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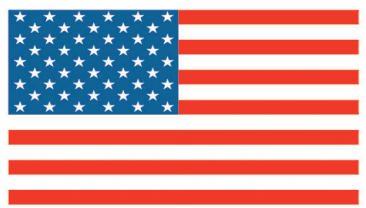
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*United Way Kick off and Golf Tournament set for Aug. 28*

*Heritage Museum will be opening the time capsule this Saturday at 2 p.m.*

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## HC trustees approve 5-year plan

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College District's board of trustees, the governing body of Howard College and the South West College for the Deaf, heard and approved the body's five-year Strategic Plan. The plan will go into effect in the Fall of 2021 and guide the district's colleges through 2026.

Howard's Director of Institutional Effectiveness Bryan Stokes presented information on the district's vision, values, strategic priorities, goals and objectives, and strategic measurements during the meeting.

"We've been working on this since November, and it's been an exciting time," Stokes said. "We've been gath-

ering all the feedback and trying to put everything together to prepare for the next five years and where we want to be moving forward."

During his presentation, Stokes read the plan's Vision Statement for the college system: "We will be known for enriching the lives and futures of those we serve as a unique rural community college national model of success that includes a campus specializing in deaf education."

Stokes also listed the college's Values, as presented in the plan, which states that Howard is "A family culture based on students, community, diversity, unity, excellence and integrity," and its Strategic Priorities, including:

- Access: Increase opportunities and

participation in programs to enhance the social and economic mobility of students in the communities we serve;

- Student Success: Create a quality educational experience to advance successful course completion, retention, graduation, transfer and job placement;
- Community and Workforce Development: Collaborate with community partners to develop relevant and innovative programs and initiatives that enrich lives in the service region;
- Performance Excellence: Foster an organizational environment that cultivates equitable student and employee success through effective and efficient operations and infrastructure.

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## Veterans of Comedy and Friends fundraiser raises more than \$1,200 for local DAV Chapter 47



Courtesy photos/Michael Cole

Comedian and event organizer Adrienne Green (above left) kicked off the comedy show held at the VFW Post 2013. Pictured above right, Comedian Jeanette Fahey continued the evening of laughter. The event raised more than \$1,000 for the local DAV Chapter 47.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

A little laughter never hurt anyone, but a couple of weeks ago, it went a long way to helping out the D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) of Big Spring, Chapter

47. The Veterans of Comedy and Friends fundraiser event brought in good support for the local chapter.

"The show had a smaller turnout than what I had hoped for, but it absolutely contributed to the intimate-

ness of the show," Adrienne Green, comedian and event organizer, said. "The performers and the audience had fun, and those are the best kinds of shows."

Green spent a couple of months organizing the com-

edy event in hopes of bringing in, at least \$1,000 to support the local DAV chapter in their efforts to pour back into the Howard County veteran community. The

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## Legends and Legacies honors Ben Nix

*Editor's Note: Each year new members are added to the honorees of Legends and Legacies through the Heritage Museum. Over the next seven editions, the Big Spring Herald will feature this year's inductees. This is the final installment in a series of seven.*

**Special to the Herald**

Ben Nix was born June 6, 1920, on the family farm north of Big Spring. His father Jonah L. Nix was a talented musician and passed that talent on to his boys, Harry, Ben, and Hoyle. This set the tone and driving force for a large part of their life's work. J.L. and Myrtle (Brooks) Nix lost their oldest son, Harry, in a horse accident when he was just 16 years old. After Harry's passing, Ben and Hoyle devoted more of their time to music.

Ben started performing at Center Point school functions and area dances. November 11, 1946 marked the professional start of Ben's music career along with brother Hoyle, as they formed The

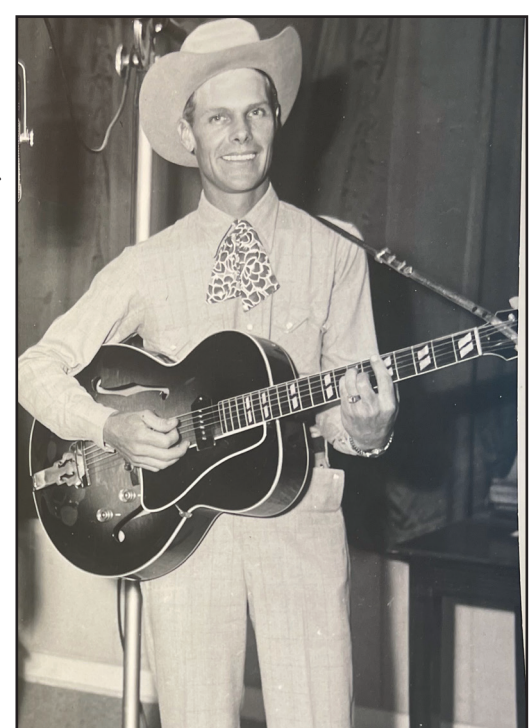
West Texas Cowboys. Ben was a great singer and rhythm guitar player. For almost 30 years, they played 5 to 6 nights a week, entertaining fans that would follow them from town to town. Ben, along with his brother Hoyle, had the honor of playing events with other legendary musicians such as Bob Wills, Marty Robbins and Ernest Tubb.

In 1949, Ben and Hoyle signed their first recording contract with Talent Records out of Dallas Tx. Jody Nix said, "Uncle Ben wrote several songs for the recording session and all of the songs were good, heart-felt, and each told quite a story."

1954 marked another milestone as Ben and Hoyle joined together to build their own dancehall on Snyder Highway and naming it the Stampede.

The historical dance hall has become a Big Spring and Texas legend. Throughout the decades, young love has found its way, dancers have two stepped to the fiddle, and family members, young and

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Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Ben Nix was one of the Legends and Legacies honorees for this year.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MATTHEW MENDOZA**, 41, of 1903 S. Monticello Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt/divert public water.
- **JAMELA SHANTIL OVERTON**, 30, of 2706 S. Monticello Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **EMMANUELL RAMON HERNANDEZ**, 21, of 1410 E. 18<sup>th</sup> of Odessa, was arrested on a charge of indecency with child sexual contact.
- **PATRICK MATHEW RIOS**, 28, of 700 Lorilla Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **THEODORE E. RIOS JR.**, 30, of 1505 E. Cherokee Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2) and possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.
- **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **QUENTIN MARCEL VANDERBILT**, 34, of 2624 Langley, was arrested on possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.
- **PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS**, 30, of 4404 Elder, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x4).
- **LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ III**, 42, of 1010 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 shoplifting.
- **KEITH WAYNE HITT**, 48, of 1513 E. Presidio in Fort Worth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CATON SHEA POWELL**, 29, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **SONYA GAY BIDDLE**, 51, of 4924 Wasson Road, was arrested on a warrant from other agency (x2).
- **CARLOS BURROLAS MARQUEZ**, 60, of 610 NW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more.
- **JONATHAN ROBERT ADAIR**, 26, of 300 S. Bentwood was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram.
- **DESIREE DENISE MARTINEZ**, 25, of 1401 Delmar of Midland, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **RICKIE DELL HAIR**, 47, of 102 Merrick, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction, warrant from other agency (x2).

- **JACOB ACE LEYVA**, 40, of 2523 Bastes Street, was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- **ANJELAH HILARIO**, 19, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Howell Street; 2500 block of Hunter Drive.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the area of 15<sup>th</sup> and Goliad.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama Street; 1700 block of E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville Road; 4900 block of Wasson Road; 100 block of S. Gregg Street; 900 block of S. Goliad Street; 2300 block of Gatesville Road.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the area of Birdwell and E. 4<sup>th</sup>; 2100 block of S. Gregg Street; area of Grafa and Monticello; area of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Gregg.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Paradez Street.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 3500 block of S. Hwy 87; area of S. Monticello and Birdwell.
- **UNWANTED SUBJECT** was reported in the 2300 block of S. Scurry Street; 300 block of S. Owens Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **IDENTITY THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2900 block of W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street; 1004 N. Lamesa Highway.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 2400 block of E. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 5300 block of Wasson Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of N. Moss Lake Road.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 500 block of S. Johnson Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the area of Moore/Cauble Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 6800 block of S. Service Road.
- **CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ABUSE** was reported in the 1100 block of Wood.
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place.

## Obituaries

### David Wayne Buckner Sr.

David Wayne Buckner Sr., 62, of San Angelo, passed away Friday, June 18, 2021. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26, 2021, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery, Ackerly, Texas.



The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born Nov. 6, 1958, in Big Spring to Bo Buckner and Cleo Cocker Buckner. David married Donna Harris Feb. 14,

1993, in Big Spring.

David worked in the oilfield as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for over 40 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, riding motorcycles and playing drums. He was a collector of American antique muscle cars and trucks. David was a member of District 11, absentee, of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Buckner of San Angelo; three children, Natalie Renee Townsend and husband, Billy Christian of Big Spring, David Wayne Buckner Jr. and wife, Tonya, of San Angelo, and Amy Bledsoe of San Angelo; eight grandchildren, Macie Menefield, Luis Casillas, Zilan Townsend, Justis Buckner, Ryley Buckner, Blaize Buckner, Alex Horton and Tyler Bledsoe; two great-grandchildren, Josephine Menefield and Judah Menefield; four brothers, Ricky Sides, Terry Hancock, Jerry Hancock, and Steve Croft; three sisters, Missy Long, Sherri Nichols and Darla Mach.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Ruthie Murphree.

The family suggests memorials to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, National Headquarters, 6520 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

*Paid Obituary*

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 105 inmates at the time of this report.
- **PHILLIP CHESTER ALDERS**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of FTA/evading arrest detention with vehicle, FTA/assault family/house member impede breathing, assault family/house member impede breathing, fail to maintain financial responsibility, possession of drug paraphernalia.
  - **TERRY SCOTT DIAZ**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of disregard stop sign, no driver license when unlicensed, manufacture deliver controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams, possession of controlled substance between four grams and 400 grams, possession of marijuana

less than two ounces, unlawful possession of firearm by felon

- **EMMANUELL RAMON HERNANDEZ**, 21 was arrested by HCSO on a charge of indecency with child sexual contact.
- **MATTHEW MENDOZA**, 41 was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt, fail to maintain financial responsibility, display fictitious motor vehicle registration.
- **JAMELA SHANTIL OVERTON**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of MTRP/driving while license invalid with previous conviction.
- **JOSHUA LINZY OWEN**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHANCE ALLAN PERRYMAN**, 36, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of no drivers license

when unlicensed.

- **PATRICK MATTHEW RIOS JR.**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of parole violation.
- **THEODORE RIOS JR.**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of motion to revoke probation, possession of controlled substance between one gram and four grams, possession of controlled substance, assault causes bodily injury family.
- **QUENTIN MARCEL VANDERBILT**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance between four grams and 200 grams.
- **ARTURO JUAN VELA JR.**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Mountain Park. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of MLK Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Creighton. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of Sycamore and Rosemont. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Alabama. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

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Following Stokes' presentation, Stephen Pool of labor market analytics firm EMSI presented a report on "program gap demand analysis" the company prepared at the request of Howard College.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks offered a brief description of the study.

"The Program Gap Demand Analysis is a review of the jobs that are in our service are that are in demand, as they compare to what we are offering, and what gaps we might have in our instruction, and ways we might not be meeting the needs of our students," she said.

During his presentation, Pool highlighted potential in-demand jobs that Howard College doesn't offer training to support.

"It's important for me to note that these are not recommendations that I as an economist am necessarily making, but I'm putting forward the data of what is in demand in your region that is currently not being trained for," Pool said.

Pool presented a chart divided into four sections by local supply and demand of various jobs. According to the study, jobs locally which feature a high demand but a low supply of qualified applicants include technology, business commerce and child development; while jobs that feature a high demand as well as a large supply of qualified workers include registered nurse and truck/bus driver.

Pool also spoke about jobs which have a low demand, both those with a high supply of local workers and those with a low supply. The analyst suggested that Howard College seek ways to steer students into more sought-after education.

"It may be beneficial to try to understand where these students are finding work to see if you can curate the program better for their ultimate goal," he said. "Or see if there are any side specializations that would be more helpful for how those graduates are actually using that education."

Examples of these jobs include cosmetology and facial treatment specialists, he said.

In other business, Dr. Sparks reported on two grants the college system has received.

The first, from the Big Spring Area Community Foundation, will fund scholarships at Howard and SWCD. The scholarships, which will fund students' first courses in the Dual Credit program. The Howard College portion of the program allows students to gain both high school and college credit for the same classes during the students' junior and senior years of high school. Since SWCD students come from all over the country, it's program works a bit differently, Sparks said.

"What we're going to do there, we're going to have a dual-credit summer opportunity," she said. "Students will be able to come to SWCD and take their first dual-credit class in a deaf community

college environment. That is something we've really struggled with: How do we get dual credit out to our deaf and hard-of-hearing students across the country? We've done things through distance, but we thought this would be a good exposure to our deaf and hard-of-hearing leadership that we have at the SWCD campus."

The Howard College program will be known as the "First Flight" scholarship program, while the SWCD program will be known as the "First Rattle" scholarship program.

The second grant provides \$20,000 for Howard College and \$25,000 for SWCD, and comes from the McGary Regan Foundation, a private philanthropic grant-making foundation. The money will be used to help fund scholarships in connection with the college's 75th Anniversary celebration this year.

Delek Corporation also donated \$1,000 to help fund the 75th Anniversary celebration.

"September 30 will be the big day, because that's the 75th anniversary of the first day of classes," Sparks said. "As we near the 75th Anniversary of the first day of class, the support that we're receiving from these foundations that focus on students, and provide them the opportunity to get an education, start their college education, we're most appreciative, and they align with what the celebration is all about. It's about students."

Sparks also gave the board some information relating to revenue for the 2022-23 school budget. The board will begin the budget approval process in August, she said.

"Our revenue comes from state appropriations, tuition, fees, local tax dollars, as well as grants, funding...federal funding and local funding," she said. "We were preparing the board today for what it's looking like relative to revenue. At the same time, we are working on the expenditure side of the budget, which will be in August. At that time we'll have all of the revenue information, as well as expenditures that we recommend."

Sparks said despite low enrollments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the college will be in good shape due to federal programs.

"With the federal dollars, those CARES dollars, we have been able to offset loss in state funding and lost revenue," she said. "We've been able to offset that, and we strategically planned that so the next two years, as far as what we would have received in state appropriations last time, we kept it the same. We're being able to basically keep (the same income as) our state dollars. They're washing."

District Special Projects Officer Terry Hansen told the board that recent heavy storms have slowed progress on roofing repairs at the Big Spring and SWCD campuses.

"We had several weeks that were rainy, and it just basically stalled because you can't tear a roof off when it's raining. You just can't even work in those kinds of conditions," he said. "But more recently the weather has been more favorable and progress has been good."

Hansen said roofers have applied a coating to the

Ag Complex on the Big Spring campus and are now working on the roof of the Fitness Center.

"As of this morning, that was done," he added. "As of this afternoon, I expect they will be moving over to the Howard Cottage building."

Hansen said work is continuing on the Administration Building roof at SWCD.

"That is such a very large roof," he said. "If you want to look back at the pictures, you can see they built up the insulation in the center of that building. We wanted to get a favorable runoff. We don't want to get ponding on that building anymore and there was some. The insulation will be 16 inches thick."

The board also rejected all bids proposals on window replacements and retrofitting.

"As far as the market, everything is high," Sparks said. "Also, the situation that we had as far as what's happening with the budget, and thirdly, as far as just the project overall, we felt like with the timing of it, we just needed to reject. As much as we appreciate the efforts of these people, we needed to reject because the timing's not right."

The board did approve electrical and plumbing proposals for the coming year.

For electrical services, the Big Spring and SWCD campuses' primary contractor will be B&B Electric of Big Spring, while the secondary contractor will be The Bosworth Company of Midland.

For plumbing services, the local campuses' primary contractor will be Black Plumbing of Abilene, while the secondary contractor will be D&D Plumbing, Heating and A/C of Midland.

**Take Note**

- Congressman Jodey Arrington will be hosting a telephone town hall on Thursday at 6 p.m. Those wanting to attend can dial in at 855-962-1203 or watch by live stream at <https://arrington.house.gov/live/>

- A new non-denominational church to Big Spring, True Deliverance Ministries International will hold its first local services Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25. Intercessory prayer will begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening, and revival services will start at 7 p.m. Apostle Sadallie I. Cole Sr., founder and head pastor of the organization, will be the lead speaker at the services. The church is located at 1209 Wright St., and services will be streamed live on the church's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/tmdmihq1>.

- Highland Parade will take place at 10 a.m. July 3. Line up will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the corner of Highland and Robb. The parade will go through Highland and conclude at Highland and Goliad. The awards ceremony will be held at the end of the parade. Judging for the mailbox and house decoration will take place Friday, July 2 beginning at 4 p.m.

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Bruce Schooler, 72, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be Thursday at 10:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Wanda Yarbrough, 70, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Jeanette Duffer, 79, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. A fund has been set up at Myers & Smith Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

**DAV**

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comedy show took place at the VFW (Veterans of Foreign War) Post 2013 and featured Green along with three other comedians, Mikey Mike on the Mic, Chris Crawford and Jeanette Fahey.

"The DAV came away with more than I could have expected - new connections, new performance pictures for the comedians, a deepened appreciation for veterans and their sacrifices, and getting to see my friends stunned into near silence when they were presented with a symbol of love and gratitude for their service from complete strangers," Green said. "The total raised with sponsorships and donations was \$1,480."

Following the comedic acts, before the evening's event concluded, Mike Tarpley - Quilt of Valor presenter and DAV Vice Commander - made a special presentation to the Veterans of Comedy comedians.

Sponsors for the event included 350 Cafe & Convenience, Wolf Dirt Contractors, JNC Electric LLC, All Washed Up, Oncor and H-E-B. Those who attended the event were able to enjoy an hour of comedic relief and an opportunity to support the DAV with a donation of their choosing.

"The support we continue to get makes it easier to help veterans with their needs," Ed Meiser, DAV Chapter 47 Commander, said. "We are blessed with a real giving community; we are very appreciative of this support. We thank each and every one of you; you make a difference in the lives of our veterans."

DAV is a non-profit charity that offers support for local veterans through means of assistance with utilities, support in life events such as house fires, home repairs, and meeting basic needs of day to day life. In addition, the local DAV chapter provides holiday meals for veterans housed in the domiciliary and CLC at the West Texas VA Medical Center. In addition, the local chapter provides

monthly birthday parties for veterans at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home. Also, on an annual basis, the DAV hosts the Dove Hunt and the 9-11 Memorial Service. The past couple of years, the DAV of Big Spring has not been able to conduct their annual Forget-Me-Not fundraiser, due to the pandemic. The support from area businesses and local organizations has helped fill in the gap and helped the local chapter continue to meet the needs of veterans.

To find out more about the DAV Chapter 47 of Big Spring or donate, contact Mike Tarpley at 432-556-2227.

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old, have enjoyed being entertained by the Nix family at the Stampede.

Ben loved his family, music, the farm, and his friends. Nephew Jody Nix said "Ben had a natural ability to fix and repair just about anything. He kept all the amplifiers, sound equipment and even the bus running right up to par. He had a warm smile, great personality and was a good friend to many many people."

Ben was a part of the Big Spring rodeo dances for 15 to 20 years and he always looked forward to that yearly event. In his later years, Ben worked the family farm and played music part time, as he semi-retired.

After a 45-year music career, Ben started to experience bad health. He decided to lay down his guitar and retire. He passed away on May 1, 1994. One likes to think that Ben and Hoyle are together

again playing the fiddle and guitar because it's highly possible the angels enjoy the Texas swing and the two-step.

When the museum wanted to honor Ben's nephew, Larry Nix with the Cowboy Hall of Fame Induction, he said he would only accept it if he were alongside his uncle Ben. That only seemed fair as both Nix boys deserve the honor along with Ben's brother Hoyle and Larry's brother Jody who were both previously inducted.

I am sure most will agree that when you hear country swing, you think of Big Spring's Nix Family.



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# Big Spring Steers Head Baseball coach Daniel Carrillo coaches in GWTBCA game



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**Top Left:** Big Spring Head Baseball Coach Daniel Carrillo approaches a participant at the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association all-star game this previous Saturday, June 19, in Frenship; the game resulted in a 3 to 2 win for the Red team. **Top Right:** Coach Carrillo poses with a mentor and legendary head coach, Brian Roper, alongside a participant from the game.

By **DUSTIN POPE**

Herald Sports Writer

The Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association had its All-Star game this past Saturday, June 19, in Frenship. This game was for the 4A-6A players from all around the West Texas territory. Players involved in the game are All-Star athletes on their various teams. Big Spring Steers head coach Daniel Carrillo was asked to be an assistant coach for the team.

Carrillo helped coached the Blue team alongside one of his coaching mentors, former Howard Hawks and former Midland Lee baseball coach Brian Roper. Coach Carrillo started his coaching experience under the guidance of Coach Roper at Midland Lee. Coach Brian Roper hung up his cleats after this season. He will go down as one of the most well-respected and winning coaches in the game. Roper notched the 750th win of his career this season. He has led Midland Lee to five consecutive years of playoff experiences. Including a

record of 26-9 this season. Coach Roper is also certainly acquainted with the Big Spring area as he was the head coach for the Howard Hawks for seven years where he posted a 298-119-1 mark. The opportunity for Steers head Coach Carrillo to coach with his mentor one last time was something he will never forget.

It's obvious to see where Coach Carrillo gets his infatuation for the game and coaching style from. When you have one of the most successful coaches of all time as someone to lean on or receive guidance from, it's merely natural for you to have success. Congratulations to Coach Daniel Carrillo for being appointed to represent Big Spring and all the All-Stars in this game, and I look forward to watching what takes place next season.

*Dustin is the Sports Writer for the Big Spring Herald. To contact him e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com, or call 432-263-7331.*

# Until golf's Olympic return, DeChambeau didn't dare dream it

By **JIMMY GOLEN**

AP Sports Writer

Bryson DeChambeau grew up watching the Olympics and wishing that someday he would be able to take part.

As a golfer, he knew that was a bit of a stretch.

Although the sport was a part of the Olympic program early in the 20th Century, it was dropped from 1904 until it returned for Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

"There was never a thought in my mind — before 2016, obviously — that I thought I was going to be in the Olympics," he said this week after making the field for the Tokyo Games. "I never would have thought that. Playing as good as I have these last few years has afforded me that opportunity."

DeChambeau, 27, was one year removed from his amateur days in 2016, and didn't come close to earning one of the four U.S. spots in the Olympic field. Now the sixth-ranked golfer in the world, he is one of four Ameri-

cans selected for the 60-man field that will play at the Kasumigaseki Country Club outside of Tokyo from July 30-Aug. 8.

Justin Thomas, Collin Morikawa and Xander Schauffele will also represent the U.S.; world No. 2 Dustin Johnson has opted out.

DeChambeau said he remembers loving Olympic table tennis as a child and seeing Michael Phelps dominate the swimming in Athens and Beijing. Most of all, he hoped to someday be able to march into an Olympic stadium in the opening ceremony.

"When I missed it in Rio in 2016, I was like 'Man, that's a goal of mine that I want to check off the list.' I want to be an Olympian for the American team," he said. "And I'm very fortunate to say that I'm an Olympian now."

DeChambeau said Rickie Fowler, who played in Rio, said it was "the coolest experience ever."

Not that he needed any convincing. "As of right now, I am definitely going," he said, acknowledging that the

games have already been postponed for a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Japan remains in a partial lockdown. "If something was crazy to happen, obviously, we all wouldn't be going."

The 2020 U.S. Open champion, DeChambeau was leading this year's tournament with nine holes to play before imploding on the back nine at Torrey Pines. He made back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 11 and 12, then took a triple on the 13th hole and a quadruple bogey on the 17th.

He finished the final round with a 6-over 77, nine strokes behind winner John Rahm.

This week brings him to TPC River Highlands outside of Hartford, Connecticut, for the Travelers Championship. Five of the world's top 10 players are in the field, including Johnson, Patrick Reed and Brooks Koepka.

DeChambeau has played in the tournament five times, never missing the cut and finishing in the top 10 the last three years.

"It fits my game pretty well. Hope-

fully I can fix the driver a little bit more — still struggling with that. The miss-hits are a little too much. And that's what I'm looking to change for this week," he said. "If I can do that, I think I have a good chance to contend."

DeChambeau also said he was eager to get back in front of fans after playing last year's tournament on an empty course. If that brings out the hecklers trying to stoke his feud with Koepka, that's fine, too.

"It's something that just rolls right off my back," he said. "People think it bothers me. It doesn't. At all. It's, like, just an afterthought to me. I hear it and it doesn't even register in my head anymore. So people can keep saying it if they want. I've got no issue with it. It's funny, if anything."

And good for golf?

"There's some good aspects to it," he said. "Now when you start saying it during somebody's golf swing, it's different. But, you know, walking down the fairway, whatever? No harm, no foul."

# Grant accepts Olympic bid, pushes US roster to 12

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer

USA Basketball now has a full 12-man roster for the Tokyo Games, after Chicago's Zach LaVine and Detroit's Jerami Grant accepted invitations Wednesday to join the team that will try to win the program's fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal.

LaVine's decision was confirmed by his agent, Nima Namakian. Grant's decision was confirmed by a person familiar with the situation, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because USA Basketball has yet to publicly reveal the full roster.

The challenge for the Americans will be keeping the group together. There has already been one change; Brooklyn's James Harden, who had briefly committed, has since told the national team that a hamstring injury that affected him during the NBA playoffs would not allow him to participate, the person familiar with the roster decisions told AP.

So, for now, the Olympic team that will be coached by Gregg Popovich in Tokyo: Washington's Bradley Beal, Brooklyn's Kevin Durant, Miami's Bam Adebayo, Milwaukee teammates Jrue Holiday and Khris Middleton, Portland's Damian Lillard, Cleveland's Kevin Love, Phoenix's Devin Booker, Golden State's Draymond Green, Boston's Jayson Tatum, LaVine and Grant.

The team has a combined 37 All-Star selections, led by Durant's 11. The team will not be officially complete until USA Basketball sends its roster to FIBA, something that won't happen until next month.

Durant is a two-time Olympic gold medalist, after being part of the 2012 and 2016 teams. Green also helped the U.S. win gold in 2016, Love in 2012.

Holiday, Middleton and Booker are still in the NBA playoffs. Game 7 of the NBA Finals may happen as late as July 22 — just three days before the Americans open Olympic play in Tokyo against fellow medal favorite France, the nation that knocked the U.S. out of medal contention at the Basketball World Cup in China two years ago.

USA Basketball managing director Jerry Colangelo has said that contingencies are being made in case any players miss camp and have to arrive in Tokyo after the rest of the Olympic team because of their NBA playoff schedules.

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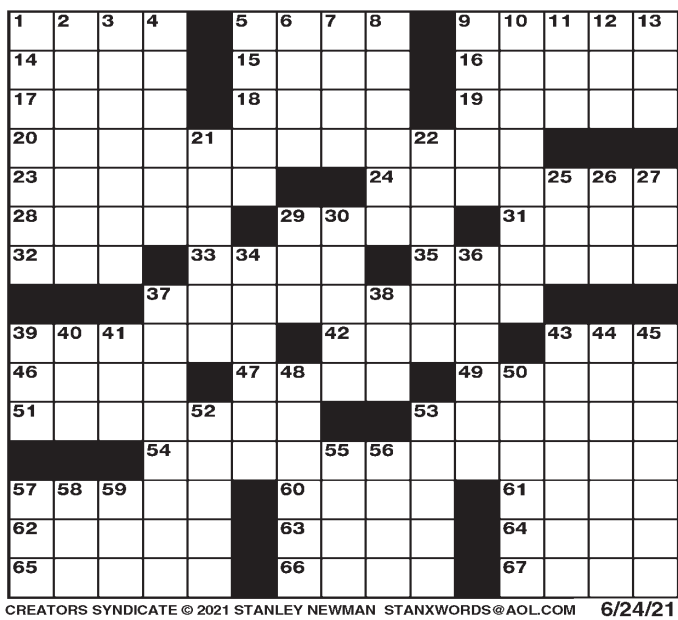


## Newsday Crossword

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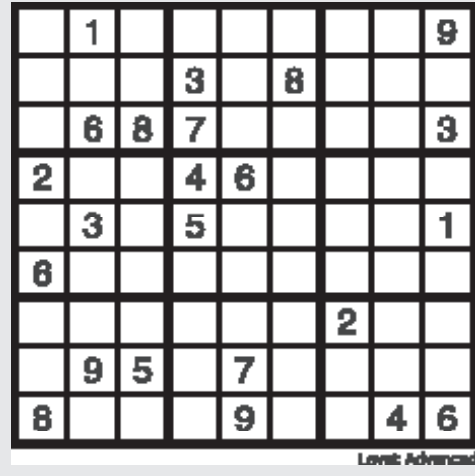
- ACROSS**  
 1 Film/dom's Sweeney Todd  
 5 Inspiration for Wicked  
 9 Sounded disappointed  
 14 Verne's being  
 15 Entice  
 16 Give an address  
 17 Shove off  
 18 Just barely  
 19 Certain sandwich exteriors  
 20 Victorious general at the Battle of Carabobo (June 24, 1821)  
 23 Thrills  
 24 Whom Gauguin and Degas admired  
 28 Summing-up  
 29 Smartphone cover  
 31 Euro fraction  
 32 Endeavor (to)  
 33 Gag reaction  
 35 Repeated exactly  
 37 Where the battle took place  
 39 Muscular  
 42 Pod in some soups  
 43 Deplete  
 46 Far below par  
 47 Treble instrument  
 49 Collectors' quests  
 51 Little hairy pet  
 53 Catches on  
 54 What the battle led to, for 37 Across  
 57 Mideast capital  
 60 Italian endearment  
 61 Construct

- DOWN**  
 1 What's served last  
 2 Clicks-dependent business  
 3 Highest importance  
 4 What Spaniards call jai alai  
 5 Spills it  
 6 Prefix for pilot  
 7 Major Russian river  
 8 Patron of Galileo  
 9 Prismatic gem  
 10 Southeast Asian hot sauce  
 11 Kit \_\_\_ (Hershey bar)  
 12 It looks like H  
 13 \_\_\_ Moines, IA  
 21 Dewey, to Donald  
 22 Superficial appearance  
 25 "Latest" prefix  
 26 GPS reading  
 27 Timetable stat  
 29 What to call a catamaran  
 30 Toy tooter  
 34 Whichever  
 36 Having talons  
 37 Wording  
 38 Something plucked by Polynesians  
 39 UV-blocking number  
 40 Indebtedness initials  
 41 Exclusionary connector  
 43 Detangle  
 44 Office attention-getter  
 45 Thinks much of  
 48 "I won't eat that!"  
 50 Resume speed, on a score  
 52 Take over, as land  
 53 Grind together  
 55 Family guy  
 56 Historical studies  
 57 Plot's progression  
 58 Sound during some drives  
 59 Soggy dirt



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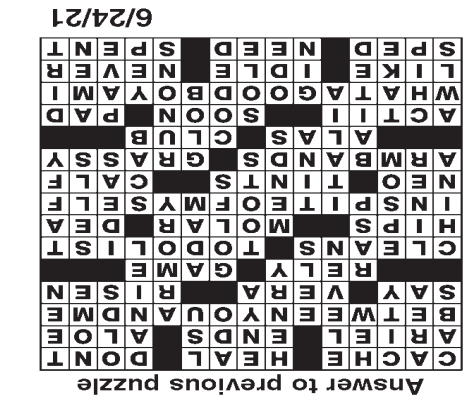
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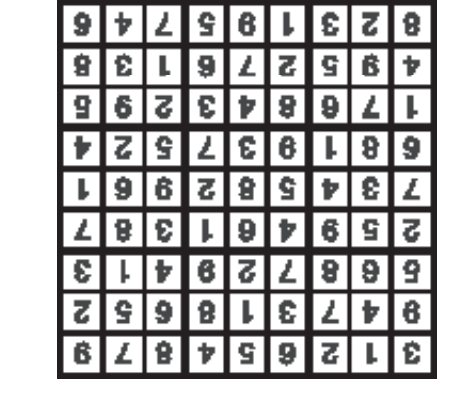
**Like puzzles?**  
 Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**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!

## CROSSWORD Today's Answers



## SUDOKU Today's Answers



## Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 24, the 175th day of 2021. There are 190 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift.

**On this date:**  
 In 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.  
 In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).  
 In 1880, "O Canada," the future Canadian national anthem, was first performed in Quebec City.  
 In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.  
 In 1947, what's regarded as the first modern UFO sighting took place as private pilot Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, reported seeing nine silvery objects flying in a "weaving formation" near Mount Rainier in Washington.  
 In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Roth v. United States, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.  
 In 1964, AT&T inaugurated commercial "Picturephone" service between New York, Chicago and Washington, D.C. (the service, however, never caught on).  
 In 1973, President Richard Nixon concluded his summit with the visiting leader of the Soviet Union, Leonid Brezhnev, who hailed the talks in an address on American television.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.  
 In 1992, the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision, strengthened its 30-year ban on officially sponsored worship in public schools, prohibiting prayer as a part of graduation ceremonies.  
 In 2015, a federal judge in Boston formally sentenced Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv) to death for the 2013 terror attacks. (A federal appeals court later threw out the sentence; the Supreme Court this fall will consider reinstating it.) Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley became the first southern governor to use his executive power to remove Confederate banners, as four flags with secessionist symbols were taken down from a large monument to rebel soldiers outside the state capitol in Montgomery.  
 In 2018, women in Saudi Arabia were able to drive for the first time, as the world's last remaining ban on female drivers was lifted.  
 Ten years ago: A defiant U.S. House voted overwhelmingly to deny President Barack Obama the authority to wage war against Libya, but Republicans fell short in an effort to actually cut off funds for the operation. New York State legalized same-sex marriage.  
 Five years ago: President Barack Obama created the first national monument to gay rights, designating the site of the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, Republican Donald Trump, visiting Scotland, hailed Britain's vote to leave the European Union, drawing parallels to the anger driving his own presidential campaign.  
 One year ago: Three white men were indicted on mur-

der charges in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery, a Black man who was shot while running in a neighborhood near Georgia's coast. Wisconsin's governor activated the National Guard to protect state properties after a night of violent protests that included the toppling of two statues outside the state Capitol. The city of Charleston, South Carolina, removed a statue honoring John C. Calhoun, an early U.S. vice president and defender of slavery. The U.S. recorded a one-day total of 34,700 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, the highest level since late April, according to a count kept by Johns Hopkins University. Party officials confirmed that Democrats would hold an almost entirely virtual presidential nominating convention in Milwaukee in August. A divided federal appeals court ordered the dismissal of the criminal case against President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn, finding that the Justice Department's move to abandon the case settled the matter. (Flynn had pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about conversations with the Russian ambassador.)  
**Today's Birthdays:** Rock singer Arthur Brown is 79. Actor Michele Lee is 79. Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 78. Rock musician Jeff Beck is 77. Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 76. Musician Mick Fleetwood is 74. Actor Peter Weller is 74. Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 72. Actor Nancy Allen is 71. Reggae singer Derrick Simpson (Black Uhuru) is 71. Actor Joe Penny is 65. Singer-musician Andy McCluskey (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 62. R&B/pop singer-songwriter Siedah (sy-EE-dah) Garrett is 61. Actor Iain Glen is 60. Rock singer Curt Smith is 60. Actor Danielle Spencer is 56. Actor Sherry Stringfield is 54. Singer Glenn Medeiros is 51. Actor Carla Gallo is 46. Actor Amir Talai (TV: "LA to Vegas") is 44.

## Horoscopes By Holiday

### THURSDAY JUNE 24, 2021 Full Fire Moon

Mild interest isn't enough to pull a person through the ups and downs of an entire cycle of an endeavor. The full fiery Sagittarius moon insists a thing is compelling from the start. The right endeavors gather momentum, eventually drawing us into a heroic monomania, inspiring levels of passion unbeknownst to our prior selves.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Protect the activities you love so you can keep on loving them. Helpful tactics: Be selective in choosing your activity partners, and spend only the amount of money you can afford.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). It's only human to assume that others have a similar interior style to our own, but of course, we vary widely in our thinking styles, values and boundaries. You'll find a kind way to tell people they've crossed your invisible lines.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Your sense of personal responsibility is extensive. You feel it's your job to take care of those around you, uphold a standard of kindness and set a bar for generosity. Just don't forget to extend the same to yourself, and probably first.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). To want something you don't think you can have and then to get it is a somersault-worthy delight. And yet, the experience pales in comparison to the resounding contentment of wanting what you already have.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's problem is like a lock. If you know the combination, it's easy to plug it in and pull it open. But coming up with the numbers would be hard and not worth your time. Find someone who already knows the solution.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships are wrought with false starts, detours and missed connections ... all part of the magic. Believe it or not, the anticipation caused

by these delays is what keeps the relationship on the dance floor.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's strange to have a talent people want and yet to feel largely unseen. You are not alone in this longing for understanding. You'll seek a deeper knowledge of others and, in secret, hope it will teach you how to reveal yourself better, too.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Newton's first law said it best. "A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force." Something gets you up and going, and then you're unstoppable.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a task you've been avoiding due to its dreariness as an idea, but it will go the way of so many ideas -- morphed by reality into something entirely unexpected -- in this case, an interesting endeavor.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't have a system, don't worry; the world will lend you one. And if you don't like what you're lent, you'll be in a better position than you are now, a position of knowing what to improve upon.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect time and treat it as the valuable commodity it is, teaching others through example. You're prompt; you get to the point; and most importantly, you recognize and avoid wasteful, low-yield uses of your moments.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your unconscious mind has an agenda it's not sharing with your conscious mind yet. It has its reasons, though you'll challenge them and win, the prize being interesting and empowering self-knowledge.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 24). You embrace psychological complexity and messiness, and therefore, people show you who they really are. You connect in honest ways that open your year to a wide range of experiences. You'll be building something for many to enjoy, a continual and immersive project you'll

need breaks from. Love is your safe haven. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 25, 6 and 2.

**COSMICALLY CURIOUS ABOUT ... SELF-PARENTING (PART FOUR)**  
 Adulting is essentially a journey toward becoming the ideal parent to yourself. FOR GEMINI, the idea that each person is a multitude is not so difficult to grasp. Used to being a twin, Gemini understands that inside each grown person is the person they were at 3 years old and 8 years old, too. There's the devil's advocate, the judge, the jury, the lover, the fighter and, among many, many others, the kindly parent. For Gemini, self-parenting is a matter of recognizing the existence of all those inner archetypes and then choosing to focus on the voice of the parent. Parenting is not rocket science. It doesn't have to be complicated. The basics of good parenting include protection, nutrition, encouraging optimal sleep patterns and creating an atmosphere where the child can learn and grow on all levels. While there are certain boundaries, limits and disciplines to apply, they should be mainly geared toward helping the child function effectively in the larger social environment. For Gemini, effective self-parenting involves simply acknowledging that the idea parent is already inside, the answers are intuitive, and all Gemini has to do is choose to listen and follow the guide.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "The Office" to "The Morning Show," Mindy Kaling brings intelligent humor to every project she's involved in. The bestselling author and series creator of "The Mindy Project" and "Never Have I Ever" is a maternal Cancer mother of two, born when the sun, moon and Mercury were all in the nurturing sign of home and health. Her lucky Jupiter is in Leo, the sign of entertainment.

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