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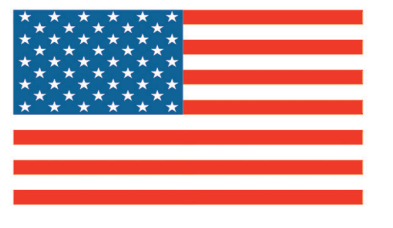
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Planning and Zoning Commission to convene Tuesday at City Hall

Two public hearings on zoning changes set

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be convening on Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Once the meeting has been called to order, there will be a moment where the floor will be open for public comment. At this time, those wishing to address the commission will have an opportunity to do so. Each speaker will have five minutes to voice their opinions, concerns, and thoughts. Each speaker

is requested to stand at the podium and state their name and address. Once public comment has concluded, the first of two public hearings will be opened; the first will be consideration for a zone change from (SF3) Single Family Dwelling to (LI) Light Industrial on a tract of 2.12 acres located in Section 42, block 42, block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas (Property Address is 504 N. Goliad) Z21-02. The second of the public hearings will

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Upcoming Events

BSEDC will hold a meeting Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. 215 W. Third

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.

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Toasty Tuesday moving through the community

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

Picking up one piece of trash or taking the time to clean up around your neighborhood are simple things that can be done to help keep Big Spring beautiful. Keep Big Spring Beautiful started Toasty Tuesdays in an effort to bring community members to-

gether for a common goal: to clean up the community in which we live. "We meet for an hour each week, and we have a different part of town that we focus on each time," Liz Hefley, with Keep Big Spring Beautiful, said. Toasty Tuesdays take place

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Courtesy photo

This past week there were nine volunteers who showed up to clean up along FM 700, near CRWMD. There were a total of 10 bags of trash picked up. This week's Toasty Tuesday will focus on the amphitheater. The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the community is invited to come out and join the clean-up efforts.

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Big Spring High School student welders place at virtual Skills 2021 USA State Competition

By AMANDA DUFORAT
Managing Editor

Learning a skill set that will carry you through life is a good foundation to build upon. Big Spring High School welding students are not only learning a valuable trade skill, but they are working on improving that skill. Several students competed in the Skills USA State Competition this past year and brought home awards. The Skills USA State Competition was held virtually, in keeping safety top of mind as the nation comes off of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the competition taking place virtually, judges only saw the projects through virtual notebooks. Students built the projects to be submitted, as usual, but for this competition had to also present their work in video, written form and in picture form. Of course, with the submissions coming in virtually, strict deadlines were enforced and proper submission procedures had to be followed. "We didn't get to travel anywhere this year for State Skills USA competitions. We are hopeful that next year will be in person," Dennis Woody, Welding Instructor at Big Spring ISD, said. "I'm so very proud of our welding students for the way they conducted themselves meeting the strict and rigorous requirements." The following students brought home ribbons and were recognized by the judges in the Skills USA State Competition:



Courtesy photo

Several of the welding students competed in the Skills USA State Competition. Pictured, left to right are two of the students who competed and place: Isah Colegrove and Jayson Primrose.

tion:

1. Bella Marquez - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, She will be a Senior this coming year.
2. Mercedes Cantu - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, She will be a

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Take Note

• 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 ore 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 Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years, we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046 for further information about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes, or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

• 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.

• Interim HealthCare is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can cal 432-263-5999.

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought.

The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• 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 participants 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.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Norman Witcher at 432-413-6663.

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

Obituaries

Pennie Dean

Pennie Dean, 72, of Arlington, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, July 18, 2021, in Arlington. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies, as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Balsauda at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

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 participants 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? •

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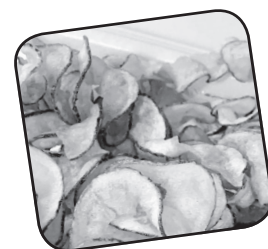
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Sandra Verdin

This week we will have Storyteller Toni Simmons visit the library on Wednesday, July 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the children's room, this event is free and open to all ages. Come by the library and enjoy great stories! This project is supported in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA). TCA is committed to bringing art to Texas communities.

TCA supports the visual, performing, folk, literary and multicultural arts that significantly contribute to Texas educational, economic and cultural growth and future. We will have regular Storytime on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Code Club is on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. Don't forget to turn in reading logs. Children have a chance to win a prize if they log in the most minutes read. Reading logs are due Friday, July 23, by 6 p.m. Visit our webpage and Facebook page for calendar updates and information.

This week's reviews are fiction audiobooks. Three victims, three bullets, three cities in *The 20th Victim - Women's Murder Club #20* (AUCD F PAT J) by James Patterson. Simultaneous murders in L.A., Chicago and San Francisco: the Women's Murder Club grapples with a case so fast-moving and wide-ranging that at first the crimes seem like a physical impossibility.

Reporter Cindy Thomas gets an early scoop, but the case is in SFPD sergeant Lindsay Boxer's jurisdiction. And Lindsay is the first to realize that the shooter's targets have been chosen with precision. The murdered men and women were all known and feared criminals.

Are the killers vigilantes, coordinating their attacks to make a statement? Is there a war beginning here? While Assistant DA Yuki Castellano clashes with Lindsay in a brutal test of loyalty, medical examiner Claire Washburn faces a potentially fatal crisis of her own. And in the meantime, the hit list expands and the entire nation is transfixed by an ever-growing gallery of murder victims: Where

will the assassins strike next? How many targets can there be? The killings come so fast, so close and are so ruthless that everything is called into question-even the sacred bonds between Lindsay and her friends in the Women's Murder Club. What would you do if everything you loved and trusted were threatened? Lindsay, Yuki, Cindy and Claire have to learn the answer just as the shooters prepare to attack again.

The country is reeling in *The Big Lie - Jack Swyteck series #16* (AUCD F GRI J) by James Gripando. For the sixth time in American history, the winner of the popular vote will not occupy the Oval Office. President Malcolm MacLeod, the Machiavellian incumbent, was spared from impeachment only because his political foes were certain they would oust him at the ballot box.

Now, he appears to have secured a second term, thanks to a narrow victory in the Electoral College. His opponent, Florida Senator Evan Stahl, saw his campaign rocked by allegations of an extramarital affair with another man.

Despite the salacious headline-making scandal and the surrounding media frenzy, most Americans chose Stahl to lead the politically polarized nation. But Stahl is refusing to concede. Backed by millions of supporters, he looks to individual members of the Electoral College to cross party lines.

Gun lobbyist Charlotte Holmes is one of Florida's 29 electors who is bound by law and by oath to cast her vote for MacLeod, who won Florida by the thinnest of margins. When Charlotte announces that she intends to vote her conscience and throw the Electoral College to Stahl, the president and his Florida machine haul her into court on felony charges which, for some, isn't nearly punishment enough.

Miami attorney Jack Swyteck is going to use every legal maneuver he can to keep his new client free and alive. MacLeod's hand-picked prosecutor is determined to prove Charlotte is unfit to cast a vote.

Dredging through her past, he's looking for skeletons to humiliate and discredit her, while others with far deadlier intentions have begun acting on their threats. As the pressure mounts, Charlotte and Jack must decide how far they'll go to stand their ground in the stand-your-ground state.

Business is slow at the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, so slow in fact that for the first time in her estimable career Precious Ramotswe has reluctantly agreed to take a holiday in *The Woman Who Walked In Sunshine - No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #16* (AUCD F MCC A) by Alexander Mc-

Call Smith. The promise of a week of uninterrupted peace is short-lived, however, when she meets a young boy named Samuel, a troublemaker who is himself in some trouble.

Once she learns more about Samuel's sad story, Mma Ramotswe feels compelled to step in and help him find his way out of a bad situation. Despite this unexpected diversion, Mma Ramotswe still finds herself concerned about how the agency is faring in her absence. Her worries grow when she hears that Mma Makutsi is handling a new and rather complicated case.

A well-respected Botswanan politician is up for a major public honor, and his reputation is now being called into question by his rivals.

The man's sister has contacted the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency to investigate these troubling claims, but, as in so many cases, all is not as it seems. In the end, the investigation will affect everyone at the agency and will also serve as a reminder that ordinary human failings should be treated with a large helping of charity and compassion.

When Mallory Blessing's son, Link, receives deathbed instructions from his mother to call a number on a slip of paper in her desk drawer, he's not sure what to expect in *28 Summers* (AUCD F HIL E) by Elin Hilderbrand. But he certainly does not expect Jake McCloud to answer. It's the late spring of 2020 Jake's wife, Ursula DeGournsey, is the frontrunner in the upcoming Presidential election. There must be a mistake, Link thinks. How do Mallory and Jake know each other?

Flash back to the sweet summer of 1993: Mallory has just inherited a beachfront cottage on Nantucket from her aunt, and she agrees to host her brother's bachelor party. Cooper's friend from college, Jake McCloud, attends, and Jake and Mallory form a bond that will persevere, through marriage, children, and Ursula's stratospheric political rise, until Mallory learns she's dying.

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James (Jimmy) Doyle Foresyth, 77, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Pennie Dean, 72, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:30 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

SKILL

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Senior this coming year.

- 3. Gabrielle Galon - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, She graduated this year.
- 4. David Gonzalez - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, He will be a Senior this coming year.
- 5. Elijah Flores - Red Ribbon #2 Rating, He graduated this year.

- 6. Isaaah Coldgrove - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, He will be a Senior this coming year.
- 7. Jayson Primrose - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, He will be a Senior this coming year.
- 8. Isaiah Martinez - Blue Ribbon #1 Rating, He graduated this year.
- 9. Kate Hunter - Red Ribbon #2 Rating, She will be a senior this coming year.
- 10. Mehki Castillo - White Ribbon #3 Rating, He graduated this year.

ZONE

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approve the consent item of the Planning & Zoning Commission minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2021. Moving on, there are no items on the old business portion of the agenda, and Commission members will move on to new business.

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Before the meeting adjourns there will be a moment for Commission Input.

Those wishing to attend the meeting are encouraged to do so.

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CLEAN

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through the summer. While the temperatures and weather allows, each week the group will focus on different areas throughout the community. This past week, Toasty Tuesday had the focus on the area near CRMWD - FM 700 & Goliad - and next week is looking to head back to clean up around the amphitheater.

"We have been noticing, in the areas we have cleaned up, we are not having to pick up as much trash as we were last year," Hefley said. "In addition, we had four new people join us this past week for Toasty Tuesday. We love to see new people come out and join the effort."

The location for the upcoming week is announced on the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Facebook page, as well as at the conclusion of the Toasty Tuesday clean up. Families, youth groups, churches, and other community organizations and members are encouraged to join in the Toasty Tuesday festivities.

If you'd like to find out more about Toasty Tuesdays or want to know how to get involved with Keep Big Spring Beautiful, reach out to any of the KBSB members or stop in to a meeting, which is held the first Monday of the month at the Howard College campus in the Cactus Room.

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In the U.S., skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, with more than 4 million new cases diagnosed each year. It's widely known that overexposure to UV radiation is the main cause of skin cancer.

However, UV radiation also causes eye damage and even vision loss, particularly in seniors.

By learning the risks associated with too much sun exposure and taking the right precautions to protect you and your loved ones from UV rays, we can all enjoy the sun and outdoors safely.

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Chicago White Sox rebound against Houston Astros in possible playoff preview

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

In a matchup between two of the American League's top teams, Lucas Giolito and Carlos Rodón helped the Chicago White Sox fight back against Houston's powerful offense.

Giolito pitched a three-hitter in Chicago's 10-1 victory Saturday, then Rodón allowed one hit in seven innings Sunday as the White Sox blanked Houston 4-0. Those two victories came after the Astros swept a four-game series against the White Sox last month and beat Chicago 7-1 on Friday night.

The White Sox (56-36) now have the best record in the American League, and they lead the AL Central by eight games. Houston (56-38) has a 3 1/2-game advantage atop the AL West. The Astros lead the major leagues in runs despite Alex Bregman's injury problems and George Springer's offseason departure.

Houston finished the 2020 regular season with a sub-.500 record but still came within a victory of reaching the World Series thanks to the expanded playoffs. The Astros again look formidable this year.

If they face Chicago in the playoffs, that matchup would pit Houston's Dusty Baker against Tony La

Russa of the White Sox in a matchup of two of the most famous managers of this era — and this weekend, Chicago certainly showed it has the pitching to compete.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

A week in the life of the New York Mets:

Monday — Slugger Pete Alonso wins the Home Run Derby.

Friday — Star shortstop Francisco Lindor leaves the game against Pittsburgh with soreness on his right side. New York loses 4-1 in a game that includes a bench-clearing incident.

Saturday — Lindor goes on the injured list. Ace Jacob deGrom's status is also up in the air because of forearm tightness. The Mets take a 6-0 lead into the bottom of the eighth before Pittsburgh scores five runs to make a game of it. It's 7-5 in the bottom of the ninth when New York closer Edwin Diaz allows a ninth-inning grand slam by Jacob Stallings that gives the Pirates a 9-7 victory.

Sunday — Manager Luis Rojas says deGrom is going on the IL. In the first inning against Pittsburgh, the Mets allow three runs to score on an infield dribbler because pitcher Taijuan Walker, thinking the ball was foul, batted it toward the Pirates dugout. The ball was called fair, and Rojas is ejected in the ensuing argument. New York trails

6-0 at the end of the inning, then chips away at the deficit until Michael Conforto's two-run homer in the ninth gives the Mets a 7-6 win.

New York still leads the NL East by two games, and one can only imagine what these next couple months have in store for the Mets.

TRIVIA TIME

The Astros (plus 129) and White Sox (plus 124) rank first and second in the AL in run differential. Who is No. 3?

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While the Mets were taking their fans on a roller coaster ride, division rival Atlanta was trying to overcome its injury woes via the trade market. The Braves acquired Joc Pederson from the Chicago Cubs and Stephen Vogt from the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Atlanta recently lost Ronald Acuña Jr. to a season-ending knee injury, but the Braves aren't giving up. They trail the Mets by four games.

TRIVIA ANSWER

The Toronto Blue Jays (plus 95) have the third-best run differential in the AL. They came out of the All-Star break in impressive fashion, beating Texas three times by a combined score of 25-2. Toronto is still in the third place in the AL East, however, six games behind division-leading Boston.

Ready or not: Short-handed US basketball roster off to Tokyo

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team has been together for two weeks. There have been six practices. The team played four exhibitions. A pair of roster changes have already been required and the Americans have no idea when three other players will join the team.

That's probably not the formula for Olympic success, but ready or not, Tokyo awaits.

"It's a little bit different," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said.

No, it's a lot different. Unprecedented, really, just like almost everything else about these Tokyo Olympics that start on Friday. The U.S. — the three-time defending men's basketball gold medalists — leaves Las Vegas on Monday for the trip to Japan, where it'll commence final preparations for the start of the Tokyo Games.

The plan is to have four more practices in Japan before opening Olympic play against France on July 25. The Americans have 12 names on the roster; only nine will be with the team for the trip to Japan because the other three — Khris Middleton, Jrue Holiday and Devin Booker — are still playing in the NBA Finals.

"I think all of us are better for the adversity we go through, because you either handle it or you don't," Popovich said. "You figure it out. And these guys have had to do that. They've kept their heads up. There might be a disappointment here or there, or an event that takes place, but they move on. And that's what life's all about. So, this is no different."

The adversity has come in bunches for the Americans. During their two-week stay in Las Vegas:

— Bradley Beal was forced to leave the team for virus-relat-

ed reasons and Kevin Love backed out because of an injury.

— Jerami Grant was briefly in the health and safety protocols related to the virus and missed a few days.

— Keldon Johnson was promoted from the Select Team (the players brought to Las Vegas so they could practice against the Olympians) to replace Beal, and JaVale McGee was added to the roster to replace Love. McGee was with the team for Sunday's exhibition finale against Spain but did not play, meaning his first action with this team will be during actual Olympic competition.

— Oh, and the Americans lost to Nigeria and Australia, had to cancel the rematch against the Australians, and for a brief while had only six of the 12 Olympic team members available in camp.

"We're still won't have those other three, but at this point that's not going to change," Popovich said. "We just have to persevere and find ways to keep them in shape even though we're not going to be able to execute too much very well. So, we're going to have to figure out common denominators for this exact group. Less is more, so to speak. Inventing the wheel would be the worst thing we can do for this group."

Middleton, Holiday and Booker will play Tuesday night in Game 6 of the NBA Finals. If Milwaukee wins that game — the Bucks, with Middleton and Holiday, lead Booker and the Phoenix Suns 3-2 in that series — they would win the NBA title. That would also mean the trio could be in Japan by the weekend, giving time to join the Americans for at least one practice in advance of the game against France.

If Phoenix forces Game 7, it would

be Thursday night, the day before the opening ceremony in Tokyo, three days before the U.S.-France game. A grueling playoff run is daunting enough on players; a grueling playoff run followed by a flight halfway around the world is not the recipe for fresh legs, so it's anyone's guess how effective Middleton, Holiday and Booker will be when they get to Japan.

Popovich doesn't know what to expect.

"I have no idea. You know, I'm not trying to be glib. I'm just totally transparent," Popovich said. "We've thought about, 'Are they going to have jet lag? Is it going to be like two days later after they land and they'll be OK?' ... In some ways, it might depend on if everybody else is healthy. If they're not, they've got to play. So, we've gone over lots of scenarios. We haven't figured it out yet, that's for sure."

And that's a rarity, Popovich being at a loss for answers.

"He takes it very seriously," said Johnson, who also plays for Popovich with the Spurs.

The five-time NBA champion as San Antonio's coach has matched wits with 11 different members of the Basketball Hall of Fame in his career. The Spurs have won 60% of those games, a fancy way of saying that the best minds to ever coach the game lose three of every five times they face Popovich. He has a history of having the answers.

But as he heads to Tokyo, for an Olympics amid a pandemic, without fans and without one-quarter of his roster,

even he's still scratching his head. Plus, the U.S. opener in Tokyo is no cakewalk — France is the team that ousted the U.S. from medal contention at the 2019 Basketball World Cup in China, the tournament that was Popovich's debut as the head coach of the American program.

And Popovich, who typically doesn't reveal anything by accident, said Sunday night that the Americans have been preparing for France "for two years," a clear nod to what happened in China.

"We still have a long way to go," Popovich said. "And we've got another week before we play, so, although that's not a long time ... I think it's won-

derful because we need that time. So, hopefully we'll continue to improve during the week, and be ready to play a very good French team."



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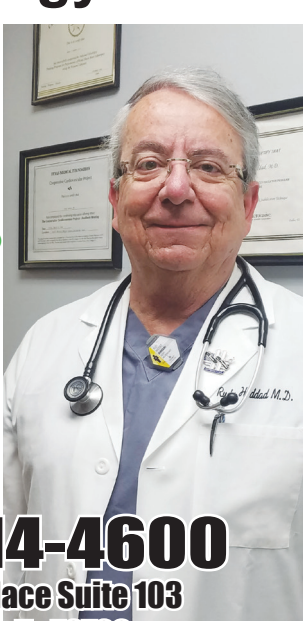
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By Steve Becker

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clearly an afterthought on their part, but what's even more bothersome to me is the fact that they felt it was appropriate to message my mother instead of just contacting me directly.

I have since distanced myself from them, including disengaging from their social media, because I don't believe in chasing anyone who clearly does not have time for me.

What's truly irritating is that now their ignorance is being turned on me. They'll ask my parents or my brother if I'm OK and why I don't associate with them. Um, am I missing something? I thought communication was a two-way street. Everyone has their own schedules, but it doesn't take long to answer a simple text message. If someone doesn't have the time for me in any capacity, it baffles me that they are surprised when I stop reaching out.

I have an upcoming family event, and these relatives will be in attendance. I don't want to snub them because that's just not the type of person I am, yet at the same time, I really don't care to engage with them.

What do you think would be the best way to handle seeing them? -- Tired of Being the Bigger Person

Dear Tired: By snubbing your family or not attending a family event, you would be snubbing yourself of family bonding. You are understandably upset and hurt because of their inconsiderate behavior toward your generous offer to host a cocktail event. If you cut them out completely, it doesn't do anyone any good.

Instead of looking at it like you are the "bigger" person and they are the "less than" person, look at it as a misunderstanding that you want to get to the bottom of.

You never know what people have going on in their lives behind closed doors. Try and forgive them for their noncommunication and make sure to communicate to them how you feel.

Once they know that you would like to be notified instead of your mother and that you were hurt when they didn't respond, my guess is they won't do that again. Always remember that other people, even family members, are not mind readers, and it's important to communicate with them. Now if they continue to snub you, then you are better off without them.

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PARKS & REC WORD SEARCH

Word search grid containing letters for finding words related to parks and recreation.

- WORDS: ADVISORY, AMENITIES, AQUATIC, BICYCLE, COASTAL, ENJOYMENT, FACILITIES, FIELD, FITNESS, HISTORIC, KAYAK, LAUNCH, MAP, NOTICE, OBSERVATION, PARK, PRESERVATION, PUBLIC WORKS, RECREATION, SERVICES, SPORTS CENTER, SWIMMING, TRAILHEAD, VISITORS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

FEATURES

Newsday Crossword

FISH AND CHIPS by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Be jealous of, as in the Bible

6 Spongy

10 ___-browned potatoes

14 Drama with sopranos

15 Horse-stopping shout

16 Prefix meaning "against"

17 Danger

18 Stops from squeaking

19 Hollywood headliner

20 Tortilla chips and banana chips

22 Get weary

23 Helpful hint

24 Removes a DVD from a player

26 Observe from the sidelines

30 Land surrounded by water

32 Unknown author: Abbr.

33 Regarding, in a memo

35 Gets thinner

40 Where students buy tuna fish sandwiches and potato chips

43 Exams such as midterms

44 Alda of *M*A*S*H*

45 Bronze disk instrument

46 Chemists' work rooms

48 "Letter-shaped" steaks

50 Bronco-riding events

54 Service charge

55 Prophetic sign

56 Competitions where chips are thrown on tables

63 Wife or husband

64 A Great Lake

65 Volunteer's offer

66 Throat-clearing sound

67 Mobile phone

68 Untrue

69 ___ a soul (no one)

70 Two-year-old kids

71 Frozen rain

DOWN

1 Police officers, informally

2 Unwrap

3 Aloe ___ (soother in lotions)

4 ___ the Red (Norse explorer)

5 Converse with

6 Descend like an eagle

7 Cincinnati's state

8 Paper crease

9 Graduation cap attachment

10 Impulsive speed

11 Playful prank

12 Get underway

13 Adds to the work force

21 Semester-ending exam

25 Josh around

26 Most recent

27 Fairy tale's first word

28 ___ and aahs

29 Tie on a necktie

30 Slanted letters: Abbr.

31 Living room seating

34 Natural bandage

36 Brand of toy bricks

37 Laundry appliance

38 Underground source of ore

39 Droops

41 Capital of Norway

42 Walk onto a stage

47 Facet of a situation

49 Gets underway

50 Person from Italy's capital

51 Nebraska city

52 Discourage from doing

53 Foe

54 Has an opinion

57 Triple-decker cookie

58 Bagpiper's skirt

59 No-show soldier: Abbr.

60 Minimal amount

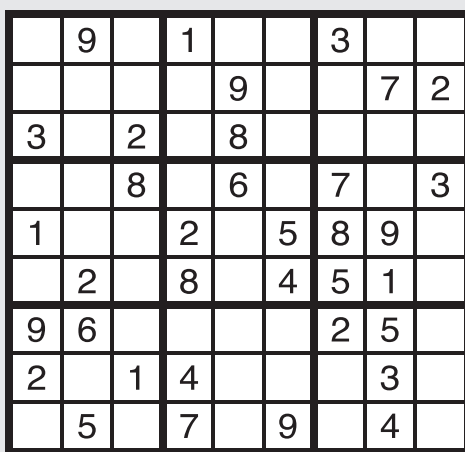
61 Otherwise

62 Piggy bank's opening



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SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

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!

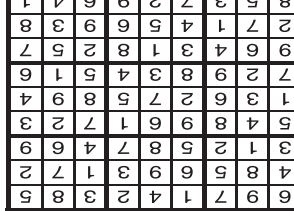
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Answers



SUDOKU

Today's Answers



Today in History

Today is Monday, July 19, the 200th day of 2021. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

On this date:

In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.

In 1943, Allied air forces raided Rome during World War II, the same day Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met in Feltre in northern Italy.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit for two days separated.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which sustained the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1990, baseball's all-time hits leader, Pete Rose, was sentenced in Cincinnati to five months in prison for tax evasion.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced a policy allowing homosexuals to serve in the military under a compromise dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue."

In 2005, President George W. Bush announced his choice of federal appeals court judge John G. Roberts Jr. to replace Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. (Roberts ended up succeeding Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who died in Sept. 2005; Samuel Alito followed O'Connor.)

In 2006, prosecutors reported that Chicago police beat, kicked, shocked or otherwise tortured scores of Black suspects from the 1970s to the early 1990s to try to extract confessions from them.

In 2007, "Mad Men," a cable TV series about a New York advertising agency, premiered on AMC.

In 2014, a New York City police officer (Daniel Pantaleo) involved in the arrest of Eric Garner, who died in custody two days earlier after being placed in an apparent chokehold, was stripped of his gun and badge and placed on desk duty. (Pantaleo was fired in August 2019.) Actor James Garner, 86, died in Los Angeles.

Ten years ago: Summoned by British lawmakers to answer for a phone hacking and bribery scandal at one of his tabloids, media mogul Rupert Murdoch told a parliamentary committee hearing he was humbled and ashamed, but accepted no responsibility for wrongdoing.

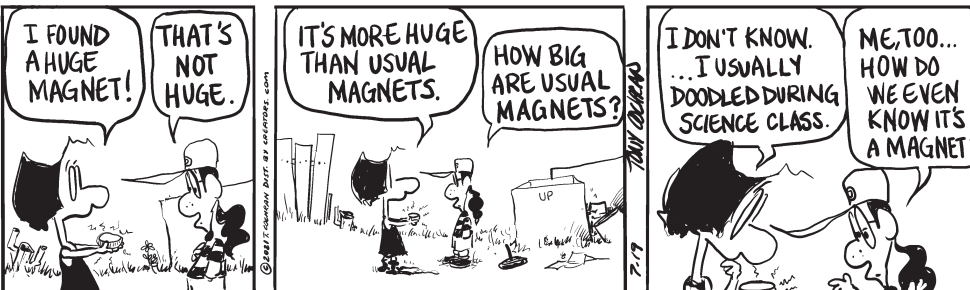
Five years ago: Republicans meeting

in Cleveland nominated Donald Trump as their presidential standard-bearer; in brief videotaped remarks, Trump thanked the delegates, saying, "This is a movement, but we have to go all the way." Writer-director Garry Marshall, 81, whose deft touch with comedy and romance led to a string of TV hits that included "Happy Days" and "Laverne & Shirley" and the box-office successes "Pretty Woman" and "Runaway Bride," died in Burbank, California.

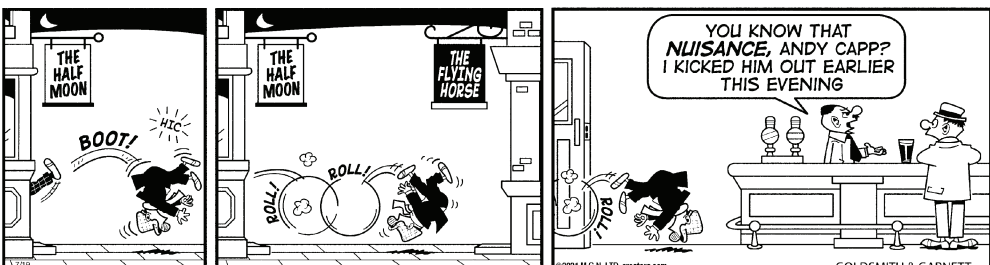
One year ago: President Donald Trump refused to publicly commit to accepting the results of the upcoming election, telling Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday" that it was too early to make any such guarantee. U.S. House leaders said they were "alarmed" by the tactics used by federal agents against protesters in Portland, Oregon and other cities; the mayor of Portland said the presence of the agents was worsening tensions in the city, which had seen nearly two months of nightly protests since the death of George Floyd. The Bahamas said it would ban travelers from the United States; a surge in coronavirus infections had followed the islands' reopening to international tourism.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Helen Gallagher is 95. Country singer Sue Thompson is 95. Singer Vikki Carr is 81. Blues singer-musician Little Freddie King is 81. Country singer-musician Commander Cody is 77. Actor George Dzundza is 76. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 75. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase is 75. Rock musician Brian May is 74. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 74. Actor Beverly Archer is 73. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 70. Actor Peter Barton is 65. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 61. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 61. Actor Campbell Scott is 60. Actor Anthony Edwards is 59. Actor Clea Lewis is 56. Percussionist Evelyn Glennie is 56. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 50. Actor Andrew Kavovit is 50. Rock musician Jason McGerr (Death Cab for Cutie) is 47. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 45. Actor Erin Cummings is 44. TV chef Marcela Valladolid is 43. Actor Chris Sullivan ("This Is Us") is 41. Actor Jared Padalecki is 39. Actor Trai Byers is 38. Actor Kaitlin Doubleday ("Nashville") is 37. Actor/comedian Dustin Ybarra is 35. Actor Steven Anthony Lawrence is 31.

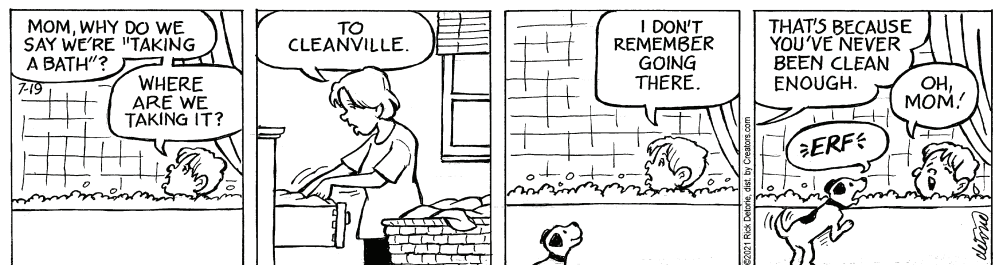
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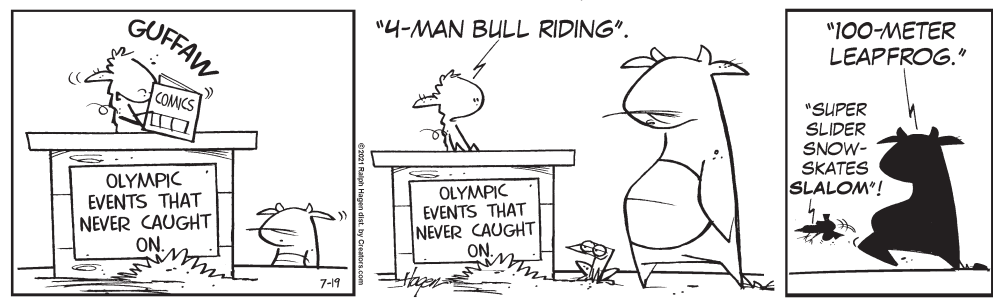
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Horoscopes By Holiday

MONDAY,
July 19, 2021

Cosmic Foursquare

It's one cosmic square after another, and the dilemmas keep coming. Should you aim for a quick profit or lasting interest? Some version of this question keeps coming up in the days ahead. It's hard to gauge the long-term potential of things if indeed there even is one. Mercury's angle to Chiron says, "Do what's right, and all bases are covered."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Endings aren't always sad. They can also be proud moments, victorious celebrations, releases that bring immediate relief. Today you let go with excitement and hope.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's like you're sitting down to a movie having seen only an intriguing poster. You're willing to go along for the ride without knowing what you're in for and whether you'll be led to laughter, tears or thrills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing that the level of kindness in a person's outside voice speaks volumes as to what's happening on the inside, you'll extend kindness and compassion to those who can't seem to reach a gentle tone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Decisions must be made. Whether it has to do with furniture, songs, styles, people... the goal is the same. Choose what makes an impact you can return to without getting tired of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are certain endeavors most appropriately approached in solemnity. What you do in the spirit of fun will be more meaningful than what you're supposed to be serious about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone who looks very different from you on the outside has a story that reveals an inside experience very similar to your own, involving heartbreak, longing and triumph you can relate to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Reductions will improve matters, but this is a time to trim, not shop. Cutting back too far just means making extra work for yourself when you have to go get stuff again.

If throwing something away is uncomfortable, then keep it. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're plum in the middle of an embarrassment of riches. In fact, you've been there for some time but didn't realize it. Now that you know nothing is out of your reach, relax and decide what you'd like to add to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What ruins a conversation doesn't have to ruin a friendship. What spoils the hour doesn't have to spoil the day. You shine as you contain, overlook and move on from the foibles of the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You rightly stand at the center of things. It's not because you feel you're more important

than the others; rather, it's because you bring so much to the table and have a plan about how to distribute that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're an excellent sleuth! You'll take on an intricate puzzle and solve it. This generates not only order but also balance. From a place of balance, much more is possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you could dazzle with clever conversation, consider what you might pitch using a wordless example. Embodiment will be the most effective way of putting your point across.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19). Cultivating the collective spirit is your specialty; you have gathering powers. You pump people up and encourage everyone to win together, generating many creative breakthroughs for yourself and the group. There's a significant purchase in the fall that will pay off to future generations.

Contracts are signed in October. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 4, 33 and 17.

DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, ARIES: For Aries, intuition often doesn't have anything to do with pondering, casting runes or peering into crystal balls. For Aries, intuition lives in the body. It's how the body works and responds. Aries is the sign of "just do it."

The thought process that takes place before the ram takes action is so the-speed-of-light that Aries doesn't even realize there was a thought process. Impulsive is the word for it -- a word with ill connotation. Impulsive people are sometimes seen as selfish, unrestrained and out of control. They are also quick responders in the moment, doing what comes naturally, following the survival instinct, meeting challenges and snapping up the opportunities of the moment. Impulsive people are in touch with their animal selves.

Anyone who loves animals knows that just because they don't speak in words doesn't mean they are stupid. Animal intelligence is something to admire and respect, especially when the animal is you.

For Aries, developing intuition is a matter of accepting, embracing and trusting the animal impulses that come so naturally. Of course, many impulses must not be acted upon, and restraint is necessary to live peaceably in society. But recognizing and respecting the wisdom of impulse leads to a more confident and intuition-guided existence.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Lead guitarist for Queen, Brian May composed "We Will Rock You," and rock us he did. Then this Cancer became an astrophysicist and published his doctoral thesis on zodiacal light. May was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were soulful Cancer. His moon, Saturn and Pluto are in entertaining Leo, and natal Mars is in intellectual Gemini.

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