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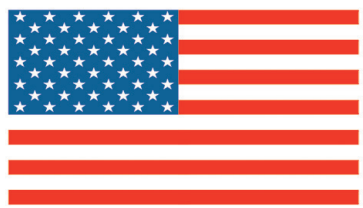
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Garbage fees, pest infestations addressed by City Council

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved amendments to city ordinances governing garbage collection fees and pest infestations when it met Tuesday evening.

Meeting with a quorum of five – District 4's Gloria McDonald and District 6's Maury Smith were not present at the meeting – the council heard the first reading of a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 44 of the Big Spring Code of Ordinances, specifically the section governing the rate schedule for collection and landfill rates.

Public Works Director Shane Bowles explained the changes, which started off by reducing the fee for adding a second roll-out trash container at a single-family home.

"We already had a fee for that," he said. "What we did with this was lower than that cost. We lowered it from \$17.83 to \$15.30, roughly \$2.50 cheaper for them to acquire a second container for larger families."

The city also instituted a \$500 deposit for rollout containers for commercial accounts.

"We hadn't been doing that with our current landfill and space," Bowles said. "So what we've done is added in a deposit for those rollouts."

Bowles explained the deposit is to help curb abuse of the rollouts.

The ordinance adds a \$10 fee for elective tare weighing, that is, weighing an empty trailer using city scales. The city needs to know the tare weight of a trailer when it weighs a full trailer, in order to determine the weight of the garbage to be dumped in the landfill. However, the \$10 charge is only for elective weighing; according to the ordinance, the fee will not be charged if the weight is required.

"If somebody comes in with a trailer and just wants to know the weight of their trailer, we'll weigh it but we're going to charge \$10," Bowles said. "We noticed that at Pilot and at truck stops, they normally charge between \$12 and \$15 for that service."

The ordinance also added a "delin-

quent fee" to late commercial landfill bills. The fee will take effect August 1 in order to prevent the ordinance from retroactively charging late fees on accounts that were delinquent when the fee went into effect.

In other business, the council approved a change to the ordinance on "Nuisance Conditions of Property" banning – in addition to "Accumulation of weeds, rubbish, garbage," already banned by the ordinance – "infestations." The amendment passed by the council defines infestations as "... the presence, within or contiguous to, a structure or premises of insects, spiders, rodents, vermin, or other pests." The ordinance already provided a fine of not less than \$250 for the first offense and not less than \$500 for subsequent offense for banned conditions in the list, and adds infestations to the punishable conditions.

Mayor Shannon Thomason asked whether a specific pest was included

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Big Spring ISD Board to consider possible wage increases, policy updates during Thursday meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

A report on possible wage increases for Big Spring ISD employees, as well as a policy updates effecting changes to several State Board of Education policies, are on the agenda for the district's School Board during their regular meeting Thursday. The board will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Board Room at Big Spring High School, located at 707 E. 11th Place.

Following the meeting's opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, members of the public will have an opportunity to address the board before the wage increase report. No further information is given in the agenda regarding the possible wage increases.

The board will consider approval of minutes of its previous meeting and financial reports, and then review State Board of Education Policy Update 117. The update includes changes to state policies on purchasing and acquisition [CH{LOCAL}], facilities construction [CV{LOCAL}] and compensation and benefits – leaves

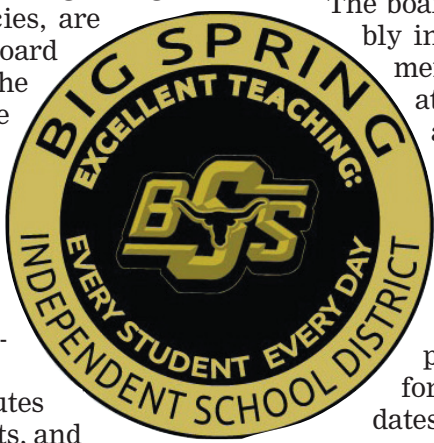
and absences [DEC{LOCAL}].

In other business, the board will consider approval of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors Candidate Endorsement.

The board will then consider personnel issues, possibly including employment, resignations, reassignment, duties, performance problems and evaluations. The agenda indicates the board may adjourn into executive session to discuss the personnel issues. If they do so, no action will be taken during the closed session and any business arising from the session will be voted on when the board returns to open session.

At the close of the meeting, Superintendent Jay McWilliams will give his report on employment, resignations and retirements; dates for the August board meeting; and district updates.

Roger Cline is a staff writer at the Big Spring Herald. To contact him, e-mail reporter@bigspringherald.com or call 432-263-7331 ext. 235.



Upcoming Events

Big Spring Art Association garage sale
 July 17
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Brushworks Art Studio
 2106 Scurry

Toasty Tuesdays
 take place every Tuesday at a different location around town. Community invited to come out and help; bring a friend

Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open;
 closed Mondays for private parties

United Way Kick-off and Golf Tournament
 set for Aug. 28
 sponsors still needed

July 15 Thank a Veteran Day
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Get your shop on - Chamber Summer Shopping Extravaganza returns this Thursday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**

Managing Editor

Let's all go shopping! Summer is halfway over, school supplies are on the shelf, which means perfect time to go school clothes shopping. Big Spring is home to several locally owned boutiques that offer unique clothing selections for all ages, and many of those retailers will be taking part in the second round of Summer Shopping Extravaganza. This Thursday, local boutiques and shops will remain open until 8 p.m. and be hosting special deals and offering a few treats.

Keeping in stride with the summer tradition, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is once again partnering with 10 local boutiques to host the 2021 Summer Shopping Extravaganza.

"Our small businesses are an important piece of our community, and we want to do what we can to support them," Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring

Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, said. "This summer shopping event is a way to show our small businesses that we are here to support them, especially after the last year."

ValVerde continued, "Our first installment of Summer Shopping Extravaganza earlier this summer went off well. We are thankful for the community members who joined us and stopped in to visit these local business owners. We are hoping to see even more



HERALD file photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the second installment of Summer Shopping Extravaganza this Thursday. Visit the Chamber Facebook page to get the list of participating locations.

join us this Thursday; it's just in time for school clothes shopping, or an opportunity to get mom a new outfit before

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Obituaries

Cecilia Zulema Davis Rosa

Cecilia Zulema Davis Rosa, 84, was born to Harry Bob Davis and Antonia 'Tony' Cruz Miron on May 21, 1937, in Rio Grande City, Texas.

She passed away on Monday, July 12, 2021.

She is survived by 12 children residing in Texas and Arizona- John, Joelda, Gina, Jorge, Manuel, Melba, Charles, Tony, Richard, Peyton, Bob, and Robert. Along with their spouses, numerous grand-

children, and great-grandchildren and counting.

Cecilia will lie in state on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with a vigil at 7 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be on Thursday, July 15, 2021, 10 a.m., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

June Stone

June Stone, 84, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 13, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Martha Plunkett

Martha Plunkett, 91, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, July 12, 2021.

She will lie in state Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Friday, July 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

• Al-anon family group meets at 8 p.m. at 615 Settles.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help partici-

pants apply the information to their own situations. We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

WEDNESDAY

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

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

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 108 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JAMIE LEE ATKINSON**, 52, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of parole violation/violation protection order, tampering with a witness enhanced, burglary of habitation enhanced.

• **BRANDY RENEE GREGORY**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **OSCAR MANUEL MADRID JR**, 369, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear (x4) and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **ANNETTE GLORIA YANEZ**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of expired drivers license, fail to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, driving while license invalid (DWLI) and failure to appear.

• **CHRISTOPHER YANEZ**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of display expired registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility, violate promise to appear (x2).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Apron Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported

in the 6 block of Coachman's Circle. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Sherod Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Buena Vista Drive. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 9600 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 350. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of George Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to Scenic

Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the area of N. Hwy 87 and Center Point Road. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Sunset Avenue. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **BUILDING/STRUCTURE** was reported in the 300 block of W. 18th. The fire was contained.

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heading back to the busy season."

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with local boutiques to host a shopping opportunity supporting local businesses this Thursday. Whether you want to do some shopping in Downtown Big Spring - where five of the participating boutiques are located. Those wanting to do a little bit of shopping for their home décor, or possibly even purchase a special gift or send some flowers, will have a chance to do that as well.

"The boutiques that are opening their doors for the Summer Shopping Extravaganza are excited to welcome the community back in. This is a great opportunity to visit places in town you may not have before and meet new staff in the process," ValVerde said. "This is the first of our shopping events this summer. Our business owners are going to be staying open later than normal for this event and with the rodeo right around the corner this is a great opportunity to find that rodeo outfit."

However, if your outfit is already picked out, there is still an opportunity to search for new home décor.

"The best thing about

Summer Shopping Extravaganza is it's an opportunity to get out and support local business," ValVerde said. "This is an opportunity to find out what is right here. The majority of the businesses participating are owned by families who live right here in Howard County, Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma. By supporting local business we are supporting Big Spring, but we are supporting our neighbors and our friends."

In addition to the extended business hours - each shop staying open until 8 p.m. - there will be door prize opportunities, food and refreshments and more available throughout the night.

"We just want to encourage the community to get out and see what our town has to offer. For the most part, when it comes to looking for a gift idea or finding a little retail therapy, there is no need for us to travel outside of town. We are lucky to have

these locally owned businesses providing quality products, but we need to support them, just like any other industry," ValVerde said.

To find a complete list of participating businesses, visit the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or follow the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page.

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American Legion Post 506 is hosting a Bar-B-Q brisket and sausage with all the fixings meal, on Saturday, July 17

There will be delivery from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and serving will last until 2 p.m. Carryout is available. American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. Call 432-263-2084 for more information or to call in an order.

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is gearing up for the annual kick off event and golf tournament. The golf tournament will be August 28 and 29 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course; the concert will take place at the amphitheater on Aug. 29 with Micky and the Motorcars and Spur 327.

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 more information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as in-house school for

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality

services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take place the second Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and other assistance will take place the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Both distributions will take place at 1009 Hearn at SVDP Building.

COUNCIL

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under the definition of infestations.

“Do pigeons count?” he asked.

“You could argue that they are ‘vermin,’” said City Attorney Andrew Hagen. “If the council wanted to, they could absolutely amend that language to be more precise.”

City Manager Todd Darden weighed in, saying that the infestation amendment is intended primarily for recent influx of bee colonies in Big Spring.

The amendment passed unanimously without additional language specifying pigeons.

The motion passed 3-2. with Councilman Nick Ornelas (District 1) and Councilwoman Diane Yanez (District 2) dissenting.

The council approved the sale of four tax properties for a total of \$12,500. The properties included 1303 Mesquite to Frank and Erika Rodriguez for \$4,000, 309 Sgt. Paredez to Ruben V. Gamboa Jr. for \$2,500, 105 N.E. Third St. to Joana Aguirre for \$3,000, 707 W. Seventh St. to Joana Aguirre for \$3,000. and 203 N.E. Eighth St. to Juan Carlos Murillo for \$3,000.

A fifth proposed sale – of 203 N.E. Eighth St. to Juan Carlos Murillo for \$3,000, was tabled as the city has been unable to confirm whether there are any liens or other blocks on the sale of the property.

The council also approved an interlocal agreement with the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) for an interlocal agreement, engaging that organization to administrate a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant for the city. The amount of the grant was not specified.

Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Director Hayley Herrera said the grant is a 50 percent matching grant, and the amount depends on what the city asks for. City Manager Darden said the last TPW grant received by the city was for \$150,000.

The agreement specifies that SPAG will help with preparation of the

grant proposal to the TPWD, help coordinate documentation of beneficiaries through census or survey data, provide advice on application and regulatory matters, assist with the application process, assist with pre-application engineering selection and coordinate with the project engineer providing required maps, cost estimates, and other documentation.

The council also approved nominations of Mr. T.J. Stewart to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Mr. Jonathan Ray to the Traffic Commission; and Mrs. Julia Hartman to the Animal Rescue and Adoption Committee.

All three were nominated by Councilwoman Yanez (District 2).

Following an executive session, the council approved three items:

- A settlement in a legal case between the city and the GEO Group, the company that operates several local prisons. The motion passed unanimously.

- Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate an economic incentive agreement with Compute North. The motion passed unanimously.

- Authorizing the Mayor to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with Cross Ell Ranch. The motion passed unanimously.

No further information was given on any of the three items approved following executive session.

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Raul Rubio, 82, died Saturday. Mass will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Martha Plunkett, 91, died Monday. She will lie in state Thursday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Friday at 10:00 AM at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cecilia Rosa, 84, died Monday. Vigil service will be Wednesday at 7:00 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be Thursday, 10:00 AM, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Adolfo Lopez, 71, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

June Stone, 84, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Men’s Health

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Golf Benefit set to support a local legend



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Jimmy Marin, the loan surviving founder of the Chicano Golf Association, is battling cancer. To help with expenses, his daughter Lori Carrillo and two of his best buddies, Billy Martin and Sammy Reyna, have decided to put on a golf tournament to benefit Jimmy in his time of need.

By **DUSTIN POPE**
Herald Sports Writer

Golf is one of the best sports you can play. It keeps you active, and it helps bring friends together to have some fun. Golf can likewise help benefit those in need, which is absolutely what they will accomplish on July 24 out at the Comanche Golf Course in Big Spring.

A benefit golf tournament will take place on July 24 in Big Spring at the Comanche Golf course. This tournament will go to support the last surviving founder of the Chicano Golf Association, Jimmy Marin. Mr. Marin is dealing with renal cancer; he is 81 years old. He was diagnosed in January, and he has been battling through chemotherapy treatments. He has to travel to San Angelo for each treatment, so los amigos y familia agreed they could help by putting on this golf tournament to raise money to get the help he warrants. Being one of the Chicano Golf Association founding members, Jimmy Marin has done so much to aid this community; he is a compassionate-hearted man with a giving soul. His daughter Lori Carrillo has been right by his side through

this battle. His friends, including Billy Pineda and Sammy Reyna, all have had a prodigious part in the establishment of this golf benefit tournament. Many in this community love Marin for all the work he has done to help. The Chicano Golf Association was first established to help those in need. It has developed by leaps and bounds, and is now one leader in supporting the local community. The group now helps with scholarships, and also helps those in need all across this area.

In 1972 Jimmy Marin and a group of his colleagues formed their own organization. Out of that beginning, they established the Chicano Golf Association. The initial five men who made this remarkable organization were Jimmy Marin, Albert Gonzales, Charlie Gonzales, Gilbert Reyna, and Nate Nunez. These five men set out to raise money for individuals who needed help with funeral expenses. They would raise money to help individuals in need pay their rent or utilities. If you needed any help, these men were there for you. It is always remarkable to see an association like this founded out of the goodness of the heart, and now one of the founding members who has done so much for the communi-

ty and has benefited countless individuals needs our help. After talking to his daughter Lori Carrillo, there is no doubt that her father, Jimmy Marin, has such an excellent, warm heart. It humbled him that his buddies would do this for him to help him through this more-than-tough time. Those who have either had someone close battle cancer or have fought the disease themselves, there will invariably be some unforeseen expenses come up. Marin is so thankful for what all of his friends are doing for him.

The tournament will be held at the Comanche Trail Golf Course on July 24. It will be a four-person scramble; the cost to enter the tournament is \$25 per person or \$100 per team. This fee does not encompass the green fees or cart rental. So if you are a golf fan or want to come out to support an extraordinary cause, please head out that Saturday morning and support a local legend that has supported so many others. So let's extend a helping hand and help Jimmy Marin out in his moment of need.

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

Alonso bests Mancini, Ohtani for 2nd straight HR Derby title

By **RONALD BLUM**
AP Baseball Writer

DENVER—Pete Alonso's words were as bold as his home runs.

"I'm the best power hitter on the planet," the New York Mets first baseman proclaimed after winning his second straight Home Run Derby. "Being able to showcase that and put on a fun display for the fans is truly a dream come true for me."

Alonso danced to the title, besting Shohei Ohtani, Trey Mancini and Juan Soto on a night of record long balls in the thin Rocky Mountain air of Coors Field.

He hit 73 total home runs and beat Mancini 23-22 in the final round Monday, joining Ken Griffey Jr. (1998-99) and Yoenis Céspedes (2013-14) in winning consecutive titles.

Alonso earned \$1 million — more than his \$676,775 salary. He's made \$2 million in Home Run Derby winnings compared to about \$1.47 million in career salary from the Mets through the end of this season.

"My parents let me stay up past my bedtime to watch this," the 26-year-old recalled. "That was one of the few nights of the year I got to stay up past of my bedtime and watch. Watch incredible feats you don't see in a regular baseball game. To be able to do back to back is really special to me."

He has a chance to match Griffey, who also won in 1994, as the only

three-time champion.

Batting second, Alonso trailed 22-17 after the first two minutes of the final round, then hit six homers on six swings over the first 28 seconds of his final minute.

Mancini, who returned this season from cancer treatment, was the sentimental favorite, while Alonso was the most animated of the eight sluggers as the longball competition returned after a one-year absence caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

With custom bats in the Mets' royal blue and orange, and matching shoes and batting gloves, Alonso was a human bobblehead, nodding on beat in the batter's box as he stepped out and danced. He motioned with his arms to whip up fans during a timeout.

Alonso hit a first-round record 35 dingers, seven more than Josh Hamilton in 2008 at the original Yankee Stadium, and topped Kansas City's Salvador Pérez with 27. Alonso, batting second, beat Soto 16-15 in the second round. Alonso's longest drive of the night traveled 514 feet.

Mancini missed the 2020 season

while undergoing chemotherapy for stage 3 colon cancer, treatment he finished last Sept. 21 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The 29-year-old Baltimore Orioles first baseman hit .256 with 16 homers and 55 RBIs going into the All-Star break. His oncologist, Dr. Nilo Azad, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at Camden Yards before the Orioles' hosted the Chicago White Sox last Friday night.

"It was incredible, especially after the last year-and-a-half," Mancini said.

Mancini knocked out Colorado's Trevor Story 13-12 in the second round, hitting second and advancing with a drive to center. Mancini knew topping Alonso would be difficult.

"He's hitting balls over 500 feet with ease. It didn't seem like he got too tired and I got pretty gassed in that last bonus round," Mancini said. "He's a beast out there."

Soto thrilled the crowd of 49,048 with a 520-foot

homer, the longest derby drive in the Statcast era, topping 513 feet the New York Yankees' Aaron Judge in 2017 at Miami. Before Statcast, the Chicago Cubs' Sammy Sosa was said to have hit one 524 feet at Milwaukee in 2002, clearing Bernie Brewer's slide.

Mark McGwire had the longest ball in the 1998 Derby at mile-high Coors, a 510-footer.

Ohtani, the Los Angeles Angels sensation set to start on the mound and hit leadoff as designated hitter for the American League in Tuesday night's All-Star Game, started slowly but forced two rounds of tiebreakers with Soto before losing 31-28 in the second round.

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PA 20-17A

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following construction:

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and trim on 5 existing single-
story buildings. Replace met-
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metal flashings and trim all as
indicated on the proposed
Contract Documents dated
July 01, 2021.

2. Remove all existing metal
bleacher seats at football sta-
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ing seat supports, seat backs
& metal support anchors) and
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Provide and install new met-
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mendations presented to the
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Coahoma ISD – Play Field
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dated July 01, 2021):

1. Remove 4 sets of existing
pole mounted light fixtures.

2. Provide and install 4 new
sets of HID pole mounted
light fixtures.

3. Alternate #1: In lieu of
work in item #2 above,
provide and install 4 new sets
of LED light fixtures all as
specified and indicated on
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Baseball Field Light Pole &
Light Fixture Replacement
(as indicated on the pro-
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4. Demolish and remove 8
existing play field light poles
and light fixtures.

5. Provide and install 8 new
light poles and new HID light
fixtures.

6. Alternate #1: In lieu of
work in item #5 above,
provide and install 8 new light
poles and new LED
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Replacement (as indicated
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| 1 :PM | General Hospital | La madrastra | The People's Court | The Talk | En casa con | Blast | Eye on | Cyber | The First 48 | Paid Prg. | Friends | Supernatural | Jalen | SportsCenter | Texas Rangers | Law & Order: SVU | Court Cam P | Phelps vs Shark |
| 1 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 :PM | Rachael Ray | Amor eterno | Judge Mathis | Let's Make a Deal | (1:58) Sueña la sopa | Ellen DeGeneres | Light of Southwest | Pink | Monk | Jerry | Friends | Supernatural | NBA: The Jump | Jalen | Question | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Tiffany Ha. |
| 2 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 :PM | Jdg Judy | El gordo y la flaca | The List | Kelly Clarkson | (2:58) Al rojo vivo | Dr. Phil | Light of Southwest | Donkey Curious | Maury | Jerry Springer | American | Supernatural | NFL Live | NBA: The Jump | Texas Rangers | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Brad Paisley's |
| 3 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 :PM | DailyMail | Primer impacto | Broke Girl | CBS 7 | En casa con | News | Ignite | Curious | 25 Words | black-ish | American | Supernatural | Around Pardon | Football | | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Sharks |
| 4 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 :PM | Jeopardy! | | FamFeud | CBS 7 | Tele | News | Hidden | Wild Kratts | 25 Words | black-ish | American | Supernatural | Ready Player One, Ben Mendelsohn (DVS) | Around Pardon | | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Great White |
| 5 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 :PM | ABC | Noticiero | FamFeud | CBS 7 | Noticias | News | Freedom | Hero | King | Burgers | Fam. Guy | Supernatural | 2021 WNBA All-Star Game | SportsCenter | Texas Rangers | Law & Order: SVU | Court | The Spawn of |
| 6 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 :PM | News | Rosa de Guadalupe | Big Bang | CBS 7 | Exatón Estados Unidos (SS) | Chicago Med | Cowgirl | Wild Kratt | Last Man | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | Supernatural | 2021 WNBA All-Star Game | SportsCenter | Texas Rangers | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Mechashark |
| 7 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 :PM | Wheel | Disefiando tu amor | MasterChef | Big Brother | | | News | Odd | Dateline | Kung Fu | Big Bang | Supernatural | All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite | SportCtr | Texas Rangers | Law & Order: SVU | Court | The Real Sharknado |
| 8 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 :PM | 2021 NBA Finals: Phoenix Suns at Milwaukee Bucks. | Fútbol CONCACAF Copa Oro 2021 | Crime-Kitchen | (:01) Love Island | Hercal: amor | Chicago Fire | Light of Southwest | Arthur | Dateline | In the Dark | Big Bang | Supernatural | E60 | Boxing | | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Return to Lair |
| 9 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 :PM | Big 2 | | Mom | Late Show- Colbert | Noticias | Tonight Show | Words of | Elinor | Friends | Creek | Full | Supernatural | Inside | E60 | College Baseball: California Collegiate League Prospect Game. | Law & Order: SVU | Court | Josh Gates Tonight |
| 10 :PM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 :PM | Jimmy Kimmel Live! | Noticiero | Funny | James Corden | Sin Senos Si | Late-Lilly | Dr. Wil | Donkey | CBS 7 | Gold | Wipeout (DVS) | Supernatural | WVan Pelt | Countdown | Shogun Fights | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court | Mechashark |
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| 12 :AM | Nightline | Contacto deportivo | Two Men | Simpsons | Drew Barrymore | Programa | Issues4 | Tiger | Jokers | Gold | Wipeout (DVS) | Supernatural | WVan Pelt | Countdown | Shogun Fights | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court | The Real Sharknado |
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| 1 :AM | DailyMail | Un gancho al | Pawn | Dr. Carras | Programa | Programa | Light of Southwest | Molly Hero | Jerry Springer | Short List | BISSELL | Supernatural | NCIS: New Orleans | SportsCenter | NFL Live | Inside Icons | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court Cam P |
| 1 :AM | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 :AM | (:06) ABC World News Now | Vecinos | Paid Prg. | (:07) CBS Overnight News | Programa | Programa | Light of Southwest | Wild Kratt | Minute | Paid Prg. | New Girl | Supernatural | 2021 ESPYS | The 2021 ESPYS | Shogun Fights | NCIS: Los Angeles | Court | Josh Gates Tonight |
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WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to ice cream.

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Answer: Topping



By Steve Becker

Silence is golden

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A
- ♥ AK 9 6 4
- ♦ 4 2
- ♣ A 10 8 3 2

WEST

- ♠ J 10 3
- ♥ 8 5 2
- ♦ K 10 8 3
- ♣ K Q 4

EAST

- ♠ K 7 5 2
- ♥ J 10 7 3
- ♦ 5
- ♣ J 9 6 5

SOUTH

- ♠ Q 9 8 6 4
- ♥ Q
- ♦ A Q J 9 7 6
- ♣ 7

The bidding:
East Pass South Pass West Pass North 1♥
Pass 2♦ Pass 3♣
Pass 3♦ Pass 4♣
Pass 4♦ Pass 5♦
Pass 6♦ Dble

Opening lead—king of clubs.
There are two basic rules that govern whether or not to double the opponents when they reach their final contract. One is that you should not double if it might allow the enemy to run from a contract they can't make to one that they can. The other is that you should not double if, by doing so, you give declarer vital information that enables him to make a con-

tract he would not have made otherwise.

Consider the present case where West got greedy and doubled six diamonds because he thought he had two sure trump tricks. Had he passed instead of doubling, he almost surely would have defeated the slam. But after West let the cat out of the bag by doubling six diamonds, declarer made the slam by playing as if he could see through the backs of the cards.
South won the club lead with dummy's ace, cashed the ace of spades, then led a heart to the queen and ruffed a spade in dummy. After discarding two spades on the A-K of hearts, declarer ruffed a club in his hand, ruffed his last spade in dummy and then ruffed another club.

Nine tricks had been played to this point, and declarer had won them all. South's last four cards were the A-Q-J-9 of trump, while West had the K-10-8-3. For the double to make any sense at all, South had to assume that this was the actual position.
Accordingly, declarer led the queen of diamonds at trick ten. West made the correct play of ducking the queen, but South continued with the jack. West took the jack with the king, but then had to concede the last two tricks to declarer's A-9.

Annie's Mailbox

Looking for Love

Dear Annie: This will be my first time writing to you. I have read your previous work, and you give sound advice, so I pray you can do the same for me.

I have had issues in finding a woman for me, and this is nothing new. I had this same issue starting back in high school. I admit that, at first, I did nothing about it, thinking it would just work itself out. I had time, after all.

Well, time is running out. Let me explain further. I said five years ago that if I was not married by 40, I would not have kids. I have no kids at the present time. Well, I am five years closer to 40.

I am nervous that I will not make my deadline. More importantly, I feel I will not make my mother a grandmother,

and she wants to be a grandmother.

I started with the online dating thing and, so far, have not had any success. I've met some wonderful women; however, they never want to keep going out with me. I have asked them what the issue is, and the common response I get is that I can come off as being a little insecure or weak.

My own assessment is that I am very nice but not a pushover. I love to have conversations, and I love to think. I will give my opinion, even when it is not popular.

I have multiple degrees, including a doctorate of education. I have my own home, and I have a job that pays all my bills. I am independent.

I'm told often by others that they do not understand why I am

not with someone, and I also wonder the same thing. What advice could you give me? -- What Am I Doing Wrong?

Dear Doing Wrong: The only thing you are doing wrong is being too hard on yourself and setting deadlines. Don't give up too soon. The right girl will come along, but it's important to look at yourself honestly.

First, it was great that you had the confidence to ask the girls why they didn't want a second date. That type of self-reflection and ability to look at one's faults, and learn from them in order to grow, are what make for outstanding boyfriends, husbands, fathers and just good people overall. You sound like all of that. Now the most important part is believing that, through the help of a professional therapist or life coach,

you can get to the root of what you really want out of a partner -- which is not for your mother to become a grandmother. While that is a lovely desire and hopefully happens someday, it cannot be the driving force in your decision-making for a partner.

Along with some self-reflection and continuing to put yourself out there, always remember that each rejection is bringing you one step closer to finding the right person for you.

"Ask Me Anything: A Year of Advice From Dear Annie" is out now! Annie Lane's debut book -- featuring favorite columns on love, friendship, family and etiquette -- is available as a paperback and e-book. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information.

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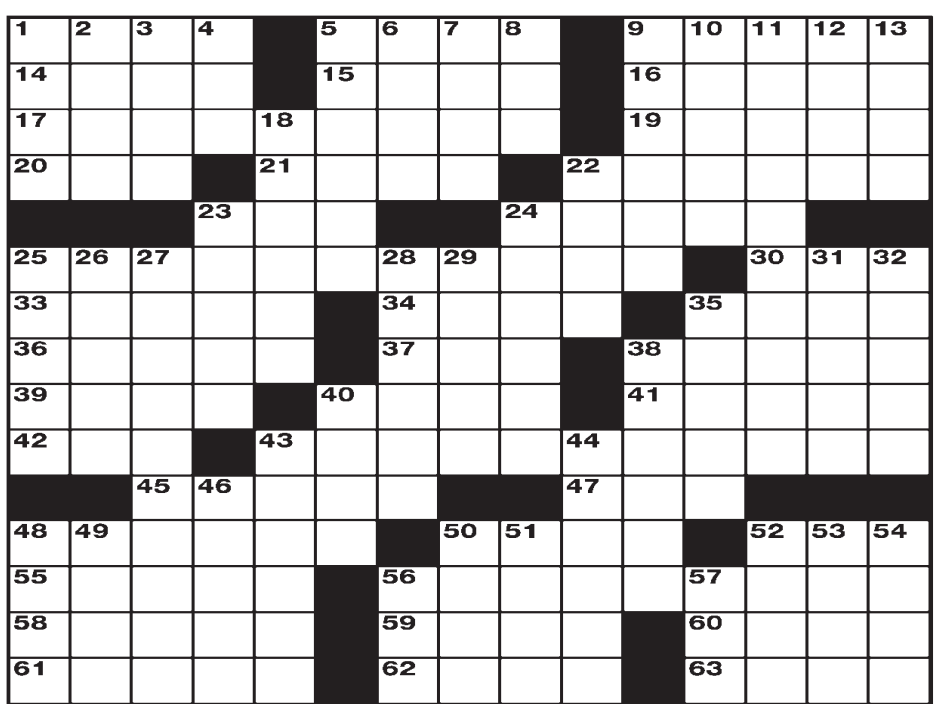
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Urban district
 - 5 Fascinated by
 - 9 Ledges for houseplants
 - 14 Midterm or final
 - 15 Test that's shorter than a 14 Across
 - 16 Move like a snake or a sneak
 - 17 Glass on lab tables
 - 19 Trooper's speed detector
 - 20 Get ___ for effort
 - 21 Flagmaker Betsy
 - 22 Overly diluted
 - 23 Granola morsel
 - 24 Video arcade enthusiast
 - 25 Glass above ballrooms
 - 30 Trendy, so to speak
 - 33 Remove soap from
 - 34 Friend in war
 - 35 Prepare to be photographed
 - 36 Prefix for view or mural
 - 37 "Mamma ___!"
 - 38 Reverend Jackson
 - 39 Revise writing
 - 40 Heroic deed
 - 41 Do a bit better than
 - 42 Total amount
 - 43 Glass in storefronts
 - 45 In pieces
 - 47 Totally
 - 48 Cast members
 - 50 Yuletide wise trio
 - 52 Justice Department agcy.
 - 55 Contribute to a poker pot

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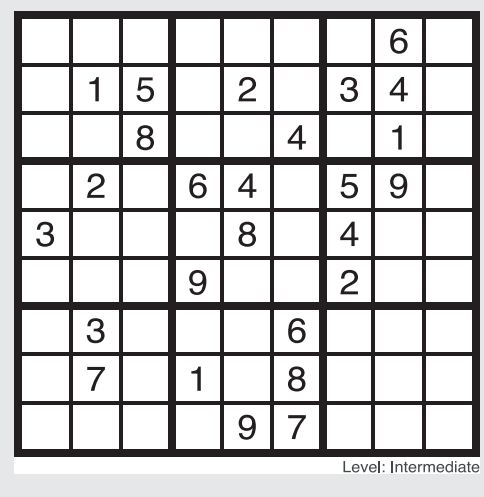
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- 9 Shoves off
- 10 Hopping mad
- 11 German shorts worn with suspenders
- 12 Shakespearean king
- 13 Quick and agile
- 18 Bartering participant
- 22 On one's guard
- 23 Initial stage
- 24 Italian ice cream
- 25 Sheds tears
- 26 Typical Delhi resident
- 27 "Negative" particle physics material
- 28 Bemoan
- 29 Trojan War epic
- 31 Comic book edition

- 32 Sounds of baby chicks
- 35 Of punishment
- 38 Scott of ragtime music
- 40 Evergreen trees
- 43 Alerted to danger
- 44 Pioneer vehicles going west
- 46 Self-assurance
- 48 Each, informally
- 49 Island south of Florida
- 50 Construct
- 51 Himalayas' continent
- 52 Most-liked thing, for short
- 53 Make coffee or beer
- 54 Has no existence
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- 57 Georgia senator Ossoff



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SUDOKU

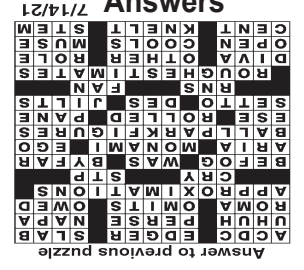


Like puzzles?
Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

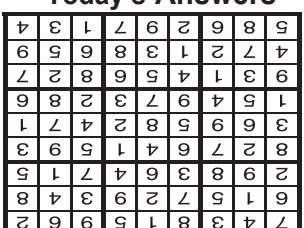
Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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

Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD



SUDOKU



Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 14, the 195th day of 2021. There are 170 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 14, 1798, Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the United States government.

On this date:

- In 1789, in an event symbolizing the start of the French Revolution, citizens of Paris stormed the Bastille prison and released the seven prisoners inside.
- In 1865, the Matterhorn, straddling Italy and Switzerland, was summited as a seven-member rope party led by British climber Edward Whymper reached the peak. (Four members of the party fell to their deaths during their descent; Whymper and two guides survived.)
- In 1881, outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner in present-day New Mexico.
- In 1914, scientist Robert H. Goddard received a U.S. patent for a liquid-fueled rocket apparatus.
- In 1933, all German political parties, except the Nazi Party, were outlawed.
- In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure providing funds for a national monument honoring scientist George Washington Carver; the monument was built at Carver's birthplace near Diamond, Missouri.
- In 1945, Italy formally declared war on Japan, its former Axis partner during World War II.

In 1980, the Republican national convention opened in Detroit, where nominee-apparent Ronald Reagan told a welcoming rally he and his supporters were determined to "make America great again."

In 2004, the Senate scuttled a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. (Forty-eight senators voted to advance the measure — 12 short of the 60 needed — and 50 voted to block it.)

In 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff arrived at the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina to begin serving a 150-year sentence for his massive Ponzi scheme. (Madoff died in prison in April 2021.)

In 2014, the Church of England voted overwhelmingly in favor of allowing women to become bishops.

In 2015, world powers and Iran struck a deal to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from international sanctions.

Ten years ago: A federal judge in Washington, D.C. declared a mis-trial in baseball star Roger Clemens' perjury trial over inadmissible evidence shown to jurors. (Clemens, who was accused of lying under oath to Congress when he denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs during his career, was acquitted in a retrial.)

Five years ago: Terror struck Bastille Day celebrations in the French Riviera

city of Nice (nees) as a large truck plowed into a festive crowd, killing 86 people in an attack claimed by Islamic State extremists; the driver was shot dead by police.

One year ago: Researchers reported that the first COVID-19 vaccine tested in the U.S. revved up people's immune systems as scientists had hoped; the vaccine was developed by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. A Confederate monument that had long been a divisive symbol at the University of Mississippi was removed from a prominent spot on the Oxford campus and taken to a Civil War cemetery in a secluded area. In a primary, former U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions lost the Republican nomination for his old Senate seat in Alabama to former college football coach Tommy Tuberville. (Tuberville would go on to defeat Democrat Doug Jones in November.) The federal government carried out its first execution in almost two decades, killing by lethal injection Daniel Lewis Lee, who'd been convicted of murdering an Arkansas family in a 1990s plot to build a whites-only nation in the Pacific Northwest.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Nancy Olson is 93. Former football player and actor Rosey Grier is 89. Actor Vincent Pastore is 75. Music company executive Tommy Mottola (muh-TOH'-juh) is 73. Rock musician Chris Cross (Ultravox) is 69. Actor Jerry Houser is 69. Actor-director Eric Laneville is 69. Actor Stan Shaw is 69. Movie producer Scott Rudin is 63. Singer-guitarist Kyle Gass is 61. Actor Jane Lynch is 61. Actor Jackie Earle Haley is 60. Actor Matthew Fox is 55. Rock musician Ellen Reid (Crash Test Dummies) is 55. Rock singer-musician Tanya Donnelly is 55. Former child actor Missy Gold is 51. Olympic gold medal snowboarder Ross Rebagliati is 50. R&B singer Tameka Cottle (Xscape) is 46. Country singer Jamey Johnson is 46. Hip-hop musician "taboo" (Black Eyed Peas) is 46. Actor Scott Porter is 42. Actor Phoebe Waller-Bridge is 36. Rock singer Dan Smith (Bastille) is 35. Actor Sara Canning (TV: "The Vampire Diaries") is 34. Rock singer Dan Reynolds (Imagine Dragons) is 34.

WEDNESDAY July 14, 2021

Vulnerability and the Virgo Moon

No matter how tight the mechanics may be, the machine can only work when there is a certain amount of space between the parts. Otherwise, they wouldn't move at all. However miniscule, the small gaps that make the machine imperfect and vulnerable are exactly what allow it to work. The Virgo moon suggests that *flaws are essential to perfection.*

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Doing your home-work sounds like a chore, whereas investigating, researching and questing for answers sounds like an adventure. What you call an activity will contribute greatly to your mood about it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Speaking what's on your mind is a risk that might not accomplish exactly what you want it to, but if you end up expressing what another person feels but cannot explain, you've done something valuable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Messiness doesn't necessarily mean a lack of method. Sometimes, very effective processes are a mess to behold, yet still governed by rules that they adhere to faithfully inside the jumble of elegant chaos.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A problem that's very real to a 5-year-old may seem ridiculous to a teen and irrelevant to the autonomous adult. Life gets simple when you skip the mundane struggles, opting only for the timeless ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People sum one another up with quick character judgments and categorize accordingly because no one has time to go into the infinite complexities of every person they meet. Knowing this, you'll proudly project certain qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Though all matter is merely energy condensed to a slow vibration, the rate in which you are getting what you want seems to be particularly lethargic, and you will be forgiven, if not rewarded, for your efforts to invigorate it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Performing teaches you something about yourself, but it's better done in real-life interactions given to people in the same room. The self-conscious trap of watching yourself in a performance will distort and ruin the lesson.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The nexus of space and time where you are now is the only actionable platform in your universe. You can seize, conquer, cuddle, snuggle, sing or strut it; just don't give it over to the undeserving. It's yours to use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll challenge yourself and push the boundaries of what you think is doable, acceptable and typical of you. Being willing to do this and then courageous enough to follow through expands you as a person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When what's being said has no relevance or interest to you, act quickly, changing the channel, setting something down or walking away to find what matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While life mostly consists of trades (oxygen for carbon dioxide, work for money, money for food, loyalty for security) today you'll revel in an unusual scenario -- the joy of a thing that gives and doesn't take.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a vitality that comes with people paying attention to your ideas. But when everyone is trying to be seen at the same time, the energy implodes on itself. The answer is to work in obscurity, a joy and a freedom.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14). You'll celebrate three events of uncanny good luck, though, for the most part, you'll credit your wins to dedicated and consistent daily efforts. You keep your mind on who you're doing a thing for and your clear picture of those whose lives will be improved by your mission. This will keep you fueled in every way. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 33, 6, 39 and 12.

COSMIC QUESTION: Continuing on the theme of dealing with financial worry and panic that started with a Leo's comment: "I wish I weren't so high-strung... I cry every few hours and then feel guilty because so many people have it so much worse than me. Do you have any advice for Leo who can't calm down?"

See Monday and Tuesday for the first steps to processing and releasing anxiety.

4. When losses occur, the emotional body goes through a process not unlike the process that your physical body goes through after being wounded. Healing takes time and has many stages. Things do not get magically better in one day. Adjust your expectations to allow for ups and downs, blips and bumps in the road.

5. Even though Leos like you are often extroverted and gregarious, they often react to hard times by cocooning into themselves. Even visiting with friends, driving or generally getting out in the world can suddenly seem scary. Withdrawing into your own little world may be a natural response, but it's a dangerous one. What is needed in hard times is a bigger perspective, not a smaller one. Try to face your fear and force yourself to engage in the activities that would normally bring you joy.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jane Lynch stars in the crime comedy "The Bystanders," among other intriguing projects to be released in the months to come. Even though Lynch specializes in loveably detestable characters (see Sue Sylvester of "Glee," Sophie Lennon of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") Lynch herself, the caring, sensitive, soulful Cancer who dedicated her life to the arts, is a contrast to her characterizations.

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