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Weather

Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. West wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Upcoming Events

Today

Howard County Commissioners' Court 3:30 p.m. Third floor of Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main.

Friday

Good Friday Coahoma, Big Spring, Forsan schools are out

Sunday

Easter Keep an eye out for Easter Service times

Cutest Kids Contest Ballot Voting open until Noon, April 22

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A veteran's service

Big Spring bears witness to the life and passing of an unattended military hero

Michael James McGrath

Sept. 1, 1954 – April 8, 2019

HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Between 150 and 200 people paid tribute Tuesday to the life and service of a Big Spring military hero who passed away with no family to take part in his funeral services.

Michael James McGrath, 64, of Big Spring, died April 8, 2019, at his residence. McGrath was a U.S. Army veteran during the Vietnam War. He worked as a bus driver for the Greyhound Bus Company for a number of years.

Starting at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home in the 900 block of S. Gregg St. at around 2 p.m., his funeral procession wound up Gregg Street/U.S. Highway 87 to Trinity Memorial Park south of town. There are no known survivors. He was preceded in death by his parents, L. P. and Letha McGrath; and a brother, Larry McGrath.



Aggie Muster scheduled April 22

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

A tradition that has been going strong for 116 years will be carried one once more next Monday – Aggie Muster.

"It's a tradition that's typically held on April 21; however, this year, that's going to be on Easter," said Marie Mashburn, Howard County A&M Club member. "So we're going to have it on the 22nd. It's to recognize and remember the Aggies that we've been notified have passed away within the past year."

Mashburn said that as the



roll of departed Aggies is called, club members will answer "Here" and light a candle for each name. All former and current students of Texas A&M University, family and friends are invited to uphold the tradition. Anyone who would like to add a name to the list may contact event organizers.

Activities will include a mix and mingle beginning at 6:30 p.m. and meal beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker this year's Muster will be Mark S. Browning (Class of '88), Senior Gift Planning

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Riding across North America for breast cancer research



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez

The 3 Country Ride bicycle team is riding from Mexico's Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast of Canada – 4,150 miles – to raise awareness and find a cure for breast cancer. Along the way, they stopped in Big Spring and interviewed our very own Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. ValVerde told the team a little about our unique town in West Texas, explaining how the town got its name and how our community comes together in times of need. 3 Country Ride rode east from Big Spring, heading to Sweetwater as their next stop. Their final destination will be St. Stephens, New Brunswick, Canada.

Fire out, organ intact but work ahead for charred Notre Dame

By **THOMAS ADAMSON**
 Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Firefighters declared success Tuesday morning in an over 12-hour battle to extinguish an inferno engulfing Paris' iconic Notre Dame cathedral that claimed its spire and roof, but spared its bell towers.



AP photo

This photo provided on Tuesday April 16, 2019 by the Paris Fire Brigade shows fire fighters working at the burning Notre Dame cathedral, Monday April 15, 2019. Experts assessed the blackened shell of Paris' iconic Notre Dame Tuesday morning to establish next steps to save what remains after a devastating fire destroyed much of the cathedral that had survived almost 900 years of history.

What remained was a blackened shell of the monument immortalized in Victor Hugo's 1831 novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," a building that had survived almost 900 years of tumultuous French history but was devastated amid renovation works at the start of Catholic Easter

week. Its iconic twin bell towers remained visibly intact. Paris officials said the world famous 18th century organ that boasts 8,000 pipes also appeared to have survived, along with other treasures

inside the cathedral, after a plan to safeguard heritage

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Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 86 inmates at the time of this report.

• **RICKEY LEE BOX JR.**, 50, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest or detention.

• **LUKE ANTHONY CHAVARRIA**, 19 was arrested by BSPD on warrants for failing to yield right of way, no driver's license, and failing to maintain financial responsibility.

• **JULIAN MICHAEL CHAVEZ**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for motion to revoke/unlawfully carrying weapon.

• **DERRICK J. COLEGROVE**, 29, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for passenger not secured by safety belt, failure to appear, terroristic threat of family/household violence, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), and criminal mischief (\$100-\$750), expired drivers license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

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• **ANGEL RENE ESCOBAR**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a bond violation of protective order.

• **ANGELA VIOLA GARRARD**, 45, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for forgery of a financial instrument, issuing a bad check, and theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

• **ROSANNE HERNANDEZ**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500)

• **CHARLIE LEOS JR.**, 20, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **ANTONIO MARTINEZ SR.**, 39, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **VICTORIA ANNA MCCLUSKEY**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (less than one gram), possession of marijuana (less than two ounces) and expired registration.

• **GABRIELLA MEDINA**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for duty on striking unattended vehicle.

• **CHANCE ALLAN PERRY-MAN**, 34, was arrested by HCSO on warrants for driving with invalid license, violating promise to appear, expired registration, no driver's license, failing to maintain financial responsibility, and a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon (knuckles).

• **KRYSTAL MARIE SERVANTES**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia, and a warrant for theft (less than \$100).

• **DAVID RAY SMITH**, 55, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of assault family violence threat or offensive contact.

• **GABRIEL SOTO**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility.

• **ARTURO SOCORRO YANEZ**, 66, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for accumulated items-first offense.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7700 block of S. Service Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 12000 block of CR 2230. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of N.W. 8th St. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

• **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kyla. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• Big Spring Centennial Lions Club will be having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Howard College Cafeteria located in the Student Union Building. Come out and eat breakfast before "A Joyful Season" trade show that is being held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk or tea will be served for a donation of \$6 per person. First responders, police and firemen all eat free. All proceeds will be used in our community for Lion charities. Presale tickets are available from any Lions Club member.

• Maranatha Baptist Academy, at 903 Johnson, is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1, 2019-2020 School term. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment, Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

• 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.

• 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".

• 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.

• 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.

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

Obituaries

Robert Martinez

Robert Martinez, 50, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 15, 2019. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Marcus McVae

Marcus McVae, 34, of San Angelo, formerly of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019, in San Antonio. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive. These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

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 don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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was quickly put into action.

At dawn, the twin 69-meter towers swarmed with building specialists and architects, looking tiny from the ground as they conducted analysis.

"The entire fire is out," declared Paris firefighters' spokesman Gabriel Plus, adding that workers were currently "surveying the movement of structures and extinguishing smoldering residues."

"The task is — now the risk of fire has been put aside — about the building, how the structure will resist," said Junior Interior Minister Laurent Nunez in front of the cathedral.

One of the city's five senior vicars, Philippe Marsset, told AP: "If God intervened (in the blaze) it was in the courage of the firefighters."

"Notre Dame was destroyed but the soul of France was not," Michel Aupetit, archbishop of Paris, said on RMC radio.

Officials consider the fire an accident, possibly as a result of the restoration work taking place at the global architectural treasure, but that news has done nothing to ease the national mourning.

"Notre Dame has survived the revolutionary his-

tory of France, and this happened during building works," said influential former Culture Minister Jack Lang.

French President Emmanuel Macron pledged to rebuild the cathedral that he called "a part of us" and appealed for help to do so.

As the country woke up in collective sadness, its richest businessman, Bernard Arnault, and his luxury goods group LVMH answered that call with a pledge of 200 million euros (\$226 million).

A communique said that the Arnault family was "in solidarity with this national tragedy, and join in the reconstruction of this extraordinary cathedral, a symbol of France, of its heritage and togetherness."

Businessman Francois-Henri Pinault and his billionaire father Francois Pinault also said they were immediately giving 100 million euros from their company, Artemis, to help finance repairs.

A statement from Francois-Henri Pinault said "this tragedy impacts all French people" and "everyone wants to restore life as quickly as possible to this jewel of our heritage."

The 12th-century church is home to relics, stained glass and other works of art of incalculable value, and is a leading tourist attraction. Its organ dates to the 1730s and was constructed by Francois

Thierry.

"The organ is a very fragile instrument, especially its pipes. It has not burnt, but no one can tell whether it has been damaged by water. Nobody knows if it is a functioning state or will need to be restored," Bertrand de Feydeau, a senior French heritage preservation official, told the AP.

Paris Deputy Mayor Emmanuel Gregoire described authorities' "enormous relief" at the salvaging of pieces such as the purported Crown of Christ, which were quickly transported to a "secret location" by officials after the fire.

Religious statues that were removed last week from the cathedral roof as part of a restoration of the monumental Paris church's towering spire were also spared.

The 3-meter-tall copper figures, which looked over the city from Notre Dame's 96-meter-high peak, were sent to southwestern France for work that is part of a 6 million-euro (\$6.8 million) renovation project on the cathedral spire and its 250 tons of lead.

On Thursday, the public got a first ground-level look at the statues, representing the 12 apostles and four evangelists, when a huge crane lowered them onto a truck.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

• The Howard County Democrats will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 pm. at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 Scurry, behind Prosperity Bank .

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

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

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Service offers opportunities to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. 11th St. Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with various fund-raising events including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raising events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring Director of Community Relations at dslindsey@dshs.com

• Mobile meals is in every drivers. If you would like to help deliver Maria at 816-6474.

MUSTER

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Officer with the Texas A&M Foundation. The Muster will be held at The Stampede, located on Highway 350 north of Big Spring.

The meal is \$10 for adults, and children 12 and under eat free. There is no charge to attend the Roll Call, which will begin at about 7:30 p.m. For details, tickets and to reach the organizers, visit tx.ag/HCAMMuster or contact Marie Mashburn at 432-213-0429 or mariemashburn@gmail.com.

Some 25 Aggies and family attended last year's Howard County A&M Club Muster.

"There are hundreds of Aggie Musters held each year, not just around Texas but around the world," Mashburn said.

The Muster tradition at Texas A&M forever unites Aggies past with Aggies present, and provides the men and women of Texas A&M the chance to meet and renew their ties to each other. Read more at <http://tx.ag/MusterHistory>.

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Hawks win three, in four game series with Odessa College

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING – The Hawks got themselves right back into contention with three big time conference wins over first place Odessa College in a four game series this past weekend. The Hawks outhit the Wranglers 44 to 41 in the series and pulled off three wins in four games despite being outscored in the series 26-24 by Odessa College. With the three big wins, Howard College moves right back into the thick of things in conference play with a conference record of 14-10 which puts the Hawks in a tie for fourth place with Clarendon College and four games back of third place New Mexico Junior College who they will square off with today in Hobbs.

In the first game of the series in Big Spring, Howard College jumped out to an early 5-0 lead after three innings and never looked back as they outhit Odessa seven to six in the game and scored all five runs in consecutive innings. Diego Ramirez and Brandon Pimentel led the way for the Hawks offensively each collecting multiple

hits and driving in runs. John Carlos Ariza got the win on the mound for Howard College. Ariza pitched six and two-thirds innings and gave up two runs on six hits while sitting down 10 Wranglers on strikes.

In the second game of the series on Friday, Odessa answered to the game one loss in a big way. The Wranglers outhit the Hawks 14-11 and put the game away early with a huge six run top of the third to give Odessa an early 7-1 lead. Howard College never could seem to turn their hits into runs and left a lot of runners stranded in the game. Pimentel and Nick Jodway both had good games at the dish with each managing multiple hits in the game. Once again Pimentel set the tone for the Hawks offensively going four for five at the plate in the tough loss. Howard College had four different pitchers on the bump in the loss. Nicco Cole, Austin Smith, Max Gehler and Reed Osborn each had a chance on the rubber, but just couldn't keep the Wranglers in check.

In the third game of the series on Saturday in Odessa, the Hawks got



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Ty Manning connects on a hit during the Hawk's 5-2 win in the first game of a double header played on Friday, April 12.

back on track and rallied with three runs in the fifth inning before completing the comeback with three more runs in the top of the seventh to get the 8-5 road win over first placed Odessa College. Howard College outhit the Wranglers 14 to 9 in the game and played great mistake free defense as well. Jodway, Jake Smith, Raul Ortega, Seth Ochoa and Ty Manning all had two or more hits in the game as the Hawks showed their skills at the plate. Jodway led the team offensively, going three for four and driving in two runs. Jeffrey Zack got the win for Howard College. Zack pitched six innings and allowed five runs on nine hits. Noah Miller came in and threw one inning in relief. Miller kept the Wranglers off the board and recorded the last three outs to earn the save for the Hawks.

In the final game of the series on Saturday, both teams came out ready to play and it took some impressive late game heroics from the Hawks to get the tight 7-6 win. Both teams saw the ball well at the plate with the Hawks and Wranglers both collecting 12 hits in the game. Odessa scored a run in

each of the first five innings while holding Howard College to just one run through the first six. Trailing 5-1 in the top of the seventh, the Hawks finally found some success at the plate on a lead off solo home run by Jodway followed by a sacrifice RBI by Martinez to cut the lead to 5-3. Odessa came back with one run in the bottom of the seventh to extend their lead to 6-3, but the Hawks had found their rhythm at the dish and scored four more unanswered runs in the next two innings to steal the game from the Wranglers 7-6 with an impressive six run rally over the last three innings. Trace Bucey and Jake Smith both had two hits in the game and led the Hawks offensively. Ricky Apodaca got the start for Howard College and pitched four and a third innings allowing five runs on 10 hits and striking out five in the win.

With the great series win the Hawks put themselves right back into contention and gave themselves a chance to move into sole possession of fourth place in the conference and cut into the lead NMJC had over them today in Hobbs.



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Howard College shortstop Diego Ramirez tags out a base runner the hard way on a high throw from the catcher during the Hawk's 5-2 win in the first game of a double header played on Friday, April 12.

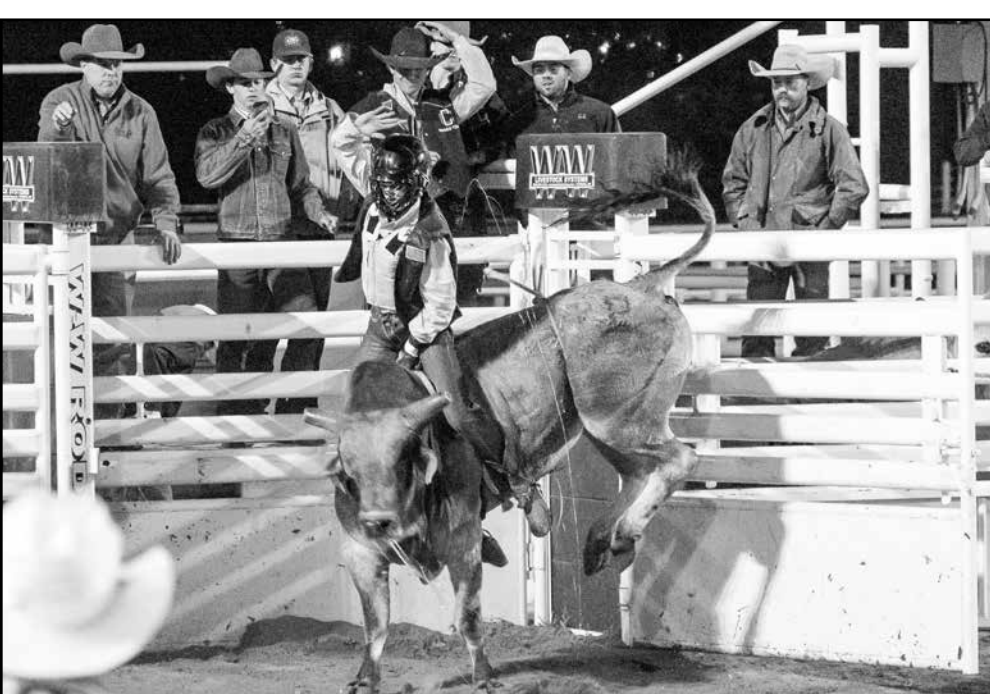
Playing in the Mud

Howard College has another successful rodeo despite poor weather



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Pictured Above Left: Howard College tie down roper Kelton Cropper comes through the barrier during his run in the short go round of the Howard College Rodeo. Pictured Above Right: Howard College Bull Rider Dalton Kasel hangs on while his bull stomps in a mud puddle during the short go round of the Howard College Rodeo on Saturday, April 13.



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Above left: Howard College bull rider Dalton Kasel puts on a show for the crowd at the Howard College Rodeo. Pictured Above: Howard College's Shawnee Sherwood ropes her calf during the breakaway roping event at the Howard College Rodeo on Friday, April 12.

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The City of Coahoma ("City") and the Board of Directors of the Coahoma Development Corporation ("CDC"), jointly ("Coahoma") are soliciting sealed proposals for a contractor to construct a new community center for the City of Coahoma to be constructed at 306 North St., Coahoma, Texas 79511, as more fully set out in the Statement of Work included in the City of Coahoma and Coahoma Development Corporation Request for Proposals - Coahoma Community Center ("RFP") which is available during normal business hours at the Coahoma Development Corporation Office/Coahoma City Hall, 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, Texas and online at <http://coahomamatx-ed.org/> and <http://www.cityof-coahoma.tx.citygovt.org/> An original and at least two (2) copies of each responsive proposal must be submitted in accordance with the instructions set out herein as follows:

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are not invited either. She says that it would be awkward for them to be there without their father, and they are not old enough to drive. Everyone else on our side of the family is invited. I agree with her that my brother would not just drop his kids off and leave; he would make a scene. I get both sides, but hate that I am in between. My brother does not know he will not be invited. She just isn't telling him. He asks me, "Did you get an invite?" Luckily, I have not yet, so I haven't had to lie. Am I wrong that she has the right not to invite him, but she needs to

call and tell him? -- In Between
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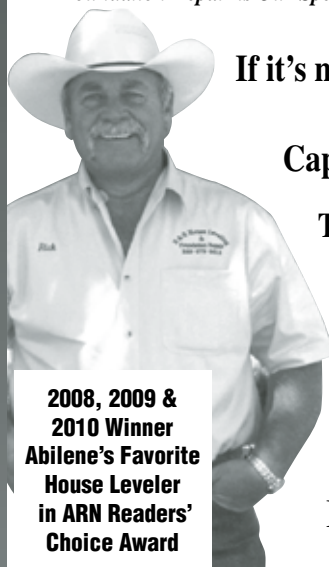
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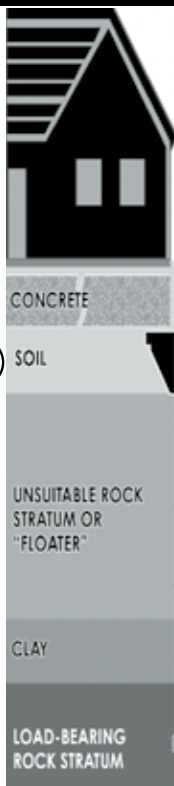
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♥ A 5 3
♦ J 8 4
♣ A K J 9 8

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♠ 10 5
♥ J 7 6 4
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ 7 5 2

EAST

♠ K Q J 9 7
♥ Q 10 8
♦ 10 7 2
♣ Q 4

SOUTH

♠ A 8 4 3
♥ K 9 2
♦ K Q 9
♣ 10 6 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♠	2NT	Pass
3NT			

Opening lead — ten of spades.

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Witness this example where South arrived at three notrump on the bidding shown. West led the ten of spades, and declarer took his ace on the second round. A club was led to

the king and then, since nine tricks could not be made without scoring a diamond trick, South next led a diamond to the king.

Declarer was relieved to see West win with the ace and return a heart, but his troubles were not yet over. The club suit still had to be broached, and that was when South's lights went dim.

After taking the heart return with the king, he led the ten of clubs. West followed low, and after much agonized thought, declarer let the ten ride. Down two.

Of course, as anyone can plainly see, if South had played the club ace at the critical moment, the queen would have fallen, giving him 10 tricks. But even if the odds were against dropping the queen, the fact is that the ace was the right play!

The reason is a simple one: The ace play assures the contract whenever West started with the queen of clubs and also protects against the possibility that East started with the doubleton queen. If the queen does not fall, South then continues with a third club. If West has the queen, he wins the trick, but dummy's two good clubs provide declarer with his eighth and ninth tricks; if East is able to win the club, the contract couldn't be made regardless of how South played.

Tomorrow: Good partnership defense.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Opposition and Expectation

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The salesman keeps dropping the price because he knows that once you leave the showroom, chances are you won't be back. For clarity, get distance between you and the final decision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are fun to be around, and people like working with you. Try other modalities out, too, though, especially when it's your turn to be in charge. Overusing "fun" could hurt your ability to lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to put your best into the things that matter most to you, a small sacrifice will be made. Probably, this has to do with giving up a habit, attitude or possession. It won't hurt. In fact, it will free you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Returning to the things you did when you were less experienced will bring comfort, perspective and reassurance. You've changed and adapted to deal with all that happened. Yet, at your core you're still the same person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Should you say "no" to the things that are clearly outside of your expertise, or should you say "yes" and stretch to the challenge? What's the time commitment? To experience something new for an hour will be worth the inconvenience.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS forward?" The answers will surprise you.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You make people feel comfortable, and therefore they are more likely to say yes to you. Part of this has to do with consistency of action and attitude. The other part is your way of explaining things so people really understand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to test a relationship is to move furniture together, or execute another task that requires teamwork. If it goes well, it's something to celebrate. If it's a major pain, there might be communication issues to work out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your options may seem frustratingly limited, but in reality there are choices that have nothing to do with the ones you are considering. Think broader. If it weren't for the things in front of you, what else would you choose?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a day of working out minor differences, which you'll do like a champ. Then, a good question to ask is, "How can I support you going

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're excellent at reading people, especially when something is bothering them. Better yet, you're not afraid to gently open up a dialogue. Because of this, you'll facilitate connection and maybe even healing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you make your pitch, go for the gold. Not all "yes" answers are equal. Some actually mean "no" and others mean "maybe." A committed "yes" is not just an answer; it's a line of action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you are not responsible for a situation, you take full responsibility for your reaction to it. Note that cameras may be involved, as they so often are these days.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 16). Your talents will be sought after. There's a plethora of creative situations for you to involve yourself in, especially in the next three months. That said, it's not a time to invest money. Rather, put your energy in and do your research. September brings the lucrative opportunity; October shows the windfall. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 49, 2 and 10.

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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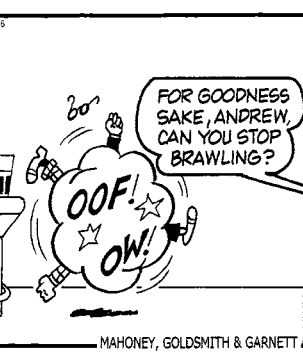
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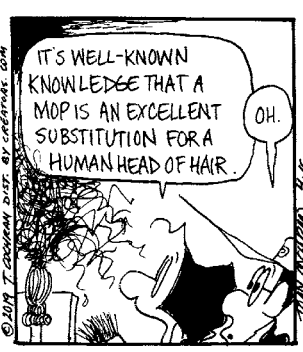
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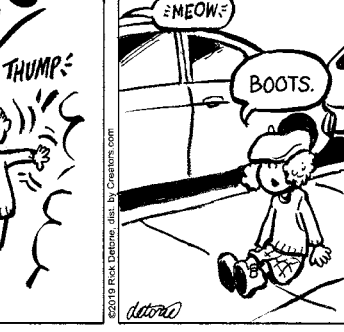
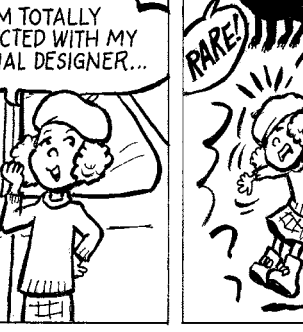
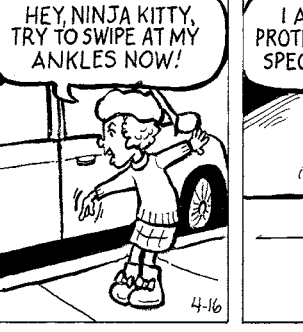
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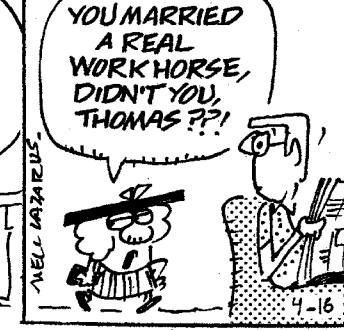
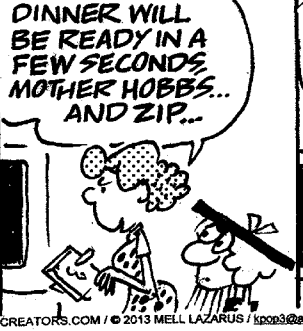
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 16, the 106th day of 2019. There are 259 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 16, 2007, in one of America's worst school attacks, a college senior killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

On this date: In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Virginia, for his inauguration in New York.

In 1862, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia. The Confederacy conscripted all white men between the ages of 18 to 35.

In 1889, comedian and movie director Charles Chaplin was born in London.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine in the Baltic Sea torpedoed and sank the MV Goya, which Germany was using to transport civilian refugees and wounded soldiers; it's estimated that up to 7,000 people died.

In 1947, the cargo ship Grandcamp, carrying ammonium nitrate, blew up in the harbor in Texas City, Texas; a nearby ship, the High Flyer, which was carrying ammonium nitrate and sulfur, caught fire and exploded the following day; the blasts and fires killed nearly 600 people. At the South Carolina statehouse, financier Bernard M. Baruch declared: "Let us not be deceived — we are today in the midst of a cold war."

In 1962, New Orleans Archbishop Joseph Rummel excommunicated three local Roman Catholics for fighting racial integration of parochial schools.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in which the civil rights activist responded to a group of local clergymen who had criticized him for leading street protests; King defended his tactics, writing, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon with astronauts John W. Young, Charles M. Duke Jr. and Ken Mattingly on board.

In 1986, dispelling rumors he was dead, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi (MOO'-ah-mar gah-DAH'-fee) appeared on television to condemn the U.S. raid on his country and to say that Libyans were "ready to die"

defending their nation.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of divorcing.

In 2003, the Bush administration lowered the terror alert level from orange to yellow, saying the end of heavy fighting in Iraq had diminished the threat of terrorism in the United States.

In 2008, the Supreme Court upheld, 7-2, the most widely used method of lethal injection, allowing states to resume executions after a seven-month halt.

Pope Benedict XVI was welcomed by President George W. Bush as only the second pontiff to visit the White House (after John Paul II) and the first in 29 years.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama issued a statement saying CIA officials who'd used harsh interrogation tactics during the Bush administration would not be prosecuted; the president traveled to Mexico, where he pledged to help the country in its battle against drugs and violence. The crew of the cargo ship Maersk Alabama, who'd thwarted pirates off the Somali coast, returned to the U.S.; ship's captain Richard Phillips, held hostage for five days, arrived in Kenya aboard the USS Bainbridge. U.N. nuclear experts who'd been ordered to leave by North Korea departed the country. The Cleveland Indians ruined the Yankees' first game at their new stadium by beating New York 10-2.

Five years ago: More than 300 people, mostly students, died when a South Korean ferry, the Sewol, sank while en route from Incheon to the resort island of Jeju; 172 people survived.

One year ago: The New York Times and The New Yorker won the Pulitzer Prize for public service for breaking the Harvey Weinstein scandal with reporting that galvanized the #MeToo movement. Rap star Kendrick Lamar was awarded the Pulitzer for music, becoming the first non-classical or non-jazz artist to win the prize. American pastor Andrew Brunson went on trial in Turkey in a case that strained ties between that country and the United States; he denied accusations that he aided terror groups or spied against

Turkey. (Brunson was convicted but sentenced to time served and was freed from house arrest in October to return to the United States.) Actor Harry Anderson, best known for playing an off-the-wall judge working the night shift of a Manhattan court room on the comedy series "Night Court," was found dead in his North Carolina home; he was 65.

Today's Birthdays: Emeritus

Pope Benedict XVI is 92. Actor Peter Mark Richman is 92. Singer Bobby Vinton is 84. Denmark's Queen Margrethe II is 79. Basketball Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is 72. Former Massachusetts first lady Ann Romney is 70. NFL coach Bill Belichick is 67. Rock singer and former politician Peter Garrett is 66. Actress Ellen Barkin is 65. Actor Michel Gill is 59. Rock musician Jason Scheff (Chicago)

is 57. Singer Jimmy Osmond is 56. Rock singer David Pirner (Soul Asylum) is 55. Actor-comedian Martin Lawrence is 54. Actor Jon Cryer is 54. Rock musician Dan Rieser is 53. Actor Peter Billingsley is 48. Actor Lukas Haas is 43. Actress-singer Kelli O'Hara is 43. Actress Claire Foy (TV: "The Crown") is 35. Figure skater Mirai Nagasu is 26. Actress Sadie Sink is 17.

Thought for Today: "The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved." — Russell Lynes, American writer (1910-1991).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Do damage to
 - 5 Elaborate party
 - 9 Resorts with hot springs
 - 13 Regard highly
 - 14 Enthusiastic
 - 15 Oahu or Maui
 - 16 "___ my case" (lawyer's words)
 - 17 Rich soil for planting
 - 18 Airport boarding area
 - 19 Jurassic Park novelist
 - 22 Mona ___
 - 23 Two-year-old
 - 24 Noblemen below dukes
 - 27 Wipe clean, as furniture
 - 29 Ruby or emerald
 - 32 Suspect's proof of innocence
 - 33 Typeface
 - 34 In an angry mood
 - 35 With 37 Across, health-care jobs of 19 and 49 Across
 - 37 See 35 Across
 - 39 Tops with frosting
 - 40 Medal of Honor recipient
 - 42 Rest stops in deserts
 - 43 Urban rds.
 - 44 Secret message
 - 45 Televised
 - 46 Secret agent
 - 47 Sports cable channel
 - 49 Italian grade-school innovator
 - 57 Where Teheran is capital

- DOWN**
- 1 Mata ___ (infamous 46 Across)
 - 2 Actor Baldwin
 - 3 Go rapidly
 - 4 Like iron or tin
 - 5 Annoys
 - 6 Guacamole fruit
 - 7 Untruth teller
 - 8 Confesses about
 - 9 ___ for sore eyes
 - 10 HS junior's exam
 - 11 Female choir member
 - 12 Gotten a look at
 - 13 Enthusiasm
 - 20 Grafton's ___ for Evidence
 - 21 Foldaway bed
 - 24 Vote into office
 - 25 Office assistants
 - 26 Batting stats.
 - 28 Nullify
 - 29 Honking bird
 - 30 Made a mistake
 - 31 Make a mistake, with "up"
 - 32 French friends
 - 33 Ran from danger
 - 34 One in a leading role
 - 36 Nautical greeting

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38 Vending machine opening

41 Type in again

44 Tax law expert: Abbr.

45 Chimp or orangutan

46 Performs, as an 11 Down

48 Supports for flowers

49 Karaoke amplifier

50 Operatic solo

51 Talk wildly

52 ___ day (common vitamin dose)

53 A few

54 Baking appliance

55 Tenant's payment

56 Passports, for example: Abbr.

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Magic, Spurs, Blazers look for 2-0 series leads

By **TIM REYNOLDS**

AP Basketball Writer
Orlando had to fight until the final days of the regular season to get its postseason berth. Portland had to scramble down the stretch to replace a huge part of its success.

And as is usually the case, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich had his team playing its best basketball at the end.

The Magic, Trail Blazers and Spurs were playoff ready. That's why they're all taking 1-0 series leads into their respective Game 2s on Tuesday night — with Orlando at Toronto, San Antonio at Denver and Portland playing host to Oklahoma City.

Orlando and San Antonio, both No. 7 seeds, won on the road and grabbed home-court advantage. But they both know what's coming when Denver and Toronto get fueled by desperation on Tuesday night.

"It's going to be a lot

ing 28 tries from 3-point range, which likely won't happen again.

"We played nine players, six of those players it was their first time in the playoffs, their playoff debut," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "Overall they handled those playoff nerves fairly well."

The nerves should be lessened Tuesday.

Toronto dropped a Game 1 for the 14th time in 16 playoff series. The Raptors aren't fazed. Kyle Lowry was scoreless in Game 1, but Raptors coach Nick Nurse said defense was the bigger issue for his club.

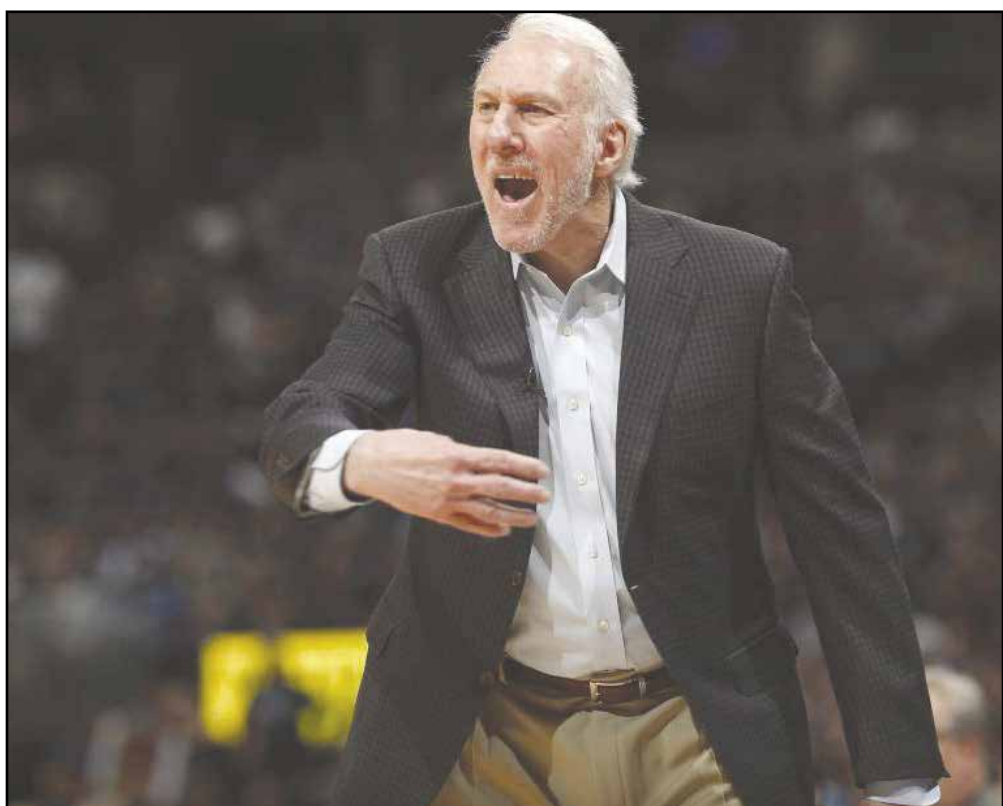
"We didn't guard the ball well enough," Nurse said. "And when we didn't guard the ball well enough, we didn't have our second line of help in position. And then we did a poor job of executing some of the game plan portions. Just too many, just strange things I almost can't explain. Somebody would leave a guy and all of a sudden he's

regular season when allowing 105 points or less. Magic center Nikola Vucevic had his worst shooting game of the season in Game 1. And Orlando won anyway, 104-101.

KEEP AN EYE ON: Kyle Lowry. Much was made of how the Raptors' point guard was scoreless in Game 1. But Toronto outscored Orlando 75-64 when he was on the floor, and was outscored 40-26 when he was on the bench — including a couple of fast-moving, momentum-shifting 9-2 and 10-4 runs by the Magic.

INJURY WATCH: Magic guard Michael Carter-Williams is fine after getting hit in the face by Lowry in Game 1.

PRESSURE IS ON: Obviously, Raptors coach Nick Nurse. He has this job in large part because his predecessor didn't get it done in the postseason. If Nurse starts 0-2, the 58-win regular season will be fast forgotten.



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich directs his team against the Denver Nuggets in the second half of Game 1 of an NBA first-round basketball playoff series, Saturday, April 13, 2019, in Denver. The Spurs won 101-96.

SPURS AT NUGGETS
Spurs lead 1-0. Game 2, 9 p.m. EDT, NBA TV.

NEED TO KNOW: Denver center Nikola Jokic had the 10th game in NBA playoff history of at least 14 rebounds and 14 assists, and the Nuggets lost anyway. Jokic had the ball plenty in Game 1. The Nuggets need to get him more shots in Game 2; he had only nine in the opener.

KEEP AN EYE ON: San Antonio's defense. The Spurs challenged Denver to beat them from the perimeter in Game 1 — and Will Barton, Gary Harris and Jamal Murray shot a combined 21 of 50, 2 for 16 from 3-point range.

STAT QUIRK: The Spurs were 1-9 in the regular season when LaMarcus Aldridge shot 33 percent or worse. He shot 6 for 19 in Game 1 (31.6 percent) and the Spurs prevailed.

PRESSURE IS ON: The Nuggets in transition. They forced

11 turnovers, eight of them off steals, but turned them into only eight points. If the Spurs are going to make mistakes, they must capitalize better.

THUNDER AT TRAIL BLAZERS
Trail Blazers lead 1-0. Game 2, 10:30 p.m. EDT, TNT.

NEED TO KNOW: Out of the first 2,476 games by teams this season, only 14 shot worse from 3-point range than the Thunder (5-33) did in Game 1. Not surprisingly, all 14 of those teams lost, too.

KEEP AN EYE ON: It looks like Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum have had enough with the first-round exits. Neither shot it great in Game 1 — Lillard was 9 for 21, McCollum 9

for 24 — but they were aggressive and set the necessary tone, which is exactly what the Blazers need from their starting guards.

INJURY WATCH: It all hinges on Paul George's right shoulder, which he says is fine. "It's well enough now," George said after Oklahoma City practiced Monday. It bears noting that he said that with a large ice pack strapped to his shoulder.

PRESSURE IS ON: Russell Westbrook. Starting with when the Thunder took (and eventually wasted) a 3-1 lead against the Warriors in the 2016 Western Conference finals, OKC has lost 12 of its last 15 postseason games.



San Antonio Spurs guard Derrick White, left, pulls in a loose ball as Denver Nuggets forward Mason Plumlee defends in the second half of Game 1 of an NBA first-round basketball playoff series, Saturday, April 13, 2019, in Denver. The Spurs won 101-96.

tougher," Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan said.

"We're going to get their best," Magic coach Steve Clifford said.

It goes without saying that all the teams that are down 1-0 found ways to get better for Game 2. The same goes for the teams leading those series. Clifford has spent two days imploring the Magic to clean up their offense. San Antonio felt it gave Denver too many open looks. Portland won with the help of Oklahoma City miss-

standing there wide open. Those things can't happen."

Portland, perhaps written off by some when Jusuf Nurkic got hurt late in the season, had a great Game 1 performance from Enes Kanter.

"He gave us a lot of toughness," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said.

A look at Tuesday's games:

MAGIC AT RAPTORS
Magic lead 1-0. Game 2, 8 p.m. EDT, TNT

NEED TO KNOW: Toronto was 32-3 in the

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