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BOIL WATER NOTICE LIFTED

The "Boil Water" notice issued May 2 for the City of Big Spring has been rescinded. Big Spring water should now be safe to use

Upcoming Events

TODAY
 Final day to register to vote in the June 8 City of Big Spring mayoral and City Council District 4 runoff election

Saturday
 Master the Mountain Registration open 9 a.m.

Relay For Life 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. Comanche Trail Park

National Nursing Week/ National Teacher Appreciation Week May 6 - 12

National Police Week May 12-17

National Hospital Week May 12-18

Relay For Life is looking for cancer survivors. To register, go online at www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx

Submit your recommendations for We Salute by email to editor@bigspringherald.com.

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Let's Relay: Paint Big Spring purple

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

The deadline is fast approaching to register for this year's Relay For Life. This year, Relay takes place at Comanche Trail park with the starting point being the Amphitheater, and will be from 4-10 p.m. on Saturday, May 11.

"Please join us for our annual event to celebrate and support us in this endeavor," says Julie Alvarez, event coordinator. "Everyone is invited! We all want to see an end to this deadly disease."

Each team must consist of at least one cancer survivor. There is no initial fee to join Relay For Life, but each team is asked to make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

"Cancer isn't stopping," states Alvarez. "There is always a reason to keep

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Courtesy photo

Relay For Life 2019 is set for this Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Survivors are encouraged to register online before the event, but registered or not, all are encouraged to attend. The community is also encouraged to decorate their business in purple this week.

Ice cream, Ice cream Marcy Place gears up for annual ice cream truck rounds

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Managing Editor

Ice cream, ice cream, who wants ice cream? Summer temperatures are starting to show up, which means it is time to get the summertime treats ready. Marcy Place is gearing up for their summer outings in the ice cream truck.

"This is a fun way we can get involved with the community, get the residents out, and show our appreciation for all those who support us," Sherrean Jones, Community Relations Manager, said.

According to Jones, the truck will begin making rounds once a month, beginning May 8. The ice cream truck will make several stops across town between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to drop off ice cream.

"There are those out there who have supported us for a long time and we want to show them appreciation, but we also know there are some out there who don't know who we are or what we do, and this gives us an opportunity to drop in and say hello and let them know we are here."

For businesses who are wanting the ice cream truck to stop by, call Jones at 432-268-9041 to get on the list. In addition to the monthly ice cream visits, there is also community bingo and other events planned to provide information on the facility and involvement in the community.

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

BSISD school board to canvass election results

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees will welcome newly re-elected member Fabian Serrano back to the school board for another term, and will consider several other items at their meeting tonight at 5:15. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place.

Serrano recently prevailed in the local election, defeating challenger Nadine Reyes by a narrow margin. Tonight's meeting agenda lists an item responding to the result as: "Canvass May 4, 2019, school board election result for District 7 and conduct post election procedures for elected officials."

In addition, the board plans to elect officers at the meeting.

In other business, the school board plans to:

- Recognize student Robert Sotelo for receiving a Mexican American School Boards Association scholarship;
- Hear reports on the district's bilingual//ESL evaluation, goal progress measures, the 2019 STAAR results for the first administration of the test, an evaluation of Career and Technical Education in the district, and the district's READ grant partnership;

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Area Wide Art Show on display through end of month




HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

The Big Spring Art Association opened the May Area Wide Art Show with a ribbon cutting Wednesday morning. After the ribbon cutting, community members and Chamber members viewed the artwork on display. The show will be up all month at the Heritage Museum. See Sunday's edition for results from the judging that took place earlier this week.

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Obituaries

Mona Marie Drake



Mona Marie Drake, of Big Spring, passed away on May 6, 2019, at the age of 85. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Raul Garcia officiating. Interment to follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the funeral home.

Mona was born on June 9, 1933, to Curtice and Goldye Moad in Hammon, Oklahoma. Mona married Cecil Drake on Oct. 12, 1950.

Mona worked as a civil servant at Webb Air Force Base. She was very active in the Coahoma United Methodist Church and devoted much of her time to serving the people and women in the church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Drake; her parents; and her sisters, Janel Robertson, Lora Clark, and Mary Kennon.

Survivors include her daughter, Lucretia Ashley and husband, Shelton of Austin, Texas; her sons, Ricky Drake and wife, Kathrine of Porter, Texas, and Roy Drake and wife, Toni of Midland, Texas; and her daughter, Cecilia Wright and husband, Jim of San Angelo, Texas. Mona had eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

The pallbearers will be Marshall Wright, Nate Wolfe, Eric Burlison, Mason Surber, David Elmore, and Mark Hyatt.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Coahoma United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas 79511.

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

Paid Obituary

Joe M. Ramos



Joe M. Ramos, 57, of Big Spring, died Sunday, May 4, 2019. He will lie in state Friday, May 10, 2019, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. His vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

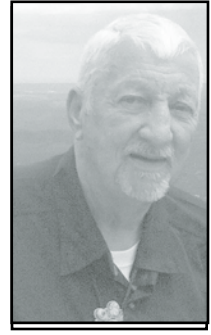
Joe was born Nov. 6, 1961, in Missouri to Manuela Garza Ramos and Manuel Ramos.

He is survived by his children, Amy Alaniz and husband, Alex, Christina Hernandez and husband, Jesse, Dianna Robledo, Manuela Sandoval and husband, Andy, Manuel Ramos, Joey Ramos, Mary Jane Martinez and husband, Lonnie, Cesar Ramos and wife, Susie, Rosa Ramos, and Johnny Ramos and wife, Linda; 34 grandkids; six great-grand kids; and several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy; and one son, Angel Ramos.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Howard Lee Walker



Howard Lee Walker, 80, of Big Spring passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019, in Comanche. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating.

The family will receive friends 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, May 10, 2019, at the funeral home.

He is survived by three sons, Cecil Walker and wife, Laura of

Amarillo, Robert Walker and wife, Vickie of Big Spring, and Bruce Walker of Big Spring; one brother, Charles Walker of Lufkin; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Delia Walker; his wife, Marijo Walker; and three brothers, Jerry Walker, Wesley Walker, and James Walker.

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

Take Note

Lighthouse Restoration Center will be having a bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., or until sold out. The bake sale will take place in front of Walmart. All proceeds will be used for their annual vacation bible school that is hosted by the church for children in the area. For more information, you can contact Yolanda Mendoza at 432-816-2097.

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.

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.

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.

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 in 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 meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. 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.



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Police Blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHARLES B. GILLEY**, 36, of 614 Northwest Ave., Ardmore, Oklahoma, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).
- **LANA DOWER MARTINEZ**, 46, of 1604 Settles St., was arrested on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 100 block of Collins Rd.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, 700 block of E. 11th Place, and the 2800 block of Parkway Rd.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Donley St., and the 2700 block of Scott Rd.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of W. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter Dr., 600 block of George St., and at Hwy 87 and CR 21.
- **FOUND PROPERTY** was reported in the 1700 block of W. I-20.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Lamesa Hwy.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 4500 block of E. I-20.

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.

- **DEVIN LEE AVANT**, 40, was arrested by DPS on warrants for a parole violation and forgery of a financial instrument
- **KASEY NOEL FOSTER**, 23, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for illegal dumping.
- **CHARLES B. GILLEY**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (four grams to 200 grams).
- **LANA DOWER MARTINEZ**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for forgery of a financial instrument.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Douglas. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 block of Todd Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
 - Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
 - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.
 - Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francis-co.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.
 - GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Meetings are weekly, every Thursday, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

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Weather



Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. North wind around 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Friday Night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy, with a low around 50. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Sunday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Monday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. high near 81.

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

RELAY

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fighting. There is always a reason to give. There is always a reason to be involved. Let's not let the flame go out in Howard and Glasscock counties."

Alvarez says if there is rain, then the back-up plan is to just enjoy it and dance in the rain.

The community is invited to attend and enjoy the entertainment, and help support Relay For Life of Howard and Glasscock Counties.

In preparation for Relay, businesses and community members are encouraged to decorate in purple. Raising awareness is an important part of the fight. For those who decorate their business, homes or wear purple in

support of Relay, send your photos in to editor@bigspringherald.com.

To register, please visit www.relayforlife.org/bigspringtx. You can also follow their facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/rflbigspringtx/.

Contact Staff Writer Anna Gutierrez at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com.

BSISD

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- Consider approval of the Howard County Tax Collection Budget for 2019-2020;
- Consider a membership agreement with 1 Government Procurement Alliance on behalf of its lead government agencies for cooperative purchasing agreements;
- Consider approval of donations from Aramark and Texas Cajun Cafe;
- Consider adoption of textbooks for Kindergarten through eighth grade English/Language Arts and Reading;
- Consider approval of HOPE Foundation awards;

- Consider identification and approval of the district's bilingual program;
- Consider approval of personnel issues, possibly meeting in closed executive session to discuss the matter;
- Hear reports from Superintendent Jay McWilliams on employment, resignations and retirements; the Summer Leadership Institute and the upcoming June school board meeting; Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards Convention; and enrollment.

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

Take Note

• 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 Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, 432-268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

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Christina "Chrissy" Grace, 37, died Friday. She will lie in state from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Sixto De Jesus Lara, 86, died Saturday. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Joe M. Ramos, 57, died Sunday. He will lie in state Friday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. His Vigil service will begin at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel.

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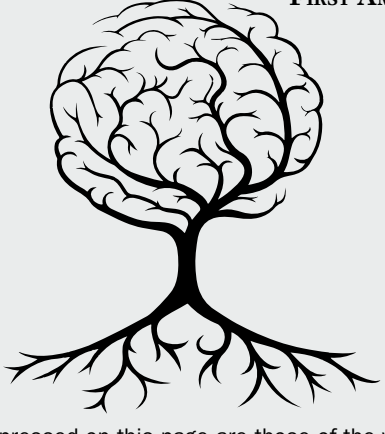
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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, as You search our hearts, may You find only good. Amen

Cindy's Bookshelf

Heresy - A book review

Giordano Bruno flees to London, one step ahead of the Inquisition. After becoming a fugitive for possessing heretical books, Bruno has spent the last seven years on the run.



CINDY PINCH

Forced to leave Italy, he made his way to London. There he is introduced to Queen Elizabeth I who hires him to uncover a plot to overthrow her. What happens next is history.

As a philosopher and scientist, Giordano Bruno fled the Monastery of San Domenico Maggiore in Naples after getting caught with a book listed on the Inquisition's Index of Forbidden Books. After seeking sanctuary in France, Bruno finds himself positioned in London. With the help of his old friend, Sir Philip Sidney, Bruno is commissioned for a secret job by none other than Queen Elizabeth I herself.

The job leads him to Oxford University where he must pose as a philosopher. He is set to take part in a debate on the Copernican theory of the universe. At least that's what the cover story is. He is also supposed to find information about the Catholic plot that is taking place to overthrow Queen Elizabeth I from her throne. While Bruno has agreed

to help Queen Elizabeth I, he has a personal mission of his own. He wants to find the lost book of an Egyptian sage named Hermes Trismegistys.

His sights had been set on Oxford for some time due to a rumor that the book resided there.

Shortly after arriving at Oxford University, a series of murders throws the entire operation into disarray. Bruno must find the culprit behind the grisly murders before he becomes a target himself. With the charms of a mysterious young woman serving as a distraction, and the risk to his life and those around him, facing the Inquisition is suddenly a less daunting task.

Heresy is an Elizabethan thriller that brings the past to life. In Giordano Bruno, Merritt has created a charming and clever character. Since publishing *Heresy*, Merritt has published five other books that follow her charismatic character on his adventures throughout Elizabethan England. Each mystery is more dangerous than the last. Giordano Bruno is the medieval Sherlock Holmes.

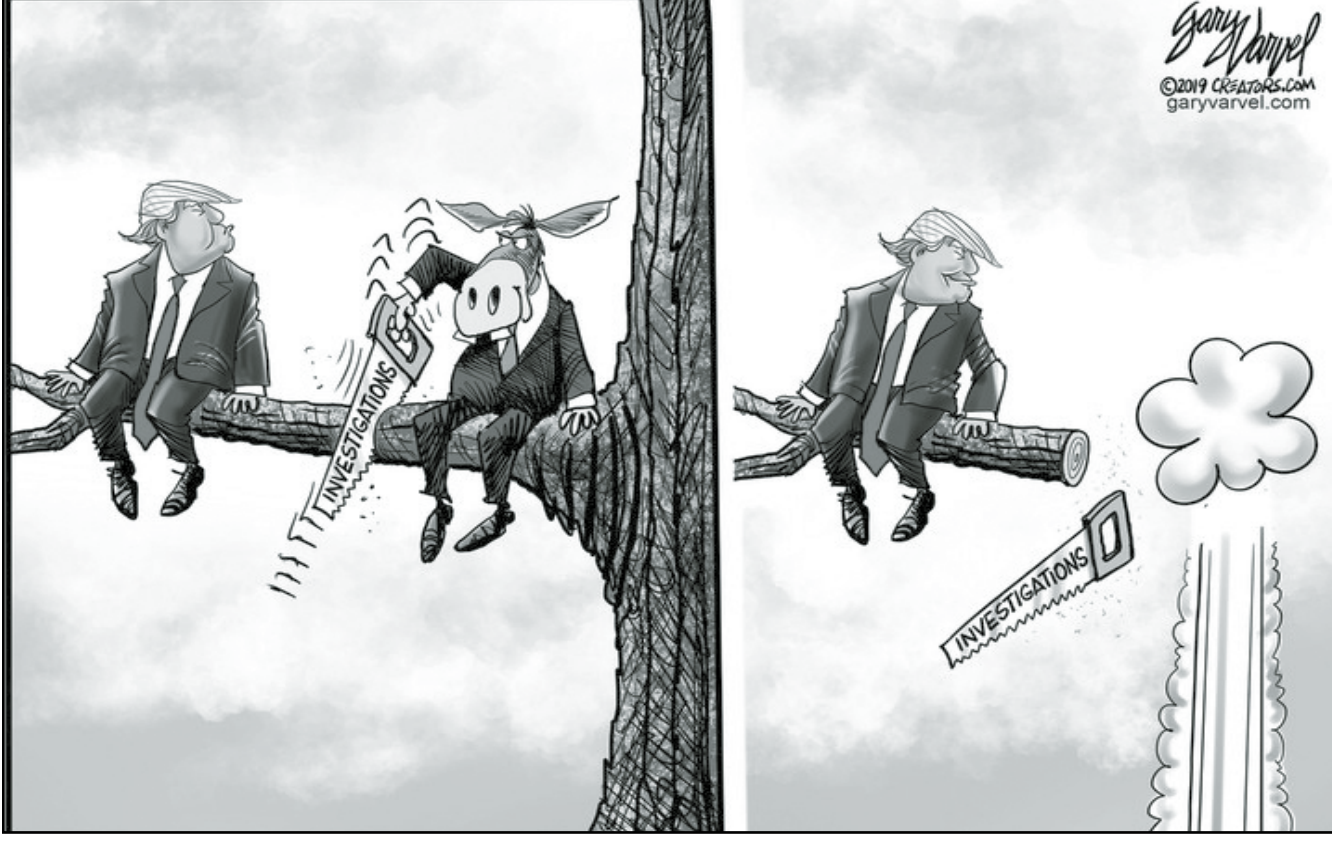
I recommend this book and subsequent series to history buffs and fans of a good mystery.

S.J. Parris is the pen-name used by Stephanie Merritt. Merritt reviewed books professionally while at Queen's College in Cambridge. She became Deputy Literary Editor of The Observer in 1998. Since beginning her career, Merritt has written for The Times, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The New Statesman, Red, Grazia, Marie Claire, New Humanist, and The TLS. She lives in Surrey with her son. Merritt speaks at literary events and has been a judge for several book awards.

Merritt's published works include her first novel *Gaveston* which won a Betty Trask award. *Real*, which was adapted for film for Gabriel Byrne's production company. Her non-fiction book, *The Devil Within* which was shortlisted for the 2008 Mind Book Award. Merritt also published the Giordano Bruno series which includes *Heresy*, *Prophecy*, *Sacrilege*, *Treachery*, *Conspiracy*, and the novella *The Secret Dead*. *Heresy* was a New York Times Bestseller. It has also been published in 20 countries including Turkey, China, and Brazil.

Heresy, *Sacrilege*, and *Treachery* were shortlisted for the CWA's Historical Dagger Award. Her most recent novel is *While You Sleep* which was published in 2018.

For more information on Merritt, visit her website: www.sjparris.com.



Change is coming to healthcare

It's a solid bet that our healthcare future won't look quite like the present. Whether the outcome would be good or bad for the average working stiff will depend a great deal on who is president after the 2020 election.

If Donald Trump is reelected, we know where health coverage for millions of Americans is probably going. It's going away. For two years, a Republican president, House and Senate all tried to sink the Affordable Care Act. They did manage to punch holes in it, but the thing keeps floating. A reenergized Trump with no voters to face again would undoubtedly redouble his efforts to torpedo the whole law. Per his custom, he's offered zip to replace it.

Democrats vying to replace him tend to support either "Medicare for All" or "Medicare for more." The insurers like neither, but their bigger threat is the latter. Being less radical, Medicare for more is far likelier to become reality. Democratic primary voters should appreciate that the nominee backing Medicare for more has greater odds to become president.

A Medicare-for-All plan, such as Bernie Sanders', would force Americans to give up employer-

sponsored coverage they like and require raising taxes. True, Medicare for All would save money by lowering health care costs, but that wouldn't register in a political rumble fueled by monied interests. The ACA is now more popular than ever, but recall the struggle passing it in the din of debate drenched in misinformation. Remember the hollering over "death panels"? Moronic, yes, but a lot of people bought into it.

All this makes the Sanders approach perilous for Democrats — so much so that Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell talks of pushing a Senate vote on his bill. That would put Democrats in the uncomfortable position of voting for or against a plan that ardent liberals may love but gives many others pause.

The genius of Medicare for more is that it would be voluntary. That makes it more sellable to Americans happy with the coverage they have. "Medicare for more" could mean letting those just below the Medicare eligibility age of 65 buy into the program. Or, in another version backed by presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, "Medicare for all who want it" would allow anyone to buy into Medicare.

In any case, Medicare for more would not close the door on Medi-

care for All. If large numbers of younger Americans choose Medicare over private coverage, then we're on our way to Medicare for All.

As for the insurers, they have a lot to lose in any major expansion of Medicare. They also have a lot of money to stop it. The Partnership for America's Health Care Future — a group combining insurance and pharmaceutical giants — spent \$143 million on lobbying last year, even when not faced with an immediate crisis.

(Interestingly, private insurers have done quite well under the ACA. Thus, they also have a strong motive to prevent Republicans from knocking it off.)

No doubt the American public would like to quit playing the world's suckers, paying twice per capita for health care than people in other rich countries do. Meanwhile, the U.S. health care system ranks low by many measures in international comparisons.

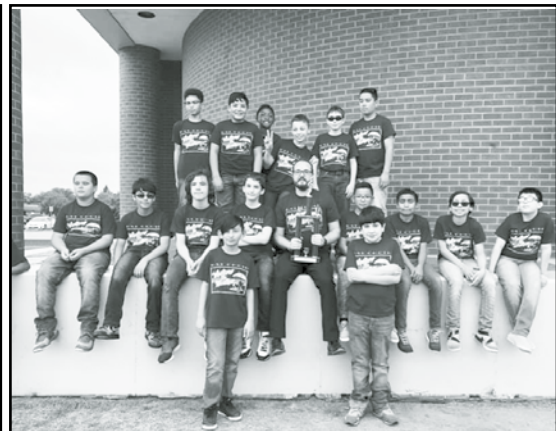
Only by offering a choice between Medicare and private coverage will we know what Americans really prefer. Private insurers, we strongly suspect, don't want to find that out. But let's keep an open mind.

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FROMA HARROP



Big Spring Intermediate Choir brings home Division 1



Courtesy photo

The Sixth grade choir competed May 3 at the Iron's Middle School Musical Competition. The majority of these students will continue to be in choir in junior high, and they come fully prepared for the next steps in choral instruction.



Fungus Causing White-Nose Syndrome in bats continues to spread in Texas

AUSTIN -- The fungus that causes white-nose syndrome (WNS) in bats has continued to spread into parts of Central, South, and East Texas, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The fungus was detected for the first time in Texas in early 2017 in six Panhandle counties. This year it was detected at 22 sites in 16 counties, 11 of which were new. There are now 21 counties in Texas where the fungus has been detected in Texas. It was found on 43 cave myotis, 4 tri-colored bats, and 13 Mexican free-tailed bats. No signs of WNS, the disease in bats caused by the fungus, were reported. Biologists say it usually takes a few years after detecting the fungus for the disease to manifest.

A detection in Liberty County is the first yet in East Texas. Detections in Frio and Victoria Counties are now the most southerly detections of the fungus in the country.

"The amount the fungus has spread this year is concerning," said Jonah Evans, TPWD mammologist. "On the bright side, we have yet to observe any signs of white-nose syndrome and there is some hope that the disease won't be as severe in Texas as it has been in states further north. Also, because Mexican free-tailed bats primarily migrate during the winter and fungus is deadly to bats that hibernate, we are hopeful that it won't severely impact this species."

The syndrome has killed millions of hibernating bats in the eastern parts of the United States, raising national concern. It only poses a risk to bats and does not pose any threat to humans.

White-nose syndrome is caused by the cold-adapted fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* and has been rapidly spreading since its discovery in New York in 2007. It is thought to have been introduced from Europe where bats appear to be resistant to the fungus. In some parts of the eastern United

States there have been declines in winter bat numbers of greater than 90 percent. Because bats usually produce just one offspring per year, researchers are concerned it could take many decades for some populations to recover from a major decline.

Skin swabs that test for presence of the fungus on bats' wings and muzzle were collected between December 2018 and April 2019 by biologists from Bat Conservation International (BCI), the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. Analyses were conducted by Northern Arizona University and the USGS National Wildlife Health Center as part of on-going research projects.

Treatments for WNS are in early phases of development. Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas A&M, and Kennesaw University are collaborating on an effort to test treatments to prevent WNS on tri-colored bats roosting in culverts in East Texas this winter. The project is funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Bat Conservation International has also tested treatments where the fungus first appeared in the Texas panhandle.

Bats play an important role in the ecosystem by consuming large num-

bers of insects. Recent studies have shown that the value of insect control by bats to agriculture is \$1.4 billion annually in Texas alone. This value includes reduced crop loss to insect pests, reduced spread of crop diseases, and reduced need for pesticide application.

A locator map of fungus detections in Texas in 2019 is available online at <https://flic.kr/p/TFu1f9>.

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BSSH's weekly update

From the local elections to Boys State

By COLONEL ALLEN M. MORRIS

BSSH Communications Director

Judge Angela Griffin visited with students at Big Spring high as they prepare to attend Boys State in Austin. Boys State has been a part of the American Landscape for nearly one century. Young men and young women too, are selected to attend the camp that is organized by the American Legion. The auxiliary unit of the American Legion hosts Girls State. High school students between the Jr and Sr years have the opportunity to participate in "How Government Works."



Col. Allen M. Morris

High is unique in that our candidates are visiting with local elected officials about all aspects of the process.

They include: How to get elected, How to deal with constituents, How to get reelected, How to follow the rules and edicts that govern the position to which one is elected.

Andrew Roberts is this year's representative from BSSH for Boys State. He said, "Talking with Judge Griffin was a learning experience for me. She really opened up another door to politics. Although I didn't know much to ask, but after talking with her, I know what to ask in the future and I know what to more about what to expect."



Courtesy photo

Judge Angela Griffin visited with the students at Big Spring High School about the political process. From left to right are Andrew Roberts, Judge Griffin, and Noah White. Andrew will be going to Boys State this summer, and Noah is a candidate for a future Boys State.

Last Saturday was Election Day and several Big Spring High students were trained and sworn in as Election Deputies. They worked each Voting Center and even Election Central at the Courthouse. These students will not only work the coming

Run-Off but they will host elections at the high school with the new electronic equipment.

Early voting begins Tuesday May 28 ends Tuesday June 4. Election Day is June 8 at all Vote Centers.

THE BULLDOG REPORT

CHS seniors enjoy CU4 Reality Fair

Special to the Herald

Coahoma High School seniors participated in the annual CU4 Reality Fair held recently to gain some hands on experience on how to create a personal budget.

"We want to give them some strategic thinking skills when it comes to their budget. We want them to really think about how to stay within a budget and sometimes you have to be really creative to make that work," said Laurie Barraza, CEO of Cosden Credit Union. "You can't live like your parents when you are first starting out. You are going to have to go slow and build. We want to have them be financially fit and stay within that budget, so they don't get themselves into a mess."

The annual reality fair is presented by Cosden Federal Credit Union as a method to increase financial literacy among youths.

Before attending the event, students chose a career from a list and when they arrived on the day of the fair, they received a budget worksheet with their monthly income based off of U.S. industry standards for their chosen career.

Then the students visited each booth where a volunteer or volunteers attempted to sell them everything from cars, housing, food, and student loans to luxury items such as clothing and TVs.

Once through all the stations, students sat down with a volunteer financial adviser to calculate their expenses to see if they had a net gain or loss at

the end of the month. To cap off the experience, the students then visited the Wheel of Reality where they spun to see if they had an unexpected windfall or expense.

This is the second year, Cosden Credit Union has organized the community outreach project.

"As a credit union, our mission is people helping people," Barraza said. "We want what's best for them. We also want to be the support for what the schools are providing. They are providing the curriculum, and we want to be the extra hands on supplemental program for that."

Around 300 students from Coahoma, Forsan, and Big Spring participated in one of the several sessions held during the one-day event held on the Howard College campus.

Barraza added she was very grateful for the vol-

Academic Star Student of the Week Matt Hernandez, Coahoma High School



Matt Hernandez is a senior at Coahoma High School and is a stand out student. He is a member of the National Honor Society. Besides his academic studies, Matt has been very active in Boy Scouts of America. He has achieved the Boy Scout's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Only four percent of scouts earn this rank.

Following graduation, Hernandez plans to serve his country by enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He is the son of Gary and Jeannie Hernandez.

Congratulations, Matt!

unteers who assisted with the event.

"We had a great turnout from the volunteers," she said. "They've taken time away from their businesses and their personal lives to come here and donate their time to do this. They've all been very enthusiastic about it and had a great time working with the students."

The Buffalo Bulletin Teacher Appreciation Week



Courtesy photos

Forsan Junior High and High School celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week this week, and honored a few of their favorite teachers. Shown above are (left to right, top to bottom): FJHS's Coaches Lefever and Vedder; and FHS's Coaches Strickland, Irwin, and Taylor, and Mr. Rhodes. Mrs. Kirkland from FHS was also selected.

By BUFFALO BULLETIN STAFF

The votes are in! Teacher appreciation is in full swing at Forsan ISD. The Buffalo Bulletin was fortunate enough to visit a few special

teachers and tell them just how much we love the extra effort they put in for each and every student.

Coach Lefever and Coach Vedder were favorites for the Jr. high students.

"Coach Vedder is very nice. He is a very good teacher, he doesn't just jump at us if we do something wrong, he helps us. He jokes with us," Said Abigail Olson (grade 6).

The seventh graders were very excited to hear that Coach Lefever had been picked as a class favorite. One of Coach Lefever's students felt that it was very deserving. "He's funny, and he always makes class fun!" said Heckler.

The high school students had several teachers they felt deserved recognition. Mrs. Kirkland, Coach Strickland, Coach Irwin, Coach Taylor, and Mr. Rhodes.

After last night's fabulous band concert, students were feeling very sentimental about Mr. Rhode's upcoming departure.

"Mr. Rhodes always pushes us to do our best." Said student Celi Luna. "He's a great role model to look up to because he's kind, encouraging, and never gives up on anything."

Journalism and yearbook students reflected on Coach Irwin's and Mrs. Kirkland's hard work.

Coach Irwin comes to school and is always really bubbly." Said sophomore Gage Speck. "Her class just

makes my day a lot more enjoyable. She's just cool."

"Coach Irwin is always very open to hearing everyone's thoughts and opinions and maintains an open mind." Said senior Razyl Yanez. "She is always very honest. She also allows us to write about what we care about and never fails to see potential in her students."

Yanez also mentions how helpful Mrs. Kirkland is to everyone around the school. "Mrs. Kirkland is always kind to everyone and offers advice to her students when they need it." Said Yanez. "She always helps us with yearbook when we're hopeless with Photoshop."

Coach Strickland and Coach Taylor also stood out to their students as working hard on and off the field. Both teachers have their hands full with athletics and still make time to show their student's they care in the classroom.

"Coach Strickland always cares about her student's life and will always push her students to be the best people possible." Said junior Katie Averette.

"Coach Taylor is always there to push me to do my best. Never gives up on her students." Said sophomore Hannah Williams.

Honorable Mention Mrs. DeLaGarza the high school librarian. She is Forsan high school's rockstar!

Forsan ISD is very proud of all of our teachers and know that they are the backbone of our success. Thank you to our teacher's, we love you!

Durant goes down, Warriors hold off Rockets in Game 5

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors have won plenty of games on the postseason stage without their biggest stars.

This time, Kevin Durant went down, and Klay Thompson and company found a way when the Warriors desperately needed it.

Thompson scored 27 points, including a key layup with 4.1 seconds left, and Golden State overcame Durant's calf injury to beat the Houston Rockets 104-99 on Wednesday night for a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

"Honestly it was a little deflating for a second," Stephen Curry said, "and then we rallied."

Durant was scheduled for an MRI exam Thursday after he strained his right calf late in the third quarter. His status for Friday's Game 6 had yet to be determined, but didn't seem promising.

"We'll have to claw our way to one more win," Curry said.

Durant limped to the locker room after landing awkwardly following a baseline jumper. The two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP finished with 22 points, five rebounds and four assists.

"They've been here so many times, have been through these battles for the last five years," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said. "They've got a lot of guts. They just pulled together and got it done. There's no speech necessary. They knew what they had to do."

James Harden scored 31 points for the Rockets, who will try to stave off elimination back home in Houston.

"It is a do-or-die but I feel good about it," coach Mike D'Antoni said.

But the Rockets wasted an opportunity in Game 5. After Durant departed, a couple more Golden State stars helped the Warriors close it out.

Draymond Green received his fourth technical of the postseason



AP photo

Houston Rockets' James Harden, second from left, drives the ball against Golden State Warriors' Klay Thompson, left, Kevin Durant, right, and another Rockets player during the first half of Game 5 of a second-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, May 8 in Oakland, Calif.

with 3:39 left, and then knocked down a 3-pointer on the other end. Thompson followed Green's 3 with one of his own to make it 97-89 with 2:33 remaining.

"Two very key sequences in that game, two key shots for us," Green said.

Curry struggled with his shot yet again and finished with 25 points on 9-for-23 shooting. He went 3 of 11 from long range.

Curry hit a 3 with 5:09 to play that made it 89-85. He didn't even score his first points of the night until a 3 4:22 before halftime.

Golden State nearly gave it away with an awful third quarter, when the

Warriors managed just 15 points and committed six turnovers. The game was tied at 72 going into the final 12 minutes.

Harden's 3 with 3:07 left in the third trimmed Golden State's lead to 66-62, and then Iman Shumpert made it a one-point game with a 3.

Eric Gordon's layup with 40.6 seconds remaining gave the Rockets their first lead since the early minutes.

Green had eight points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists in another spectacular effort on both ends. He supplied the energy for Golden State after two losses at Houston evened the series.

The Warriors led by as many as 20

but missed open looks and even layups, clanking shots off the front rim and allowing the tough-minded Rockets to stay close.

Then, they heeded Kerr's simple message: "Poise and awareness and patience and patience applies to all of life and not just offense," the coach said beforehand.

The Warriors pulled it off without Durant, whose 35.4 playoff scoring average was best in the NBA coming into the game.

"That looked like it was way worse than a calf strain," Green said. "I think we did a great job of fighting through that."

Harden shot 10 for 16 and dished out eight assists. The reigning MVP injured his eyes during the first quarter of Game 2 last Tuesday on a hit by Green as they fought for a rebound. Harden's left eye was still red leading into Game 5.

The Warriors' win guarantees their loyal fans in the East Bay at least one more home game at Oracle Arena before the team moves to new Chase Center in San Francisco for next season.

"Tough loss. We had opportunities," Houston's Chris Paul said. "Rebounding, we actually was right there on the rebounds. We've got to be better, offensively, defensively, especially myself, turnovers. We didn't get stops when we needed to."

CRASHING THE BOARDS

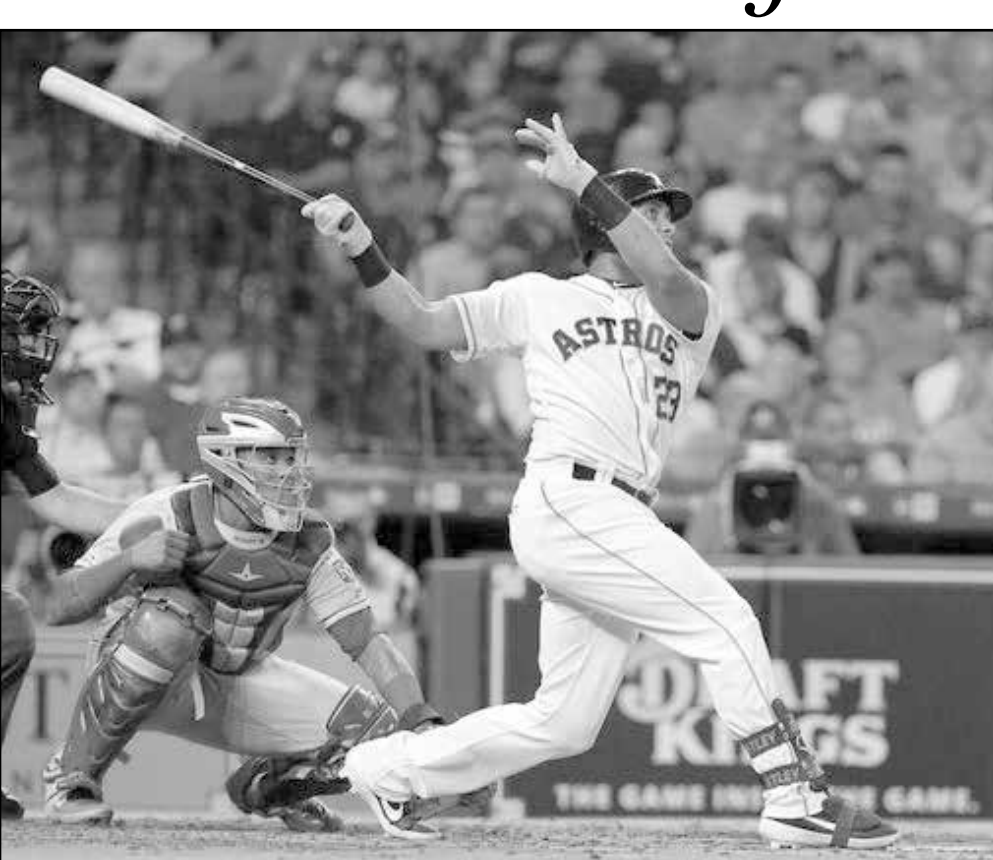
The Warriors led the rebounding battle 27-18 after the first half, grabbing eight on the offensive glass, and finished with a 42-39 advantage.

Houston's PJ Tucker, who had 22 rebounds the previous two games, grabbed 10 more to go with 13 points.

The Warriors outrebounded the Rockets 55-35 in their Game 3 win, and then 50-43 on Monday in Game 4 — getting 20 from Clint Capela in the two victories. Capela had 14 on Wednesday.

Golden State held an edge on the boards in both Games 1 and 2.

Brantley, Peacock help Astros blank Royals



AP photo

Houston Astros designated hitter Michael Brantley (23) watches his two-run home run hit in front of Kansas City Royals catcher Martin Maldonado, left, during the third inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 8 in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — After struggling recently while pitching out of the stretch, Brad Peacock went to a full windup Wednesday night and found a little something extra.

Michael Brantley homered twice, Peacock pitched seven innings and Josh James completed the three-hitter in Houston's 9-0 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Peacock (3-2) allowed three hits and set a career high with 12 strikeouts to help the Astros bounce back after a 12-2 loss Tuesday night. Peacock also rebounded after allowing seven runs in just 3 2/3 innings in his previous start. James struck out five in the last two innings.

"The story of the day for me is the

adjustment he made," manager AJ Hinch said. "His delivery out of the windup has much more rhythm, much more energy. The ball came out better, his execution was better and ultimately his results were better. That's as good as he's gotten into a game, and he held it his entire outing. It was an excellent night for him."

Peacock, who said it was the first time he'd pitch from the windup since 2016, called Wednesday's start the best of his career.

"What I was doing really wasn't working too well so I had to make a change," he said. "I felt really good tonight. I was able to get some rhythm out there and throw my stuff for strikes."

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Pence pinch-hit slam, Rangers rally past Pirates 9-6

By ALAN SAUNDERS

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In a game full of monster shots, Hunter Pence hit the biggest home run of all.

Pence connected for a pinch-hit grand slam and the Texas Rangers rallied late, beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-6 Wednesday.

The Rangers trailed 6-2 before three walks by reliever Michael Feliz loaded the bases for Pence. He sent the first pitch off the foul pole in left field to tie it.

Coming into this season, Pence didn't appear to be the longball threat that he once was. The 36-year-old once hit 27 home runs in a season, but that was back in 2013. He hit just four in all of 2018, and was signed to a minor league contract by the Rangers in February.

But his power stroke might be returning to the form of his youth. Pence hit a home run and a pair of doubles in the first game of the series on Tuesday before equaling his 2018 total with his fourth homer of the season Wednesday.

"Trust my approach and hit it. That was all I was focused on," Pence said.

Rangers manager Chris Woodward was focused on putting up Pence in the right spot.

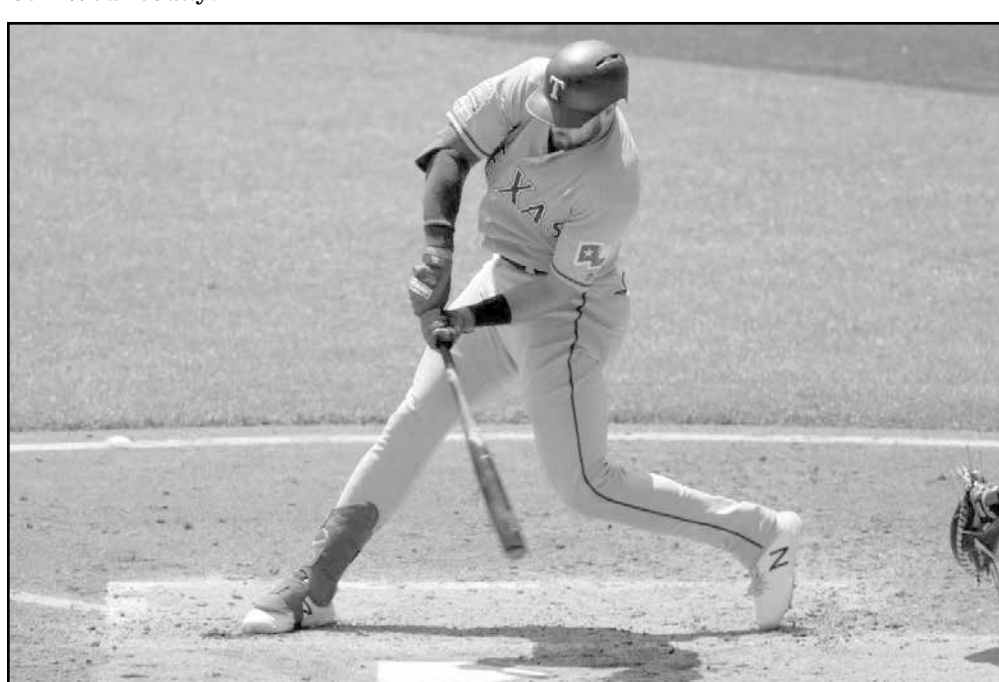
"He's a remarkable human being, man," Woodward said. "He's waiting the whole time. He was champing at the bit behind me. I could hear him pacing back and forth. I let him know, 'Hey, I want to make sure when you hit, it's a situation where you're either going to tie it or plate a run.'"

Isiah Kiner-Falefa doubled off Tyler Lyons (1-1) and an offline relay throw allowed Nomar Mazara to score the go-ahead run in the ninth. Rougned Odor followed with a two-run homer.

Ariel Jurado (1-1) worked the eighth and got the ball to Chris Martin, who earned his first save of the season and first since 2015.

Joey Gallo gave Texas the early lead with a two-run shot that bounced off the concourse beyond the right-center field wall and landed in the Allegheny River.

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AP photo

Texas Rangers' Joey Gallo hits a two-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Nick Kingham during the third inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, May 8.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL & GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

SM ENERGY COMPANY; 6301 HOLIDAY HILL RD, BLDG 1, MIDLAND, TX 79707
(Company Name/Address)

Is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Fusselman, Montoya and Ellenburger formations, Hydra SWD Well Number 1.

The proposed disposal well is located 7.7 Miles in a NW direction from Big Spring, Texas, in the Varel, West

Legals

(Fusselman) field, in Section 7, Block 33, Township 1 North, T&P RR Co, Howard County, Texas.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,422' to 11,319 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

#10202 May 9, 2019

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0319804
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 30, 2019 Status/Permit No. 851991
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 4, 2019
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 13, Bk. 31, T&P RR CO Survey, A-183, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 15.4 miles E direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing

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is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jun 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: RAY KINSELLA
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1321LS
Lease/Unit Acres: 637.62
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 384.0

Lease Lines: 657.0 F NW L, 725.0 F SW L
Survey Lines: 2000.0 F SE L, 725.0 F SW L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 827.0 F SWL
2157.0 F NWL
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 23 Block: 31 T2N Abstract: 187 Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 70.0 F SE L
825.0 F SW L
Survey Lines: 2572.0 F NW L
825.0 F SW L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432) 848-855.

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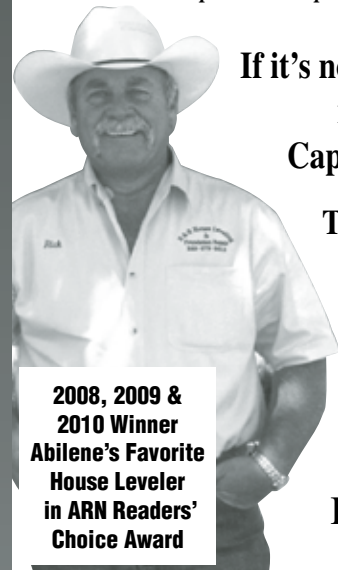
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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consequences of doing
the right thing with your
head held high.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Before you worry, argue, decide on an approach or anything else, take a step back. Lighten up, and ask yourself, "What's the very least I can do?" Because that might be just the light touch that's enough to fix the problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your friends have opinions. Colleagues are happy to share what they know. The experts will certainly weigh in if you ask them to (or, more likely, pay them to). But no outside opinion is the absolute answer. That will come from you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The sense of safety you establish around you can be felt by others, and it's an attractive environment. So you can expect that people will come into your realm, get comfortable there and settle in to stay a while.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone wants to believe in the miracle cure, but if it were as good as the advertisement, everyone would already know about it, and many of the world's problems would be solved. Save your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People pick up what you're putting down, buy what you're selling, take what you're giving, laugh at your jokes and generally say yes to you. Why? They like you.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you have something good, you want to share it. The other thing you need to do is protect it. You can share and protect at the same time once you decide this is what you need to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having excellent organizational systems will make you so much more productive than people who don't have such structures in place. Start asking questions like "How can I do the menial things faster, cheaper or simpler?"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let no one rush you along. It works out great when you relax and move at your own usual pace, if not considerably slower than that. Time will be your ally, mentor and financial advisor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Doing the right thing can bring unexpected consequences just like doing the wrong thing can. The difference is you can manage the

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). At the end of this day, everyone recalls the parts that were joyful, scary, angry or epic. Use this. Strike an emotional chord to create a desired impact and influence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some of what you encounter is quite amazing. There are always a few different ways to look at it. Once you land on a way that works for you, hold steady to this point of view.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though no one is trying to stand in the way of your happiness as they fulfill their own agenda, they'll unwittingly create an obstacle in your path to it. You'll need to go around that and keep moving.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9). Your involvement in a project increases, and the next three months show you happily under the influence of the "IKEA effect," placing a high value on and deriving great satisfaction from the things you partially created. As far as relationships go, you'll make someone's life beautiful, karma that comes full circle. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 44, 7 and 1.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Plays that go against the grain

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9 7
♥ 9 2
♦ Q J 8 3
♣ Q J 4

WEST
♠ 6 4
♥ Q 10 8 7 5 3
♦ A 10 2
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ K J 3
♥ J 4
♦ K 9 6 5
♣ 9 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 5 2
♥ A K 6
♦ 7 4
♣ A K 8 5

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

Opening lead — seven of hearts.
Assume you're East, defending against four spades played by South. Declarer takes your jack of hearts with the ace, continues with the king and ruffs the third heart with dummy's seven. You overruff with the jack and exit with a club, taken by dummy's jack.
South then leads the queen of spades from dummy and, when you follow with the three, lets it ride. Another spade lead picks up your king, whereupon declarer claims the contract, conceding two diamond tricks.

South thus finishes with exactly 10 tricks, and it seems that there's nothing you could have done about it. Yet, when the hand was played, South went down one! What's more, anyone else would almost certainly have suffered the same fate.
There was only one significant difference between the way the actual East defended and the method of defense described above. That difference occurred at trick three when, instead of overruffing dummy's seven with the jack, East overruffed with the king!
This unusual play had the desired effect on declarer, who naturally assumed that West had the jack of spades. And so, after winning East's club return in dummy at trick four, he led the spade nine to the ace and returned a spade toward dummy's Q-10. When West followed low, South played the ten, losing to East's jack. The A-K of diamonds later set the contract.

East's farsighted play was very well-reasoned. Since South was highly likely to have the ace of spades, overruffing with the jack at trick three would leave declarer no choice but to finesse against the king later on. Overruffing with the king, however, presented declarer with an entirely different way to play the trumps, and virtually guaranteed that he would misguess how to play the suit.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Level: Intermediate

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

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Passionless Partner

Dear Annie: I am in a relationship with a 71-year-old woman. I am 72. We have a lot in common and our relationship has moved toward moving in together. We have been intimate, but when we are, there is no passion on her part. Even after extensive foreplay, she has no passion. She just lies there. She never touches me and is never the aggressor. I love this woman, and she says she loves me. But she certainly doesn't know how to express it. She is a sweet woman who is just going through a tough financial time. I am willing to help her, but I sometimes think her involvement with me is for the financial help only. I thought she loved me, but the red flags I am getting when I try to be intimate with her are making me think I am making a mistake. She is a kind and considerate woman in other

Annie's Mailbox

ways. Recently, I had a major health issue and she stayed and nursed me back to health for two months with sacrifices on her part. She says in time the passion will be there, but I am not sure that is true. -- Thinking About Moving On

Dear Thinking: Instead of thinking about moving on, start thinking about what you really want in a relationship. If you want more passion and a mutually satisfying sex life, then she may not be the right partner for you. If you want a friend and caretaker, then maybe she is ideal. Can the passion grow? Sure. But the real question is how long you would want to wait. It could be that she cares for you greatly but is sexually inhibited. Or it could be that she sees you as someone to pay her bills. You'll find out if you go to couples therapy, which I would recommend.

Dear Annie: The woman who signed her letter as "Grandma" was unhappy that her adult children like to go to "fancy pants" coffee shops and prefer certain unusual foods. I believe she is missing a great opportunity -- an opportunity to explore our world through the eyes of our children and to learn new things. My adult children do the same things -- fancy coffee shops and unusual foods -- and we are thrilled to go along. We like to try different cuisines and go to places that we don't often visit. They bring lots of fun to any situation, and it's a sweet way to peer into their world, which we only get glimpses of now that they are on their own. People of my generation tend to only want to do what is familiar, and that puts us in a rut. Usually, after they have left, I will enjoy the establishments we visited as a family. One restaurant

is run by our kids' friends, and when we go there now, they hug us and give us terrific service. It's like a small piece of their lives is left behind to keep them in our hearts and minds. Don't fight change. It's a fun, exciting learning experience. -- Old in Body Only

Dear Old in Body Only: What a lovely letter. Thank you for offering such wise advice. Change is going to happen to us, whether we embrace it or not. By embracing it, you are leaving yourself open to wonderful experiences like the one you described having in your children's friends' restaurant. A warm hug and terrific service sound like some pretty good consequences of embracing change.

Send your questions for
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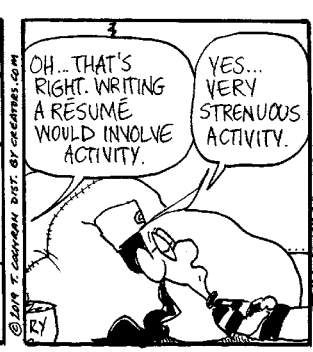
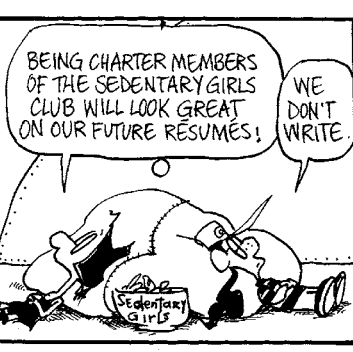
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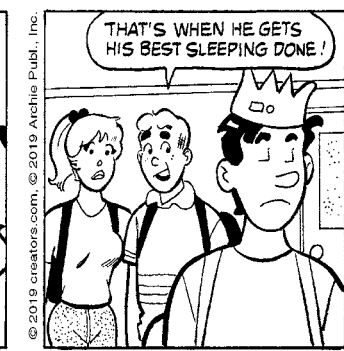
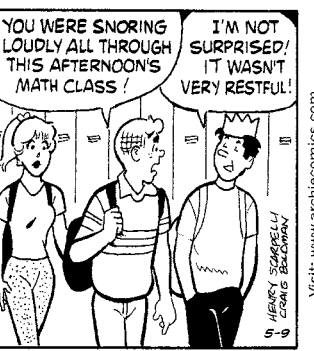
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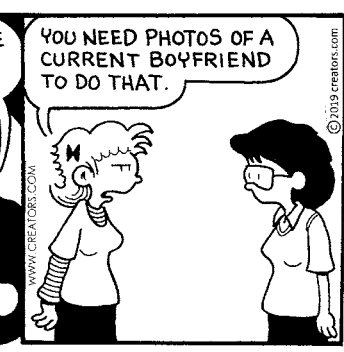
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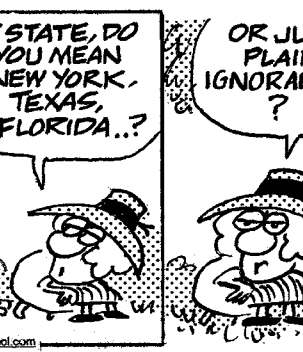
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This Date In History

Today in History
Today is Thursday, May 9, the 129th day of 2019. There are 236 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On May 9, 1980, 35 people were killed when a freighter rammed the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida, causing a 1,400-foot section of the southbound span to collapse.
On this date:
In 1712, the Carolina Colony was officially divided into two entities: North Carolina and South Carolina.
In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson, acting on a joint congressional resolution, signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
In 1926, Americans Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett supposedly became the first men to fly over the North Pole. (However, U.S. scholars announced in 1996 that their examination of Byrd's flight diary suggested he had turned back 150 miles short of his goal.)
In 1945, with World War II in Europe at an end, Soviet forces liberated Czechoslovakia from Nazi occupation. U.S. officials announced that a midnight entertainment curfew was being lifted immediately.
In 1958, "Vertigo," Alfred Hitchcock's eerie thriller starring James Stewart and Kim Novak, premiered in San Francisco, the movie's setting.
In 1961, in a speech to the National Association of Broadcasters, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton N. Minow decried the majority of television programming as a "vast wasteland."
In 1962, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology succeeded in reflecting a laser beam off the surface of the moon.
In 1970, President Richard Nixon made a surprise and impromptu pre-dawn visit to the Lincoln Memorial, where he chatted with a group of protesters who had been resting on the Memorial steps after protests against the Vietnam War and the Kent State shootings.
In 1994, South Africa's newly elected parliament chose Nelson Mandela to be the country's first black president.
In 2008, jury selection began

in the Chicago trial of R&B superstar R. Kelly, accused of videotaping himself having sex with a girl as young as 13. (Kelly was later acquitted on all counts.)
In 2012, President Barack Obama declared his unequivocal support for same-sex marriage in a historic announcement that came three days after Vice President Joe Biden spoke in favor of such unions on NBC's "Meet the Press."
In 2017, President Donald Trump abruptly fired FBI Director James Comey, ousting the nation's top law enforcement official in the midst of an FBI investigation into whether Trump's campaign had ties to Russia's meddling in the election that sent him to the White House.
Ten years ago: The top religious adviser to Jordan's king thanked visiting Pope Benedict XVI for expressing regret after a 2006 speech that many Muslims deemed insulting to the Prophet Muhammad. Pakistani warplanes pounded the Taliban-held Swat Valley in what the country's prime minister called a "war of the country's survival."
Five years ago: Russian President Vladimir Putin made his first trip to Crimea since its annexation, calling it "historic justice" during a Victory Day display of military pomp and patriotism. A judge struck down Arkansas' ban on same-sex marriage, saying the state had "no rational reason" for preventing gay couples from marrying.
One year ago: Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived in North Korea to finalize plans for a summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Three Americans who had spent more than a year in prison in North Korea were freed during his visit and left North Korea aboard Pompeo's plane.
Today's Birthdays: Actor-writer Alan Bennett is 85. Actress-turned-politician Glenda Jackson is 83. Producer-director James L.

Brooks is 82. Musician Sonny Curtis (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 72. Singer Tommy Roe is 77. Singer-musician Richie Furay (Buffalo Springfield and Poco) is 75. Actress Candice Bergen is 73. Pop singer Clint Holmes is 73. Actor Anthony Higgins is 72. Singer Billy Joel is 70. Blues singer-musician Bob Margolin is 70. Rock singer-

musician Tom Petersson (Cheap Trick) is 69. Actress Alley Mills is 68. Actress Amy Hill is 66. Actress Wendy Crewson is 63. Actor John Corbett is 58. Singer Dave Gahan (GAHN) (Depeche Mode) is 57. Actress Sonja Sohn is 55. Rapper Ghostface Killah is 49. Country musician Mike Myerson (Heartland) is 48. Actor

Chris Diamantopoulos (dyuh-MAN'-toh-POO'-lehs) is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tamia (tuh-MEE'-ah) is 44. Rock musician Dan Regan (Reel Big Fish) is 42. Actor Daniel Franzese is 41. Rock singer Pierre Bouvier (Simple Plan) is 40. Actress Rosario Dawson is 40. Rock singer Andrew W.K. is 40. Figure skater Angela Nikodinov is

39. Actress Rachel Boston is 37. TV personality Audrina Patridge is 34. Actress Grace Gummer is 33.
Thought for Today: "Television has changed the American child from an irresistible force into an immovable object." — Laurence J. Peter, Canadian-born educator (1919-1990).
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Barcelona-born surrealist	1 Forest growth
5 Thunderer of Norse myth	2 Apple product line
9 Choreographer de Mille	3 Apt rhyme for "casino"
14 Dark clouds, to some	4 At one's post
15 Lacking manners	5 Uno + due
16 Oktoberfest toast	6 Extremely popular
17 Route to LAX	7 Bouquet
20 Search thoroughly	8 Upgrade, as machinery
21 Pennsylvania lake city	9 Hoodlum
22 French waters	10 Olympus inhabitant
23 Contraction in Hamlet's soliloquy	11 "___ word from our sponsor"
25 Sound off	12 Genesis twin
27 Minor progress	13 Underworld river
32 Symbol for messianic	18 Flower van Gogh painted
36 Dashboard dial, for short	19 Enjoy the benefits of
37 Electron's surroundings	24 Luminary
39 Beau	26 Ankara cash
40 Alma mater for many astronauts	27 Engage in self-praise
44 Escort from the door	28 Parting word
45 URL opener	29 Causes to yawn
46 Military mail letters	30 Inscribe, as art
47 Skirmish	31 Literary figures
49 Skirmish stops	33 Makeup mishap
52 Excessive promotion	34 Beguile
54 ___ Lanka	35 Varies widely
55 Refined coal	38 Nautical officer
58 Nights prior	41 Sushi fare
61 "The game is yours"	42 Sole
65 Focus of a Peanuts	
68 "Yellow Submarine" singer	

Answer to previous puzzle

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5/9/19

Dallas Stars in good place despite season finish

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Goaltender Ben Bishop talked somberly about the end of the season. Defenseman John Klingberg described his emotions as pretty empty.

After a double-overtime loss in Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals, it was hard for the Dallas Stars to reflect on just how far they had come in coach Jim Montgomery's first season and the positive effect it should have moving on to next season.

"Yeah, I'm sure it can," top-line center Tyler Seguin said, though the sting was still fresh after a 2-1 loss in St. Louis.

Bishop had a career-high 52 saves Tuesday night before a puck that ricocheted off the post and the back of his mask fell into the crease and was knocked into the net. That was right after captain Jaime Benn's wraparound attempt that came oh-so-close to being a series-clinching goal for the Stars.

"I know a lot of people wrote us off when it was the All-Star break, and we grew, and we overcame a lot of adversity. So there's a lot to like," Montgom-



AP photo

Dallas Stars' Miro Heiskanen, of Finland, stands at the net as the St. Louis Blues celebrate after Pat Maroon scored during the second overtime in Game 7 of an NHL second-round hockey playoff series Tuesday, May 7 in St. Louis.

ery said. "I think that next year we're going to be able to start in a real good place because there's going to be a lot of familiarity starting next year."

The Stars will still have Bishop, a fi-

nalist for the Vezina Trophy that goes to the NHL's top goalie, along with Seguin, Benn and Klingberg. There are several young standouts as well, including 19-year-old defenseman Miro

Heiskanen and fast-skating 22-year-old forward Roope Hintz.

Heiskanen and Hintz will no longer be NHL rookies next season, and neither will their coach. Montgomery led the University of Denver to an NCAA championship in 2017 and also was part of a title as a college player.

Montgomery was the third coach in three seasons for the Stars, following grizzled and veterans Ken Hitchcock and Lindy Ruff with their differing philosophies.

There were plenty of adjustments and acquaintances to be made with another new coach, and things didn't always go smoothly at first.

Right after Christmas, long-time team executive Jim Lites profanely ripped high-priced forwards Seguin and Benn about their play. Then in January, Montgomery called out his team over a "culture of mediocrity."

All those feelings have certainly changed after a season that unexpectedly stretched into May, when their 95th game was the longest of the season at 3 hours, 49 minutes. They went to the playoffs for the first time since 2016, when they also lost to the Blues in Game 7 of a second-round series.

RANGERS

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The estimated 443-foot drive was Gallo's 100th career home run in his 377th game, making him the fastest player to 100 homers in American League history. He also became the first player in major league history to hit 100 home runs before reaching 100 singles (he has 93).

Gallo said Pence has been a positive example for himself and the other young hitters on the Rangers. "He's always ready to come in the game," Gallo said. "I think that says a lot for a guy with that much experience, that much respect in the game, and he's taking every single out serious, every single game serious. I think it's very good for us young guys to see that."

Josh Bell's estimated 472-foot drive tied the game in the Pittsburgh fourth and was the fourth ever to reach the river on a fly. It was his ninth home run of the season after hitting 12 in 2018.

"I think I've hit a couple on the bounce," Bell said.

"I've never really thought about getting one in the air. But I knew that if I connected that way, it was a possibility. It was awesome to have finally have done it."

Gregory Polanco drove two with a single in the Pirates sixth. Kevin Newman stole second and scored on two errors ahead of Colin Moran's pinch-hit home run in the seventh.

Texas starter Shelby Miller struck out six over his four innings, and allowed only the Bell homer.

ROSTER MOVE

The Rangers optioned outfielder Delino DeShields to Triple-A Nashville after the game. He is batting .182 with one homer, 10 RBIs and seven steals in 30 games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: 1B Ronald Guzmán (right hamstring strain) is expected to come off the injured list on Thursday. He's been out since April 7.

Pirates: Pittsburgh put RHP Keone Kela on the 10-day injured list, retroactive to May 6, with right shoulder inflammation. ... RHP Nick Burdi was diagnosed with a nerve injury after leaving the game in obvious pain on April 22. He'll be re-assessed af-

ter six weeks of rest. ... RHP Chris Archer (right thumb irritation) is scheduled to throw a simulated game on Friday.

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Mike Minor (3-2, 2.40 ERA) will start a four-game series at Houston. He threw seven scoreless against the Astros on April 3.

Pirates: RHP Joe Musgrove (1-3, 2.63) will start a season-long 11-game trip in St. Louis on Friday. He made his shortest start of the season on May 3, when he allowed seven runs in 2 2/3 innings against Oakland.

ASTROS

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Kansas City manager Ned Yost said Peacock was tough all night.

"You could tell early on that his stuff was good, his location was good," he said. "His execution was good. He was keeping his fastball down and away and had a really good slider down and away so you just knew you were in for a battle."

George Springer and Carlos Correa also homered to give the Astros 16 home runs combined in their past five games.

Springer gave Houston an early lead with his MLB-leading fourth leadoff homer this season and the 28th of his career. It's the second time this week he's led off the game with a homer after also doing so in a 6-4 win on Monday.

Houston led 2-0 with one out and one on in the third when Brantley sent a pitch from Jorge Lopez (0-4) into the seats in right field behind the

bullpen to make it 4-0.

Correa followed with his shot to straightaway center to give Houston back-to-back homers for the third time this season. Josh Reddick singled before Yuli Gurriel doubled to chase Lopez. He was replaced by Jake Newberry, and Aledmys Diaz's sacrifice fly scored Reddick to extend the lead to 6-0.

Brantley connected again with two outs in the fourth inning to make it 7-0 and give him his fifth career multi-homer game and the first since 2015.

Lopez allowed six hits and six runs while walking three in 2 1/3 innings to remain winless in eight starts this season.

Peacock had allowed just one hit when Terrance Gore and Billy Hamilton hit consecutive singles with one out in the fifth inning. Peacock plunked Whit Merrifield to load the bases, but struck out Adalberto Mondesi and Hunter Dozier to escape the jam. Those were the first

of eight straight batters Peacock retired to end his night. He struck out six in that span, including Martin Maldonado for the first out of the seventh inning. Both Maldonado and Yost were ejected for arguing that strikeout.

STRIKE ZONE

Yost and Lopez were unhappy with the strike zone.

"I found it very inconsistent," Yost said. "I don't mind two inches off the plate as long as we're both getting it, and we weren't getting the same pitches."

Yost pointed to the fact that his team struck out looking eight times.

"Our guys know the strike zone," he said. "I don't mind an inch or two off the plate. Strike three, you can't recover from it. I'm fine with that. Just do it both ways. And by my count, it was like 8-1."

UP NEXT

Royals: RHP Homer Bailey (3-3, 5.25 ERA) will start the first of three games against the

Phillies on Friday after a day off on Thursday. He allowed seven hits and two runs in six innings of a 15-3 win over the Tigers in his previous start.

Astros: LHP Wade Miley (2-2, 3.20) is scheduled to pitch for Houston when the team opens a four-game series against Texas on Thursday. Miley has held teams to three earned runs or fewer in 23 straight starts and needs two strikeouts to reach 1,000 for his career.

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