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Reading program in full swing

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**
 Managing Editor

The exciting world of imagination is coming to life this summer, as the Howard County Library's Summer Reading Program is moving along and is seeing great participation from the community.

"We have seen great participation from families. For the events, including storytime, there have been on average 15 children. The number is usually higher for events," Sandra Verdin, Children's Librarian at the Howard County Library, said. "After the pandemic families want to be out and about, and we want to be a resource for learning and entertainment."

Now that more activities are starting to come back online in the community, the Howard County Library wants to remain a resource for parents who are looking to keep their children engaged with learning and reading while school is out. The Summer Reading Program is designed to keep school age children engaged and provide an avenue for interaction while school districts in the county are out on



Aaron Carman, a STEM Facilitator with the Science Spectrum in Lubbock, displays a Red-Footed Tortoise named Morty during the Howard County Library's weekly children's program. Carman also showed off A Madagascar Girdled Lizard named Loki, a Curly-Haired Tarantula; a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach; a Blue-Tongued Skink named Jabba; and a Ball Python, also known as a Royal Python.

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they have grandkids visiting or families with young kids visiting, so they are so excited when the library is able to offer an activity and event," she said. "Families are also taking vacations and may only be able to participate for some portion of the summer reading program."

This year there have been more events this year compared to previous years. With weekly events, more access was provided to the community, but also allowed for area organizations to stop in and present to the families. Over the course of the Summer Reading Program, stories were read by representatives from Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, Happy Day Humane Society, Keep Big Spring Beautiful, and Howard County Judge Kathryn Wiseman.

"One of the reasons we are able to provide events to families is because we have received a grant from the Texas Commission on the Art (TCA). Storyteller Toni Simmons' performance is supported in

break.
 "We wanted to have weekly events so that families could come at their convenience. We have had some patrons say

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Upcoming Events

SMMC Back to School Health Splash
 Aug. 5

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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Start-of-school registrations planned

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Herald Staff Writer

It's still the middle of summer, but fall will be rolling around before you know it, and local kids will be heading back to school. Here's the scoop on registration for local schools.

• **Big Spring ISD** will hold registration starting July 26, broken down by grade. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will register July 26 through July 30. First through Eighth Graders will register Aug. 2 through Aug. 6. High School seniors will pick up their schedules and verify their enrollment on Aug. 9, juniors on Aug. 10, sophomores on Aug. 11 and freshmen on Aug. 12. All registration activities will be held on the student's prospective campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For those new to the BSISD system, the campus a child

attends is determined primarily by grade rather than location of residence, with one exception. Pre-K students all attend Kentwood Early Childhood Center 2500 Merrily; Kindergarteners through second graders all attend either Marcy Elementary School, 2101 Wasson Dr., or Moss Elementary School, 3200 Fordham, determined by residence. A map of the two schools' attendance zones can be found on the district's website.

All BSISD third graders attend Washington Elementary, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane; fourth graders attend Goliad Elementary School, 1801 S. Goliad; and fifth and sixth graders attend Big Spring Intermediate School, 2000 S. Goliad.

Seventh and eighth graders attend Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth Street; and ninth-12th grad-

erse attend Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place.

Students enrolling in a Big Spring ISD school for the first time should bring the following information to registration: an official birth certificate for each child (not a hospital copy); an official Social Security card (or non-U.S. Citizen passport) for each child; current immunization records for each child; the enrolling parent's valid driver's license or state-issued picture ID card; the enrolling parent's proof of residence (such as a water, electricity or gas bill, or lease or mortgage in the enrolling parent's name); and, if the enrollment is by a non-birth parent, legal guardianship documents must be provided.

In addition, for Pre-K eligibility, students must meet one of the following requirements and present documentation to that effect during registra-

tion: Educationally disadvantaged, military dependent, foster care, bilingual, homeless, or Star of Texas (child of a first responder).

For more information, visit <https://www.bsisd.esc18.net/Page/771>.

• At **Coahoma ISD**, registration at Coahoma Elementary School will be July 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and July 29 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Registration at Coahoma Junior High and Coahoma High School are Aug. 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New students need to bring birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization record, parent's driver's license, proof of residence (utility bill with a parent's name and physical address).

Visit www.coahomaisd.com for more information.

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City urges residents to move cars for seal-coat project

Special to the Herald

City of Big Spring crews began work on another seal coating project yesterday. No set ending date was given by the city; a city representative said the project would continue until it is finished, and that the amount of time it will take depends on factors such as weather.

The project is targeting the following locations: Vines Avenue from Birdwell to Circle; Arizona Street from Tucson to Sunset; Tucson Road from Birdwell to Tulsa; Kenney Street from Circle to East 11th Place; Circle Drive from East Fourth Street to Tucson; and South Goliad Street from East Fourth Street to East 10th Street.

The city asks that residents in the affected areas remove



all vehicles from the roadways in order to allow the crews to complete the work efficiently. If the vehicles block the roadway, an attempt will be made to contact the owners by knocking on doors in the area. If crews are unable to contact owners, vehicles which block the roadway will be towed as a last resort at owners' expense.

During the project, citizens will be permitted to park vehicles on the sidewalk and/or yard, but should be removed as soon as the roadwork is complete in your area.

The city regrets any inconvenience and requests the public's patience during the seal coating project. Questions can be directed to the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.



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- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Wood Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan. No transport was required.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block Brian Road. No transport was required.

Support Groups

THURSDAY

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

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

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support); there is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held three times per year on Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the GriefShare Ministry of TBC Facebook page. You can also call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

FRIDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• 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

• St. Vincent de Paul food distribution will take

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• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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? • 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

Submit your Support Group information to be included or updated. Email information to editor@BigSpringherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

Take Note

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.

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Obituaries

Wesley Norman Cox

Wesley Norman Cox, Jr., 61, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, July 19, 2021. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2021 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Arturo Islas

Arturo Islas, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 20, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elias “Sonny” Ramirez

Elias “Sonny” Ramirez, 74, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 19, 2021. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tracey Ramsey

Tracey Ramsey, 32, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 18, 2021. He will lie in state at Myers & Smith Funeral Home on Friday, July 23, 2021, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Services will be Saturday, July 24, 2021, at 2 p.m. in the Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

James Bruce Walker

James Bruce Walker, 57, of Big Spring, passed away Monday, July 19, 2021.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, July 23, 2021, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 2021, at H & R Motorcycles, formerly Big Spring Harley-Davidson Shop located at 908 W. 3rd Street.

Arrangements are by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 109 inmates at the time of this report.

• **PEDRO HERNANDEZ JR**, 46, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of expired driver license, public intoxication, expired driver's license.

• **JACE MINCE**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of indecency with child sexual contact.

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part by a grant from TCA,” Verdin said. “TCA promotes and supports the visual, performing, folk, literary and multimedia arts that significantly contribute to the state’s educational, economic and cultures future.”

While summer is winding down, there are still a few activities left for those wanting to take part, on July 21 a guest storyteller Toni Simmons

will be dropping by, and on July 28 the Abilene Zoo will visit the Howard County Library. There will be two presentations with the Abilene Zoo, one at 10:30 a.m. and the other at 11:30 a.m. The Summer Reading Celebration will include Harlin Rhoades. During the celebration, the winners of the Summer Reading Program challenge will be announced. For the challenge, readers were asked to log the minutes read, and the goal was to read as many minutes as they could. The reading logs are turned in and

those who took part in the challenge have a chance at taking home a prize.

“Our prizes this year include something for all ages; we have annual membership to the Science Spectrum and the Abilene Zoo, and an interactive book and a toy for the baby and toddler participants,” she said.

While the Summer Reading Program may be coming to an end in just a few weeks, there will still be opportunity to get involved with the resources provided by the library and take part in events. On the calendar

is a family night, and STEAM Tuesdays, and in the Fall, Storytime will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. More updates will be provided on the Howard County Library Facebook page.

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SCHOOLS

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• **Forsan ISD** registration for all new and returning students will be 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 2 and 3. Student registration for all grades will be held at Forsan Elementary School, 302 Main Street in Forsan. Parents should bring a current utility bill to registration. In addition,

parents of students new to the district should bring their children’s birth certificates, Social Security cards, immunization records, and, if they have them, previous school records. For parents who don’t have their children’s previous school records, the district can obtain them if you are able to tell them what schools your children attended previously.

Visit www.forsan.esc18.net for more information.

• Information about admissions to **Runnels Academy**, a classical Christian school in Big Spring, can be found on the school’s website at www.runnelsacademy.org/admissions.

• Information about admissions to **Nazarene Christian Academy**, a Christian school operated by Big Spring’s First

Church of the Nazarene, can be found on the school’s website at ncabigspring.com/admissions/enrollment-steps.

• Parents interested in having their child attend **Maranatha Baptist Academy** in Big Spring should contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046, or visit the school at 903 Johnson Street, for more information.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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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.

• **Interim HealthCare** is looking for volunteers. Those who would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer can call 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.

• **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.

• **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.



Keith Gist, CRNA, APRN, NSPM-C
Anesthesia and Pain Management

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YMCA set to kick off annual flag football league

By DUSTIN POPE

Herald Sports Writer

It's that stage of year that football is setting up to kick off. This is likewise correct for the annual YMCA flag football league. The flag football club is an exceptional practice for the newer kids to master the game's fundamentals. Since it's flag football, it will help reduce some of the contact as well.

This will be the eighth year that the YMCA has put on this great flag league, and it will be the fifth year that the NFL will sponsor the league. Since this is an NFL flag league, all the teams will be named after actual NFL teams, and they will also receive that team's jersey for this forthcoming year. It's a fun way for the kids to get to know more about the NFL and all of its teams. The YMCA is under the NFL flag football umbrella, the teams can travel and compete in tournaments all around the United States if they desire.

The league will split down into age group divisions. There will be a three to four-year-old age group. There will likewise be a five to seven-year-old age group. An eight to ten-year-old age group and an 11-14-year-old age group. Registration for the league is accessible now and will run until Aug. 11. The cost for the league is \$73 if you are a member of the YMCA, and it will be \$78 if you are not a member. This price will include the jerseys, flags, pretty much everything, and anything needed for this flag football league.

As with any league, they are regularly searching for volunteers to help coach these youths to learn how to play the great game of football. The coach's meeting will start at the end of the registration. Practices will begin in the latter part of Aug. After all, the coaches are determined. The coaches' meetings have taken place, and once practices have been in full swing for a couple of weeks,



the season will kick off in September. This league is four weeks long, with the fifth week being the tournament week. The tournament will be a single-elimination event to determine the winners of each age division.

One of the most respectable qualities that this league does is, it teaches good sportsmanship. After each game, they expected both teams to shake hands after the game. Of course, last year, they just waved at each other because of the Pandemic, but it looks like this year the handshakes will come back. Learning good sportsmanship at such an early age is invaluable. What they learn at this age will lead them to their future in sports and carry on in their whole sporting career.

YMCA director Dathan Jones helped to bring the flag football league to Big Spring. Jones had helped with the Flag league in Abilene for many years before coming over to the Big Spring YMCA. He saw

that the community needed an alternative to a tackle football league, so they introduced this flag football alternative for the young ones. This league will help the players learn all the basics of the art of football. Learning the basics now will not only help them get better at the sport of football but will also help build confidence. It also helps keep the kids active as they head back into school. Since the league has begun, it has grown by leaps and bounds. There were only eight teams in the league's first season; now, they have around 16 to 20 different teams. It shows that this league has been an enormous success.

This is a six-on-six flag league and is extraordinarily fast and furious. They play their games on the Big Spring ISD band practice field. They will split the practice field into two separate fields for the games. Both of the fields are 80 yards long. The 14 age group will play on a full 100-yard field, just because they are bigger and faster and need more room to run around. The league is super competitive, and with the long fields, it is an exceptional exercise for all the contestants.

This league will also benefit the local community. If you are interested in having young ones join this league, they will have the tremendous opportunity to learn all the basics of one of West Texas's most respected sports, then let them have an opportunity. You can register at the YMCA or go to the Big Spring YMCA website for more information. I'm looking forward to this season kicking off and seeing the future of football in this area learn the sport.

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US women shut out the noise in quest for 5th gold medal

By ANNE M. PETERSON

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TOKYO — The U.S. women's national soccer team is in a bubble of its own making for the Tokyo Olympics, and it's not just because of coronavirus restrictions.

The World Cup champions have become adept at shutting out all the outside noise — the seemingly endless social media debates, the TV punditry and even the trash talk that comes with the best in the world.

"I think, especially the players that have been through these major tournaments, you figure out how to stay in the best mental headspace and sometimes that's compartmentalizing, that's focusing on one thing at a time and trying not to let the noise get into what we like to call the bubble," defender Becky Sauerbrunn said. "So like, secure the bubble, protect the bubble."

The women's Olympic soccer tournament starts on Wednesday. The United States, the top-ranked team in the world and the favorite to win, opens against Sweden at Tokyo Stadium.

The Americans are vying for their fifth gold medal, more than any other national team. They can also become the first women to win an Olympic gold following a World Cup title.

There's reason to believe they'll do just that. The group is undefeated in 44 straight games, the second-longest unbeaten streak in team history. It's a deep squad with a formidable attack: Seventeen of the players were on the World Cup squad.

Christen Press has been directly involved in 37 goals in her last 37 matches, with 16 goals and 18 assists. Megan Rapinoe, the unabashedly outspoken winger with purple hair, leads the team with seven goals this year.

Quietly holding down the defense is goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, who has six shutouts in nine starts this year.

Naeher is perhaps the leader on the team when it comes to shutting out the noise. She eschewed all social media during the team's run in France two years ago, and often worked on crossword puzzles before matches to chill out before games.

"Everything's all about compartmentalizing," the softspoken Naeher said.

Of course, it will likely be a bit easier to stay focused at this tournament. Japan is in a state of emergency because of rising coronavirus cases. As a result, the athletes participating will be in their own team or individual bubbles with strict COVID-19 protocols. And no fans will be allowed.

"It's not the best setup

in terms of being able to go for a walk or just get outside, go grab a coffee that sort of thing. That's not available to us," defender Kelley O'Hara said. "But at the end of the day we've all been doing it for a month now with national team, so it's the reality of the tournament, of the situation, of the Olympics this year. You just kind of take it in stride and make do with what you can."

The United States had a pre-tournament camp in Miyazaki before arriving in Tokyo on Friday in preparation for Sweden, the team that knocked the Americans out of the 2016 Olympics in the quarterfinals.

Australia plays New Zealand in the second match of the night at Tokyo Stadium. Twelve women's teams are divided into three groups for the tournament, which is being played at six stadiums across the country.

There are a pair of Wednesday matches at the Sapporo Dome: Britain plays Chile and host Japan play Canada. Additionally, China plays Brazil and Zambia plays the Netherlands at Miyagi Stadium.

As captain of the United States, Sauerbrunn is tasked with keeping her side focused.

"It's a skill that I think everyone needs to learn, especially in these major tournaments, because they're not easy," Sauerbrunn said about compartmentalizing. "There's a lot of stress, there's a lot of noise and so learning to knock that out, block that out, is really important."

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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 the proposed Contract Documents dated July 01, 2021. Baseball Field Light Pole & Light Fixture Replacement (as indicated on the proposed Contract Documents dated July 01, 2021):

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.

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I went to the restroom and was literally gone for three minutes. When I came back, the food had been served except for mine. My place-setting was empty. My three friends were chowing down and told me the server couldn't remember what I ordered. And I was like: "What does that mean? Does that mean my dinner order was not placed? What

is the server doing about it?" And they shrugged. I looked around for the server and didn't see anybody.

The restaurant was extremely crowded and busy, and there were no servers in sight. I didn't know how long it would be until I would see wait staff and was annoyed and a little panicked that I might have to wait two hours for dinner all over again.

I got up and walked around the restaurant until I found someone to help. Turns out that my food was waiting for me in the kitchen all along, and it was brought to me. I was annoyed that my friends made no at-

tempt to solve the issue in my absence but happily ate their own dinners.

One of them could have texted me or come to the restroom to say that food was being served. I definitely would have done this for any of them. All they did was eat their meals, which is bad table manners anyway, and let me fend for myself.

I was visibly annoyed for several minutes after, but I got over it and didn't allow the incident to ruin the night. I think one of my friends is now mad at me because I was upset about the situation. And now that makes me mad all over again because this is a friend

of mine who, in the past, has actually put our wine glasses side by side to make sure I didn't have more than she did.

So, how does she deny me the right to have been angry that I had bad service? I feel they should have tried to help while the server was available. Again, I was gone for all of three minutes. I think I made her feel guilty for not helping, and that's why's she's mad. Thoughts? -- Hungry in NJ

Dear Hungry in NJ: No one is perfect. You get annoyed with your friend about her pettiness with the wine glass, and she gets annoyed with you about

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2 :PM	Rachael Ray	Amor eterno	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelita la sopa	Ellen DeGeneres	Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry Jerry	Friends	Movie: Non-Stop, Anson Mount (DVS)	NBA: The Jump	Jalen Question	Spotlight Focused	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
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	Around	NFL Live	To Be Announced	Inside Life	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
4 :PM	DailyMail	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	CBS 7	En casa con	News	Ignite	Curious	25 Words	black-ish	American	(15) Movie: The Accountant, J.K. Simmons (DVS)	Coll. Football Live	Coll. Football Live	Golf Life	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
5 :PM	Jeopardy!	Impacto	Mod Fam	News		Inside Ed.	Hidden	Xavier	25 Words	black-ish	American	SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Daily Wager	Rangers Pregame	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
6 :PM	Big 2 ABC	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Tele	News	For Such	Molly King	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	SportsCenter	NFL Live	NFL Live	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Detroit Tigers.	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
7 :PM	ABC	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7	Noticias	News	Freedom	Hero	King	Burgers	Fam. Guy	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite	MLB Baseball: Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.	2021 NHL Expansion Draft	USL Championship Soccer	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
8 :PM	News	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	Tokyo 2020	News	Cowgirl	Wild Kratt	Last Man	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Titans	USL Championship Soccer	USL Championship Soccer	Postgame Camp	Law & Order: SVU	Seatbelt	(-13) Expedition Unknown
9 :PM	Press Your Luck	Diseñando tu amor	MasterChef	Big Brother	Exatlon EE. UU.	Olympic Dreams	News	Odd	Dateline	Kung Fu	Big Bang	Titans	USL Championship Soccer	USL Championship Soccer	Postgame Camp	Law & Order: SVU	Seatbelt	(-13) Expedition Unknown
10 :PM	\$100,000 Pyramid	Si nos dejan	Crime-Kitchen	(-01) Love Island	Hercal: amor	Chicago Fire	Light of Southwest	Arthur	Dateline	In the Dark	Big Bang	Titans	USL Championship Soccer	USL Championship Soccer	Postgame Camp	Law & Order: SVU	Seatbelt	(-09) Hunting Atlantis
11 :PM	Match Game	La hija	FOX 24 News at 9	S.W.A.T.	Café con aroma de	Chicago P.D.	Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Titans	USL Championship Soccer	USL Championship Soccer	Postgame Camp	Law & Order: SVU	Seatbelt	(-13) Expedition Unknown
12 :PM	Big 2	Noticiero	TMZ	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Pink	Friends	Creek	Friends	(9:56) Movie: Taken 3 (DVS)	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
1 :AM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Noticiero	Mom	Late Show- Colbert	Noticias	Tonight Show	Words of Dr. Wil	Elinor	Friends	Creek	Friends	(12:12) Movie: Need for Speed, Imogen Poots (DVS)	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
2 :AM	Nightline	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Funny	Caso cerrado (SS)	Seth Meyers	Dr. Wil	Donkey	CBS 7	Gold	Gold	Wipeout	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
3 :AM	Extra	Un gancho al	Two Men	Corden	Caso cerrado (SS)	Late-Lilly	Jesus IS	Xavier	Forensic	Holly	Steve Wilkos Show	Wipeout	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
4 :AM	DailyMail	Simpsons	Drew Barrymore	Programa De siones	Juegos Olimpicos de Tokio 2020 (SS)	News	Light of Southwest	Molly Hero	Jerry Springer	Short List	Vitamins	New Girl	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown
1 :AM	Paid Prg. Outages	La madrastra	Pawn	Dr. Carras		Today-Hoda	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt	Minute	Paid Prg. Tummy	New Girl	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown	
2 :AM	(-06) ABC World News Now	Vecinos	Paid Prg. P. Luche	(-07) CBS Overnight News		Film Flic	Cost	Odd	Paid Prg. PiYo	New Girl	New Girl	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown	
3 :AM	World News Now	P. Luche	Paid Prg. El gordo y la flaca	News		Early Tdy	The	Odd	Paid Prg. Burned?	New Girl	New Girl	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown	
4 :AM	Morning	Nosotr.	Paid Prg. Noticiero	Two Men		Early Tdy	Heritage	Arthur	Paid Prg. Blair	New Girl	New Girl	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown	
5 :AM		Noticiero	Two Men	News		Early Tdy	Dr. Young	Arthur	Paid Prg. Healthy	Matters	Matters	SportsCenter	NFL Live	World Poker	Law & Order: SVU	Court	Expedition Unknown	

Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
It takes two to tango

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ K J 7 6 5 3 2
♦ Q 6
♣ 10 9
WEST
♠ Q J 8 6 3
♥ 10 9
♦ K J 8 5 4 2
♣ —
EAST
♠ A 10 9 5 2
♥ Q
♦ A 10 9 3
♣ Q 8 3
SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A 8 4
♦ 7
♣ A K J 7 6 5 4 2
The bidding:
North East South West
2♥ 2♠ 3♣ 4♣
Pass Pass 5♠ 5♠
Pass Pass 6♣ Pass
Pass Dble
Opening lead — queen of spades.
This deal comes from a team-of-four match. At the first table, South wound up in six clubs doubled after North had opened with a weak two-heart bid.
West led the queen of spades, on which declarer played low from dummy. East followed with the deuce, in effect asking his partner to stop playing the suit. (Had East wanted another spade lead, he would have played a higher spade.) But

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