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## HCVFD assistant chief under investigation

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Chief Pepper Sullivan is under investigation by the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Sullivan, who is also the Interim 9-1-1 Director for the county, is reportedly being investigated for misappropriation of funds through

the HCVFD, and is currently suspended from duty with that organization.

Sullivan has not been suspended from his duties with Howard County 9-1-1. A spokesman for the 9-1-1 Communications District Board said the board considers Sullivan "innocent until proven guilty."

In a press release issued this week, HCVFD Chief Mitchell Hooper said: "The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department suspended Mr. Sullivan in early June when I was contacted by the Howard County Sheriff Office about the investigation. Since then, the Sheriffs Office has had the fire departments full cooperation. We are cur-

rently in the process of gathering documents so that a third party, independent audit can be conducted. Should you have any future questions, please contact myself or the Howard County Sheriff office."

Sullivan, the brother of the late HCVFD Chief Tommy Sullivan who died of cancer April 30, declined to comment on the investigation.

Howard County Sheriff Stan Parker also declined to comment, other than to confirm that Sullivan is under investigation by the Sheriff's Office for misappropriation of funds.



Pepper Sullivan

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at report@bigspringherald.com.

## Outpatient area in VA dedicated to long time volunteer Clara Lewis



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Clara Lewis receives an American flag which flew over the U.S. Capitol from U.S. Congressman Jodey Arrington's representative, Glen Pugh, during the dedication of the Clara Lewis Outpatient Waiting Area at the West Texas VA Health Care System on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

**By TYLER SCHELLIE**  
 Staff Writer

As Ms. Clara Lewis made her way down the walkway, an overwhelming applause roared throughout the VA's outpatient waiting room as residents and veterans came from all around to see her. That's because this extremely hard working volunteer, Ms. Clara Lewis, is being honored for her 43 years of service. As of just two days ago on July 17, Clara Lewis has served 42,549 hours of volunteer service. It truly is impressive, and by the number of attendees at the ceremony, it is clear to see that it means the world to everyone in the VA.

The dedication ceremony went on with the VFW Color Guard marching out with the United States Flag and Texas Flag in their presentation of the colors, followed by a brief invocation from Chaplain Andrew Helms. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by County Judge Kathryn Wiseman, and succeeded by a terrific rendition of the National Anthem, performed by Lauren Arpin.

The ceremony continued

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## It's official



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Howard College Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr. John Freeman, stands with Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO, Emma Krabill, Wednesday at a specially called meeting to swear her in and take her seat on the board.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College Board of Trustees Chairman, Dr. John Freeman, welcomes Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Emma Krabill to the board Wednesday at a specially called meeting.

Although the board selected Krabill for the position at a meeting Tuesday, she was officially

sworn in and took her seat on the board at yesterday's meeting.

"I'm extremely excited to have the opportunity to serve our county, but also our community," Krabill said after the meeting. "I think Howard College is a tremendous institution that is working on furthering

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## 10 Things to Know for Today

(AP) Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

**1. US INTELLIGENCE CHIEF TOUGH ON RUSSIA, AT ODDS WITH TRUMP**

Dan Coats' drumbeat of criticism against Putin clashes loudly

with Trump's pro-Kremlin remarks.

**2. WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT SUPREME COURT PICK**

Gay-rights supporters expect to have little to celebrate if Brett Kavanaugh replaces Justice Anthony Kennedy, the author of all the court's major

gay-rights rulings.

**3. US DEPORTING CRIME VICTIMS WHILE THEY WAIT FOR 'U VISA'**

Immigrants applying for a special visa awarded to victims of crime on U.S. soil are being detained and deported by the Trump administration.

**4. HOW THAI CAVE SURVIVORS SPENT FIRST DAY BACK HOME**

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## Community on the green



Courtesy photo

Pictured above are members of the Northside Community Action Center (NCAL) at their 35th year celebration on June 2, 2018. NCAL Board members pictured in the green shirts from left to right include: Hijinio Moreno, Pedro Ortiz, Jesus Cisneros, Virginia Natividad, Tonya Baker and Diana Martinez, along with the members of the band that played at the celebration (blue shirts).

**By AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Get ready to have some fun on the green while simultaneously helping towards a greater cause as the 4th An-

nual Northside Community Action League (NCAL) Golf Tournament will take place on Sunday, July 29, at the Comanche Trail Park. Get your team together, or come by yourself, and give back to the

community by joining in on the fun and hitting some golf balls.

"Those who wish to sign up must do so before 9:30 a.m.

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## Obituaries

### Annie Laurie "Ann" Fox



Annie Laurie "Ann" Fox, 93, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, July 17, 2018, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 20, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. She was born February 26, 1925, in Stanton, Texas to Walter Curtis and Annie Mary Peters Flanagan and married Ralph LeRoy Fox October 9, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1976.

Ann attended nursing school in Dallas and worked as a registered nurse for many years. She volunteered at the Veterans Administration Medical Center and volunteered at Spring Tabernacle for 13 years.

Ann was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Fox and wife, Marva of Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Michael Fox

of Big Spring; two daughters, Judy Sprowl and husband, Loren of Indiana, and Nora Woodard and husband, Gene of Alabama; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Franks; and a sister-in-law, Billie Flanagan both of Stanton. She is also survived by the residents and staff at Park Place Retirement Center where she lived the last ten years.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, David Fox; her brother, Curtis Flanagan; two grandsons, Jonathan LeRoy Allen and Joshua David Fox; her sister-in-law, Ruth Roach; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Roach.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jerrell Shane Sprowl, Shana Sprowl, Jeremy Hamilton, Daniel Allen, James Myers and Chris Fox.

The family suggests memorials to Isaiah 58, 809 Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas 79720

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

*Paid Obituary*

## Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, 34, of 902 Runnels St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency and for possession of marijuana <= 2 oz.
- **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, 41, of 1411 Bluebird was arrested on a warrant by another agency and assault causes bodily injury, family member.
- **NATANIE MARIE MIEARS**, 20, of 1511 Bluebird was arrested on warrant from another agency, reckless emission of air contaminant, and bail jumping, failure to appear.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4900 block of Wasson Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W HWY 80
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of E 5th St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• **NEFEG ISAAC AGUILAR**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of prohibited substance/item in corr/civ.

• **RAMON BASTIDAS-CASTRO**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of prohibited substance/item in corr/civ.

• **HECTOR RUBEN CASTANEDA**, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of unauthorized use of vehicle and on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **RAY CARL MCGEE JR.**, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault causes bodily injury, and on a warrant of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **NATANIE MARIE MIEARS**, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of bail jumping and failure to appear, and theft of less than \$100.

• **REYNALDO MORIN-RAMIREZ**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of prohibited substance/item in corr/civ.

• **FRANKLIN RODRIGUEZ-DIAZ**, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of prohibited substance/item in corr/civ.

## Take Note

• 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.

• The Maranatha Baptist Academy (MBA) has started its open enrollment for the Summer session, which runs June 18 through July 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. MBA has been operating since 1981 and teaches ACE curriculum for grades K-12. The Fall term is scheduled to start on Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please call 432-213-1046.

• 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.

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

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent

national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Pro-

spective 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.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

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

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

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

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

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2500 block of E 24th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of E 17th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block Dallas. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of State. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 4900 S Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 18th and Goliad. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Ridge Rd. 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.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

### 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. to 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.

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# GREEN

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The shotgun starts at 10 a.m.," said Executive Director of NCAL, Dianna R. Martinez.

For the tournament, you can build your own team or you can come alone and the NCAL will be more than happy to set you up with a team. The single and team admissions do not include the green fee and cart fee. For more information about registration and pricing, please call the NCAL. (number provided below)

There are huge cash prizes that will go out during the NCAL Golf Tournament for the many different contests, such as a putting contest; where one golfer chosen at random, has a chance to sink a 60ft. putt on hole #18 for a prize of \$25,000, bonus hole-in-one prizes for additional Par 3's, and \$25 dollars to the golfer who can get closest to the PIN. Of course we can't forget the prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place of \$400, \$300, and \$200.

"Also we are doing something new this year at the golf tournament," said Martinez. "We will have \$50,000 to the lucky golfer who can get a hole-in-one on hole #11, \$25,000 of that money will go to the winner, and the other \$25,000 goes to NCAL."

Martinez went on to explain that The Northside Community Action League is a non-profit organization, who is a member agency under Live United Way of Big Spring. NCAL, for more than 30 years, has had a mission that remains unchanged — lend a helping hand to Howard County's less fortunate citizens.

"We just had our 35th Anniversary celebration of helping out the community. We try and do what all we can to help those who need it," said Martinez. "From children's summer programs, to helping young adults buy college books, we also have a food bank, we help with financial aid for rent, utilities, medical trips and education. Those are among the many services provided by the center."

The community center is committed to helping those who struggle not only financially, but in guidance for education and to help improve the life of both families and individuals. Last year, the NCAL helped over 700 people. By participating at NCAL fundraisers, such as this golf tournament, you are ensuring that the community will always have a helping hand.

"We encourage the public to come out and join in on the fun, and know that you're giving back to those who truly need it," said Martinez. "Plus, who could say no to a chance of \$25,000?"

For more information about registration, prices or to sign up, please call The Northside Community Action League at 432-263-2673, or Linda Summersell at 432-264-2366.

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The youth soccer teammates and their coach made a trip to a Buddhist temple to pray for protection from misfortunes.

**5. RIVERS DRY AND FIELDS DUST, IRANIAN FARMERS TURN TO PROTEST**

Agriculturists are pleading to authorities for a solution as years of drought and government mismanagement of water destroy their livelihoods, AP learns.

**6. WHY JEWISH NATION BILL IS CONTENTIOUS**

Israel's parliament approves a controversial piece of legislation that defines the country as the nation-state of the Jewish people but which critics warn sidelines minorities.

**7. HAWAII SEARCHES FOR SAFE SPOTS FOR PEOPLE TO SEE LAVA**

It's nearly impossible for the curious on the ground to see the glowing molten rock — a fact that's squeezing the tourism-dependent local economy.

**8. HOLOCAUST DENIERS WON'T BE BANNED FROM FACEBOOK**

Mark Zuckerberg says

offensive content isn't necessarily banned unless it is to organize harm or attack someone.

**9. 'CONGRATULATIONS BILLY ON YOUR 100TH SHOW'**

Those were the words from Bruce Springsteen to Billy Joel as The Piano Man celebrated a Madison Square Garden milestone.

**10. BRITISH OPEN UNDERWAY AT CARNOUSTIE**

Dustin Johnson, Justin Rose and Rickie Fowler are the odds-on favorites according to Ladbrokes as golf's third major begins at the burned-out links.

# LEWIS

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with Master of Ceremonies and VA Associate Director, Manuel Davila, who then handed the microphone over to Director and Chief Executive Officer of the West Texas VA Healthcare System, Kalautie JangDhari.

Jangdhari started by noting the amount of people that showed up to support Clara. "We had great aspirations about how many people would attend, and this far exceeded our thoughts. We appreciate everyone. This just tells me more and more of how much this community loves Ms. Clara."

JangDhari continued on by thanking the staff and other members who look out for and help veterans throughout the country, and also shared some inspirational stories and facts about the beloved Clara Lewis.

"I arrived here about 3 years ago. I encountered 3 forces of nature. Not being from West Texas, one was the sweltering summer heat, two was the gusty winds of West Texas, and I had Ms Clara, that was my third force when I got here," JangDhari said as laughter filled the room. "From day one, Ms Clara's been an avid supporter of our VA. When she feels it's necessary, she is a concerned critic reminding me of why she shows up everyday with 6 simple words, and I bet we all know what they are," JangDhari assured. Heads in the crowd began to nod, and a few people spoke up along with JangDhari. "I do it for the veterans."

Clara became a volunteer because she saw a need when her husband, staff Sgt. Lewis, was a patient here in this VA medical center when it was an inpatient facility. She was a vocal and active presence in the hospital while advocating for his care.

Clara found her calling as she attended to Sgt. Lewis, who suffered the tribulations of his combat service in Vietnam.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

**Clara Lewis, in white, listens to the program during the dedication of the Clara Lewis Outpatient Waiting Area at the West Texas VA Health Care System on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Joining her in the front row are daughter Brenda Claxton, sister-in-law Reba Lewis and step son James Little.**



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

**Manuel Davila, Associate Director of the West Texas VA Health Care System, presents a temporary commemorative plaque during the dedication of the Clara Lewis Outpatient Waiting Area at the West Texas VA Health Care System on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.**

"I'm really happy for all of you who came out today. This has been a perfect day," Clara Lewis said.

A few guests stood up and said their piece about Clara before everyone began taking pictures with her and heading to get food and refreshments. A placeholder for the plaque she will receive was set up, and the applause continued as members of the VA proudly watched it go up.

"It's an honor and pleasure to be the first to welcome you to the Clara Lewis Outpatient area," said JangDhari.

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the education of our kids, not only in Big Spring, but also in San Angelo, and throughout our county. I'm very excited to be a part of that and be able to make a contribution."

Krabill said her appointment will strengthen the valuable relationship between Howard College and Scenic Mountain.

"It's actually a great relationship, and a perfect opportunity to have a stronger relationship with the hospital," she said. "A lot of our nurses come from Howard College, a lot of our therapists. So it just makes a lot of sense. I'm excited!"

The next meeting of the Howard College Board will be a budget workshop on Aug. 8.

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## Texas murder suspect violated probation but wasn't sought

By DAVID WARREN

Associated Press

DALLAS — Authorities didn't search for a Texas man who cut off his ankle monitor in violation of parole terms until a week later when he was linked to a violent rampage that included three shooting deaths over four days, according to state and county officials.



Rodriguez

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice said Jose Gilberto Rodriguez, 46, was among more than 500 parolees with a violent history living in the Houston area and facing an active arrest warrant for violating terms of parole. Rodriguez removed his ankle monitor on July 5, more than a week before authorities believe he fatally shot three Houston-area people.

Department spokesman Jeremy Desel said neither the agency nor parole officers have the authority to arrest someone, so when authorities learned Rodriguez had tampered with his monitor a warrant was issued for other agencies, such as the Harris County sheriff's office, to arrest him.

But deputies don't necessarily search for parolees who have violated their terms of release and would only arrest those offenders they come across during the course of a patrol and run a background check, according to Harris County senior deputy Thomas Gilliland.

"He was, quite frankly, just another person who was a parole violator," Gilliland said of Rodriguez.

There are approximately 84,000 parolees living in Texas and about 18,000 of them live in the greater Houston area, with about 1,200 monitored by GPS or electronic monitoring, according to the criminal justice department.

"These sorts of devices go off all the time," Desel said. "You can get an alert because the strap is twisted or get alerted because the person is playing soccer or doing some other activity."

Houston police Chief Art Acevedo expressed frustration at a Tuesday news conference with the low bonds, if any, that were being ordered for violent criminals who violate paroles in the Houston area and across Texas. He promised to create a task force of law enforcement agencies in Harris County to recommend to the Texas Legislature changes to tighten the system. For instance, Acevedo wants police to be authorized to search all parolees they encounter for drugs and weapons.

Acevedo spoke hours after Rodriguez was arrested while driving a car belonging to 57-year-old Edward Magana, an employee of a Houston mattress store who was shot dead Monday. Rodriguez also is accused in the deaths of Pamela Johnson, 62, who was found Friday in her Cypress-area home, and Allie Barrow, 28, found dead Saturday inside another Houston mattress store.

Rodriguez also is a suspect in the robbery, shooting and wounding of a Metro bus driver on Monday and two home invasion robberies, investigators said. It's believed a handgun found in the car Rodriguez was driving when he was arrested was used in at least two of the killings, Gilliland said Wednesday.

Rodriguez is being held without bond on two counts of capital murder. Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

Gilliland declined to speculate on a motive but said the killings appeared to be "crimes of opportunity." The parolee's actions were consistent with criminals searching for "soft targets" such as smaller stores with minimal customer traffic and only one or two employees.

## Trump asserts Russia not targeting US, contradicting intel

By ZEKE MILLER, LISA MASCARO and KEN THOMAS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an instantly controversial new comment on Russia, President Donald Trump on Wednesday appeared to deny the longtime U.S. foe was still targeting American elections, a claim sharply at odds with recent public warnings from his top intelligence chief.

The White House quickly said that wasn't what Trump was saying.

The president's response to a reporter's question came a day after he walked back his public doubting of U.S. intelligence findings of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. His doubts, undermining the longstanding public conclusions of U.S. intelligence agencies and delivered while standing alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin, had prompted blistering, bipartisan criticism at home.

Then, on Wednesday, Trump was asked during a Cabinet meeting if Russia was still targeting the U.S., and he answered "no" without elaborating. That response came days after National Intelligence Director Dan Coats sounded an alarm, saying that warning lights about overall cyberthreats to the U.S. were "blinking red" — much as "blinking red" signals before the 9/11 terror attacks.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said later that Trump does believe that Russia may try to target U.S. elections again and the "threat still exists." She said Trump was saying "no" to answering additional questions — even though he subsequently went on to address Russia. She said she was "interpreting" his remark.

The latest hubbub further inflamed criticism of the president's posture toward Russia. Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, said on Twitter that Trump's comments were "simply false. Directly contradicted by DNI Coats, who just sounded the alarm about Russia's 'ongoing,' pervasive efforts to undermine our democracy."

Coats said last week that Russia has been the most aggressive cyberthreat but other efforts are coming from China, Iran and North Korea as well as criminal networks and individual hackers.

In the aftermath of his Helsinki meeting with Putin, Trump asserted Wednesday that no other American president has been as "tough" on Russia as he has been. He cited U.S. sanctions and the expulsion of alleged Russian spies from the U.S., telling reporters that Putin "understands it, and he's not happy about it."

Trump took to Twitter early Wednesday to defend his Putin meeting, promising "big results" from better relations with Russia and hitting back at "haters."

"So many people at the higher ends of intelligence loved my press conference performance in Helsinki," Trump tweeted.

He added: "We got along well which truly bothered many haters who wanted to see a boxing match."

In a follow-up tweet, Trump wrote that Russia has agreed to help in delicate negotiations with North Korea. But he gave no details on how and when that might happen.

"Big benefits and exciting future for North Korea at end of process!" he wrote.

Lawmakers from both parties have been sounding the alarm over fresh interference by Russia as they push to fortify U.S. election infrastructure ahead of the midterm elections.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., urged colleagues to set aside their differences over the 2016 election and join to prevent another crisis.

"We need to be working feverishly here to harden our defenses," Graham said after delivering an impassioned floor speech late Tuesday.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said he can "guarantee" that the Russians will interfere with the next U.S. election. He is pushing legislation with Demo-



Donald Trump

cratic Sen. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland to slap Russia or other countries with sanctions if they're caught purchasing election ads, using social media to spread false information or disrupting election infrastructure.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has not committed to voting on the bill but cited it as one possibility following Trump's summit in Helsinki with Putin.

Amid bipartisan condemnation of Trump's embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy in Helsinki, the U.S. president delivered a rare admission of error Tuesday. He backed away from his public undermining of American intelligence agencies, saying he misspoke when he said he saw no reason to believe

Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

"The sentence should have been, 'I don't see any reason why I wouldn't, or why it wouldn't be Russia'" instead of "why it would," Trump said Tuesday of the comments he had made in Helsinki.

That didn't explain why Trump, who had tweeted a half-dozen times and sat for two television interviews since the Putin news conference, waited so long to correct his remarks. And the scripted clean-up pertained only to the least defensible of his comments.

He didn't reverse other statements in which he gave clear credence to Putin's "extremely strong and powerful" denial of Russian involvement, raised doubts about his own intelligence agencies' conclusions and advanced discredited conspiracy theories about election meddling.

Trump also accused past American leaders, rather than Russia's destabilizing actions in the U.S. and around the world, for the souring of relations between two countries. And he did not address his other problematic statements during a weeklong Europe tour, in which he sent the NATO alliance into emergency session and assailed British Prime Minister Theresa May as she was hosting him for an official visit.

"I accept our intelligence community's conclusion that Russia's meddling in the 2016 election took place," Trump conceded Tuesday. But even then he made a point of adding, "It could be other people also. A lot of people out there. There was no collusion at all."

Moments earlier, McConnell, the usually reserved Senate majority leader, publicly reassured America's allies in Europe with whom Trump clashed during his frenzied trip last week.

"The European countries are our friends, and the Russians are not," McConnell declared.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump was trying to "squirm away" from his comments alongside Putin. "It's 24 hours too late and in the wrong place," he said.

On Capitol Hill, top Republican leaders said they were open to slapping fresh sanctions on Russia, but they showed no sign of acting any time soon.

"Let's be very clear, just so everybody knows: Russia did meddle with our elections," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, another steady Trump political ally. "What we intend to do is make sure they don't get away with it again and also to help our allies."

Both parties called for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other officials to appear before Congress and tell exactly what happened during Trump's two-hour private session with Putin. Pompeo is to publicly testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 25.

Schumer also urged the Senate to take up legislation to boost security for U.S. elections and to revive a measure passed earlier by the Judiciary Committee to protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference.

In the House, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi staged a vote in support of the intelligence committee's findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election. But even that largely symbolic measure was blocked party-line by Republicans.

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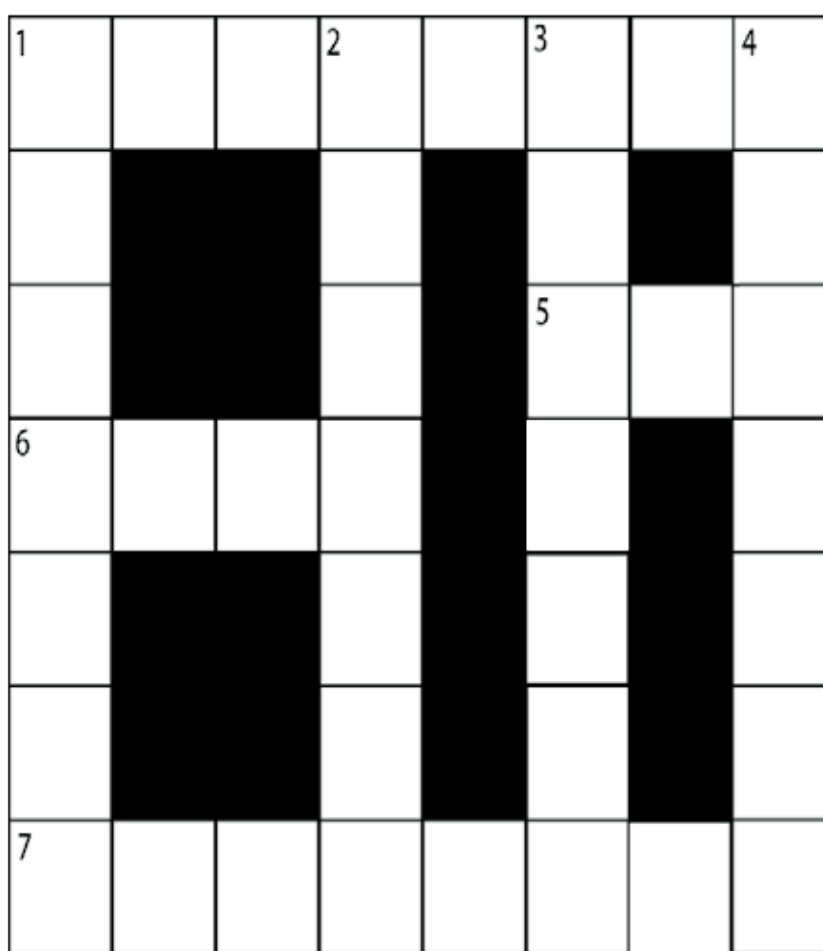
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1. Facts that prove something is untrue
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6. Person's being
7. Samples

### DOWN

1. End-of-meal course
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3. Appreciation and applause
4. Lowers temperature

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### With Leonard gone, a new look for Popovich and the Spurs



**San Antonio Spurs NBA basketball team head coach Gregg Popovich speaks to the media during a press conference in San Antonio, Wednesday, July 18, 2018. The Kawhi Leonard saga in San Antonio is over. So is DeMar DeRozan's time in Toronto. An NBA summer blockbuster got pulled off Wednesday, July 18, 2018, with the Spurs sending Leonard to the Raptors as part of a four-player deal that has DeRozan heading to San Antonio. The Spurs also got center Jakob Poeltl and a 2019 protected first-round draft pick, while the Raptors acquired sharpshooter Danny Green.**

**By RAUL DOMINGUEZ**

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The most tumultuous offseason in Gregg Popovich's two decades with the Spurs ended with the trade of star Kawhi Leonard to Toronto.

And Popovich says he is fine with that.

The Spurs traded Leonard and Danny Green to the Toronto Raptors for DeMar DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a conditional 2019 first-round pick on Wednesday. It was clear that Leonard was ready to go despite years of success with Popovich and the Spurs.

"At his point, my main interest is definitely not to look back," Popov-

ich said. "It doesn't do us any good whatsoever. I'm thrilled to have DeMar and Jakob join us. From that point on, that's where my focus will be."

Popovich was jovial and heartfelt in speaking to the media for the first time since his wife, Erin, died April 18. Popovich did not coach the Spurs in the final three games of their first-round playoff loss to Golden State.

Popovich said this offseason has been "difficult" for him, but it has not dampened the 69-year-old's desire to continue coaching.

"When I can't do it anymore or don't want to do it with me, then I'll stop doing it, but I'm fine," he said.

Popovich will be coaching a crop of young talent unseen in the early days of the Big Three of Tim Duncan,

Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili — a roster the result of some big changes.

In addition to losing Leonard and Green, San Antonio also lost Parker and Kyle Anderson to free agency. It was especially tough losing Parker, who Popovich formed a patriarchal bond with since the Spurs drafted the then 19-year-old from France.

Parker signed a two-year deal with Charlotte after Popovich and Spurs general manager R.C. Buford informed the 36-year-old point guard that his minutes would be limited in favor of younger players like Dejounte Murray, Derek White, Bryn Forbes and first-round pick Lonnie Walker out of Miami.

"This was really good for Tony," Popovich said. "He'll get more playing time, it'll kind of rejuvenate him a little bit. I think he's really excited to be in Charlotte and we've got some young kids that we need to develop in Dejounte and Derek White and Bryn and so forth."

Led by LaMarcus Aldridge's resurgent season, the Spurs won 47 games last season and reached the playoffs for a 21st consecutive year. They did so despite playing without Leonard for all but nine games due to a right quadriceps injury the All-Star forward suffered last year.

Popovich said he believes this year's team will be more talented despite the offseason losses.

"I think we've sustained a pretty good level of excellence for a very long time, more than most," Popovich said. "Hopefully that will continue and I'm confident it will with someone like DeMar and a young player like Jakob that can develop."

The Spurs were able to re-sign Rudy Gay and added former Spurs guard Marco Belinelli. Trading for DeRozan and Poeltl kept with the team's mantra of short- and long-term planning. DeRozan is signed for three more seasons and Poeltl was selected ninth by

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### Kisner shoots 66 to take early lead in British Open



**Kevin Kisner of the US plays out of the bunker on the 17th hole during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland, Thursday July 19, 2018.**

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Kevin Kisner took advantage of light winds and warm temperatures to shoot a 5-under 66 and take the early lead in the British Open, where defending champion Jordan Spieth was also in the mix on Thursday.

The American needed only 22 putts as he made his way around the Carnoustie links, where wispy rough and fast fairways made for low scores among the early groups. He had a one-shot lead over Erik Van Rooyen, a South African who shot 67.

Spieth was 3 under through 14 holes as he tried to become the first champion to repeat since Pádraig Harrington won at Carnoustie in 2007 and again at Royal Birkdale the next year.

Kisner was 1 over going into the fifth hole when he hit a 3-iron onto the par-5 and sunk a long putt for eagle. He would go on to make four more birdies, then finished with a string of pars on the difficult final holes at Carnoustie.

"If I can keep it in the fairway, I feel like I can control my golf ball around the green," he said. "The greens are calm, and around the greens are flat. I feel like any time I'm around the green I'm going to make 4 or par at the worst. So that's been my game plan."

Kisner, who is staying with Spieth and several other players at a house near the course, said they have been enjoying nightly soccer matches in the yard. But he was up early for his morning tee time, and took advantage of the benign conditions.

"You're always trying to get it in and get it in as low as you can because you never know what the next day is going to have," Kisner said of the conditions.

Danny Willett, who hasn't had a victory since surprisingly winning the Masters in 2016, shot a 69 and was three shots back. Phil Mickelson opened with a 73, while Tiger Woods had an afternoon tee time.

### Different approach by ESPN for Monday night season opener

**By BARRY WILNER**

AP Pro Football Writer

ESPN is going with a fresh approach for its first 2018 regular-season broadcast of "Monday Night Football."

Two announcers with plenty of NFL credentials but far more entrenched in the college game these days will be handling the Jets-Lions game from Detroit: Beth Mowins and Brian Griese.

"We are pretty excited to bring the franchise on the air, and hoping some pretty good story lines will play out," says Mowins, who did last year's second half of the opening doubleheader with analyst Rex Ryan. Mowins also does a few CBS telecasts of NFL games during the season, as well as Oakland Raiders preseason contests, but her main gig is college sports.

Griese is one of the top analysts of the college game, an insightful and often critical but fair voice.

"Guys who can shoot from the hip are always fun to work with," Mowins says.

Of course, he also played 11 pro seasons, starting 83 games. So his knowledge of both levels of football is expansive.

"I think the pro game in a lot of ways is more familiar to me than the college game," Griese notes. "I have had to learn the college game as it has grown. I spent 11 years in the NFL playing quarterback and it's more similar to what I know."

What both Mowins and Griese know is that the fan bases of both teams will be stoked for the game, even though Jets-Lions isn't quite the marquee matchup. Indeed, the NFL gave ESPN what appears to be a better game in the nightcap, Jon Gruden's return as the Raiders host the Rams. The

bases are having. The history is part of the story heading into the season and something we absolutely talk about graphically. The nice thing about the opener is everyone has hope again, and we can also focus on the changes these teams have made to improve."

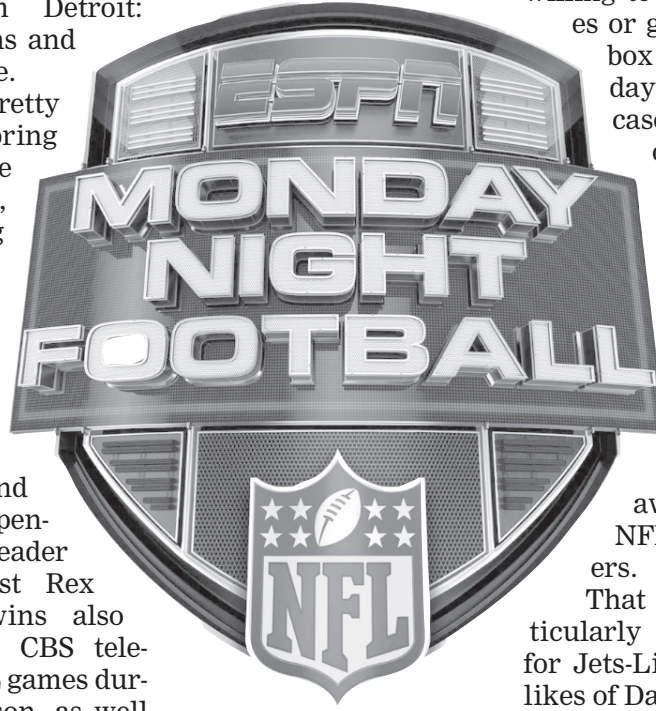
To its credit, ESPN is willing to make changes or go outside the box for its Monday night showcase. One area of expertise that Mowins and Griese — and sideline reporter Laura Rutledge — bring to the telecast is an advanced awareness of NFL newcomers.

That could be particularly enlightening for Jets-Lions with the likes of Darnold — even if he doesn't play and Josh McCown starts — and Lions rookie running back Kerryon Johnson on hand.

"One of the things I have noticed over the last several years and doing the Raiders games in preseason, you have a head start on rookies coming into the league," Mowins says. "I sort of have that background of who they were and relationships they might have with other players and coaches. That provides a nice jumping-off point, especially early in the season. Some of the rookies the NFL fans may not have seen in college, but I have had a chance to call their games in college, and so has Brian."

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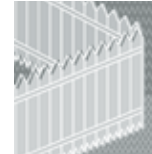
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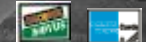
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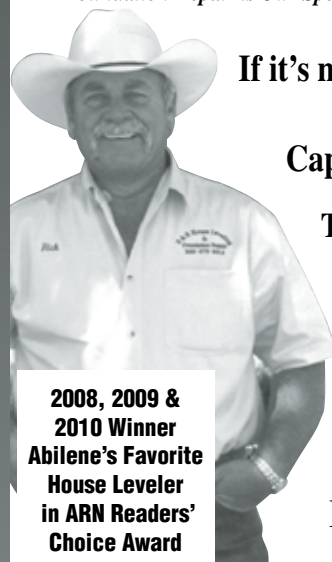


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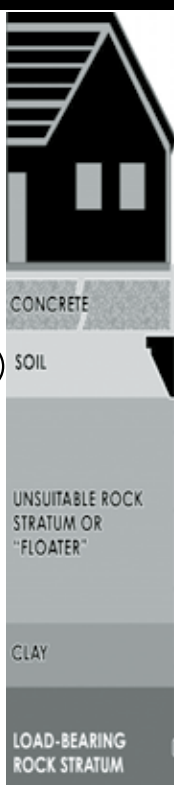
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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Sylvia gets confused**

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A J		
♥	A 6 5 3		
♦	A J		
♣	K Q J 8 4		
WEST		EAST	
♠	Q 8 6	♠	9 7 5 4
♥	9	♥	Q J 10 2
♦	10 9 8 6 5 3	♦	Q 7 4
♣	A 6 2	♣	7 5
SOUTH			
♠	K 10 3 2		
♥	K 8 7 4		
♦	K 2		
♣	10 9 3		

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 ♣ Pass  
5 NT Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.  
Whenever Sylvia learned a new convention, it became next to impossible to stop her from making use of it at the slightest pretext. She treated each new convention in much the same way as a child treats a new toy.  
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kings her partner had was simply irresistible.  
This deal is typical of Sylvia's early experimentation with Blackwood. She was North and bid one club. When South responded one heart, Sylvia's face lit up with joy. It was not so much that she recognized the possibility of a slam; rather, it gave her an opportunity to use her newest weapon. So Sylvia bid four notrump.  
South bid five clubs, indicating no aces, and Sylvia continued with five notrump to find out how many kings South had. This bid was very questionable, to put it mildly, but Sylvia didn't want to forgo the opportunity to ask for kings.  
South responded six spades, showing three kings, and Sylvia's curiosity was momentarily satisfied. However, she suddenly realized that it was no longer possible to play the hand at six hearts. Thoroughly confused, she decided to pass, and six spades became the final contract.  
West led a diamond. South won with the king, played a low trump to dummy's jack, cashed the ace, crossed to the king of hearts, drew trumps with the K-10, conceded a club to the ace and so made the slam! Six hearts, of course, would have gone down two!

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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## SUDOKU

6		4			2			
			5				2	8
				4			5	
					9		6	5
			7					
		3			5	9		
				9	7	1		
9	1		4			6		
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3	4	7	2	7	4	7	3	9
9	1	2	4	5	8	6	3	7
8	6	5	3	9	7	1	4	2
1	2	3	6	8	5	9	7	4
5	9	6	7	2	4	8	1	3
4	7	8	1	3	9	2	6	5
2	8	1	9	4	3	7	5	6
7	3	9	5	1	6	4	2	8
6	5	4	8	7	2	3	9	1

ANSWER:

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

**Moon Change Sounds Alarm Bell**  
We all tend to love along certain grooves, styles we learned early in life. Some weren't the best -- unhealthy, codependent or generally unsupportive. But since they are comfortable and familiar, we continue to roll our love along them until there's an awakening. Today's moon change just might be the alarm bell.  
**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You can't help whom you're attracted to, and there are some difficult characters in your circle whom you love despite (or perhaps because of) their prickles. Put on emotional gloves. Protect yourself and you'll be fine.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** There are lots of kinds of intelligence, and the one you possess will be fantastic for handling today's set of circumstances. Additionally, including others with complementary skills will really push things forward.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your popularity will grow. You've a captivating way of expressing yourself, especially with mundane information. You understand things on a deeper level, so you make them more interesting.  
**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It makes sense to go where the generosity, tenderness and kindness are flowing, and yet you may feel an allure toward excitement that promises none of those things. Should you really have to work that hard for love?  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** As you look into your curiosities, research your passions and follow your whims, there will always be those who don't get it and think what you're doing is a waste of time. They are wrong. Ignore them.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You long for congruity where there is dissonance. It's nobody's fault. You're on a different page of the soul. We all are on different pages of the soul. Fill yours out regardless. It will help the bigger story.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your imagination is important to living your best life. Indulge it. Your days and nights will be enriched by the choice to do what



and temptation to your days when you need the excitement. An educational achievement will be an important marker in 2019. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 28, 40 and 18.  
**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "I'm a 46-year-old Scorpio male who dated a 47-year-old Capricorn female for over two years until we recently broke up. Part of the reason for the breakup was my mother, whom I have been living with since my dad passed away. Mom didn't like the girl, although there was no great reason to dislike her. On the other hand, my girlfriend would slander my mom and would say I did too much for her, which was not the case. I was slow in making a commitment; I did finally tell my mom I was moving out, and she was upset. My girlfriend showed no compassion, which I thought was a bad sign, so I didn't move out. Then my girlfriend went on a trip to Vegas with another man. Do you think that I was doomed from the beginning with her because she couldn't stand the competition my mother presented, or do you think she's actually jealous of me because I am somewhat more handsome than others and people warm up to my personality faster than they do to hers?"  
Even though there are very good reasons that you are living with your mom, a Capricorn woman might be the last person to understand them. Capricorn women tend to equate autonomy with alpha male qualities, so in her eyes, your current lifestyle just doesn't fit that description. Don't take it personally. Not everyone thinks this way.  
**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** As the lead guitarist for Queen, Brian May composed "We Will Rock You," and rock us he did. Then this Cancer became an astrophysicist and published his doctoral thesis on zodiacal light. May was born when the sun, Mercury and Venus were soulful Cancer. His moon, Saturn and Pluto are in entertaining Leo, and his natal Mars is in intellectual Gemini.

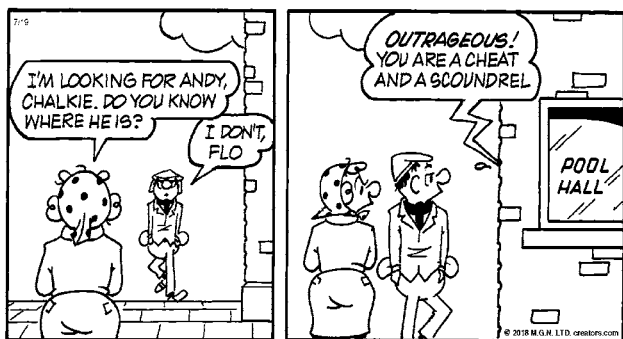
It takes to cultivate an exciting inner world.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The adage suggests that it's not what you know but (SET ITAL)who(END ITAL) you know -- although today it won't fit either way, so don't worry about it! Knowledge won't get you through in the way that feelings will, especially feelings of compassion.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your friendliness will be the sunshine for those who need it. There's an opportunity, and the odds are secretly and definitely in your favor, so take a risk.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If love is to be a graceful dance, the steps have to be learned. Study it; break it down; practice the moves. Repetition creates mastery. The beauty you create will be worth it, and besides, it's the mature thing to do.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** There's something terribly lonely about spending too much time with people you can't seem to get close to. In fact, even more isolating than being alone, because at least when you're solo you connect with yourself.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** While scrolling through your feed, it may seem that everyone is having fun without you, but that's the lie everyone believes. Social media is primarily about perceptions and image. For the truth, see your friends in person.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 19).** Following your exceptional radar for all things good for you will lead to a healthy, happy year. The counterbalance will come in the form of a mischievous character, who adds some spice

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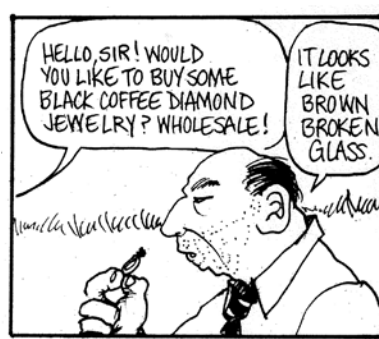


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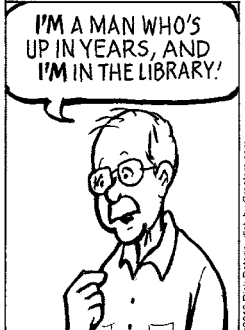
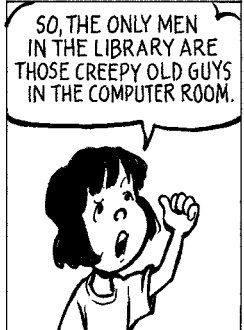
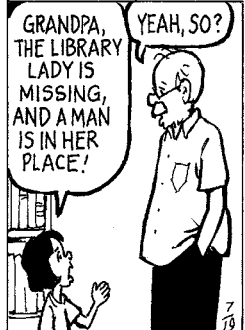
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## This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 19, the 200th day of 2018. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

On this date:

In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the First Battle of Sackets Harbor in Lake Ontario resulted in an American victory as U.S. naval forces repelled a British attack.

In 1848, a pioneering women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, New York.

In 1903, the first Tour de France was won by Maurice Garin.

In 1943, allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1944, the Democratic national convention convened in Chicago with the nomination of President Franklin D. Roosevelt considered a certainty.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1979, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua fell to Sandinista guerrillas, two days after President Anastasio Somoza fled the country.

In 1989, 111 people were killed when United Air Lines Flight 232, a DC-10 which suffered the uncontained failure of its tail engine and the loss of hydraulic systems, crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 185 other people survived.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since redesignated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1992, anti-Mafia prosecutor Paolo Borsellino was

killed along with five members of his security detail in a car bombing in Palermo, Sicily.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton announced a policy allowing homosexuals to serve in the military under a compromise dubbed "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue."

Ten years ago: Democrat Barack Obama visited U.S. troops and met with officials in Afghanistan as part of a congressional fact-finding tour. The Indiana Fever defeated the New York Liberty 71-55 in the WNBA's first outdoor game, played at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Five years ago: In a rare and public reflection on race, President Barack Obama called on the nation to do some soul searching over the death of Trayvon Martin and the acquittal of his shooter, George Zimmerman, saying the slain black teenager "could have been me 35 years ago."

A Dallas woman plunged 75 feet to her death from a Six Flags Over Texas roller coaster when her safety restraint apparently failed.

One year ago: Sen. John McCain's office said the 80-year-old Arizona Republican and former presidential nominee had been diagnosed with a brain tumor, glioblastoma. President Donald Trump told The New York Times that he would have chosen someone else to be attorney general if he'd known that Jeff Sessions would recuse himself from the FBI probe into possible ties between Trump's campaign and Russia.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Helen Gallagher is 92. Country singer Sue Thompson is 92. Singer Vikki Carr is 78. Blues singer-musician Little Freddie King is 78. Country singer-musician Commander Cody is 74. Actor George Dzundza is 73. Rock singer-musician Alan Gorrie (Average White Band) is 72. International Tennis Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase is 72.

Rock musician Brian May is 71. Rock musician Bernie Leadon is 71. Actress Beverly Archer is 70. Movie director Abel Ferrara is 67. Actor Peter Barton is 62. Rock musician Kevin Haskins (Love and Rockets; Bauhaus) is 58. Movie director Atom Egoyan is 58. Actor Campbell Scott is 57. Actor Anthony Edwards is 56. Country singer Kelly

Shiver is 55. Actress Clea Lewis is 53. Percussionist Evelyn Glennie is 53. Country musician Jeremy Patterson is 48. Classical singer Urs Buhler (Il Divo) is 47. Actor Andrew Kavovit is 47. Rock musician Jason McGerr (Death Cab for Cutie) is 44. Actor Benedict Cumberbatch is 42. Actress Erin Cummings is 41. TV chef Marcela

Valladolid is 40. Actor Chris Sullivan ("This is Us") is 38. Actor Jared Padalecki is 36. Actor Trai Byers is 35. Actress Kaitlin Doubleday ("Nashville") is 34. Actor/comedian Dustin Ybarra is 32. Actor Steven Anthony Lawrence is 28.

Thought for Today:  
"The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious ... the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science."

Albert Einstein (1879-1955).

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## Newsday Crossword

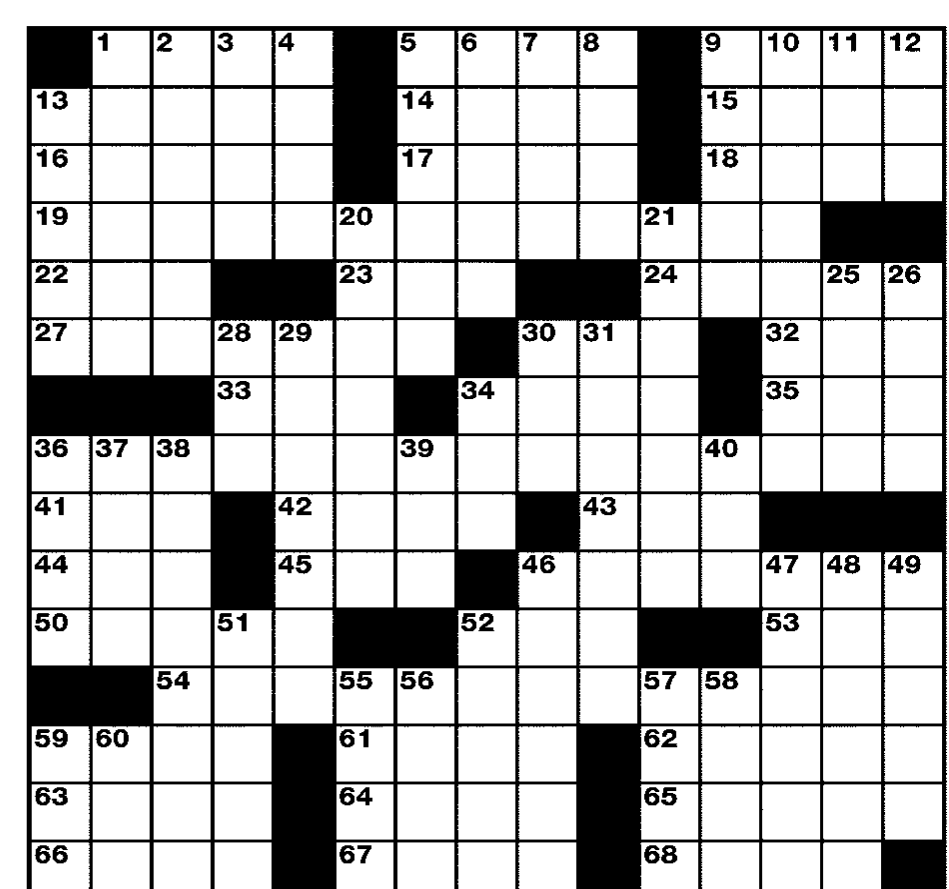
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### ACROSS

- Event with "specials"
- Clean up
- Secretive sound
- Went (for)
- Jai \_\_\_
- One with the lead
- Have a cow
- Bell-shaped bloom
- Major employer, possibly
- Locker-room food array
- Pack animal
- Cloister resident
- Anything seen
- Take away (from)
- Pilot light fuel
- Infuriated
- Holiday prelude
- Sesame Street roommate
- French toast ingredient
- Being kind at a cafeteria
- Shade of gray
- Java's home
- Stuff like syrup
- Oath affirmation
- Fraction of a dozen
- Supreme Court VIP
- Cardio regimen
- Have caught something
- Hair care product
- Acting up
- Some book-flap paragraphs
- Cumbersome boats
- Ease up

### DOWN

- Thinly scattered
- After a long wait
- Big name in jeans
- Idyllic locale
- Wood stain shade
- Sync up
- What a pinch might be
- Informal welcome
- Sacred song
- Party decoration
- Looney Tunes cowboy
- Have a go
- Group of eight
- Infuriate
- Cozy eateries
- Pop superstar, in brief
- Uneasy
- High-\_\_\_ monitor
- Skipper in the air
- Prefix for metric
- Peppery salad ingredient
- "Not \_\_\_ long shot!"
- Metaphor for an incentive
- Organic food certifier
- Help for a tight fit
- Speakeasy fare
- Young one
- Tool for curved cutting
- Large lizard
- Hoops or gridiron position
- Tribal figure
- Overly controlling
- Something needed for hopping
- Emulate Attila
- De-wrinkle
- Despicable ones
- Philharmonic member
- Place to read
- Furious feeling



Answer to previous puzzle  
STOPS SAIL SHED  
LOGON WACO HERE  
AIRLINE HUB EARN  
BLEEPED SALVES  
PREPS CLYDE  
PADDED RADISH  
AWAIT SAVED ESC  
ROTE RAYON LAIR  
ALA TIMER TORSO  
CLAMOR MYSTIC  
CREAK ASTER  
LENSES AMASSES  
ANTE COMMONCORE  
SEER ALOE TALIA  
HERS NEWS STEER



# Sex abuse victims join hands, accept courage award at ESPYs



**Jennifer Garner, front, embraces gymnast Aly Raisman after presenting the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage, at the ESPY Awards at Microsoft Theater on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, in Los Angeles. Holding hands in front left are former gymnast Sarah Klein and former Michigan State softball player Tiffany Thomas Lopez. More than 140 survivors of sexual abuse by a former team doctor for USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University joined hands on stage to be honored with the award.**

By **BETH HARRIS**

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than 140 survivors of sexual abuse by a former team doctor for USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University joined hands on stage to be honored with the Arthur Ashe Award for Courage at the ESPYs.

The women who spoke out against the abuse by Larry Nassar stood together Wednesday night in a powerful and solemn closing to the show highlighting the past year's top athletes and moments in sports.

Gymnast Aly Raisman, softball player Tiffany Thomas Lopez and gymnast Sarah Klein, who said she

was Nassar's first victim 30 years ago, took turns speaking. Klein chided the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Gymnastics and Michigan State for placing "money and medals above the safety of child athletes."

Olympic snowboarding champion Chloe Kim won a leading three ESPYs, including best female athlete, while Alex Ovechkin claimed best male athlete.

Kim had tears in her eyes as she listened to the Arthur Ashe recipients.

"We must start caring about children's safety more than we care about adults' reputations," Klein said. "If we can just give one person the courage to use their voice, this is worth it."

Raisman added, "For too long we

were ignored. It could have been avoided. All we needed was one adult to have the integrity to stand between us and Larry Nassar."

The audience gave the group a prolonged standing ovation and remained on its feet while the women spoke.

"What a powerful stage up here," host Danica Patrick said before signing off.

Ovechkin joined Roger Federer and Olympic snowboarder Shaun White as double winners. Ovechkin was in Russia with his wife, Nastya, who is 8½ months pregnant.

Newly retired racecar driver Patrick became the first woman to host the show at the Microsoft Theater in downtown Los Angeles. Her opening monologue mostly fell flat, with athletes sitting stone-faced or wincing at many of the jokes.

Kim took female athlete honors over Olympic skier Mikaela Shiffrin, WNBA player Sylvia Fowles and soccer player Julie Ertz.

"This year has been filled with so many incredible memories I will hold onto the rest of my life," Kim said as she held the silver trophy. "I really want to thank my family. They've sacrificed so much for me."

Kim also claimed trophies for best female Olympian and female action sports athlete. At the Pyeongchang Games in February, she became the youngest to win a snowboarding medal when the then-17-year-old claimed gold in halfpipe.

Ovechkin, who led the Washington Capitals to their first Stanley Cup championship, also won for best NHL champion. He beat out Patriots quarterback Tom Brady and fellow first-time nominees Jose Altuve of the Houston Astros and James Harden of the Houston Rockets for male athlete.

Federer's five-set victory at the Australian Open in January for his 20th Grand Slam singles title earned hon-

ors for record-breaking performance and he also received best male tennis player.

White won best Olympic moment with his final-run performance in South Korea featuring back-to-back 1440s to take gold, and best male Olympian.

The Astros were honored as best team for winning the franchise's first World Series.

LeBron James, soon to be starring across the street at Staples Center with the Los Angeles Lakers, won best NBA player for the third straight year on his 14th consecutive nomination in the category.

Brady claimed best NFL player, while Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels won MLB player.

On a big night for Olympians, the U.S. women's hockey team earned best game honors for their shootout victory over Canada in the gold-medal game in South Korea.

Donovan Mitchell of the Utah Jazz earned breakthrough athlete honors.

Quarterback Nick Foles received the championship performance trophy for leading the Philadelphia Eagles to their first Super Bowl title.

The Minnesota Vikings earned best moment honors for beating the New Orleans Saints on the last play of the NFL championship game.

Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale won in the best play category for hitting a buzzer-beater in the NCAA women's title game.

The best coach award was given posthumously to Aaron Feis, Scott Beigel and Chris Hixon, all of whom died in the mass shooting at Florida's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Former quarterback Jim Kelly received the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance for his struggle with jaw cancer. Fellow NFL Hall of Famers Dan Marino and John Elway presented Kelly with the honor.

## Thomas wears yellow as the Tour heads toward Alpe d'Huez



**Stage winner Britain's Geraint Thomas and new overall leader throws his flowers to fans on the podium after the eleventh stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 108.5 kilometers (67.4 miles) with start in Albertville and finish in La Rosiere Espace San Bernardo, France.**

ALPE D'HUEZ, France (AP) — Geraint Thomas is wearing the yellow jersey for the 12th stage of the Tour de France, which concludes with the famed 21 bends up to Alpe d'Huez.

The last and most feared of the three

stages in the Alps, the 175.5-kilometer (109-mile) leg began in Bourg-Sant-Maurice and will take the peloton over three beyond-category climbs.

Hours before the peloton arrived at Alpe d'Huez, fans lined every meter of the climb — many of them having camped out for days — and thousands of amateur cyclists tested their legs on the ascent.

Thomas leads by 1 minute, 25 seconds over Sky teammate Chris Froome, the four-time champion.

Rigoberto Uran, last year's runner-up, withdrew before the stage began, having failed to recover from a crash on the cobblestones in Stage 9.

## FIBA bans players, coaches for basketball brawl in Manila

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Thirteen basketball players and two coaches were suspended and fined Thursday, and sanctions were imposed on the national federations of the Philippines and Australia after a brawl during an Asian qualifier for the sport's World Cup.

Video of the brawl on July 2 was widely played around the world, with punches thrown, chairs tossed at players from the crowd, and security needed to restore order.

Ten Philippines players were suspended: Japeth Aguilar and Matthew Wright (one game each); Terence Romeo, Jayson Castro William, Andray Blatche and Jeth Rosario (three games each); Roger Pogoy, Carl Cruz and

Jio Jalalon (five games each); Calvin Abueva (six games, because of prior unsportsmanlike behavior in a FIBA competition).

FIBA, the sport's governing body, said Philippines assistant coach Joseph Uichico was suspended for three games for unsportsmanlike behavior. Head coach Vincent "Chot" Reyes was suspended for one game

and fined for unsportsmanlike behavior, as was the national federation.

Philippines federation president Al Panlilio said later Thursday in Manila that "it could have been worse."

"FIBA was quite fair in the process," he said, adding he wasn't sure if the federation would appeal.

## ESPN

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broadcasts together, but have had many conversations and learning sessions. Last year, when the Broncos played in the opener Mowins and Ryan announced, she reached out to Griese, who does Denver's preseason games.

"I've talked with Beth quite a bit through the years, we are in the same college football realm, so we see quite a bit of each other's work," Griese says. "I'm very familiar with her work in college football."

"The approach for me will be a little bit different because I will probably go to both teams' training camps to familiarize myself with the teams. I don't ever do a game where I have not seen a team live or in person (at practice or in a game). That will be the only difference for you in preparation."

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## SPURS

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Toronto in the 2016 draft.

"I thought our staff did an unbelievably great job bringing back quality players, quality people and in DeMar, a proven All-Star. I have to be thrilled with that, and I am," Popovich said.

The Spurs are hoping the addition of DeRozan and Walker along with the continued development of Murray, White, Forbes and Davis Bertans along with a healthier Gay will help them in the loaded Western Conference.

"You've got to shoot the basketball and DeMar does that well," Popovich said. "But the rest of the makeup of the team having Der-

ek White develop, having Bryn come back, having Rudy come back, all people who can shoot it. Adding Marco Belinelli is important so those things round out and helps LaMarcus do his thing down there. That shooting will help us a great deal."

One unknown factor is Ginobili. The veteran guard from Argentina has a year remaining on his contract but has not decided if he will return. Popovich said Ginobili "is chasing bears in the Northwest" while vacationing with

his three young sons. Hoping to entice the 40-year-old to return, Popovich sent a picture of Ginobili in his early years, dunking on an opponent.

"He sent me back a picture of me like in my first year here as an assistant," Popovich said. "I'm not sure what that meant. Like, 'You're crazy, you're old, too.'"

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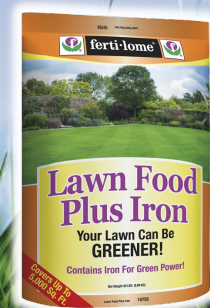


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