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Candidates field questions in mayoral debate at BSHS

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

About 80 people gathered in the Big Spring High School Library Tuesday evening to learn more about mayoral candidates in the May 4 city election.

Three of the four candidates for the position of Big Spring's next mayor were at the school to participate in a debate sponsored by local political parties. Four Big Spring High School students asked questions of candidates David Mathis, Anna Scott, and Shannon Thomason.

Following the debate, each candidate said they felt the event went well.

"I feel pretty good about all of our performances. I mean, we all seem to care about our community, and I really hope that one of us can get in there and do a wonderful job for our community," Mathis said. "I may have made a few mistakes. I don't claim to know everything. I'm just going on what people of the community have said to me, things I've heard from them, and I hope



From left, Big Spring mayoral candidates David Mathis, Anna Scott and Shannon Thomason took part in a debate Tuesday evening at Big Spring High School. The debate was sponsored by Howard County Democrats, Howard County Republicans, and Howard County Young Democrats and Young Republicans; and featured questions relating to local infrastructure, business and taxes.

that I can address their issues, and try to make Big Spring even better than it already is."
 "I think it went really well," said Scott. "I was glad to see such a great turnout

— so many interested citizens. And it was great to hear the perspectives of the other two."
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Five CHS students advance to regional UIL



CHS regional qualifiers in UIL academic contest are from left, Amy Guo, Brianna Coskey, Grayson Glidewell, Julia Cox, and Julia Mashburn.

Special to the Herald
 Moving on up.
 Five students from Coahoma High School qualified for the regional UIL Academic contest.
 Grayson Glidewell, Julia Mashburn, Julia Cox, Brianna Coskey, and Amy Guo made the cut after their performance at district UIL, held recently in Stanton.

This is Glidewell's second time to qualify for UIL academic regionals. This go-round, the CHS sophomore placed second in current issues and third in informative speaking at the district meet. Senior Julia Mashburn showed off her creative skills in the feature writing event. She placed second.
 Sophomores Julia Cox, Brianna Coskey, and freshman Amy Guo also performed well as each placed third in their respective contest. Cox will head to regionals to compete in news writing, Coskey in literary criticism, and Guo in spelling and vocabulary.

Overall, Coahoma High School ended in fifth place in the district UIL academic contest. Regional competition will be

held April 13 on the Abilene Christian University campus.
 Results from the recent academic meet are as follows:
 UIL Academic Meet
 Conference 3A,
 District 4
 Stanton High School
 Results (Coahoma only)

Current Issues: 2 - Grayson Glidewell, regional qualifier
 Copy Editing: 4 - Ashleigh Mull; 6 - Alex Grant.
 Computer Science: 5th - Ashley Crisp; 6 - Brianna Coskey
 Feature Writing: 2 - Julia Mashburn, regional qualifier
 Informative speaking: 3 - Grayson Glidewell, regional qualifier
 Literary Criticism: 3 - Brianna Coskey, regional qualifier
 Mathematics: 6 - Joe Mashburn

Mobile Meals receives allocation check



Representatives from Mobile Meals, one of the 2018 United Way supported agencies, was presented with their annual allocation check. Mobile Meals provides hot meals to elderly and needy citizens, Monday through Friday. The organization is looking for new volunteers to help deliver meals.

- News Writing: 3 - Julia Cox, regional qualifier
- Persuasive Speaking: 4 - Delia Rawls
- Poetry Interpretation: 4 - Aubrey Green
- Physics: 1 - Danielle Deatheridge
- Social Studies: 6 - Maddix Martinez
- Spelling and Vocabulary: 3 - Amy Guo, regional qualifier
- Current Issues: 2 - Coahoma High School
- Cross Examination: 5 - Coahoma High School Team 1.
- Literary Criticism: 2 - Coahoma High School
- One Act Play: 5 - Coahoma High School

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Obituaries

Joe Renteria, Jr.



Joe Renteria, Jr., 67, formerly of Knott, died Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in a Midland hospital. A rosary will be held 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Joe was born to Joe Renteria, Sr. and Clara Gonzales Renteria, Sept. 9, 1951, in Longmont, CO. He married Ernestina Heredia Sept. 11, 1971, in Big Spring. Joe worked at WesTex Auto Parts for 37 years before retiring in 2017. He enjoyed cooking and fishing.

Joe is survived by his wife, Ernestina Renteria;

four children, Jennifer Renteria and Michael Quilimaco, Diana Cobos and husband, Gerald, J. D. Renteria and Angelica Molinar, and Jeremy Renteria and Katy Shawver, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Lani Olagne and Justin, Lexi Vera and Michael, Sam Yzaguirre, Belle Hernandez, Dylan Segundo, Deryk Renteria, J. P. Renteria, Korbyn Renteria, Eli Cobos, Gabi Rios, Madisyn Renteria, and Jaxyn Renteria; 5 great-grandchildren, Adilyn and J.J. Olague, Zayden, Aaliyah and Zachary Vera; two brothers, Johnny Renteria and wife, Yolanda, and David Renteria; a sister, Joanna Flores; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Georgia Mae Torres



Georgia Mae Torres, 72, of Columbus, Georgia, passed Friday, March 29, 2019, at St Francis Hospital, Columbus, Georgia. The family will receive friends at 9 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2019, followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m. at the funeral home, Hill-Watson-People's Funeral Service LLC, 1605 Third Avenue, Columbus, 706-327-9293.

Mrs. Torres was born Feb. 3, 1947,

in Big Spring, Texas, to the union of the late Samuel T. and Candy Eva Green Jackson. She retired after 33 years of service as a school bus operator for Big Spring Independent School District.

Georgia leaves to cherish her beautiful memories her sons, Samuel Andrew Baucham and wife Ismuni, and Kevin Brian Baucham; daughters, Eva Janese Beavers and Letitia Dawn Baucham; grandchildren, Samuel Orlando Baucham and Sarah Elizabeth Baucham; several other relatives; and many dear friends in the Big Spring area.

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Take Note

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey, Street, Coahoma. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

• A fund has been set up to assist Debbye Salazar-ValVerde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye ValVerde".

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.

Taxpayers need to bring

a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018. Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon the first Monday of every month. We meet at Howard College in the Cactus Room. Our vision is that every Big Spring citizen will take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the most beautiful city in Texas. Visitors are always welcome. For more information call Tammy at 432-935-0057.

• Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a licensing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• 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, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be May 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Saturday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the basement of the Howard County Library. Come join us, we would love to have you.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **MAURICIO BARRON RAMIRES**, 19, of 2900 W. Hwy 80, Room 11, was arrested on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and tampering with a government record.

• **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 40, of 1804 Settles St., was arrested on warrants for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and for other outstanding warrants.

• **ALANA DIANE SANCHEZ**, 42, of 1005 E. 16th St., was arrested on charges of assault family violence threat or offensive touch.

• **EDWARD LEE ROACH**, 47 of 1110 E. 5th St., was arrested on warrants for assault causing bodily injury.

• **ASSAULT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported 1400 block of Bluebird St., and in the 1200 block of E. 18th St.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Rd.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 1700 block of S. Gregg St., and in the 900 block of S. Gregg St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of N.E. 12th St., and in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.

• **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 6800 block of S. Service Rd.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont St, and in the 800 block of E. 3rd St.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

• **MAURICIO BARRON**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and tampering with a government record.

• **JOSEPH MICHAEL COOK**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for credit or debit card abuse, aggravated assault of a date/family/household member, bail jumping or failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and on a parole violation.

• **LARRY DALE KING**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for failure to appear/possession of a controlled substance.

• **MARCUS ANTHONY MILLER**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury (family)

• **EDWARD LEE ROACH**, 47, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for assault causing bodily injury.

• **ALANA DIANE SANCHEZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family violence or threat.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

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DEBATE

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"I thought it went very well," Thomason said. "I was very pleased with the turnout we had."

Each candidate was given five minutes to introduce themselves before the questions began.

MATHIS: "I'm not going to stand up here and make a bunch of grand statements. I saw an opportunity to jump in and help my community in some kind of way, so I signed up to run for mayor of this city that I have made my home; and hopefully I'll be given the opportunity to take some steps to provide for the betterment of this community."

THOMASON: "The question was put to me here a while back: 'How many times are you going to run?' The answer to that is real simple: As long as we have streets full of potholes, water that people are afraid to drink, taxes that are out of control, and a city council that's not responsible to the citizens, I'm going to keep running."

SCOTT: "I have a lot invested in this community and it's my hometown, so I want to make Big Spring a hometown that everyone can be proud of and provide sustainable growth in the business sector as well as the residential sector. There are four main concerns that I see in Big Spring. Those are rezoning, recycling, the Animal Shelter, and the water main system."

Questions in the debate centered around topics ranging from taxes to infrastructure to tourism and attracting new business to town. This article won't attempt to provide a comprehensive transcript of the debate, but will instead highlight a few representative questions and portions of each candidate's answers from the lengthy list of questions asked during the event.

The very first question in the debate touched on a topic near and dear to the hearts of all Big Spring drivers: potholes.

"The city has issues with infrastructure, potholes in particular. If elected, what are your plans to address this issue?" asked BSHS student Kim Chapel.

Candidates answered starting with Mathis, then proceeding to Thomason and Scott – an order which rotated as the night progressed.

MATHIS: "I would side-step the pothole issue, because there's absolutely no point in repairing the potholes unless we take care of the water mains underneath the roads first. I've only been here for six years, but I've heard of several different occasions in Big Spring where they've said, 'We're going to fix the water mains. Let's pass a bond measure, let's raise some more taxes, let's do this. It's happening for real this time,' and it has not. So honestly, my very first priority would be fixing the water mains, the water lines that run through every part of this city."

THOMASON: "The issue with potholes is something that the city used to address. They had a deal called the 'Pothole Patrol.' It was a couple of guys in a truck that would go around town filling in pot-

holes, shoveling asphalt in and fixing the potholes. But David is absolutely right. You have to repair the water main issue. Our aging water system is a huge problem. ... But with regards to the streets, we have our annual seal coat projects, which could do a lot toward repairing the pothole issue. A Pothole Patrol and a website or a Facebook page where people could report potholes would go a long way toward fixing that. But also, something I think is very important is, when those potholes are posted, there needs to be a response to that particular issue, every time one comes up. We can't have them sitting there for months and months. We've got to show positive progress in fixing these issues as they're brought up."

SCOTT: "I've looked into it, I've done research on it, and a water main leak can cause a pothole in as little as two or three weeks. And you know our Water Department here: It doesn't always get fixed because there are so many other issues going on. So until we can fix that water main and fix those roads that way at the same time, we can't go around fixing every single pothole. I think we should have a system, similar to what Shannon was saying, where we have a Facebook page called 'Big Spring Potholes.' ... But water mains need to be fixed first. If you've been on Dallas Street, they've actually worked on the water mains there, by H-E-B, and the road is in much better shape than some of the neighboring roads."

"Tourism is an important part of drawing people and revenue to a town. How would you increase the tourism to Big Spring?" asked BSHS student Orlando Martinez.

SCOTT: "I'm actually opening a brewery, which is going to have a tasting room, and we're going to be an exporting brewery, so we're going to be selling beer, and when people see, 'Oh, this is where this was brewed, I can go visit.' So I'm assisting in that manner. As for tourism outside the beer drinkers and beer enthusiasts, I believe it would have to come from creating a more historical downtown, and highlighting the historical aspects of Big Spring."

MATHIS: "The spring does look lovely, doesn't it? They spent a lot of money on that, and they say it brings in lots of people from out of town, that come and visit it. I don't know how true that is, I don't hang out down there. There's not a whole lot of historical buildings here in Big Spring. Outside the Potton House, I don't know of very many at all. In order to bring tourists into what we refer to as 'The Crossroads of West Texas,' we really need to ramp that up. A lot of history has passed through this town. We need to talk about it. Not just the plaques that are at the Spring, talking about the Comanche Trail and the generals that came through here. Big Spring's over 100 years old. A lot of history has happened here. We can talk about it. We can share it. We can probably give more to the Heritage Museum."

THOMASON: "The Spring Project is a beautiful sight. You can see it all in about an hour. That's not going to bring people in and keep them here

and keep them engaged, and have them stay in our hotels and spending money in our restaurants and buying gas at our gas stations. What we need are venues that will attract people here and keep them here for a day or two or three, whatever we can to keep people engaged."

BSHS student Myda Hernandez asked "What makes you the best-qualified candidate to run this city?"

THOMASON: "Well, I've got years of research into city issues under my belt. I'm a businessman. I've run my own businesses and I've run businesses for other people. I know what it's like to work on a budget where you can't just go get more money out of the till. It's got to be balanced. And I've got a little bit of experience as a legislator. I'm currently a state executive board member for the Libertarian Party of Texas, and I've actually written city law. The term limits amendment to the Big Spring City Charter, I wrote that, and worked with the Concerned Citizens Council to circulate petitions and get it on the ballot, which you fine folks approved back in 2011."

SCOTT: "I have the citizens at heart. I've been walking around, shaking hands, talking to people, listening to what issues they see in the city. Because everyone has a different life, everyone drives down different roads. They have different jobs, they have different kinds of days, some have great days, some have bad.... But I do love to listen to people's stories, hear their concerns, and try to address what ails them. Like, what's going on with the city, and what I can do. Piggybacking off that, I love looking for expert opinion. I'm not going to sit here and say, that, oh, I'm X, Y, Z. I go and I talk to the people that are in charge of it, who deal with it on the daily."

MATHIS: "I have absolutely nothing to gain. My life will not change whether I win or lose. The paycheck that I would receive as mayor is paltry. It's nothing. I don't have a business interest. I haven't spent years trying to tear it down. I don't have relatives employed in other places. I have no interests to protect. I have nothing to gain, but I have everything to give to my community."

A video of the entire debate, live streamed by KBEST radio, can be viewed on the Big Spring Herald Facebook page.

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Lady Steers mangle the Maidens of Lake View 16-3 to remain unbeaten in district play



HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

Kynleigh Joy strikes out one of the seven Maidens she sat down in the Lady Steers 16-3 win over Lake View on Tuesday. Joy struck out 5 batters in a row during one stretch and was dominant in the circle for Big Spring who move to 6-0 in district play.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO – The Lady Steers asserted their dominance over the district once again on Tuesday night on the road against Lake View. Big Spring scored 16 runs on 11 hits in the game and took control from the opening inning to get their sixth straight district win.

The Lady Steers scored 4 runs in the first inning, 6 more in the top of the second and 3 in the top of the third to put the game out of reach early. Big Spring gave up 3 runs in the bottom of the third, but those would be the only runs of the game for the Maidens as the Lady Steers stiffened on defense and put the clamps on Lake View in the last two innings to get

the run rule in the fifth.

With double digit hits in the game, Big Spring had three players with multiple hits in the game. Amber Martinez, Jocelyn Gonzales and Alexis Starr all had at least two hits in the win. Martinez led the way for the Lady Steers going 3 for 5 at the plate while driving in 2 runs as well. Big Spring brought the pressure on the base path as well with 17 stolen bases in the game. Leah Davilla and Jocelyn Olivares led the way with 4 bags each as the Lady Steers used their aggressive base running to put even more pressure on the already struggling Lake View defense.

Kyleigh Joy got the start and the win in the circle and played great as usual on the rubber. Joy pitched

3 innings gave up 3 runs on 3 hits and struck out 7. At one point in the game Joy sat down 5 Maidens in a row on strikes as she dominated the Lake View lineup. Kalyn Whitehead pitched 2 innings in relief for Big Spring. Whitehead allowed no runs, no hits and struck out one batter in her impressive close out of the win. Clarissa Fernandez got the start for San Angelo. Fernandez pitched 5 inning allowed 16 runs on 11 hits and struck out 3 in the loss.

With the win the Lady Steers move to 6-0 in district competition and put themselves firmly in the driver's seat moving forward as they look to stay perfect when they travel to Sweetwater on Friday April 12.



HERALD photo/Jordan Parr

Alexis Starr hits a lead off double to start the game for the Lady Steers against Lake View on Tuesday in San Angelo. Starr started the game off with a bang and continued to play great throughout the 16-3 blowout of the Maidens. Starr went 2 for 4 in the game and stole 2 bases in the district win.

Gallo hard 2-run grounder pushes Rangers past Astros 6-4

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Baseball Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Slugger Joey Gallo has played a key role late in all three wins by the Texas Rangers this season, and with more than the long ball.

Gallo grounded a hard single through the right side of the infield, a tiebreaking two-run hit in the seventh inning that went between two diving infielders as the Rangers beat the Houston Astros 6-4 on Tuesday night.

"He's putting himself in very good situations and trusting his swing, controlling the moment," new manager Chris Woodward said. "A lot of guys are, pretty much everybody in big spots. I think that's why we're getting it done late in games because everybody's kind of committed to this idea ... and having a game plan for those big moments."

The Rangers (3-2) are already over .500 for the second time this season after not having a winning record at any point last year.

In their first win Saturday night against the Chicago Cubs, Gallo hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the eighth inning. He finished that opening series with a ninth-inning double, then scored the game-ending run on a wild pitch.

"He's been really good," Rowned Odor said.

Asdrubal Cabrera, the new Texas third baseman after Adrian Beltre retired, homered for the third time.

Cabrera's two-run shot in the second tied the game at 2 against Justin Verlander, the Astros opening-day starter who didn't make it out of the fifth inning in his second game.

"They did a good job of spoiling some good pitches, not swinging at some good ones, and kinda boxing me into an area where they knew there was a high probability to get a fastball. And they took advantage of it," Verlander said. "Couldn't find the right rhythm all day today."

Verlander was gone after back-to-back RBI singles by Andrus and Nomar Mazara put Texas up 4-3 with no outs in the fifth. The right-hander allowed six hits and three walks — matching the total three batters walked by Astros pitchers over 42 innings in first five games.

"We had a plan against him. We are not going to fear anybody," Woodward said. "We made him work for everything. He knew right away we were coming after him."

Shawn Kelly (2-0) threw 1 1/3 innings in his third appearance for the Rangers. Jose Leclerc worked a perfect ninth for his second save.

Odor started the decisive seventh with a bunt single that was beyond the reach of lefty Framber Valdez (0-1) coming off the mound. Elvis Andrus had a double before Gallo pulled a hard one-out grounder that split between second baseman Jose Altuve and first baseman Yuli Gurriel.

SHELBY'S FIRST START

Texas native Shelby Miller allowed 10 baserunners (five hits and five



AP photo

Texas Rangers' Asdrubal Cabrera (14) follows through on a two-run home run off a pitch from Houston Astros' Justin Verlander in the second inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Tuesday, April 2. The shot scored Joey Gallo.

walks) and two runs over 3 2/3 innings in his debut for the Rangers. The right-hander was limited to only nine games the past two seasons with Arizona because of Tommy John surgery in May 2017.

"It felt good. To finally get the first one out of the way, it was fun," Miller said. "It was definitely a grind out there competing against a great lineup."

SHORT HOPS

Houston was 1 of 11 with runners in scoring position. "You lose the game, you circle that stuff all of the time," manager AJ Hinch said. "That certainly was the difference." ... The Rangers set a franchise record with 38 consecutive innings to start the season without an error, until shortstop Andrus had a throwing error in the third inning. That is the only error in their first five games, by them or their opponents.

Spurs claim 21st straight home win over Hawks, 117-111



AP photo

San Antonio Spurs' Derrick White, left, looks to pass as he is defended by Atlanta Hawks' Vince Carter during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, April 2, in San Antonio.

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs needed someone to help veterans DeMar DeRozan and LaMarcus Aldridge carry the load as the long season draws to a close. Derrick White provided the needed lift.

DeRozan scored 29 points and the Spurs defeated Atlanta 117-111 Tuesday night for their 21st straight win at home over the depleted Hawks.

"The last couple of games, I felt like I kind of let them down, so I wanted to step up and help them out," White said.

White, in his second year, scored 23 points after scoring 20 total points in his previous four games.

The win kept San Antonio seventh in the Western Conference after Oklahoma City defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 119-103 on Tuesday behind Russell Westbrook's historic game. Westbrook joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only players in league history

with at least 20 points, rebounds and assists in a game.

The Hawks, who were eliminated from the playoffs last month, entered Tuesday's game having won six of 10. Atlanta led by as many as nine points in the second half despite missing six players due to injury, before San Antonio rallied in the fourth to avoid its second straight loss at home.

"Stops win basketball games," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Sure, you've got to make shots, but when we lose these games it's because we don't make stops, especially in the fourth quarter."

Kent Bazemore had 26 points to lead the Hawks, and Alex Len added 21. Atlanta has not won in San Antonio since 1997.

"It's tough winning here, we all know that," said Hawks rookie Trae Young, who scored 15. "(But) we had chances to win."

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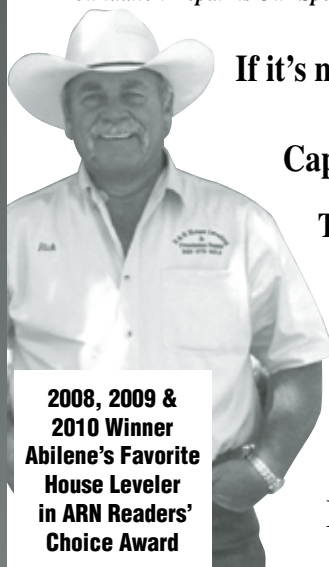
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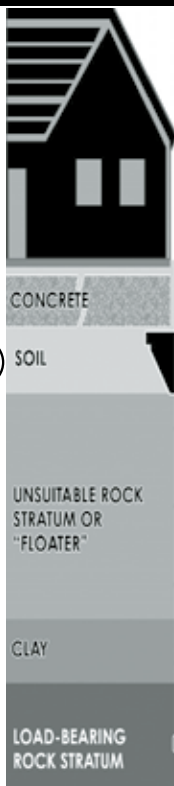
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't mix up mistakes and crimes. Give yourself and others the wide margins for error that everyone needs when learning something new. This awkward phase will be over soon enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's a strange thing to ask yourself to consider your emotions from a less emotional perspective, but some amount of detachment will benefit you as you sort through recent happenings and decide how you'd like to react.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting out, active and moving in the world will be so crucial to your mood and progress. You'll need the influence of other people, as well as some fresh air and sunshine, to be your best self.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Swap nostalgic stories with people you've known awhile -- it cements the bond, brings good cheer and lends a healthy perspective of time to everyone's mindset.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The goal is no longer seeming doable, but this is not a sign that you should drop the goal. Change up your action steps. A different approach will yield different results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not thinking about your own interests as you go into today's venture, ready to do whatever you can to make things better for everyone else. It just works out that by helping the others,

you wind up helping yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Remind yourself of your own happy history. You've much to be proud of. It's one of those days when the active efforts you take to bring yourself up will work well to keep your heart buoyant and your mood resilient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Tune in to what's going on inside you. When you can find peace in your own heart, there is nothing to worry or fear about any other place on the Earth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Decision paralysis is caused by having too many options to choose from. But when you really analyze your choices today, there are far fewer that make

real sense for you. In fact, there are but two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't absolutely have to complete each and every daily task in order to feel happier, but it helps! Things left undone weigh disproportionately on your mind, and handling them gives you a lift.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Negotiations ensue. The values on the table being haggled over are not the sum total of what is at stake. With wisdom, this can work better than expected for all involved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 3). Your people already know the value of what you bring to the table, but they'll appreciate you even more as outsiders take notice, praising and promoting you in the glow of your solar return. You'll get the support you need for your special agenda in June. You'll see more of the world in 2020 and get special travel deals. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 33, 14 and 28.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The hardest bid of all

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ J 10 3 2, ♥ Q 10 9 5 3 2, ♦ J, ♣ Q J. WEST: ♠ A Q 7 6 5, ♥ J 6, ♦ Q 10 3, ♣ A 10 8. EAST: ♠ K 9, ♥ A K 8 7 4, ♦ 9 7 4, ♣ 7 6 2. SOUTH: ♠ 8 4, ♥ —, ♦ A K 8 6 5 2, ♣ K 9 5 4 3.

dummy and three ruffs in his own hand. It seems odd that South waited for the opponents to get to three notrump before introducing his club suit. More to the point was the discovery, after the play ended, that West could not have made three notrump. When an Italian pair held the East-West cards at the second table, they also had difficulty saying "Pass." Here the bidding went: South West North East 1♦ 1♠ Pass 2♥ 3♣ Pass Pass 3♦ Dble 3♠ Pass Pass Pass

East could easily have thrown in the towel after South's three-club bid and West's pass. Game was extremely unlikely, and the potential partscore was not worth fighting for. But East found himself psychologically unable to pass, and West wound up at three spades. West did not fare well. He ducked the queen-of-clubs lead, and North shifted to a heart. South ruffed and cashed the A-K of diamonds, North discarding the jack of clubs. North trumped the diamond return and gave South another heart ruff. South then returned a club, ruffed by North. The Italian declarer thus lost the first seven tricks to go down three — 300 points — and the U.S. team gained 800 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: The cards speak for themselves.

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ANSWER: 9x9 grid showing the solved Sudoku puzzle.

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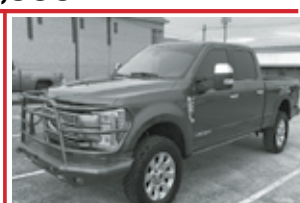
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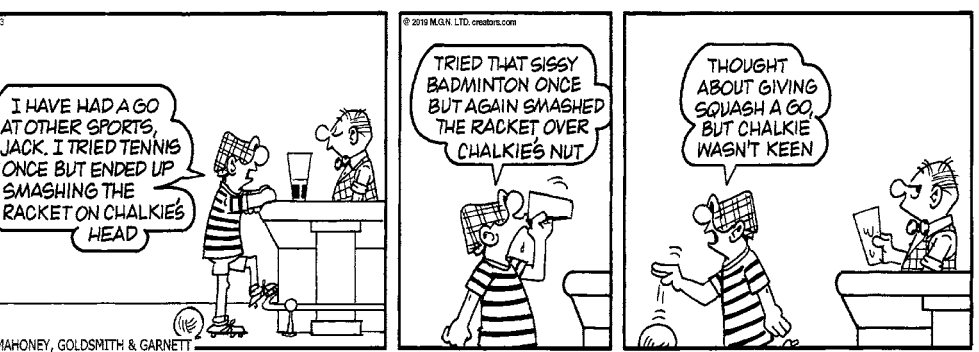
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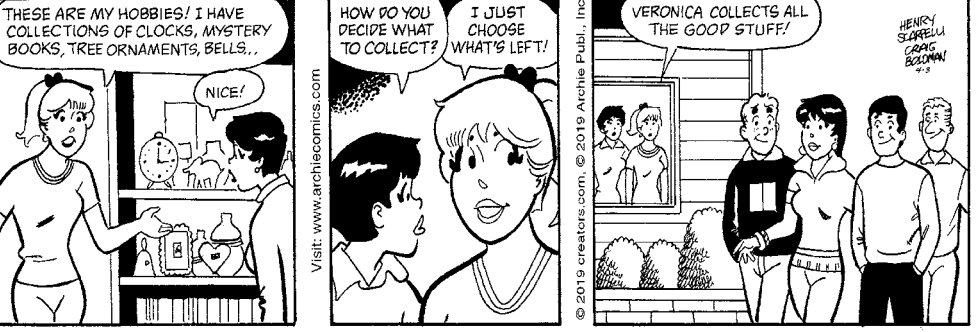
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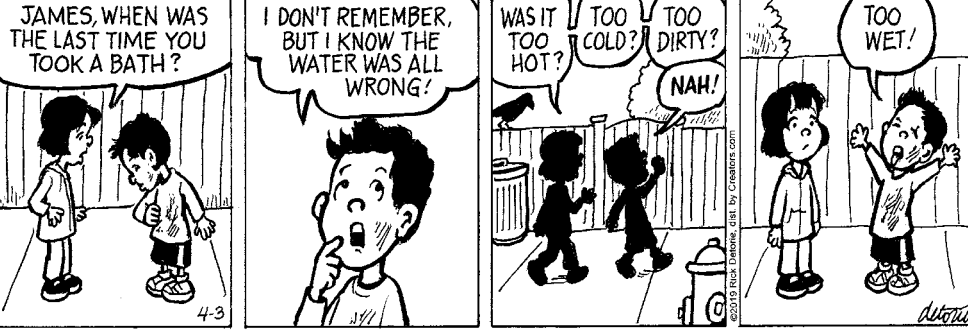
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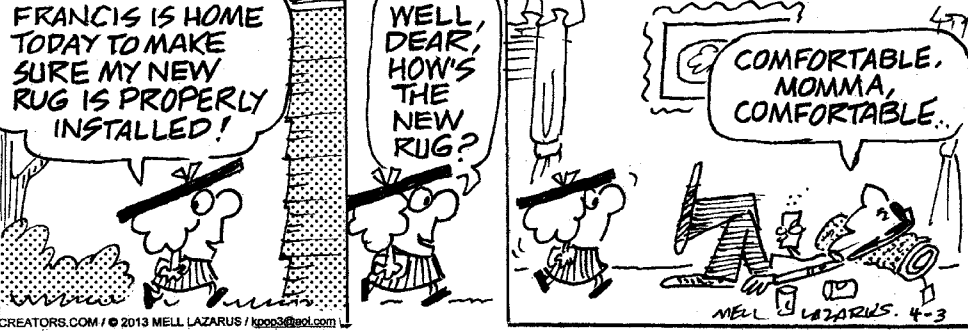
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2019. There are 272 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 3, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. delivered what turned out to be his final speech, telling a rally of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tennessee, that "I've been to the mountaintop" and "seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land!" (About 20 hours later, King was felled by an assassin's bullet at the Lorraine Motel.)

On this date: In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.) In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang. In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr. In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March. In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Smith v. Allwright*, struck down a Democratic Party of Texas rule that allowed only white voters to participate in Democratic primaries. In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism. In 1965, the United States launched the SNAP-10A nuclear power system into Earth orbit; it was the first nuclear reactor sent into space. In 1968, North Vietnam agreed to meet with U.S. representatives to set up preliminary peace talks.

Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard. In 2003, Atlantic magazine editor Michael Kelly, 46, became the first American journalist to be killed while covering the Iraq war. In 2017, a divided Senate Judiciary Committee panel voted 11-9 along party lines to favorably recommend Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch to the full Senate. North Carolina scored the last eight points for a 71-65 win over Gonzaga and an NCAA title. Ten years ago: An ethnic Chinese from Vietnam, Jiverly Wong, opened fire inside an immigrant community center in Binghamton, N.Y., killing 13 people, most of them immigrants, before taking his own life. The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously legalized gay marriage. The Labor Department reported unemployment reached 8.5 percent in March 2009, the highest in a quarter-century. Tom Braden, who helped launch CNN's "Crossfire" and whose memoir "Eight is Enough" inspired a TV show, died in Denver at age 92. Five years ago: The Associated Press reported that the U.S. government had masterminded the creation of a "Cuban Twitter" designed to undermine the communist government in Havana. Serial killer Tommy Lynn Sells was put to death in Texas after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected his lawyers' demand that the state release information about where it had gotten its lethal injection drug. David Letterman announced during a taping of the "Late Show" on CBS that he was retiring as host in 2015 (Stephen Colbert was named as his replacement a week later). One year ago: A woman opened fire with a handgun in a courtyard at YouTube headquarters in San Bruno, California, wounding three people before fatally shooting herself; family members said she was upset with the company's handling of her videos and believed she was being deprived of income and views. President Donald Trump said he wanted to use the military to secure the U.S.-Mexico border until his promised border wall.

Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway 101) is 69. Blues singer-guitarist John Mooney is 64. Rock musician Mick Mars (Mötley Crüe) is 63. Actor Alec Baldwin is 61. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 60. Rock singer John Thomas Griffith (Cowboy Mouth) is 59. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 58. Rock singer-musician Mike Ness (Social Distortion) is 57. Rock singer

Sebastian Bach is 51. Rock musician James MacDonough is 49. Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 48. Actress Jennie Garth is 47. Actor Jamie Bamber is 46. Actor Adam Scott is 46. Christian rock musician Drew Shirley (Switchfoot) is 45. Comedian Aries Spears is 44. Actor Matthew Goode is 41. Actress Cobie Smulders is 37. Rock-pop singer Leona Lewis

is 34. Actress Amanda Bynes is 33. Actress-comedian Rachel Bloom is 32. Actress Hayley Kiyoko is 28. Rock musician Sam Kiszka (Greta Van Fleet) is 20.

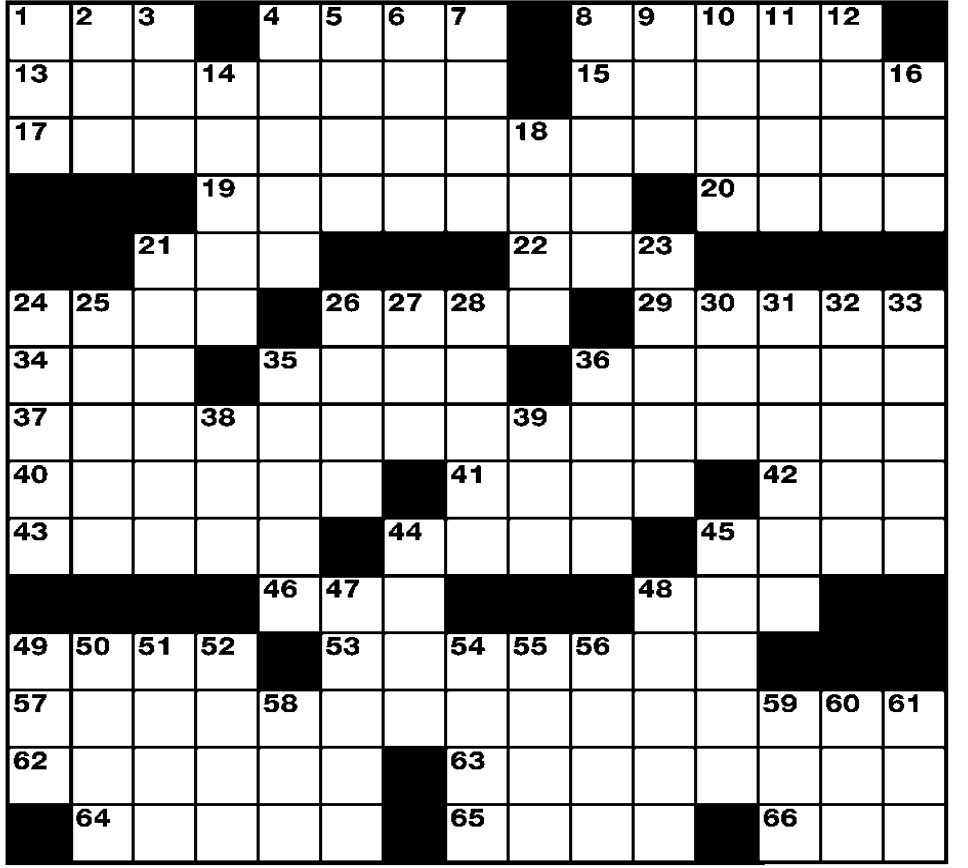
Thought for Today: "The world is not black and white. More like black and grey." — Graham Greene, English author (born 1904, died this date in 1991).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 IRS form expert
 - 4 Dog biter
 - 8 Bread that's browned
 - 13 Demolish
 - 15 Curved parts of feet
 - 17 Suggestion when stressed at work, part 1
 - 19 Vending machine eatery of yore
 - 20 "Nothing to it"
 - 21 Antiquated
 - 22 High-school dance locale
 - 24 The Red Planet
 - 26 Hydrant attachment
 - 29 National bird
 - 34 Airport screen posting: Abbr.
 - 35 Butcher's inventory
 - 36 Bleak and desolate
 - 37 Suggestion, part 2
 - 40 Persuade to volunteer
 - 41 "Tra" followers
 - 42 Pizza order
 - 43 Bird food
 - 44 Work station
 - 45 Extend credit
 - 46 "___-hoo!"
 - 48 Hazing craze
 - 49 Satirical piece
 - 53 "Shores of" place in "The Marines' Hymn"
 - 57 End of suggestion
 - 62 South Dakota's capital

TASTY TIME-OUT by Charles Slack Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- 14 Pond ducks
- 16 Where to see clouds
- 18 Angry display
- 21 Fortune-teller
- 23 Ben Stiller's mom
- 24 Dishes (out)
- 25 Make amends
- 26 What ovens provide
- 27 Rowboat propeller
- 28 Pizazz
- 30 Slot machine lever
- 31 Was crabby
- 32 First Soviet premier
- 33 Wrapped up
- 35 Needing neatening
- 36 Greater part
- 38 Jar topper
- 39 Western treaty grp.
- 44 Explorer on Nickelodeon
- 45 Animal retreats
- 47 Furry river mammal
- 48 Is unsuccessful
- 49 Source of syrup
- 50 Informal shirt
- 51 Bright thought
- 52 Semester
- 54 In that case
- 55 Cocktail garnish
- 56 Was in debt
- 58 "Right you ___!"
- 59 Very, very long time
- 60 Parisian assent
- 61 Fuel additive brand



Answer to previous puzzle
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 CONE TOTAL OKOK
 OATS CRANK FROG
 BLOT HASTY FANS

Stars clinch 1st playoff trip since 2016, beating Flyers 6-2

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Jamie Benn gave a brief nod to Tyler Seguin after sharing a big smile with goalie Anton Khudobin.

A trying season for the Dallas captain will continue in the playoffs.

The Stars clinched their first trip to the postseason in three years, getting two goals and two assists from Alexander Radulov in a 6-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

"The fun stuff's going to begin next week," Benn said. "You just want a chance. We're going to do that now and have a lot of fun with it and try to get this thing going."

The Stars were just a point shy of the playoffs and could have made it with an Arizona loss in a later game.

Instead, they left little doubt with four goals in the final 24 minutes, including a pair 10 seconds apart, to secure just their third Western Conference playoff berth in 11 seasons.

Jason Dickinson, Esa Lindell, Tyler Pitlick and Blake Comeau also scored for the Stars, who hold the first wildcard spot with 91 points and are un-

likely to get into the top three in the Central Division. Dallas last made the playoffs in 2016, losing a Game 7 to St. Louis in the second round.

The Stars missed the playoffs a year ago because of an eight-game losing streak late in the season, the first six of those on the road. This time, they moved to the brink of the postseason by earning seven points on a four-game Canadian swing before coming home to face Philadelphia.

It was a satisfying surge for a club that worked through a tumultuous midseason stretch after team CEO Jim Lites profanely ripped the play of Benn and Seguin, the high-priced star forwards.

The Stars actually held the last playoff spot in the West in late December when Lites used plenty of profanity along with "terrible" and "embarrassing" to describe the way both were playing while saying the team was underachieving.

First-year coach Jim Montgomery, making the rare transition from college, joined the chorus not long after Lites' strong words, saying he was trying to end the franchise's "culture of mediocrity."

Montgomery's tone was decidedly

more positive after the All-Star break, when the Stars won their first four as part of a five-game winning streak and had another solid run in March to set up the decisive Canadian trip.

"We had some trials and tribulations, and it took us a while to find our identity," Montgomery said. "We thought we could be more of an offensive team when we first started the season, but that didn't materialize. And then we changed things, and we've become a real grind-it-out team that's hard to play against."

Dallas had a rare offensive outburst in the clincher, tying a season high with the six goals.

The Stars coughed up a 2-0 lead in the second on goals by Philadelphia's Oskar Lindblom and Shayne Gostisbehere. But Radulov put them in front for good late in the second when he took a pass from Seguin and lifted a backhand over Cam Talbot on the power play for his career-high 28th goal.

Radulov scored his 29th, two shy of team leader Seguin and two ahead of Benn, 10 seconds after Comeau's third-period tally. Seguin and John Klingberg had two assists apiece.

Pitlick, in his second game back

after missing 30 with a wrist injury, redirected a pass from Roope Hintz while skating through the slot after Radulov's first goal. Dickinson and Lindell, who had a nifty redirect off his blade from between his legs, scored in the first five minutes.

"Didn't have the best start to the game, but I think for us as a whole we played pretty good in the second," Gostisbehere said. "The third, we got caught in penalties. Didn't have our best effort in the third."

Khudobin, who has played an important role as Ben Bishop's backup with the Dallas starter missing 16 games because of injuries, made 32 saves. Bishop is expected to return from his latest injury this weekend. Talbot stopped 24 shots.

NOTES: Stars F Mats Zuccarello returned after missing 17 games with a broken arm, recording an assist. Zuccarello was injured in his first game after coming over in a trade with the New York Rangers. He had a goal and an assist in that game against Chicago. ... The Flyers, already eliminated in the East playoff race, have lost five of six games. ... Radulov is on a six-game point streak, with 10 points (five goals, five assists).

SPURS

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Atlanta closed the third quarter on an 18-6 run and carried a 90-86 lead into the fourth. The Hawks made four 3-pointers in the run, including a pair by Len, their 7-foot-1 center.

The Spurs countered with a 15-4 run beginning midway through the final quarter and took a 108-104 lead with 3:39 remaining. White had seven straight points during the outburst, including his third and final 3-pointer in as many attempts.

"What you saw, that's his game," Popovich said. "He's just kind of steady, picks his spots. I loved seeing him get more confident with the 3, knocking down a couple, that's great. That's the next step for him."

White had scored six points in each of his previous two games and shot a combined 7 for 30 from the field in his past four.

"He had a couple of games where he struggled, but sometimes you've got to embrace the struggle to understand how to get out of it and what you need to do to get back to yourself," DeRozan said.

White did so, going 10 for 12 from the field for his highest output since March 12. The 24-year old returned to the form that made him a pleasant surprise after the Spurs were forced to move him into the

starting lineup when starting point guard Dejounte Murray suffered a season-ending knee injury in the preseason.

"They were focusing a lot on DeMar, he had a big game," White said. "I knew I had to step up when the opportunity was there."

DeRozan added seven assists and seven rebounds in 38 minutes. Rudy Gay, who finished with 11 rebounds, was the only Spurs starter not to score in double figures.

Both teams got off to an efficient start, making their first three shots on their first three posses-

sions. The Spurs closed the quarter shooting 59 percent from the field and took a 33-31 lead while the Hawks shot 48 percent.

TIP-INS

Hawks: Atlanta's previous win in San Antonio was on Feb. 15, 1997. Steve Smith and Mookie Blaylock combined for 46 points in a 109-89 victory. Atlanta had six players sit out with injuries. Dewayne Dedmon (left), Alex Poythress (right) and Omari Spellman each were suffering an ankle injury. ... Forward Taurean Prince missed his third straight game

with a sore foot. The Hawks are 12-27 on the road this season.

Spurs: San Antonio, which plays Denver on Wednesday, is 11-14 in back-to-back games this season and 4-8 on the second night. Guard Lonnie Walker IV made an early appearance, entering the game with 3:51 remaining in the first quarter. The rookie from Miami is averaging 6.4 minutes in 12 appearances. DeRozan picked up a technical foul with 10.1 seconds remaining in the first half as he walked to the bench berating Ed Malloy for a charge called

against him. White had two blocked shots, raising his season total to 44.

STREAKING

San Antonio has 20 straight seasons with 45-plus wins, the longest streak in league history.

The Los Angeles Lakers held the record previously, winning at least 45 games in 15 straight seasons beginning in 1976.

BLAZING BAZEMORE

Bazemore's 26-point game marked the first time he eclipsed 20 since scoring 23 against Minnesota on Feb. 23.

The 6-foot-5 guard

averaged 7.2 points in March, reaching double figures in only six of 15 games.

"My teammates have been in my corner and the coaching staff has been in my corner throughout the past month because it's been tough," Bazemore said. "Sometimes you've just got to let go. Recommitted myself. Shot the ball and it went in tonight."

Bazemore shot 10 for 16 against San Antonio

UP NEXT

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Spurs: At Denver on Wednesday night.

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