

DEAR ABBY

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Dear Abby: I have a close friend who recently had a baby with serious health problems. Unfortunately, we live on opposite sides of the country, and I can't afford to fly out there. I want to help, but short of calls and texts to let her know I'm thinking of her, I'm out of ideas. She's mentioned several times that with all the work of being a new parent plus the extra work involved with a child with special needs, she often doesn't have time to prepare healthy meals and reverts to junk food that she can grab easily. Ordinarily, I'd bring over a few meals to help out, but that's impossible to do when she's so far away. Restaurant gift cards would be an option, but unfortunately, she and her husband don't have the time to go to one. I'm hoping you might have other ideas on how I can help out from afar.

— *Puzzled About Helping*

Dear Puzzled: Go online and research food delivery services in the city or town where your friend lives. Some businesses deliver prepared meals on a weekly basis. Other companies ship boxes of wonderful fruits every month. But before doing

anything, ASK your overwhelmed friend what she and her husband think might be helpful rather than try to second-guess. **Dear Abby:** I'd like to know if there is a nice way of asking my niece and her boyfriend, who are in their mid- to late-20s, not to bring their phones to the dinner table? I have spent days preparing for and cooking holiday meals. The evening was less than enjoyable for me because they were only partly there, and spent most of their time texting and presumably on Facebook. It's awkward to ask an adult to practice good manners. Any words of wisdom will be much appreciated.

— *Well-Mannered in the West*

Dear Lady: Explain to your niece that you spend a lot of time, money and effort on presenting these meals, and that you were hurt and offended at their apparent lack of appreciation. It's the truth. Do not preoccupy yourself with trying to be nice or you will weaken the message. Some families solve this problem by insisting their guests place their cellphones in a basket before dinner and reclaim them as they depart. (Just a thought!)

Wall Street

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The assault is directed squarely at hedge funds and other Wall Street titans that had bet the struggling video game retailer's stock would fall. Those firms are taking sharp losses, and other investors say that's pushing them to sell other stocks they own to

raise cash. That, in turn, helps pull down parts of the market completely unrelated to the revolt underway by the cadre of smaller and novice investors. The maniacal moves for GameStop and a few other formerly beaten-down stocks has drowned out many of the other issues weighing on markets, including the virus, vaccine roll-outs and potential aid for the

economy. "Our consideration is whether this is something that is a long-term influence or contained within a handful of companies," said Tom Hainlin, national investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. Meanwhile, calls for regulators to step in are growing louder on Capitol Hill, and the Securities and Exchange Com-

mission says it's carefully monitoring the situation. "You've seen a lot of volatility this week, so when you have some unknowns like what you're seeing in the retail trading world, people are a little concerned at record highs here and taking some money off the table," said Megan Horneman, director of portfolio strategy at Verdence Capital Advisors.



Base Camp Brewing in Southeast Portland's Buckman neighborhood sports an outdoors theme and — at certain times of the year — a sun-splashed patio.
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Base Camp

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He has put Base Camp up for sale in its entirety as a turn-key business, and he is also offering the assets in various iterations that could include selling and/or leasing the brand, equipment, building and intellectual property rights. Fay hasn't set an asking or lease price, but the package includes 18-barrel and 5-barrel small-batch brewing systems, fermenters and storage tanks, racks and kegs, bottling and canning equipment, tap system and refrigeration, the taproom and all the decor that gave Base Camp its outdoorsy vibe. The

11,500-square-foot building sits on half a city block, which also includes a spacious patio and fire pit. Base Camp reopened for almost a month in June when Gov. Kate Brown lifted her initial closure order for all bars and restaurants, but he said it wasn't enough to sustain the brewery, especially as the one-year mark of the March 2020 shutdown approaches. "It was amazing to see how much support we did get from many of our regulars and friends about re-opening, and everybody offering to help and seeing what they can do. That was refreshing, to see so many people voicing their support,"

he said. In recent years, Fay, who is 38, had stepped away from Base Camp's day-to-day operations and has been growing hops on his family-owned Bear Creek Ranch in Ashland. Now, he says, managing the ranch and moving it toward a regenerative farming model will be his full-time focus. "We're going to be using livestock to help improve soil health — raising sheep, goats, cattle and other livestock for ecologically and ethically sound meat, and raising poultry for eggs and meat," Fay said. "I still have my hop yard and will be growing hops. If no buyer is found for Base

Camp, Portland will lose a unique brewery with its outdoors-themed motif. Almost a decade ago, Fay discovered an old electrical warehouse in inner southeast Portland's Buckman neighborhood, and there he built his dream, with the help of a group of like-minded friends from Klamath Falls, where they grew up. They fashioned a warm, open space from reclaimed wood, recreation equipment, found items and whatever they could get their hands on. The result was a taproom that at first glance could be confused with an REI. Carabiners functioned as tap handles; a recovered canoe hung above the rustic bar; oversized artwork of outdoors adventures adorned high-ceilinged walls; and a fiber-optic laser map of the sky lit up the ceiling at night. Fay had gone through the fermentation science program at Oregon State University then brewed at Klamath Basin Brewing Co. Initially, he and Base Camp were focused mostly on lagers, but in recent years the brew-house branched out into a range of styles and became best known for its S'more Stout, served at the pub with a signature toasted marshmallow on the glass rim.

YOUR HOROSCOPE *By Madalyn Aslan*

Stars show the kind of day you'll have
★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 2021: Commanding, astute and socially conscious, you were born to lead. Persuasive in your work, this year you become more transparent, and make a fortune. Your creative intelligence is the best in your field. If single, trust is key, and you come through for a special someone beginning in June. If attached, keep your cards less close to your chest; you and your partner will experience bliss. AQUARIUS thinks you're an idealist.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Your birth sign has a unique association with the head. Headaches induced by stress or diet can be a real health concern. Take precautions. Today is one of those days. Tonight: Take it easy and be good to yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your attachments are deep and lasting. Learning to let go of a relationship that has become addictive or outlived its usefulness is a must. Often you will manage the finances when involved in a close relationship. Tonight: Letting go of a toxic friendship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Today finds you reviewing the past. Memories are poignant. Focus your attention on the happy times and enjoy old photos or other keepsakes that make you smile. Clear up clutter around your home and feel so much lighter. Tonight: A sense of relief.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your eloquence allows you to resolve old misunderstandings. Speaking and writing are truly inspired. You've been accused of being tactless, but you won't be today. If you've wanted to write for publication, now is the time to make the dream a reality. Tonight: Writing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ There is something of a gambler in you. Don't let risks or false optimism get you into difficulty today. A project or your creative gifts can generate extra income. The entertainment and recreation industries are profitable. Tonight: Contemplating a higher standard of living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A reputation as the zodiac's worrier and worker can make Virgos complain that their birth sign isn't too exciting. Today brings you the opportunity to display just how warm and talented you really are. Tonight: You express a zest for life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Others find it hard to relate to your inner fantasy life today. Communicate about important issues, but don't try to convert others to your way of thinking. Dreams have interesting symbolism regarding your own needs. Tonight: Keep a positive state of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Today finds you brimming with ideas. An old problem is solved, and you gain a deep understanding of a new subject or task. Concentrate; you will discover new mental potentials you did not know you had. Tonight: In amazement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will be more visible today. Welcome opportunities to speak in public or assume new responsibility for the future. Listen to ideas proposed by others, but do not be coerced against your better judgment by aggressive types. Tonight: Keep good company.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Today your intellectual horizons widen through exposure to studies, publications or other learning experiences. An email or call from afar suggests a worthwhile idea. Entries made in your journal will prove valuable when reviewed in the future. Tonight: Welcome opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ You enjoy learning and are something of a perpetual student. Today might bring some frustration regarding educational plans. Be patient and receptive to changes. Temporarily, at least, it might be best to abandon formal education for self-teaching. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The health and wealth of those you are closest to will improve today. Partnerships are entering a more nurturing phase for you. And you will become even more focused on helping those you love. Tonight: The long-term implications of commitments will be in your thoughts.

Fraud

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Tyson entered into a cattle feeding agreement with Easterday Ranches in 2017. In a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Tyson reported that Easterday provided roughly 2% of the company's beef during the last four fiscal years. Gary Mickelson, senior director of public relations for Tyson, said the company became aware of fraud during a recent company-led inspection. "As we disclosed in December, this misappropri-

ation of funds has cost Tyson more than \$200 million, which the company is working to recoup," Mickelson said in an emailed statement. "We are also working with our outside auditor to implement additional financial controls to help prevent or detect this type of activity in the future." While Easterday Ranches initially cooperated with Tyson on the investigation, the lawsuit alleges that, on Jan. 22, the farm announced intentions to sell its "North Lot" feedlot within the next few days and

dissipate the proceedings — possibly to insiders and affiliates of Cody Easterday. Mickelson said Tyson is asking for a court-appointed receiver to take control of Easterday Ranches until the situation is resolved. Tyson says it has about 54,000 real cattle still located on Easterday's feedlots and grow yards. "Those cattle are of various ages and various weights, most not yet ready for market," the lawsuit states. "Those cattle require continued feeding, maintenance and other care on

a daily basis, or their value will quickly and dramatically deteriorate." The lawsuit asks for either an injunction or receiver to take control of Easterday Ranches to prevent any potential sale of the North Lot, which Tyson states would "have a material negative impact on (Easterday's) creditors."

Layoffs

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Founded in 2009, Simple sought to position itself as a contrast to the greedy financial institutions that triggered the Great Recession. It organized around a straightforward principle: "We don't suck." The company moved from Brooklyn to Portland two years after its founding and instantly became one of the city's most prominent tech businesses. But the company struggled to find its footing after selling to BBVA for \$117 million in 2014. Simple currently has 220 staff members, with 80% in the Northwest, according to BBVA. BBVA did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the future for staff members not included in Friday's layoff notice. *Mike Rogoway of The Oregonian contributed to this report.*

OBITUARY

Stella M. Cook
1928 - 2021

Stella was a loving and supportive wife to her husband Glenn for over 50 years. The center of her life was her husband and two sons, Glenn Jr., and David. Numerous trips in the camper and trailer to the coast and high desert were main activities with her husband for many years. Hunting activities with her family was a joy for Stella partly because she was an excellent marksman. Cross country skiing was an activity she began in her sixties. Riding horses was dear to Stella as a youngster in Paulina and as an adult. Stella was an avid reader and enjoyed mystery novels. As a sports fan, she particularly enjoyed watching competitive figure skating, horse racing, baseball, and football. Stella will be deeply missed by all who knew her well.



DEATH NOTICES

Christopher R. Dammer
of Bend, OR
March 4, 1952 - January 17, 2021
Arrangements: Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. 541-382-2471 Please visit the online registry for the family at www.niswonger-reynolds.com
Services: A gathering of family & friends will be held at a later date.

Arthur H. Wright
of Redmond, OR
December 3, 1922 - January 23, 2021
Arrangements: Arrangements Entrusted To: Redmond Memorial Chapel www.redmondmemorial.com; 541.548.3219
Services: Private Family Services
Contributions may be made to: Charity of Your Choice

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