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Upcoming Events

- Today**
- Early Voting Courthouse First Floor**
- Thursday**
- Alive After 5 JB Graphics 5-6:30 p.m.**
 - Veteran of the Month Hangar 25 6 p.m.**
- Saturday**
- Lions Pancake Breakfast 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. East Room at Howard College**
 - Jesus Take the Wheel Car Show fundraiser Credit World 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
 - Big Spring Symphony 7:30 p.m. Municipal Auditorium**
 - Master the Mountain May 11 Registration open**
 - Trash Off rescheduled for May 18 More details to come**
 - Forsan Pre-K/ Kindergarten Registration through April 26 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thur. until 7 p.m.**

Color Run for awareness

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

A little splash of color can go a long way in raising awareness, which is the intent behind the upcoming Color For Kids 5K, sponsored by C. Larson Real Estate.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Rainbow Room, which is an emergency resource center available to CPS case-workers to help meet the critical needs of abused and neglected children.

"Every county in Texas has a Rainbow Room," says Misty Hogue, fundraiser organizer. "Rainbow Room works directly with Child Protective Services (CPS) when children are taken out of the home. Many of these children are taken with nothing. The Rainbow Room can provide whatever the child needs, from clothing, food, toiletries, even car seats or beds."

Hogue said she volunteered in another county's Rainbow Room, and that location had a store-like setting where children could choose what they needed. All items in the Rainbow Room are donated or purchased from donations. Unfortunately, the



one here in Howard County is very bare.

"Since April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, we chose this time to have this fundraiser," states Hogue. "The entry fee is \$25, and you will get a t-shirt. Children under five

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West Texas VA recognizes volunteers



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The annual volunteer recognition dinner was held recently, at the Big Spring Country Club, where VA volunteers were recognized for their service. Pictured above is Mrs. Clara Lewis receiving her award for 40,000+ hours. According to VA representatives, Mrs. Lewis actually has more than 42,000 volunteer hours worked. In addition to Lewis being recognized, several other volunteers were recognized from across the catchment area. The theme for this year's banquet was Beyond Awesome.

The West Texas VA is always on the look out for new volunteers and drivers to help get veterans to and from appointments. They are also currently in search of a new volunteer director. For those wanting to find out more about volunteer services, can contact the local West Texas VA facility.

Construction crane crashes into Russ McEwen Aquatic Center



Courtesy photos/Community Report

A crane drove through the Russ McEwen Aquatic Center building, where the water pump is housed, on Tuesday. No injuries were reported from the accident, but according to reports issued, the damage caused could impact the opening of the aquatic center for this upcoming season.

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Memorial Tree Walk remembering loved ones lost BSISD to host fourth annual Memorial Tree Walk - four trees to be planted

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

The annual Memorial Tree Walk - a somber tradition which began four years ago - will take place May 2 at 4:30 p.m., at Blankenship Field.

"This tradition started when we tragically lost Shelley Lopez, a former Big Spring Steer, in a car accident, and her mother approached the school district with a way to have her daughter remembered," George Bancroft,

Big Spring ISD Community Relations Coordinator, said. "She brought to our attention that people who had passed need to be remembered and the donations of the trees and plaques help the school district give tangible reminders of loss loved ones who were part of our community."

According to Bancroft, there were three trees planted the first year, and the tradition has been growing since.

"This is our biggest year yet. We will be planting four trees this year; we will be remembering four loved ones

who have passed on," Amy Lopez, BSISD parent and Memorial Tree Walk organizer, said.

Trees planted this year will be in remembrance of deceased classmates from Class of 1974, former teacher and school board member Pat Deanda, former students Brayden Sizenbach and Toby Cotton.

"My daughter (Shelley) loved school, she loved Big Spring, and this school district. When she passed I wanted to do something that would allow for us (myself

and the school district) to remember her," Lopez said. "This is a form of healing for me and I hope it is for others as well."

The trees that have been and will be planted are located at Blankenship field, with the intention of eventually making it around the entire track.

"Speaking on behalf of the school district, it is an honor to serve our little city. Ms. Lopez's request lead to an opportunity for others to honor

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Obituaries

Ken Hollandsworth



Surrounded by his family, Ken Hollandsworth passed away Saturday, April 20, 2019, at age 65, in Abilene, Texas.

Ken was born in Big Spring, Texas on Oct. 17, 1953, to Francis and Gladys Carletta (Bradshaw) Hollandsworth. He graduated from Forsan High School in 1972 and is a veteran the United States Army. He worked as an electrician for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, retiring after 25 years. He was a VT professor at Howard College teaching high reliability soldering to inmates in Big Spring for five years. His integrity and knowledge was admired among his peers.

Ken married Ann Hubbard on April 25, 2003, and they were looking forward to celebrating their anniversary. Their love was a covenant designed by God. Ken exemplified patience, respect, and trust. They shared a passion for the beauty of nature. Each evening was spent tending the hummingbirds and intimately visiting.

What he loved most in the world was his family. Every year, "the boys" and their sons celebrated with a weekend trip to Arlington Stadium to watch the high school playoffs. This time of bonding will be forever stored in the hearts of those who loved Ken. He also loved to cook. He was an excellent baker with recipes loved by all. He loved to serve in his quiet humble way. He would often come alongside coworkers and cook dozens of briskets for special events. Ken was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. He enjoyed serving the African congregation with his wife Ann. Serving to

gether as Oblation bearers gave him great joy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his two brothers, Eddie Hollandsworth and Jim Hollandsworth; one sister, Shirley Webb and her husband Elmer; and one brother-in-law, Don Delaney.

Ken is survived by the love of his life, Ann Hubbard Hollandsworth of Big Spring; his beloved family, Betty Sue Burns and husband Mike, Tom Hollandsworth and wife Linda, Alan Hollandsworth and his wife Linda, and Mary Virginia Delaney; his beloved nieces and nephews and their children, Curtis Hollandsworth and wife Julie and their children Ella and Lila, Christi Burns, Coley Hollandsworth and wife Samantha and their children, Case and Coen, Cade Hollandsworth, Lacy Torres and husband Omar and their children, Peyton and Dylan, Deena Merritt, Rick Merritt and wife Carla and their children, Ryan and Ashley, Vickie Webb and Leann Webb; as well as best friend Jeff Williams and his daughters Holly Hindash and Jill Williams.

A memorial service celebrating Ken's life will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, 602 Meander, Abilene. Rev. Amanda Watson will officiate. A reception will follow in the Gerhart Fellowship Hall. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Ken's honor to Habitat for Humanity, Church of the Heavenly Rest Outreach, and Cancer Services Network, Abilene.

Memories may be shared and condolences submitted online at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Paid Obituary

Amy Lopez



Amy Lopez, 44, of Coahoma, died Friday, April 19, 2019, in Weatherford. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2019, at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring with Rev. Jon Brinlee, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Home.

She was born Aug. 5, 1974 in Big Spring and married Andy Lopez, Jr. Aug. 5, 2017, in Big Spring.

Amy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1992. She enjoyed playing softball and watching her daughter, Adi, play softball. She had her dental assistant certificate and was currently the office manager for Abbyville Dentistry. She was a member of

Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Andy Lopez, Jr., of Coahoma; three children, Kolby Walter Fields and wife, Kristina of Crane, Taylor Michelle Fields of Big Spring, and Adilyn Lee Lopez of Coahoma; three step-daughters, Alaine Rae Lopez of Austin, Amanda Kay Lopez of San Angelo, and Aubrey Ann Lopez of Big Lake; her parents, Jim and Gail Berringer of Big Spring; one brother, Paul Berringer of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Kamreigh Grayce Watkins and Samuel Walter Fields; a niece, Courtney Paige Berringer; a nephew, Brett Mason Berringer; and her mother-in-law, Elva A. Lopez of Rock Springs.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; and her father-in-law.

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

Paid Obituary

Paul Medina



Paul Medina, 67, of Big Spring, a longtime physician assistant in West Texas, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, in Big Spring.

Viewing will start at 9 a.m. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Rosewood Chapel, 906 Gregg St. in Big Spring, followed by a rosary at 7 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Friday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Holy Catholic

Parish, 1009 Hearn St. in Big Spring. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Sterling City Cemetery.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Joaquin

Medina Jr.; and by a brother, Douglas McAnaug Jr.

Survivors include his mother, Jesusita (Jessie) Sparks of Sterling City; two sons, Vaughn L. Medina and wife, Tina of Big Spring, and Arnold Medina and wife, Amber of Lubbock; three sisters, Hila (Ann) Davis of Big Spring, Diann Martinez and husband, Mario of Big Spring, and Temple Watson and husband, Kermit of Rankin; one brother, Charles McAnaug and wife, Letty of Rankin; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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Evangelina "Eva" Perez Soliz



Evangelina "Eva" Perez Soliz, 80, of Big Spring, died Sunday, April 21, 2019, in a Midland hospital. A Rosary service will be 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include her husband, Noe G. Soliz, Sr.

of Big Spring; six daughters, Janie Ortiz and husband, Ron of Victoria, Lydia Soliz and boyfriend, Manuel Jimenez

of Big Spring, Alice Heredia and husband, Leon of San Antonio, Mary Franco and husband, Jesus of Fort Worth, Gracie Soliz and husband, Oscar Rodriguez of Midland, and Sandra Hill and husband, Greg of Corpus Christi; three sons, Joe Soliz and wife, Mary, Noe Soliz, Jr. and John Soliz all of Big Spring; 36 grandchildren; 76 great grandchildren; and 15 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson; two sisters; a brother; her mother, San Juanita Perez; and her father, Theodore Perez.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 43, of 4665 Overlook Dr., Dallas, Texas, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 18, of 2206 Monticello, was arrested on a warrant for violating operator/drivers license restriction.

• **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 23, of 1205 Colage, was arrested on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and another outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **COMANECKI OLYN LOPER**, 38 of 2912 Cherokee St., was arrested on a charge of assault of a public servant, and on warrants for manufacture of delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams), failing to identify or giving false information, tampering or fabricating physical evidence, and another outstanding warrant from another agency.

• **HAYLEY RANGEL**, 22, of 1305 Lincoln, was arrested on a warrant for disregarding stop sign.

• **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, 7206 S. Service Rd., was arrested on a warrant for theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• **DAVID ERNEST WHEELER**, 61, of 417 Westover Rd., was arrested on a charge of littering.

• **PHILLIP BERNALD WHEAT**, 62, of 1314 Mobile, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid with previous conviction.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2300 block of S. Scurry St.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700, 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, and the 2600 block of Wasson Rd.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported at I-20 and N. Hwy 87.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 103 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 23, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).

• **BRANDON SCOTT HAYMAN**, 30, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$2,500 to \$30,000).

• **AUSTIN CLINTON JOSEY**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for violating drivers license restriction.

• **COMANECKI OLYN LOPER**, 38, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams), possession of a controlled substance penalty group 3 (less than 28 grams), failing to identify or intentionally giving false information, assault of a public servant, and a parole violation.

• **HAYLEY BRIANN RANGEL**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for disregarding stop sign.

• **DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for over gross weight load (10,000 to 20,000 pounds).

• **PHILLIP BERNARD WHEAT**, 62, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction.

• **DAVID ERNEST WHEELER**, 61, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of littering.

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.

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Weather



Today: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy, with a high near 67. Northeast wind around 10 mph. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 52. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.

Thursday Night: Clear, with a low around 54. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 60.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 89.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

(Weather courtesy National Weather Service via forecast.weather.gov)

TREE

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loved ones who were part of our school community and to beautify the school campus. We feel fortunate to be able to facilitate a project that means so much to so many," Bancroft said.

While this year's deadline to purchase a tree has passed, the community is welcome to attend the ceremony. For those who are wanting to purchase a tree, in memory of a loved one lost, there will be another opportunity next school year.

Amanda Duforat is the managing editor at the Big Spring Herald. To contact her, email editor@big-springherald.com or call 432-263-7331.

- 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 informa-

tion 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 Ro-

driguez ITF Debbye ValVerde".

- 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.

- 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.

COLOR RUN

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can participate for free. Those registering in advance are guaranteed a t-shirt, but there will be extras for those who register on the day of the event."

The race will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27. For those planning on registering the day of the event, they will need to arrive by 8:30 a.m. The starting point will be the SM Energy Pavilion. Hogue states this is a family-friendly event and all ages are welcome.

You can register at C. Larson Real Estate located at 1600 Gregg St., or at The Crowned Bird, located at 406 Marcy Drive from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information about the Color For Kids 5K, please contact Misty Hogue at 806-274-1443. For information about the local Rainbow Room, you can go to website www.tccwb.org/resources/rainbow-rooms/.

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Tension emerges between Congress, 2020 Dems on impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some top Democrats vying for the White House in 2020 are clamoring for impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump, but many of their congressional colleagues — who would have to manage such efforts — are far more wary.

The same day House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urged rank-and-file Democrats to proceed with caution following the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report detailing 10 areas of potential obstruction of justice, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren doubled down on her impeachment call.

"If any other human being in this country had done what's documented in the Mueller report, they would be arrested and put in jail," Warren said Monday at a CNN town hall in New Hampshire.

At the same event, California Sen. Kamala Harris said Congress should "take the steps towards impeachment." Former Obama administration housing chief Julian Castro has also said he'd back such efforts.

The split reflects tensions that could emerge in coming months between Democrats on Capitol Hill and those seeking the party's presidential nomination. While the White House hopefuls are trying to rally their base with ambitious proposals and bold calls to take on Trump, those in Congress are tasked with the more arduous task of governing.

The dynamic has already been on display with proposals such as the Green New Deal, which many presidential candidates have embraced to prove their progressive bona fides even as it goes nowhere in Congress. But the debate over impeachment is particularly explosive, and Democrats — including those seeking the White House — are divided over whether it would distract from besting Trump at the polls.

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders said at Monday's town hall that Congress should do a "hard investigation" to see if the president obstructed justice. But "if, for the next year, year and a half — going right into the heart of the election — all that the Congress is talking about is impeaching Trump and Trump, Trump, Trump, Mueller, Mueller, Mueller," then "what I worry about is that works to Trump's advantage," Sanders said.

The Democrat-controlled House could begin



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., talks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. On the same day that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urged rank-and-file Democrats to proceed with relative caution after the release of special counsel Robert Mueller's report, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren doubled down on her impeachment calls.

AP Photo

impeachment proceedings, but the party doesn't have the votes in the Senate to secure a conviction without Republican support. Another presidential contender, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, sidestepped questions of whether Congress should push forward on the issue, saying at the town hall: "I believe that I am the jury here, so I'm not going to predispose things."

Impeachment calls in Congress run counter to the effort by top Democrats there, who are still struggling with what to do with the Mueller report's unexpectedly detailed account of Trump's efforts to thwart the investigation. Many would like to see a more deliberate approach that may eventually lead to impeachment but will focus for now on numerous investigations.

Pelosi has been adamant that impeachment is impossible without bipartisan public sentiment for the House to formally charge Trump. Speaking Tuesday at the Time 100 summit, she called bringing such an action "one of the most divisive paths that we can go down."

"If the fact-finding takes us there, we'll have no choice," Pelosi said. "But we're not there yet."

There's division, meanwhile, inside the House Democratic caucus. Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., on Tuesday retweeted Warren's call for impeachment, saying, "I agree! We must begin impeachment proceedings and investigate if the president commit-

ted impeachable offenses."

Disagreement can be found on the presidential campaign trail, too.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York said she wants an unredacted version of Mueller's report to be released to Congress, saying of impeachment: "I haven't decided yet because I want more information."

"I would frankly like to beat Trump at the ballot box myself," she said by phone.

Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend, Indiana, said at the town hall that Trump "has made it pretty clear that he deserves impeachment," but that it was up to Congress to attempt it. He said he is focused on delivering the president "an absolute thumping at the ballot box."

Former Rep. Beto O'Rourke said while running for Senate in deeply conservative Texas last year that he'd vote to impeach Trump. Since then, he noted that the 2020 election will ultimately decide the president's

fate. Spokesman Chris Evans said Tuesday that O'Rourke believes "beyond a shadow of a doubt" that Trump sought to obstruct justice and that he would vote for impeachment if he were still in Congress.

Republicans who have been critical of Trump have also urged caution on impeachment. Appearing in New Hampshire on Tuesday, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said he didn't believe such an effort "would be productive."

"I think most people in America are sick of this whole two-year investigation," said Hogan, who is considering a potential primary challenge of Trump. "I don't think there should be Democratic overreach."

House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., has subpoenaed former White House counsel Don McGahn, and others have vowed to move ahead investigating Trump-related matters ranging from potential obstruction to his personal and business taxes.

That, though, may not ultimately be enough for longtime advocates of Trump's impeachment.

"Are you going to set a precedent that the president is above the law?" asked Tom Steyer, a billionaire liberal activist who spent millions on a campaign urging Trump's impeachment even before the Mueller report.

Migrants fearful after hundreds arrested in Mexico raid

TONALA, Mexico (AP) — Central American migrants traveling through southern Mexico toward the U.S. on Tuesday fearfully recalled their frantic escape from police the previous day, scuttling under barbed wire fences into pastures and then spending the night in the woods after hundreds were detained in a raid.

In the Chiapas state town of Tonalá, migrants flocked to one of the few places they felt they could be safe — the local Roman Catholic church — only to start with fear at the sound of a passing ambulance's siren.

"There are people still lost up in the woods. The woods are very dangerous," said Arturo Hernández, a sinewy 59-year-old farmer from Comayagua, Honduras, who fled through the woods with his grandson. "They waited until we were resting and fell upon us, grabbing children and women."

Mexican immigration authorities said 371 people were detained Monday in what was the largest single raid so far on a migrant caravan since the groups started moving through the country last year.

Journalists from The Associated Press saw police target isolated groups at the tail end of a caravan of about 3,000 near Pijijiapan, wrestling migrants into police vehicles for transport and presumably deportation as children wailed.

Now terrified of walking exposed on the highways, some turned in desperation to a tactic that used to be a popular way north, clambering aboard a passing freight train bound for the neighboring state of Tabasco. It's been years since migrants hopped trains in large numbers.

Javier Núñez, a 25-year-old Honduran, said he and his family walked through the hills, along a river and by some train tracks after Monday's raid before venturing into the town of Pijijiapan to find something to eat. But agents appeared again Monday night and detained his wife and son, who he said were taken to an immigration facility in Tapachula for deportation processing.

"They were hunting us," Núñez said. As he sees it, the only thing to do is go on alone, see how far he can make it."



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A Central American migrant is detained by Mexican immigration agents on the highway to Pijijiapan, Mexico. Mexican police and immigration agents detained hundreds of Central American migrants Monday in the largest single raid on a migrant caravan since the groups started moving through Mexico last year.

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News Briefs

Traffic stop ends with man arrested in 1997 homicide case

HOUSTON (AP) — A routine traffic stop in South Texas has led to the arrest of a suspect in the 1997 road-rage shooting death of a Houston-area teen. In a statement Tuesday, the Harris County Sheriff's Office says Daniel Duron III has been charged with murder and attempted capital murder in the death of 15-year-old Imel Jones and wounding of two other teens. The statement says a state trooper stopped a pickup truck on a farm road about 100 miles (160 kilometers) southwest of San Antonio. The driver identified himself by a false name and Social Security number. The trooper detained the man and took him to a Border Patrol station in nearby Carrizo Springs, where a fingerprint check revealed his true identity and warrant for his arrest. Another man is still sought.

East Texas man charged in 2016 shooting deaths of 2 women

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Police say an inmate who just finished a state prison term in a firearms case has been arrested and charged in the 2016 shooting deaths of two women at a Longview apartment complex. Gregg County jail records show Jordan Malik Carter of Longview was being held Tuesday on a charge of capital murder of multiple persons, with \$1 million bond. Carter on Monday completed a prison term in Huntsville for his conviction in a 2015 weapons case. He was sentenced in September 2016. Longview police say Carter was immediately arrested on a warrant related to the August 2016 deaths of two women — Melekia Montgomery and Alexis Johnson. Lt. Shane McCarter on Tuesday had no immediate additional details on either case. Jail records didn't immediately list an attorney representing Carter.

Police: 4 found dead in Texas home members of same family

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Investigators say four people found dead inside a Texas home were members of the same family and that all were shot. Fort Worth police said in a news release Tuesday that the bodies of the man, woman, boy and girl were found in the home in a residential development in the northern part of the city. Police haven't specifically said that the four were shot to death. The circumstances around their deaths remain unclear and police spokesman Buddy Calzada says no determination has been made on whether it was a murder-suicide. Authorities say they're not looking for any suspects. Officers went to the home Monday after receiving a call about the family. Authorities have released few details and have not released the names or ages of the family members.

Texas soldier who stole, resold shell casings gets prison

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Prosecutors say a soldier who stole tons of used brass shell casings from a South Texas reserve unit and sold the items to a recycler must serve nearly three years in federal prison. Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Darryle Robert Bankhead was sentenced Monday in San Antonio to 33 months and must repay nearly \$118,000. Bankhead in December pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal government property. Investigators say Bankhead, during 2017 and 2018, stole expended brass shell casings from Camp Bullis in San Antonio and forged documents authorizing the sale. Prosecutors say Bankhead told reserve officials that he planned to recycle the brass at another military facility, but instead used a commercial recycler and kept the cash. One transaction involved about 2½ tons (1.81 metric tons) of stolen shell brass.

Woman found dead after man under protective order shot dead

WATAUGA, Texas (AP) — Police in a Fort Worth suburb shot a shotgun-wielding man dead outside a house, then found dead inside a woman who had a protective order against the man. Watauga police Lt. David Babcock said the adult daughter of the woman called police about 10:30 a.m. Monday to report seeing the man inside the woman's house in violation of the order. When officers arrived and confronted the man from the doorway, he reached for a shotgun and pointed it at officers. Babcock says both officers opened fire, killing the man. Officers then moved deeper into the house and found the woman's body. The identities of the man and woman and whether they had a relationship with each other haven't been disclosed.

Search continues for Texas woman who failed to pick up son

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas-area police say they're continuing to search for a 26-year-old woman who went missing last week after failing to pick up her 6-year-old son from a baby sitter. Mesquite police Lt. Stephen Biggs said Monday that Prisma Denisse Peralta Reyes is considered a missing person and there's been no indication at this point of foul play. Reyes is a resident of Mesquite last seen Wednesday captured on surveillance video at an apartment complex in nearby east Dallas.

Witnesses describe struggling plane on doomed flight

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — Witnesses saw a small plane "spiraling" over the rocky terrain of Texas Hill Country before it crashed into the ground, landing on its belly and killing the pilot and five passengers on impact, a federal official said Tuesday. People around the crash site described hearing the twin-engine plane sputter Monday morning, and a National Transportation Safety Board investigator said when air traffic control last spotted the Beechcraft BE58 it was about 200 feet (80 meters) above the ground and more than 6 miles (10 kilometers) from its intended runway. The plane slammed to earth northwest of Kerrville about 70 miles (110 kilometers) northwest of San Antonio at a high vertical but low horizontal speed inconsistent with a landing attempt, NTSB investigator Michael Folkerts said during a Tuesday press conference. He said all six on board were killed "on impact."



AP photo

Jeffrey C. Weiss was piloting the aircraft when it went down as it approached Kerrville Municipal Airport, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Folkerts described Weiss, a 65-year-old investment manager, as an experienced pilot, and friends said he often volunteered to fly sick people to Texas hospitals. Federal Aviation Administration and NTSB investigators will continue to study the crash site for a few more days and intend to review engine data and examine the plane's propellers before issuing preliminary findings as soon as next week, Folkerts said.

The family of Houston landscape architect Marc Teppesen, 45, told KTRK-TV that they believe an architectural client had chartered the doomed plane to survey some property. Teppesen was killed alongside his 58-year-old associate Mark Scioneaux, 55-year-old architect Scott Reagan Miller, 55-year-old Houston real estate investor Stuart Kensinger and his 54-year-old wife Angela Kensinger, officials said.

Folkerts said the group was traveling to the area for "business dealings." Witnesses described the plane's last mo-

Authorities investigate at the crash scene of a twin-engine Beechcraft BE58, Monday near Kerrville, Texas. The pilot and the five other people aboard the plane were all killed, said Sgt. Orlando Moreno, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

ments. "It was making a sput-sput sputtering sound, like the engines were cutting out," Treva Hardeman told the San Antonio Express-News. She said she was working at home about a quarter of a mile from where the aircraft crashed. "It was just a few seconds later that I heard the boom." Construction worker Rodney Simmons said he heard a plane struggling. "I looked over and watched him drop down out of the clouds," Simmons told the Express-News. "The rear end of the plane was real low, like he was trying to stay in the air. It was like he was dragging the tail end of that plane. Like he had a lot of weight in the back or something." The plane flew southward then "banked to the right, real hard, and just flipped on over, upside down, and nose-dived to the ground," Simmons said.

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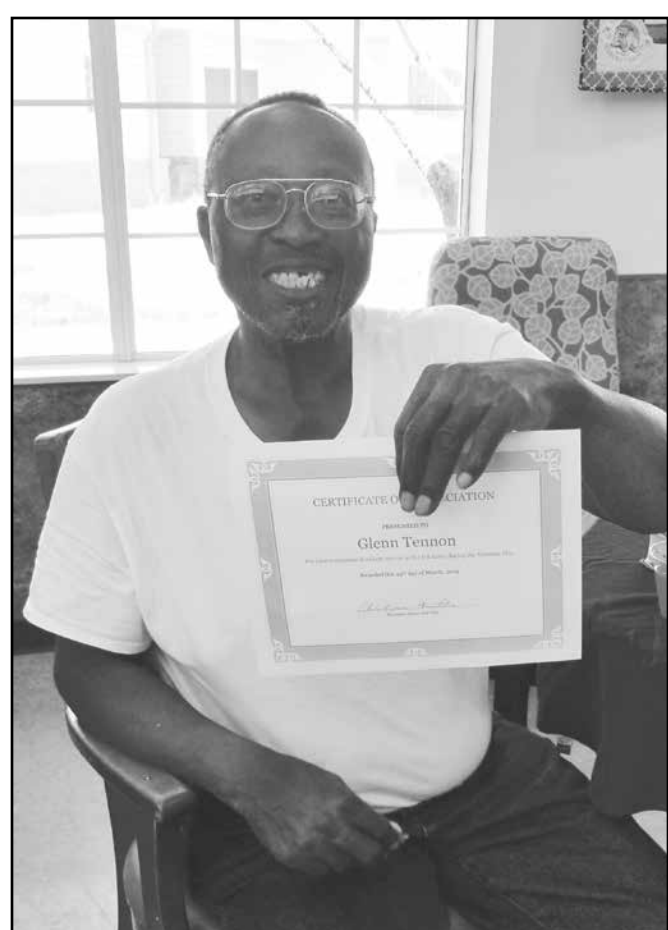
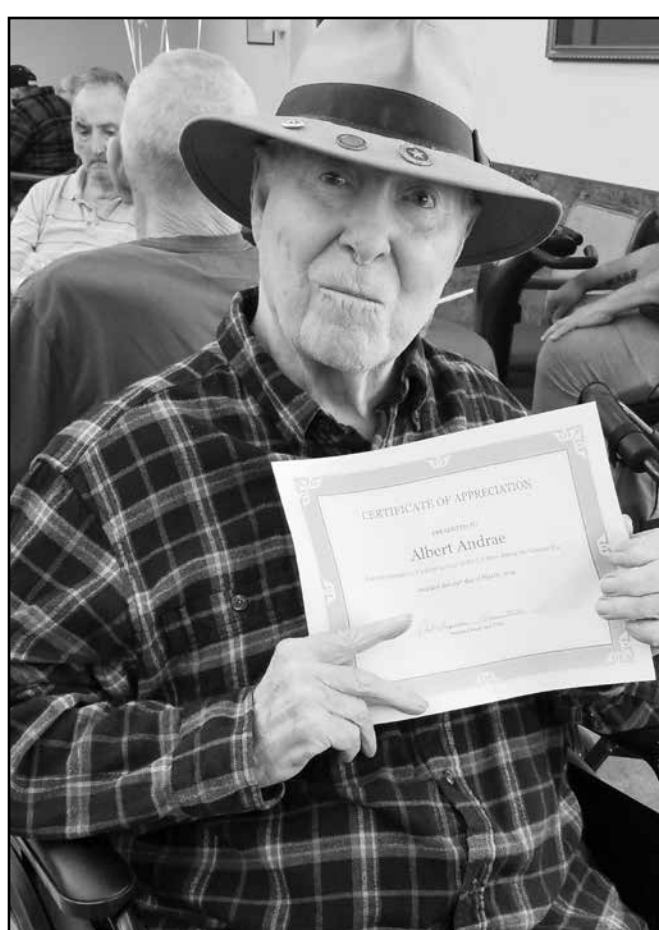
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Altuve, Bregman help Astros rally for 10-4 win over Twins



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Houston Astros' Tyler White, right, celebrates his run scored on George Springer's RBI single with Jose Altuve during the third inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Tuesday, April 23, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After losing three straight games following tough first innings by his starters, Houston Astros manager A.J. Hinch thought his team was in for another long night on Tuesday after Wade Miley allowed three runs in the first.

But instead, Miley shook off his bad start to get on track and help the Astros end a three-game skid with a victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Jose Altuve hit a three-run homer and Alex Bregman added three RBIs in the 10-4 victory.

The game was tied in the seventh when Trevor Hildenberger (2-1) allowed a single to Tyler White before issuing consecutive walks to Altuve

and George Springer to load the bases with one out. Bregman's sacrifice fly to right field put Houston up 5-4 and chased Hildenberger.

Adalberto Mejia took over and the Astros added an insurance run on an RBI single by Michael Brantley. The Astros turned a close game into a rout with a four-run eighth highlighted by Altuve's ninth home run this season. All the runs in that inning were unearned because of errors by shortstop Jorge Polanco and pitcher Tyler Duffey and a passed ball by Mitch Garver.

Houston had been foiled by big first innings in a three-game losing streak with its starters allowing a combined 10 runs in the opening frame. The first-inning trouble continued

on Tuesday when Eddie Rosario hit a three-run homer off Miley with one out in the inning.

But Miley didn't let the game snowball after that, settling down to retire 17 of the next 18, including 15 straight after a double by Jonathan Schoop to start the second inning that gave the Astros a chance to get back in it.

"Feel a little snake bitten in the first inning," Hinch said. "But we're never out of it, obviously, and we came on pretty strong at the end of the game especially once they came back and tied the game. But let's hope the first-inning issues end tomorrow."

Miley, who was the first left-handed starter the Twins have faced this season, yielded three hits and three runs while striking out seven in six innings for his 21st straight start where he allowed three earned runs or fewer.

"He did a really nice job. He moved the ball around. He kept us off-balance," Minnesota manager Rocco Baldelli said. "After putting together a nice first inning and jumping ahead, I think he looked like he felt pretty good out there with what he was doing."

Hector Rondon (2-0) allowed three hits and a run in the seventh for the win.

Miley, who is in his first season in Houston, said that Springer told him in spring training that if he could keep it close when he pitches that the offense would always give the team a chance to win. And the lefty remembered those words after the first on Tuesday night.

"My job was just to try and keep it right there and we did," he said. "We bounced back, put some runs together, put some big innings together and blew it up in the end. That's what this team is capable of."

Minnesota starter Michael Pineda allowed eight hits and four runs in 5 1/3 innings as the Twins saw a four-

game winning streak end.

The Astros cut the lead to 3-1 in the third on an RBI single by Springer.

Houston trailed by two with one out in the fifth when Springer hit a run-scoring double on a grounder down the left field line to get the Astros within 3-2. There were two outs when Bregman's single to left scored two to put the Astros on top 4-3.

Houston's pitchers had sat down 17 straight Twins when Schoop doubled off Rondon with two outs in the seventh. Max Kepler followed with an RBI single that tied it at 4-4. Byron Buxton singled and stole second base, but Brantley made a leaping catch near the wall in left field to grab a ball hit by Garver to end the inning.

SLUGGING ALTUVE

Altuve leads the team and is tied for second in the American League in homers. He hit just 13 last season and his career-high is 24 which he hit in both 2016 and 2017. The 2017 AL MVP isn't sure where his unprecedented power surge to start the season has come from.

"I don't know," he said. "I'm a little scared about it ... it's not me."

Run landed on the train tracks atop left field, shook his head when asked about how far that homer traveled on Tuesday night.

"That's all I have," he said smiling. "Don't expect any more than that."

UP NEXT

Twins: RHP Kohl Stewart is expected to be recalled from Triple-A Rochester to start the finale on Wednesday. Stewart, who is from Houston, was the fourth overall pick in the 2013 draft.

Astros: RHP Justin Verlander (3-0, 3.00 ERA) will start for Houston on Wednesday. Verlander allowed three hits and one run in seven innings of a 7-2 win over the Rangers in his last start.

Turnabout for Stars, Blues complete with 2nd-round showdown

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — When first-year Dallas Stars coach Jim Montgomery called out his team over a "culture of mediocrity" in January, the St. Louis Blues weren't too far removed from having the worst record in the NHL.

Now the Central Division rivals will meet in the second round of the playoffs — and Montgomery is ready to move on from his scathing critique, while declaring that the culture has changed.

"If you're in that locker room, you see the culture now," Montgomery after the Stars beat Nashville 2-1 in overtime in Game 6 on Monday to finish off the first-round series. "You see how much more professional we are. We work efficiently. We work effectively. And we work together."

"We're going to be eight of 31 teams left, right? We're doing something right. But we hope not to be done. But we know we're facing a really good team next, again."

The Blues went from having a league-worst 34 points on Jan. 2 to becoming the first team that was last in the NHL at the beginning of the calendar year to advance in the postseason.

Montgomery's blunt assessment came after a 3-1 loss to St. Louis when the Blues were beginning to dig out of their hole. The Dallas turnaround started a week later with the beginning of a five-game winning streak that bridged the All-Star break.

A year after collapsing late in the regular season with an eight-game losing streak that started with six straight losses on the road, the Stars picked up seven of eight possible points on a four-game Canadian swing late in the season to all but wrap up their first playoff berth in three years.

That most recent playoff trip in 2016 ended with a Game 7 loss in the second round to the Blues in Dallas.

"We had a lot of changes this year and a lot of uncomfortable conversations throughout the year," said Tyler Seguin, the high-scoring forward who was injured when the Blues and Stars met three years ago. "Guys came out of their comfort zones and that's made us a closer team and that's why we're here tonight."

The last rookie coach to win his first playoff series was Dale Hunter with Washington seven years ago. And Montgomery is the second Stars coach to do it, following Dave Tippett in 2003.

An NCAA championship winner at the University of Denver two years ago, Montgomery was also the third coach in three seasons for the Stars. He followed Lindy Ruff and Ken Hitchcock, who



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The Nashville Predators and Dallas Stars line up to congratulate each other after the Stars won 2-1 in overtime in Game 6 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series in Dallas, Monday, April 22.

returned to Dallas and missed the 2018 playoffs, 19 years after leading the franchise to its only Stanley Cup title.

"I think the journey through the year toughens you up, hopefully," Montgomery said. "And it definitely did for us. You have to face adversity to get better as a group, especially when it's your first time together. And we have. And the trust has grown."

Ben Bishop, a Vezina Trophy finalist who had a playoff career-high 47 saves to finish off the Predators, will be facing his hometown team, and the one that drafted him 14 years ago.

"I've been trying not to think about it, obviously trying to worry about this series," Bishop said. "It kind of gets a smile."

The Blues and Stars were the lower seeds in their first-round matchups. St. Louis beat Winnipeg, also in six games. If Vegas wins Game 7 at San Jose in the remaining first-round Western Conference series Tuesday night, all four lower seeds will have advanced.

"If you look around the league, I think everyone

who gets into the playoffs has a really good chance to go win," said John Klingberg, who scored the clincher 17:02 into overtime. "You see a lot of top seed teams that are out right now."

A couple of weeks before Montgomery's frustration boiled over, Seguin and captain Jamie Benn were profanely ripped by CEO Jim Lites. The longtime team executive also used words such as "terrible" and "embarrassing" to describe the play of the high-priced forwards.

The concern for Lites, who said he was echoing the frustration of owner Tom Gaglardi, was that the Stars would end up in danger of missing the playoffs for the ninth time in 11 years. Instead, they wrapped up a series on home ice for the first time since 2008.

"We are very excited about this, and you can tell the crowd is too," Klingberg said. "We've been playing some good hockey here at the end. It's going to be a quick turnaround here. We all know how the Blues are playing, how good they are."

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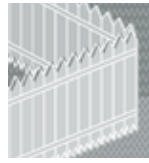
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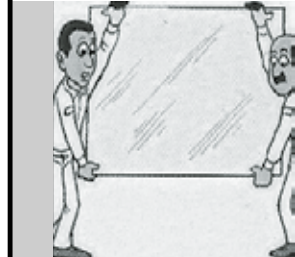
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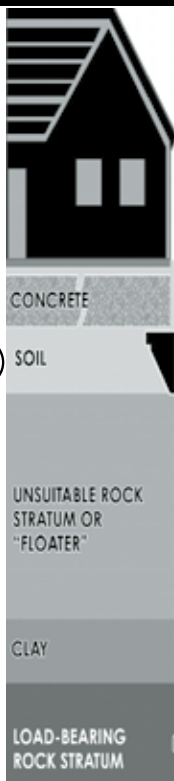
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Pluto Reverse Psychology

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A fitness routine that doesn't enmesh well into the patterns and rhythms of your lifestyle is not likely to last long. Finding a physical program that works for you will improve every area of your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you don't have anything you're very excited to do in the next three months, plan something. One shining event about 90 days away is just the goal you need to put all your other goals in alignment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your body will lead your emotion even more than usual and you can use this to your advantage by getting physi-

cal in ways that make you feel powerful, playful and positive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes, you want to feel interesting. But lately, you've put out so much energy that you're ready to be low-key and absorb what you can. You'll mostly feel like blending in and be interested in others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The smart plans don't always come down from the top. In fact, through a series of simple, intuitive decisions, you'll build a method of operating that is nothing short of genius. Trust yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't overthink it. What occurs naturally will be fine. The fact that you're not too worried about it will lead to a better interaction than if you

overprepare, strategize and obsess. Relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The people you love will shape your future. You'll go where they go so you can be there for them, rearranging your life so that you can experience things together. You're right to be picky in the early stages of love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've acciden-

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



tally told the same story to the same person more than once. It's not such a bad mistake. You might even call it "branding;" people need to hear things multiple times before it sinks in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Finding a tranquil space within yourself will be much easier after you find a tranquil space in your environment. Public spaces are

so unpredictable though. Maybe it's time to clear or create a space of your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Joke around with people who share your sense of humor and the vibe will be comfortable. It will be the opposite with those who don't default to humor so readily. They won't like the pressure of having to keep up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'd walk across hot lava to help another person, but unless that person is in a volcano it probably won't. Find out what's needed before you put yourself out doing all the wrong things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When something about a person hits you the wrong way,

it's a good thing to keep to yourself today. Still, take note and remember this reservation. Your subconscious is telling you something.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). A juicy business opportunity practically comes with a cosmic birthday card signed, "Love, The Universe." Next month brings worthy creative partners. Bounce around ideas until they come out smooth and improved. Summer months are a blur. Remember to get still so the butterfly of happiness has a chance to alight on your shoulder. Virgo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 2, 22, 19 and 30.

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Annie's Mailbox

True Friendships Go the Distance

Dear Annie: I'm in a really bittersweet situation. I hit it off with a friend who happens to live quite far away. The time we've spent hanging out has been awesome, and I'm beyond thankful to have them in my life. But I'm frustrated by the distance. I'm not scared we'll drift apart, but I am anxious about how little face time we have between meet-ups. I've lost friends due to distance before, and while those times weren't pleasant, this one's dif-

ferent. This person really just gets me in a way I have trouble articulating. Any tips for not going crazy? -- Faraway Friend

Dear Faraway Friend: Just because a person is physically far from you does not mean that they are far from your heart. Finding a person in your life who really gets to you should not give rise to anxiety but rather comfort in knowing that there is someone out there who understands you.

Distance cannot take away a bond like that, especially with the tech-

nology that we have now. You could FaceTime often with the person or use other similar technology. The friends you lost due to distance were not the right friends for you. Real friends will be with you no matter how far away you are. The reverse is also true. You can be physically right next to lots of friends and not feel that deep connection you are talking about. It is the connection that is to be treasured, not the physical presence.

With all that said, see where it goes. Perhaps the more time you get

to know each other you might organically move closer to each other.

Dear Annie: I am having trouble with my sister-in-law. Every time I try to talk to her, she interrupts me. I have told my husband about this, and he basically says that there isn't anything he can do about it. In turn, I try to avoid her as much as I can. But it's hard to do that at family functions. What can I do to make her stop? -- Signed Annoyed

Dear Annoyed: Being interrupted can be rude and very annoying. But getting angry or avoiding her all together is not the solution. Try your best to be gracious and firm with her. Let some of the interruptions go. Sometimes the interruptions might be helpful or supportive of the conversation.

If the interruptions continue, you could politely say, "Let me just finish what I'm saying so I don't forget my point!" You could steamroll the conversation by continuing to keep on talking until she gets the point that you are not

going to stop until you are finished.

Lastly, I would speak to her privately. Be direct, kind and honest with her. My guess is that she is unaware that she is doing so. Some people are socially anxious and much more focused on the impression they're making than on the exchange. The interruptions might be coming from a place of wanting to impress you.

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One of the very first general principles learned by the budding bridge player is the "eight ever, nine never" rule. It states that when the queen is the only high card missing in a suit, declarer should finesse when he holds eight or fewer cards in the combined hands, and play for the drop of the queen under the A-K if he holds nine cards or more.

This is certainly good advice, reflecting the percentages found in any table of bridge probabilities. Nevertheless, percentages sometimes

have to take a back seat to the special circumstances of a particular deal.

Such was the case in today's hand, where South found the winning route to making six spades. He took the opening heart lead with the ace, crossed to the ace of spades and ruffed dummy's last heart before drawing a second round of trump.

Next came a diamond to the king and a diamond back. When East followed with the ten, South, disdaining the "nine never" rule, successfully finessed the jack. Declarer later lost a club to finish with 12 tricks.

Note that if South had played the ace of diamonds on the second round of the suit, he would have gone down one, losing a diamond and a club.

Although it might be argued that declarer merely made a lucky guess, the fact remains that it was the correct play in this deal because South was sure to make the slam whether the finesse won or lost.

Suppose the finesse had lost. In that case, West would have been in a hopeless position. He would either have to return a club into the A-Q or lead a heart, allowing South to discard a club from dummy as he ruffed in his hand. Either way, the slam was assured.

Generally speaking, percentages are very reliable, but nothing is more dependable than good old common sense.

Tomorrow: Wishful thinking helps.

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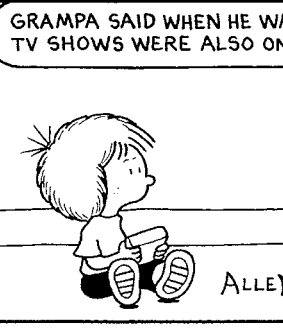
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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 24, the 114th day of 2019. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 24, 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

On this date:

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1915, in what's considered the start of the Armenian genocide, the Ottoman Empire began rounding up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces five days later.)

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1967, Soviet cosmonaut Vladimir Komarov was killed when his Soyuz 1 spacecraft smashed into the Earth after his parachutes failed to deploy properly during re-entry; he was the first human spaceflight fatality.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East Is Red."

In 1990, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the \$1.5 billion Hubble Space Telescope.

In 1995, the final bomb linked to the Unabomber exploded inside the Sacramento, California, offices of a lobbying group for the wood products industry, killing chief lobbyist Gilbert B. Murray. (Theodore Kaczynski was later sentenced to four lifetimes in prison for a series of bombings that killed three men and injured 29 others.)

In 2003, U.S. forces in Iraq took custody of Tariq Aziz (TAH'-rihk ah-ZEEZ'), the former Iraqi deputy prime minister. China shut down a Beijing hospital as the global death toll from SARS surpassed 260.

In 2005, Pope Benedict XVI formally began his stewardship of the Roman Catholic Church; the former Cardinal Joseph

Ratzinger said in his installation homily that as pontiff he would listen to the will of God in governing the world's 1.1 billion Catholics.

In 2013, in Bangladesh, a shoddily constructed eight-story commercial building housing garment factories collapsed, killing more than 1,100 people.

Ten years ago: Mexico shut down schools, museums, libraries and state-run theaters across its overcrowded capital in hopes of containing a deadly swine flu outbreak. Back-to-back suicide bombers struck near a Shiite shrine in Baghdad, killing 71.

Five years ago: An Afghan government security guard opened fire on foreign doctors at a Kabul hospital, killing three Americans in the latest of a deadly string of attacks on Western civilians in the capital. The tiny Pacific nation of the Marshall Islands took on the United States and the world's eight other nuclear-armed nations with an unprecedented lawsuit demanding they meet their obligations toward disarmament and accusing them of "flagrant violations" of international law.

One year ago: Former police officer Joseph DeAngelo was arrested at his home near Sacramento, California, after DNA linked him to crimes attributed to the so-called Golden State Killer; authorities believed he committed 13 murders and more than 50 rapes in the 1970s and 1980s. (DeAngelo is awaiting trial.)

Today's Birthdays: Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 89. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 85. Actress-singer-director Barbara Streisand is 77. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 77. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 76. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 74. R-and-B singer Ann Peebles is 72. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 69. Former Irish Taoiseach (TEE'-shuk) Enda Kenny is 68. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 66. Rock singer-musician Jack Blades (Night Ranger) is 65. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 64. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 62. Actor Glenn Morshower is

60. Rock musician Billy Gould is 56. Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer is 55. Actor Djimon Hounsou (JEYE'-mihn OHN'-soo) is 55. Rock musician Patty Schemel is 52. Actress Stacy Haiduk is 51. Rock musician Aaron Comess (Spin Doctors) is 51. Actor Aidan Gillen is 51. Actress Melinda Clarke is 50. Actor Rory McCann is 50. Latin pop singer Alejandro Fernandez

is 48. Country-rock musician Brad Morgan (Drive-By Truckers) is 48. Rock musician Brian Marshall (Creed; Alter Bridge) is 46. Actor Derek Luke is 45. Actor-producer Thad Luckinbill is 44. Actor Eric Balfour is 42. Actress Rebecca Mader is 42. Country singer Rebecca Lynn Howard is 40. Country singer Danny Gokey is 39. Actress Reagan Gomez is 39. Actor Aus-

tin Nichols is 39. Actress Sasha Barrese is 38. Contemporary Christian musician Jasen Rauch (Red) is 38. Singer Kelly Clarkson is 37. Rock singer-musician Tyson Ritter (The All-American Rejects) is 35. Country singer Carly Pearce is 29. Actor Joe Keery is 27. Actor Jack Quaid is 27. Actor Doc Shaw is 27. Actor Jordan Fisher is 25. Golfer Lydia Ko is 22.

Thought for Today: "The door to the past is a strange door. It swings open and things pass through it, but they pass in one direction only. No man can return across that threshold, though he can look down still and see the green light waver in the water weeds." — Loren Eiseley, American anthropologist (1907-1977).

Newsday Crossword

AS IN "MAMMAL" by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fragment of paper
 - 6 Three, in Tijuana
 - 10 Growth on tree trunks
 - 14 Tech-shunning sect
 - 15 Not adorned
 - 16 Swearing-in ritual
 - 17 Tuxedo, informally
 - 19 Toledo's locale
 - 20 Wind down
 - 21 City near Vesuvius
 - 22 Confident
 - 23 May day honoree
 - 24 State of rage
 - 26 Greek dark olive
 - 31 Made, after expenses
 - 35 Attention-getting sound
 - 36 Cat's warning
 - 38 Utah city
 - 39 Dorm accommodation
 - 40 Type of committee
 - 42 Full spectrum
 - 43 "Are so!" response
 - 45 Casual assent
 - 46 Birthday party dessert
 - 47 Grow molars
 - 49 Colorfully dotted
 - 51 Barnyard fowl
 - 52 Right-angle shapes
 - 53 Stylish
 - 56 Saint Francis' home
 - 60 Goat call
- DOWN**
- 1 Identical
 - 2 "___, let's go!"
 - 3 Lemon's cover
 - 4 Pose a question
 - 5 Young sensation, for short
 - 6 Recipe amt.
 - 7 Castro of Cuba
 - 8 Toledo's lake
 - 9 Becomes established
 - 10 Vanilla/ chocolate/ peanut butter ice cream
 - 11 Honolulu's island
 - 12 Mix with a spoon
 - 13 Sneaker or sandal
 - 18 Japanese piano brand
 - 23 Kentucky national park
 - 25 Salesperson, briefly
 - 26 Gold purity measure
 - 27 Hit ___ run (be very successful)
 - 28 Sierra ___ (African nation)
 - 29 Shipshape
 - 30 Campfire residue
 - 32 Entire amount
 - 33 Summon, as memories
 - 34 Nodded off
 - 37 Laundromat purchase
 - 41 Swiss or cheddar
 - 44 ___ Hague, Netherlands
 - 48 Incisor's surface
 - 50 Trite saying
 - 53 On-camera crew
 - 54 Netflix rival
 - 55 Teheran's land
 - 57 Fizzy beverage
 - 58 Takes to court
 - 59 "Winning ___ everything"
 - 60 Common gum flavor
 - 61 Land measure
 - 62 Nearly identical
 - 65 Meadow

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Jokic, Murray lead Nuggets' 108-90 romp of Spurs

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — After a sputtering start to their postseason, the Denver Nuggets are starting to look like the team that ended a six-year playoff drought in such dramatic fashion.

Nikola Jokic has a lot to do with it.

Jokic had 16 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists and fed Jamal Murray (23 points) repeatedly in Denver's 108-90 romp of the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

"Their chemistry is almost romantic," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "They care about each other, they love each other. They play for each other. That's when we're at our best."

"I mean, we're growing," Jokic said. "We're both really passionate about basketball. So when we have some good plays or whatever, we just want to express our feelings."

surprising second seed in the West, the Nuggets are up 3-2 and can advance to the second round for the first time in a decade with a win in Game 6 Thursday night in San Antonio, where they won last weekend for the first time since 2012.

Two weeks ago, Jokic overcame suffocating double teams to become the fourth player in NBA history to record a triple-double in his playoff debut and the first since LeBron James in 2006. But he scored just 10 points to go with 14 assists and 14 rebounds that night.

Since then, he's averaged 22 points, 11 boards and eight assists. Three times he's come up a pair of assists shy of a triple double.

"I mean, every great player is a challenge. And he can do a little bit of everything, and he does all of those things well," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's the consummate team



Denver Nuggets center Nikola Jokic (15) is pressured by San Antonio Spurs center Jakob Poeltl (25) in the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball first round playoff series, Tuesday, April 23, in Denver.

player who has great skills, but he's also competitive, does a great job, has got a very high basketball IQ."

He's having quite the coming out party on the national stage, too.

"You hear everybody talk about these other players, rightfully so," Denver coach Michael Malone said. "The league is filled with great players. What Nikola Jokic is doing in his playoff debut has not happened very often in the history of this game. Once again tonight 16, 11 and eight. I damn near ran him into the ground. Those 3s at the end of the quarter were huge."

"He can impact the game in so many ways. I hope this playoff crowd, this national TV audience that people are tuning in and watching us and saying, 'Man, this kid Nikola Jokic is real.' We know it and it's about time everyone else realizes it."

Murray's 23 points led the Nuggets, who finally looked like the team that rolled through the regular season led by Jokic and backed up by the best bench in the league. The Nuggets led by as many as 30 points at 99-69, after which all of their starters took a seat.

DeMar DeRozan and LaMarcus Aldridge each scored 17 for San Antonio, but Denver dominated this one almost from the tip.

"They just outplayed us in every facet of the game," Popovich said.

They'll need a similar effort in a closeout game at San Antonio. Asked what he could expect Thursday night, Jokic said, "the toughest game of our lives."

FAST START

The Nuggets led 26-19 after one quarter. Denver had been outscored in the first quarter in all four games and by a total of 31 points, which didn't sit well with Malone, who said before tipoff, "I think it's important for us to win the first quarter, but not only to match the intensity and their aggressiveness, to exceed it. We have to come out with a hit-first mentality."

WITHER WHITE

Spurs point guard Derrick White was held in check again — he had 12 points after scoring eight Saturday night. He averaged 23 points in the first three games, including a career-

best 36 in Game 3, before Malone inserted Torrey Craig into the starting lineup in place of Will Barton, which allowed Gary Harris to guard White.

"I think our guys realized after the first three games Derrick White was the early MVP of this series," Malone said. "And we've done a really good job in the last couple of games of trying to negate his impact. And that's been a big part of our success in the last two."

Popovich said what he's seen in White these last two games is "he's basically a young kid who's feeling his way. Playoffs are different than the regular season. And he's growing and every night is an education, whether he plays poorly or whether he's great. So, he's a

willing young man, going to have a great future. But he's got to have this kind of experience. So, hopefully he'll bounce back on Thursday."

TIP-INS

San Antonio: The Spurs struggled on the road during the regular season, going 16-25. They're now 1-2 away from home in this series. If they win Thursday night, they'll return to the Pepsi Center for Game 7 on Saturday night.

Denver: Broncos star linebacker Von Miller was in attendance as were Nathan MacKinnon and Erik Johnson of the Colorado Avalanche, who have advanced to the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. Should the Nuggets also advance, it would mark the first time since the Quebec Nordiques moved to Denver in 1995 and became the Avalanche that the city's NBA and NHL franchises both advanced to the second round in the same season.

UP NEXT

Game 6 is Thursday night in San Antonio.

AP photo

Lillard has 50 and Blazers oust Thunder in 5 games

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — After Damian Lillard hit his walk-off 3-pointer to send the Trail Blazers along in the playoffs, he waved goodbye to the Thunder bench.

"That was the last word," he afterward. "That was having the last word."

Lillard finished with a franchise playoff-record 50 points and Portland eliminated Oklahoma City from the postseason in five games with a 118-115 victory on Tuesday night.

With the game tied, Lillard dribbled just inside of halfcourt near the Blazers logo and then pulled up and hit the game-winner at the buzzer from 37-feet. After his wave, Lillard was mobbed by his teammates and the crowd chanted "MVP! MVP!"

Lillard finished 10 3-pointers, second-most ever in an NBA playoff game.

"All of those things that we did to give ourselves a chance to win were huge," Lillard said. "And my part in it, I think, was probably my most important performance."

Portland advances to the Western Conference semifinals to face the winner of the series between the Nuggets and San Antonio. Denver won 108-90 earlier in the night to take a 3-2 lead in that series.

It was the 12th straight road playoff loss for the Thunder, who have been eliminated in the opening round for three straight seasons.

Russell Westbrook had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 14 assists for his 10th career playoff triple-double and his second of the series. Paul George added 36 points.

"Very, very disappointing. It's as simple as that," George said. "We let this one slip away but it is what it is."

Lillard had 34 points in the first half alone — more than Westbrook and George had combined (32) for the Thunder — but the Blazers had just a 61-60 edge going into the second half.

The Thunder led 90-88 going into the final quarter. Westbrook hit a 3-pointer to extend the lead while Lillard took a break on the bench.

Oklahoma City went up 105-90 with 7:45 left on Dennis Schroder's pullup jumper as Portland struggled.

Lillard's 3-pointer pulled the Blazers within 108-103, but Westbrook answered with his own 3. CJ McCollum's bank shot cut Oklahoma City's lead to 113-109 with 1:39 left. Maurice Harkless added free throws to get the Blazers within two.

McCollum tied it with a jumper with just under a minute left, but George scored on the other end. Lillard's layup re-tied it then Westbrook missed a layup with 18.3 seconds left to set up Lillard's epic buzzer beater.

"I don't care what anybody says that's a bad shot," George said about Lillard's 3. "But he made it and that story will be told, but it was a bad shot. You live with it."

McCollum finished with 17 for the Blazers and Enes Kanter had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Blazers stole one in Oklahoma City, winning 111-98 on Sunday. Westbrook went cold, finishing 5 of 21 from the field for 14 points. He missed his final 10 shots. Lillard finished with 24, including 15 in the third quarter.

Portland was swept in the first round of the playoffs for the past two seasons, last year by New Orleans and the previous year by Golden State.

The Blazers last trip to the Western Conference semifinals came in 2016, when they beat the Clippers in the opening round before falling to the Warriors in five games.

The Thunder also got knocked out in the opening

round for the past two seasons. In 2016, a year after missing the playoffs entirely, they went to the conference finals but lost to Golden State.

The Thunder went up 22-12 early, and George made his first six shots from the floor. Oklahoma City held a 37-29 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Lillard led all players with 19 points. McCollum got into foul trouble and headed for the bench.

Lillard's long 30-foot 3-pointer pulled Portland within 43-39. George collected his third foul midway through the quarter after scoring 17 points.

Another Lillard 3 closed the gap to 52-50 and the Blazers pulled in front 56-55 with 1:42 to go in the half on Seth Curry's 3-pointer. The Blazers led 61-60 at the break, led by Lillard with 34 points.

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With defense clicking, Raptors focused on deep playoff run



Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) smiles from the bench during a late second half timeout in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Orlando Magic, Tuesday, April 23, in Toronto.

AP photo

By IAN HARRISON
Associated Press

TORONTO — The Toronto Raptors have reason to believe this is the year their playoff run doesn't end in failure and frustration.

Just ask the Orlando Magic, who have seen firsthand how good this Raptors team can be.

Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points, Pascal Siakam added 24 and the Raptors routed the Magic 115-96 on Tuesday night, winning their first-round playoff series in five games.

Toronto, which has made six straight postseason appearances, has reached the second round for the fourth straight year.

Buoyed by the offseason additions of Leonard and guard Danny Green, plus trade deadline pickup Marc Gasol, these Raptors are focused on a conference finals berth, and maybe more.

"We know what we are and what we can be," guard Kyle Lowry said.

So does Orlando coach Steve Clifford.

"To me, this is by far the best team they've

had here in this stretch," Clifford said of the Raptors. "This is a terrific team here. Terrific."

Toronto lost 104-101 in Game 1 when Orlando's D.J. Augustin hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 4.2 seconds to play. After that, the Raptors clamped down defensively and held the Magic below 100 in each of the next four.

"As the series went on, they started playing much better," Magic center Nikola Vucevic said. "They stepped up their game on both ends of the floor and we weren't able to do that. It showed each game."

Toronto set a team record with 34 assists in 41 made baskets in Tuesday's clincher, and held the Magic to below 40 percent shooting for the third time in four.

"The consistent defensive intensity the last four games has been impressive," Raptors guard Fred VanVleet said. "As long as we keep that defensive focus, we have enough guys to make enough plays on the offensive end."

Toronto's previous three postseason runs

were all ended by LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, including a six-game defeat in the 2016 Eastern Conference Finals, and consecutive second-round sweeps in 2017 and 2018. The most recent of those defeats led to the dismissal of Coach of the Year Dwane Casey last May, and laid the groundwork for last July's trade that sent franchise icon DeMar DeRozan to San Antonio as part of a package that brought back Leonard and guard Danny Green.

"We're getting better," said Raptors for-

ward Pascal Siakam, a candidate for the NBA's most improved player. "We're just working hard to kind of gel together and figure things out. Obviously, we can always improve, but it's starting to click a little bit."

Tuned in at both ends of the floor, the Raptors now have a few days to rest and get ready for Philadelphia in round two.

"They're very talented," Magic forward Aaron Gordon said of Toronto. "They have a great leader and great point guard in Kyle. They seem to be very balanced."



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Kanter, who became Portland's starter when Jusuf Nurkic broke his leg late in the season, was clearly having trouble with his left shoulder. He came down hard on it late in the half and cried out in pain but he started the second half.

Kanter said afterward the original injury happened in the opening quarter and may be a separation. "We'll see what happens," he said, his shoulder wrapped.

TIP-INS

Thunder: OKC coach Billy Donovan knew before the game what the Thunder were up against: "You throw everything you have into this game. It's a matter of a collectively going out there to play to the best of their ability." ... The Thunder swept the Blazers in four games during the regular season.

Trail Blazers: Lillard has had 30-plus points 13 times in the postseason. His effort on Tuesday night surpasses his previous playoff high of 40 set against the Warriors in 2016. ... Klay Thompson has the playoff record with 11 3-pointers in a game for the Warriors — also against the Thunder — in 2016. ... Portland has won 11 straight at home in the regular season and playoffs. ...

MORAL SUPPORT: The crowd roared in the final minutes when Nurkic was shown on the video scoreboard, cheering from the Blazers' bench. It was the first time Nurkic had joined the team in the playoffs.

"You guys know it, you felt it in the building when they showed him on the big screen," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "The fact that he showed up — no one knew he was going to show up. I honestly think we fed off that. There was a little good karma when he did show up."