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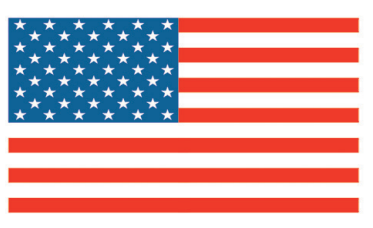
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*SMMC Back to School Health Splash  
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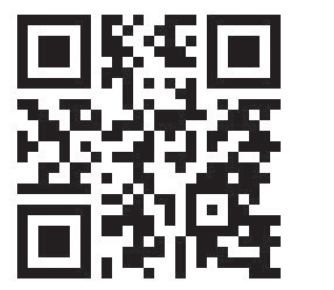
*Russ McEwen Aquatic Center is now open; closed Mondays for private parties*

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

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## County heads reconsider carpool rule

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

During their meeting Monday, Howard County Commissioners first approved, then rescinded their approval of a proposal to require county employees traveling out-of-town to carpool.

“If two or more employees are traveling, that they share the same vehicle,” County Auditor Jackie Olson said, in explaining the intent of the proposed rule.

Commissioners initially approved the rule, but then thought better of it.

“You have some people that might go to a conference, but they only need half those hours, so they want to come back early,” Commissioner Craig Bailey observed.

County Judge Kathryn Wiseman related an anecdote regarding when she and the County Sheriff both needed to travel to a conference, but were plan-

ning to travel to different places when the conference ended.

“I don’t know,” she said. “I don’t know if this is going to fly.”

The commissioners unanimously voted to rescind their approval of the rule, planning on having it reworded and re-presented at a future meeting.

Commissioners also approved the county’s 5-year Emergency Management Plan and approved an interlocal agreement for a public defender for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Sharon Adams presented personnel considerations and her Treasurer’s Quarterly Report. Adams also presented the county’s Employee Handbook for its annual approval, which passed unanimously.

In addition to the carpool proposal, Olson also presented invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. She presented a request to go out for bids on fencing for the county, which

was unanimously approved by the commissioners.

The meeting’s agenda called for Commissioner Jimmie Long (Precinct 3) to present an item regarding application of an existing 10-acre lot by Maverick Engineering, but Long was absent from the meeting. The item was tabled.

Judge Wiseman read a letter presented during a closed session prior to the meeting.

“We did have something in closed session and were addressing the problem of offices being closed for business during the week, especially Friday afternoon,” she said. “A lot of our county offices have been closing on Friday afternoon. This letter is a reminder that all Howard County offices are to remain open every business day, including all day Friday. Elected officials only may

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## Seal coat project moving along as scheduled

**Special to the Herald**

On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, crews will finish seal coating on South Goliad before beginning work in District 4 to seal coat the following areas:

- Douglas Street from MLK Boulevard to West 14th Street
- Pennsylvania Avenue from West 18th Street to MLK Boulevard
- South Aylesford Street from West 16th Street to the dead end
- West 15th Street from Pennsylvania to South Aylesford
- Pennsylvania Avenue from Ryon Street to West 18th Street
- Hillside Drive from Edwards Boulevard to South Lancaster



To complete the project more efficiently, the public is asked to remove ALL vehicles from specified roadways. Citizens are advised that vehicles will need to

be removed from the roadway when the work crews are working on the designated street. There will be an attempt to contact vehicle owners to move their vehicles by knocking on doors. The towing of vehicles will only be done as a last resort for vehicles parked on the street in areas being seal coated. Towing of vehicles will be done at the owner’s expense.

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## Big Sandy Landfill Opening; FM 700 Landfill Closing

**Herald Staff Report**

Big Spring’s new Big Sandy Landfill will officially open for business Wednesday, July 28.

According to a press release issued by the city’s Public Works Office:

“The City of Big Spring is proud to announce the grand opening of the new BIG SANDY LANDFILL on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. The City landfill on East FM 700 will close effective Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 5 p.m. This closure is permanent.

All waste from the public and commercial companies should be taken to the Big Sandy Landfill effective July 28, 2021. Cash and credit card transactions will be accepted. The Big Sandy Landfill is located at 3601 Old Colorado City Highway and will be open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed on Sundays.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate everyone’s patience as we transition operations to the Big Sandy Landfill. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.

## Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees to convene Thursday, interlocal agreements up for discussion

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Coahoma Independent School District will be holding a regular meeting Thursday, at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Board Room. The community is encouraged to attend.

Once the roll call has taken place and a quorum has been established, the meeting will be called to order and the opening ceremony conducted. The open forum will take place allowing for those wishing to address the council an opportunity to do so.

The board members will move to approve the consent agenda once the open forum has concluded. The con-

sent agenda includes minutes from previous meetings, budget amendments and an interlocal agreement with ESC Region 18 Purchasing Cooperative.

The consent agenda will also include discussion and possible approval of 2021-2022 Cafeteria Lunch Prices as well as T Tess/Press (Appraiser Calendar), and the DAEP interlocal agreement. An MOU with Angelo State University could also be approved before hearing

bleacher seat replacements.

With the new school year right around the corner, board members will hear the Covid-19 Return to School Plan and possibly approve before moving into the Budget Workshop.

An athletic update will be provided to the Board along with informational items: Enrollment/ADA/WADA Report, financial reports and board meeting dates.

The Superintendent Report will include discussion on the TASA TASB Convention and Homeschool Extra Curricular participation.

Before heading into an executive session to discuss personnel, the board will hear staff resignations.

Upon returning to open session, consideration and possible approval to offer employment contract for the 2021-2022 School Year.



Update 117.  
 The Board will look to approve a bid for the play field lighting replacement along with metal roofing and metal



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## Police blotter

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

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

- **MATTHEW LOUIS ALMAZAN**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$750 and \$2,500 bond forfeiture.
- **DANNY DWAYNE ANDERSON**, 58, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of open container in motor vehicle, operate motor vehicle without financial, failure to identify, parole violation.
- **ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON**, 49, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of bail jumping and fail to appear, ride not secured by safety belt, ride not secured by safety belt.
- **WANDA MARIE BROWN**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief impair/interrupt.
- **ANSELMO CANO**, 75, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated second.
- **STEPHEN PAUL CAVAZOS**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **KODY CHANCE JACKSON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, credit card or debit card abuse, bail jumping and fail to appear.

- **JOHNNY LEE JUAREZ**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence.
- **KERRY RYAN MILLS**, 44, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CATON SHEA POWELL**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property between \$100 and \$750.
- **CHASITY ELAINE RODRIGUEZ**, 37, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750.
- **JOSHUA ISAIAH RODRIGUEZ**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **FREDRICK RUBIO JR**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass, criminal mischief between \$100 and \$750, and evading arrest detention.

## Take Note

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

• The Great Courses history video lecture series is taking place each Wednesday in the Theater Room in the First Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Runnels Street. No charge for the lectures.

• Howard County Community Health Center is offering the Moderna, a two dose and Janseen, a single dose, Covid-19 vaccine to those over the age of 18. Businesses, churches, groups or organizations of 10 members or more who would like the vaccine can schedule a time to have a mobile vaccine clinic. The staff will to the business, church, or organization to administer the vaccine. For ore information, call 806-894-7842 ext 178 or 124 or e-mail Covid19@sprhs.org

• Maranatha Baptist Academy is now enrolling for 2021-2022 School year. We offer summer session of 4 weeks in the middle of summer. We begin August 2, 2021, and are a year round school. We service home school as well as in-house school for Kindergarten through High School graduation. In operation for 40 years, we understand the spectrum of curriculum necessary for a good foundation for careers and college education. Please contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046 for further information about tuition, hours, and anything else you might want to know about our education successes, or come by and see us at 903 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

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

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more. To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

• VFW Post 2013 meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. New members are being sought. The Post is located at 500 Driver Rd. Qualified veterans, those who have served in a foreign war, who are interested in joining the VFW are encouraged to attend a meeting to find out more information.

• DivorceCare is a biblical support group for those facing divorce or separation. Each DVD session features nationally respected experts, such as Christian Counselors and Pastors. Small group discussions and workbook exercises help participants apply the information to their own situations.

We cover pertinent issues like: • Will I survive? • How to get out of debt. • How do you know when you are ready for a new relationship? • How to lessen the impact of divorce on your children. • Is reconciliation possible? There is no charge for attendance. 13-week seminars are held two times per year on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at

Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Visit the DivorceCare Ministry of TBC Facebook page for information. You can also call Donna Burcham at 267-6344 for information on seminar dates and how you can register to attend.

• O'Neal-Kunkle, Chapter #47 of the Disabled American Vets (D.A.V.), meets the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at 2204 Runnels Street. For more information, please contact Mike Tarpley for more information at 432-556-2227.

• 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. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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

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

## Obituaries

### Mary Newton Rosson

Mary Newton Rosson, 92, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 23, 2021. A visitation will be held on Friday, July 30, at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m. A service/interment will follow at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2021, at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of E. FM 700. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main Street. 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 100 block of Carey Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2700 block of Monticello. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### 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](mailto:editor@BigSpringherald.com) or call 432-263-7331.

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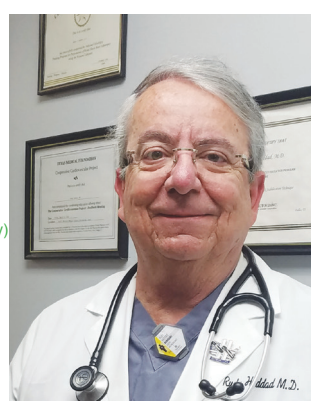
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# COUNTY

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determine their own working hours. All county employees are expected to be on the job each day during office hours, unless there is an emergency.”

The commissioners unanimously approved the letter.

Elections Administrator Jodi Duck was present at the meeting to request the commissioners order a general election and a special election for Nov. 2,

to be held in conjunction with City, National and State elections.

According to Duck, the final day to register to vote in time for the upcoming election is Oct. 4. Early voting will run from Oct. 18-29.

Commissioners unanimously approved ordering the election.

County Road Engineer Brian Klinksiek presented the second reading of an action to name a road in Precinct 3 “Sam’s Road.” The item was approved at the commissioners’ previous meeting, and

also unanimously approved it on second reading Monday.

Commissioners also approved an update to the Texas Department of Transportation’s County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant List of transportation projects, and approved Klinksiek’s regular Roadway Maintenance Update.

The commissioners will hold a special meeting this Friday, July 30, at 10 a.m. The Herald will publish an advance story on that meeting this week.

## Take Note (cont.)

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

at 11:30 a.m., with Dutch treat lunch and meeting at noon.

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

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

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main

St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital’s patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community

Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fundraisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- Kindred at Home needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Shiela Crockett at 466-9034.

# Noem jumps into policy debate on border visit

By STEPHEN GROVES

Associated Press

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem’s whirlwind tour of the U.S. border with Mexico on Monday was filled with climbing into military vehicles, visiting with troops and positioning herself as tough on an issue that’s sure to loom large in 2024 presidential debates.

The Republican governor flew to McAllen, Texas, to check in on the roughly 50 National Guard members who volunteered for a 30-day deployment. She heard how troops have encountered many children crossing and are eager to be stationed where even more people cross the border each night.

“The reality of it is astonishing,” Noem told The Associated Press after meeting with the troops. “What our soldiers are seeing is a porous border.”

The ambitious governor’s first visit to the border gives her a chance to pick up where former President Donald Trump left off in making hard-line immigration measures a driving force of the Republican Party. Noem eagerly joined the political fight with President Joe Biden after a surge in border crossings, sending the South Dakota Guard members to aid Texas’ push to arrest people crossing the

border illegally and charge them with state crimes.

But the governor has also stepped into a border policy debate that has no easy answers. She described how National Guard members are eager to help with border security, but have also been thrust into an environment where it’s difficult to determine why people are crossing.

Large numbers of migrants have been showing up at the U.S. border with Mexico, with many turning themselves over to U.S. Border Patrol agents in seeking legal asylum status. U.S. officials reported this month that they had encountered 55,805 members of families with children in June, up 25% from the previous month. That figure still remains far below the high of 88,587 in May 2019.

For any Republican eyeing a 2024 presidential bid, a trip to the U.S.-Mexico border may become as necessary as visiting early primary states. Among the governors who have joined Gov. Greg Abbott’s initiative, Noem and Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis are the only ones to make a visit so far.

Noem posed for photos with troops stationed on the Rio Grande River, inspected night-vision-enabled military trucks, and staged a news conference with

the border as a backdrop.

However, Noem’s trip comes with its own political baggage: She was fiercely criticized for accepting \$1 million from a Republican donor to fund the deployment. Military experts said it set a troubling precedent that sent a message that military troops could be deployed at the behest of private donors.

But Noem brushed aside those concerns, and instead cast the donation as proof she is fiscally conservative. By accepting the donation, she argued, she was saving taxpayer money. And she was already eager to join the border fight when Tennessee billionaire Willis Johnson called with his \$1 million offer — she was just deliberating whether to send police officers or National Guard troops.

Meanwhile, Texas authorities last week began arresting people along the border on trespassing charges. At least 10 people were jailed, but the number of migrant arrests could increase to as many as 100 or 200 per day, according to authorities.

As Noem made her first foray into border policy, she appeared ready to double-down on a tough-on-immigration stance that is sure to be a talking point for years to come.

“It appears to us that more resources are necessary,” she said.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Mary Newton Rosson, 92, died Friday. She will lie in state Friday, 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Graveside service will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park in the Peace Chapel.

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# Houston-area woman charged with murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area woman who said she shot a homeless person who attacked or approached her aggressively was charged with murder Monday after investigators found her account false.

Christine Alexandra Fesus, 34, was charged Monday in the death of DeAndrea Citizen, 36, in a suburban Houston supermarket parking lot.

The incident happened shortly before midnight Sunday in the county’s unincorporated northern suburbs about 18 miles (29 kilometers) north of Houston, Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said.

Fesus reported she was walking her dog when she was attacked.

However, witnesses said Fesus did not appear to be threatened when she shot Citizen, Gonzalez said.

Rather, they told investigators that Fesus approached Citizen before shooting her. Fesus was charged after investigators reviewed surveillance video that supported the witness statements, Gonzalez said.

Fesus remained in Harris County Jail pending a preliminary court appearance scheduled for Wednesday.

Court records list no attorney who could speak for Fesus.

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# SEAL

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

The City of Big Spring regrets any inconvenience related to the seal coating program and requests the public’s patience during the project. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Office at 432-264-2501.

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# Doing It For The A: Alaska's first Olympic swimmer wins a gold medal

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO — When you're a swimmer from Alaska, there are some misguided stereotypes that must be laughed off.

Lydia Jacoby has surely heard them all before. "She practically swims in iced-over lakes," teammate Gunnar Bentz said.

Uhh, no.

Jacoby does her swimming at a pool, though even that has been a bit of a challenge during the coronavirus era.

No matter.

She's an Olympic champion.

Jacoby, a 17-year-old who hails from tiny town of Seward, Alaska (population: 2,773), pulled off a stunning upset in the 100-meter breaststroke Tuesday, knocking off defending champion and fellow American Lilly King.

Jacoby had already distinguished herself as the first swimmer from the 49th state to make the U.S. Olympic swimming team.

She capped her remarkable journey with the biggest prize of all — before she even starts her senior year of high school.

A lot of big-name swimmers come from big, powerhouse clubs," Jacoby said. "Me coming from a small club, in a state with such a small population, really shows everyone that you can do it no matter where you're from."

Other athletes chimed in on Jacoby's accomplishment.

"Thinking this is why we watch sports," two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson tweeted. "To see a 17 year old from Alaska take the gold. Amazing stuff!!"

Jacoby grew up around the water.

Her parents are both boat captains, taking tour-

ists on whale-watching tours off the stunning Alaskan coast. The family also has a sailboat, so their daughter joined a local swim team at age 6.

"They just wanted me to be safe in the water," she said.

Before long, she was swimming faster than everyone else her age.

"When I was about 12, I broke my first state record," Jacoby recalled. "That was kind of when I realized it was something that I excelled at."

Not that she's a one-hit wonder.

Jacoby also plays several musical instruments and sang in a bluegrass group, the Snow River String Band.

"In my town we used to have a bluegrass camp for kids every summer," she said. "We eventually formed a band and played together five or six years at different festivals in Alaska."

Jacoby is one of those who benefitted from the Olympics being pushed back a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, though it didn't always seem that way. Her local pool closed as COVID-19 spread around the world, forcing her train at a pool about 2 1/2 hours away in the state's biggest city, Anchorage.

She had qualified to swim at the U.S. Olympic trials in 2020, though she didn't have much shot of making the team.

In fact, her family had already made plans to visit Tokyo as spectators, planning to soak up the atmosphere and give Jacoby an idea of what she'd be chasing in 2024.

Of course, the pandemic changed everything. Jacoby kept training and knocking off time at a dizzying rate, greatly improving her chances by the time the trials were finally held last month. She qualified in the 100 breast, claiming the second spot on the team behind King.

"I definitely knew she was a threat and saw a lot

of myself in her," King said.

Jacoby believed she had a shot at a medal in Tokyo, but she never thought it would be gold. King was still considered the swimmer to beat, and South Africa's Tatjana Schoenmaker posted the fastest qualifying time in the semifinals.

Schoenmaker jumped ahead on the first trip down the pool, with King in dedicated pursuit. Jacoby was third as they made the turn, but the teenager — her head bobbing furiously in the water — zipped past King and glided to the wall just ahead of the South African.

"I just wanted to help her out as much as I could, and unfortunately, I helped her out a little too much," King joked.

Back in Alaska, where Jacoby's friends and family were holding a watch party in the late afternoon, the place went nuts when the "1" popped up beside her name.

Jacoby whipped around to check out the scoreboard, looking a bit stunned at what she saw. It didn't really seem to sink in until Schoenmaker reached across the lane rope to give her a hug.

King quickly joined them, bounding over two lanes to congratulate her young protégé.

"I was definitely racing for a medal. I knew I had it in me," Jacoby said. "I wasn't really expecting a gold medal, so when I looked up and saw the scoreboard, it was insane."

Pandemic, Jacoby will return to Seward High School this fall for her senior year. After that, she head to the Lower 48 to attend the University of Texas, where she'll fit right in on the Longhorns' powerhouse program.

She'll never forget her Alaskan roots, though.

"I have been representing my state for a long time, since I was really little," Jacoby said. "It just means a lot to have them continuing to back me."

# Moore slam completes 7-run comeback as Mariners stun Astros

By DAIMON EKLUND

Associated Press

SEATTLE— Dylan Moore hit a grand slam in the eighth inning to lift the Seattle Mariners to an 11-8 comeback win against the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Houston scored six runs in the first and led 7-0 in the fourth before Seattle started to rally. The seven-run deficit is the most the Mariners have overcome this season, and the largest cushion the AL West-leading Astros have lost.

In the eighth, the Mariners loaded the bases with two outs down 8-7. Moore launched reliever Brooks Raley's 1-1 pitch into the left field second deck for his fourth homer of the season to complete the comeback.

"It's hard to describe. It boils down to the best baseball moment of my career so far," Moore said.

After giving up Moore's slam, Raley hit J.P. Crawford in the back with a 3-1 pitch and was ejected. Crawford had three hits and scored twice.

Kendall Graveman (4-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Paul Sewald earned his fourth save with a perfect ninth.

"It's tough when you get down like that, and certainly against a team that's leading the division with one of the best records in baseball," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "You're in a situation where we're at in the standings fighting for something against the first-place team, so this one's pretty darn special."

Ryne Stanek (1-2) took the loss.

Six straight Houston batters scored in the opening inning against rookie Darren McCaughan, making his first career start. Martin Maldonado added a solo homer in the fourth.

The Mariners made it a game with a three-run double by Cal Raleigh in the fourth and a three-run homer from Kyle Seager in the fifth.

"This hurts a lot. We made some mistakes, we walked some hitters," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "We couldn't put the horse back in the barn and we didn't score anymore. We know their bullpen has been pitching great lately."

Houston starter Luis Garcia allowed career highs of six runs, five earned. He gave up six hits and a walk while striking out nine.

The start for McCaughan came after he pitched five no-hit innings in his major league debut against the Rockies last Wednesday.

McCaughan got leadoff hitter Jose Altuve for his first career strikeout but gave up his first hit to the next batter when Michael Brantley's comebacker deflected off his glove. The Astros just kept hitting, with six runs scoring before McCaughan got a second out. Kyle Tucker's three-run homer was the biggest blow, followed by a solo shot from Abraham Toro.

McCaughan regrouped, pitching four innings and giving up seven runs overall. With the Mariners' bullpen depleted after a tough previous series against the Athletics, getting a few extra innings after the rough start was crucial for Seattle.

"We don't have anybody else available tonight. He had to go four innings for us in this game to have any chance," Servais said. "Literally after the first inning and how it was going, you're starting to think, do I need to throw a position player at the end of this thing? We were that short on the pitching side."

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Raley said it was the first time he'd ever been thrown out of a game.

"Major league, minor league, anywhere. There was no intention there. Ball got away from me," he said.

After Crawford was hit, Servais appeared to be the most animated, yelling from the dugout steps.

"You can't let pitches get away like that and hit somebody after you give up a grand slam," Servais said. "Was it on purpose? I don't know. It was a very emotional game and I'm glad he got ejected."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: INF Aledmys Diaz (broken left hand) was activated from the 10-day injured list and INF Robel Garcia was optioned to Triple-A Sugar Land.

Mariners: OF Jake Fraley will start a rehab assignment with Triple-A Tacoma this week after being on the COVID-19 injured list since July 18. Fraley took part in the pregame workout, Servais said. ... LHP Justus Sheffield (left forearm strain) threw off a mound Sunday and is expected to throw a full bullpen Wednesday.

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## Herbs and some meds don't mix

Herbal remedies may be used to treat symptoms of many conditions and can often be a viable tool in an overall health plan. But there is a dearth of research evaluating the use of herbal medicines, particularly in clinical trial. However, The Mayo Clinic says about one-half of adults in the United States reports having used at least one dietary supplement in the previous

month, though research indicates that only about 34 percent of people who take herbal supplements tell their doctors about it, even those who are taking a prescription medication. Just because a substance is naturally derived does not make it entirely safe to use in all instances. In fact, many herbs can interact poorly with other drugs.

According to the article "Use of Herbal Medicines and Implications for Conventional Drug Therapy Medical Sciences," published in

2013 by researchers at the University of Texas and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, although many benefits can be derived from the use of herbs, potential areas of concern include possible product contamination and/or adulterations, potential toxicity and high potential of known and unknown drug/herb interactions. Herbal medicines are not standardized and monitored like prescription and over-the-counter medication, so safe use cannot be guaranteed.

The information provided here should not replace the advice of a qualified physician. However, these are some known medication-herb interactions that can occur.

### Heart health

Several popular supplements, including Coenzyme Q-10, St. John's Wort and Danshen, can interact with common heart medications. It is important to read how these herbs can interact with Warfarin, calcium channel blockers, anticoagulants, and digoxin, among others. Interactions can include everything from reductions in drug efficacy to increased risk of bleeding to irregular heartbeat, states the Mayo Clinic.

### Women's health

Women who are going through menopause and have experienced hot flashes, painful menstruation and other vaginal conditions may take black cohosh. But there is concern that black cohosh may

enhance liver toxicity when taken with certain medications, such as atorvastatin, acetaminophen and alcohol, according to Drugs.com.

### Colds and respiratory health

Historically, goldenseal has been used for various health conditions of the skin, ulcers and respiratory infections. Goldenseal is a potent inhibitor of liver enzymes. A 2012 review from the National Institutes of Health found that goldenseal has a high herb-drug interaction risk.

### Mental well-being

Herbal remedies may help people treat anxiety, insomnia and depression. Kava and

St. John's Wort are two herbs used for these conditions. There is some evidence that use of kava while taking CNS depressants, such as benzodiazepines and sedation drugs, can increase risk of drowsiness and motor reflex depression, says NIH. St. John's Wort has many documented significant interactions with oral contraceptives, coumadin, immunosuppressant drugs, and benzodiazepines, among others. Taking St. John's Wort in conjunction with other antidepressants can lead to serotonin-related side effects.

Although herbs can be used successfully, caution is needed when combining them with other medications. They should be treated just as any drug and discussed with a medical professional or pharmacist prior to use

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Contract Bridge Caught in the flow

By Steve Becker

Bridge hand details including 'South dealer', 'Both sides vulnerable', 'NORTH' and 'WEST' hands, and bidding information.

doubleton diamond. Accordingly, he continued with the ace and another diamond, taken by declarer's jack as everyone followed suit.

South was so delighted by this turn of events that he quickly cashed the king of spades and then led a spade to the ace, planning next to discard his club loser on the king of diamonds.

South had every reason to be grateful for the defense he received, but after the jack of diamonds held, he should have paused to assess the situation.

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Annie's Mailbox

Forgive to Reconnect With Sons

Dear Annie: My wife and I have been married for four years. I have never been married before, and my wife, "Gertrude," was divorced when we married.

While dating, Gertrude told me about how her ex-husband would verbally abuse her and her child. But now Gertrude is treating me the same way she says she was treated by her ex, making the same types of comments and doing to me almost exactly what she told me he did to her, yelling and screaming for nothing.

I have mentioned to her several times that she is treating me exactly how she described her ex-husband treating her. I am getting extremely frustrated.

I love my wife and want our marriage to last. I have asked her to stop treating me in such a way, but it continues. Gertrude and

her ex were married for 10 years, and we met two years after their divorce. I cook, clean, do yard work, work full-time and pay the bills -- all the things she complained her ex never did. What advice can you give? -- Extremely Frustrated

Dear Extremely Frustrated: Seek marriage counseling as soon as you can. If your wife refuses to go, then attend counseling alone. No one deserves to be verbally abused. It can be as damaging to your self-esteem and just overall sense of happiness as being physically abused.

When you tell her that she is treating you the same way her ex treated her, what does she say? If she agrees and says she wants to change, there is hope. If she gets defensive and blames you, then saving this marriage will be much harder.

Both partners have to want to change their behavior and have mutual respect for each other. First, you must respect yourself

enough to stop this behavior.

Dear Annie: I have three sons with whom I have no relationship. Two are drug addicts and alcoholics, and one is a narcissist. Their father was emotionally abusive, and after 22 years of marriage and much counseling, I finally divorced him.

My sons don't care about me, let alone love me. I have tried for the past 20 years, since the divorce, to have a close relationship, but to no avail. They just don't care. My heart has been broken in two over and over. My therapist agrees with me to let it go by not contacting them anymore since they never respond. It's so hard, but I'm trying. If I completely let go, I know I'll never ever hear from them again. -- Should I Let Go for My Own Sanity?

Dear Should I Let Go: Your sons had a very turbulent childhood, and most likely, they love you but are just mad at you, their

father and the entire situation. Hurt people hurt people, and it sounds like they are hurting with alcohol, drugs and narcissism. I'm not sure you can "let go" of your children, no matter how old they are. What you can do is work on your own anger, hurt and regret about what happened and heal from it.

The more you forgive yourself, your ex-husband and actions that your grown children have done by pushing you away, the more at peace you will be. The more you are at peace, the greater likelihood they will come back to you when they are ready and in need of support. If they don't come back, at least you will be living with more joy.

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COUNTY FAIR WORD SEARCH

Vertical word search grid consisting of letters arranged in columns for finding hidden words.

WORDS

- AGRICULTURE
BALLOONS
BANNER
BOOTH
BUMPER CARS
CHICKENS
CHILDREN
COTTON CANDY
ENTERTAIN
ENTRANCE
FAIRGROUNDS
FERRIS WHEEL
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
FUNNEL CAKE
GATHERING
LAUGHTER
LEMONADE
LIVESTOCK
POPCORN
RIDES
SNACKS
SUMMER
TICKETS

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

# FEATURES

## Newsday Crossword

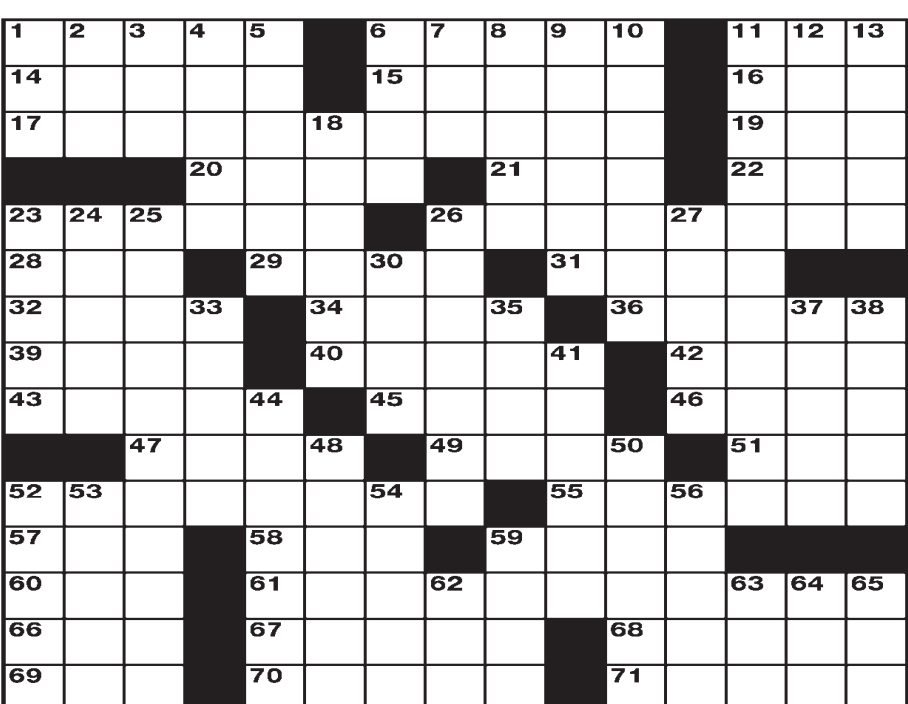
SEASONALITY by Billie Truitt  
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Remnant of a chopped-down tree
  - 6 "March King" John Philip \_\_\_
  - 11 Ready-made lawn material
  - 14 Mistake
  - 15 Removes from power
  - 16 Teacher at a golf course
  - 17 Late December school vacation
  - 19 Ewe's mate
  - 20 What contact lenses cover
  - 21 "\_\_\_ the season to be jolly"
  - 22 Suffix meaning "inhabitant"
  - 23 Long guns
  - 26 Cooped up
  - 28 Nest-egg acronym
  - 29 Nod off
  - 31 Tune
  - 32 Lavish party
  - 34 Nevada gambling city
  - 36 Castaways' transports
  - 39 "\_\_\_ never work!"
  - 40 Chores to do
  - 42 Used to be
  - 43 Reschedule for later
  - 45 Enticement
  - 46 Make level
  - 47 Rocks taken from mines
  - 49 Long-tailed rodents
  - 51 Come to a halt
  - 52 \_\_\_ choice (exam type)
  - 55 Helpings after seconds
  - 57 "Either you tell them, \_\_\_ will"
  - 58 Hunters' org.

- 59 Lima or garbanzo
  - 60 Unfilled, as a time slot: Abbr.
  - 61 Warm-weather Olympics
  - 66 Label on a gift
  - 67 Clinch the deal, informally
  - 68 Garden statuette
  - 69 \_\_\_ in a million (rare)
  - 70 Uncool people
  - 71 Busybody
- DOWN**
- 1 Assemble with thread
  - 2 Two less than penta-
  - 3 Large coffeepot
  - 4 Lodging near an interstate
  - 5 Victimized, with "upon"

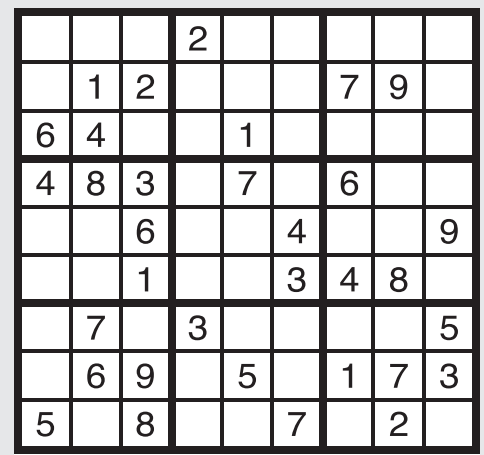
- 6 Weeps loudly
- 7 Your and my
- 8 Be of \_\_\_ (assist)
- 9 Marks left by spills
- 10 Makes a request to get
- 11 Post-thaw restlessness
- 12 Deliver a speech
- 13 Having a rounded roof
- 18 Large vacation facility
- 23 Stiff as a board
- 24 Extremely angry
- 25 October color-changing of leaves
- 26 Official rebuke
- 27 Highly impressed
- 30 Enthusiasm
- 33 Paying careful attention

- 35 Cajun vegetable
- 37 General tendency
- 38 Drops in the mail
- 41 Irish \_\_\_ (hunting dog)
- 44 Brings under control
- 48 Evergreen tree
- 50 Very furry, as a sheepdog
- 52 Inspirational slogan
- 53 Of cities
- 54 Less plausible, as an excuse
- 56 Silly
- 59 Makes a wager
- 62 Prefix meaning "halfway"
- 63 Labor Day day: Abbr.
- 64 CPR expert
- 65 Briny body of water



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## SUDOKU



Level: Beginner

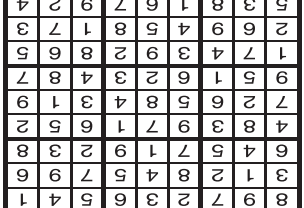
**Like puzzles?**  
Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

## CROSSWORD Today's Answers



## SUDOKU Today's Answers



## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 27, the 208th day of 2021. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing, exonerating security guard Richard Jewell, who had been wrongly suspected.)

On this date:

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finished laying out the first successful underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe (a previous cable in 1858 burned out after only a few weeks' use).

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Virginia, for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1919, race-related rioting erupted in Chicago; the violence, which claimed the lives of 23 Blacks and 15 whites, lasted until Aug. 3.

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day Black militant H. Rap Brown told a press conference in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1981, 6-year-old Adam Walsh was abducted from a department store in Hollywood, Fla., and was later murdered. (His father, John Walsh, became a well-known crime victims' advocate.)

In 1995, the Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington by President Bill Clinton and South Korean President Kim Young-sam.

In 2015, the Boy Scouts of America ended its blanket ban on gay adult leaders while allowing church-sponsored Scout units to maintain the exclusion for religious reasons.

Ten years ago: A Russian space official (Vitaly Davydov) said that once the mammoth International Space Station was no longer needed, it would be sent into

the Pacific Ocean. Ervin Santana pitched the first solo no-hitter for the Angels in nearly 27 years, striking out 10 and leading Los Angeles over Cleveland 3-1. Former New York Yankees pitcher Hideki Irabu, 42, was found dead of an apparent suicide in the affluent Los Angeles suburb of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, addressing cheering delegates at the Democratic convention in Philadelphia, implored Americans to elect Hillary Clinton to the White House, casting her as a candidate who believed in the optimism that drove the nation's democracy and warning against the "deeply pessimistic vision" of Republican Donald Trump. More than a year after Freddie Gray, a Black man, suffered a broken neck in a Baltimore police van, the effort to hold six officers criminally responsible for his death collapsed when the city abruptly dropped all charges in the case.

One year ago: Congressional leaders from both parties praised the late civil rights icon and Democratic Rep. John Lewis as a moral force for the nation in a memorial service in the Capitol Rotunda. The world's biggest COVID-19 vaccine study began

with the first of 30,000 planned volunteers helping to test shots created by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. The White House said President Donald Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, was self-isolating after becoming the highest-ranking official to test positive for the coronavirus. More than a dozen Miami Marlins players and staff tested positive for COVID-19 in an outbreak that stranded the team in Philadelphia, disrupting the major league baseball schedule on the fifth day of the pandemic-delayed season.

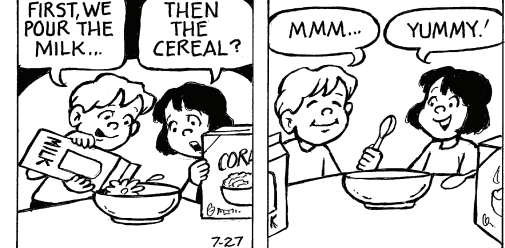
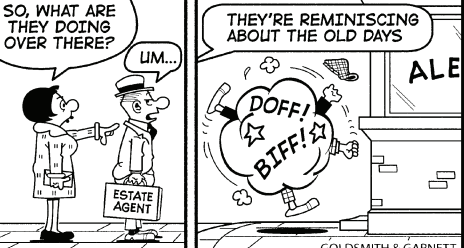
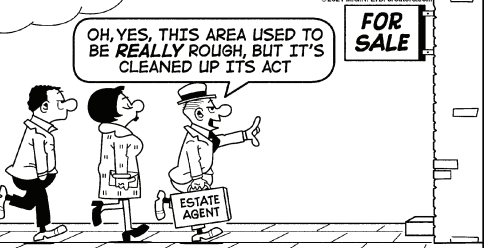
Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 99. Actor John Pleshette is 79. Actor-director Betty Thomas is 74. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 73. Singer Maureen McGovern is 72. Rock musician Tris Imboden (formerly with Chicago) is 70. Actor Roxanne Hart is 67. Comedian-actor-writer Carol Leifer is 65. Comedian Bill Engvall is 64. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 59. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 54. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 54. Actor Julian McMahon is 53. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Nik-koh-lye KAH-stur WAHL-dah) is 51. Comedian Mava Rudolph is 49.

## AGNES

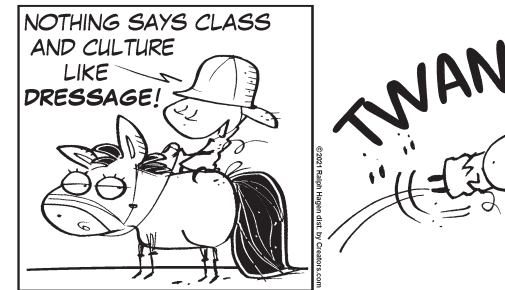
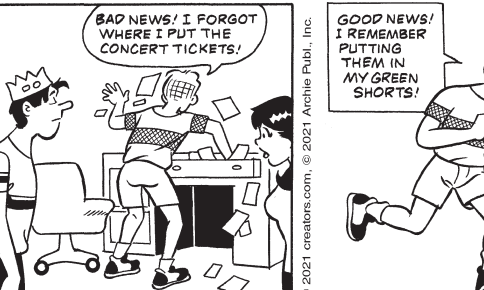


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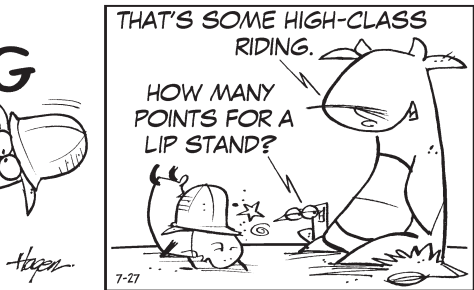
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## Horoscopes By Holiday

### TUESDAY, July 27, 2021

#### Mercury Enters Leo

A communication tip as Mercury enters Leo: To cultivate a style of getting your message across is less than half of what it takes to be a good communicator. Since success depends on bridging a gap between you and the other person, understanding where your listener is at is the most crucial element of excellent communication.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As every doctor knows, the correct order is to diagnose and then prescribe. Today's challenges and opportunities will require a longer than usual diagnostic process, not to be skipped.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Don't give up on those raw talents and half-baked notions. Getting to something useful takes time. Keep bouncing the ideas around like rocks in a stone tumbler until they come out smooth, shiny and colorful.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). To give the butterfly of happiness the opportunity to alight on your shoulder, you must be both still and patient. Stop rushing around and settle in; something magical will happen.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). To have a big, open heart is to be vulnerable. Effective communication can mitigate the risk. Concealing pain makes it more acute. When something hurts, say so -- and encourage others to do the same.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're generous, yet you believe you can give even more. You will. Don't force it. Extend compassion inward, and cultivate the patience to welcome your own growth rate.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whatever your problem, a quick internet search can shine light on the matter. However extensive the information, friends are still more helpful, not for what they know, but for what they'll actually do to help.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone you interact with feels tended to. You express yourself according to your audience. Professionals, children, strangers and kin... each get a different side of you while keeping that through-line that is so loveably you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's no doubt stress interferes with performance. Since you want people to be at their best around you, you try to reduce the stress potential in any interaction with you, and today, you'll succeed brilliantly in the matter.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When the background is loud, people raise their voices, often to no avail. Noise isn't easily overcome by making more noise. Instead, try the metaphoric equivalent to changing venues or making a sign.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll lead with originality. You're not doing things in a

manner others see as correct, and your effectiveness will cause them to question their notions of correctness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are capable people all around you. It's tempting to step back and let them take over, but then you'd lose the opportunity of the moment. Instead, join in and learn.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A new project has you once again entering uncertain territory. Whatever your proficiency, more work takes you to the next level. Now is as good a time to step in as any.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 27). You'll find people who are doing interesting work, and you'll make friends with them, find a way to help or become a patron. This way, you surround yourself with the influences that help you become who you want to be. Your luck in love overflows -- you get all different kinds -- this year is like a love variety pack! Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 44, 2 and 16.

**DEVELOP YOUR INTUITION, LIBRA:** The connection Libra has with loved ones is the root of Libra's intuition. It's as though there are invisible cords that entwine Libra's soul with the soul of each person Libra loves. This connection is strongest with Libra's chosen partners. It transcends time and space. Libra can send and receive messages through this cord regardless of where the other person is in the world, and even beyond after a loved one has passed into other dimensions. When this happens, Libra often experiences special times of luck in which Libra may believe that the partner who has passed is gifting Libra with insight and help from the other side.

Here's an exercise to strengthen Libra's intuitive powers: Sit quietly and, with one hand, lightly touch the heart like you would during the Pledge of Allegiance. Focus on your breath, slowly in and out. Choose a loved one, and hold this person's thought in your heart. Place your other hand on your navel. Imagine a silver cord stretching from you to the other person. Ask, "If my loved one has something to express to me, what might it be?" Let yourself float on the wings of this question, detached and listening to the answers.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** From "Saturday Night Live" to "Up All Night," Maya Rudolph is a muse of nocturnal laughter. Rudolph was born to a showbusiness family and has the natal stars of an entertainer with her natal sun, Mercury and Mars in Leo. Moon in Aquarius shows mad-cap creativity and a generous, philanthropic heart. Look for the lioness of laughter in the upcoming Disney sequel "Disenchanted."