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# Golf Course remains hot button issue at City Council meeting



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

The Big Spring City Council and city staff recite the Pledge to the Texas Flag at the beginning of their Tuesday night meeting. The meeting grew contentious over a couple of issues related to the Municipal Golf Course.

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

The Municipal Golf Course at Comanche Trail Park was once again a topic of concern at Tuesday evening's regular meeting of the Big Spring City Council.

The meeting started with a public comment from local businessman and moderator of the popular Facebook group "Big Spring Issues," Scott Emerson.

"I went to (Big Spring Finance Director) Don's (Moore) office and asked to see the financials on the Golf Course, and they're horrendous," Emerson said. "I think that it's always been a losing proposition, but a needed proposition. I'm by no means suggesting that we need to close the Municipal Golf Course, but I think we need to stop looking at a \$350,000 deficit as normal and acceptable."

Emerson went on to state that so far in the current fiscal year, October through the present, the course's revenue has been \$73,321, while the expenditures have been \$242,520.

"We're already in the negative \$169,000 this year," he said.

Emerson recommended that the planned Parks and Recreation Board be implemented quickly, and that they study the situation at the Golf Course and make a recommendation to the city about how to address the course's losses.

Following Emerson's

# Waves of wellness: Health fair set for Saturday

**By AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

The wellness wave is rolling in and will be arriving Saturday morning. There are more than 50 booths signed up for the annual health fair. This year, the health fair will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"This is the one time of year the community can come out and get their healthcare questions answered in one spot. Whether you are looking for home

health options, insurance information, healthcare services or anything healthcare related, it can be found at the health fair," Debbye ValVerde, Executive Director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said.

Local health care organizations, businesses and individuals are gearing up to educate the community on healthy choices, services offered and signs to look for when dealing with common health issues.

"Big Spring may be a small community, which makes most people think they need

to travel out of town to have their needs met, but that's not the case, even when it comes to health care options," ValVerde said. "The healthcare arena has been growing this past year, new providers, new businesses, new services and more have come in and opened up access to needed care. Many of these organizations can be found, along with familiar faces, at this year's health fair."

During the expo, there will be an opportunity to find out about services for veterans, learn about workout facili-

ties, new healthcare options, meet with providers and even find out about some health supplements on the market.

"Even if you aren't in need of services currently, you might be taking care of an aging parent, have children or just want to start planning for the future, the health fair is a great way to gain the knowledge of what can be utilized locally," she said.

In addition to the health fair vendors inside the coliseum, the Big Spring Fire

# Spring shopping event A Joyful Season returns

**By ANNA GUTIERREZ**  
 Staff Writer

A Joyful Season is scheduled for April 27 and 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 9 a.m.

"We are booked as far as vendors go," says Lindsey Pinkerton. "We have a lot of new vendors. It's going to be like a having over 70 stores all under one roof."

Many of your favorite local boutiques will have booths, but there will also be many vendors from all over Texas. There will be home décor, rustic items and furniture, along with soup and dip mixes, coffee, make-up, and much more. There is even one vendor coming from Louisiana bringing soup and dip mixes and will have samples available at the booth.

Pinkerton is also very

excited a new attraction; a game trailer that will be set up outside of the coliseum. Just about any gaming system imaginable will be available so the kids can be entertained while you shop.

Face painting will be available. All of your favorite food trucks will also be set up.

There is a fee of \$5 to enter the trade show, but Pinkerton will be distributing post cards for \$2 off to different area businesses.

For more information, follow A Joyful Season on Facebook. You can also visit their website at <https://www.ajoyfulseason.org>.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at [citydesk@bigspringherald.com](mailto:citydesk@bigspringherald.com)

# Greater Big Spring Rotary raising awareness for Child Abuse



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## Obituaries

### Addry Louise Belyeu Samuels Jackson



Addry Louise Belyeu Samuels Jackson went to our Lord's loving embrace Sunday, April 7, 2019. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with her son, Brother Randy Samuels and her grandson, Pastor Josh Holcombe, officiating.

She was born Feb. 19, 1938, to Joe and Jessie Belyeu in Gorman. She was baptized at the age of 10 at New Hope Baptist Church in Kokomo. Louise, as she was known, loved the Lord, her family and close friends.

Louise is survived by Pamela Holcombe and husband, Steven, of White Oak, Debra Legg and husband, Robert, of Big Spring, Randall Samuels and wife, Sherri, of Sinton, and Jessica DeVaney of Big Spring; grandchildren, Robert Wayne Legg and

wife, Andi, of Geismar, Louisiana, Aline Fuselier and husband, Christopher, of Greenwood, Rusty Holcombe of White Oak, Josh Holcombe and wife, Rachel, of Roanoke, Brett and Brandon Samuels of Sinton, Stetson Word of Big Spring, MaKenzie Word of College Station, and Landon and K'son Wilson of Big Spring; great-grandchildren Kierstyn and Logan Legg of Geismar, Louisiana, Bree and Grayson Fuselier of Greenwood, and Kaleigh and Aimey of Roanoke.

Louise was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; sisters; a brother; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Stanton Care Center, Midland Memorial Hospital Nursing staff of ICU and Oncology, and to Hospice of Midland.

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

*Paid Obituary*

### Marvin Monroe Casey



Marvin Monroe Casey, age 59, from Big Spring, Texas, died on March 31, 2019, in New Mexico. There will be a gathering for family and friends Friday, April 12, 2019, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Marvin was a longtime resident of Big Spring, Texas. He was born on April 7, 1959, in Houston, Texas. He was the owner of Casey's Camp-

ers, which has been family owned since 1975.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Debra Casey, of Big Spring; children, Johnathan Casey, Trista Hubbard and husband, Brandy; six grandchildren; by his parents, Monroe Casey and wife, Renee, of Big Spring, and Jackie Curtis and husband, Ray, of Palisade, Colorado; one sister, Kimberly Blossom and husband, Larry, of Clifton, Colorado; and one brother, Kyle Casey of Big Spring.

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

### Tracy Griffith



Tracy Griffith, 56, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 08, 2019, at Medical Center Hospital. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2019, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Tracy was born Feb. 15, 1963, in Big Spring, Texas, to Ladonna Raye Gunter Griffith and Jimmy Duane Griffith. Tracy grew up in Pecos, but has spent most of her life in Big Spring. Tracy was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Calvin Parnell of Big Spring; her brothers, Jody Griffith of Big Spring, Jimmy Griffith, Jr. and wife, Teresa, of Cincinnati, OH, Glenn Moore and wife, Gale, and Gary Moore and wife, Neth, all of Ft. Worth; two sisters, Lucy Lara and husband, Louis, of Pecos, and Sabra Griffith of Brownwood; and two nephews.

Tracy was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Jesus C. Bustamante

Jesus C. Bustamante, 77, of Big Spring, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at his residence. Private services will be held at later date.

Jesus was born Oct. 16, 1941, in Shafter, Texas, to Agustina Castaneda Bustamante and Pablo Bustamante. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a retired painter.

He is survived by one son, Jesse Bustamante and wife, Jennifer, of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Jo Ann Williams and husband, Tim, and Emma Cooper and husband, Craig, all of Big Spring,

and Nancy Sanchez and husband, Abraham, of Abilene; one sister, Nancy Garcia and husband, Daniel, of Big Spring; two brothers, Pablo Bustamante, Jr. and wife, Mary Helen, of Big Spring, and Vicente Bustamante of Cushing, OK; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anita; and two sisters, Angie Montoya and Maria Garcia.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHOLAS CRAIG MILLS**, 39, of 1733 Purdue Ave., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.
- **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 58, of 2803 Apache Dr., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RENE RANDY OLVERA**, 56, of 505 N. Goliad St., was arrested on outstanding warrants from another agency.

- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MARTINEZ**, 35 of 3617 Connally, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.
- **UNATTENDED DEATH** was reported in the 2700 block of Clanton St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of S. Hwy 87, and in the 2700 block of Wasson Rd.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 7100 block of N. Service Rd., and at Hudgins Memorial and Buck.

### Michael James McGrath

Michael James McGrath, 64, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 8, 2019, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 87 inmates at the time of this report.

- **SONNY TORRES CARRILLO**, 41, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **MICHAEL JOSEPH MARTINEZ**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for failure to appear/evading arrest or detention with vehicle.
- **NICOLAS CRAIG MILLS**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for a parole violation.
- **RENE RANDY OLVERA**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for bailing jumping or failure to appear and a probation violation-amphetamine.
- **MATTHEW AARON PAYNE**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief (\$100-\$750).
- **LISA ANNE PETROWSKI**, 58, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of W. 18th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Simler. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy Dr. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at 23rd St. and Goliad. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Willa. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 900 block of W. 3rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Anna St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2800 block of Sherman. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## 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.

• Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-8600.

### 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

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# COUNCIL

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remarks, the council moved on to the Consent Agenda, which typically contains several routine issues which are voted on as a group. One of the items on the Consent Agenda at this meeting was the final reading of an ordinance to amend the pricing structure for annually paid greens fees at the Golf Course. Before this measure, a reduced-cost, limited access annual greens fee for senior citizens allowed seniors to pay a lower annual rate, while being restricted from playing on weekends and holidays. The new measure, which had been approved with some dissent at previous meetings, would allow those paying the reduced fee to play on holidays which occur during the week. Weekends, including weekend holidays, would still be off limits.

District 6 Councilman Jim DePauw asked that the Golf Course item be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed and voted on separately.

"Mr. Mayor, my motion is to table this item. I agree with Mr. Emerson 100 percent," DePauw said. "I think all of our fees, all of that needs to be looked at by the new Parks Board. Let them do a comprehensive study of all of our parks and all of our fees. None of them have been raised in years. We've had inflation, we've had growing expenses. I noticed that Mr. Emerson pointed out that in three years' time, that's just shy of a million dollars that the Golf Course has lost. So we really need to study this."

District 3 Councilman Terry McDaniel pointed out that it could well be several months, possibly as late as August, before the Parks and Recreation Board could be formed, study the situation, make its recommendations, and have them voted on by the city.

"In order for this tabled consent item to work, we've got to get the Parks Board together, then bring it before us to approve the Parks Board, then another month goes by and it goes into Consent Items - the Parks Board - and then the Parks Board has to meet to determine all of the different items that are going to be tabled this time if we pass that, and so we're looking at...August?" McDaniel asked.

While DePauw argued he didn't see there was any great need for rushing into approving the new ad-

justment for senior golfers, his motion to table the item was ultimately rejected 2-4, with only DePauw and District 2 Councilman Doug Hartman supporting it. After another motion and second, the ordinance passed on final reading 4-2, with DePauw and Hartman dissenting.

In other business, another Golf Course matter was a bone of contention during the meeting, as the council considered a request for a reduction in the fee for the annual scholarship golf tournament organized by the Chicano Golf Association.

According to a letter from the CGA to the council, "In the past, pre-2013, we would pay \$250 a day for two days, for a total of \$500. ... In 2013, this changed to our surprise. In 2013 we started paying green fees for all non-members participating in our golf tournament. Due to this, we started paying between \$4,200 and \$4,800 each year. This increase took about seven to eight scholarships away each year. We award \$500 scholarships."

The CGA requested a change, bringing the cost back down to \$500 per day, a total of \$1,000 for the tournament.

Again, DePauw demurred.

"I'm all for scholarships and everything, but we just discussed how the Golf Course is a money pit, losing a lot of money, so we have to weigh the benefits of giving some additional scholarships against individual taxpayers," DePauw said. "Each individual taxpayer in town can support this scholarship program individually. I don't think we should do this. There's more groups in line."

Eventually, the council did approve reducing the rate for the CGA tournament, but to \$1,000 per day for a total of \$2,000 for the tournament.

The council also:

- Granted permission to seek qualifications and proposals for cost allocations services.
- Granted permission to seek qualifications and proposals for auditing services, but voted to change the weighting of various "evaluation factors" for the bid procedure. Instead of the proposed 25 percent for experience, 20 percent for staff qualifications, 20 percent for recommendations from past clients, 20 percent for price, and 15 percent for geographic location in relationship to the City of Big Spring; the council, at a motion by DePauw, voted to make pricing the primary consideration with 70 percent weighting, while splitting the remaining 30 per-

cent at 10 percent each for experience, qualifications, and recommendations. DePauw noted that geographic location would be reflected in the price anyway, as firms farther from Big Spring would charge more to cover their transportation costs.

• Rejected all bids for construction of the new landfill. The item will be rebid. Suggestions at the meeting were to bid the dirt work of the landfill itself separately from the construction of two buildings at the facility.

• Awarded the bid for rehabilitation of Beals Creek to ERS of MS Inc. of Jackson, Miss., in the amount of \$141,141, and approved a budget amendment to pay for the work.

• Approved an agreement with Freeze and Nichols engineering firm for engineering services on a portion of Perimeter Road at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The services will cost the city \$167,916.

• Approved an agreement with Tom Green County in which Tom Green County will provide forensic examination of mobile phones and devices for Big Spring, at an annual cost of \$3,000.

• Approved adoption of EMS Providers Charity Care policy.

• Considered a request by Relay for Life for donation of the use of the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater for this year's Relay event. Instead of donating the use of the Amphitheater, Councilman DePauw offered to personally pay the \$50 non-profit fee and \$25 deposit for the event. The Council unanimously accepted his offer.

• Rejected a request by GEO for free use of the Cotton Mize Baseball Field May 6 through May 8 for their annual Correctional Workers Week event. The sticking point for the council was the \$5 fee GEO planned to charge its employees for participation in a softball tournament. According to the flyer presented by GEO, the fee would be used to "pay for certified softball umpires and softballs."

• Re-appointed Cliff Talbot and Jeff Borman to the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board of Directors. Their new term will run through May 31, 2021.

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

# South Texas crop duster, 77, killed in plane crash

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A 77-year-old crop duster was killed when his aircraft crashed into a South Texas field.

The Texas Department of Public Safety identified the man as Bernard Rowland II of Lasara, Texas.

The Federal Aviation Administration says he was flying his single-engine Air Tractor 502 about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday when crash happened. The FAA says the aircraft clipped a power line and crashed into a field near the intersection of U.S. 77 and Orphanage Road, almost 6 miles (10 kilometers) northwest of Harlingen.

The FAA is still investigating the incident.

# HEALTH

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Department will be outside with the safety fire house and other activities. Keep Big Spring Beautiful will also have the drop off location for the annual Trash Off, set up in the parking lot.

"We are excited to have KBSB join us once again this year. We are taking the healthy lifestyle beyond our physical care, and we are expanding it to community care," ValVerde said. "If we can join together and help clean up Big Spring, then we will have a healthier community. It doesn't have to be a lot, but even picking up one or two bags full of trash can make an impact."

Health is the theme for Saturday, across the community. In addition to the health fair and the Trash Off, those who enjoy time on the mountain or want to get out and get active, can take part in Master the Mountain. Registration will take place at 8 a.m. on

top of the State Park and the race is set to begin at 9 a.m.

"There will be plenty of ways to get out and involved on Saturday," ValVerde said.

The Health Fair is free to attend and will include healthcare education, screenings, demonstrations and the bike rodeo.

"The bike rodeo is one of the favorites. It teaches children (and adults), the proper way to wear a helmet and to ride a bike through a crosswalk, how to cross the road and the other safety measures that should be taken while riding a bike," ValVerde said.

This year the bike rodeo is sponsored by Star Dodge - whom purchased bikes to be given away during the event - and the Big Spring Police Department, who helped make the course more realistic with signs and crosswalk. Also, Adrian Calvio - State Farm -

has donated the helmets.

"We are excited about bringing the bike rodeo back this year, and are looking forward to seeing the new course layed out with real signs and crosswalk," ValVerde said. "A big thank you goes out to all those who helped the bike rodeo grow this year."

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# Sands 'Golden' at UIL Bi-District & Area OAP competitions

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Sands High School competed Saturday in the UIL Area One-Act Play competition at Lubbock Estacado High School with their production of Clifford Odets' "Golden Boy," and advanced to the Regional competition, which will be this Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland. Aaron Thomas and Landon Morrow were named to the All-Star Cast and Lakyn Sandlin was awarded Honorable Mention All-Star Cast; while Bryce Hamlin took All-Star Lights. This photo was taken when the cast advanced to Area at the Bi-District competition March 6.

## Texas company that destroyed bump stocks sues US government

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Texas gun company that destroyed more than 73,000 bump stocks when a federal ban on the rapid-fire devices took effect has sued the U.S. government claiming millions of dollars in losses.

RW Arms of Fort Worth on Monday announced the lawsuit and said the government took its property "without just compensation." Co-founder Mark Maxwell said Tuesday that RW Arms' losses totaled more than \$20 million. Last month's lawsuit seeks fair market value compensation.

RW Arms drew attention March 26, when the ban took effect, by transferring thousands of bump stocks to law enforcement for shredding. Officials initially said about 60,000 items were destroyed.

President Donald Trump's administration supports the ban on bump stocks, which in 2017 were used by a gunman to kill 58 people in Las Vegas.

## Report: Veteran long showed signs of mental instability

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An Air Force report indicates a Special Forces veteran's disruptive behavior and mental instability had been evident long before he killed his commander and himself in Texas in April 2016.

Tech. Sgt. Steven Bellino was armed with two hand guns, a knife and 61 rounds of ammunition when he killed Lt. Col. William Schroeder then himself at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations report, obtained by the San Antonio Express-News under the Freedom of Information Act, says Bellino admitted in a 1997 psychological examination to destroying property, starting fires, and breaking rules he that found disagreeable.

The report says Bellino didn't leave a suicide note, but that he wrote a "farewell" note in August, saying he didn't want to be part of this world anymore.

## Former Texas official gets probation in corruption case

DALLAS (AP) — A former Dallas official caught up in a federal corruption probe has been sentenced for his role in a scandal that's reached high into the city's government.

Former City Council member Larry Duncan was sentenced Tuesday to three years of probation and six months of home confinement for tax evasion.

Duncan is the ex-board president of a shuttered school bus agency. He pleaded guilty last October in a scheme in which public officials accepted bribes and payments from a company to support placing its cameras on school buses.

Former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway was sentenced Friday to just over 4 1/2 years in prison for his part in the scandal.

Leaders of the company, Force Multiplier Solutions, have also pleaded guilty. They're awaiting sentencing.

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# West Texas educator focuses on student wellness, conduct

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New University of Texas Permian Basin Associate Dean of Students Corey Benson might have become a journalist before becoming the chief conduct officer implementing student code of conduct and investigating and adjudicating cases of alleged student misconduct, Benson is in the hallway of the UTPB Mesa building Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

By RUTH CAMPBELL

Odessa American

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Although it looked like University of Texas Permian Basin Associate Dean of Students Corey Benson might become a journalist, he opted for trying to make students' quality of life better in higher education.

The Odessa American reports Benson joined UTPB in September 2018 as the chief conduct officer implementing the student code of conduct and investigating and adjudicating cases of alleged student misconduct.

He also oversees student wellness and health promotion programs, including education on alcohol and other drugs, sexual and relationship violence prevention, education on suicide prevention and working with students as an adviser.

Benson also is director of marketing for the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators, which is the student affairs organization in Texas, and is chair of the Texas Dean of Students Council that provides a chance for deans of students around the state to share ideas, programs and best practices.

Benson earned a bachelor's in communication with a focus on print journalism from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He had been editor of his high school paper and was editor of the college paper, as well.

His beat was the Johnson Space Center and the president's office at University of Houston-Clear Lake.

He also earned a master's in educational leadership and policy studies from the UT San Antonio and will start his doctoral degree in education from Southern Methodist University in the summer.

Benson has served in similar positions to the one at UTPB before, dealing in everything from student conduct to Title IX investigations.

"The biggest reason that I applied for the position

was a chance to work in student services a little bit more broadly than my previous role. I was a Title IX investigator and a Title IX coordinator focused on the investigation of sexual misconduct cases," Benson said.

He first discovered he wanted to work in higher education when he was going through orientation as a freshman at Stephen F. Austin State University before transferring to University of Houston-Clear Lake.

"I thought it was so cool to be an orientation leader and I wanted to do that, so orientation was really my introduction to higher education administration. It was an opportunity to help welcome students to campus and help create a positive experience for them, which is something that I get to do now," Benson said.

"That's always been a theme through any of the work that I've done on campus," he added.

In his current job, Benson said he gets to pair accountability with care and support.

"It's our hope that our student conduct process is educational and developmental in nature and creates space for students to be able to reflect on their actions and how those actions either do or don't align with their future goals," he said.

If the actions don't align with the goals, the idea is to find a way to remedy that.

"It's really a partnership with the student so that they can help achieve whatever their goals are as students here," Benson said.

The aim is promoting student success instead of the student separating from the university, he added. However, there will be instances where that doesn't happen so the goal is to protect the university community.

Coming to UTPB was a chance to be part of a growing institution that looked like it had a lot of potential, he said.

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# Cop's attorney: 'Perfect storm' led to unarmed woman's death



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**Former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor, center, is accompanied by his attorneys Peter Wold, not pictured, and Thomas Plunkett, right, as he walks towards the Hennepin County Government Center for opening arguments of his trial Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in Minneapolis. Opening arguments scheduled to begin in the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor in the shooting death of Justine Ruszczyk Damond.**

By **AMY FORLITI**

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minneapolis police officer who shot and killed an unarmed woman as she approached his squad car after calling 911 to report a possible crime was reacting to a loud noise and feared an ambush, his attorney said Tuesday, calling it "a perfect storm with tragic consequences."

Mohamed Noor, charged with murder and manslaughter in the 2017 death of Justine Ruszczyk Damond, and his partner were rolling down a dark alley in response to Damond's 911 calls about a possible sexual assault when a bicyclist appeared in front of them and they heard "a bang," defense attorney Peter Wold said in his opening statement at Noor's trial.

"It is the next split second that this case is all about," Wold said.

Noor fired a single shot, killing Damond, a 40-year-old dual citizen of the U.S. and Australia whose death rocked both countries and led to changes in

the Minneapolis Police Department. The shooting came just two weeks after an officer in New York was ambushed and killed in a parked vehicle.

Attorneys for Noor, who was fired after being charged in the case and has never talked to investigators about what happened, argue that he used reasonable force to defend himself and his partner from a perceived threat. But prosecutors say there is no evidence he faced a threat that justified deadly force.

Prosecutor Patrick Lofton, in his opening statement, questioned a statement from Noor's partner, Matthew Harrity, that he heard a thump right before the shooting. Lofton said Harrity never said anything at the scene about such a noise, instead mentioning it for the first time some days later in an interview with investigators.

Lofton also said investigators found no forensic evidence to show that Damond had touched the squad car before she was shot, an assertion that seemed aimed at the possibility that she had

slapped or hit it upon approaching the officers.

Lofton also wondered why other officers responding to the scene didn't consistently have their cameras switched on. The officers did not turn on their body cameras until after the shooting, and there was no squad car video. Lofton noted that a sergeant taking statements had her camera on when she talked to Harrity, but off when she talked to Noor.

"We'll never hear what Noor said," he said.

Tuesday's opening statements came after six days of jury selection for Noor. Damond was a life coach who had been engaged to be married in just a month's time. Noor, 33, is a Somali American whose arrival on the force just a couple of years earlier had been trumpeted by city leaders working to diversify the police force.

Damond called 911 twice, then called her fiance and hung up when police arrived, Lofton said. One minute and 19 seconds later, Damond was cradling a gunshot wound to her abdomen and saying, "I'm dying," Lofton added.

Minnesota law allows police officers to use deadly force to protect themselves or their partners from death or great bodily harm. Prosecutors charged Noor with second-degree intentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

Earlier Tuesday, Hennepin County District Judge Kathryn Quaintance relented on restrictions that would have prevented the public and media from viewing video evidence introduced in the case. That's expected to include body-camera video that shows efforts to save Damond. Quaintance had cited a desire to protect Damond's privacy, but a coalition of media groups including The Associated Press had challenged the ban.

"The court, like the jury, must follow the law — even if I disagree with it," said Quaintance.

Noor's attorneys haven't said whether he will testify. If he does, prosecutors may be able to introduce some evidence that the defense wanted to keep out of the state's case, including that he has refused to talk to investigators. They also could bring up a 2015 psychological test that showed Noor disliked being around people and had difficulty confronting others. Despite that test, a psychiatrist found him fit to be a cadet officer.

The shooting raised questions about Noor's training. The police chief defended Noor's training, but the chief was forced to resign days later. The shooting also led to changes in the department's policy on use of body cameras.

# Mexican citizen, suspect in 5 deaths, found hanged in jail

By **JIM SALTER**

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A Mexican citizen accused of killing four people in Kansas and one in Missouri in 2016 died Tuesday after hanging himself from a light fixture in his St. Louis jail cell.

Pablo Serrano-Vitorino was found alone in his cell at 2:02 a.m. He was pronounced dead at a hospital about an hour later, said Koran Addo, spokesman for St. Louis Mayor Lyda Krewson.

Addo declined further comment but St. Louis Public Safety Director Jimmie Edwards told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that Serrano-Vitorino hanged himself and left a note written in Spanish. Edwards was out of town and didn't know if Serrano-Vitorino was on suicide watch or when jailers

had last checked on him.

Serrano-Vitorino, 43, who was in the U.S. illegally, was accused of fatally shooting four men at a home in Kansas City, Kansas, on the night of March 7, 2016. He was arrested a day later and 170 miles away in Montgomery County, Missouri, where he was accused of killing Randy Nordman of New Florence. He was charged with first-degree murder in all five deaths.

He was being held in St. Louis awaiting an October trial in Nordman's death on a change of venue. Missouri prosecutors were seeking the death penalty.

He had tried to take his own life before, with a safety razor, shortly after his arrest while jailed in Montgomery County. After a hospitalization he was returned to the jail.

Authorities say the shooting spree began when Serrano-Vitorino gunned

down his Kansas City, Kansas, neighbor, 41-year-old Michael Capps, and three other men at Capps' home — brothers Austin Harter, 29, and Clint Harter, 27, and 36-year-old Jeremy Waters. Before dying, one of the victims managed to call police.

Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive.

Serrano-Vitorino then allegedly fled in his pickup truck into Missouri. Authorities say he killed Nordman, 49, at Nordman's rural home near Interstate 70 about 70 miles (113 kilometers) east of St. Louis. He was captured hiding face-down in a ditch a few miles from Nordman's home, and had a rifle with him, the Missouri State Highway patrol said at the time.

A lawsuit filed in Kansas City, Kansas, by the father of one of the victims accused U.S. immigration officials of missing two chances to detain and de-

port Serrano-Vitorino.

Serrano-Vitorino was deported to Mexico after he was convicted of a felony in 2003 but illegally re-entered the U.S. He was arrested in 2014 and 2015.

After his 2014 arrest in Kansas for battery, Wyandotte County jail officials notified ICE he was in custody. But Serrano-Vitorino was released after the federal agency didn't send an agent to the jail, according to the lawsuit.

Serrano-Vitorino was fingerprinted in Overland Park, Kansas, Municipal Court in September 2015 after he was cited for traffic infractions. ICE officials asked that he be held in custody but sent the paperwork to a different jail in Johnson County, Kansas, the lawsuit contends. He was once again released from custody.

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"That's what I was most excited about and it's turned out to be true," Benson said.

"Some of the neat things that we're going to do, especially talking about growth, we are in the process of implementing BASICS, Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for Students; opening a center for students in recovery; expanding suicide prevention education programs; and expanding our bystander intervention programs. Those are the things I'm most excited about developing," he added.

The UTPB website says bystander intervention is "recognizing a potentially harmful situation or interaction and choosing to respond in a way that could positively influence the outcome."

Benson said these initiatives that have been successful in the UT System.

"The expansion of those programs, I think, is going to complement the wellness initiatives that have already taken place on campus," Benson said.

He said he and his team are working toward training the faculty and staff on mental health first aid.

This prepares people to triage those experiencing mental health emergencies and get people who are in crisis, or are experiencing distress, to the right places. Permian Care, formerly Permian Basin Community Centers, is conducting the training.

Teresa Sewell, senior associate vice president, said she's glad to have Benson on board.

"Corey brings years and a variety of experience with him. His knowledge and skills are raising the bar on the quality and quantity of services we provide to students," Sewell said.

She noted that his job has existed previously, but had been vacant for several months.

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"It will help me by providing assurance that student due process is being provided, improvement in programs for bystander intervention, students in recovery, etc., and improved coordination of programs that encourage student engagement," Sewell said in a text message.

A native of Shepherd, Benson said he was excited about coming to West Texas because it was a part of the state he hadn't spent a lot of time in before. It has also opened travel possibilities.

"It's my goal to visit every state park in Texas by the end of 2019. I'm about 20 parks into 95 of them," Benson said.

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# Steers can't hold off late rally by Lubbock Christian in a close 8-7 loss on senior night

By JORDAN PARR  
Sports Editor

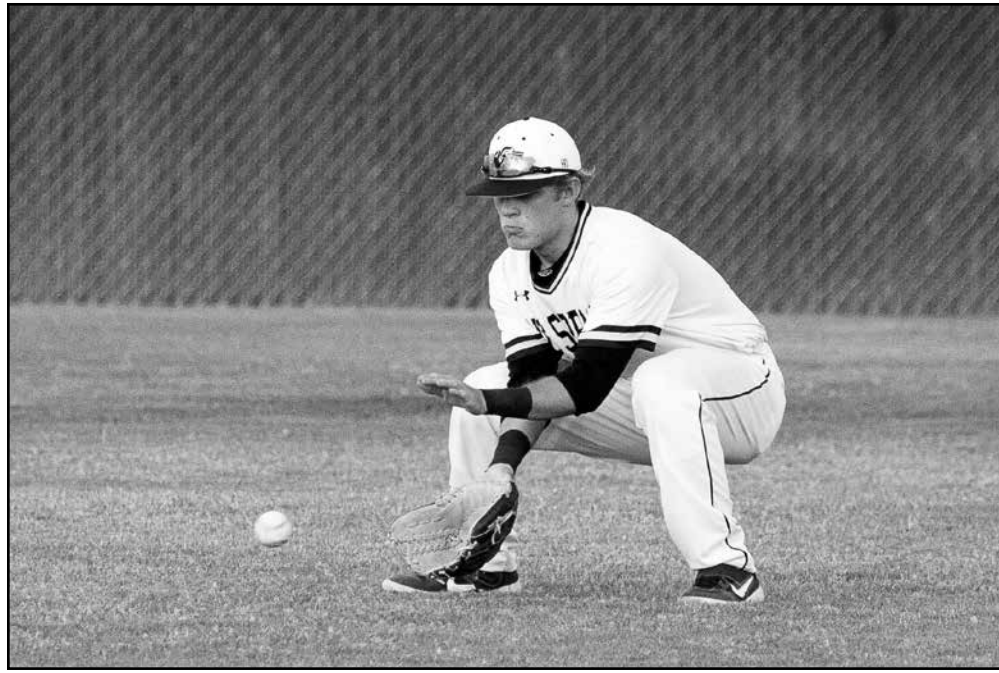
**BIG SPRING** – The Steers played a great game on a night when they celebrated their nine seniors. Big Spring outthit the Lubbock Christian Eagles 12 to 11 in the game but a 3 run rally in the top of the seventh gave the Eagles the edge and the 8-7 victory over the Steers.

Big Spring got on the board first on an RBI single by Bryson VanVleet in the bottom of the first to go up 1-0. In the top of the second Lubbock Christian answered back with two runs of their own to take a 2-1 lead over the Steers. Big Spring came up scoreless again in the bottom of the second and the Eagles took advantage again, scoring two more runs in the top of the third to take a 4-1 lead.

In the bottom of the third, Big Spring cut the lead to 4-2 on another RBI single by VanVleet bringing Elijah Munoz across the plate. Neither team scored any runs in the fourth inning and then the Eagles put up another solo run in the top of the fifth to stretch their lead out to 5-2 heading into the bottom of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Steers answered with 2 runs on 2 hits to bring the score to 5-4. It was once again VanVleet who came up clutch for Big Spring. He drove in two runs on an RBI double deep to center field scoring Miramontes and Wash to bring VanVleet's RBI total to 4 in the game. The Steer defense stepped up in the top of the sixth and kept Lubbock Christian off the board.

Still trailing 5-4 in the bottom of the



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## Big Spring center fielder Bryson Van Vleet fields a hit during the Steer's 8-7 loss to Lubbock Christian on Tuesday, April 9.

sixth, Big Spring's bats answered the call again. This time it was Jason Miramontes who drove in multiple runs on a 2 run RBI single to center field to give the Steers a 6-5 lead heading into the last inning. Unfortunately, the Eagles had the answer and scored three runs in the top of the seventh to retake the lead 8-6. The Steers did get another run in the bottom of the seventh on a Josh Miramontes RBI single, but it wasn't enough and the Steers fell to Lubbock Christian 8-7.

Braydon Martin got the win for the Eagles on the mound while Ethan Howard got the start. Howard pitched three innings and allowed 2 runs on 4 hits before Martin came in relief for the Eagles. Chris Ibanez started the game for the Steers. Ibanez pitched just one inning before being relieved. Big Spring pitched seven different

pitchers in the game and really used the game to find out where some of their pitchers stand, as they look to continue their hot streak in district play this Friday.

Joshua and Jason Miramontes both had great games at the dish. The brothers combined for five hits and 3 RBIs in the game. Bryson VanVleet led the Steers offensively in the game. VanVleet had 3 hits and drove in 4 runs in the tough loss, but looked really good at the plate all night long.

Despite the loss the Steers did some things really well against a tough Lubbock Christian team that should help them as they continue to move forward in district play. The Steers will travel to Sweetwater this Friday looking to improve their district record to 4-1.



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## Joshua Miramontes gets a hit during the Big Spring Steer's 8-7 loss to Lubbock Christian on Tuesday.

# Altuve homers, Springer helps Astros rally past Yankees 6-3

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
AP Sports Writer

**HOUSTON** — Astros manager AJ Hinch saw his team's at-bats improving as the game went along Tuesday night.

That seems to be happening a lot lately for a Houston squad that's heated up after a tough start to the season.

Jose Altuve hit his 100th homer and George Springer's two-run double in the eighth inning helped the Astros to their third straight comeback win, 6-3 over the New York Yankees.

Houston has won five in a row overall to improve to 7-5.

"That's had three days in a row where we've had really, really good at-bats as the game's gotten late," Hinch said. "So I certainly liked it, the focus and the quality of at-bats and ultimately the production."

The Astros trailed by one when Alex Bregman doubled off Jonathan Holder with two outs in the seventh inning and scored on a double by Michael Brantley that tied it at 3. Chad Green (0-2) retired Carlos Correa to end the inning.

But the Astros, who rallied to beat Oakland on Sunday and New York in Monday's series opener, got a single from Yuli Gurriel back-to-back walks to Robinson Chirinos and Tony Kemp loaded the bases with one out.

Springer then sent a ball down the third base line and into the left field corner, scoring Gurriel and Chirinos to make it 5-3.

"We're showing a lot of resiliency, a lot of fight," Springer said.

Kemp would have scored on the play, too, but he tripped and fell coming around third base and had to return to the bag with a dive to narrowly avoid a tag.

It didn't matter much, as Kemp scored on a sacrifice fly by Altuve to push the lead to 6-3.

Gerrit Cole, who lost his first two starts this season, remained winless after being lifted with the game tied after allowing four hits and three runs in seven innings. Hector Rondon (1-0) struck out two in a 1-2-3 eighth for the win, and Roberto Osuna fanned one in a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

New York rookie starter Jonathan Loaisiga gave up four hits and two runs in three innings.

The Yankees led early after Luke Voit sent the first pitch he saw into center field for a solo homer with two outs in the first.



AP photo

## Houston Astros' Jose Altuve (27) celebrates his solo home run off New York Yankees starting pitcher Jonathan Loaisiga with Michael Brantley during the third inning of a baseball game against the New York Yankees, April 9, in Houston. The home run was Altuve's 100th for his career.

A sacrifice fly by Gurriel tied it in the second. The Yankees had runners on first and second with no outs in the third when Brett Gardner dropped down a bunt that barely made it out of the batter's box. Apparently thinking it was foul, Gardner stopped after just a few steps toward first base and the Astros turned a double play.

"I obviously thought it was foul," Gardner said. "He said he picked it up when it was right on top of the line and it didn't go foul. I obviously should've run to first base, and basically gave them two outs right there. I thought it was a big turning point in the game, and it was a big mistake on my part."

Yankees manager Aaron Boone lamented mental mistakes like that one that contributed to the loss.

"It's got to be better, especially when you're playing a really good team," he said. "You've got to do the little things that allow you to win ballgames. We're really close to playing a really good brand and a complete game, but we're just having a breakdown here and there that (is) really costing us."

There was one out in the third when Altuve's homer, which bounced off the wall above left field, put Houston up 2-1. It came after he hit one off the train tracks above left field on Monday night.

There were two on and one out in the sixth when Gary Sanchez hit a sharp liner for a double that bounced low on the wall in left field and darted away from Kemp to score two runs and put New York up 3-2.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: Ace right-hander Luis Severino has a Grade 2 lat strain and will stop throwing for six weeks. Severino has been out since he was scratched from what would have been his first spring training appearance in early March with right shoulder inflammation. He returned to New York for tests when he wasn't feeling great, and the new injury was diagnosed on Tuesday. ... 3B Miguel Andujar (right shoulder) is scheduled to play catch Wednesday for the first time since he was injured. "Hopefully it's a big step for him because that potentially tells us a lot in how he's able to respond to that," Boone said. ... Boone said OF Giancarlo Stanton (left biceps strain) is feeling better and could hit off a tee Wednesday or Friday.

Astros: Bregman left in the eighth after pulling up while running to second base. He said he tweaked his hamstring and could miss Wednesday's game but didn't think the injury was serious.

### NEW HEIGHTS

For the 5-foot-6 Altuve, who was told repeatedly that he was too small to play in the majors when he was growing up, hitting his 100th homer meant a lot.

"I never thought I was going to hit 100 homers in the big leagues," he said. "It seems like a dream come true."

Springer, who reached the 100-homer mark early in his fifth season, ribbed his teammate for not doing it until his ninth year.

"It took him long enough to get to it, but he got to it so I'm happy for him," Springer said.

### UP NEXT

Yankees: LHP James Paxton (1-1, 4.09 ERA) starts the series finale Wednesday night. Paxton got his first win with the Yankees in his last outing when he allowed eight hits and four runs while striking out nine in 5 1/3 innings against Baltimore.

Astros: RHP Collin McHugh (1-1, 2.45) got the win in his last start against Oakland when he allowed three hits and one run in six innings.

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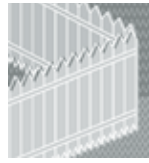
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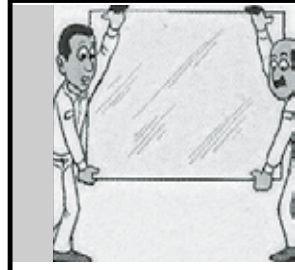
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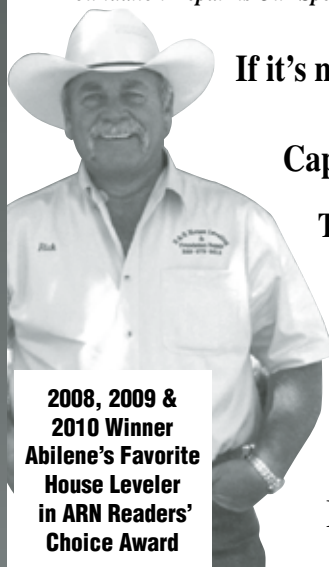
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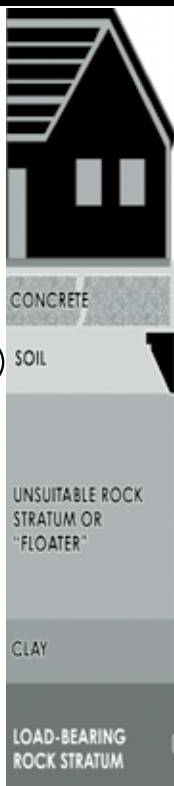
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City of Big Spring  
By: Larry McLellan, Mayor  
Date: April 10, 2019

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters from within the Permian Basin Zone. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by April 30, 2019 and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by May 15, 2019. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than May 30, 2019, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2018 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-referenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone (512) 787-9966.

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**Jupiter Retrograde**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** A good day, like a good life, must include uncomfortable situations. It's a sign that you're living adventurously and courageously. Each new pickle will teach you a helpful skill.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You'll soon be in a position to state your terms, haggle a price or negotiate a salary. Start thinking about the value you give, what it's worth and what you really want. It's going to take some time to settle on the right amount.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Put your feelers out because your work is too much for one person to handle alone. Find one good person to help you with your project and soon you'll be surrounded by good people, as like attracts like.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Some types of education seem pointlessly inapplicable, but your commitment to learning is anything but. Even if you've consciously forgotten what you learned, it's still in there, and you're building on it every day.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** In the weeks to come you will open your heart to many people, some of them very different from you. The more diverse your group is, the stronger it will be.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your problems aren't bigger than the problems of

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

Two sorts of people can be hard to tolerate: those very different from you, and those too much like you. Love those who challenge you because it will broaden your capacity to love everyone, including yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It could very well be that there's an ideal in your head that's blocking the reality in front of your nose. It's one of those days when you have to try a little harder to find something to love.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** At this point, you're not sure if your aim is within the realm of reason. But some things are worth trying to do even if you're pretty sure they're impossible. Some things are worth doing (SET ITAL) because (END ITAL) you're pretty sure they're impossible.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10).** You'll help someone and get twice helped. You'll love someone and wind up with heaps of the stuff. It's impossible for you to do anything selfless without gaining some kind of enrichment. A tangent will turn into your main gig. There's a move or a big domestic update. For luck, include family in a business venture. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 38 and 17.

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**Contract Bridge**  
By Steve Becker  
**Diabolical defense**

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 9 7 2  
♥ A Q J 8  
♦ A K J 7  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 3  
♥ K 6 4 2  
♦ 10 9 4  
♣ A K Q 10 6

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 8 6 4  
♥ 9 7 5  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 9 4

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ 2♣ Pass 3♣  
Dble 4♣ 4♠

Opening lead — three of clubs.  
Looking at all four hands, it's not easy to figure out how South went down in this deal after a club lead. But the fact is that he did go down — as we shall presently see.  
North's double of three clubs was for takeout, indicating values well above a minimum opening bid. South's voluntary four-spade bid was

therefore fully justified.  
East won the opening club lead with the queen and concluded that the defense's prospect of scoring four tricks was not very bright. He could expect to win a heart trick eventually, but to count on West for two trump tricks was not very realistic in view of South's voluntary four-spade bid.  
East therefore decided that his only real chance to stop the contract was to return a heart into dummy's A-Q-J-8, creating the impression that he had a singleton heart. Accordingly, he shifted to the six of hearts at trick two. Declarer took West's ten with the jack and led a trump to the king, won by West with the ace.  
West returned a heart, and South, afraid East was about to ruff, finessed the queen. East won with the king and returned a heart. When West ruffed, South — to his utter amazement — found himself down one, having lost a club, a spade, a heart and a heart ruff. East's shrewd defense had done him in.  
The deal demonstrates that even contracts that appear to be ironclad may have weak spots that can be exploited by imaginative defense.

Tomorrow: Thanks, but no thanks.  
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Level: Intermediate

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

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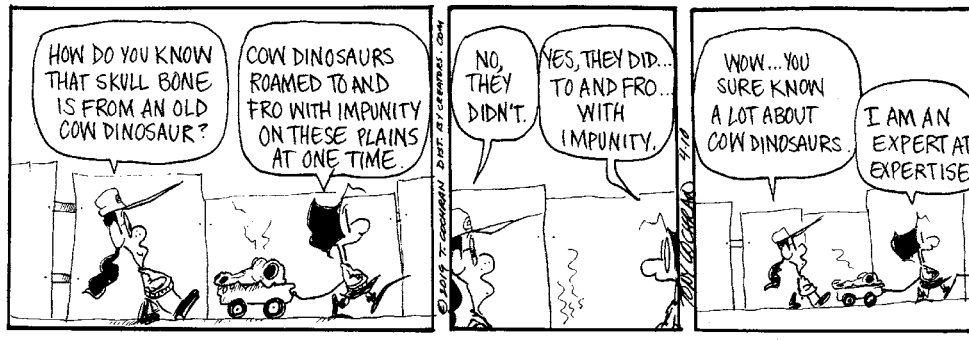
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7:30	PN	Gold	Jazie	Empire (DVS)	Survivor	Chicago Med	News	Nature (DVS)	Andy G.	In the Dark	Big Bang	Movie: Edge of Tomorrow (DVS)	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Charlotte Hornets.	Golf Masters: Par 3 Contest	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs	Quarantined Teams TBA.	Zombie Flip	Expedition
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12:30	JAM	Extra	Soy tu duela	Two Man	Corden	El barón (SS)	News	NOVA	Hilhtcock	Rules	New Girl (DVS)	Bones	SportsCenter	NFL Live	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs	Law & Order: SVU	Zombie Flip	(12-13) Mummies Unwrapped
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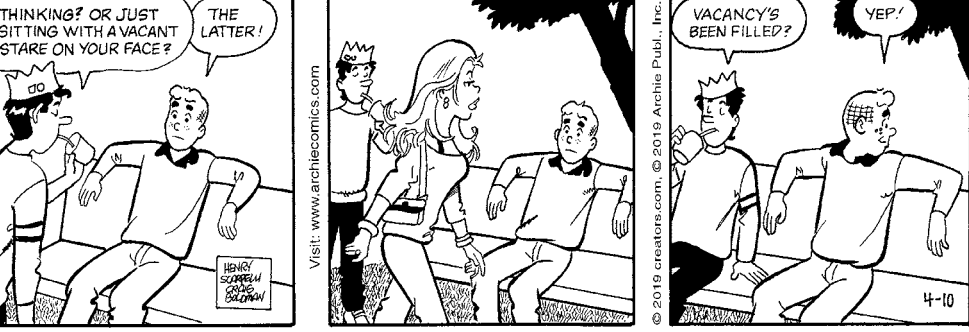
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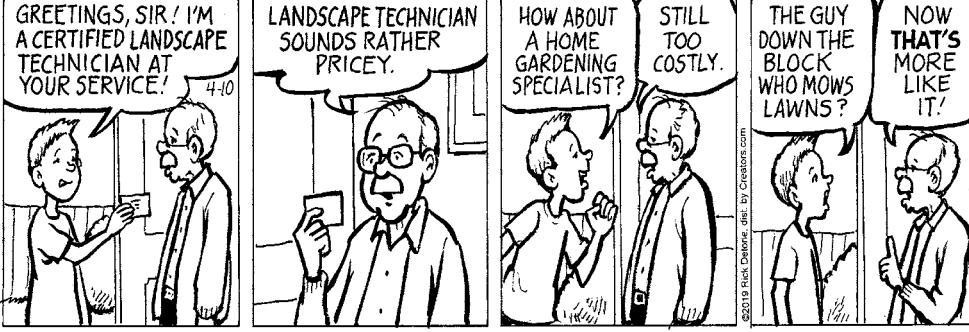
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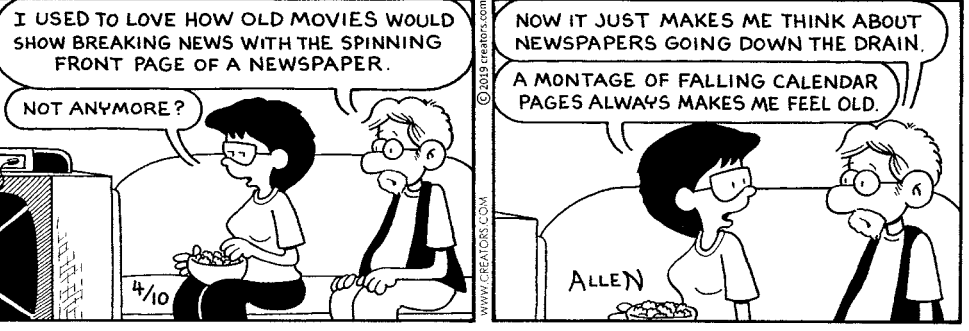
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 10, the 100th day of 2019. There are 265 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 10, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, a day after surrendering the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, said farewell to his men, praising them for their "unsurpassed courage and fortitude."

On this date: In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated. In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage. In 1916, the Professional Golfers' Association of America was founded in New York. In 1925, the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel "The Great Gatsby" was first published by Scribner's of New York. In 1932, German President Paul Von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second. In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers President Branch Rickey purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals. In 1962, Stuart Sutcliffe, the Beatles' original bass player, died in Hamburg, West Germany, at age 21. In 1968, "In the Heat of the Night" won best picture of 1967 at the 40th Academy Awards; one of its stars, Rod Steiger, was named best actor while Katharine Hepburn was honored as best actress for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." In 1971, a table tennis team from the United States arrived in China at the invitation of the communist government for a goodwill visit that came to be known as "ping-pong diplomacy." In 1981, imprisoned IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands was declared the winner of a by-election to the British Parliament. In 1998, the Northern Ireland peace talks concluded as negotiators reached a landmark settlement to end 30 years of bitter rivalries and bloody attacks. In 2010, Polish President Lech Kaczynski (lehk kah-CHIN'-skee), 60, was killed in a plane crash in western Russia that also claimed the lives of his wife and top Polish political, military and church officials.

Ten years ago: Police in Tracy, California, arrested Sunday school teacher Melissa Huckaby in connection with the death of 8-year-old Sandra Cantu, whose body had been found in a suitcase. (Huckaby eventually pleaded guilty to kidnapping and murdering her daughter's playmate; she was sentenced to life without parole.) French Navy commandos stormed a sailboat held by pirates off the Somali coast, freeing four hostages; however, one hostage was killed in the operation.

Five years ago: A bus carrying 44 students from Southern California for a free tour of Humboldt State University on the state's far north coast collided with a FedEx tractor-trailer near Orland; five students and three adult chaperones died, along with the drivers. A woman was taken into custody after throwing a shoe at Hillary Clinton as the former secretary of state began a Las Vegas convention keynote speech; the shoe missed. KISS, Nirvana and Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band were ushered into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at Brooklyn's Barclays Center. CBS named Stephen Colbert to succeed the retiring David Letterman as host of the "Late Show."

One year ago: During five hours of questioning from a U.S. Senate panel, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg batted away accusations that he had failed to protect the personal information of millions of Americans from Russians intent on upsetting the U.S. election, though he conceded that Facebook needed to work harder to make sure the tools it creates are used in "good and healthy" ways. The international chemical weapons watchdog said it was sending a fact-finding mission to a Syrian town where a suspected chemical gas attack had taken place over the weekend.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Max von Sydow is 90. Actress Liz Sheridan is 90. Football Hall of Famer John Madden is 83. Reggae artist Bunny Wailer is 72. Actor Steven Seagal is 67. Folk-pop singer Terre Roche (The Roches) is 66. Actor Peter MacNicol is 65. Actress Olivia

Brown is 62. Rock musician Steven Gustafson (10,000 Maniacs) is 62. Singer-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds is 61. Rock singer-musician Brian Setzer is 60. Rock singer Katrina Leskanich (les-KAH'-nich) is 59. Actor Jeb Adams is 58. Olympic gold medal speedskater Cathy Turner is 57. Rock musician Tim "Herb" Alexander is 54. R-and-B singer Kenny Lattimore

is 52. Actor-comedian Orlando Jones is 51. Rock musician Mike Mushok (Staind) is 50. Rapper Q-Tip (AKA Kamaal) is 49. Former Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens is 45. Actor David Harbour is 44. Blues singer Shemekia Copeland is 40. Actress Laura Bell Bundy is 38. Actor Harry Hadden-Paton is 38. Actress Chyler Leigh is 37. Pop musician Andrew Dost (fun.)

is 36. Actor Ryan Merriman is 36. Singer Mandy Moore is 35. Actor Barkhad Abdi (BAHRK'-hahd AHB'-dee) is 34. Actress Shay Mitchell is 32. Actor Haley Joel Osmont is 31. Actress Molly Bernard (TV: "Younger") is 31. Country singer Maren Morris is 29. Actor Alex Pettyfer is 29. Actress-singer AJ (AKA Amanda) Michalka (mish-AL'-kah) is 28. Actress Daisy Ridley is 27.

Singer-actress Sofia Carson is 26. Actress Audrey Whitby is 23. Actress Ruby Jerins is 21.

Thought for Today: "Work is something you can count on, a trusted, lifelong friend who never deserts you." — Margaret Bourke-White, American photojournalist (1904-1971).

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Newsday Crossword

TIMELINES by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Once around a track
  - 4 Sailboat poles
  - 9 Bits of paint
  - 13 Honeycomb site
  - 14 Be patient for
  - 15 State on Lake Erie
  - 16 Foreshadowing sign
  - 17 Group of mountains
  - 18 Nonverbal OKs
  - 19 Very gullible
  - 22 Prefix meaning "bone"
  - 23 Stinging insect
  - 24 Singing couple
  - 26 Small amount of computer storage
  - 30 Bro or sis
  - 33 Express gratitude to
  - 37 Wizard of Oz dog
  - 38 Behavioral science magazine
  - 42 Inauguration ritual
  - 43 Between ports
  - 44 Pilot's landing guess, for short
  - 45 Minor modifications
  - 48 "Honest" president
  - 50 Bites gently
  - 54 Perform better than
  - 58 News anchor's farewell
  - 60 Leisurely gait
  - 62 University of \_\_\_ Dame

- DOWN**
- 1 Vehicles for VIPs
  - 2 Prevent from happening
  - 3 Wrote
  - 4 Foal's mom
  - 5 Flooded (with)
  - 6 \_\_\_ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
  - 7 Striped roarer
  - 8 Buffet fuel
  - 9 Aid financially
  - 10 Sailor's greeting
  - 11 Auction offer
  - 12 Distress call
  - 13 Wandering rail rider
  - 20 Adolescent, for instance
  - 21 Lions' home
  - 25 "What have we here!"
  - 27 Method
  - 28 Coup d'\_\_\_
  - 29 Spanish portraitist
  - 30 Location
  - 31 Part of Caesar's boast
  - 32 Data measure
  - 34 In the manner of
  - 35 "\_\_\_ too bad"
  - 36 UK weight measures
  - 39 TV selections
  - 40 Vote in favor
  - 41 Forbidden
  - 46 Set to assemble
  - 47 Compact piano
  - 49 Where Italy is
  - 51 Terrain inclination
  - 52 High storage area
  - 53 Lady Liberty's light
  - 55 Fairy tale baddie
  - 56 Takes a snooze
  - 57 Was beholden to
  - 58 "When you wish \_\_\_ a star..."
  - 59 Major disorder
  - 60 Kindled
  - 61 Poetic tribute

Answer to previous puzzle

RUSH	MISTS	ITAL
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4/10/19

# Tech has foundation for future after reaching national final

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Sports Writer  
MINNEAPOLIS

Brandone Francis plopped down in front of the Texas Tech locker room stalls where Matt Mooney and Tariq Owens were seated, their eyes red and wet as they clasped hands in consolation and solidarity while Virginia was celebrating on the court.

Three of the team's four seniors were still trying to process the fresh agony of losing in overtime of the national championship game with the life-changing and program-lifting season the Red Raiders (31-7) had just finished. In this rawest of moments they experienced, the sadness was too strong to push aside.

"It's so hard to come up short, man," Mooney said in the softest of his voices, staring straight down at the floor after Texas Tech lost 85-77 in Minneapolis.

Mooney, the sharp-shooting guard with the close-shorn haircut who was the star of the win over Michigan State in the semifinals on Saturday, landed in Lubbock with coach Chris Beard for his final year of college.

The two-time transfer, who started at Air Force and then switched to South Dakota, found a place to belong, however briefly, with Beard and his like-minded collection of underdogs and afterthoughts.

Naturally, Mooney was taking the loss as hard as anyone as Monday night crept toward Tuesday morning deep inside U.S. Bank Stadium.

"At the end of the day, we're brothers," he said. "We're family. We're always going to be family."

Beard, the Associated Press Coach of the Year award winner, worked his way through junior colleges, a semipro league, Division III, Division II and a mid-major before finally arriving at a power conference program with the Red Raiders three years ago.

Last season, he took them further than ever, where predecessors Gerald Myers, James Dickey, Bobby Knight, Pat Knight and Tubby Smith never went, to the school's first Elite Eight appearance. Though they went 27-10 and ultimately fell to eventual champion Villanova, the Red Raiders lost five of their top six scorers.

Jarrett Culver, a projected top 10 NBA draft pick, made major strides in his sophomore year. Mooney and Owens made major impacts and immediately meshed with their teammates, never an easy task for graduate transfers. Francis, who started his career at Florida, was a steely



Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver (23) and Brandone Francis react after the team's 85-77 loss to Virginia in the overtime in the championship of the Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 8, 2019, in Minneapolis.

AP photo

spark off the bench. Davide Moretti, a sophomore from Italy, was the team's second-leading scorer. Norense Odiase, the other senior in the rotation, helped hold down the middle.

Whatever the Red Raiders might have been missing on offense, they made up for with the defensive tenacity around which Beard has built this hard-nosed team in the styles of the Knights he once coached under.

By one metric, data expert Ken Pomeroy's points-per-100-possession ranking, Texas Tech was not only the most efficient defensive team in the nation, but the best since that statistic was invented 17 years ago.

The Red Raiders, along with co-Big 12 champion Kansas State, ended a 14-season run by Kansas atop the conference.

Francis frustratingly declared "nobody remembers second place," but in the case of this Texas Tech team, that's not true, and not just for Red Raiders fans. Any regular follower of the NCAA Tournament will have no trouble recalling this run.

"These guys will go on to be great pros and fathers and husbands," Beard said. "Just never been more proud of a group."

Though Culver said he had not decided yet whether to turn pro, he's a good bet to be lottery bound, so Beard and his staff will have a lot to replace. The foundation has been built, though, and reaching the national title game will never hurt recruiting.

"Having years like this is just great for the program," Odiase said. "We know that this is a team that will be back next year because of

Chris Beard and everything that he's about."

With Culver and Mooney struggling to score for much of Monday night, freshman guard Tyler Edwards filled in capably with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Moretti will be back, too.

Kansas lost 10 games for only the second time in 19 years, so the Big 12, which has only produced a national champion twice in the past 67 years with titles by the Jayhawks in 2008 and 1988, ought to be as wide open for the Red Raiders as ever.

"We've got new pieces coming in and we've got a little experience," Edwards said. "I feel like we're a good thing heading into next year."

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# Nowitzki says goodbye at home, set to visit Spurs in finale

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki notched season highs in points, shots and minutes before telling Dallas Mavericks fans that his record 21st season with the same franchise would be his last.

Then the 40-year-old said he gave just about all he had in what he knew would be his final home game, which might make the last game of his career at San Antonio on Wednesday night little more than a curtain call. It's a fitting finale in some regards because the Spurs were probably Nowitzki's biggest rivals.

"I'm going to try to play a little bit tomorrow and still enjoy and hoist a few jumpers," said Nowitzki, who had 30 points on 31 shots in 33 minutes in a 120-109 win over Phoenix. "Tonight for me, of course, was the big night. One more time in front of these amazing fans that have supported me and pushed me over two decades."

The 14-time All-Star said the Mavericks bought more than 300 tickets in order for employees to attend what everyone now knows will be his final game. And the most accomplished European player in NBA history is merely playing out the string again in a third straight season without the playoffs, the longest drought of Nowitzki's career.

But on Nowitzki's special night, nobody was thinking about the Mavericks never winning another playoff series with the best player in franchise history after he led them to their only championship in 2011.

Not any of the former NBA stars who made the trip. Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, Scottie Pippen, Shawn Kemp and countryman Detlef Schrempf took the court Tuesday night and gave brief speeches in honor of the player who was shown in an old video listing each of them as among those he idolized growing up in Germany.

And certainly not coach Rick Carlisle or owner Mark Cuban, who promised Nowitzki a job for life, a jersey retirement and a statue. Plus, the win over the Suns did allow the Mavericks to avoid a second straight 50-loss season.

"I was so happy for Dirk," Carlisle said. "The only thing he's ever cared about is bringing this fan base success, and helping these fans experience success, and ultimate success. This wasn't a winning season, but it was triumphant in many ways because of the respect and all of attention Dirk got for 21 years being with the same franchise."

Nowitzki said he had broken down emotionally a few times in private since deciding in recent days that it was time to retire, including on the day of his final home game with his wife, Jessica Nowitzki, after putting on the suit he wore to the arena.

But the league's 2007 MVP and 2011 NBA Finals MVP also knew how difficult the past two seasons had been physically, including missing the first 26 games of his final campaign after a longer-than-expected recovery from ankle surgery last April. Nowitzki was experiencing flare-ups in his feet and ankles late this season.



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) celebrates sinking a 3-point basket during the second half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns in Dallas, Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

AP photo

"It takes a lot at 40 to get ready every night and then with the foot pain," Nowitzki said. "It just took a little bit of the fun away from the sport I love. I

think that actually made the decision easier for me." The highest-scoring foreign-born player in NBA history has 31,540 points with a game left. Nowitzki eclipsed 10,000 defensive rebounds late this season — and fans who went wild nearly every time he hit a shot even cheered those moments.

The only 7-footer to win the All-Star 3-point shooting contest was the first player of his size to be a legitimate threat behind the arc. All of the game's biggest stars say that dimension changed the game, and many of them emulated his signature one-legged fadeaway jumper — the shot he used on his final bucket at home late in the fourth quarter.

"You want to leave the game in a better place than you got it, and you've done that," Kemp said during the postgame ceremony. "Not only did you bring a championship to Dallas, you are a champion."

With one more game before his final goodbye.



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