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## Congressman's shooting first test for Trump-era gun debate

By **STEVE PEOPLES AND CATHERINE LUCEY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the day that gunfire shattered the morning calm of suburban Washington, dozens of family members of those killed by past gun violence had gathered in the capital to lobby against Republican-backed legislation to make it easier to buy gun silencers.

The lobbying effort and a related hearing were canceled in the aftermath of the shooting. But gun control ad-

vocates aren't going far. They're plodding ahead, hopeful for action but pragmatic enough to know that the latest shooting doesn't dramatically alter the dynamics of their uphill battle.

"Anytime there's a tragedy, it just once again amplifies the problem with gun violence in our country," said Lucy McBath, whose son, Jordan Davis, was shot to death four years ago in a dispute over loud music.

Wednesday's shooting at a

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ball practice marked the first high-profile test of Trump-era gun politics: Republican control of Congress and the White House has all but eliminated talk of tightening federal gun laws. President Donald Trump won election in part by making clear his opposition to new restrictions on gun purchases.

Gun control advocates, already on the defensive, insist they're not abandoning their efforts in Congress or state legislatures. But after Wednesday's shooting of Republican Rep. Steve Scalise and several others, they did not immediately land on a new strategy to challenge Trump and the Republican-led Congress.

"It is frustrating. These kinds of tragedies happen every single day," said McBath. "Americans should be able to play baseball and dance in a nightclub or attend religious services without the fear of

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## A lifelong friendship



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Pictured from left, Barbara Lu Ratliff, Bonnetta Bednar, Dorothy Wheeler, Wanda Moore, Fred Christie Young, Johnnie Ray, Emma Doe, Wilma Cunningham, and Emma Schafer. The group of friends meet during their childhood while attending school at Garden City. The group have been getting together monthly to have lunch for decades.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

On the second Tuesday of the month, a group of life-long friends gather to enjoy lunch together, catch up on each other's lives, and maybe count a

few gray hairs. "We don't have to talk about our age. We are all the same age," said 83-year-old Dorothy Wheeler of Big Spring with a hearty laugh.

The group of women met while attending pub-

lic school in Garden City more than 75 years ago. In fact, five of the women met while in first grade, and have been friends ever since. Along they way through school, the circle of friendship continued to grow. Some of the ladies,

such as Wheeler and Barbara Lu Ratliff, who is one of the organizers of the monthly meetings, were members of the volleyball team. That team was once bi-district

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## Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins

Herald Staff Report

The first day of competition for the 84th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will begin at 8 p.m. tonight at the Guardian Oilfield Services Rodeo Bowl at the corner of FM 700 and Business 20 West. The gates will open at 7 p.m. nightly for the three-day run and the grand entry starts at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending the rodeo can purchase tickets either in advance or at the gate. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children.

For those who buy them at the gate, it's \$12 for adults and \$8 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased from the following locations: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Ward's Boot and Saddle, Western Bank, Compass Bank, Wells Fargo, Citizen's FCU, State National Bank, H-E-B, Lone Star State Bank, Big Spring Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Hotel Settles.

Featured acts for the event include Troy Lerwill, also known as the "Wild Child." Lerwill was named the "Coors Man in the Can" twice and the

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## Pops in the Park receives donation

Courtesy photo SM Energy presented the Pops in the Park committee with a \$25,000 donation Tuesday for

this year's annual event, set for July 3 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Pictured front row, from left are Debbye ValVerde, Pops committee member; Emily McCann, Pops Chairperson; Stacie King and Felicia Guerra,

both Pops committee members; Kate Noble, external affairs advisor for SM Energy; and Jonathan Nix, production manager for SM Energy; Pat Simmons, and Malinda Flenniken, Pops committee members.



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## Obituaries

### Tom Mindling



Tom Mindling, 77, of Big Spring died Sunday, May 14, 2017, at his residence.

Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, 2017, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Inurnment with Military Honors will be in St. Mary's Columbarium following the service.

Tom was born May 6, 1940, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Annabelle Fisher Mindling and Luther Eugene Mindling. He came to Big Spring in 1976 from Tin City, Alaska. He was retired from the United States Air Force where he served for 20 years. He had two tours in Vietnam and was in Fire and Rescue. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a member of St. Mary's Episco-

pal Church.

Tom is survived by his wife Sophia M. Crawford of Big Spring; three sons, Christopher Minding of Henderson, Texas, Nicholas Mindling of Bastrop, La., and Michael Mindling of Arlington, Texas; one daughter, Josie Mindling of Hobbs, N.M.; one brother, Jim Mindling and wife Pat of Michigan; two stepsons, George Crawford of Lubbock and Ernie Crawford of The Colony; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom was married to Loretta Young Mindling for 51 years and she preceded him in death in 2008; as well as a brother, Richard Mindling, who died in 2015. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests donations to their favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com).

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 23, of 1309 Sycamore Street, was arrested on a warrant for duty on striking an unattended vehicle.
- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 21, of 710 E 14th, was arrested on warrants for three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, operating a motor vehicle without license plates, driving while license in-

valid, and failed to yield right of way at green signal.

- **EDNA JEAN ROBERTS**, 60, of 902 S San Antonio Street, was arrested on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **KATRINA MITCHELL ROBERTS**, 43, of 2911 W HWY 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **NICHOLAS DANIEL DEHOYOS**, 20, of 1308 Wood Street, was arrested on a warrant from

another agency.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of NW 1st Street and the 100 block of S Gregg Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Wright Street.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of N HWY 87.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 8700 block of Gillem Road.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of South 2nd. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Ohio Street. One person was transported to

the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of Cameron Road. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of East Broadway.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported near Exit 174 on I-20. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of East FM

700. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of East 11th. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Hilltop.

## Take Note

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• 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 fund-raisers 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](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)



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### Sulema Yanez Murray

Sulema Yanez Murray, 70, died Thursday June 8, 2017, at Greenbrier Nursing Home in Palestine, Texas.

She was born Sept. 9, 1946 to Ynez and Merce Yanez of Big Spring, Texas. She was a RN with a BS degree.

Survivors include her husband of 35 years, Randy Murray; a daughter, Heather Eyman and husband Dillon, two grandchildren; sisters Viola Barraza and Adelinda Ille; and brothers Sonny, Arthur, and Roland Yanez.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 16, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Herrington/Land of Memory Funeral Home in Palestine, Texas. Burial will be at Land of Memory Cemetery in Palestine.

View online at [www.herringtonfuneral.com](http://www.herringtonfuneral.com).

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

- **RICARDO CASTILLO**, 38, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for evading arrest or detention.
- **NICHOLAS DANIEL DEHOYOS**, 20, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for riding without a safety belt.
- **LUPE GUTIERREZ**, 37, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.
- **JESSE JAY HERNANDEZ**, 32, was booked by the HCSO on bondsman off bond warrants for possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams, possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams, and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **BRITTNEY JO HILGER**, 23, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for duty on striking an unattended vehicle.
- **ARTHUR EARL JACKSON**, 50, was booked by the HCSO on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **EDNA JEAN ROBERTS**, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **KATRINA MICHELLE ROBERTS**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to yield to right of way, operating a motor vehicle without a license, and driving while license invalid.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# SHOOTING

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being gunned down. Americans can do better and we deserve better."

As gun control advocates eyed the challenging political reality, the powerful National Rifle Association made clear it was not backing off.

NRA spokeswoman Dana Loesch praised the Capitol Hill police, saying that "good guys with guns kept this from getting worse." She said the organization would continue pushing for gun-friendly legislation at the state and federal level, arguing that new gun-control measures are not the answer.

"Evil is real, evil exists and it makes no sense that the good cannot protect themselves against evil," said Loesch. "Those policies have failed where they have been implemented."

Echoing those sentiments, the Republicans who control Washington dug in.

Trump ally Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., who has a permit to carry a gun, vowed to keep his weapon close: "On a rare occasion I'd have my gun in the glove box or something, but it's going to be in my pocket from this day forward," Collins told a Buffalo ABC affiliate.

Rep. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., argued that tougher gun laws aren't the answer. He noted the shooter had a criminal record and was from Illinois, which already has strict gun laws, "yet he was still able to access a firearm somehow."

The shooter was identified as James T. Hodgkinson, a 66-year-old home inspector from Illinois who had several minor run-ins with the law in recent years and belonged to a Facebook group called "Terminate the Republican Party." Officers in Scalise's security detail wounded Hodgkinson, who was taken into custody and later died.

Many gun control groups spent the immediate aftermath of the shooting privately contemplating their strat-

egy. Most decided to proceed with caution, issuing public statements that avoided the gun control debate altogether.

"This shooting is an attack on all who serve and on all who participate in our democracy," said former Rep. Gabby Giffords, the only other member of Congress shot in the last four decades. Giffords said in a statement that she was "heartbroken" for Scalise and the other victims.

A group connected to the Newtown, Connecticut, school massacre said the latest shooting showed that "more conversations are needed."

"This is not about more guns, which we know would not have prevented this event in spite of the presence of Congressman Scalise's armed detail," said the group Sandy Hook Promise. "This is about prevention and education, about knowing the signs of someone who might commit an act of violence and how to stop it from happening in the first place."

They're pushing ahead in a harsh

environment.

Trump, who has offered strong support for the NRA, appeared at the group's convention in April and told members: "The eight-year assault on your Second Amendment freedoms has come to a crashing end."

In one early sign of the new pro-gun environment, Congress in February passed a resolution to block a rule that would have kept guns out of the hands of certain people with mental disorders. Trump quickly signed it.

Gun control groups hope to defeat an NRA-backed effort to enact a national "concealed-carry reciprocity" law that would require all states to recognize other states' concealed carry permits. They helped beat back such proposals in Congress repeatedly during Obama's presidency, but face a far steeper challenge in the Trump era.

In the face of it all, McBath said simply: "I have hope."

# RODEO

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Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's Act of the Year six times. Also, Madison McDonald-Thomas will bring her Magic in Motion show to Big Spring.

At 24-years-old, McDonald-Thomas has been riding for more than 18 years and has performed internationally in Canada, Mexico, and across the United States in rodeos and events.

This year's rodeo will also feature two dances starting at 9:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday in the air-conditioned Howard County Fair Barn with live music played each night. Jake Hooker

and the Outsiders will play at the Friday night dance on June 16, and Jimmy and the Johnsons will open for Jason Boland and the Stragglers at Saturday night's dance. Tickets for Friday's dance are \$10 per person, and tickets for Saturday's dance are \$20 per person.

Events for children include Mutton Busting and Shetland Bronc Riding. The entry fee for Mutton Busting is \$40. Call 432-267-8041 to register. The fee to compete in the Shetland Bronc Riding is \$50. Call 432-816-4532 to sign up.

On Saturday morning, the Quail Dobbs Memorial Rodeo will begin the last day of competition. The parade begins at 10 a.m. in downtown Big Spring.

# FRIENDS

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champions, Ratliff said.

"It's a small school," said Fred Christie Young. "Everybody was friends."

This Tuesday, the group had their big yearly get together at Spanish Inn Restaurant. Young, who lives in Sitka, Alaska, was in Texas to attend her granddaughter's wedding and came for the luncheon.

"She (Young) was the valedictorian, (of the class of 1951)," Ratliff pointed out as Young modestly shook her head. After Young graduated from high school, she attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas, where she would meet her husband. The two would spend their career as missionaries across the United States and Peru.

When asked who was the smartest person in her class, Young quickly pointed out Ratliff, who graduated early after taking extra courses in the summer.

"My parents said I couldn't get married until I went to college, so I went to Texas Tech," Ratliff said with a smile. Ratliff continues to live in Glasscock County.

Bonnetta Bednar, another member of the Class of 51, was there escorted to the luncheon by her daughter. After graduation, Bednar and her husband, who was the county judge for years, farmed in Glasscock County for more than 50 years before the couple moved to Abilene to be near family.

Making the trip from Midland was Wilma Cunningham, who is very active as a volunteer for hospice. She visits people dressed as a clown and hands out inspirational, religious stickers.

"It's my ministry," said the lively Cunningham.

Also attending was Emma Schaffer from the Class of 1949.

Although no one really knows how long the group have been meeting monthly for lunch — at least two decades or more — Ratliff said they've always stayed in

close contact such as visits at homecomings.

Their friendship began as the world climbed out of the Great Depression right into a world war. As young adults, they saw the United States take center stage as the leading world power while mankind went to space for the first time and even made it to the moon.

They grew up in a world where writing letters were the only way to stay in touch with friends who have moved and when long-distance phone calls were expensive to make.

Now, people can stay connected instantaneously through their smart phone and worry more about racking up their data minutes than the amount of time they spend talking to someone on the phone.

Yet without all the major technological advances available through much of their lives, the ladies of Garden City High School Classes of '49-'53 still seem to have kept their connection strong for more than 70 years.

"We are still friends today and in today's world how many people can say they'd still be friends," Johnie Ray said frankly.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or email

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Ronald Wayne Benton, 68, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

David E. McGruder, 69, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# UPS gunman who killed 3 had filed overtime grievance

By PAUL ELIAS and SUDHIN THANAWALA

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A United Parcel Service driver who opened fire during a meeting with co-workers had filed a grievance that he was working excessive overtime and appeared to specifically go after the three drivers he killed before fatally shooting himself.

Jimmy Lam, 38, filed the grievance in March complaining of too much overtime and requesting that the package delivery company relieve him of working extra hours going forward, Joseph Cilia, an official with a Teamsters Union local that represents UPS workers in San Francisco, told The Associated Press.

During a Wednesday morning meeting, Lam walked up to driver Benson Louie and shot him. As his co-workers frantically fled the room, he shot Wayne Chan in the back, and then walked up to him and "finished him." Mike Lefiti was fleeing from the building when Lam went out onto the street and shot him, Cilia said witnesses told him.

"It's senseless. I can't think of anything. Why him? Why them?" Cilia asked. "I can't put it together."

Officials late Wednesday confirmed San Francisco residents Louie, 50, and Chan, 56, and 46-year-old Lefiti, of Hercules, were killed in the shooting.

Two other UPS employees were wounded, but Cilia said both were released from the hospital.

Amid a barrage of gun-

fire, some workers sought refuge on the roof of the four-story facility, while others ran outside and pounded on the windows of a public bus, witnesses said.

"They were screaming, 'Go! Go! Go!'" said Jessica Franklin, 30, who was riding to work when the bus made a regular stop in front of the UPS facility. "As they got on the bus, they were all ducking."

Auto shop owner Robert Kim said he saw "a mob of UPS drivers" running down the street screaming "Shooter! Shooter!"

The shooting prompted a massive police response in one of the city's industrial neighborhoods, about 2 miles (3 kilometers) from downtown San Francisco, Assistant Police Chief Toney Chaplin told reporters.

UPS spokesman Steve Gaut said the shooter was a company employee. A San Francisco Police Department official identified Lam, 38, and said he's from San Francisco but had no immediate details on his background.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Lefiti's cousin, Mack Toia, told KGO-TV he was at the UPS facility waiting to pick up Lefiti when shots rang out. He left his van and saw his cousin sprawled on concrete behind a gate, Toia said. "The police officers were right on the scene just like that. I got to touch him, but I couldn't hug him," Toia said. "They just pushed me away because they were trying to resuscitate him."

Co-worker Isaiah

Miggins said he saw Lefiti, known as "Big Mike," as he arrived for work just before 9 a.m., a few minutes before the shooting started. "He was a joyful man. Always happy," Miggins said.

On social media, heartbroken family members of Lefiti recalled him as a warm-spirited man devoted to his children and family. A photo on his Facebook page shows Lefiti in his brown UPS uniform holding a trophy. He also posted photos of his UPS truck and an award for 15 years of service to the company in 2015.

Chaplin said police have not determined a motive.

A 30-year-old tech worker who lives across the street from the warehouse said he heard up to eight gunshots.

"They were all in rapid succession," said Raymond Deng. "It was like tat, tat, tat, tat, tat, tat, tat."

Deng watched from his window in the Potrero Hill section of San Francisco as workers fled the building. He said another group of about 10 people gathered on the roof and held up their hands waving for help.

"I saw police officers go up from the ramp and then storm the buildings," he said. "It's crazy."

Officers found two victims outside and others inside and pulled the wounded to safety as they confronted the gunman, who was armed with an "assault pistol," Chaplin said.

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## Texas officer defends actions in videotaped December arrest

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A white Texas police officer says he regrets asking a mother why she didn't teach her son not to litter during the December arrest of the black woman and her two teenage daughters.

Fort Worth police officer William Martin spoke publicly for the first time Wednesday in his appeal of a 10-day suspension for excessive force in the incident that was viewed millions of times after a cellphone video was posted on social media. Martin, who has already served the suspension, defended his physical actions, including use of force.

Police responded after a neighbor allegedly choked Craig's young son after seeing him litter. Martin is seen wrestling Jacqueline Craig and one of her daughters to the ground before arresting them and another daughter. Charges against them were later dropped.

## Ex-Texas educator says illegal steps taken to boost scores

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A former West Texas school official has testified that he conspired with other educators to rig test scores and take other illegal steps to meet federal accountability standards.

Former El Paso Associate Superintendent Damon Murphy said in court Tuesday that administrators also falsely inflated scores for 10th-graders, in part by placing students in the wrong grades.

Accountability standards at the time were based largely on 10th grade standardized test scores.

Murphy in January pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The El Paso Times reported Murphy testified as part of a federal trial that began this week for five former El Paso educators accused of fraudulently boosting test scores, attendance and graduation rates.

## Charges dropped against Miss Black Texas in Commerce arrest

COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Charges have been dropped against Miss Black Texas 2016 a day after an East Texas police chief was cleared of wrongdoing in her arrest.

Prosecutors cited lack of evidence Tuesday in the May 20 arrest of Carmen Ponder for evading arrest.

The 23-year-old college student initially said Commerce police Chief Kerry Crews was a white driver who allegedly made racial and sexist comments after a traffic-related dispute.

Authorities later determined a store parking-lot confrontation, after Ponder passed a vehicle, involved another white man teaching his daughter to drive.

Commerce officials Monday said a review found no wrongdoing by Crews.

Officials say Crews was off-duty, in plainclothes and in the store when he learned of the dispute. Ponder was arrested after allegedly walking away as the chief asked her to remain.

## 2 killed when small plane crashes near New Mexico airport

RUIDOSO, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say a pilot and his son are dead after their twin-engine plane crashed shortly after taking off from an airport in southern New Mexico.

State Police spokesman Carl Christiansen says the crash occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday at the airport in Ruidoso, about 140 miles (225 kilometers) northeast of El Paso, Texas.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration says the Beechcraft King Air was en route to Abilene, Texas.

Christiansen identified the pilot as 39-year-old Justin King and 13-year-old Hayden King of Ruidoso.

The cause of the wreck is not clear. The FAA says the plane burned upon impact.

The National Transportation Safety Board will lead the investigation.

# Chief: Texas officer made errors in confrontation with woman



In this Dec. 21, 2016, file photo, from Fort Worth police officer William Martin's bodycam, Martin holds Jacqueline Craig's daughter down in Fort Worth, Texas. A Texas police chief said Tuesday, June 13, 2017, that an officer he suspended following a videotaped arrest of a woman and her daughters made multiple errors in responding to a call that a neighbor allegedly assaulted the woman's son.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas police chief said Tuesday that an officer he suspended following a videotaped arrest of a woman and her daughters made multiple errors in responding to a call that a neighbor allegedly assaulted the woman's son.

Fort Worth Chief Joel Fitzgerald said during an appeal hearing for officer William Martin that Martin was disrespectful and used excessive force in his December confrontation with Jacqueline Craig and her two teenage daughters.

Cellphone video of the confrontation, which one of Craig's daughters recorded and posted to social media, was widely viewed and prompted claims of racism.

The officer is white, and Craig and her daughters are black. Fitzgerald has denied

that race played a role in the arrest.

Martin is appealing his 10-day unpaid suspension, which he has already served.

Fitzgerald said during the hearing that Martin also failed to check on Craig's 7-year-old son, who allegedly was choked by a neighbor who saw the boy litter. The neighbor was later charged with misdemeanor assault.

"The first mistake he made, which pretty much led to the devolving of the encounter, was to not check the scene to see if there was an injured child," Fitzgerald said during the hearing, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Martin began talking with Craig soon after responding to the disturbance and at one point asked her, "Why don't you teach your son not to litter?"

The conversation turned into an argument and then escalated to the point where Martin forced Craig to the ground, pointed a stun gun at her and her daughters, and then arrested the three on multiple charges, including disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. All the charges were later dropped.

Fitzgerald said he had great concern after seeing Martin raise one of Craig's daughter's handcuffed arms above her head from behind when she wouldn't answer a question during the incident.

Terry Daffron, an attorney for Martin, said cellphone and police body camera videos don't fully reflect how the incident unfolded.

"Everyone has the luxury of analyzing these videos ... in a safe environment," Daffron said, according to the

Star-Telegram. "Officer Martin didn't have that luxury that day. He had to make split-second decisions in a fluid environment."

Several pieces of evidence were leaked to Craig's lawyers before authorities had finished their investigation, including disciplinary actions and complaints previously filed against Martin that did not result in suspensions and Martin's body camera footage of the confrontation.

The appeal hearing will resume Wednesday and could continue the rest of the week.

The Fort Worth Civil Service Commission could take 30 or more days to issue a decision once the hearing is over.

The commission could overturn the suspension, accept it as recommended or adjust it.



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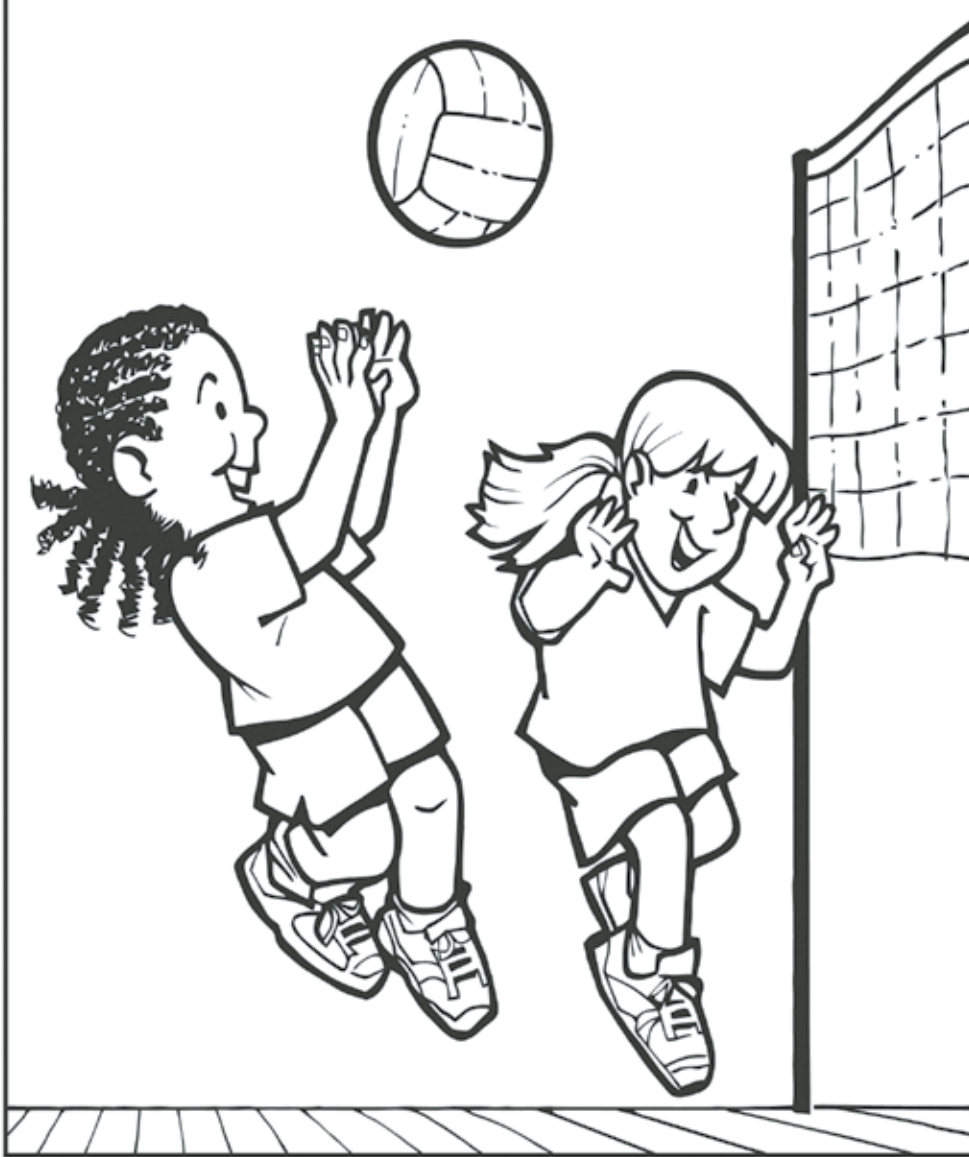
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Answers: 1) Basketball, 2) Volleyball, 3) Soccer, 4) Baseball, 5) Swimming, 6) Tennis, 7) Dodgeball

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A: Cricket

Q: What's the noisiest sport?  
A: Racquetball

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Some answers: bun, fun, gun, none, nun, pun, shun, sun, tun

## Fact or Fiction? Hand Washing Challenge



P.E. teachers not only help kids stay active but teach them healthy habits. Here are some questions about hand washing. How many can you answer correctly?

- 1) Everyone should wash their hands, even people with extra-dry skin. *Fact or Fiction?*
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- 3) If you are already sick, you don't have to worry about washing your hands. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 4) You should wash your hands before eating. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 5) You should wash your hands after handling pet food, treats and waste. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 6) You should wash your hands before using the restroom. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 7) Soap is recommended but not needed for hand washing. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 8) Clean, running water is also recommended for hand washing, but if you don't have any, lotion will do. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 9) You should spend several minutes washing your hands, making sure you wash the front and back. *Fact or Fiction?*
- 10) You should dry your hands with a clean towel. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fact, 3) Fiction, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fiction, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact  
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### Fisher hits first homer as Astros down Rangers 13-2

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Derek Fisher didn't wait too long to collect his first major league hit.

The wait for No. 2 was even shorter.

Fisher homered and had an RBI single for his first major league hits in a nine-run sixth inning to help the Houston Astros to a 13-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night to avoid a three-game sweep.

"Something you can dream of," he said. "I can't say that I would expect to have something like that my first night. But definitely happy that it happened."

The Astros led by three with no outs in the sixth when Fisher, who made his debut on Wednesday, connected off Jeremy Jeffress for a solo home run to the seats in left field. Two pitches later, Jake Marisnick hit a pitch nearly the same spot to extend

the lead to 6-1.

Houston had pushed the lead to 10-1 when Fisher came up again with two outs in the inning. This time he laced a single to right field to send another run home. "It's a tall task to ask the team to get a guy up twice (in one inning) in his debut," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Fisher is the first player to get the first two hits of his career in the same inning since Adam Laroche did it for the Braves on April 7, 2004.

But the Astros weren't done scoring in that inning yet. Dillon Gee plunked Marisnick before George Springer added a two-run double to make it 13-1. The Rangers finally escaped the sixth when the 13th batter of the inning, pinch-hitter Alex Bregman, grounded out.

Houston's top prospect Francis Martes (1-0) allowed three hits and one run while fanning seven

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AP photo  
Houston Astros' Derek Fisher watches his solo home run off Texas Rangers relief pitcher Jeremy Jeffress during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in Houston. Fisher's home run is his first hit in the majors.

### Cowboys' Elliott looked the part as rookie, wants an encore



AP photo

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) takes the hand-off from quarterback Dak Prescott, right, during NFL football practice at the team's training facility, Tuesday, June 13, 2017, in Frisco, Texas.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott plopped a cowboy hat on his head and flashed a wide smile that made him look like someone closing in on a few weeks of vacation.

"Feel like a real cowboy," the star Dallas running back said after the second-to-last offseason practice Wednesday. "Do I look the part?"

Hard to say with the beard, but he looked the part in what mattered last year: NFL rushing champion as a rookie fourth overall draft pick. Now the question is the encore, and the off-season handling of a known commodity at a position predisposed to short careers.

"We don't really talk about taking it easy," offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "I think we're pushing forward with him. We've got to still manage that for him. But certainly we'll want to amp it up this year as far as his ability to affect the game in the run game and the pass game."

Elliott missed the first week of off-season practices after hitting his head as a passenger in a car accident, a second straight year he was involved in a car wreck during the off-season program.

Still not cleared by the NFL despite authorities dropping a domestic case in Ohio last year, Elliott made headlines again in March when he pulled down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade. As a result, questions about his off-field activities

persist.

Running backs coach Gary Brown says he sees a more disciplined Elliott, and the former Discolined star acknowledged easing up on his nightlife in recent weeks as the team's off-season program accelerated.

"You learn from your mistakes," Elliott said. "And if you don't, it could be brutal. Just part of life."

When Elliott reports to training camp after a five-week break, he'll be preparing for what figures to be a similar workload after he led the NFL with 322 carries for his league-best 1,631 yards.

Because Elliott is a good blocker and pass-catcher, the Cowboys really don't have a reason to take their All-Pro off the field, except they know they must.

And that's why the question comes up even though Elliott turns just 22 the day the team is scheduled to arrive in California.

"You have to learn how much your body can take," said Elliott, the fifth rookie to lead the NFL in rushing since the 1970 merger.

"That's really important, so developing a routine, week in, week out, that will keep you fresh, that will keep you from having those nagging injuries."

Quarterback Dak Prescott was the fellow rookie sensation who helped the Cowboys to a 13-3 record and top seed in the NFC before losing to Green Bay in a divisional playoff. The NFL

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### Summer of hype: Mayweather, McGregor know how to sell a show



AP photo

In this Nov. 11, 2016, file photo, Conor McGregor stands on a scale during the weigh-in event for his fight against Eddie Alvarez in UFC 205 mixed martial arts at Madison Square Garden in New York.

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

Nobody truly knows whether Floyd Mayweather's boxing match with Conor McGregor will turn out to be a unique spectacle or an overhyped debacle.

The only certainty is that the next 2½ months of hype will be a masterpiece of fight promotion from two of the best ever to play that game.

Mayweather and McGregor revealed their plan Wednesday to fight Aug. 26 in Las Vegas. In an appropriate move for a fight that grew into reality after two years of verbal jousting and several months of social-media skewering, the two titans of their respective sports confirmed the news on their Instagram accounts.

And in another preview of what everyone should expect during their summer of promotion, McGregor's post included his photo opposite Floyd Mayweather Sr., the boxer's 64-year-old father, with a straight-faced caption: "THE FIGHT IS ON."

Few athletes in recent sports history have sold their sports better than the imperious Mayweather and the loquacious McGregor.

Both fighters have spent years crafting outlandish public personae characterized by a few common themes: cartoonish arrogance, a fetishistic obsession with money and an eagerness to make reckless pronouncements about their opponents, their opponents' fans — and, increasingly, each other.

They'll use those gifts to ratchet up

the hype during a hot summer culminating in their desert showdown. Along the way, they might even sell the skeptical portion of the public on a fight that — as even its promoters acknowledge — could turn out to be a colossal mismatch.

Mayweather apparently learned about McGregor's verbal skills even before his fighting acumen, according to Mayweather advisor Leonard Ellerbe. Mayweather rapidly rose from obscurity to multi-division UFC dominance only because he coupled his mixed martial arts skills with attention-grabbing soundbites.

"This kid, he's been making a lot of noise," Ellerbe said Wednesday, recalling the reason that he first introduced Mayweather to video of McGregor's punching power.

Mayweather and McGregor have traded innumerable shots online and through the media while this fight evolved from a preposterous bar-room fantasy discussion into a real thing.

McGregor even talked about it back in 2015, when he told Esquire that he would "kill (Mayweather) in less than 30 seconds" and affirmed his interest in the bout while appearing on Conan O'Brien's talk show.

McGregor ignited the hype in May 2016 by posting a mock-up of a fight poster on Twitter. Mayweather responded three weeks later with his own less polished version of a poster, and the unbeaten champion claimed he had started the rumors of a Mc

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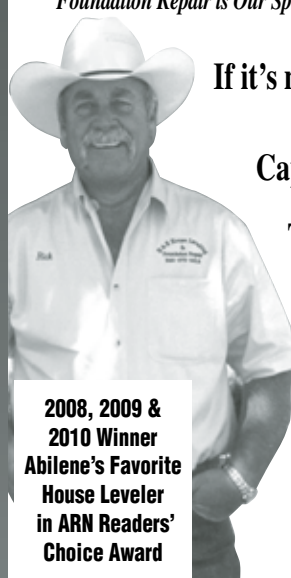
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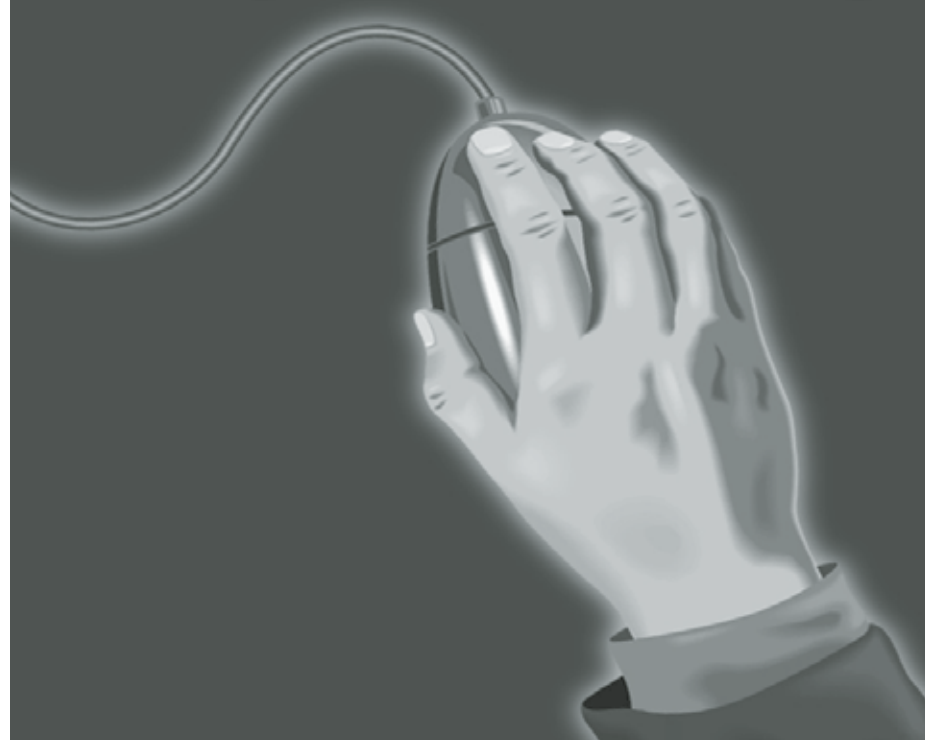
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**Sun and Saturn Opposition**

Some suggest roadblocks and closed doors are protecting you from places that were not meant for you. It depends on where you're trying to go and what you believe about the words "meant for you." Is someone else really in charge of that? Shouldn't you have a say in it? These are the questions to address as the sun opposes Saturn.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're seeking inspiration, and you'll find it both in those you want to be like and in those you don't want to be like. Stand where you can see and hear the people you find interesting.  
**TAURUS (April 20-**

**May 20).** It's the perfect moment to do a mental scan of your current skillset to remind yourself of what you're good at and what you'd like to get good at. (If you don't know what you're good at, you'll miss the chance to sell it!)

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There's no reason to bargain with boredom. Instead, take this emotion as a flag that signals it is time to shake things up, put things back, write things down or all of the above.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Everyday life is rich. You sense this and appreciate it. Someone else will help you in this regard, enjoying the details and the particular way you attend to them.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Do the most important thing first. Once that's out of the way, you can relax. The relaxed you is more effective, because an easygoing mindset helps you resist getting caught up in the extraneous parts that ultimately won't matter.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Although it would be wonderful to find a perfect showcase for your work, the fact is

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

that there probably isn't one yet. You'll have to make one, or one will be made to accommodate the work, once you do it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're attracted to a type of person who may or may not be good for you. This is a day of noticing -- of observing yourself and how you change or don't around the people you spend your life with.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The relationship requirements are not rules, more like patterns. You set up the expectation early on and keep delivering in one way or another. Now you don't like what's being required of you, and today is about changing it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You don't have to be lost to wonder how you're going to find your way to the next place. If you're not too proud to ask for directions, you'll get there faster. Sidle up to an expert and you'll learn more than you asked for.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Anger is not (SET ITAL)like(END ITAL) a drug; it (SET

ITAL)is(END ITAL) a drug. It alters a person's chemistry more effectively than a lot of other substances. Keep this in mind while dealing with people who seem to lean on this emotion. Maybe it's not about you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** "No comment" is always an option. No one (other than your own brain) is commanding you to speak. By not weighing in with an opinion, you'll leave your options open.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You don't expect people to be what they are not. Everyone is quirky. You realize this and act accordingly. People love you for that. You'll be the most nonjudgmental person on your block.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 15).** Augmented powers of observation will help you to better sense what people want and grow in your capacity to deliver. It's good to be in demand, and when this has to do with business, you'll be paid handsomely. Lucky meetings happen in August and November. Money

comes from out of the blue in July. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 22, 27 and 50.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "What is an opposition?"

Today the sun and Saturn are in opposition, or 180 mathematical degrees apart from one another in an astrological chart. From an astronomical point of view, this makes it much easier to observe Saturn, as the sun illuminates it from directly across the sky. Astrologers believe that the opposition is among the most powerful astrological aspects after the conjunction. Think of two children on a seesaw at the park. They're as far apart from each other as they can possibly be, and yet they share a common center. Planets in opposition have contradictory agendas, yet there is still the possibility of finding balance in the middle. We on Earth may experience conflict and confusing push-pull feelings during oppositions. Opposites do attract, though sometimes one needs to call in a mediator to settle

disputes! When the sun and Saturn become opponents, we on Earth can expect a battle of wills. Keep your cool during an argument by finding common ground and being flexible. After all, we may be on opposite sides of the seesaw from our fellow humans from time to time, but without each other as a balance, there is no ride; no one gets to rise or fall.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Gemini Neil Patrick Harris plays Count Olaf in the Netflix series "A Series of Unfortunate Events." Harris, who found his career path as a teen with "Doo-gie Howser, M.D." has natal Mars, the planet of ambition, in Pisces, the sign of old souls. This placement suggests strong spiritual guidance as well. His moon and Neptune, both in Sagittarius, show a love of adventure, exploration and new worlds.

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**Stepparenting Woes**

**Dear Annie:** This is my 36th year as a stepmother, and I am writing in hopes of helping others who are taking the huge step of blending families. My

husband, "Nelson," had custody of his two children, a boy and girl, who were in their early teens when we started dating. Nelson's ex lived far away, so there were no weekend visits with their mom. Nelson became

sick within our first year of dating and relied on me to help with his kids and household so that he could continue to work.

It was apparent from the start that his children were damaged. They were resentful of me and acted out. Years later, after we were married, I found out that Nelson's children had been molested by their maternal grandfather for several years and that nothing had been done about it. His children didn't have counseling and never learned to deal with their feelings about the sexual

abuse. Today they are grown adults with children of their own. They still refuse any counseling.

I feel that Nelson's kids treat me the way they do because it's easier than dealing with their parents. I recently decided that I am removing myself from my husband's children's and grandchildren's lives. I am mourning the loss of eight people in my life but have determined that it is less painful to live my life without them in it than to feel the pain of never meeting their expecta-

tions. Here is my stepparenting advice: Do not discipline your stepchildren. Be their friend -- just because you can! When they're small, keep them safe and report anything that doesn't look right. Be a soft place to fall, because they will need it. If your spouse isn't stepping up to the plate on their behalf, talk privately with your spouse about it. If your spouse is resistant to doing anything to change the situation, walk away, because it never gets better. As the saying goes, "you teach people how to treat you." I get that now! -- No Longer a Stepparent

**Dear Annie:** In response to "Fed Up," whose co-worker always comments on her meal choices, I'd like to say that it's quite possible the co-worker has an eating disorder. My cousin constantly remarks on my food choices, and I finally realized that her own eating issues are at the heart of her comments and that she is looking for attention about how "healthy" her own food choices are. -- Been There

**Dear Been There:** You could very well be right. Rather than be defensive when someone fixates on our food choices, perhaps we should be concerned for the person. To anyone worried about a friend or family member's eating habits, please visit <https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org>.

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**Contract Bridge**

By Steve Becker

**The better way**

North dealer.  
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**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 10 7  
♥ A K 3  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ 9 8 7

**WEST**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ J 8 4  
♦ K Q 9 7 4 3  
♣ A 6

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

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 8 4 3  
♥ 9 2  
♦ A 10  
♣ K 5 4 2

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♠ Pass 1♣ 2♦  
2♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of diamonds.  
A conscientious declarer continually seeks ways of improving his chances. He does not simply settle for a line of play that requires a favorable distribution of the opposing cards; he also looks for an approach that will allow him to get home safely against a less favorable lie of the cards.  
Consider this deal from the 1995 North American Open Pairs. South arrived at four spades as shown, and West led the diamond king.  
The declarer, Richard Freedman, could see he was in danger of losing three clubs and a diamond. The possibility of losing three club tricks was made more likely by West's two-diamond overall, which made him a favorite to hold the club ace. Leading a low club to the king at some point in the hope that East had the ace was thus unlikely to meet with success.  
Freedman therefore embarked on a line of play that would allow him to make the contract if East happened to hold the ace, but would also succeed if West had the ace and fewer than two other clubs. He started by allowing West's king of diamonds to win the first trick, and won the next diamond with the ace.  
After drawing two rounds of trumps, Freedman led a heart to the king, ruffed dummy's remaining diamond, crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Having thus stripped the dummy and his own hand of hearts and diamonds, he then exited with a low club.  
East won with the ten and returned the jack, and it was here that Freedman's advance preparations paid off. He covered the jack with the king — catering to the possibility that East had the ace — but even though declarer lost that battle, he won the war.  
After West took the king with the ace, he was forced to return a diamond. This allowed Freedman to discard dummy's last club as he ruffed in his hand, and the contract came rolling home.

**Tomorrow:** Bidding quiz.  
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**Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott changes direction as he runs the ball during an NFL football practice at the team's training facility, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in Frisco, Texas.**

## COWBOYS

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Offensive Rookie of the Year faces the same encore question.

"We're going to get better together," said Prescott, who set rookie records in passer rating (104.9) and completion rate (67.8 percent). "He's kind of my partner in crime. If I need something, he's going to make sure on the field and off the field it happens."

Elliott had a 60-yard score and an 83-yard touchdown on a screen pass as a rookie, but breakaway runs top his list of ways to improve in his sec-

ond season. Brown said drills where Elliott tries to elude defensive backs are one way to work on what they call second-level running.

"You try to come up with different creative ways to keep him motivated, other than the way he is motivated already by just being better," Brown said. "But you've still got to give him more. You don't want it to get stale."

Elliott is listening.

"You can say I've proven myself, but I've got to keep doing that," he said. "So it's all just kinda learning this offense inside out and kind of learning more beyond what I do."



AP photo

**Houston Astros' Derek Fisher (21) celebrates with Carlos Correa, left, and Jose Altuve (27) after his solo home run off Texas Rangers relief pitcher Jeremy Jeffress during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in Houston. Fisher's home run is his first hit in the majors.**

## TEXAS

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in five innings in his first major league start.

Rangers starter Andrew Cashner (3-6) yielded 10 hits and four runs in 4-plus innings for the loss.

Joey Gallo hit his 18th home run on a 466-foot shot to straight-away center field in the seventh for the Rangers, whose five-game winning streak was snapped.

"It was a 5-1 road trip that didn't quite end the way we wanted it to, but I think we still got some good momentum going home," manager Jeff Banister said.

Marwin Gonzalez drove in three runs and Brian McCann and Carlos Beltran added two RBIs apiece for the Astros.

Houston took a 1-0 lead on a groundout by Carlos Correa in the first. McCann doubled to start the second and the Astros extended their lead to 2-0 when he scored on a single by Gonzalez.

Martes sailed through the first four innings, retiring 12 of the first 14 batters he faced. He ran into trouble in the fifth when Jonathan Lucroy started the inning with a single. Martes then walked Gallo before plunking Jurickson Profar.

Martes struck out Jared Hoying before Lucroy scored on a wild pitch to cut the lead to 2-1. Delino DeShields drew a walk to load the bases again, but Martes retired the next two batters to escape the jam.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Rangers: LHP Cole Hamels, who has been out since May 3 with a strained right oblique, could begin a rehabilitation assignment with Double-A Frisco as soon as Friday. ... OF Carlos Gomez (right hamstring strain) went 0 for 3 in a rehabilitation start at Frisco on Wednesday night. He is likely to come off the DL on Friday.

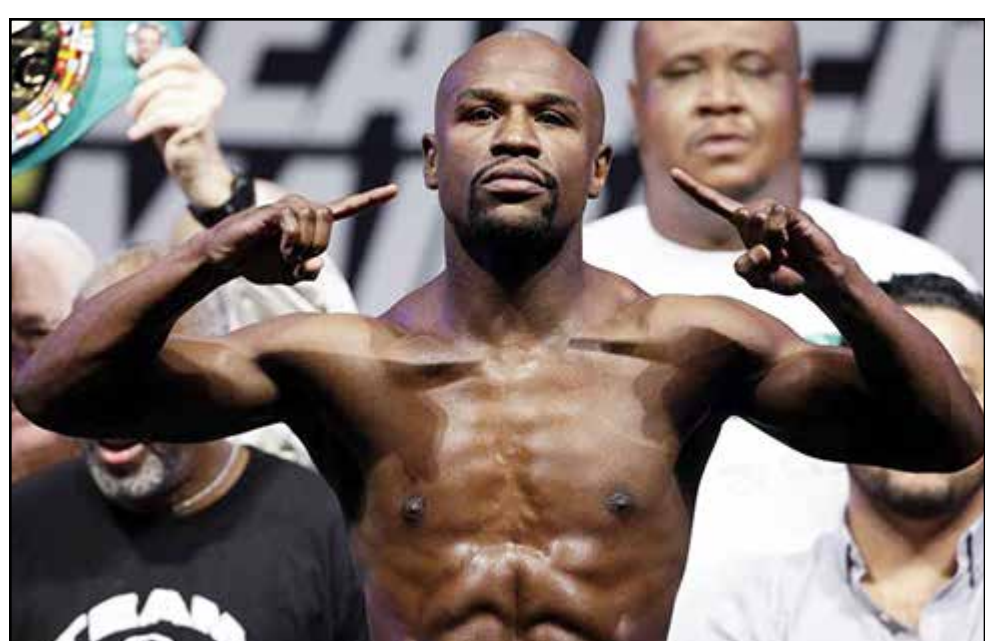
Astros: Fisher was called up when OF Josh Reddick was placed on the 7-day concussion list

on Wednesday, retroactive to Tuesday. Reddick was injured when he crashed into the wall trying to make a catch on Monday night.

**THEY SAID IT**  
Banister on Gallo's home run: "That one was real far. I'm not sure I've seen one go that far in this ballpark (but) they don't give you extra points for long ones."

**UP NEXT**  
Rangers: Texas is off on Thursday before Tyson Ross will make his debut for the Rangers on Friday when the team opens a three-game series against the Mariners. Ross has been out all season after having thoracic outlet surgery in October.

Astros: Houston also has a day off on Thursday before opening a three-game series against Boston on Friday with Mike Fiers (4-2, 4.29 ERA) on the mound. Fiers allowed two hits and no earned runs in a season-high 7 1/3 innings in a 3-1 win over the Angels on Saturday.



AP photo

**In this Sept. 12, 2014, file photo, Floyd Mayweather Jr. poses on the scale during a weigh in for a fight against Marcos Maidana in Las Vegas.**

## UFC

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Gregor bout.

With little to lose and immeasurable wealth and fame to gain, McGregor used his public platform in promoting his UFC bouts last year to take repeated jabs at the 40-year-old Mayweather's age, declining skills and unwillingness to end his retirement.

McGregor turns 29 next month, making him decidedly middle-aged in pro sports, yet he takes humorous delight in painting himself as a raw youngster going against a grizzled old-timer.

As recently as December, Ellerbe said a Mayweather-McGregor fight would never happen because the UFC's top brass wouldn't allow it. UFC President Dana White also acknowledges he was once lukewarm about the possibility, believing Mayweather wouldn't risk his legacy.

And then in January, McGregor posted a cartoon on Instagram in which he stood over a flattened Mayweather, holding both fighters' championship belts aloft. As a bonus, McGregor's caption read: "Call me CJ Watson!" in a biting reference to the former NBA guard who had a relationship with Josie Harris, the mother of Mayweather's children.

Mayweather replied eight days later with an Instagram post of an infographic comparing the fighters'

net worth. In the caption, Mayweather instructed McGregor: "Before you ask for \$25 million, be worth more than \$25 million."

Vegas sports books introduced a betting line on the bout in February.

Mayweather had clearly warmed to the idea of fighting McGregor by March, when he told fans in Britain that he would come out of his latest retirement to take on the challenge. That same month, McGregor showed up in a fur coat at fellow Irishman Michael Conlan's boxing debut at Madison Square Garden and harangued the assembled media with a rant punctuated by his latest catchphrase: "I am boxing!"

After posting a video on April 20 in which he shadowboxed and insulted Mayweather's courage, McGregor took a brief break from his social media pursuit of Mayweather after his first son was born in May.

Mayweather went back to his usual retirement métier: Posting photos of himself surrounded by the trappings of outlandish wealth.

And then the megafight was on, after remarkably simple negotiations among the UFC, Mayweather Promotions and Showtime.

A national press tour is expected to kick off soon. Mayweather and McGregor will spend the summer showing off their promotional gifts for a fight that started as a social media argument — and became the main event of the year.

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## Ex-Texas educator says illegal step

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A former West Texas school official has testified that he conspired with other educators to rig test scores and take other illegal steps to meet federal accountability standards.

Former El Paso Associate Superintendent Damon Murphy said in court Tuesday that administrators also falsely inflated scores for 10th-graders, in part by placing students in the wrong grades.

Accountability standards at the time were based largely on 10th grade standardized test scores.

Murphy in January pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States.

The El Paso Times reported Murphy testified as part of a federal trial that began this week for five former El Paso educators accused of fraudulently boosting test scores, attendance and graduation rates.

Former Superintendent Lorenzo Garcia was previously sentenced to 3½ years in prison for his role in the scandal.



AP Photo/Steven Senne, File

In this May 25, 2017 file photo Harvard University President Drew Faust, left, and Facebook CEO and Harvard dropout Mark Zuckerberg, right, speak while standing for a photograph before the start of Harvard University commencement exercises in Cambridge, Mass.

## Harvard's first female president stepping down

BOSTON (AP) — Nearly a decade after she became Harvard University's first female president, Drew Faust is making plans to step down.

Faust, 69, announced Wednesday that she will leave her post at the end of the upcoming school year, which will also mark the end of a major fundraising campaign Harvard launched in 2013.

"On June 30, 2018, I will complete my 11th year, and the Harvard Campaign will reach its conclusion," Faust said in an email to university students, faculty and staff. "It will be the right time for the transition to Harvard's next chapter, led by a new president."

A noted historian of the American South and the Civil War, Faust plans to take a sabbatical and return to her scholarship after stepping down.

She had never been a

college president when she was hired in 2007, previously serving as dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard. Her predecessor in the top job, Lawrence Summers, had been pressured out after five contentious years that brought him into conflict with many faculty members. The school's current leaders say Faust quickly mended those bridges and gained trust on campus.

"She came into office after a period of strife and controversy on campus, and she quickly restored trust and a sense of common purpose," William F. Lee, the leader of Harvard's governing board, said in a statement Wednesday. "She was also able to introduce her own personality and leadership style — characterized by calm, candor and listening — to the campus as she ensured forward progress."

## Celebrating a milestone



Courtesy photo

Taylor Brooks, right, recently graduated from the Howard College dental hygiene program. She was an Alice Haynes Big Spring Rotary Club Scholarship recipient. Brooks is standing with Thomas Padilla, a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club which meets on Tuesdays. The late Alice Haynes was a long-time dentist in Big Spring.

## Former chicken farm in West Texas becomes artistic hot spot

By JOE HOLLEY

Houston Chronicle

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) — In 1971, Roger Allen was teaching art at San Angelo Central High School and looking for a piece of property where he could live cheaply, make pottery and not worry about his studio being torn down by landlords with development dreams.

The Houston Chronicle reports what he found after a year or so of looking was a weed-choked 3-acre plot on the nondescript northeastern edge of town. The property, including nine dilapidated, junk-filled buildings, had been a poultry-processing operation before the big boys, Pilgrim's Pride and Perdue Farms, drove local producers out of business. Allen and two friends bought it for \$25,000.

More than four decades later, the West Texas potter with the graying rat-tail and bushy goatee is still making superb pieces — his work is in museums and galleries around the country — and the old chicken plant has become the Art Institute of San Angelo. More commonly known as the Chicken Farm, it's a remarkable complex of studios and gallery spaces, apartments, a bed-and-breakfast, a top-flight restaurant and living quarters for Allen and his wife, Pam Bladine, a masseuse from Oregon and Los Angeles.

Chicken Farm co-owners, Susan and Jerry Warnell, also live at the compound. Susan, a painter who runs the B&B, moved to San Angelo from Scottsdale, Arizona, in 1991. Jerry is a former resort-hotel executive who works in glass when he's

not keeping the complex in fine fettle. He moved to San Angelo in 1985.

"When we started here, there was nothing but the raw buildings," Lubbock native Allen recalled one weekday evening over spareribs, beans and turnip greens. "I'd teach school until mid-afternoon, come here and drive nails until night and then throw pots until 2:30 in the morning. For 20 years, it never stopped. Somebody was sawing, hammering, driving nails 24 hours a day, changing chicken coops into studios."

Among the junk in one of the buildings were 25 jukeboxes, including a vintage Wurlitzer "bubbler." Allen and friends sold them off for \$200 apiece. "Those jukeboxes bought a lot of Sheetrock," he recalls.

These days, 23 artists occupy 20 studios, along with six living quarters, set among shady nooks and crannies behind a wooden wall painted to resemble giant pencils. My comfortable room for two nights was on the second floor of a round building that was once the chicken-farm silo, with the Silo Restaurant downstairs. The compound radiates what a Washington Post writer called "rustic Texas cool."

Allen and a changing cohort of partners have transformed the property into an artistic haven, an evolving work of art itself. They also have nurtured dozens and dozens of painters, jewelers, stone carvers, photographers, ceramicists, sculptors, metal workers, glass artists and a blacksmith, among other artists and crafts-people. They've invigorated the local art (and music)

scene, while producing quality work of their own.

"I travel quite a bit, and it's almost unique in the country," said Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts. "They've played a significant role in this community's growth and development."

Taylor recalled that when he first got to San Angelo nearly 30 years ago, he was advised by a couple of board members not to take the Chicken Farm seriously, that it was just a bunch of old hippies doing their hippie thing. Now, he said, the whole town recognizes the place as a major San Angelo attraction.

"They're engaging the public all the time," he said, "whether it's children's programs, classes, public events. It's got a great spirit to it. And then, it's just funky."

Allen and friends also have created an intriguing way of life for themselves. It's not a commune, his wife, Pam Bladine, explains; it's more like an extended family. They work together, share meals if the spirit moves them and pitch in to organize the art shows, programs and live music concerts that take place year-round.

"I don't think there's anybody here that wants to work for anybody else," Bladine says. "But what that means is you work seven days a week."

In September, the Chicken Farm will host a big weekend bash celebrating the 70th birthdays of Allen, Warnell and Taylor. The museum director says he would just as soon ignore the landmark event, since it makes people wonder if he's planning to retire. (He's not.)

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