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Skywarn Class coming to Big Spring

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted the opportunity to learn more about the weather and the forecast, and not only gain more knowledge on the subject, but be able to put that knowledge to good use? Those interested in doing so can learn more about severe storms, and how to report severe weather to the National Weather Service (NWS), by taking a Skywarn class and becoming a spotter for the NWS. The Skywarn class is a free class open to the public to teach spotting severe storms and how to properly report them. This class will be held at the Big Spring City Council

Chambers, located on 304 East 4th St, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 4. Skywarn is a volunteer program with nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters. These volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather to the NWS. Although Skywarn spotters provide essential information for all types of weather hazards, the main responsibility of a Skywarn spotter is to identify and describe severe local storms. According to the NWS, in an average year 10,000 severe

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The photo above shows a previous Skywarn class held in Martin County. *Courtesy photo*

The Butterfly Effect



The photo above shows attendees of the butterfly release that was held last year on May 8, 2017. The 2018 Butterfly Release and Family Celebration will be held Sunday, April 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Garrett Hall. This event is being held by Home Hospice, is a free event to attend and is held to honor the moments and memories that have been shared with loved ones. Come for a day of remembrance, fellowship, music and refreshments. "The butterfly release is one of many events Home Hospice puts together to help grieving families," said Beverly Grant, volunteer coordinator. "I think when you release the butterfly, you release a lot of grief and begin to feel some comfort."

Courtesy Photo

Taking out the Trash



Keep Big Spring Beautiful members Ada Hernandez, Eric Eescamilla, Tammy and Jim DePauw and Greg and Lisa Brooks met to clean up Westover Street in the July, 2016 Trash Off. *File photo*

File photo

Oklahoma teachers walk out for 2nd day in red-state revolt

By **SEAN MURPHY and BRUCE SCHREINER**
 Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Many schools will remain closed for a second day in Oklahoma Tuesday as teachers rally for higher pay and education funding in a rebellion that has hit several Republican-led states across the country. Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed legislation last week granting 15 to 18 percent higher salaries to teachers. But

some educators — who haven't seen a pay increase in 10 years — said that isn't good enough and walked out. "If I didn't have a second job, I'd be on food stamps," said Rae Lovelace, a single mom and a third-grade teacher at Leedey Public Schools in northwest Oklahoma who works 30 to 40 hours a week at a second job teaching online courses for a charter school. Oklahoma's three largest school districts, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Edmond, will remain closed Tuesday to honor the walkout. Some schools are offering free meals to students aged 18 or

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By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Keeping your community clean and well-kept can sometimes feel like fighting a losing battle. It can be expensive and time-consuming, and it can take an exhausting amount of commitment. But in the end, keeping your community roads in good condition can be as simple as keeping them swept, and it will be well worth the time, energy and money. Making a cleaner and nicer world starts locally with people to putting forth the effort to work on beautifying their town with friends and neighbors. An organized clean-up effort and some good follow-up work can make a

nicer world for everyone to live in, that's why Don't Mess With Texas and Keep Big Spring Beautiful have partnered up once again to help clean the city of some unsightly litter during the Texas Trash Off, which is set to take place this Saturday, April 7th from noon to 1 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "Each year, events like this are held in order to help encourage people to do their part and help Big Spring look its best," said Pat Simmons, coordinator of the Trash Off. "If we work together, we all can make a difference. The only way it's going to happen and trash is going to get picked up is if it's done intentionally, so we all have to contribute and do our part." Simmons says she will

be at the Chamber of Commerce office, located at 215 W. Third Street, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, April 6th, to give out trash bags to anyone who is interested in donating their time. Simmons also asks that volunteers register with her before the event at the Chamber of Commerce, whether they plan to request an area to clean or pick up litter in their own area or property. "This way we can get a head count of how many people are participating in the Trash Off, which is important for the information we submit to Keep Texas Beautiful," she said. "Even if you're just going to work on your own property, please call us and let

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**, 30, of 5010 Dawson was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and driving with a suspended or invalid license; and on an outstanding warrant.
- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 21, of 202 Texas Rd. was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **MARIA RODRIGUEZ ADAME**, 53, of 206 Simer Rd. was arrested on a charge of abandon-

ing or endangering a child with intent to return.

- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 32, of 201 N.E. Sixth St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams) and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- **JIMETRE POST**, 18, of 2511 Chanute Dr. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 28, of 259 San Luis Ave. Lot #6 in Alamosa, Colo., was arrested on a charge of assault/family or household member (intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation).

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of Allendale. One person was treated at the scene.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain

Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of South Main Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 900 block of East 13th Street, and the 2200 block of South Monticello Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2500 block of Joann Drive Unit B.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near mile marker 176 east-bound on Interstate 20.

- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln Avenue.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was treated at the scene.

Take Note

- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on May 24, Aug. 23, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

- The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

- The Howard County Fair Board thanks all those who are working on a square for the 2018 quilt. There are still a few squares left to be done; anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- Scholarship packets for Coahoma High School seniors are now available at the counselor's office. Thousands of dollars worth scholarships opportunities are available to Coahoma High School students. The deadline to turn in applications for some of the scholarships is fast approaching. If students or parents have any questions or need help filling out any forms, please contact Chandra Brooks at 395-5000 or come by the high school office. Extra scholarship packets are available at front office. Please see Brooks at the high school office for a packet.

- 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 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- 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, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- 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 Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. Visitors are welcome.

- 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 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.



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Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 80 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.) and driving with a suspended or invalid license; and on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

- **JOSE ANTHONY CHAVEZ IV**, 21, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

- **CARLOS HERNAN MORALES**, 46, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERTO DUTCHOVER PEREZ JR.**, 32, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams) and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

- **JIMETRE POST**, 18, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance (3 to 28 grams).

- **MARIA RODRIGUEZ**, 53, was booked by BSPD on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

- **ZAKKERY WAYNE TURNER**, 28, was booked by HCSO on a charge of assault/family or household member (intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation).

Support Groups

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

THURSDAY

- 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). Weekly Feb. 8 through May 10, 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- 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.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes occur across the United States. These events threaten lives and property. The spotters are trained by local NWS forecast offices on how to spot severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hail and flooding. In some parts of the country, spotters also report snowfall and ice accumulation. All of the information gained from spotters can help save lives and help minimize the damage done to property.

The NWS states that Skywarn volunteers should have a common interest in weather and a strong desire to help their community, or someone who is public service oriented, such as amateur radio operators or emergency response personnel. A spotter can begin spotting as young as 14 and range well into retirement age.

The role of a spotter comes into play when hazardous weather occurs such as severe thunderstorms, floods, tornadoes, snow and ice storms etc. Skywarn volunteers will report what is happening at their location, and are asked to report whenever certain criteria are met, such as when one inch of rain has fallen, four inches of snow is on the ground, a thunderstorm is producing hail, or trees have been blown down. The reports are combined with radar and satellite data to determine what the storms will do next. Spotters provide the "ground-truth" to the forecasters. The radar may tell that heavy snow is falling, but it can not tell how much snow is on the ground, or if rain is mixing with the snow. Spotters do.

The NWS explains that the reports are then used by forecasters to send out public statements, warnings and advisories, and short-term forecasts. These products reach the public through the internet, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) Weather Radio, the media and other commercial services. Skywarn reports also go into Storm Data, which is an official publication that documents severe weather across the country.

Since the program started in the 1970s, the information provided by Skywarn spotters, coupled with Doppler radar technology, improved satellite and other data, has enabled National Weather Service to issue more timely and accurate warnings for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

Skywarn storm spotters are citizens who form the nation's first line of defense against severe weather. There can be no finer reward than to know that their efforts have given communities the precious gift of time, seconds and minutes that can help save lives.

The NWS encourages anyone with an interest in public service to join the Skywarn program. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers and other concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a spotter.

Training is free and typically lasts about 2 hours. Some of the material that will be taught during the class is the basics of thunderstorm development, fundamentals of storm structure, identifying potential severe weather features, information to report, how to report information, and basic severe weather safety.

To learn more about the NWS or the Skywarn class, please go to <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn>.

Agents arrest designer of Kansas slide that killed boy

DALLAS (AP) — One of the designers of a massive Kansas water park slide that decapitated a 10-year-old boy has been arrested in Texas, federal authorities said Tuesday.

Trent Touchstone, chief deputy with the U.S. Marshals Service in Dallas, said 72-year-old John Timothy Schooley was met by agents at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as he arrived on a flight late Monday.

Schooley was being held without bond at the Dallas County jail pending his arraignment and extradition to Kansas on charges that include second-degree murder. If convicted on that charge, he could face as much as 41 years in prison. Online jail records don't indicate whether Schooley has an attorney to speak on his behalf.

A Kansas grand jury last week indicted Schooley and Jeffrey Henry, a co-owner of Texas-based Schlitterbahn Waterparks and Resorts. The indictment accuses Henry of making a "spur of the moment" decision to build the Verruckt ride — touted as the world's tallest water slide — and that he and Schooley lacked technical or engineering expertise in amusement park rides. A former operations director for Schlitterbahn also has been charged.

Caleb Schwab was killed on the 17-story Verruckt in 2016 when the raft he was riding went airborne and hit an overhead loop.

Schooley and Henry also were charged with 17 other felonies, including aggravated battery and aggravated endangerment of a child counts tied to injuries that other riders sustained on the giant slide.

Schlitterbahn spokeswoman Winter Prosapio said in a statement last week that the indictment "is filled with information that we fully dispute." She didn't immediately respond to a message seeking fresh comment early Tuesday.

The indictment alleges the ride violated "nearly all aspects" of longstanding standards established by the American Society for Testing and Materials.

"In fact, the design and operation of the Verruckt complied with few, if any, of the industry safety standard," the indictment said.

REVOLT

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younger, while various churches, faith organizations and charitable agencies are providing free day-care services. Spring break was last week in many Oklahoma districts.

Fallin warned Monday that the state budget is tight and there are other critical needs besides education.

"We must be responsible not to neglect other areas of need in the state, such as corrections and health and human services, as we continue to consider additional education funding measures," the Republican said.

But Democratic lawmaker Collin Walke said teachers should keep up the pressure. Two separate bills pending in the Legislature to expand tribal gambling and eliminate the income tax deduction for capital gains could generate more than \$100 million in additional funding each year.

"I think the Republican strategy is to wait the teachers out," Walke said.

Oklahoma ranks 47th among states and the District of Columbia in public school revenue per student while its average teacher salary of \$45,276 ranked 49th before the latest raises, according to the most recent statistics from the National Education Association.

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us know so we can be as accurate as possible."

Volunteers will then join several other civic and governmental organizations in the main clean-up effort Saturday. According to Simmons, the Trash Off is taking place along with the Annual Chamber of Commerce Annual Health Fair.

"This year, you can come drop off your trash at the SouthWest end of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum," said Simmons. "We will have

three 30-yard dumpsters there for those to drop off their trash."

Volunteers of the trash off can also enjoy complimentary hotdogs provided to those who joined in on the Trash Off efforts.

"Last year didn't have the turn out like we usually do, and we need a good turn out," said Simmons. "Keep Big Spring Beautiful strives each year to make a difference in the appearance of our community."

Hoping to top last year's numbers, Keep Big Spring Beautiful is looking for everyone to come out and par-

ciation.

The demonstrations were inspired by West Virginia, where teachers walked out for nine days earlier this year and won a 5 percent increase in pay. Teachers in Arizona are now considering a strike over their demands for a 20 percent salary increase.

In Frankfort, Kentucky, teachers and other school employees chanted "Stop the war on public education," during a rally at the Capitol Monday.

"We're madder than hornets, and the hornets are swarming today," said Claudette Green, a retired teacher and principal.

Schools across Kentucky were closed, due either to spring break or to allow

teachers and other school employees to attend the rally.

Amid a chorus of chants from teachers, Kentucky lawmakers considered a new state budget that includes higher spending for public education.

Budget negotiators unveiled a spending plan Monday that includes increased spending for the main funding formula for K-12 schools to be paid for by a 6 percent sales tax on a host of services that had previously been tax-free.

The Kentucky teachers are mad because Republican lawmakers passed a pension overhaul last week that cuts benefits for new teachers. Opponents objected that the pension changes were inserted into an unrelated bill without a chance for public input, and worry that the changes will discourage young people from joining the profession.

participate to help make the city a cleaner place. "Keep Big Spring Beautiful holds the Trash Off to help encourage people to take initiative to make the city of Big Spring a better and cleaner place," said Simmons. "Please do your part to make this a city that we can be proud of."

For more information or questions about the Trash Off, please contact Pat Simmons at 432-270-8481.

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Damian Leos, 19, died Thursday. Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Dixie Bannister, 74, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Fort Worth police investigating video of forceful arrest

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Fort Worth police have opened an internal investigation after video of a forceful arrest was posted by a North Texas-area activist group on Facebook.

In the 50-second video released Sunday by Next Generation Action Network, two Fort Worth officers restrain a man lying face down in the street. One officer kneels into the man's back and repeatedly punches him as the man cries, "Why (expletive) are you punching me? Why?"

Police Chief Joel Fitzgerald said in a statement Sunday that it took three officers and one supervisor to subdue the suspect. The suspect, whose name was not immediately available, was taken into custody for resisting officers.

A civil suit against Fort Worth police filed last December over a separate use of force investigation is pending.

North Texas company recalls nearly 4 tons of raw beef items

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas company has recalled nearly 4 tons (3.63 metric tons) of raw beef wrongly produced and packaged without federal inspection.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says the recall involves PFP Enterprises, operating as Texas Meat Packers of Fort Worth.

The recall involves 7,146 pounds (3,241 kilograms) of various-weight beef for tacos and fajitas produced March 23 and March 24. The lack of inspection was discovered Friday.

The USDA had no confirmed reports of anyone getting sick. The products should be thrown away or returned to the point of purchase.

The recalled items have "EST. 34715" inside the USDA mark and were shipped to Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin. The case codes are 1470, 36989, 567248261 or 567248253.

Consumers can contact Patterson Foods at 817-546-3561.

Dallas activist Peter Johnson recalls early days backing MLK

By DAVID TARRANT

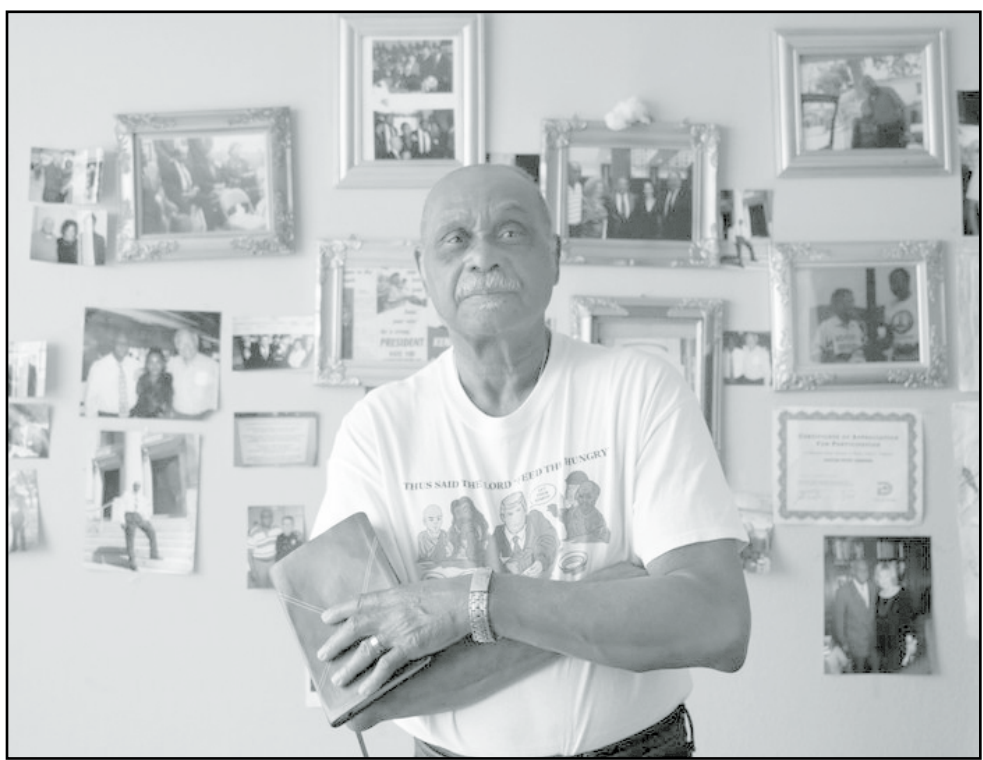
The Dallas Morning News
DALLAS — Peter Johnson stared out the plane's window and watched the fires burning below in Washington, D.C., the nation's capital convulsed by riots, the anger below reflecting the turmoil inside himself.

The Dallas Morning News reports it was April 4, 1968. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, and Johnson had taken the first flight home to Louisiana.

Johnson had worked for King all over the South on voter drives since he was a college student. He had followed the civil rights leader on the bloody 1965 protest march through Alabama, from Selma to Montgomery. He'd met several casualties of that march, including Viola Liuzzo, a white mother of five from Detroit, shot and killed by the Ku Klux Klan while driving marchers home.

Johnson had come close to getting killed himself. In Birmingham, Alabama, police attacked him and other marchers with fire hoses blasting at levels high enough to strip bark off a tree. Just 23, his body carried scars from other run-ins with police or angry mobs.

Sitting in the plane, he worried about the safety of his family and his friends at Southern University, the historically black college



AP photo

In this March 21, 2018 photo, the Rev. Peter Johnson of Dallas poses for a portrait in his Oak Cliff office in Dallas. Johnson had worked for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. all over the South on voter drives since he was a college student.

in Baton Rouge.

He worried about himself. Without King, where would he be?

For Johnson, devoted to King's principle of nonviolence, the days and weeks ahead would be a test like no other. He could give in to the rage all around him. Or do what his parents wanted. Walk away. Get a degree. Get married. Settle down.

Whatever decision he made would set the course of the rest of his life.

Today, the memories remain vivid as Johnson prepared to return to Memphis to commem-

orate the 50th anniversary of King's assassination. Many accompanying him are longtime friends and activists. Some have known Johnson since he arrived in Dallas in 1969 with no intention of staying beyond a few months.

Five decades later, Johnson is the dean of civil rights activists in Dallas, dedicated to passing on the hard-won lessons of the civil rights movement to a new generation of students.

Lesson No. 1: Don't give up.
Lesson No. 2: Bring a

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US vs. China: a 'slap-fight,' not a trade war. So far



AP photo

In this March 23, 2018, file photo, a woman wearing a uniform with the logo of an American produce company helps a customer shop for apples a supermarket in Beijing. China raised import duties on a \$3 billion list of U.S. pork, fruit and other products Monday, April 2, 2018 in an escalating tariff dispute with President Donald Trump that companies worry might depress global commerce.

By PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — First, the United States imposed a tax on Chinese steel and aluminum. Then, China counterpunched Monday with tariffs on a host of U.S. products, including apples, pork and ginseng.

On Wall Street, the stock market buckled on the prospect of an all-out trade war between the world's two biggest economies. But it hasn't come to that — not yet, anyway.

"We're in a trade slap-fight right now," not a trade war, said Derek Scissors, resident scholar and China specialist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute.

China is a relatively insignificant supplier of steel

and aluminum to the United States. And the \$3 billion in U.S. products that Beijing targeted Monday amount to barely 2 percent of American goods exported to China.

But the dispute could escalate, and quickly. Already, in a separate move, the United States is drawing up a list of about \$50 billion in Chinese imports to tax in an effort to punish Beijing for stealing American technology or forcing U.S. companies to hand over trade secrets.

China could respond by targeting American commercial interests uniquely dependent on the Chinese market: the aircraft giant Boeing, for

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Cellphones gaining acceptance inside US schools

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Associated Press

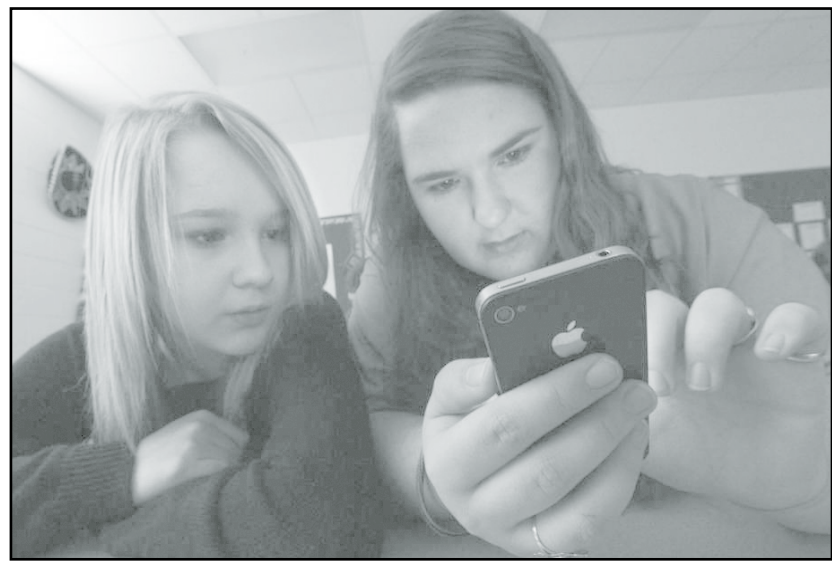
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Cellphones are still absent from most U.S. schools but new data shows them steadily gaining acceptance as administrators bow to parents' wishes to keep tabs on their kids and teachers find ways to work them into lessons.

The percentage of K-12 public schools that prohibited cellphone use was about 66 percent in 2015-16, down from more than 90 percent in 2009-10, according to data from a survey conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics. Among high schools, the shift over the same period was especially striking — dropping from 80 percent with bans to 35 percent.

The nation's largest school system, New York City, is among those that have abandoned strict bans, which had some students paying \$1 a day to store phones in specialty trucks parked nearby before heading into school. Mayor Bill de Blasio fulfilled a campaign pledge when he lifted the ban in 2015, saying it would help parents stay in touch with their children.

Phones have offered a lifeline between students and the outside world during recent school emergencies. As a gunman rampaged through Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14, students used cellphones to text their parents, call 911 and to record and share their horror.

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AP photo

In this March 13, 2014 file photo, Hartselle High School students Lissa Blagburn and Brantlee Wright use an iPhone as they work on a networked lesson in Spanish class in Hartselle, Ala. Cellphones are still absent from most U.S. schools but new data shows them steadily gaining acceptance as administrators bow to parents' wishes to keep tabs on their kids and teachers find ways to work them into lessons.



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toothbrush

Born in 1945, in Plaquemine, Louisiana, 20 miles south of Baton Rouge, the middle of five children, Johnson grew up in the post-World War II civil rights movement. His father was president of the local NAACP. His grandfather had been involved in civil rights activities since the 1930s.

His father was a deacon at Plymouth Rock Baptist Church, nicknamed Freedom Rock because of its central role in the civil rights movement in Louisiana. Peter was president of the NAACP youth chapters.

The Johnsons knew Andrew Young, later to become mayor of Atlanta and ambassador to the United Nations. A New Orleans native, Young had moved to Atlanta to work with King. The Johnsons knew King, too, and King's father, the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. But Peter's biggest influence growing up was his pastor, the late Rev. Jetson Davis, whose sermons demanded civil rights and who led from the front.

"It was Jetson who challenged me to take the whole question of ministry seriously," Johnson said. "So I couldn't help but be influenced by his concept of service."

Plymouth Rock became the scene of a bloody battle on Sept. 1, 1963, when police tried to stop hundreds of demonstrators protesting police brutality. State troopers attacked them with tear gas, cattle prods and billy clubs. The demonstrators sought refuge inside the church. But mounted police wearing gas masks raced inside, tossing tear gas into pews, smashing windows and wrecking the sanctuary.

Johnson, 18 at the time, had just returned from the famous March on Washington, where King had made his "I Have a Dream" speech with its promise of an America with all races guaranteed equal rights. Back in Louisiana, Johnson was swept up in mass arrests. "I still have nightmares about that day," he said.

As a student at Southern, Johnson joined the Congress of Racial Equality, a nonviolent, civil rights group co-founded by James Farmer, a Texan. Johnson eventually left school to work full time for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the civil rights organization founded by King.

He had grown up in a family and a church that adhered to nonviolence as a matter of spiritual principles. In the civil rights movement, he learned how to employ those principles to achieve results.

He recruited other young leaders to the cause and to go through the SCLC's training at a campus donated by the Quakers. "You learned how to mobilize, how to organize your block, how to do voter registration," Johnson said. "And how to stay alive."

Johnson had a fiery personality. "We had to mellow him a little bit," recalled Andrew Young, then executive director of the SCLC. "A fire that burns too quickly burns out," he said. "If you lose your temper, you're going to lose your head. Don't get mad, get smart."

The last part was key. Johnson traveled the South joining voter registration drives that attracted violent responses. Live to fight another day was the motto of organizers. "I was always hiding," he said. "I was always trying to figure out how to make it through the night."

But he enjoyed himself, too, forming lifelong friendships with others in the movement. During SCLC retreats and workshops with King, Johnson played basketball and pool with the civil rights leader.

In August 1967, Johnson was taking part in a 100-mile civil rights march across Louisiana when he received one of the most brutal beatings of his life. He got into an argument with a state trooper over the demonstrators' right to walk on the sidewalks and streets. Johnson looked back, urging those behind to keep walking when someone yelled "Duck!" Johnson

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The survey numbers released last week don't surprise Liz Kolb, an education technologies professor at the University of Michigan who has studied cellphones in schools since around 2004. At that time, phones were off limits in virtually every district, she said. That began to change as more students, as young as age 10, began carrying them.

"We've seen a lot of schools say, well, I'm not going to fight the tidal wave of parents coming at me that are upset that their child can't have the cellphone in school," Kolb said.

Teachers also are taking advantage of the technology at a time when many districts are spending millions of dollars to give students access to tablets or laptop computers and their countless academic apps and programs, she said.

"There are teachers who have found that

having the cellphone is like having a computer in your pocket, so it's a way to have another learning tool at the disposal of the children that isn't necessarily costing the district more money," she said.

Students might download a dictionary app for English or use Google Translate in foreign language classes. Other apps, like Kahoot!, connect to the classroom's smart board and allow students to compete in educational trivia.

Still, some school districts are moving in the opposite direction. The school board in Mansfield City, Ohio, last year tightened its policy, requiring the devices be turned off and out of sight in classrooms unless the teacher says otherwise.

"The cellphones were a distraction," Superintendent Brian Garverick said. "When you have a device with the capabilities of an iPhone, for example — and it's not just in our district, it's everywhere — you see an increase in cheating, you see an increase in texting dur-

ing class."

In Connecticut, Seymour High School Principal Jim Freund said despite teachers' best efforts to limit cellphone use to lunch and other non-instructional times, students were still playing games or on social media when they shouldn't have been.

"I don't think they had the maturity level to control it," Freund said.

The school imposed a strict ban in December. Since then, students have reported getting more work done in study hall and the cafeteria has grown louder as students talk to one another more, he said.

"I will never go back — ever — to allowing the use of cellphones," Freund said.

Even in schools that have lifted bans, administrators and experts say, the policies for use vary widely.

"You see districts struggling with, now that we've lifted the ban, how do we manage this and create policy so that it isn't distracting but it is still a useful communication

tool or useful learning tool," said Kolb, author of "Toys to Tools: Connecting Student Cell Phones to Education." Even within schools, she's seen cellphones create tensions between teachers who allow them in class and those who don't.

New York City's policy empowers each school to set terms for their use, while the Department of Education's written policy includes broad guidelines, including that they not be turned on or used during quizzes or tests, or during fire or other emergency drills. Use in bathrooms and locker rooms is also off limits.

New York City parent Mona Davids said her son's school requires phones be turned off in class, but she was happy the fourth-grader was allowed to carry it when his school bus broke down and made him late getting home.

"He let me know he's on the bus," she said. "That's important. It's a safety issue."

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example, and soybean farmers.

The possibility that the U.S. and China will descend into a full-blown trade war knocked more than 600 points off the Dow Jones industrial average by late afternoon Monday. Boeing was off nearly 3 percent. For weeks, in fact, President Donald Trump's aggressive trade actions have depressed the stock market.

But many trade analysts suggested that the Wall Street sell-off may be an overreaction.

China's swift but measured retaliation to the U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs is meant to show "that it will not be pushed around but that it does not want a trade war," said Amanda DeBusk, chair of the international trade department at the law firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed. "It is possible for the countries to pull back from the brink."

"It seems to be pretty measured and proportional," agreed Wendy Cutler, a former U.S. trade official who is now vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute. "They didn't seem to overreach, and they didn't hit our big-ticket items like planes and

soybeans."

Even if China's tariffs don't have a huge impact on America's \$20 trillion economy, they will bring pain to specific communities.

Take Marathon County in Wisconsin, where 140 local families grow ginseng, a root that is used in herbal remedies and is popular in Asia. Around \$30 million — or 85 percent — of the area's ginseng production went to China as exports or gifts. The county, which gave Trump nearly 57 percent of its vote in 2016, holds an international ginseng festival in September, crowning a Ginseng Queen and drawing visitors from China and Taiwan.

China's new 15 percent tariff on ginseng is "definitely going to hit the growers hard if this happens," said Jackie Fett, executive director of the Ginseng Board of Wisconsin. "It is the livelihood of many people. ... We're still holding on to a little bit of hope" that the tariffs can be reversed.

Jim Schumacher, co-owner of Schumacher Ginseng in Marathon, Wisconsin, said the 15 percent tax will hurt: "You've got to be price-competitive, even if you have the top-quality product. We're definitely concerned. We hope something can be re-

solved."

Trump campaigned on a promise to overhaul American trade policy. In his view, what he calls flawed trade agreements and sharp-elbowed practices by China and other trading partners are in part responsible for America's gaping trade deficit — \$566 billion last year. The deficit in the trade of goods with China last year hit a record \$375 billion.

In his first year in office, Trump's talk was tougher than his actions on trade. But he has gradually grown more aggressive. In January, he slapped tariffs on imported solar panels and washing machines. Last month, he imposed duties on steel and aluminum imports — but spared most major economies except China and Japan.

Now he is moving toward steep tariffs to pressure Beijing into treating U.S. technology companies more fairly. In the meantime, his administration has lost two voices that cautioned against protectionist trade policies: Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and White House economic adviser Gary Cohn.

"Given the increasingly hostile rhetoric backed up by

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turned forward just as the state trooper plunged the buttstock of his rifle into Johnson's face, shattering his teeth and cracking his jaw.

Dr. Walter Young, Andrew Young's brother, had just finished dental school in Louisiana. A medical volunteer for the march, Young patched Johnson up. He had suffered severe nerve damage in his jaw. "It took 40 years before I could get my mouth fixed completely," Johnson said.

Young, who still practices dentistry in Atlanta, said Johnson never faltered, then or since. "He's kept the movement alive to carry Dr. King's dream forward, never given up."

From its inception, the civil rights movement struggled over the question of nonviolence — whether it could truly bring change. But King's murder plunged the movement into turmoil. When Johnson flew back to Baton Rouge after King's assassination, "the situation was precarious," he said.

Johnson headed from one hot spot to the next trying to calm people down. He argued for nonviolence and was accused of cowardice. "People who knew me knew I wasn't a coward," he said.

His argument was simple and practical: If you get into a fight with the police, "even if you win, what do you win? The chance to fight with an even bigger militia? The National Guard? The Feds? It's never-ending. It's a fight you can't win."

Violence would harm the black community the most. "If you do this, you're going to destroy this campus. They're going to burn this community down," he said.

Only in private did he allow himself to give in to his despair. "I couldn't stop crying," he said. "They were extremely painful days for me. They were dark days too."

Today, Johnson teaches a class on the civil rights movement to a new generation of students at the University of North Texas-Dallas. He has the look of an elder statesman, a lined brow above his silver mustache and deep-brown eyes that look directly at a person. He draws on 50 years of personal experience, much of it in Dallas. His stories bring the class to life more powerfully than any textbook.

There is no flash, no pretense. He wears a black shirt and blue jeans, a jean-jacket and a pair of white sneakers. The only adornment is a medalion hanging from his neck, a gift from an old friend. It is engraved with the Serenity Prayer.

At ease standing before the class, he tells stories about his early days in Dallas, pausing only when a hand is raised.

Johnson arrived in Dallas in late 1969 for an SCLC mission that wasn't expected to take long. The organization had produced a documentary, "King: A Filmed Record — Montgomery to Memphis." The group wanted theaters across the country to show the film and donate the proceeds to support King's mission and his family, including his widow and four young children.

There hadn't been any problems lining up theaters around the country. But in Dallas, Johnson ran into roadblocks.

"Dallas was one of the places somewhat resistant to racial change," Andrew Young recalled. "I remember there was a great deal of anxiety about desegregation at the time."



AP photo

In this March 1971 photo, the Rev. Peter Johnson continues his fast on Dallas City Hall steps. Johnson was fasting to dramatize his contention that there are people starving in Dallas.

Theater owners joined by white civic leaders told him they wanted no part of the film. They considered King a communist and thought the movie would stir up problems in the black community.

"They said the movie would be bad for black-white relationships," Johnson said. "It was a nightmare."

Dallas prided itself on avoiding the racial turmoil of other big cities. The Dallas Citizens Council, composed of white business leaders, collaborated with selected black ministers to circumvent activists in the black community. In Johnson's mind, the Dallas way was just as pernicious as other forms of racism, dribbling out concessions only when it suited the white leadership.

"I was really angry with the power structure here," said Johnson, who found himself almost immediately branded an "outside agitator" by both whites and conservative black leaders.

Johnson was finally able to get the King film shown in Dallas. SCLC supporters in Hollywood put pressure on local theater owners, while Johnson arranged for city business leaders to preview a trailer of the film, which calmed them down.

Johnson was supposed to leave Dallas, but he didn't. He found himself pulled into a fight that pitted poor, black homeowners against the most powerful people in Dallas. It was the kind of lopsided dispute that rarely received any attention.

Soon after Johnson came to Dallas, the Fair Park Homeowners Association approached him, pleading for help. Their small, shotgun homes, which they had worked hard to purchase, had been condemned by the city to make way for an expansion of Fair Park. They wanted a fair price for the homes and believed the city's offers were too low.

The Fair Park saga proved to be the epitome of "how to smartly use nonviolence," Johnson told his UNT-Dallas class. The mayor, Erik Jonsson, refused to meet with the Fair Park residents, including Elsie Faye Heggins and Al Lipscomb, who would later win City Council seats.

Johnson devised a way to change the mayor's mind. He announced plans to disrupt the Cotton Bowl Parade on New Year's Day 1970. The na-

tional media was in town for the Cotton Bowl Classic, Notre Dame vs. the University of Texas.

It had been just seven years since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. "Dallas business leaders were extremely sensitive to the way the country saw the city after the assassination," said Johnson, and he would turn that sensitivity for leverage.

On New Year's Eve, Johnson and dozens of allies gathered in the basement of Mount Olive Lutheran Church near Fair Park. The city sent emissaries, including black ministers, who recommended Johnson call off the protest and agree to a cooling-

off period. Dallas police, warning of bomb threats, showed up in riot gear and demanded the protesters leave the church.

"My deal with the police was, if you want us out of the church, you'll have to drag us out," Johnson said. "I didn't think they'd do that with the national press around."

Johnson figured they might end up in jail and brought a toothbrush. Some of the protesters were ready for something more, a confrontation that night or the next morning. But Johnson would have none of it. "My strategy was to force the city to make a decision before that happened," he said. "And God was with us that evening."

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tangible trade sanctions already announced by both the U.S. and China, it will take a determined effort on both sides to come up with a mediated compromise that tamps down trade tensions and allows both sides to save face," said Eswar Prasad, professor of trade policy at Cornell University.

If the dispute escalates, China can pick more vulnerable tar-

gets. In the year that ended last Aug. 31, America's soybean farmers, for instance, sent \$12.4 billion worth of soybeans to China. That was 57 percent of total U.S. soybean exports.

Brent Bible, a soybean and corn farmer in Lafayette, Indiana, has appeared in TV ads by the advocacy group Farmers for Free Trade, calling on the Trump administration to avoid a trade war.

"We're kind of caught in the crossfire," he said.



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Villanova wins 2nd national title in 3 years



AP photo
Villanova's Donte DiVincenzo (10) drives past Michigan's Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman (12) during the first half in the championship game of the Final Four NCAA college basketball tournament, Monday, April 2, 2018, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

Villanova has its second national championship in three years after a 79-62 victory over Michigan.

The Wildcats won 31 years after their first title in 1985 and their second one two years ago in Houston. Coach Jay Wright and Villanova didn't have to wait very long for another one.

Donte DiVincenzo had 31 points for the Wildcats, the most scored against the Wolverines this season. Villanova guard Jalen Brunson, the AP Player of the Year, was in foul trouble and finished with nine points.

Villanova, which trailed by seven points early in the title game in the Alamodome, won all six of its NCAA Tournament games by double figures.

10:20 p.m.

Sophomore guard Donte DiVincenzo has 31 points and Villanova is 3 minutes from its second national championship in three years.

The Wildcats took a 76-54 lead on two free throws by DiVincenzo, who has the most points scored against Michigan this season.

10:05 p.m.

Villanova is playing with AP All-America guard Jalen Brunson on sitting on the bench, and still building on its lead.

Brunson left the game after being charged with his fourth personal foul with 10:51 to play.

The guard has nine points on 4-of-11 shooting with two assists.

After Michigan made two free throws to get within 53-40, the lead



AP photo
Head coach Jay Wright of the Villanova Wildcats raises the trophy with his team after defeating the Michigan Wolverines during the 2018 NCAA Men's Final Four National Championship game on April 2, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas. Villanova defeated Michigan 79-62

was back to 62-44 with 7:48 left after Donte DiVincenzo scored nine straight points for the Wildcats, including consecutive 3-pointers.

9:55 p.m.

Villanova started the second half 7 of 14 from the field and is in control of the NCAA Tournament championship game against Michigan.

The Wildcats lead 53-38 with 11:58 left in the game. Michigan needs its defense, one of the best in the country this season, to step up and get some stops or this could turn into a long coronation for the Wildcats.

Villanova is trying to win its second

national title in three seasons.

9:44 p.m.

Villanova is out fast in the second half, outscoring Michigan 7-2 — including five straight points for Eric Paschall, and the Wildcats are suddenly up 44-30.

Paschall's up-and-under move forced Michigan coach John Beilein to take an early timeout. Paschall had 24 points and was 10 for 11 in the semifinal against Kansas.

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Irish eyes are rocking: Notre Dame lifted by wild title win

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — It took a historic comeback and an epic shot to give Notre Dame its second national championship.

The last-second 3-pointer by Arike Ogunbowale that lifted the Irish over Mississippi State 61-58 Sunday night was a riveting — and fitting — conclusion to the greatest women's Final Four, and maybe any basketball championship.

Coach Muffet McGraw's team has been the comeback queens of the NCAA Tournament, with Ogunbowale conjuring a bit of magic, not once, but twice.

The junior guard provided an astonishing encore to her game-winning shot that beat UConn in the Final Four two days earlier. That capped another double-digit rally. The Irish had to come back from halftime deficits in their last four NCAA games.

"The fighting spirit of Notre Dame is just amazing," McGraw said. "Relentless, competitive. They have a swagger, they believe in themselves with the confi-



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AP photo
Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale (24) celebrates with teammates after making a 3-point basket to defeat Mississippi State 61-58 in the final of the women's NCAA Final Four college basketball tournament, Sunday, April 1, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio.

dence that starts with Arike and Marina (Mabrey) and just filters down through the team."

The Irish found themselves down 30-17 at the half and 15 in the third quarter before finally getting on track. Ogunbowale epitomized the Irish struggles on offense.

She was 1-for-10 from the field in the first half and missed her first two shots in the third quarter. The frustration was boiling over as she punched the padded support behind the basket.

But then it all started to turn. The resiliency the Irish had shown all season while

dealing with four season-ending knee injuries was there.

A 16-1 run to end the third quarter tied the game. A back-and-forth last 10 minutes ended when Ogunbowale hit her off-balance floater from in front of Notre Dame's bench to give the Irish to their first title since 2001. The 3-pointer

from the wing came from nearly the same angle as her shot that beat the Huskies.

"To do that twice in one weekend, the biggest stage in college basketball, it's crazy," Ogunbowale said.

Notre Dame returned to campus Monday, busing back from Columbus and greeted by a few thousand fans. Ogunbowale's shot was on constant play on the bus.

"Watching the shot again, again and again and seeing everyone's reaction was special," McGraw said. "We have so many former players there, 25 from all different years. We were celebrating for them. We got back to campus and they had a huge rally for us and that was fun."

McGraw says she's ready for some down time and happy to bask in the title. The Hall of Fame coach was non-committal whether the team would visit the White House if invited.

"We'll discuss it with the team and make a decision if the offer is extended," McGraw told The Associated Press by phone Monday.

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Morton helps Astros beat Orioles 6-1 in home opener



Associated Press

HOUSTON — Charlie Morton pitched six scoreless innings, Marwin Gonzalez homered and the Houston Astros unveiled their World Series banner before defeating the Baltimore Orioles 6-1 on Monday night in their home opener.

Morton (1-0) allowed three hits and struck out six. The right-hander picked up where he left off after getting the final 12 outs in Game 7 against the Dodgers to help secure Houston's first championship.

Brad Peacock pitched a perfect seventh and Will Harris allowed one hit in the eighth before Collin McHugh took over. The starter-turned-reliever allowed a homer to Trey Mancini and a double to

Colby Rasmus before retiring the last three batters.

Baltimore has dropped three straight after winning its opener. Orioles starter Chris Tillman (0-1) was tagged for seven hits and four runs in four-plus innings.



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Houston Astros' Josh Reddick runs to third base during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Monday, April 2, 2018, in Houston.

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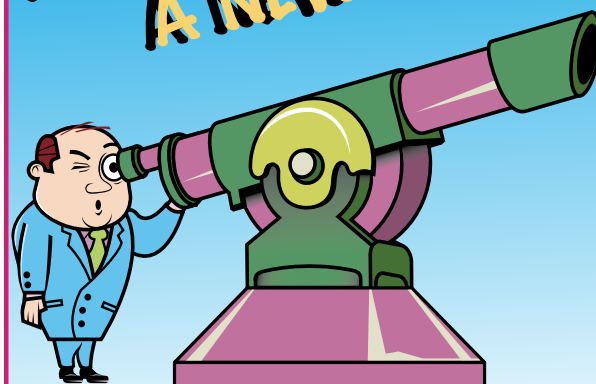
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♥ A J 10
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 9 8 4 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 7 3 2
♥ 9 6 4
♦ J 8
♣ Q 7 5

EAST
♠ 10 8 5
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ Q 10 9 4
♣ A 6

SOUTH
♠ K J 6
♥ Q 8 3
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ K J 3

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

Opening lead — three of spades.
During the play of a hand, declarer must be sure not to take his eye off the ball — the ball in this case being the success of his contract. In today's deal, South blinked for an instant, and that was all it took to do him in.
South won East's ten of spades with the jack at trick one and could count six sure winners — three spades, a heart and two diamonds. The club suit was certain to provide at least three additional tricks, so South naturally decided to establish that suit.

But since the usual approach with this club combination is to start by leading the suit from dummy, declarer opted to postpone the establishment of the clubs temporarily and led a heart to the ten at trick two, hoping to win the finesse. East took the ten with the king and returned a spade to dummy's ace. Now South led a club toward his hand.

All would have been well had East followed low to the first club, but instead he made the fine play of rising with the ace and returning a third spade. South won with the king, but it didn't matter what he did next. West could not be prevented from gaining the lead with the queen of clubs, and when he did he cashed two spades to put the contract down one.

Declarer clearly contributed to his own demise when he departed from his initial plan to establish the clubs and took a heart finesse instead. This play, which was not needed to make the contract, opened the door for the opposition, and they took full advantage of the placement of the cards to do the rest.

Had South been less concerned about losing a trick to the queen of clubs, he could not have been defeated. All he had to do was to lead a club from his hand at trick two — the king is best in case the queen is singleton — and nine tricks would have been assured.

Tomorrow: Fixed beyond repair.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Curiosity Moon

Some things are interesting because you were already interested in them: Your life has made you curious, for one reason or another, about certain topics -- a celebrity's backstory, perhaps, or a work-related issue. And then some things are inherently interesting, but most people don't care. Be the exception and you're golden under this Sagittarius moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In David Eggers' fine art exhibit "Ungrateful Mammals," one sketched boar suggests, "Let's love each other as if we loved each other." This about sums up one of your relationships today, dear boar.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). School children aren't the only ones challenged with finding the right friends. Life changes as company does. You'll become like the people you're around the most. Considering this, much thought will go into social decisions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The stupid little things will turn out to be neither stupid nor little. In fact, today they will be the details that make or break a relationship, a deal or a first impression.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While the support of peers, colleagues and friends would be pretty nice about now, everyone is so busy today that you're unlikely to get much attention, let alone help. Good news, though: You don't really need it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're going after a dream, not a person. One person is never the only route to happiness and/or success. Keep reminding yourself there are over 7 billion people in the world, many of whom would be terrific for your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've taken the time explore, understand and accept yourself, so now you get to have a lot of fun with the result. You'll enjoy your own company, as well you should. You're a delight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your best outcome will be

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



a product of either working to make the inside as beautiful as the outside or the outside as beautiful as the inside -- or to raise the overall attractiveness of both.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Certain thinking patterns are about as obvious and natural to you as the way you hold a fork. That doesn't make them helpful, correct or unchangeable. Don't let your thoughts go unexamined today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To be extraordinary, you have to think big. You have to believe that improving is not only possible but also the natural outcome for people who want to learn and grow. Continue on. You're headed toward greatness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It took time to understand your situation and the people in it, but now you do. Celebrate the fact that the people who once bothered you are no longer a problem. There's no cause for worry. You know what's likely to happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The people in your life don't seem to appreciate you nearly as much as the outsiders who praise and admire you today. Get a few tricks up your sleeve to combat the unfortunate byproducts of familiarity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your loyalty will one day be rewarded and your optimism will prove well-placed. Just don't expect that to happen today, or anytime soon. Let the care you give others be its own reward.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 3). You're a free spirit. You're so willing to try life in new ways that there is no "normal" for the next few weeks. Friends and romance are the happy byproduct of your adventures. A lot of money runs through your hands in July and August; the wheeling and

dealing will put you ahead. Your talent will be celebrated in September. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 7, 39, 48 and 1.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a passionate person, which has gotten me into trouble before. Do you have any advice or insights about someone with Venus in Leo like me?"

You understand flirting and are a master at all aspects of attraction. You can probably turn your magnetic power on and off, like a switch. So staying out of so-called "trouble" is about being judicious. Know when to turn it off. You have excellent style and might spend way too much on maintaining it, but somehow you figure it works out in the end. You would do well in a business related to theatricality and glamour. The bad part about this aspect is that you have a tendency toward drama in relationships, and will find yourself in situations that could only have been constructed by soap opera writers. You are a fantastic partner and are so generous (with money, emotions and affection) that you give more than you can afford. But you never come out a loser because of this habit: In the end, your experience enriches you. You see relationships as a stage supporting you in your best performance as your most evolved self. When you fall short, try not to let your ego get too bruised. Remember, the show must go on!

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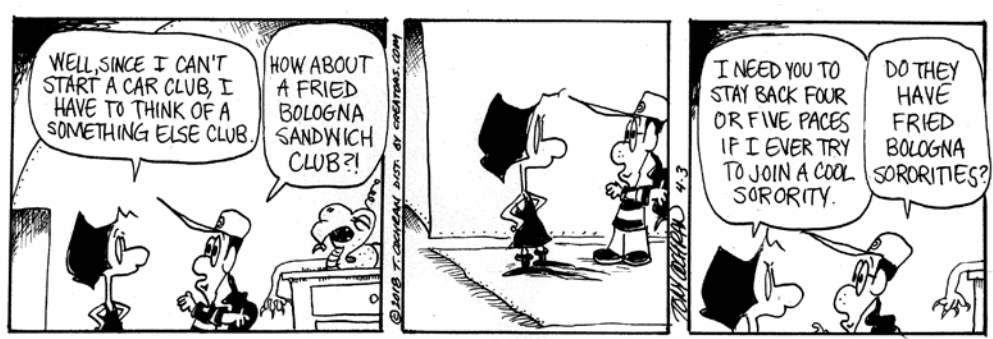
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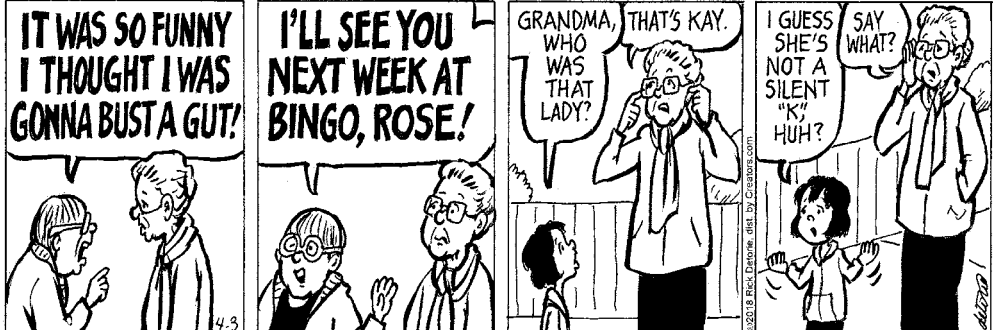
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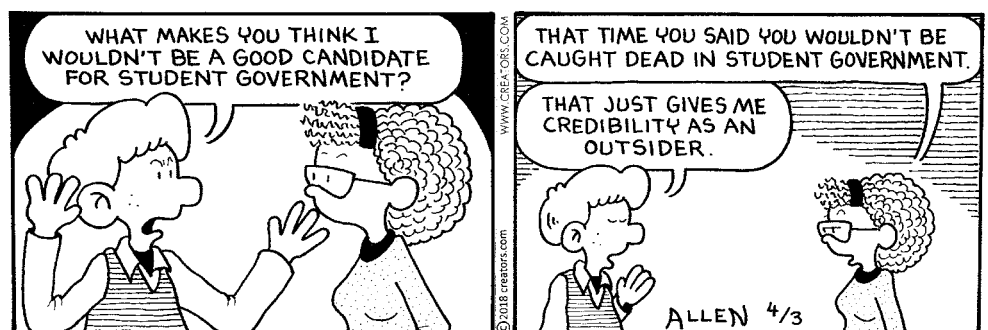
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 3, the 93rd day of 2018. There are 272 days left in the year.

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

On this date: In 1776, George Washington received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Harvard College.

In 1860, the legendary Pony Express began carrying mail between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. (The delivery system lasted only 18 months before giving way to the transcontinental telegraph.)

In 1882, outlaw Jesse James was shot to death in St. Joseph, Missouri, by Robert Ford, a member of James' gang.

In 1936, Bruno Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, New Jersey, for the kidnap-murder of Charles Lindbergh Jr.

In 1942, during World War II, Japanese forces began their final assault on Bataan against American and Filipino troops who surrendered six days later; the capitulation was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March.

In 1946, Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, the Japanese commander held responsible for the Bataan Death March, was executed by firing squad outside Manila.

In 1948, President Harry S. Truman signed the Marshall Plan, designed to help European allies rebuild after World War II and resist communism.

In 1965, the United States launched the SNAP-10A nuclear power system into Earth orbit; it was the first nuclear reactor sent into space.

In 1978, at the Academy Awards, Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" was named best picture of 1977; its co-star, Diane Keaton, won best actress while Richard Dreyfuss was honored as best actor for "The Goodbye Girl."

In 1985, the landmark Hollywood Brown Derby restaurant closed after 56 years in business.

In 1996, Unabomber Theodore

Kaczynski (kah-ZIHN'-skee) was arrested at his remote Montana cabin. An Air Force jetliner carrying Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and American business executives crashed in Croatia, killing all 35 people aboard.

In 2003, Atlantic magazine editor Michael Kelly, 46, became the first American journalist to be killed while covering the Iraq war.

Ten years ago: NATO allies meeting in Bucharest, Romania, gave President George W. Bush strong support for a missile defense system in Europe and urged Moscow to drop its angry opposition to the program. Model Naomi Campbell was arrested at London Heathrow Airport after getting into an altercation with police during a dispute about lost luggage. (Campbell was later sentenced to 200 hours of community service and fined 2,300 pounds.) Ohio State defeated Massachusetts, 92-85, for the National Invitation Tournament title.

Five years ago: The White House announced President Barack Obama would return 5 percent of his salary each month to the Treasury in a show of solidarity with federal workers smarting from government-wide spending cuts. Palestinian militants launched several rockets into southern Israel and Israeli aircraft struck targets in the Gaza Strip in the heaviest exchange of fire between the sides since a cease-fire ended a major flare-up the previous year. Oscar-winning screenwriter and award-winning novelist Ruth Praver Jhabvala, 85, died in New York.

One year ago: A suicide bombing aboard a subway train in St. Petersburg, Russia, left 16 people dead and wounded more than 50; authorities identified the bomber as a 22-year old Kyrgyz-born Russian national. A divided Senate Judiciary Committee panel voted 11-9 along party lines to favorably recommend Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch to the full Senate. The NHL announced it would not participate in the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. North Carolina scored the last eight points for a 71-65 win over Gonzaga and an NCAA title.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Doris Day is 96. Conservationist Dame Jane Goodall is 84. Actor William Gaunt is 81. Songwriter Jeff Barry is 80. Actor Eric Braeden is 77. Actress Marsha Mason is 76. Singer Wayne Newton is 76. Singer Tony Orlando is 74. Comedy writer Pat Proft is 71. Folk-rock singer Richard Thompson is 69. Country musician Curtis Stone (Highway

101) is 68. Blues singer-guitarist John Mooney is 63. Rock musician Mick Mars (Motley Crue) is 62. Actor Alec Baldwin is 60. Actor David Hyde Pierce is 59. Rock singer John Thomas Griffith (Cowboy Mouth) is 58. Comedian-actor Eddie Murphy is 57. Rock singer-musician Mike Ness (Social Distortion) is 56. Rock singer Sebastian Bach is 50. Rock musician James MacDonough is 48.

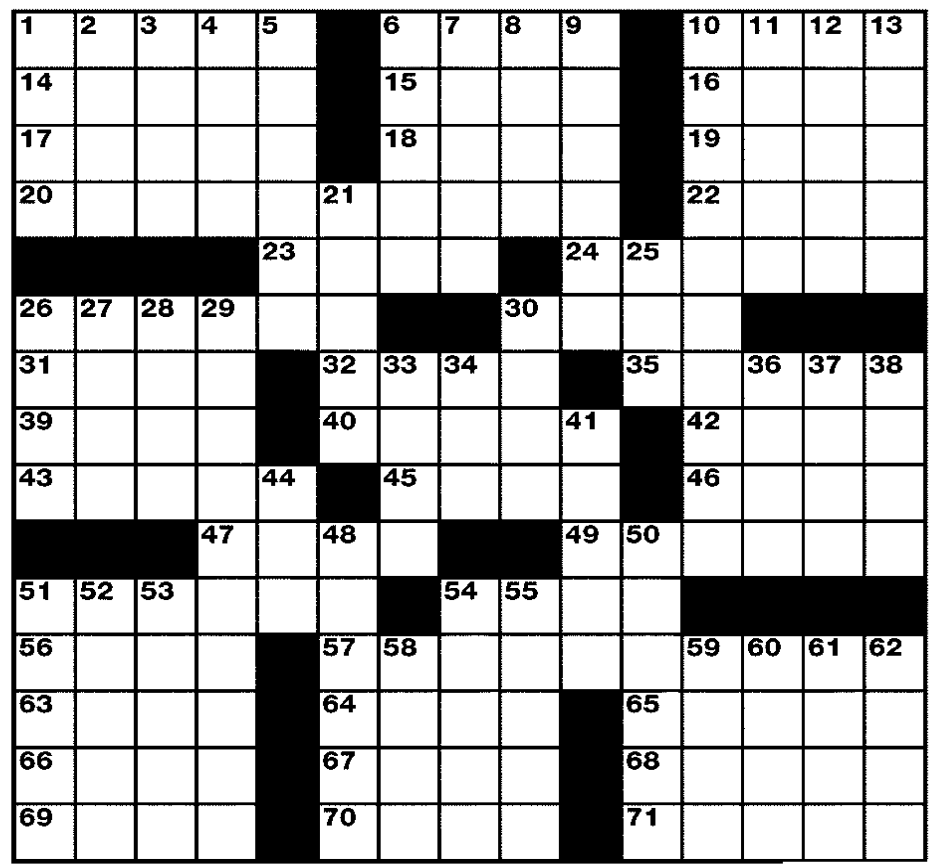
Olympic gold medal ski racer Picabo Street is 47. Actress Jennie Garth is 46. Actor Jamie Bamber is 45. Actor Adam Scott is 45. Christian rock musician Drew Shirley (Switchfoot) is 44. Comedian Aries Spears is 43. Actor Matthew Goode is 40. Actress Cobie Smulders is 36. Rock-pop singer Leona Lewis is 33. Actress Amanda Bynes is 32. Actress-comedian Rachel Bloom is 31.

Thought for Today: "Our firmest convictions are apt to be the most suspect, they mark our limitations and our bounds. Life is a petty thing unless it is moved by the indomitable urge to extend its boundaries." Jose Ortega y Gasset Spanish philosopher (1883-1955).

Newsday Crossword

KEEPING AT IT by Billie Truitt Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Walk to the other side of the street
- 6 Untidy person
- 10 Campus military org.
- 14 Water-loving big African beast
- 15 Auto for hire
- 16 Rebound of a sound
- 17 Model of perfection
- 18 Matures
- 19 Impish glance
- 20 Keeping at it
- 22 Simplicity
- 23 Fawn or buck
- 24 Footrace participant
- 26 Handle incorrectly
- 30 Blog entry
- 31 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 32 Bird of peace
- 35 Female choir section
- 39 Pack away
- 40 Harpoon or javelin
- 42 Per person
- 43 Submarine locator
- 45 Wheel shaft
- 46 Miss from Mexico: Abbr.
- 47 Small perfume bottle
- 49 Standard practice
- 51 Started, as a TV show
- 54 Astonish
- 56 Truth twister
- 57 Keeping at it
- 63 Prefix for potent
- 64 Throw forcefully
- 65 "All kidding ___ . . ."
- 66 Weight increase
- 67 Word-of-mouth
- 68 Burn a bit
- 69 Male 23 Across
- 70 Overwhelms with one's skill
- 71 Leg joints
- DOWN**
- 1 Cookie's chocolate piece
- 2 Take the bus or train
- 3 Letters on the "0" button
- 4 Healthful resorts
- 5 Three-dimensional objects
- 6 Declare
- 7 Light-colored beer
- 8 Bovine beasts of burden
- 9 Small restaurant
- 10 Keeping at it
- 11 Atlantic or Arctic
- 12 One of ___ days (eventually)
- 13 Gadget used on an apple
- 21 Parakeet food
- 25 Nation north of Mex.
- 26 Church service
- 27 Turn ___ (become)
- 28 Any moment now
- 29 Keeping at it
- 30 Bell sound
- 33 Milky gemstone
- 34 Annoy
- 36 Little fruit pie
- 37 Prefix meaning "eight"
- 38 Pretense
- 41 Happen again
- 44 River, in Spain
- 48 "You said it!"
- 50 Reveal one's identity
- 51 Drain blockages
- 52 Point toward
- 53 Short-lived craze
- 54 Scarecrow stuffing
- 55 Blabs
- 58 Money in France
- 59 "Beauty ___ the eye . . ."
- 60 Midmorning hour
- 61 Border
- 62 Poor grades



Answer to previous puzzle
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NOVA

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Villanova had a 14-2 run that crossed halftime and Michigan is barely hanging on.

9:40 p.m.
 Michigan is going to have to overcome another halftime deficit in the Final Four if coach John Beilein is going to get his first national title.

The Wolverines, who start the second half trailing Villanova 37-28, were down 29-22 at the break in their national semifinal game against Loyola-Chicago and fell behind by 10 early in the second half Saturday night before coming back to win 69-57.

Michigan, trying to win its second national title, is 9-5 this season when trailing at the half.

9:15 p.m.
 Villanova has a 37-28 halftime lead in the national championship game, even without a record flurry of made 3-pointers or much from AP Player of the Year Jalen Brunson.

Donte DiVincenzo has 18 points and three of the Wildcats' four made 3s in the first half against Michigan. Villanova, which had 13 of its record 18 made 3-pointers by halftime of its semifinal win over Kansas, are 4-of-13 from long range against Michigan.

Brunson finished the half with seven points, and didn't make his first 3-pointer until the final minute of the first half. Michigan missed its last six shots while going scoreless the final 3:34 of the first half. The Wolverines started 8-for-12, but made just 3-for-16 after that.

Villanova scored the last seven points for its biggest lead of the game.

9:00 p.m.
 Donte is on fire. Villanova's Donte DiVincenzo has 16 points through 16 minutes, carrying the Wildcats so far against Michigan. Villanova leads 30-26 after trailing by as many as seven earlier.

DiVincenzo already has his second highest scoring game since mid-February and is two points shy of his NCAA Tournament high of 18 in the second round against Alabama.

8:50 p.m.
 Moe Wagner finally missed and even though the 3-pointers aren't falling for Villanova, the Wildcats are hanging in there with 2s and defense. Michigan leads 21-18 with 7:32 left in the first half.

Villanova is 1 for 8 from 3-point range, but the Wildcats have held Michigan scoreless for 3:27. Wagner airballed a 3-pointer for his first miss of the game. He has 11 points.

Something to watch for Villanova. The Wildcats are one of the best passing teams in the country. They have one assist on eight field goals so far. Usually they are above 50 percent.

8:35 p.m.
 Moe Wagner is at it again for Michigan and the Wolverines have the early lead over Villanova. Wagner, who had 24 points in the semifinals, has scored nine points on perfect shooting.

Unlike in the semifinals against Kansas, it took a while for the Wildcats to hit their first 3. Donte DiVincen-

zo finally broke through at 12:44. They had six by that point against Kansas.

Jordan Poole, Michigan's Mr. Buzzer-beater, scored to make it 18-14 Michigan with 11:51 left in the first half. The Wolverines are 7 for 11 from the field.

8:20 p.m.
 The NCAA championship game is underway, and Michigan or Villanova will be cutting down the nets at the Alamodome in the next couple of hours or so.

Villanova is playing for its second national championship in three seasons, and third overall. Coach Jay Wright and the Wildcats won the title two years ago about 200 miles away in Houston.

The Wolverines won their only national title in 1989. Michigan coach John Beilein, in his 11th season coaching the maize and blue and 40th season overall as a collegiate head coach, is trying to win his first national championship.

8:10 p.m.
 A moment of silence was held to commemorate to the 50th anniversary this week of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. before the NCAA Tournament championship game at the Alamodome.

After the moment of silence, the United State Air Force Band of the West played the national anthem.

During the anthem, two firefighters rappelled down from the rafters in front of a huge American flag that hung over the court.

7:45 p.m.
 The Villanova students have to like their seats for the NCAA championship game. Not only are they just off the court, they are at what has been the winning end so far in the Final Four.

Villanova's student section is at the south end of the Alamodome court, the same as it was Saturday night when the Wildcats beat Kansas.

For the kids in maize and blue, they are on the other end this time. Michigan students were on the south end Saturday night for the victory over Loyola-Chicago, but are on the north end for the title game.

Loyola-Chicago and Kansas students were in the north end when their teams lost.

7:10 p.m.
 Back in 1985, before Villanova won its first national title, the Wildcats also faced Michigan in the NCAA Tournament.

That was the only time those two teams met in the NCAA Tournament — until Monday night in the championship game.

The Wolverines were a No. 1 seed 33 years ago when they lost 59-55 to No. 8 seed Villanova in their second-round game. The Wildcats then beat Maryland, North Carolina and Memphis State before their championship-clinching victory over Georgetown.

6:15 p.m.
 Villanova hasn't needed any buzzer-beating shots so far in this NCAA Tournament.

The Wildcats won each of their first five tournament games by double digits. They are only the fifth team to reach the championship game that way since the tournament expanded to 64 teams in 1985.

The last team to do that was North Carolina in 2016, but the Tar Heels then lost in the championship game — when Kris Jenkins hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Villanova its second national title.

Those first three teams with double-digits sweeps into the championship game won titles — Michigan State in 2000, Duke in 2001 and North Carolina in 2009.

4:30 p.m.
 The late Rollie Massimino used to write a number on the board before games that he coached at Villanova and elsewhere, setting a target for the total of points allowed that he thought would guarantee victory.

For the Wildcats this season, that number is clear: It's 75. Villanova is 25-0 this season when allowing 75 points or fewer.

And that might be a magic number of sorts for Michigan in the national title game as well: The Wolverines are 15-1 when scoring more than 75 this season, and a still-good — but nowhere near as good — 18-6 when they don't surpass that number.

Michigan has only scored more than 75 points once during this tournament, when it beat Texas A&M 99-72 in the Sweet 16.

3 p.m.
 There's quite a few statistically noteworthy items Villanova will be chasing on Monday night.

If the Wildcats beat Michigan, they'll be the third team in NCAA men's Division I history to win at least 36 games and the national championship — joining Kentucky (38-2 in 2012) and Kansas (37-3 in 2008).

Villanova has already set the national record for 3-pointers made in a season, and if the Wildcats score at least 59 points on Monday night they'll also finish the year as the highest scoring team in the country for the first time since 1950.

The last team to lead the nation in scoring and win the NCAA title was North Carolina in 2005.

The only others to do it since the NCAA began compiling the stats were Ohio State in 1960 — and Loyola of Chicago in 1963.

1:10 p.m.
 When the AP Top 25 preseason men's basketball poll came out, Villanova was a very respectable No. 6.

Michigan was an afterthought.

The Wolverines were

unranked when this season began, and didn't even crack the Top 25 for the first time until mid-January. Michigan was 39th in the pre-season poll balloting, behind seven ranked teams that wouldn't even end up making the NCAA Tournament — No. 10 USC, No. 14 Notre Dame, No. 15 Minnesota, No. 16 Louisville, No. 19 Northwestern, No. 22 Saint Mary's, No. 24 Baylor.

Michigan wasn't the only big preseason poll whiff: Virginia ended the regular season ranked No. 1, and the Cavaliers were also unranked to start the season.

Only four teams in the last 50 years started the season unranked and won the NCAA title — UConn in 2011, Florida in 2006, Syracuse in 2003 and Villanova in 1985.

11:40 a.m.
 There's a reason so much of the talk sur-

rounding the NCAA Tournament championship game is about 3-pointers.

Villanova is commanding that by making its case as the greatest 3-point shooting team in college history.

The Wildcats set a Final Four record with 18 3-pointers against Kansas to get to the title game against Michigan on Monday night. Villanova (35-4) also has 454 3-pointers this season and 66 during the NCAA Tournament, both records.

The Wildcats use a motion offense and can shoot 3s from every position.

Michigan's goal will be to get Villanova away from the 3-point line and redirect shots. The Wolverines have been effective at both against other teams this season.

10:30 a.m.
 College basketball's wild 2017-18 ride ends in San Antonio, where Vil-

lanova meets Michigan in the national championship game of the NCAA Tournament.

The Wildcats are playing for their second title in three years under coach Jay Wright. The Wolverines are vying for their first championship since 1989 and to make up for the one coach John Beilein lost in 2013, at least a little.

This meeting on Monday night will come down to strength against strength.

Villanova is one of the greatest 3-point shooting teams in college basketball history, breaking season and NCAA Tournament records. The Wildcats blasted Kansas in the national semifinals, hitting a record 18 from beyond the arc.

Michigan rode its defense into the title game. The Wolverines are the nation's third-most efficient team on defense and one of the best at defending the 3-point line.



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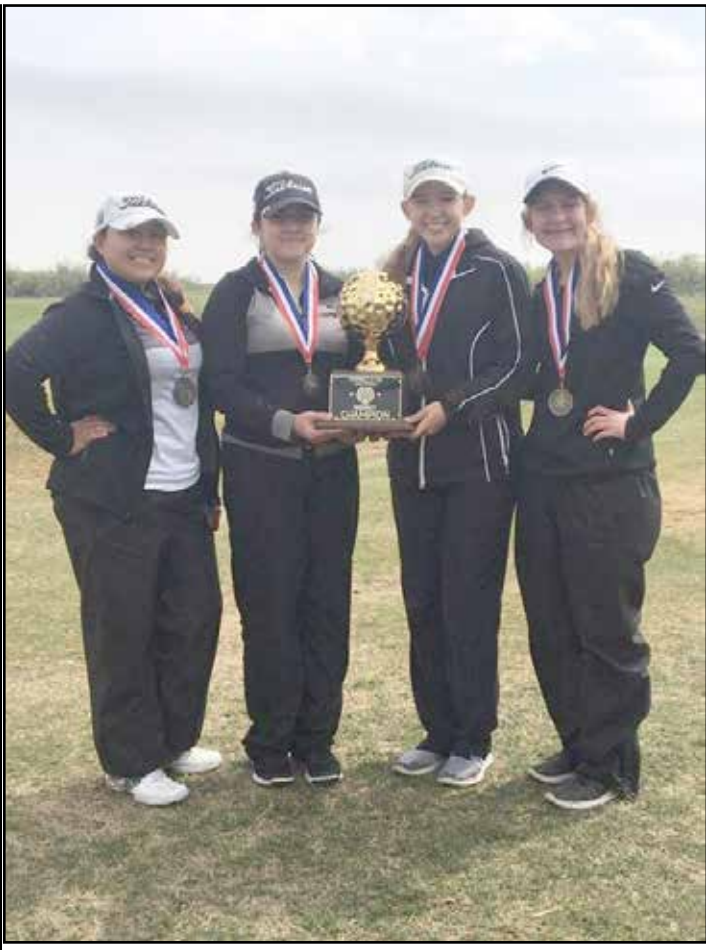


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Forsan Lady Buff Golf team captures district title

Girls			
Team Standings			
1	Forsan	394/402/796	RQ
2	Christoval	406/401/807	RQ
3	Winters	557/552/1109	
Medalist Standings			
1	Jillian Jones	75/76/151	Forsan
2	Razyl Yanez	84/82/166	Forsan
3	Taylor Tomlinson	83/86/169	Christoval
4	Elise Baker	99/92/191	Christoval
5	McKenna Behrens	110/110/220	Christoval
T-6	Alexis Stercks	113/114/227	Forsan
T-6	Jaclyn Biggerstaff	114/113/227	Christoval
8	Makenna Fox	123/123/246	Ozona
9	Scarlett Moore	124/123/247	Christoval
10	Sara Tarbet	122/130/252	Forsan
Regional Qualifying Medalists			
Makenna Fox - Ozona			
Laken Green - Winters			



Courtesy photo
Forsan completed their final district golf round on Monday. The girls finished as District Champions and Jillian Jones was 1st place medalist while Razyl Yanez was 2nd. Shown in photo from left to right Razyl Yanez, Alexis Stercks, Jillian Jones, and Sara Tarbet. The girls team will advance to the regional tournament in Odessa on April 25th/26th.

Boys			
Team Standings			
1	Ozona	383/379/762	RQ
2	Christoval	435/410/847	RQ
3	Winters - 1	437/418/853	
4	Forsan	459/450/909	
5	Irion Co.	484/457/941	
6	Winters - 2	567/555/1122	
Medalist Standings			
1	Hunter Smith	78/79/157	Ozona
2	Cameron Bailey	79/81/160	Christoval
3	James Calvert	86/83/169	Christoval
4	Riley Williams	93/99/192	Ozona
5	Mason Donica	104/90/194	Winters
6	Zach Wheat	95/100/195	Winters
7	Bryceson Pineda	99/102/201	Forsan
8	Brad Gryder	102/100/202	Irion Co.
9	Jacob Childress	102/104/206	Ozona
10	Donovan Hunt	112/97/209	Ozona
Regional Qualifying Medalists			
Mason Donica - Winters			
Zach Wheat - Winters			

Duke is No. 1 in way-too-early AP poll for 2018-19

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer
SAN ANTONIO
— Villanova was clearly the college basketball best team in 2017-18, romping through the NCAA Tournament, capping it rout over Michigan in the title game.
Now depression sets

in for college basketball fans. It's seven long months until the next game.
We've got something to (hopefully) tide you over: A way-too-early poll for next season.
A lot can change from now and then — players could go pro, transfer, get hurt — so this is just a best-guess on what we know now:
1. Duke. Marvin

Bagley III and Grayson Allen are gone, Wendell Carter Jr. and Trevon Duval could join them. Even so, there's enough coming back and Coach K has another stellar recruiting class coming in, headed by dunking dynamo Zion Williamson.
2. Kansas. The Jayhawks reached the Final Four in a season they weren't even

supposed to win the Big 12 title. Even with Devonte' Graham gone, there's plenty coming back — especially if Malik Newman remains in Lawrence — and more five-star help on the way.
3. Villanova. A lot will depend on whether Jalen Brunson, Mikal Bridges and Omari Spellman leave for the NBA. Either way, the

Wildcats will be reigning champions and have breakout star Dante DiVincenzo.
4. Kentucky. As is always the case, there are lots of decisions to come out of Lexington. Get a few of their players back, the talented Wildcats and coach John Calipari will no longer be the youngest team in the game.
5. North Carolina. The

losses of Joel Berry II and Theo Pinson will be tough. The addition of five-star freshman Nassir Little as part of UNC's best recruiting class in years with Luke Maye, Cameron Johnson and Kenny Williams will keep the Tar Heels among the elite.
season title and have nearly everyone coming back. A deep March run could be on the horizon.

IRISH

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There's no reason to think Notre Dame couldn't repeat as champions next year. Most of the team is back and the Irish will get the return of Brianna Turner — one of four players sidelined this season with knee ligament injuries.
Even if they do win it all again next season, it will be nearly impossible to repeat the drama of this run.

"Phenomenal for women's basketball. Three exciting games. I hope the ratings reflect it," McGraw said after the game. "The crowd was tremendous tonight. Everybody came back. Just an incredible job by Columbus and the local community. Great support for women's basketball and definitely one of the best Final Fours since 2001, right?"
Sunday's national championship came 17 years to the day of the Irish's only other one.



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