residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to designate one essential caregiver who cannot be denied in-person visitation rights: 88 percent for, 12 percent against.

- Proposition 7: Limits school district property taxes incurred by the surviving spouse 55 or older of a person

with disabilities who is older than 65 and has died: 87 percent for, 13 percent against.

- Proposition 8: Expands eligibility for residential homestead property tax exemptions to include spouses of military members killed or fatally injured in the

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Upcoming Events

New Life mature adult dance. Western-style. 7 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Entry fee is \$5 and a snack will be served. Call Cotton Mize at 270-5060 for more information.

Three Angels Food Pantry food distribution starts Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4319 Parkway Rd., and the third Thursday of every month after that.

Goliad Elementary's Turkey Trot will be Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. at Blankenship Field. Contact the Goliad Main office at 264-4111 for more information.

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Recognizing 5 under 55

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Staff Writer

Big hearts are the foundation of the Big Spring community. As the Big Spring and Howard County communities have endured struggle after struggle this year, with so many unknowns, it has once again proven just how big the hearts that reside in Big Spring, Texas truly are.

"So many of our local businesses, families and the community as a whole, was impacted in a way none of us expected this past year," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "However, despite

the hard hit that we were delivered, our community has done what it always does and has joined together to do their best



Courtesy Photo

5 under 55 honors people under the age of 55 who have made a lasting impact on the community.

to support a neighbor, lift up a friend, and do what they can to make a positive

impact on the community."

The generosity and engagement for the betterment of our community is evident. As a way of recognizing those who give back routinely and strive to make Big Spring and Howard County better for all residents, The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce introduced the 5 under 55 Award.

"This award has been presented for two years now, and we are barely beginning to touch on the people who invest on a daily basis in our community," Manny Negron, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Past President, said. "This is a way for us to recognize individuals who are under 55 for their contribution to Big Spring through their leadership and involvement in the community."

For more than 30 years now, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has

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The Big Spring Area Community Foundation's Focus on the Future: Hallie Hyatt

By **GEORGE BANCROFT**
 Special to the Herald

Big Spring CAF
 The Big Spring Area Community Foundation would like to celebrate the continued success of one of its past scholarship recipients, Big Spring High School Class of 2019 graduate Hallie Hyatt. Hallie was awarded the Foundation's Eagles Lodge Scholarship upon graduation from high school and used those funds to help pursue an Associate's Degree at Howard College.



Hallie Hyatt

When asked what the BSACF's Eagles Lodge Scholarship has meant to her, Hallie had this to say,

"The scholarship helped me by keeping my focus on school and my grades. Instead of stressing on how I would pay for my college, I turned my stress to staying on track with the most important aspect my education. The Eagles Lodge Scholarship took the weight off my shoulders."

I have already graduated from Howard with my Associate's Degree in Fine Arts and Science in May of 2020, but I am classified as a junior. I went back to school to take more class just out of the joy for school. I'm also hopeful that the courses I'm taking now will help me with my testing for the radiology program.

I hope to soon get into a radiology program and start me off as a X-Ray tech. Then, I would like to get certified in MRIs for my future career in the medical field.

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Obituaries

Ronney Dee Feaster



Ronney Dee Feaster of Glen Rose, Texas, passed from this earth on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

He was born September 4, 1955, in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, to his parents, Verna Ruth (Boen) Feaster and Lonnie Almon Feaster. He was 66 years of age.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Rodney. He married Sherri

Ann Kelley April 7, 1979, in Big Spring, Texas.

He leaves behind his wife Sherri; children, Chad Feaster and wife, Kimberly, of Glen Rose, Shanna Chandler and husband, Kevin, of Glen Rose, and Justin Feaster and wife, Mackenzie, of Roanoke; grandchildren, Carson Feaster, Alyssa Feaster,

Natalie Chandler, Noah Chandler, Lincoln Chandler, Brynlee Feaster, and Adalyn Feaster; siblings include Blenda Riley of Odessa, Rendle Feaster of Big Spring, Londa Fellows of Midland, Stanley Feaster of Strawn and Larry Feaster of Springfield, Illinois; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Ronney was raised in West Texas and attended schools at Knott, Grady and Sands, where he graduated in 1974. He worked several years for the City of Big Spring and Pioneer Natural Gas Company before moving to Glen Rose, Texas, in 1984. Ronney retired from Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant in 2018. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Glen Rose, Texas.

Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday; November 5, 2021, at Wiley Funeral Home Chapel in Glen Rose.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the First Baptist Church of Glen Rose with Bill Vineyard officiating.

Paid obituary

Jesus "Jesse" Magana Brito



Jesus "Jesse" Magana Brito, 87, died Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. with a vigil service at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive.

Jesus was born on September 7, 1934, to Melesio

and Andrea Brito in Midland, Texas.

Jesus was a farmer for many years. He was employed at the Coahoma School District for 34 years. He enjoyed playing baseball with his team from Ackerly, fishing, listening to music, and spending time with family. Above everything he loved us all.

Jesus is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lupe Brito; his children, Sandra and husband, Henry Alvarez, Sackie Brito and wife, Kim Hargrove, Elvira and husband, Horace Atkinson, and Linda and husband, Mike Smith; son-in-law, Demetrio Alvarado; Belinda Crenshaw and fiancé, Mic Micensky; sisters, Carmen Hernandez, Lorenza Hernandez, Necie and husband, Willie Moreno, and Janie Martinez. Jesus is Apa or Buelo to 12 grandkids, 26 great-grandkids, five great-great-grandkids, several nieces and nephews and lots of friends.

Jesus is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Connie Brito Alvarado; grandson, Jesse Collins; great-grandson, Bradley Collins; brother, Jose Brito; and sisters, Maria Garza and Margarita Alvarez.

Pallbearers will be Canyon Crenshaw, Josef Nairn, Collin Nairn, Julian Jones, Wyatt Gray, and Israel Martinez.

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

Paid obituary

Ines Gonzales Jr.

Ines Gonzales Jr., 56, of Big Spring died Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ines was born on March 12, 1965, to Inez J. and Margarita Gonzales in Sabastian, Texas.

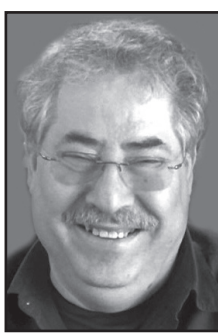
Ines is survived by four sisters, Evita (Jimmy) De

Los Santos, Naomi Medina of Big Spring, Elizabeth (Angel) Gonzales of Big Spring, and Alicia (Robert) Mata; several nieces and nephews; uncle, Danny Perez (Paula) of Big Spring; three aunts, Ruth Viera of Portales, N.M, Rachel (Ector) Jaramillo of Big Spring, and Magdallena Pena of Big Spring.

Ines is preceded in death by his parents.

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

Mike Abusaab



Mike Abusaab, 65, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 1, 2021.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, 2021, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made a www.npwelch.com

Victor R. Coots

Victor R. Coots, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, in Odessa.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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

Online condolences can be made a www.npwelch.com

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Thorpe. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of NW 10th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of E 6th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Craigmont. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block on W 3rd St. On person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of N Bidwell Lane. No transport needed.
- MEDICAL ALERT** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL ALERT** was reported in the 6100 block of N Service Rd. Oner person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of 2600 block of Crestline. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ARMANDO JOE DELGADO**, 23, of 504 Father Delaney St, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication, escape from custody.
- BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 24, of 1604 Lexington Ave, was arrested on a charge of warrant from another agency (x3), possession of controlled substance more than 3g less than 28g, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- ELVIS EUGENE LANG JR**, 21, of 1002 N Main St, was arrested on a charge of warrant of another agency (x5), unlawful possession of firearm by felon, evading arrest/detention, fraud possession/use of credit/debit card over \$10 less than \$50, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- GILBERT SILVA**, 34, of 1303 Mesa Ave, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- DUSTIN GENE REEL**, 41, of 8701 E Moss Lake

Rd, was arrested on a charge of warrant of another agency.

- ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of Main St.
- DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Hickory St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 2500 block of W 16th St.
- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 100 block of Centerpoint Rd.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of W Hwy 80.
- HIT AND RUN** was reported in the 1500 block of S Lanchaster.
- HARASSMENT** was reported in the 600 block of 18th St.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of E 17th St.

Sheriff

Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 106 inmates at the time of this report.

- DAKOTA LEE COURT**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- LAQUANA RENA GRAY**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and failure to appear (x2).
- GILBERT SILVA**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

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• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Thursday 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, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• New Life mature adult dance is held every third Friday at 7 p.m. at Dora Roberts Community Center. The next dance is Nov. 19. Entry fee is \$5 and includes refreshments. Music will be western style. No smoking no alcohol. For more information contact Lois at 432-517-9097.

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

• City of Big Spring offices remain open by appointment and electronic means only. These offices include: City Hall (432-264-2401); Finance Department (432-264-2513); Public Works Department (432-264-2501); Human Resources Department (432-264-2346); Code Enforcement/Permits (432-264-2504); Water Utilities (432-264-2392); Community

Services Office; Convention and Visitors Bureau (432-263-8235); facilities (432-264-2322); Cemetery (432-264-2323); Police Department (432-264-2550); Fire Department (432-264-2304); Municipal Court (432-264-2530).

Citizens who have an appointment in a City office will be asked to wear a face covering and present valid identification upon arrival. The identification can be as simple as a utility bill. The City of Big Spring Water Office is open to the public; no appointment is necessary. The Big Spring Senior Center remains closed to congregating meals, but those who wish to pick up a to go order can call 432-267-1628, for more information. Rentable facilities including the Dora Roberts Community Center will remain open, however, users are requested to maintain social distancing and other COVID-19 precautions. For any questions or concerns please contact the City Manager's Office at 432-264-2401.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 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. The November featured artist/special speaker will be Denise Malm. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Dec. 8 "Holiday Spectacular"; Jan. 22: "The Music of

Queen"; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. The remaining concerts will all take place at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in season passes or per concert. For updates and general information, follow The Big Spring Symphony Facebook page or go to www.bigspringsymphony.org.

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna – a two dose and Janseen – a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

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Daniel Ramirez, 63, died Saturday. Funeral Mass 10 AM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive

Antonia "Toni" Bustamante, 58, died Friday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM Wednesday with a prayer service at 7 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive

Delia Medina, 82, died Friday. Funeral service 2 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial.

Ines Gonzales Jr., 56, died Saturday. Visitation 9 AM until 9 PM with family receiving friends from 7 PM until 9 PM Thursday Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service 10 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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

Jesse Dickens, 88, died Sunday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

ELECTION

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line of duty: 88 percent for, 12 percent against.

The lone Howard County proposition – voted on by residents of the county's unincorporated areas – would have created the Howard County Assistance District.

The measure failed with 175 votes cast for, and 331 votes cast against, the proposition. According to the State Comptroller's website, a county assistance district uses part of the county's sales tax funds for "...construction, maintenance or improvement of roads or highways; provision of law enforcement and detention services; maintenance or improvement of libraries, museums, parks or other recreational facilities; promotion of economic development and tourism; firefighting and fire prevention services and provision of services that benefit the public welfare."

Big Spring voters decided the fate of 21 propositions, passing 17 of them and rejecting four. All of the city's propositions started with the phrase "Amending the Charter of the Cit of Big Spring...":

• Proposition A: "...by deletion and revision to require and ensure compliance with state law." Passed. 675 votes (81.03 percent) for, 158 votes (18.97 percent) against.

• Proposition B: "...by deleting and amending those provisions which are redundant of state law, duplicative of other sections of the Charter or otherwise unnecessary for placement in the Charter." Passed. 647 votes (78.33 percent) for, 179 votes (21.67 percent) against.

• Proposition C: "...to require council members to reside within the District to which they intended to be elected." Passed. 743 votes (88.35 percent) for, 98 votes (11.65 percent) against.

• Proposition D: "...by clarifying that the City Attorney, Internal Auditor and the City Judge are appointed by the City Council." Passed. 510 votes (61.00 percent) for, 326 votes (39.00 percent) against.

• Proposition E: "...by providing for gender-neutral pronouns." Failed. 263 votes (31.42 percent) for, 574 votes (68.58 percent) against.

• Proposition F: "...to authorize City Council to either (1) appoint an individual to a vacancy or (2) call a special election to fill a vacancy when there are less than 180 days remaining in the term of the office to be filled." Passed. 619 votes (74.40 percent) for, 213 votes (25.60 percent) against.

• Proposition G: "...to clarify how the existing term limits are applied." Passed. 671 votes (80.65 percent) for, 161 votes (19.35 percent) against.

• Proposition H: "...to clarify when a resignation of office occurs when a council member is appointed to or becomes a candidate for any local, state or federal office." Passed. 686 votes (82.35 percent) for, 147 votes (17.65 percent) against.

• Proposition I: "...by deleting the disciplinary hearing process for city employees." Failed. 218 votes (26.42 percent) for, 607 votes (73.58 percent) against.

• Proposition J: "...by removing the requirement that City Council provide a bond upon being elected to office." Failed. 372 votes (45.42 percent) for, 447 votes (54.58 percent) against.

• Proposition K: "...by establishing October 1st as the beginning of the City's fiscal?" Passed. 663 votes (80.66 percent) for, 159 votes (19.34 percent) against.

• Proposition L: "...to clarify Article VI, City Officers and Employees by removing redundant language and reorganizing related sections." Passed. 634 votes (77.04 percent) for, 189 votes (22.96 percent) against.

• Proposition M: "...to provide for the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tempore." Passed. 555 votes (67.35 percent) for, 269 votes (32.65 percent) against.

• Proposition N: "...to require the appointment of an Acting City Manager during the City Managers absence?" Passed. 656 votes (78.56 percent) for, 179 votes (21.44 percent) against.

• Proposition O: "...to provide for the process of appointing and removing the presiding and associate judges of the municipal court?" Passed. 563 votes (68.41 percent) for, 260 votes (31.59 percent) against..

• Proposition P: "...to require the creation of a Charter Review Committee every four (4) years for the purpose of reviewing the City Charter?" Passed. 653 votes (78.58 percent) for, 178 votes (21.42 percent) against.

• Proposition Q: "...by revising the process for making a claim against the City." Passed. 531 votes (64.99 percent) for, 286 votes (35.01 percent) against.

• Proposition R: "...by revising the recall process." Passed. 452 votes (55.26 percent) for, 366 votes (44.74 percent) against.

• Proposition S: "...to reduce the number of council persons necessary to call a special meeting from three council persons to one council person." Failed. 229 votes (27.52 percent) for, 603 votes (72.48 percent) against.

• Proposition T: "...by adding provisions for initiative and referendum." Passed. 478 votes (60.35 percent) for, 314 votes (39.65 percent) against.

• Proposition U: "...by authorizing non-substantive numbering, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary changes when approved by the City Council." Passed. 569 votes (69.05 percent) for, 255 votes (30.95 percent) against.

UNDER

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been recognizing the Man and Woman of the year for their contributions to the community, but the Chamber Board wanted to find a way to recognize even more of the great works taking place. Last year, the Board not only found a way to do just that, since we implemented this recognition we have recognized 10 outstanding citizens under 55.

"There are many people in Big Spring with a lot of great ideas for making a difference in our community; it is these individuals, that we will recognize, that put their walk and work behind the idea to make a difference," Negrón said.

These are the people in our community who have found a way to give back to the community and add to the substance of what makes Big Spring, the great city it is, according to Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

"We have been wanting to add something like this for sometime now," ValVerde said. "There are a lot of young business professionals who are doing good things for our community; we want

to recognize them and the work that they do year round. There are plenty of great things happening and lots more great people behind those happenings, and we are looking forward to recognizing those individuals."

Nominations for 5 under 55 can be submitted through the Chamber office or by email. Nominations can be submitted by Chamber members in good standing. Nominees do not have to be a Chamber member.

The deadline to nominate is Dec. 15, 2021. The honorees will be announced toward the beginning of 2021.

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The Big Spring lady Steers volleyball team great season comes to a end with loss to Canyon



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What a season it was for the Big Spring Lady Steer volleyball team. They battled hard all season on the court. The lady Steers had a 24-20 overall record this season and made it to the playoffs. Unfortunately, this past Monday night, they fell to Canyon ending the season. However, it was still a tremendous year for this group of young women. I want to congratulate you on all the hard work and dedication.

Column: A most improbable team brings Atlanta a title

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Columnist

During three decades of nearly uninterrupted excellence, there were so many Atlanta Braves teams that seemed more championship worthy than this one.

The 1993 squad chased down the San Francisco Giants to win one of baseball's last great division races. The '96 group wiped out the New York pinstripers in the first two games of the World Series at Yankee Stadium. The '97, '98 and '99 teams all won more than 100 games.

Yet it was these Braves -- who didn't climb above .500 until early August, who endured a devastating rash of injuries and other setbacks, who had to wheel and deal ahead of the trade deadline to assemble a whole new tortured A-T-L another title.

No one could've seen it coming.

Well, except for those players dancing in the center of Minute Maid Park early Wednesday morning.

"These guys never gave up on themselves," manager Brian Snitker said. "We used a lot of guys, we lost a lot of pieces over the course of the summer. It was just the next man up. These guys never stopped believing in themselves."

If they were the least bit familiar with their team's history, they had to know how fickle the baseball gods can be.

The Braves won 14 straight division titles from 1991-2005, a staggering streak that may never be eclipsed. They got back to the postseason as a wild card in 2010, Bobby Cox's final season as manager. They claimed an-

other wild card in 2012, followed by a return to the top of the NL East in 2013. A painful rebuilding job came next, but it paid off with another streak of division titles that has grown to four.

When you add it all up, that's 21 postseason appearances in the last 30 completed seasons -- a run that meets nearly every requirement to be called a dynasty except the only one that really matters.

Championships.

The '95 Braves had been the only team to win it all during those 20 previous trips to the playoffs.

And even that victory, as glorious and satisfying as it was for a city that has known so much heartache, wound up feeling a bit hollow because of the four other times Atlanta lost the World Series during that single decade, a lone triumph nearly obscured by all the gut-wrenching disappointments.

To this day, it's hard to fathom that a team assembled by a Hall of Fame general manager (John Schuerholz), guided by a Hall of Fame manager (Cox), led on the mound by three Hall of Fame pitchers (Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz), with a lineup that included yet another Hall of Famer (Chipper Jones) and at least two other guys who can make a pretty good case for Cooperstown (Fred McGriff and Andruw Jones) contributed just one title to the franchise resume.

Now, finally, they've got some company.

Shaking off the disappointment of Game 5, when they squandered a 4-0 lead and a chance to celebrate in front of their home fans, these Braves romped past the Houston Astros 7-0 to finish off the World Series four games to two.

It didn't matter that they won just 88 games during the regular season, fewer than every other playoff team and even two teams that didn't make the postseason.

It didn't matter that they were mired in mediocrity much of the season, finally climbing above .500 for the first time on Aug. 6 in their 111th game.

It didn't matter that they had to go down to the final week to finally clinch first place in a division derisively known as the NL Least.

"You boys are going to be world champions the rest of your lives," Snitker told his team in the champagne-soaked visiting clubhouse, holding up the trophy that every team has their sights set on from the first day of spring training.

All that bubbly had to feel cleansing in a way, exorcising the demons of not only a team, but an entire city.

The Braves are the only Atlanta team to win a championship in the four major American sports, which began in the Deep South in 1966.

That was the year the Braves moved in from Milwaukee and the Falcons took flight as an NFL expansion team. The NBA's Hawks would come from St. Louis two years later, followed by the NHL's Flames in 1972.

Those franchises provided a huge boost to Atlanta's fragile self-image, stamping a growing city just emerging from the civil right movement as truly major league. But, as the losses piled up and occasional shots at glory crashed in inevitable defeat, all four teams would come to be viewed as more trouble than they were worth.

Atlanta, which liked to market itself as the "City Too Busy To Hate," earned another embarrassing moniker.

Loserville, U.S.A.

The Flames didn't stick around very long, moving to Calgary in 1980 after whiffing on all six of their playoff appearances. Of course, they would go on to win a Stanley Cup title in their new home.

The NHL sent Atlanta another team, the Thrashers, but they left, too, bolting for Winnipeg after just 11 seasons. They never even won a playoff game, much less a series.

While the Braves had all those close-but-no-cigar moments in the 1990s, the Hawks and Falcons have barely even sniffed at a championship.

Atlanta's NFL team did reach the Super Bowl in 2017, only to suffer what is surely the most infamous defeat in the game's history.

After carrying a 28-3 lead on Tom Brady and the New England Patriots deep into the third quarter, the Falcons frittered it away and lost in overtime.

Braves shortstop Dansby Swanson, who grew up in the suburbs of Atlanta, attended that Super Bowl to cheer on his hometown team.

It wasn't lost on him that the Braves clinched their championship in Houston, of all places.

Yep, the same city where the Falcons lost the Super Bowl.

"God bless my soul, but I was here when the Falcons got beat in the Super Bowl. I was at the game in Houston," Swanson said on Fox's postgame show. "So we've kind of come full circle, right? It felt like destiny a little bit, being back here and winning."

Yep, the circle is complete.

This Atlanta team is headed home from Houston with a championship.

A championship that none of us saw coming.

Backup QBs shine across NFL in Week 8

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

From Mike White's memorable starting debut to Cooper Rush's prime-time comeback, as well as a rare win for Geno Smith and a comeback by Trevor Siemian to beat Tom Brady, backup quarterbacks took center stage this past week in the NFL.

White was the most prolific as the former fifth-round pick in 2018 had a game to remember for the New York Jets in place of injured rookie Zach Wilson.

White completed 37 of 45 passes for 405 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions in a win over Cincinnati. His 37 completions are the most by a quarterback in his first career start, and he joined Cam Newton as the only QBs since 1950 to throw for at least 400 yards in their first start.

Rush got his first career start Sunday night for the Cowboys with Dak Prescott injured and threw for 325 yards and two TDs, including the game-winner over Minnesota in the final minute to Amari Cooper.

Rush was the first QB to throw for at least 300 yards and win his first career NFL start in a prime-time road game since Gary Hogeboom did it for the Cowboys in the 1984 opener.

The similarities don't end there with Rush and Hogeboom, the only products of Central Michigan. They are the only two Chippewas to start at QB in

the NFL since the merger.

Smith was making his third start in place of an injured Russell Wilson in Seattle and led the Seahawks to 31-7 win over Jacksonville. It was the first time Smith got the win in a game he was able to finish since the 2014 season finale for the Jets.

Siemian did his work off the bench after Jameis Winston tore his ACL in the first half. Siemian threw for 159 yards and a TD and led the drive to a go-ahead field goal with 1:41 to play in New Orleans' win over Brady and the defending-champion Buccaneers.

The Saints having success with a backup quarterback should come as little surprise as coach Sean Payton has thrived, no matter who is under center.

After years of success with Drew Brees, Payton and the Saints won all five starts with Teddy Bridgewater filling in back in 2019, and went 3-1 with Taysom Hill replacing an injured Brees last year.

Throw in Winston's 5-2 mark this year and Payton has a winning record with four different starting quarterbacks in the past three seasons. Only

two other teams can say that with QBs who have had multiple starts, with the Steelers posting winning records with both Ben Roethlisberger and

Mason Rudolph, and the Rams with Jared Goff and Matthew Stafford.

BYE BYE BABY

The Ravens and Raiders are both returning to action after a week off. How those franchises have responded from the bye week couldn't be more different.

Since the NFL expanded to 32 teams in 2002 and bye weeks were grouped in the middle part of the season, the Ravens have been tough to beat following a week off. Their 15-4 record following the bye is tied for the best in the NFL with Indianapolis in that span, which doesn't bode well for Minnesota this week.

The Raiders are at the other end of the spectrum with a 4-15 mark that is the worst in the NFL. They will try to change that on Sunday against the Giants.

Overall, teams coming off the bye have a .532 winning percentage since 2002, according to Sportradar.

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COVID-19 vaccine campaign expands to elementary-age children

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

The U.S. enters a new phase Wednesday in its COVID-19 vaccination campaign, with shots now available to millions of elementary-age children in what health officials hailed as a major breakthrough after more than 18 months of illness, hospitalizations, deaths and disrupted education.

With the federal government promising enough vaccine to protect the nation's 28 million kids ages 5-11, pediatricians' offices, pharmacies, hospitals, schools and health clinics were poised to begin the shots after the final OK late Tuesday.

"This is not going to be 'The Hunger Games,'" said Dr. Allison Arwady, Chicago's public health commissioner, referring to the chaotic early national rollout of adult vaccines nearly a year ago. Chicago expected to have nearly enough vaccine in just the first week for nearly half of its 210,000 school-aged children, and many more doses later on.

"Our goal is to be ready, have a calm rollout," Arwady said.

Kid-sized doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine cleared two final hurdles Tuesday — a recommendation from CDC advisers followed by a green light from Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The actions mean sleepovers, playdates and family get-togethers put off for more than a year will be back on the agenda for many kids, along with a chance for fewer school interruptions.

"There are children in the second grade who have never experienced a normal school year," Walensky said. "Pediatric vaccination has the power to help us change all of that."

Thousands of pediatricians pre-ordered doses, and Pfizer began shipments soon after the Food and Drug Administration's decision Friday to authorize emergency use. Pfizer said it expects to make 19,000 shipments totaling about 11 million doses in the next several days, and that millions more will be available to order on a weekly basis.

The vaccine — one-third the dose given to older children and adults and administered with kid-sized needles — requires two doses three weeks apart, plus two more weeks for full protection to kick in. That means children who get vaccinated before Thanksgiving will be covered by Christmas.

"This is a big milestone for 5- to 11-year-olds because they make up nearly 40% of children under 18," said Dr. Jennifer Shu, a Decatur, Georgia, pediatrician, who received her first shipment Tuesday morning.

"The timing before winter holidays is very fortunate," she added. "This age group will be able to

spend holidays with friends and family more safely than they have been able to since the start of the pandemic."

Kathy Zordan, 44, an insurance auditor in Morton Grove, Illinois, said she was "super excited" for her kindergartner, 5-year-old Liam.

"I told him, 'Mommy got two shots, Daddy got two shots. This is why people are wearing masks. Hopefully at some point we don't have to keep wearing the mask. You're going to get the shots.'"

"He goes to school, he's among hundreds of other kids every single day and I want him to have this protection," Zordan added.

Many locations planned mass vaccination events in coming days. And while many pediatricians' offices were expecting strong demand at least initially, almost two-thirds of parents recently polled by the Kaiser Family Foundation said they would either wait or not seek out the vaccines for their kids.

Hannah Hause, a Colorado mother of four children ages 2, 5, 7 and 8, is among those not in any rush. She's vaccinated but wants more time to see how the child vaccines play out and are studied in the larger childhood population.

"It's not studied long-term. It just makes me nervous because that's my whole world," she said of her children.

"As long as I can wait, I will wait," she said.

Walensky said she understood parents' fears but said "we've taken the time to get this right." She said clinical trials in children showed "no severe events" associated with the vaccine.

"The benefits of this vaccine so much outweigh the risks of COVID itself," Walensky told "CBS Mornings" on Wednesday.

Government authorities said pediatricians and family doctors, whom parents depend on to give routine childhood vaccinations, could help build trust.

Dr. Ada Stewart, a Black family physician in Columbia, South Carolina, works at a clinic for underserved patients that has been giving COVID-19 shots to grandparents, parents and teens and said she's ready to add younger children to the mix. She's seen the toll the virus has taken on them — not just in family illness and death but with school disruptions, slipping grades and mental strain.

School closures throughout the pandemic have disproportionately burdened children of color, widening academic gaps and worsening mental health, according to data presented Tuesday to CDC advisers. That data showed more than 2,000 COVID-related school closures in just the first two months of the current school year. Advocates say getting school-aged kids vaccinated will reduce

those disruptions.

But Stewart thinks demand for kids' shots will be mixed.

"Because many of my patients are Black, Indigenous and people of color, I've seen the full spectrum," from parents eager to get their children vaccinated to those who are more hesitant "because of a history of mistrust in the medical community," said Stewart, past president of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Her message to both is the same: "Vaccines work, they're safe, they're effective and they save lives," she said. "The more individuals that we can get vaccinated including our children, the sooner we will be able to get out of this pandemic."

A Pfizer study of 2,268 children found the vaccine was almost 91% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 infections. The FDA examined 3,100 vaccinated kids in concluding the shots are safe.

Some skeptics have questioned the need for kids to get vaccinated since they are less likely than adults to develop severe COVID-19. But with the delta variant, they get infected and transmit "just as readily as adults do," Dr. Anthony Fauci said at a recent White House briefing.

Since the pandemic began, at least 94 children aged 5 to 11 have died from COVID-19, more than 8,300 have been hospitalized and over 5,000 have developed a serious inflammatory condition linked to the coronavirus. Black and Latino youngsters and those with chronic conditions are among the hardest hit.

But while some health authorities say minorities should be over-represented in COVID-19 vaccine studies because they are disproportionately affected by the virus, nearly 80% of kids in Pfizer's study were white. Black youngsters totaled 6%, Latinos 21%, Asians 6% and less than 1% were American Indian or Alaska or Hawaii natives.

Infected kids have contributed to the U.S. toll — almost 46 million infections and more than 740,000 deaths.

Lindsay Whelan, a nurse-administrator who helped plan the rollout of kids' shots at Children's Physicians clinics in the Omaha, Nebraska, area, said being a part of the nation's first COVID-19 vaccination program "makes us proud."

With this new round of shots, only one of her six boys will remain unvaccinated, her 4-year-old. Pfizer and Moderna are studying shots in kids that age and younger and Pfizer has said its results may come before year's end.

The shots are important "for protecting them all, getting everybody back to normal, and providing community protection," Whelan said.

'My name is Cleo': Police weep upon rescuing Australian girl

By ROD McGUIRK

Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia — Police smashed their way into a suburban house on Wednesday and rescued a 4-year-old girl whose disappearance from her family's camping tent on Australia's remote west coast more than two weeks ago both horrified and captivated the nation.

Officials wept with relief after seeing body camera video of a police officer scooping up the girl, Cleo Smith, and hearing her say, "My name is Cleo." A 36-year-old local man was arrested after the late-night raid at the house in the coastal town of Carnarvon, which followed a tip to police on Tuesday.

The girl was reunited with her mother Ellie Smith and stepfather Jake Gliddon soon after her rescue. "Our family is whole again," the mother said on social media.

Western Australia state Police Commissioner Chris Dawson would not detail what the girl had gone through. She is "as well as you can expect," Dawson said. "This has been an ordeal. I won't go into any more details, other than to say we're so thankful she's alive."

Dawson said "dogged, methodical police work" led to her being found.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison reacted from the United Arab Emirates on his way home from Scotland, thanking police for finding Cleo and supporting her family.

"It's every parent's worst nightmare. The fact that that nightmare has come to an end and our worst fears were not realized is just a huge relief, a moment for great joy," Morrison told reporters.

"This particular case, obviously, has captured the hearts of Australians as we felt such terrible sorrow for the family," he added.

Cleo's family lives in Carnarvon, a community of 5,000 people, and the girl had disappeared with her sleeping bag on the second day of a family camping trip at Blowholes Campground, 75 kilometers (47 miles) north of Carnarvon, on Oct. 16.

A massive land and sea search was initially mounted in the sparsely populated region on the assumption that she had wandered from the tent. But more evidence began to support an abduction.

A vehicle was reported speeding away from the area in the dark hours of the morning. A zipper on a flap of the tent compartment where Cleo and her sister were sleeping was too high for the girl to have reached.

Forensic scientists examined the exterior of the family's home to see if a predator had stalked Cleo and attempted to break in.

And a distraught Ellie Smith made emotional public appeals for information on her daughter's whereabouts that were broadcast across Australia.


New South Wales Police Commissioner Mick Fuller said Dawson told him he had broken down in tears when she was found.

Fuller had called across the country from Sydney on the east coast, to Perth in the west, to congratulate Dawson on the outcome.



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To: R. C. Miller, Lorraine Miller, and Paul Wendell Miller, Jr

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as fol-

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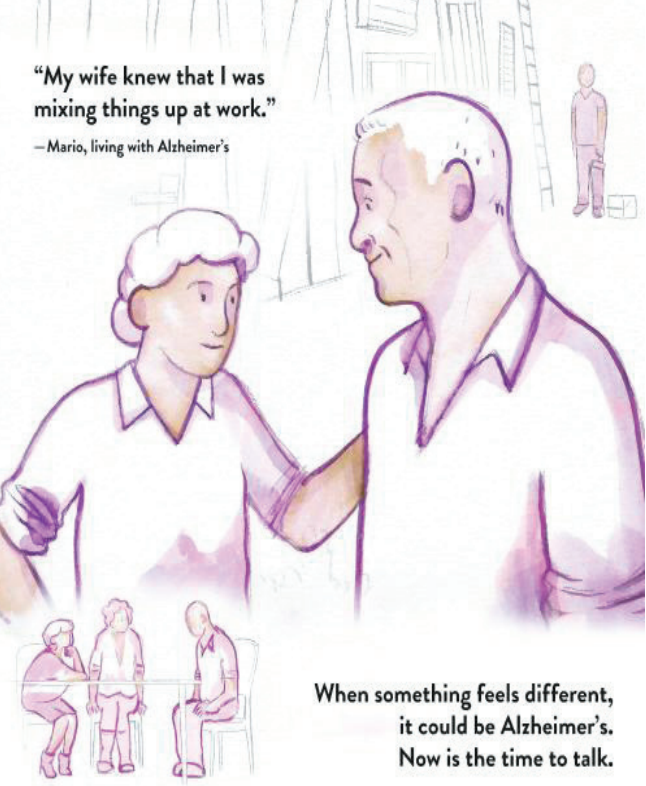
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5:30	Big 2 Good Morning Basin	Como dice el dicho	FamFeud Business	CBS7 Wake Up	Una casa para Azul	Newsweek 9	Hidden	Cat in the Hat	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.	Matters	Charmed	SportsCenter	Keyshawn, JWill and Max	Paid Prg.	NCIS: Los Angeles	Jeremiah Joyce M.	Strange Evidence
6:30		¡Despierta America!	Les Feld Robison	CBS7 Wake Up	Hoy día (SS)	Newsweek 9 Sunrise	Truth for Life	Peg & Cat Super	Paternity Court	Highway Thru Hell	George	Charmed	SportsCenter		NHL Hockey: Stars at Jets	NCIS (DVS)	Parking	Strange Evidence
7:30	Good Morning America		Fox 24 News AM	CBS Mornings			Light of Southwest	Tiger	CBS7 Wake Up	George	George	Charmed	Get Up	SportsCenter		Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Strange Evidence
8:30			FamFeud Wom				Light of Southwest	Sesame Elinor	CBS7 Wake Up	Maury	Broke Girl	Charmed		SportsCenter	Tennis Classics	Law & Order: SVU	Parking	Strange Evidence
9:30	The 700 Club		Wendy Williams	Kelly and Ryan	Caso cerrado (SS)	Today 3rd Hour	Rico Cor	Clifford	Kelly Clarkson	Steve Wilkos	Broke Girl	Supematural	First Take	Get Up		Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Strange Evidence
10:30	The View	Como dice el dicho	The Heal	The Price Is Right	La casa De'siones	Today-Hoda	Families	Go Luna	Drew Barrymore	Maury	Friends	Supematural			Waves	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Strange Evidence
11:30	Jeopardy News	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Más sabe Noticias	The Dr. Oz Show	Shepherd's Heart	Nature	The Doctors	Nick Cannon	Friends	Supematural	SportsCenter	First Take	NHL Hockey: Stars at Jets	Law & Order: SVU	The First 48	Moonshiners
12:30	GMA3: What	(11:50) La madrastra	TMZ Live	News Bold	Pasión de gavilanes	Days of our Lives	You Need The China	Molly Hero	Dateline	Hot	Friends	Supematural	SportsCenter			Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
1:30	General Hospital	El gordo y la fiaca	The People's Court	The Talk	En casa con	Blast	Eye on Israel	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Relative	Friends	Supematural	This Just In	SportsCenter	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
2:30	Rachael Ray	Primer impacto	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Sueña la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink	Monk	Jerry	Friends	Movie: Ocean's 8, Anne Hathaway (DVS)	NBA Today	This Just In	Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
3:30	Jdg Judy	(2:50) Fútbol UEFA Champions League	FamFeud	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo	Dr. Phil	Light of Southwest	Curious	Chicago Fire	Divorce	Friends		NFL Live	Jalen	Ninja Warrior	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
4:30	You Bet Jeopardy!	League	Two Men	News	En casa con	News Inside Ed.	Ignite	Almas	25 Words	Steve Wilkos Show	Sheldon		Around Pardon	Baseball Tonight	Inside Life	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
5:30	Big 2	Noticiero	Big Bang	CBS	Noticias	News	Freedom	Hero	King	Nick Cannon	Sheldon		SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Player Star-Night	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
6:30	News	¿Qué le pasa a	Sheldon	CBS 7	La casa de los famosos (SS)	News	Hico Cor	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang		NBA	College Football: Northern Illinois at Kent State.	Golf Life	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
7:30	Gold	Rosa de Guadalupe	The Masked Singer	Survivor		Chicago Med	News	Odd	Dateline	DC's Legends	Big Bang		All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		NBA Basketball: Hawks at Brooklyn Nets.	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
8:30	Conners	Vencer el pasado	(.01) Alter Ego	Tough as Nails	Pendientes a la fuerza	Chicago Fire	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Dateline	Batwoman	Big Bang				NBA Basketball: Hornets at Los Angeles Kings.	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
9:30	Million Little	La de-salmada	FOX 24 News at 9	CSI: Vegas	Malverde: el santo	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	News	Big Bang		NHL Hockey: St. Louis Blues at Los Angeles Kings.	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Warriors	UFC	Law & Order: SVU	(.01) Killer Cases	Masters Distiller
10:30	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Telemundo 20 at 10P (SS)	News	News	Pink	Friends	Burgers	Full				Mavs	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Masters Distiller
11:30	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	James		Tonight Show	Words of Dr. Wil	Elinor	Friends	Burgers	Sheldon				World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Moonshiners
12:30	Extra	Las tonas no van	Mom	Corden	Sin Senos Si	Seth Meyers	Issues4	Tiger	Minute	black-ish	Sheldon							
1:30	DailyMail	La madrastra	Broke Girl	Dr. Carras	Programa	News	Jesus IS	Xavier	Forensic	Creek	George				Movie: Tag, Jeremy Renner	Law & Order: SVU	(.04) Killer Cases	
2:30	Brain Fog	La madrastra	Broke Girl	Dr. Carras	Programa	Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Liquidator	Gold					NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs	Law & Order: SVU	(.04) Killer Cases
3:30	World News Now	Vecinos	Seinfeld	(.07) CBS Overnight News	Programa	Inside Ed.	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Prostate	Jokers				(.15) Movie: Sherlock Gnomes (DVS)	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Street Out-laws
4:30	Morning	Noticiero	Funny	News	Programa	Early Tdy	Heritage	Arthur	Paid Prg.	Home	Matters				NCIS: New Orleans	Law & Order: SVU	Paid Prg.	Prince



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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Anticipatory declarer play

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ A 10 4 3
♦ K Q 5 3
♣ A Q

WEST
♠ Q 10 8 3
♥ 9 6
♦ J 9 8 2
♣ K 7 4

EAST
♠ K 7 6 5
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 9
♥ Q J 5
♦ A 7 4
♣ J 10 9 6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1NT Pass
3NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

Declarer frequently cannot avoid betraying his intentions as he proceeds with the play, making it easier for the defenders to frustrate his plan.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. East wins with the king and returns the spade five, West covering declarer's jack with the queen. Let's assume declarer ducks again, wins the spade continuation with the ace and plays the A-Q of clubs.

If West were an obliging soul, he would take the club queen with the king and cash his spade trick. But that would be the last trick for the defense, since South would then score four clubs, three diamonds, a heart and a spade for nine tricks.

If West were a more ornery critter, though, he would not take the queen of clubs with the king, and South would eventually fail. He would go down one after leading a diamond to the ace and attempting a heart finesse, losing three spades, a heart and a club all told.

However, there's another side to the story. South should realize that playing the A-Q of clubs is tantamount to shouting from the rooftops that he has a string of clubs ready to run after the king is gone.

So, to counteract the possibility of uncooperative defense, South should lead the queen of clubs rather than the ace at trick four. If he does this, he gets home safely, whether or not the queen is ducked.

If the queen is refused, declarer next leads a diamond to the ace and tries the heart finesse. In the actual deal, the heart finesse loses, three hearts, three diamonds and two clubs to come to nine tricks. In the process, West's king of clubs simply goes up in smoke.

Tomorrow: Making the most of your chances.
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Never Too Late for Justice

Dear Annie: In your response to "Loss and Regret," concerning a teenager being sexually abused by an older female, you dismissed the legal aspect of this out of hand. The older woman should be brought up on sexual abuse charges against a minor. Anything less would be sexist.

Men are sent to prison for this kind of act. A recent acquaintance of mine was just sentenced to life in prison for a similar act, with no physical evidence and only the word of the victim. Letting this older woman off the hook for her misdeeds with a 16-year-old would just be wrong. The law pertains to both males and females alike. -- Concerned

Dear Concerned: Thank you for bringing this up. You are 100% correct that this woman should be held accountable. Many readers wrote to say that I dismissed the legal aspect of the case because of my intense focus on helping the man to heal emotionally. One of the best letters was written by an attorney from Portland, Oregon, who specializes in helping young victims of sexual abuse when they are older. Read on.

Dear Annie: As an attorney who rep-

resents victims of child sexual abuse in civil cases across the nation, I read with empathy and interest the recent letter from your reader, "Loss and Regret."

There a couple of insights that I would like to share with your readers.

First, for victims of sexual abuse, delayed understanding about the impact of abuse is normal. According to Child USA, "Most child victims of sexual assault disclose ... during adulthood, with a median age of 48 and an average age of 52."

This delayed disclosure phenomenon is the result of the unique and insidious nature of the trauma of child sexual abuse -- which prevents victims from realizing that they have been injured often until decades after the abuse itself has stopped. For victims of childhood sexual abuse, subconscious defense mechanisms mask the root cause of the problems they are experiencing and prevent the victim from understanding the causal relationship between the abuse and the injuries (i.e., that the sexual abuse from childhood is causing the adult depression, anxiety, etc.).

As our society becomes more aware of both the prevalence of child abuse and the re-

ality of delayed understanding by victims, the national trend is toward liberalizing and eliminating statutes of limitation. In the last several years, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, California, Arizona, Arkansas, Maine, Montana and Louisiana have all passed legislation that gives victims of child sexual abuse an open "window" of time (ranging from one to three years) to pursue civil actions regardless of how long ago the abuse happened. I currently have the honor of representing victims in cases in each of these states.

Other states -- like my home state of Oregon, as well as Washington, New Mexico and others -- have for many years used what is known as a "discovery rule." Discovery rules tie the time limit on a victim's civil legal claims to the victim's subjective delayed discovery of the long-term impacts they have suffered. This is another mechanism of giving victims more time and a greater opportunity for justice.

While not every state has helpful laws for victims (yet), the bottom line is that the law is changing in many states to give victims more time to come forward.

Of course, like in any legal case, the individual facts and circum-

stances vary, and I highly recommend that any victim of abuse consult with an attorney who is experienced in representing child abuse victims. These cases are unique, and the goal should be to advance the healing of the individual victim -- which is a very personalized consideration. What is good for one victim may not be helpful for another. After everything else they have been through, victims of child abuse deserve compassionate expert advice so they can make informed decisions for themselves.

I commend "Loss and Regret" for speaking out about this difficult topic. It is only as our society increases our awareness of the pervasive problem of child sexual abuse -- and reforms our laws to better support victims -- that the next generation of children becomes safer -- Lawyer's Perspective

Dear Lawyer's Perspective: Thank you for such a clear and succinct summary.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2021. There are 58 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1997, the Supreme Court let stand California's groundbreaking Proposition 209, which banned race and gender preference in hiring and school admissions.

On this date:

In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.

In 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a land-

slide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred "Alf" Landon.

In 1954, the Japanese monster movie "Godzilla" was released by Toho Co.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In 1970, Salvador Allende (ah-YEN'-day) was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair came to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

In 1992, Democrat Bill Clinton was elected the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President George H.W. Bush. In Illinois, Democrat Carol Moseley-Braun became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, was arrested for drowning her two young sons, Michael and Alex, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a Black carjacker.

In 2004, President George W. Bush claimed a re-election mandate a day after more than 62 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry; Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years earlier.

In 2014, 13 years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, a new

1,776-foot skyscraper at the World Trade Center site opened for business, marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the nation.

Ten years ago: Greek Prime Minister George Papandreu abandoned his plan to put a European rescue deal to a popular vote. Former San Francisco Giants outfielder Matty Alou died in his native Dominican Republic at age 72.

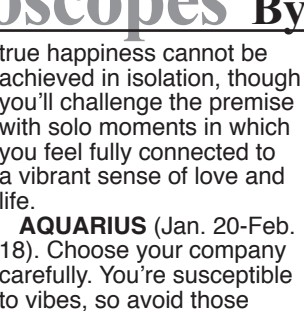
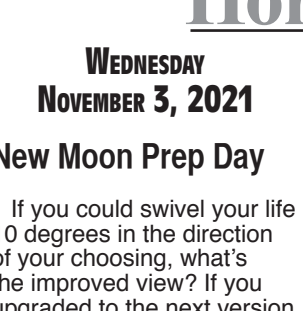
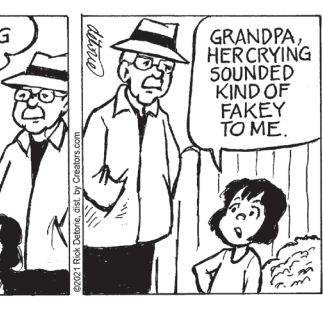
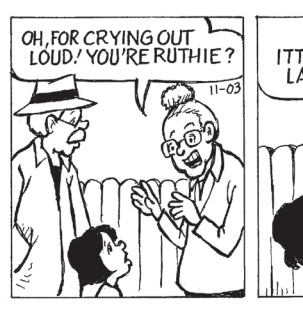
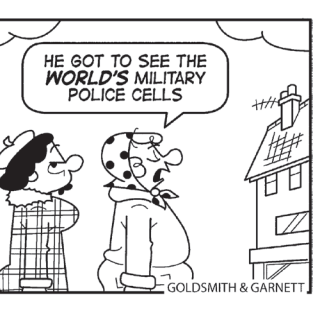
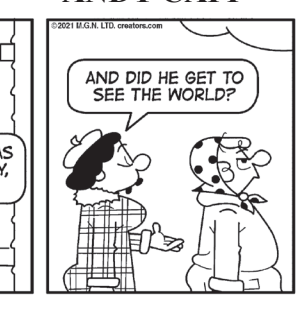
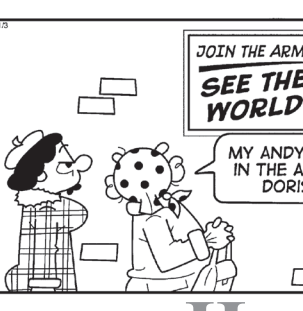
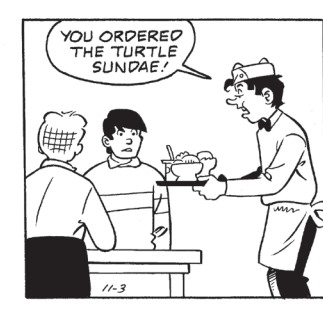
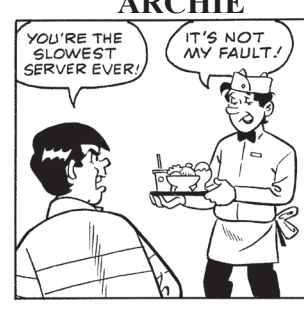
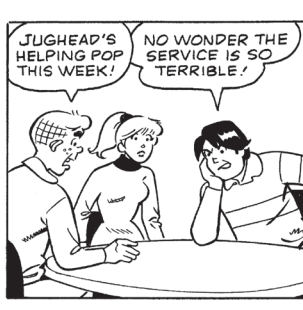
Five years ago: Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine delivered a speech entirely in Spanish as he addressed a small crowd in a largely Hispanic area of Phoenix as part of Hillary Clinton's push into traditionally Republican Arizona. China's plans for a permanent space station remained firmly on track with the successful launch of its new heavy-lift Long March 5 rocket.

One year ago: Democrat Joe Biden won the presidency in

an election that saw more than 103 million Americans vote early, many by mail, amid a coronavirus pandemic that upended a campaign marked by fear and rancor, waged against a backdrop of protests over racial injustice. As vote counting continued in battleground states, Biden's victory would not be known for more than three days; Republican President Donald Trump would refuse to concede, falsely claiming that he was a victim of widespread voter fraud. Kamala Harris made history as the first woman, Black person and person of South Asian descent to become vice president. Democrats clinched two more years of controlling the House but saw their majority shrink. Republicans emerged with a two-seat Senate majority that would be erased by Democratic wins in two runoffs in Georgia in January.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Lois Smith is 91. Actor Monica Vitti is 90. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is

88. Actor Shadove Stevens is 75. Singer Lulu is 73. "Vogue" editor-in-chief Anna Wintour is 72. Comedian-actor Roseanne Barr is 69. Actor Kate Capshaw is 68. Comedian Dennis Miller is 68. Actor Kathy Kinney is 68. Singer Adam Ant is 67. Sports commentator and former quarterback Phil Simms is 66. Director-screenwriter Gary Ross is 65. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 64. Rock musician C.J. Pierce (Drowning Pool) is 49. Actor Francois Battiste (TV: "Ten Days in the Valley") is 45. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evgeni Plushenko is 39. Actor Julie Berman is 38. Actor Antonia Thomas (TV: "The Good Doctor") is 35. Alternative rock singer/songwriter Courtney Barnett is 34. TV personality and model Kendall Jenner (TV: "Keeping Up with the Kardashians") is 26.



Horoscopes By Holiday

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2021

New Moon Prep Day

If you could swivel your life 10 degrees in the direction of your choosing, what's the improved view? If you upgraded to the next version of yourself overnight, how would you know the change had taken place? Get clarity on the matter so you can aim yourself strategically to receive tomorrow's fresh lunar magic in the sign of transformation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The importance of context will come up. People have a choice about who to buy from or work and socialize with. You'll build a sense of trust and community as you share the story of how you came to do what you do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will become further intrigued with a subject. Strangely, the more you learn, the bigger the mystery becomes. You may never get to the bottom of it, but the quest is enthralling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fear subsides and your mind is quiet. Let yourself relax into the silence for as long as you can. Deeply intelligent and intuitive insight emerges from stillness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As you pull off the tricks of the day, the importance of conviction cannot be underestimated. When you really believe in your own performance, you will be most convincing to the others. You will earn tremendous reviews.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fear creates its own reasons for being. Perhaps your alarm is well-founded, though. In that case, address the risk. How can you minimize it? A safety net can create confidence and contribute to sure-footed action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are surrounded by stubborn people who will not bend to your will. However, with some showmanship, you may be able to distract them into doing exactly as you prefer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will answer to someone whom you would love to impress. There's both personal and financial incentive involved. Brief and relevant interactions will have a strong and memorable effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The kindhearted often come by their compassion via the school of hard knocks. Having suffered, it is easier to extend empathy to the suffering. Having erred, it is easier to forgive the erroneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be more impulsive than usual and likely to take a chance you normally wouldn't dare to take. You have your reasons. Or, if not, it's an intuitive impulse you'd like to honor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is said that

true happiness cannot be achieved in isolation, though you'll challenge the premise with solo moments in which you feel fully connected to a vibrant sense of love and life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Choose your company carefully. You're susceptible to vibes, so avoid those sending out the sort you wouldn't want to catch. To create optimal impressions, interact with people while they're already having a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not share your friend's worldview or agree on everything, but since you remain nonjudgmental, you will be enriched and expanded by the relationship nonetheless.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 3). Because of your keen timing, a mere nugget of knowledge will lead you to incommensurate financial bonus; be sure to accept it. You will be an excellent steward of this resource. Besides, all the goodwill you put out on the regular was bound to come back to you from somewhere. Capricorn and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 8 and 49.

COSMIC QUESTION: "My new boyfriend is a flirt. Every time we go out, he seems to know half the people in the room, and most of them are girls. I can tell he likes me, but should I be concerned? I don't want to get played. By the way, I'm an Aquarius; he's a Gemini."

The Gemini is a notoriously social creature. His quick wit and conversational aptitude mean he is a favored participant in any social gathering. What might prompt a little caution is that Gemini is typically reluctant to commit. Then again, Aquarius understands this as you grapple with your own commitment issues, right? The fact that he makes it clear he wants to be with you is a compliment you can probably take to heart. As long as his flirts aren't offensive or excessive, you can safely consider them to be innocent nothings spun to make the Gemini feel attractive and attentive to others. Does he also make efforts to let you know, as his girlfriend, you are his shining star and number one priority in the room? If that is true, allowing for some social leeway will communicate to him that you don't feel threatened, which is the most attractive light to walk in.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Kendall Jenner is a charismatic Scorpio born under a nurturing Cancer moon. The abundance of water sign energy flowing through her chart suggests honed intuitive powers. Modeling is a natural fit with natal Venus and Mars in Libra, the sign of aesthetics. These Libran planets also indicate the romantic heart of someone

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sales agents, for short
 - 5 Pleasant surprise
 - 10 Use an overhead bin
 - 14 Land parcel measure
 - 15 18 holes of golf
 - 16 Nobel novelist Morrison
 - 17 Catcher's legwear
 - 19 Iowa college city
 - 20 Paid tribute to
 - 21 Overly assertive
 - 22 Jogger's pace
 - 23 __ de Janeiro
 - 25 All-even score
 - 26 In days past
 - 28 Traditional Dutch footwear
 - 32 Defeats soundly
 - 34 Oklahoma Native American
 - 35 Canine Oz visitor
 - 36 Software test versions
 - 37 Flat-topped hill
 - 41 Loan shark
 - 43 Candle cords
 - 44 Jousting's outerwear
 - 48 Tree climbed by squirrels
 - 49 Conclude
 - 50 Unknown factors
 - 51 Poetic daybreak
 - 53 Courtroom event
 - 55 Supplies in limited quantities
 - 58 Sander or saw
 - 59 Pedaler's headwear
 - 62 Red Muppet
 - 63 Basketball venue
 - 64 Peru's capital
 - 65 Alternatively
- DOWN**
- 1 Acting too hastily
 - 2 Rebound, as sound
 - 3 Document's hard copy
 - 4 Mexican mister
 - 5 Following faithfully
 - 6 Highway or avenue
 - 7 Continent n. of Africa
 - 8 "Further-more . . ."
 - 9 NFL six-point plays
 - 10 Night's light sight
 - 11 BLT ingredient
 - 12 Baby's bodysuit
 - 13 Genie's offerings
 - 18 Gets taller
 - 21 High-end audio brand
 - 23 Prepare, as leftovers
 - 24 Rustic stopovers
 - 26 Curator's concern
 - 27 Hair gel, for instance
 - 29 Productions with arias
 - 30 Librarian's stamp
 - 31 Prefix for sphere
 - 33 Sing the praises of
 - 36 Avid fan
 - 38 Of supply and demand
 - 39 Jamaican music
 - 40 Seek an answer
 - 42 Ground for planting
 - 43 Composed, as a letter
 - 44 Small sofa
 - 45 Lay out, as a new carpet
 - 46 "Out of the blue" and "in the red"
 - 47 Nebraskan urbanite
 - 52 Small brooks
 - 54 Organic skin soother
 - 55 City near Tahoe
 - 56 Toon film fish that's found
 - 57 One of many numbers on sports pages
 - 59 Common butter shape
 - 60 Keogh kin
 - 61 Fact phenom Jennings

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SUDOKU

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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

PIGSKIN PICKS

Football Contest

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3. Coahoma
4. Garden City
5. Klondike
6. Reagan County
7. Bronte
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys



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2. Forsan
3. Coahoma
4. Garden City
5. Sands
6. Stanton
7. Westbrook
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys



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2. Forsan
3. Abernathy
4. Rankin
5. Klondike
6. Reagan County
7. Westbrook
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys



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2. Forsan
3. Abernathy
4. Garden City
5. Sands
6. Stanton
7. Bronte
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys



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1. Big Spring
2. Forsan
3. Abernathy
4. Garden City
5. Sands
6. Stanton
7. Bronte
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys



Wild West Wingz

1. Big Spring
2. Hawley
3. Abernathy
4. Rankin
5. Klondike
6. Stanton
7. Westbrook
8. Borden Co.
9. Grady
10. Cowboys

Official Game Rules:

Find this week's games between the merchant's ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win, and fill in the official entry form on this page with your team choices. Clip the entry form out of the page and drop it in the Pigskin box at one of the listed merchants.

Do not drop your entry form at the Big Spring Herald office.

*The entry with the most correct picks will win \$50!

You must be 18 to enter. *No photo copies accepted.*

*In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner.

For the tie breaker, the entry with the correct team will win.

If both entries have guessed the same team, the second tie breaker will be the one closest to the total points.

*Decisions of the judges are final.

*Employees and family of the Big Spring Herald are ineligible.

*All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1pm Friday of the week played.

*Winners will be announced on the next week's Pigskin Contest Page.

Pigskin Picks Entry Form

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TIE BREAKER-
Circle the winner
and note total points
scored

TEXANS -VS- DOLPHINS

Total Score: _____ +

50



Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

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8. BORDEN CO. -VS- WELLMAN-UNION



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9. GRADY -VS- TLCA

10. COWBOYS -VS- BRONCOS

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