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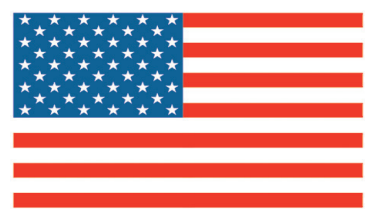
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## Curfew up for comment at city meeting

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Herald Staff Writer

At Tuesday's meeting of the Big Spring City Council, the council will hold a public hearing regarding whether to extend the current juvenile curfew in place citywide.

The hearing will take place at the start of the meeting, immediately following the call to order, invocation and Pledge to the Flag. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth Street.

The current curfew,

located in Article I, Sec. 38-9, "A minor commits an offense if he remains in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the city during curfew hours." The offense can also extend to parents if they allow or fail to control their children from violating curfew, or to a business owner or operator if they let a minor remain on their premises during curfew.



until 6 a.m. of the following day," and "12:01 a.m. until 6 a.m. on any Friday or Saturday." Although the public hearing is on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting, no action item regarding the curfew is scheduled Tuesday.

Following the hearing,

City Manager Todd Darden will report on the large item pickup for District 1, ongoing mosquito spraying in the city, and various grant programs. The council will vote on three items in the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting, including approval of the minutes of the July 13 council meeting; and final readings of two ordinances, the first making several changes to the city's waste collection and landfill fees, and the second defining and outlawing "infestations" on property within city limits.

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## Toasty Tuesday - Heading out to Wasson Road



*Courtesy photo*  
Toasty Tuesday focused on cleaning up around the amphitheater, inside Comanche Trail Park, this past week for Toasty Tuesday clean up efforts. There were 14 volunteers who turned out and picked up 25 bags of trash. This week Toasty Tuesday will be taking place near the DK on the corner of Wasson and Wasson. Those wanting to take part should meet at the DK at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The group normally picks up for about 45 minutes to an hour. The community is encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

## A Moment in History:

### C.R. Anthony's

*Editor's Note: Each week the Heritage Museum shares a piece of Big Spring or Howard County history with the Big Spring Herald readers. For those looking to know more about the foundation of Big Spring, visit the Heritage Museum during regular business hours.*

By **TAMMY SCHRECENGOST**  
Heritage Museum

In 1922, a new upscale clothing store was founded in Cushing, Okla. During that same year, the present day Sparenberg building was occupied by Harry Lester's Auto Repair Parts and Service. Lester's moved out and the building was remodeled, with a new front addition being added on in 1934. Anthony's officials had been considering opening a store in Big Spring for over 10 years. Finally, in 1940, the company made the call to open a store at 305 Main on March 20, 1941.

Cuin Grigsby moved his family to Big Spring as he became the first new manager of C.R. Anthony's. Grigsby had been with the company since 1929, moving from their Oklahoma location.



*Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum*  
C.R. Anthony's clothing store, pictured here, opened on Main St. in 1922.

The store carried a large department of men's hats, work clothes, shoes, and ready to wear, as well as ladies' fashions

and household linens.

The doors swung open at promptly 8 a.m., releasing that distinct smell of new leather. Advertised sales for the ladies included spring dresses that had just arrived in Big Spring on a fast express from New York City. These simple dresses were marked for \$3.98. Men's tweed suits were priced \$19.75 and included the coat, vest, and pants. To top off that male ensemble was an Anthony's featured dress hat for 2.98. Boys' shirts were 49 cents and ladies' hankies, three for \$1. Large bath towels were 10 cents, and a chenille bedspread was for \$1.

The salesclerk itemized the purchases onto a receipt then wrapped the receipt around the money, securing it with a rubber band. It was placed in a cylinder that shot through a pneumatic cash tube system to the cashier/bookkeeping department. The cylinder would promptly appear back at the register with the correct change and receipt.

Anthony's had grown very quickly, and soon more space was desperately needed.

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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; Next week will be at 6:30 p.m. at the DK on the corner of Wasson and Randolph.

**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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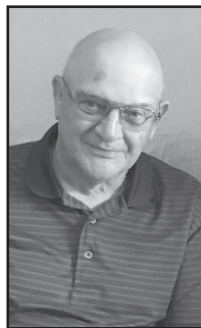
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## Obituaries

### Thomas "Frank" Somers

Thomas "Frank" Somers, 81, of Aubrey, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Private family services were held.



He was born February 2, 1940, in Patterson, New Jersey, to Samuel and Helen Somers. He married Janet Bronaugh, January 9, 2009, in Big Spring, Texas.

He enjoyed watching his kids and grandkids playing games, fishing, woodworking, gardening, and sports.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Somers of Aubrey, Texas; one daughter, Ashlie Simmons and wife, Tara Boice; two sons, Jerrod Simmons and wife, Tracye, and Michael Maxwell; one grandson and one granddaughter of Prosper, Texas: Cash and Sloane Simmons, and three grandsons of Florida: Trevor, Armani and Ezel Maxwell.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

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

*Paid obituary*

## 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](mailto: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.

• 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.

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• 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 Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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.

## 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 Purd 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

### 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 BE-ITZ 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.

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# National Day of the Cowboy: Remembering the cowboys behind the saga of Lonesome Dove

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

Keep your saddle oiled and your gun greased because the "National Day of the Cowboy" – the fourth Saturday in July – is finally here. This day celebrates the lasting legacies of the cowboys that pioneered the American West as they worked cattle, beginning after the Civil War in the heart of Texas.

If you've read or watched *Lonesome Dove* then you know the intrepid tale of the two retired Texas Rangers, Augustus "Gus" McCrae and W.F. "Woodrow" Call, who traveled from the Rio Grande in Texas to Montana in the 1870s driving a herd of stolen Texas Longhorns. These two men are the epitome of this holiday and helped define the American cowboy experience. Their story is widely regarded as one of the most realistic portrayals of the Wild West.

It may come as a surprise that this tale of two rugged cowboys that once commanded the Old West was based on a true story that centered around two tough ranchers who charted a slightly different path. Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving were the original men which inspired the stories of the hard-working Woodrow and outgoing Gus in *Lonesome Dove* on their famed journey that coined the Goodnight-Loving Trail. Their work would later earn them a spot in the "Hall of Great Westerners" at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

Like so many good ranchers, both of these brazen Texans had humble beginnings that shaped them to be the trailblazers who we remember on the National Day of the Cowboy.

Charles Goodnight is known as the "Father of the Texas Panhandle" and earned that title for his

work as an ambitious cattleman, a Texas Ranger, and veteran of the Civil War. After famously rescuing Cynthia Ann Parker from the Comanches, he went on to invent the chuck wagon during his first cattle drive on the Goodnight-Loving Trail. He later founded the first Texas Panhandle ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon.

His partner Oliver Loving was a skilled rancher and known for being a hard worker. He was commissioned to provide beef to soldiers during the Civil War and by the time General Lee surrendered in 1865, the Confederate Government reportedly owed him over \$100,000 for his service. Loving's legacy lives on through the eponymous Loving County in Texas, the town of Loving in New Mexico, and Loving Bend on the Pecos River.

The two cowboys crossed paths about a year after the Civil War ended. Set on rebuilding their herds after the war, they formed a partnership to drive cattle on the Goodnight-Loving Trail.

Their famed journey began with 2,000 cattle near the headwaters of the Brazos River although in the film and novel, the cowboys begin their ride at the Rio Grande in Texas and finished in Wyoming. From the Brazos they rode southwest to cross the Pecos River at Horsehead Crossing, and then followed the river north to Fort Sumner, New Mexico. The trail continued north through Colorado then finished in Wyoming.

The two men lost a whopping 400 cattle by the end of their first 700 mile trek north, but they still made \$12,000 in gold – more than they ever could have earned in the devastated post-war economy of the south.

Part of the Trail took them through the Comanche stronghold in the Staked Plains, near what we know today as Lubbock, and on their third cattle

drive in their second year of their partnership, tragedy struck.

Traveling ahead of the herd, Loving and a fellow cow hand found themselves the target of a Comanche attack at Loving Bend on the Pecos River. Fatally wounded by arrows with gangrene, the poison began to set in and Loving scraped his way to Fort Sumner to spend his last hours with Charles Goodnight, his most trusted partner and friend.

Just like in *Lonesome Dove*, in real life Charles carried out his promise to Oliver that he'd bury him in Texas. On March 4, 1868, Loving was laid to rest at the Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Texas. In the film, Captain famously jokes after the long journey to Texas, "I guess this'll teach me to be careful about what I promise in the future."

It is said that even years after Loving's death, Charles Goodnight carried a photo of his friend wherever he went. Goodnight and other ranchers continued to use the route and it became one of the most prosperous cattle trails of the day.

Today, the trail lives on through *Lonesome Dove* and the many cattle drives that still take place all over our great state, like the unique, twice-daily cattle drive presented by the Fort Worth Herd at the Stockyards and the Longhorn Cattle Drive that's a part of the annual Cowboy Capital Parade in Bandera, Texas.

If you haven't already, take the time to read a classic western novel in the late Texas author Larry McMurtry's honor and learn firsthand what the tough and hardworking individuals we call cowboys were really like.

As Gus McCrae would say, "the older the violin, the sweeter the music" and the same idea applies to these timeless tales.

## COUNCIL

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The council will consider approval of \$1,013,480.25 for July 15, and \$445,983.75 for July 22.

Sale of a single tax property by the city will be considered next: 203 N.E. Eighth St. to Juan Carlos Murillo for \$2,500. The item was tabled during the July 13 meeting, when the sale price was listed as \$3,000.

During the New Business portion of the meeting, the council will acknowledge its receipt of the Planning and Zoning Commission minutes from the commission's June 1 meeting, and of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors minutes from the board's June 15 meeting.

The council will consider amending the annual budget to pay for adding rubber mulch to the Kid Zone playground. The council will consider approving an ordinance to make the change; the sample ordinance included with the meeting's agenda indicates that the item would add \$35,000 to the expense account for the project.

Another ordinance on the agenda for the council's consideration would continue its ongoing project to consolidate the legal framework for the city's various boards and commissions into Chapter 2, Article VII of the City Code entitled "Boards and Commissions."

The ordinance would add the legal structure for the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board and the Board of Adjustments and Appeals to the chapter, as well as do away with rules governing the two boards located in other places in the Code, and reformatting the language regarding the two bodies.

In other business, the council will consider issuing an "Affidavit of Fact" to correct legal descriptions for parcels of land subject to an existing oil and gas lease with Four Sevens Operating Co. Ltd.

According to information published with the meeting's agenda, the original legal description, dated March 17, 1964, mistakenly repeats a paragraph in the description of the land by "metes and bounds," a description of a pathway by distances and directions around the border of the property. The paragraph in question comes in the middle of the description, and describes an 80-foot section of the property's boundary. The correction would affirm that the deletion of the duplicate paragraph is legitimate.

The council will also consider granting its consent to the assignment of an oil and gas lease from SM Energy Company to Camterra Resources Partners Ltd. and consider extending the city's current agreement with Texas Municipal League Health Insurance.

The council will consider appointment of Brittany Hankins of District 5 to the Animal Rescue and Adoption Committee; Hankins will be nominated by District 5 Councilman Troy Tompkins.

Each Councilman and Mayor Shannon Thomason will each have an opportunity to offer input on other matters before the end of the meeting.

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## HISTORY

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was not a law or requirement at the time however changes were about to take place and the downtown stores could no longer accommodate these changes. The floor space was limited as well as parking. C.R. Anthony's had to conform to the times and move to another location.

April 1980, Anthony's moved to the College Park Shopping Center off of Birdwell Lane and Highway 80. Men's 2-piece suits were on sale for 48.88, Men's Wrangler jeans were on sale for 10.88, bath towels were 2 for 3.97. Ladies' hankies were no longer advertised however, customers could get a bargain for Ladies Hanes Underalls, 4 for 5.00. Underalls were nylon pantyhose with a cotton crotch. No more panty lines!

Anthony's dropped the C.R. from the name and now offered a store credit card for its customers to apply for.

Cuin Grigsby was as much an institution as the Anthony's store itself. He first retired in 1979 but after two weeks, he returned in a supervisory position, buying, and setting up new stores. He opened numerous stores and produced 37 managers before he permanently retired in 1985 at the age of 76. He had become a large stockholder in the company that he had been a large part of for 60 years.

In 1991, Anthony's was forced to file Chapter 11 Bankruptcy after bankers refused to fund the seasonal line of credit after a technical default on a loan. It emerged from bankruptcy in 1992 however, this forced Anthony's to sell their chain of stores. Anthony's was acquired by Stage stores in 1997 and most of the stores were rebranded as Stage or Bealls.



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# Stewart's walk-off HR lifts US over Japan in softball 2-1 for 5-0 record

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

YOKOHAMA, Japan — Kelsey Stewart has a knack for walk-off hits in Japan.

Stewart hit a game-ending home run leading off the seventh inning, and the United States rallied late to beat Japan 2-1 Monday and win the Olympic softball group stage — and with it the right to bat last in the gold medal game.

"It's like you dream about when you're a little kid, about hitting a home run at the Olympics, let alone a walk-off," Stewart said.

In August 2018, Stewart's single capped a three-run 10th inning off Japan ace Yukiko Ueno that gave the U.S. a 7-6 win at the Women's Softball World Championship in Chiba, earning the Olympic berth.

She had been 1 for 12 with no RBIs at the Olympics before she drove the 98th pitch from Yamato Fujita (0-1) just over the glove of leaping right fielder Yuka Ichiguchi for the first U.S. home run of the tournament.

"She was starting to wear down because she had so many pitches on her arm," Stewart said.

American players ran onto the field to celebrate their second straight walk-off win.

"I knew she was strong," Fujita said through an interpreter, remembering Stewart from 2018. "I think the ball was too easy for her."

Trying to bounce back from their 3-1 loss to Japan in the 2008 gold medal game, the Americans finished the group stage 5-0 while Japan dropped to 4-1.

Stewart's first-inning error had led to Japan's run. She bobbled Saku Yamazaki's leadoff grounder to third, and following a sacrifice and Hitomii Kawabata's single, Yamazaki scored on Aubree Munro's

passed ball.

Japan rested Yukiko Ueno, the 39-year-old who beat the U.S. in the 2008 gold medal game started by Cat Osterman, and Miu Goto. Fujita and catcher Yukiyo Mine lost trickle of the outs, starting to run off the field after Michelle Moultrie struck out for the second out of the third.

Fujita, a 30-year-old right-hander who had pitched just once before in the tournament, didn't allow a hit until Haylie McCleney (an Olympic-best 9 for 14) singled to left leading off the sixth.

Janie Reed, whose husband, Jake, was claimed by Tampa Bay off waivers from the Los Angeles Dodgers earlier in the day, reached on an infield hit with a bouncer to shortstop for just her second hit in 13 at-bats, and Valerie Arioto hit a two-out RBI single.

Ally Carda, a 28-year-old right-hander, allowed an unearned run and four hits over 5 1/3 innings in her Olympic mound debut, striking out nine and walking none.

Monica Abbott and Osterman had combined to throw all 29 innings in the first four games.

"Ally Carda has had tremendous success against them," U.S. coach Ken Eriksen said of Japan. "Ally was scheduled for this game as soon as the Olympic team was named, because we knew the schedule. ... If we had to win this game to get into the gold medal game, Ally Carda was still going to get the ball."

Osterman, a 38-year-old lefty, faced two lefties in the sixth and struck out both.

Abbott (3-0) pitched a perfect seventh, adding to two complete game wins and two saves.

"It was a great opportunity for us to be able to experience all three pitchers today before the gold medal game tomorrow," Japan coach Reika Utsugi said through an interpreter.

A 6-foot-3 lanky left-hander, Abbott is likely to start the gold medal game scheduled for Tuesday, a day before her 36th birthday. Rain is in the forecast.

"I wouldn't doubt that you might see four pitchers tomorrow," Eriksen said.

CANADA 8, ITALY 1

Danielle Lawrie and Lauren Regula, sisters of former Major League Baseball players, combined on a four-hitter in a game shortened to six innings under a rout rule.

Larissa Franklin drove in three runs for Canada (3-2), which headed to a bronze medal game against Australia or Mexico.

Lawrie, the 34-year-old sister of former major leaguer Brett Lawrie, allowed an unearned run and four hits in three innings. Regula (1-0), the 39-year-old sister of retired All-Star Jason Bay, struck out five in three hitless innings.

Jen Gilbert, who had been hitless in seven at-bats, had a go-ahead home run over the center-field cameras in the second. Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the 29-year-old Gilbert lives in Denton, Texas.

Franklin hit an RBI double in the third, and errors by shortstop Joey Lye and reliever Alexia Lacatena led to three unearned runs in the fifth, which included Franklin's first sacrifice fly and an RBI single by Jenn Salling, who is 7 for 12.

Victoria Hayward hit a two-run double in the sixth and Franklin followed with another sacrifice fly.

Greta Cecchetti (0-4) allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits in four innings for Italy (0-5), which was outscored 21-1.

Erika Piancastelli caused an Italian team celebration when her second hit, an RBI single in the third, drove in the country's first Olympic run.

# Analysis: For USA Basketball, the time is now to fix things

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

SAITAMA, Japan— Time would solve many problems for the U.S. men's basketball team right now. A few practices to develop chemistry and figure out exactly how these roster pieces fit together would do wonders.

It's not happening.

There is no time. Or, more accurately, this is the time. The U.S. men have two games left in group play at the Tokyo Olympics — Wednesday against Iran and Saturday against the Czech Republic — to figure whatever needs to be figured out. An opening loss to France on Sunday didn't seem to surprise the French much, and in a more ominous sign, didn't seem to surprise the Americans that much either.

"This is the time for us to really hone in, lock in," U.S. center Bam Adebayo said after the 83-76 defeat at the hands of the French.

He's right. The game against Iran — FanDuel says the Americans are 37.5-point favorites — on Wednesday should be a way to build some momentum, going into what could very easily be a win-or-go-home game against the Czechs.

Win both, and the U.S. is headed to the quarterfinals and with a very real chance to win the whole thing. Lose one of the next two, and this almost certainly will go down as the worst showing ever for a nation that has never gone to the Olympics and not won a medal.

"I think that's just what the expectations are when you play for Team USA," guard Damian Lillard said after the Americans wasted a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter in the loss Sunday. "I think we have a history of dominance and, maybe not always blowing people out, but we have a history of winning. It's not often that you see Team USA go out there and lose, especially to start." He added, "I think

that's why a lot of people make it seem like the end of the world."

Losing to France wasn't the end of the world. The U.S. still has time to get things right. And there is reason for hope that things will get better for the Americans.

Khris Middleton, the second-best player on the NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks, played only 5-1/2 minutes on Sunday and missed both of his shots. Devin Booker went 1 for 6. In both cases, it's reasonable to say that flying 6,600 miles the day before just to get to Tokyo after the NBA Finals probably had some sort of effect on their performance.

Lillard shot 3 for 10. Kevin Durant shot 4 for 12. The Americans shot only 31% from 3-point range. They overpassed on some possessions, turning down layups and shooting 3's instead. There didn't seem to be a ton of interest in defense at certain times; Jrue Holiday was a clear exception to that rule, picking up full court even after being on that long flight with Middleton and Booker.

They're better than this. They should play better than this.

"If we put together some good possessions down the road, we'll be fine," Durant said.

Thing is, there's been that sense — "we'll be fine" — since the exhibition losses to Nigeria and Australia. They're not fine. This team has been together, in full, for exactly one game. The chemistry isn't there. It's a bunch of highly talented individuals who know each other and like each other, but if they were a band they would just be making sounds right now in jam sessions. Music isn't happening.

"I think we are more than capable of doing it," said Lillard, who knows a thing or two about how to make music. "I think our No. 1 challenge has been taking a group of talented individuals and turning into a team, in a short amount of time."

They've been saying that for a while now.

And yes, it's clear that the experience other nations have is an advantage for those teams. France's core has played together for years. Spain, Argentina and Australia, too. They all smell blood. They all think the U.S. is vulnerable, and the U.S. is doing nothing to dispel that notion.

"You can definitely tell they're tired of the USA winning," Adebayo said.



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11:30 AM	Jeopardy	Noticiero	Tamron Hall	Young & Restless	Caso Noticias	2020 Tokyo Olympics: Canoe Slalom, Water Polo, 3x3 Basketball, Beach Volleyball.	Charles Dr. Young	Nature Xavier	The Doctors	Maury	Friends	Movie: Fallen, Donald Sutherland	SportsCenter	First Take	MLB Baseball: Rangers at Astros	Tokyo Olympics	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
12:30 PM	GMA3: What's Happening	Rosa de Guadalupe	TMZ Live	News Bold	Juegos Olimpicos de Tokyo 2020		Truth Zion	Molly Hero	Dateline	Paid Prg. Medicare	Friends		SportsCenter				The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
1:30 PM	General Hospital	La madrastra	The People's Court	The Talk			Biblical Dr. Wil	Cyber Pink	The First 48	Medicare Outages	American	(:45) Movie: Lakeview Terrace	Jalen	SportsCenter	Spotlight Focused		The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
2:30 PM	Rachael Ray	Amor eterno	Judge Mathis	Let's Make a Deal	(1:58) Suelta la sopa		Light of Southwest	Pink Elinor	Monk	Jerry American	American		NBA: The Jump	Question Jalen	Polans World	Olympics	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
3:30 PM	Jdg Judy	El gordo y la flaca	The List Mom	Kelly Clarkson	(2:58) Al rojo vivo		Light of Southwest	Donkey Curious	Maury	Jerry Springer	Burgers	(:45) Movie: The Equalizer, Chloë Grace Moretz (DVS)	NFL Live	Question Football	Golf Life Breaking World Poker	2020 Tokyo Olympics	The First 48	Fast N' Loud	
4:30 PM	DailyMail	Primer impacto	Broke Girl	CBS 7 News	Suelta la sopa (SS)	News Inside Ed.	Wonder A Prom	Curious Xavier	25 Words	black-ish Fam. Guy	Burgers		Around Pardon	NFL Live	World	2020 Tokyo Olympics: Triathlon.	Hoarders	Fast N' Loud	
5:30 PM	Big 2	Noticiero	FamFeud	CBS 7 News	Tele Noticias	News News	Christ Cost	Molly Hero	King King	Burgers Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy		SportsCenter	Daily Wager	Life Sports	2020 Tokyo Olympics: Triathlon.	Hoarders	Fast N' Loud	
6:30 PM	News Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	ET	Exatón Es-tados Unidos (SS)	2020 Tokyo Olympics: Diving, Gymnastics, Triathlon, Swimming.	The China Jesus IS	Odd	Law & Order: SVU	Roswell, NM	Fam. Guy	Movie: Shaft, Richard Roundtree (DVS)	MLB Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox.	TBT Documentaries	MLB Baseball: Texas Rangers at Houston Astros.	WWE Monday Night RAW	Hoarders: Coming Clean	Street-Memphis	
7:30 PM	The Bachelorette (DVS)	Diseñando tu amor	Hell's Kitchen	Neighbor Bob Heart			Light of Southwest	Arthur	Law & Order: SVU	Republic-Sarah	Fam. Guy		TBT ESPN Original Document				Dirty Rotten	Getaway Driver	
8:30 PM	Celeb-Dating	La hija	FOX 24 News at 9	NCIS: Los Angeles	Café con aroma de		Light of Southwest	Cyber Pink	Mike Mike	Seinfeld Seinfeld	American Rick	Titans (DVS)	SportsCenter	Woj Sports.	Camp Mavericks	Tokyo Olympics	(:04) Hoarders	(:02) Street Outlaws	
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10:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Contacto deportivo	Mod Fam	Funny James Corden	Juegos Olimpicos Tokyo 2020: Nocturna	2020 Tokyo Olympics: Women's Volleyball	House Dollars	Donkey Tiger	CBS 7 Jokers	Gold	Miracle Wipeout		SportsCenter	Around Pardon	Shogun Fights		Dirty Rotten	Getaway Driver	
11:30 PM	Nightline	Un gancho al	Two Men	Simpsons	Drew Barrymore	Programa Programa	Light of Southwest	Wild Kratt Hero	Minute	BeFlexi	Brooklyn	(:12:50) Movie: Coniagion (DVS)	MLB Baseball: Blue Jays at Red Sox	SportsCenter	UFC Unleashed	18 Holes	2020 Tokyo Olympics	(:05) Hoarders	(:02) Street Outlaws
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Famous Hand**

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K Q 7 5  
♥ 9 8 5  
♦ A 10 8  
♣ 4 3 2

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

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 4  
♥ —  
♦ 9 7 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ 10 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 3 2  
♥ A 10 6  
♦ K J  
♣ A K Q 8 6

The bidding:  
West North East South  
3♥ Pass Pass 3 NT  
Pass 4 NT Pass 6 NT  
Opening lead — king of hearts.

Pietro Forquet, the Italian star who in the 1960's and 70's was regarded by many of his peers as the best player in the world, tells this story on himself. He was playing rubber bridge with his wife as his partner, and he got to six notrump as shown.

West led the king of hearts, taken with the ace, and Forquet ran five club tricks, discarding two hearts from dummy. He next cashed the A-Q of spades, at which point he paused to take stock, since he had only 11 sure tricks in sight.

Tomorrow: Caught in the flow.  
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## Battling My Son's Depression

Dear Annie: My son is soon to be 23 years old. He was two courses short of earning his Bachelor of Science degree in computer science when something bad happened. He would not tell me what. He fell apart and did not graduate.

That was two years ago. We got him into counseling, and he saw several different counselors; he was in group therapy, and they tried different combinations of antidepressants. They've tried something called transcranial magnetic stimulation, which really seemed to work, but then it stopped working.

Now he is considering electroconvulsive therapy. He tells me nothing. He is over 18, so his counselors and doctors will tell me nothing. He asked to be taken to the psychiatric hospital emergency room re-

cently, and he checked himself in for a week.

I decided to tidy up his room, which was an absolute mess. I was also keeping a sharp eye out for anything he may hurt himself with. I found marijuana and some kind of high-tech lung infuser. The marijuana worries me. It won't help with depression, and I did find out that he admitted using it to his psychiatric team. I do not have a clue about how to confront him on it.

I just want my son to get out of the long, dark place where he's been for years now. He could have a fantastic life ahead. He's very smart; he's handsome, literate and fun. Please, where do I start with all this? -- Mom in Need of Miracles

Dear Mom in Need of Miracles: Yes, he could, and potentially will, have a fantastic life. He is going through a rainstorm right now, but

after every rainstorm, there is a rainbow, and that will be the case for your son. He is doing all the necessary things to get help. It is so challenging not to be able to go and fix all of your son's problems right away, but with lots of love from you and with professional treatment from the doctors, your son will thrive. The key is for him to find the right therapist, one who will design a treatment program for his depression.

Depression is a disease, and like any disease, it can be either managed or cured. Marijuana may ease his depression in the moment, but it will exacerbate it in the long run. A good therapist will help him see the importance of a zero-tolerance policy for himself.

Dear Annie: Having worked in customer service for over 20 years, I have found that people are usually pretty patient if they are told the truth

about the delay and are given an ETA, if possible.

Of course, in this fast and furious world, there are businesses that routinely overbook and short staff. I help them out by reducing their customer base by one.

If I am going to be late for an appointment, I call to let them know so they can see someone else in front of me, or so we can reschedule. -- Considerate Guy

Dear Considerate: You are correct that consideration is number one. What a great suggestion. Thank you.

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## Recipe Corner



### Grilling turns the breakfast tables on a beloved staple

Grillmasters insist that just about everything tastes a little better when cooked over a flame. Even though grilling often is reserved for lunch or dinner, there's something to be said about preparing breakfast on those hot grates as well.

According to Andrew Schloss and David Joachim, authors of the cookbook "Mastering the Grill: The Owner's Manual for Outdoor Cooking" (Chronicle Books), there's reckless abandon involved in standing by an open fire in a robe preparing breakfast. It can turn a mundane morning into one right out of a camping expedition.

For their "Grilled French Toast," the extra crunch and slight char grilling provides catapults this

breakfast staple to another level of flavor.

#### Grilled Stuffed French Toast

Makes 4 servings

- 1 loaf Italian bread
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 3/4 cup blueberries
- 5 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half or milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of kosher salt
- Oil for coating grill grate
- 1/4 cup Orange Honey-Butter Glaze (see below)

1. Cut off and discard a small diagonal slice from each end of the bread. Cut the bread on the diagonal into about eight 1 1/2-inch-

thick slices. Cut a slit through the top crust of each slice to form a deep pocket.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the cream cheese, 3 tablespoons of the confectioners' sugar, and the almond extract. Stir in the blueberries and spoon the filling equally into the bread pockets. Lay the stuffed slices of bread in a shallow 4-quart baking dish, such as a 15-by-10-inch dish.

3. Clean and dry the bowl, then use it to whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, vanilla extract, salt, and remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar. Pour the mixture evenly over the bread. Carefully tilt the pan and swirl the egg mixture to completely coat the bread. Let sit for 30 minutes, or cover and refrigerate for up to 8 hours.

4. Heat the grill to 350 F for a gas grill, medium ash

for charcoal, and medium ash for wood.

5. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the French toast on the grill and cook until nicely browned and crisp on the outside, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and, using a pastry or basting brush, brush both sides with the Orange Honey-Butter Glaze.

#### Orange Honey-Butter Glaze

Makes 1/4 cup

- 2 tablespoons butter, well softened
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- Pinch of grated nutmeg

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients until creamy and spreadable like icing. Refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. Soften to a spreadable consistency before using.



# FEATURES

## Newsday Crossword

**PUT A LID ON 'EM** by Sally R. Stein  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bothersome person
  - 5 Mouse-catching device
  - 9 Nebraska city
  - 14 Detest
  - 15 Sly trick
  - 16 Kitchen device that cuts little cubes
  - 17 India's continent
  - 18 Aroma
  - 19 Koran reader's faith
  - 20 Search for
  - 21 "To-go" decaf holders
  - 23 Otherwise
  - 24 Later on
  - 25 Road's black surface
  - 27 "Feline" shout of disapproval
  - 33 Trousers
  - 36 Superlative suffix
  - 38 Pal from the neighborhood
  - 39 Whitish gemstones
  - 40 Actor Gibson or director Brooks
  - 41 Chicken's perch
  - 42 River's flood barrier
  - 43 Mother's Day month
  - 44 Veggies in gumbo
  - 45 Wanderer's adventure
  - 47 "Sunset" prefix for light
  - 48 Airplane-tracking device
  - 51 Nickname for Ireland
  - 55 Kitchen containers that "burp"
  - 60 Father's Day month

- 61 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
  - 62 Vicinity
  - 63 Cost to play a poker hand
  - 64 Vatican leaders
  - 65 Tenant's payment
  - 66 Regretted
  - 67 In good \_\_\_ (physically fit)
  - 68 WWII turning point
  - 69 Quick and agile
- DOWN**
- 1 Stage of a plan
  - 2 Artist's three-legged stand
  - 3 Piggins
  - 4 Stovetop whistlers
  - 5 Rather roomy, as a home garage

- 6 Get \_\_\_ (throw out)
- 7 High in the sky
- 8 With everything done right
- 9 *Garfield* dog
- 10 "None of the above" category: Abbr.
- 11 Human rights org.
- 12 Unruly pile
- 13 Sleeves of shirts
- 22 Historical period
- 26 Donkeys
- 28 Toss or hurl
- 29 Ceramic containers for Oreos
- 30 Love, in Spanish
- 31 *Mona* \_\_\_ (da Vinci work)
- 32 Allows
- 33 Sport played on ponies
- 34 Imitated

- 35 Admiral's fighting force
- 36 Trophy for TV work
- 37 The Caribbean, for example
- 46 Make a mistake
- 47 War-ending pact
- 49 Took a bold chance
- 50 Indoor sports venue
- 52 Accumulate, as debts
- 53 "Global" prefix for national
- 54 Worthy of help
- 55 Toys that spin
- 56 "We're in trouble now"
- 57 Biggest of the Three Bears
- 58 Get ready, for short
- 59 Make simpler

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## SUDOKU

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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!

## CROSSWORD Today's Answers

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C	B	C													

## SUDOKU Today's Answers

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4	2	6	5	9	8	1	3	7
1	3	4	6	8	2	9	4	5
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## Today in History

Today is Monday, July 26, the 207th day of 2021. There are 158 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

- On July 26, 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.
- On this date:
  - In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
  - In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.
  - In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
  - In 1945, the Potsdam Declaration warned Imperial Japan to unconditionally surrender, or face "prompt and utter destruction." Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party; Clement Attlee succeeded him.
  - In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista (fool-HEN-see-oh bah-TEES-tah) (an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba, (Castro ousted Batista in 1959).
  - In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank off New England, some 11 hours after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm; at least 51 people died, from both vessels.
  - In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- In 2002, the Republican-led House voted, 205-192, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.
- In 2006, in a dramatic turnaround from her first murder trial, Andrea Yates was found not guilty by reason of insanity by a Houston jury in the bathtub drownings of her five children; she was committed to a state mental hospital.
- In 2013, Ariel Castro, the man who'd imprisoned three women in his Cleveland home, subjecting them to a decade of rapes and beatings, pleaded guilty to 937 counts in a deal to avoid the death penalty. (Castro later committed suicide in prison.)
- In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.
- In 2017, President Donald Trump announced on Twitter that he would not "accept or allow" transgender people to serve in the U.S. military. (After a legal battle, the Defense Department approved a new policy requiring most individuals to serve in their birth gender.)
- Ten years ago: The White House threatened to veto emergency House legislation that aimed to avert a threatened national default. Democratic Rep. David Wu of Oregon announced he would resign amid the political fallout from an 18-year-old woman's allegations of an unwanted sexual encounter with him, charges that Wu denied.

Colbert is 90. Actor-singer Darlene Love is 80. Singer Brenton Wood is 80. Rock star Mick Jagger is 78. Movie director Peter Hyams is 78. Actor Helen Mirren is 76. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 72. Actor Susan George is 71. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 65. Actor Nana Visitor is 64. Actor Kevin Spacey is 62. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 60. Actor Sandra Bullock is 57. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 57. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 56. Actor Jeremy Piven is 56. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 55. Actor Jason Statham (STAY-thum) is 54. Actor Cress Williams is 51. TV host Chris Harrison is 50. Actor Kate Beckinsale is 48. Actor Gary Owen is 48. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 47. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 44. Actor Eve Myles is 43. Actor Juliet Rylance is 57. Actor Monica Raymund is 35. Actor Caitlin Gerard is 33. Actor Francia Raisa is 33. Actor Bianca Santos is 31. Actor-singer Taylor Momsen is 28. Actor Elizabeth Gillies is 28.

## AGNES

WHAT ARE MARTIAN SANDWICHES? DELECTABLE.

WHERE DID YOU GET A MARTIAN RECIPE? FROM THAT WEIRD OLD MAN OVER ON BEETER STREET.

HE'S BEEN TO MARS? I WAS SO INTRIGUED I FORGOT TO ASK.

## Horoscopes By Holiday

### MONDAY, July 26, 2021

#### Venus Teases Out the Story

The Pisces moon pulling across the sky from Venus releases the art from our souls. We are all the writers of our own stories, but just because we hold the pen doesn't mean we like everything that flows out of it. For those of us who feel like the plot is getting away from us, it's only human. Remember who is in charge, and try again.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You make sure that everyone around you is treated with respect, friendliness and care, and not just by you. You hold all you are affiliated with to the high standard you expect from yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Be sure to include people in a decision-making process. Ask them to work, and give something extra to figuring things out. People will commit to the thing they are involved with. A lack of involvement is a lack of commitment.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're on the lookout for a moment you can own, not sure what it's going to be, and versatile on the matter. You're ready to lob a funny quip, show up with the superstar look or swoop in to save the day.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Someone shares what they want to do and you'll get behind the goal, too, wanting to see it happen almost as badly as they do. It lifts the group when people are devoted to the outcomes of other people's lives.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). When you started this venture, you didn't have an audience in mind, but the more people you shared your journey with, the more people you wanted to see it. Now you have this slight pressure to perform, which makes things interesting.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't agree to the status quo; invent it! You won't know what you're capable of until you go through a process of raising the bar little by little until the level makes you feel keenly alive.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have an idea. You don't need to convince anyone to get on board; you only need to explore, embody and enjoy your idea and the people who are a good fit will naturally involve themselves.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Each person is the center of their own scene, but some seem to own the role more than others. Your story overlaps with that of another in ways most pleasant. It's a co-star situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make your schedule before you start the day because some of what's on your list is hard. In the moment, you are not going to want to do them.

you looking forward to in the next three months? Having a happening to head toward will organize you differently. Your schedule will fill with unexpected delights leading up to the main event.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can assess the situation without judging the people involved. It's a good time to reiterate... everyone is doing the very best they can. When they know better, they will do better.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't wait for instructions or work through a to-do list written by someone else. You'll get the feeling that your ideas are the ones to follow. This isn't arrogance; it's truth. Act on it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 26). Your life quickly improves to meet the new standards you set this solar return. Relationships will be the first change. New connections bring you more creativity and a greater spirit of cooperation. Drama is a thing of the past as you spend more time doing what feeds the best in you and those around you. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 36, 4, 44 and 28.

**DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, VIRGO:** Some people can't see the forest for the trees. Virgo, however, focuses in on the trees and sees not only the forest but also the continent, the earth, the solar system and the universe. For Virgo, attention to detail brings the whole macrocosm into view.

The seemingly mundane is especially alive with psychic information for this practical sign. When Virgo is paying attention, he or she can get signs from things that are a normal part of the daily routine -- grocery store labels, a walk in the neighborhood or junk mail. Virgo need only hone in on the specifics to learn cosmic truth.

One exercise that's perfect for the Virgo's intuitive fitness is to document a dozen things about a daily experience, such as breakfast. You can write, take a picture, record the sounds, sketch or other. What do you notice about the cereal box? The bowl? The light from the window? Once you have a dozen details, go deeper. Find a dozen more. Then, usually by the third dozen, the creative energy starts flowing. Follow your train of thought wherever it goes, and don't censor yourself. Ask, "If this experience of breakfast had a message for me, what would it be?"

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Mick Jagger recently collaborated with David Grohl on a single, "Eazy Sleazy," a song about the absurdities of these pandemic times. On stage, Jagger is a stick of dynamite, and it's no surprise the quintessential rock star has five natal planets in the sign of lion-sized showmanship. Mars in Taurus is a sign of tenacity, longevity and an abiding love of the finer things in life. Venus and Neptune in Virgo are the indicators of a voracious appetite for work.

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## ANDY CAPP

I FEEL STUCK IN A RUT, ANDY, GOING TO THE PUB EVERY SINGLE NIGHT GUZZLING BEER.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU NEED A BIG CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE, CHALKIE.

WHY DON'T YOU DRINK CIDER INSTEAD?

## ONE BIG HAPPY

UH, YEAH, AND I'D LIKE TO ORDER AHEAD.

I DON'T NEED ANOTHER ONE!

## ARCHIE

TECHNOLOGY IS AMAZING! HERE I AM, WAY UP IN THE HILLS ENJOYING THE DAY WITH YOU...

AND YET, I CAN STILL TALK TO VERONICA ANYTIME I FEEL LIKE!

VERONICA, CAN YOU COME PICK ME UP?

## THE BARN

I LOVE IT WHEN THE TURBO KICKS IN!

SLOW DOWN, YOU YOUNG HOODLUM!