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**Upcoming Events**

**April 2**  
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 Mayoral Debate  
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**Thank you, Vietnam veterans**



**Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home recognized National Vietnam War Veterans Day with a pinning ceremony on Friday. Vietnam veterans were recognized with a certificate and a pin, enjoyed refreshments and stopped for a moment of remembrance while Taps was played by local veteran Mike Tarpley. Pictured above, Shawn Lynch, Army veteran, presents his speech and gratitude to the veterans.**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

While we can not go back and correct a wrong, appreciation can be extended now, and that is what happened at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home on Friday afternoon.

"It (Vietnam War) has succeeded in only leaving a legacy of bitterness and

unacknowledged sacrifice," Shawn Lynch, Army veteran, quoted an excerpt from the book *Dear America*.

He continued, "We (present-day soldiers) are only here because better men and women came before us. Vietnam was the last war, the last American war that had to be fought with a draft... now it is a 100-percent volunteer force, due in large part to those who were

drafted in the Vietnam War.

On March 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, establishing The National Vietnam War Veterans Day, now celebrated each year on March 29. The recognition is extended to men and women

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**Howard College Nursing program ranked #7**

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Managing Editor

Howard College's Nursing program was recognized as one of the top-performing programs, by Registered Nursing.org. Howard College ranked seventh out of 119 accredited nursing schools in Texas.

"The reputation of our nursing program reflects the dedication and commitment of our excellent faculty and staff," Luci Gabehart MSN RN CNE, Howard College Nursing Director, said. "They continually work to keep the coursework at the highest level to assure that our graduates are well prepared for their licensure exams and ready to join the nursing workforce with confidence."



According to Gabehart, on average the program graduates between 25 and 30 students each year. The ADN (Associate Degree Nursing) program originally started in 1976 and has continued to grow over the years. One of the additions to the program is the LVN to RN transition program.

"The Howard College nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education," Gabehart said. "Our students are dedicated professionals from the day they step into class and they leave us with skills and knowledge they need to provide the highest quality of care to patients."

For those looking to enter the nursing program, the next cohort for transition (LVN to RN) starts at the end of May, and the RN - which is a two-year program - is set to begin in August.

For more information regarding the nursing program, call 432-264-5000.

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**Local students recognized at HSWCD Annual Conservation Awards Banquet**

**Special to the Herald**

The Howard Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet was held March 25 in the East Room of Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The HSWCD sponsors an annual poster contest in conjunction with the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. This year's theme was "Life In Soil: Dig Deeper." From more than 85 entries, five local students were honored.

All winners were from Forsan Elementary.

Third-grade winners were: Elyssa Amaro, daughter of Monica and Jus-

tin Amaro; Josiah Lugo, son of Cindy and Josh Lugo; and Kenzie Saucedo, daughter of Kaycie Saucedo. Fifth-grade winners were: Kenzli Caudill, daughter of Cassie and Clint Caudill; and Harleigh Greer, daughter of Amie and Nathan Greer. Kenzie Saucedo and Kenzli Caudill placed first in last year's contest, and HSWCD was proud to see their entries again this year.

Students and families were treated to a special dinner catered by Crispy's Cafe, and received special awards including handmade ceramic bowls and wildflower seeds.

The posters created by Elyssa Amaro, Kenzlie Caudill and Harleigh Greer were chosen to advance to the Area II competition held in Temple, Texas.

There, entries competed against entries from 50 other districts. Howard SWCD poster entries did not place in the Area II competition, but the district is very proud of the accomplishments of the three young ladies. Area entries also received a special trophy to mark their accomplishment.

The Howard Soil & Water Conservation District also expressed thanks to the dedicated teachers, Principal and Superintendent of Forsan. Third grade Science teacher Mrs. Sherrlyn Welch, guest Art instructor Mrs. Vicki Stewart, and fifth-grade Science teachers Mrs. Whitney Gressett along with Principal Hanna Carter and

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **BRIAN G. DAVIS**, 34, of 1104 S. Douglas St., was arrested on charges of driving with suspended or invalid license, and failure to identify or giving fictitious information.
- **ANDRES COLLAZO**, 30, of 3622 Cuatro Vientos, Laredo, Texas, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of E. 4th St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 4400 block of Connally St.

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Blackmon Ave., and in the 1800 block of N. Hwy 87.
- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 500 block of E. FM 700, and at FM 700 and North Service Road.
- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported at FM 700 and Cedar.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 300 block of N. 2nd St., Coahoma, Texas.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATON** was reported in the 1400 block of Lincoln Ave
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad Dr.

## Take Note

• Home Hospice is looking for volunteers (18+) and junior volunteers (9-16 years old). Applications can be picked up at the Home Hospice office, located at 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A between 8 a.m and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Adult volunteers will need to complete a training and must be able to pass a background check. Volunteer duties will include home visits; junior volunteers will be helping with office work, community events and holiday activities. More information can be obtained by calling 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• A fund has been set up to assist Debbye Salazar-ValVerde with funeral expenses. If you would like to contribute, please stop by State National Bank and speak with Jeff Ward. Checks are to be made payable to "Patsy Rodriguez ITF Debbye ValVerde".

• AARP Tax-Aide will offer free income tax preparation each Monday through April 1 at the Big Spring Senior Center at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. The service is available to all taxpayers with moderate to low income.

Taxpayers need to bring a photo ID for the taxpayer and/or spouse, Social Security cards for everyone on the tax return (Tax-Aide will not do a return without seeing the Social Security cards), last year's tax returns, and W-2s and all other proof of income received in 2018. Free electronic filing will be available for faster refunds.

For more information contact Ray Alexander at 432-212-3533.

• 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.

• Wildflower Ministries will have their next Foster Informational Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2019. This group meets at Trinity Baptist Church, 1701 E. FM 700. Have you ever considered fostering? Do you have questions? Wait no longer. Your opportunity is here. Come meet foster parents and a licensing professional to learn about fostering in Howard County. Please enter through the Northwest door in the back of the building.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-0713.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school. The next sacking event will be April 1 and 2 at the old Lakeview High School, 1107 NW 7th St., at 5:30 p.m.

• The Academy, an optional program available to all Coahoma ISD students in the first through fifth grade, is now accepting applications for current students grades first through fifth for the 2019-2020 academic year.

The program is designed to develop academic skills while emphasizing student responsibility, leadership, and self-confidence. It is structured to create an environment that allows flexible scheduling, hands-on learning, incorporation of music and movement into academic lessons while holding students to high expectations of responsibility.

Applicants and their parents must undergo an interview and complete an orientation prior to the start of the program.

Forms can be filled out in the Coahoma Elementary School office, 400 Ramsey, Street, Coahoma. Applications must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. Friday, Mar. 29, 2019.

Students who are already in the program will not have to re-apply.

• 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](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://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 need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Obituaries

### Nancy Little

Nancy Little, 86, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, March 30, 2019 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Support Groups

### MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

• Caregivers Support Group, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m. The meetings are held at the Senior Citizens Center located at 100 Whipkey Drive.

These meetings are open for any caregiver, whether medical professional or family member. For more information, please call Becky Letz at 267-1628.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

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

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• 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 service members, veterans and families, especially 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. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.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:** A 10% chance of snow showers before 7 a.m. Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny with a high near 60. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Tonight:** Increasing clouds with a low around 42. South wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. South wind 10-15 mph

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 51.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 84

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 80

**Thursday night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 85.

**Friday night:** A chance of shower and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

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

## News Briefs

### Wounded Texas trooper 'in good spirits' in hospital

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety trooper remains hospitalized while recovering from being shot during a Dallas-area traffic stop that led to 15-hour standoff and a suspect arrested.

DPS Staff Lt. Lonny Haschel (HASH'-uhl) says the injured trooper was "in good spirits" Sunday. Haschel declined to release further details about the trooper wounded Friday afternoon.

A suspect was arrested Saturday at an apartment complex in Frisco, 25 miles (40.23 kilometers) north of Dallas. Officials say 42-year-old Bryan M. Cahill faces a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant.

Haschel on Saturday said Cahill was taken to a hospital for treatment of serious injuries and was in the custody of the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's officials Sunday didn't immediately return messages on Cahill's status.

Texas Rangers are investigating.

### Texas: 4 convicted for roles in 2016 armored car guard death

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecutors say four Houston men face up to life in federal prison for their roles in the 2016 slaying of an armored car guard during an ATM robbery.

Jurors on Friday convicted Nelson Alexander Polk, Marc Anthony Hill, John Edward Scott and Bennie Charles Phillips Jr.

All were convicted of attempted interference with commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm during a violent crime. Hill and Polk were also convicted of aiding and

abetting interference with commerce by robbery and aiding and abetting discharge of a firearm during a violent crime causing a death.

Guard David Guzman was fatally shot in August 2016. Prosecutors also linked the four to a months-later attempted ATM robbery in which another person, suspected of shooting Guzman, was killed by officers.

### Stones postpone tour as Jagger receives medical treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rolling Stones are postponing their latest tour so Mick Jagger can receive medical treatment.

The band announced Saturday that Jagger was told by doctors "he cannot go on tour at this time." The band added that Jagger "is expected to make a complete recovery so that he can get back on stage as soon as possible."

No more details about 75-year-old Jagger's condition were provided.

The Stones' No Filter Tour was expected to start April 20 in Miami. Other stops included Jacksonville, Florida; Houston; the New Orleans Jazz Festival; Pasadena and Santa Clara in California; Seattle; Denver; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; Foxborough, Massachusetts; East Rutherford, New Jersey; Chicago; and Ontario, Canada.

"I really hate letting you down like this," Jagger tweeted Saturday. "I'm devastated for having to postpone the tour but I will be working very hard to be back on stage as soon as I can."

Tour promoters AEG Presents and Concerts West advise ticketholders to hold on to their existing tickets because will be valid for the rescheduled dates.



HERALD photo/Anna Gutierrez

Local band, The Loco Motives, played an acoustic set at The Desert Flower Art Bar on Friday, March 29. Pictured from left to right: Rick Lopez, bass player, Chris Lopez, lead singer, and Britt Walling, guitar player. Their next show will be Friday, April 5, at The Train Car. You can keep up with their show dates by following their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/locomotivesrocks/](http://www.facebook.com/locomotivesrocks/).

## BANQUET

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Superintendent Randy Johnson received a small token of the district's appreciation in the form of a handmade ceramic bowl with wildflower seeds.

In addition to the first-place winners, Forsan had the following 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Honorable Mention winners.

In the third grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners were Kolbi Wright, Kiarah Solis, and Kaelyn Foust. Third graders Ayden Daniels, Caleigh Gaston and Jarren Wright receive third place. Honorable Mentions were given to third graders Astraya Bryant, Sophie Lucio and Kyn-dall Pritchard. In the 5<sup>th</sup> grade second place winners were Corey Holt, Kaylen Marquez, and Harley Spivey. Fifth graders Jasiah Flores, Amariah Patton and Paxton McCormick received third place with Honorable Mentions going to Keeley Tilley and Carmen Trinidad.

In addition to the local student poster contest winners, Howard Soil and Water Conservation District is proud to announce they were cho-

sen Outstanding Conservation District for Area II. The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable resources. HSWCD will be honored at a Conservation Awards Banquet for Area II on May 7 in Wall, Texas. Area II consists of 51 districts in Southwest Texas extending from El Paso County to Blanco County near Austin and Andrews County to Maverick County of Eagle Pass.

The Howard SWCD will continue to the state level to compete against the other Areas comprised of the remaining 165 conservation districts. The Board of Directors for HSWCD is comprised of Mr. Glenn Berry, Mr. Kevin Hamlin, Mr. Ed Miller, Mr. Mark Morgan and Mr. Jimmy Sterling.

## VETERANS

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who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, whether in peacetime or war. Nine million Americans — about 6.4 million of them living today — served during that period, according to the U.S. Department of Defense website.

"There is really no way to express the sincere gratitude that today's generation has towards our veterans. Our patriotic young Americans who look up to the heroes from these past wars in awe, with utmost respect and regard," Lynch said.

He concluded his recognition speech, "Society has taken a huge turnaround and is now overly thankful to our servicemen and -women. Personally every time I receive a handshake or a thank you ... it's not because they know what I've done, it's because they know what you've done and sacrificed for this nation, while never receiving a proper thank you, like you should have. So I say, from my generation, from the family I got to choose because of you, Thank you."

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### Lady Hawks sweep Odessa College after sweeping Midland College last week to move to 8-0 in conference play.

By JORDAN PARR

Sports Editor

BIG SPRING—The Lady Hawks have made short work of their conference Midland College and Odessa College in back-to-back 4 game series over the past two weeks. With those two big series sweeps Howard College sits atop the conference standings with an 8-0 record and look to once again make a run at the regional and national tournament. The Lady Hawks outthit the Lady Wranglers 46-38 in the series and outscored them 40-21 over those four games.

In the first game of the series on Friday at Foundation Field, Howard College stole a win right out from under Odessa with a 2 run rally in the bottom of the seventh, on a Brittney Espinosa RBI single, to win 7-6. The Lady Wranglers had the hit advantage in the game with 10 hits compared to just 6 hits for the Lady Hawks, but the Lady Hawks turned those hits into

the winning effort. With momentum on their side after a nice seventh inning walk off win in game one of the series, Howard College never looked back and took that confidence into game two.

In the second game of Friday's double-header, the Lady Hawks fought it out in a tough back and forth battle until they blew the game wide open with an 8 run bottom of the sixth to get the 17-9 victory over the Lady Wrangler and go up 2-0 in the four game series. Howard College got out-hit in the game 11-9 by Odessa, but somehow managed to almost double their runs in the win.

The Lady Hawks stole the lead and the game once again in the last inning in game two of the series. Tied 9-9 in the bottom of the sixth, Lani Graft stepped to the plate and sent one deep on the first pitch at bat. Graft's 3 run blast put Howard College in the lead and started the big 8 run inning that would end the game. Graft an out-



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Kirklynd Newsom fields a ground ball in center field during the Hawk's 7-6 win over Odessa College in the first game of a doubleheader played on Friday, March 29. Howard went on to a 17-9 run rule win in the second game.

five extra bags in the win, Graft once again led the way with 2 of those steals. Madison Neff, Amanda Gonzalez and Graft each went deep in the game showing the Lady Hawks power at the plate and played a key part in the big win.

In game three of the series in Odessa on Sunday, Howard College left no doubt and didn't wait till the last inning to put the game away this time as they dominated the Lady Wranglers 20-2. The Lady Hawks outthit Odessa 18-6 in the game and after scoring 8 runs in the first two innings had all but put the game on ice from the get go.

Paige Hallam was seeing the ball really well at the dish, she had 4 hits in the game and drove in 4 runs to lead the offense and help Howard College bring home the big victory. Marissa Selinas contributed as well with a homer in the top of the second. With 18 hits in the game, the Lady Hawks had multiple players with more than one hit. Hallam, Musicant, Gonzalez, Graft and Kirklynd Newsom all had more than one hit in the game and drove in runs.

Musicant got the start on the rubber for Howard College. She pitched five innings, allowed 2 runs on 6 hits and struck out one in the win. Odessa's pitcher, #9, allowed 13 runs and 13 hits over two and two-thirds innings and struck out two in the lopsided loss.

In the final game of the series in Odessa, the Lady Hawks held on in a tight game to pull off the 6-4 victory to complete the series sweep. Howard College outthit the Lady Wranglers 13 to 11 in the game and kept Odessa college from crossing the plate despite having 3 crossing errors in the game.

The Lady Hawks were up 5-0 early after a 3 run top of the first followed by a 2 run top of the second with no answer from Odessa. Madison Neff, Amanda Gonzalez, Marissa Salinas and Kirklynd Newsom all had multiple hits in the game with Gonzalez and Neff each getting three a piece. Odessa had four players with multiple hits but once again they struggled to turn their hits into runs and they fell behind early and couldn't come back as the Lady Hawks swept the series and stayed unbeaten in conference play.

Musicant got the start for the Lady Hawks once again. Musicant pitched three innings, allowed no runs on 6 hits and struck out four in the win. Odessa's #9 got the start again for the Lady Wranglers. She allowed 6 runs on 13 hits and struck out two in seven innings pitched.

With an 8-0 conference record and all the momentum on their side, the Lady Hawks will travel to Clarendon this Friday to take on the the 8-0 Lady Bulldogs for sole possession of first place in the conference.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Amanda Gonzalez hits a home run during the Hawk's 7-6 win over Odessa College in the first game of a doubleheader played on Friday, March 29. Howard went on to a 17-9 run rule win in the second game.

runs when it mattered and got the win.

Marin Musicant got the start in the circle for Howard College. Musicant pitched six innings, allowed 4 runs on 8 hits and struck out two. With 6 hits in the game, the Lady Hawks' Espinosa and Amanda Gonzalez led the way offensively with two hits a piece in

standing at the plate, in the game going 3 for 4 and driving in 4 runs in the win.

The Lady Hawks did work at the dish in the game getting 9 hits and swatting 3 long balls. Graft and Paige Hallam both had multiple hits in the game to lead Howard College offensively. The Lady Hawks also grabbed

### Clyde tops Coahoma in hard-fought district game

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — 2018 5-3A district co-champions Coahoma and Clyde met for the first time this season on Friday, and it was the No. 11 Lady Bulldogs who came up on top 3-0 over the Bulldogettes in a hard-fought game of softball.

The game came down to a pitcher's duel between Coahoma's MaKynlee Overton and Clyde's Kaitlyn Turner as well as great defensive fielding by the two cohesive softball teams. For the first two and half innings, Overton and Turner quickly got outs and kept the bases empty. In fact, Overton got the first hit of the game with a grounder to left field.

However, it was Coahoma's only recorded hit for the game. Clyde got eight hits off of Overton, but only capitalized with three runs and that came in the top of the fourth when Peyton Lee walloped a three RBI homer over

the left field fence.

Overton went seven innings in the circle and struck out seven batters. She threw 110 pitches and got 61 strikes.

With the loss, the Bulldogettes fall 4-3 for district play and 10-5 in the overall season. Clyde continues to have a perfect 7-0 district season and is 18-5 overall.

Next: Coahoma at Jim Ned, 5 p.m. Friday.

CLYDE 3, COAHOMA 0  
Clyde: 000 300 0 -- 3 8 0  
Coahoma: 000 000 0 -- 0 1 4

W — Kaitlyn Turner, L — MaKynlee Overton. 2B: Clyde — Sydnee Leverich, Peyton Lee. HR: Clyde — Kaelyn Miller, SB: Clyde — Londen Brashear. Pitches-Strikes: Clyde — Turner 79-57; Coahoma — Overton 110-66; Batters Faced: Clyde — Turner 22; Coahoma — Overton 31



Courtesy photo/Lyndel Moody

Coahoma's Taylor Barnes throws a pitch over the plate during the Coahoma Bulldogs versus the Clyde Bulldogs varsity baseball game held Friday, March 29, in Coahoma.

### Bulldogettes fall to Clyde

Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs fell to the Clyde Bulldogs 11-1 on Friday night in a 5-3A district baseball match.

Clyde was effective in keeping Coahoma off the bases. Coahoma only had two hits for the game with both coming in the first inning. Gaige Hill doubled on a fly ball to right field and Avry Burgans earned a RBI for the Bulldogs with a double on a hard ground ball to right field.

Clyde had a slight 3-1 lead after four innings, but had a big eight-run fifth inning to end the game early by rule run.

Next: Coahoma at Jim Ned. Game

time is 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

CLYDE 11, COAHOMA 1

Clyde: 102 08 -- 11 13 1  
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W — Riley Rice, L — Taylor Barnes. 2B: Clyde — Ethan Hawk, Hunter Lopez, Coahoma — Gaige Hill, Avry Burgans. HR: Clyde — Kendal Morgan. SB: Clyde — Evan Laughlin 2, Christian Deal, Hawk; Coahoma — Burgans. Pitches-Strikes: Clyde — Riley Rice 73-48; Coahoma — Taylor Barnes 76-51, Burgans 47-28. Batters Faced: Clyde — 19; Coahoma — Barnes 24, Burgans 10.



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MaKynlee Overton throws a strike over the plate for the Bulldogettes, during the Coahoma Bulldogette/Clyde Lady Bulldog varsity softball game held Friday, March 29, in Coahoma.

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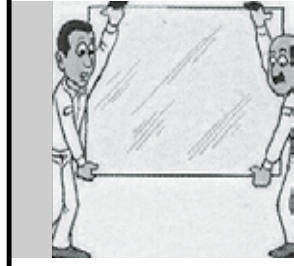
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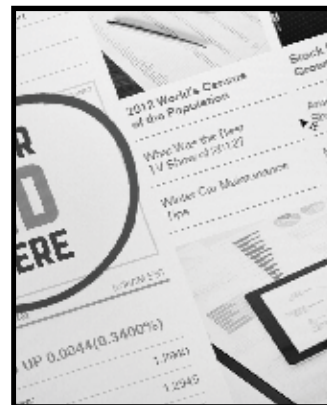
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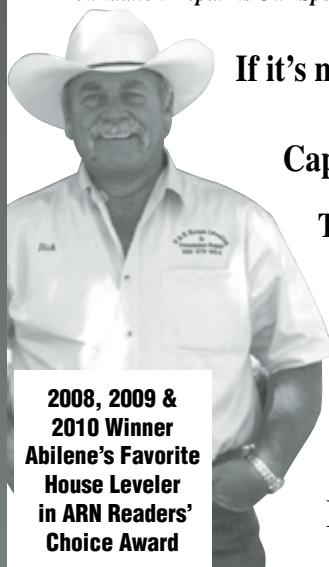
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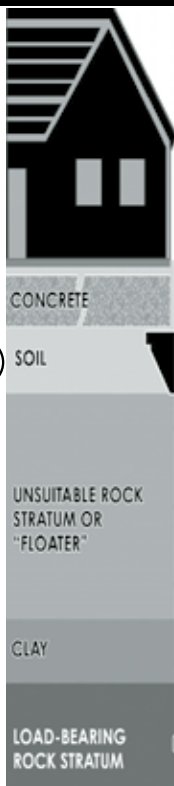
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## Annie's Mailbox

## Learning a Language

**Dear Annie:** I love learning languages. I grew up with immigrant parents who spoke their native language to me, and I studied another language in high school. I'm also a native English speaker. I wouldn't say I'm trilingual, but I can get by in those two languages I've learned aside from English.

The thing is that learning those languages was easier than it is to learn languages now that I'm out of school. I learned my parents' language as a child, when the human brain's plasticity is at its maximum and learning new languages is easiest. And the other language

I learned while in school; I essentially didn't have a choice but to show up to class and learn the language.

Now learning a new language requires self-discipline. No outside force is going to help me learn another language. I'm not sure I have the discipline, but I really would like to learn another language or two. Any tips? -- Lazy Linguist

**Dear Lazy Linguist:** School is always in session on the internet. And in many cases, tuition is free. Check out the website Duolingo, and visit your local library to see whether it has a Rosetta Stone subscription. Software solutions aside,

one of the best ways to practice and learn a new language is simply to speak with people in it. Once you've gotten on track learning the basics of a new language, check out Meetup to find a group in your area that speaks in that language.

It's wise of you to take such an interest in learning new languages, as it can be a big boost to your brain. Researchers at Penn State University found that bilingual people are better at multitasking, and researchers at the University of Chicago found that bilingual people tend to make better, more rational decisions when speaking in their nonnative tongue, presumably

because they're forced to think in a more deliberate way. Though you're already nearly trilingual, it stands to reason that you could reap more of these benefits with each new language you learn. And though it might be more challenging to pick up a new language as an adult than as a child, it's by no means impossible. See the article titled "A critical period for second language acquisition," published last year in the journal *Cognition*, if you'd like to read more about that.

**Dear Annie:** In regard to the letter from "Polite Guy," I have to side with the former hippies and their daughter on this

one.

The other day, I was delivering some books to the local high school. At one point, I was standing in front of a door with a 2-foot stack of books in my arms, trying to figure out how I was going to open the door. More than a dozen kids walked around me. Finally, one kid opened the door for me.

I didn't think that was a matter of good manners. I thought it was a matter of common decency -- with a little bit of awareness of what's going on outside your own skin thrown in. There shouldn't have to be a "rule" to get a kid to help an old lady who can't open the door because she's carrying a stack of

books.

I value kindness, sincerity and consideration, not good manners. -- Judy G.

**Dear Judy:** I don't espouse etiquette as a set of ironclad rules that we all must follow for fear of punishment; to me, "having good manners" often just comes down to being a good person. But perhaps we're splitting hairs here. Whatever one wants to call the everyday decency we show one another, here's hoping for more of it.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## Hilaria

Some historians believe that April Fools' Day is linked to the Roman holiday Hilaria, celebrated at the end of March. During Hilaria, no one was allowed to show grief or sorrow. The Pisces moon promises that however we are feeling, we are not alone in it. Emotions are contagious. Most people will try to cultivate and share a happy mood.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** People won't remember what you tell them or show them. It's the feeling they got; that's always what sticks. From there, they'll create their own stories.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Work you did last week will already show signs of paying off in small but measurable ways. Keep the trend going and you'll soon see the sort of marked chang-

es you've been wishing for.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's your turn to present an idea, make an introduction or execute a sales pitch. Also, you'll have to do it more than once. After each interaction, decide what went well and what didn't and you'll constantly improve.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You're short on team support. You're going to need that in order to reach your full potential. Just remember that the first member of your team whom you need to recruit is you. From there, the rest will come easy.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The line between self-examination and self-obsession is a thin one. Reflection is only one way to become wise. It is also possible to become wise through experience, a route that is both more difficult and

more dependable.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Be all-embracing. This is the way of beauty and love, to be nonpartial. To accept others is to accept yourself. The more room you can make in your heart the more there will be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** It's natural to assume that everyone thinks like you. It will take only a few conversations to realize this isn't so. You're unique. Sometimes you have to witness what

By HOLIDAY MATHIS you're (SET ITAL)



not (END ITAL) to understand more fully what you (SET ITAL) are (END ITAL).

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You're getting really good at making plans you'll actually want to stick to. This has come out of a process of trial and error. Your latest plan has a really excellent shot

at unfolding pretty close to how it looks on paper.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Trust silence. Silence will be your true friend. It will stand in, taking up the right amount of space, meaning exactly what's projected onto it -- no more, no less.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're fully aware that people do not completely share the same reality. Everyone involved in the scene has a different experience of it. You're practical about this, and you stay on the lookout for common ground.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Faithfulness and sincerity are the qualities you get the chance to display only when there's something to set right. So in a weird way, you'll be happy for the drama that needs your reaction. It's your shining moment.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You're in charge of your story, though it can get out of your hands from time to time. Pull back to see the bigger picture. What are your points of power and leverage? How could you better set yourself up for success?

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 1).** The next three weeks will bust up a routine that's become unsuitable. You'll redesign your days to better reflect new goals and purposes. The summer gets more sociable, and you'll find it easy to meet people and enjoy your loved ones. July connections open your creativity and spirit of innovation. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 20, 14 and 33.

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## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

## Here's How It Works:

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

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

ANSWER:

## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Famous Hand

North dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ K Q 2  
♥ —  
♦ Q 8 2  
♣ A K 9 7 5 4 2

**WEST**

♠ J 5 4  
♥ A K 8 3  
♦ 10 6 5 4  
♣ 10 8

**EAST**

♠ 3  
♥ 10 9 7 6 5 4  
♦ K J 7  
♣ Q J 6

**SOUTH**

♠ A 10 9 8 7 6  
♥ Q J 2  
♦ A 9 3  
♣ 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal occurred in a tournament in Italy in 1952. South was Michele Giovine, co-inventor of the Marmic system. He reached six spades as shown and went down one.

Disturbed by the outcome, since he could have made the slam, Giovine the next day asked Swiss star Jean Besse how he would play the hand.

Besse also went down, as did many other well-known European experts who were consulted. Only Frits Goudsmit of Holland found the

right line of play.

This extraordinary series of failures is even more remarkable when it is considered that the correct line of play is self-evident once it is pointed out. Apparently, the hand produces a blind spot among experts.

What South should do is ruff the heart lead in dummy, cash the A-K of clubs, discarding the jack of hearts, and then ruff East's queen of clubs with the ace of spades. He then leads a trump to the queen and plays a fourth round of clubs, discarding the queen of hearts.

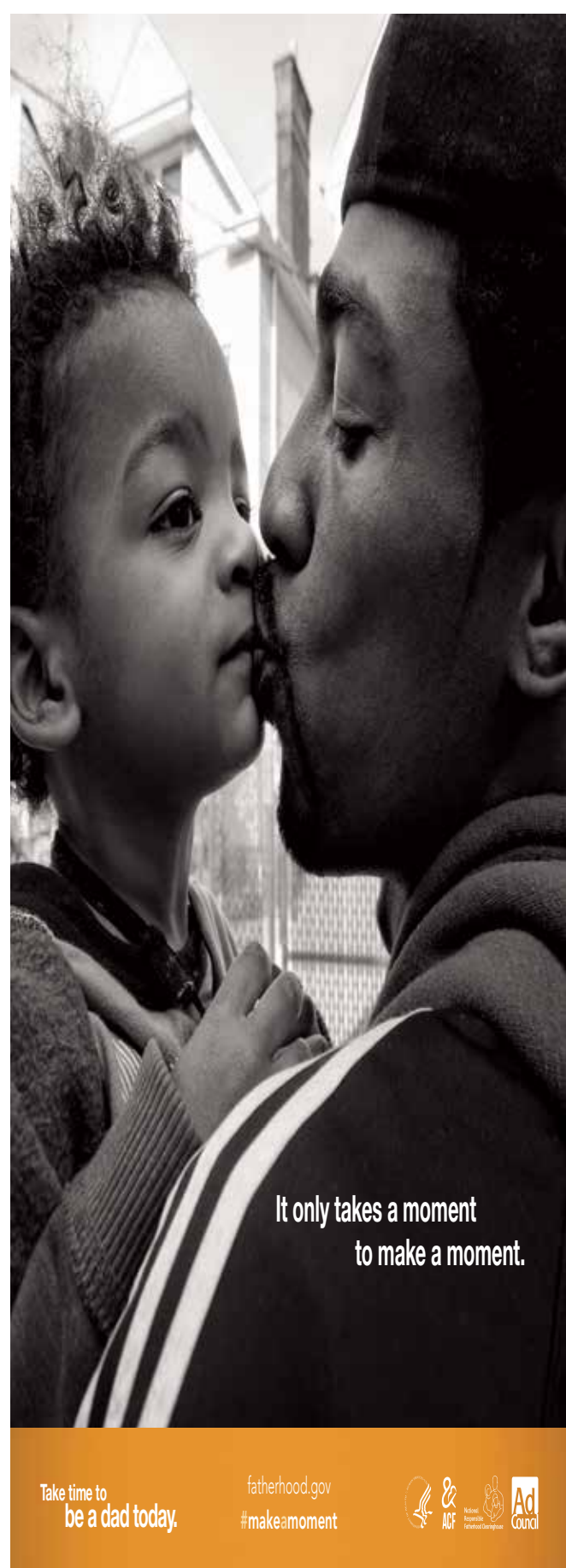
It does not matter whether the spades were originally divided 3-1 or 2-2 because the contract is now sure to make regardless of what is returned after one of the defenders (West in the actual case) ruffs the established club. Dummy still has the king of spades as an entry for the remaining good clubs, and there is only one adverse trump left.

The suggested approach is more likely to succeed than any other line of play. It wins whenever the defenders' cards are divided normally, that is, when the clubs break 3-2 (68 percent) and when the spades are divided either 2-2 or 3-1 (90 percent).

There is nothing complicated about the hand, but, for some mysterious reason, most of the experts failed the test.

Tomorrow: Third-hand low.

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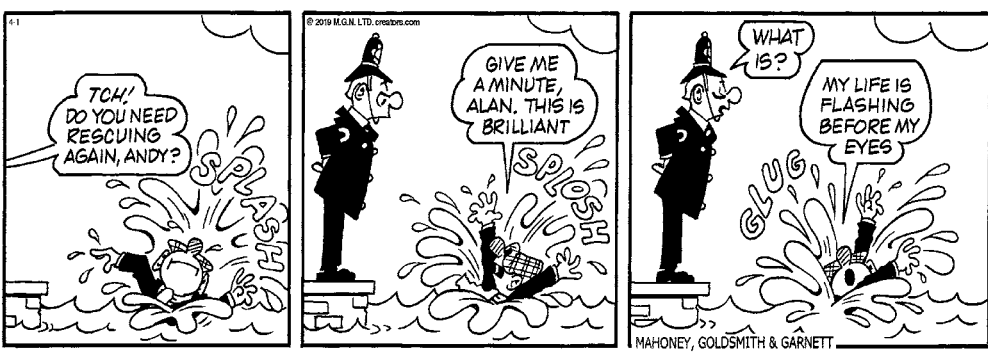
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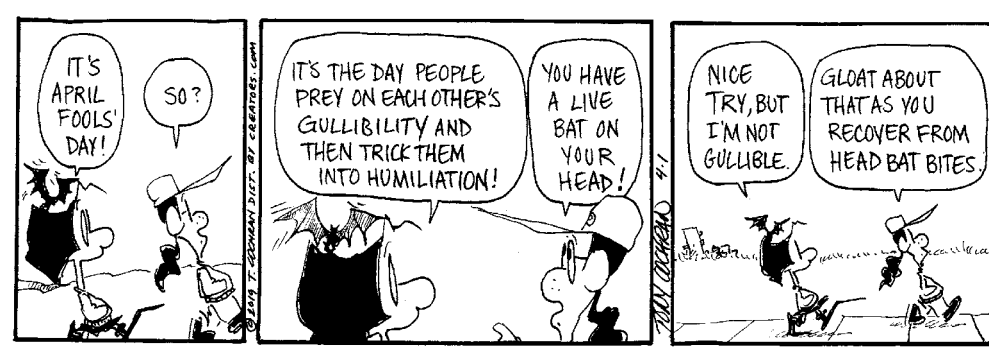


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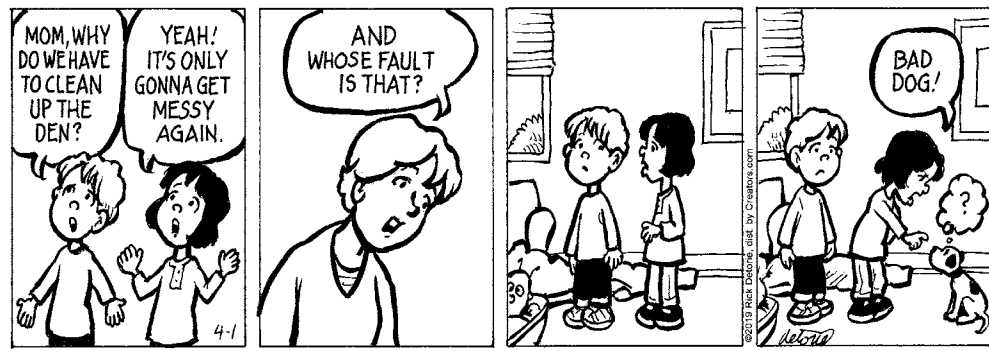
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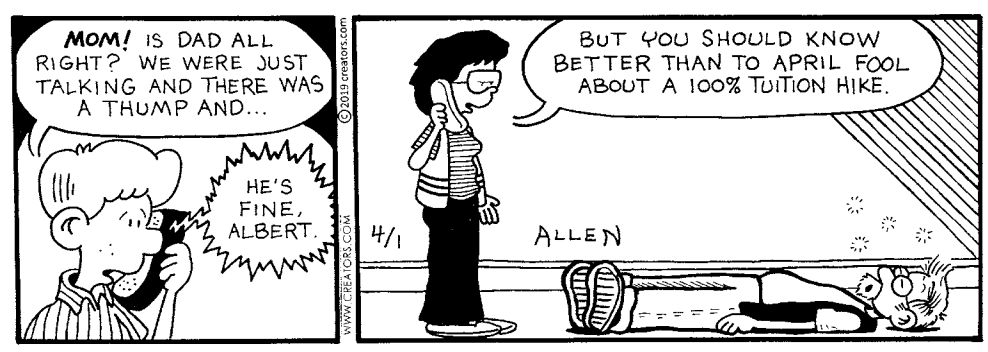
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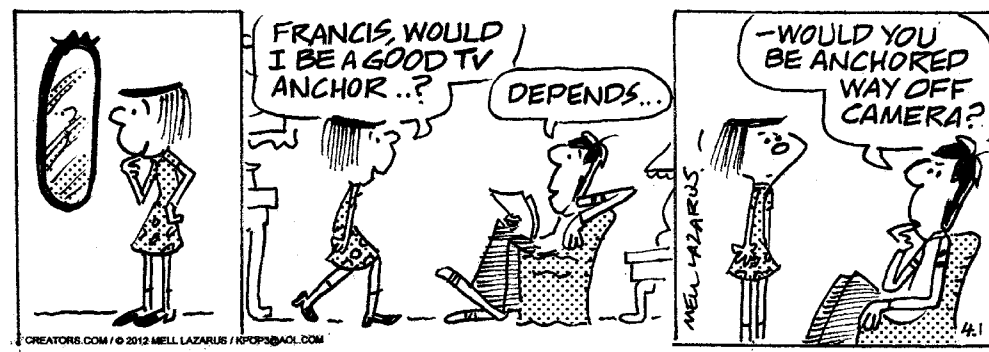
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### NEST HEAD



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## This Date In History

### Today in History

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### Today in History

Today is Monday, April 1, the

91st day of 2019. There are

274 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 2003, American

troops entered a hospital in

Nasiriyah (nah-sih-REE'-

uh), Iraq, and rescued Army

Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who had

been held prisoner since

her unit was ambushed on

March 23.

On this date:

In 1789, the U.S. House of

Representatives held its first

full meeting in New York;

Frederick Muhlenberg of

Pennsylvania was elected the

first House speaker.

In 1933, Nazi Germany

staged a daylong national

boycott of Jewish-owned

businesses.

In 1945, American forces

launched the amphibious

invasion of Okinawa during

World War II. (U.S. forces

succeeded in capturing the

Japanese island on June 22.)

In 1954, the United States Air

Force Academy was estab-

lished by President Dwight

D. Eisenhower.

In 1970, President Richard

M. Nixon signed a measure

banning cigarette advertising

on radio and television, to

take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1972, the first Major

League Baseball players'

strike began; it lasted 12 days.

In 1976, Apple Computer

was founded by Steve Jobs,

Steve Wozniak and Ronald

Wayne.

In 1983, tens of thousands

of anti-nuclear demonstra-

### Today's Birthdays:

Actress Jane Powell is 90. Actor Don

Hastings is 85. Baseball Hall

of Famer Phil Niekro is 80.

Actress Ali MacGraw is 80.

Rhythm-and-blues singer

Rudolph Isley is 80. Reg-

gae singer Jimmy Cliff is

71. Supreme Court Justice

Samuel Alito is 69. Rock

musician Billy Currie (Ul-

travox) is 69. Actress An-

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### Maleeva is 44. Actor David

Oyelowo (oh-YEHLOH'-oh)

is 43. Actor JJ Field is 41.

Singer Bijou Phillips is 39.

Actor Sam Huntington is 37.

Comedian-actor Taran Kil-

lam is 37. Actor Matt Lanter

is 36. Actor Josh Zuckerman

is 34. Country singer Hillary

Scott (Lady Antebellum) is

33. Rock drummer Arejay

Hale (Halestorm) is 32. Ac-

### tor Asa Butterfield is 22. Ac-

tor Tyler Wladis is 9.

Thought for Today: "The

only sin is mediocrity." —

Martha Graham, American

modern dance pioneer (born

1894, died this date in 1991).

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## Newsday Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Catches red-handed
- 5 Possesses
- 8 \_\_\_ and groan (complain)
- 12 Finish cleaning a floor
- 13 \_\_\_ fish sandwich
- 14 Stare at
- 15 Submit tax forms online
- 16 \_\_\_-bitty (tiny)
- 17 Mine rocks
- 18 Beachgoer's eyewear
- 20 First in line
- 21 Heavenly harpists
- 22 Super Bowl org.
- 24 Distress signal
- 26 Patrolled, as cops
- 30 Behind schedule
- 34 Widespread popularity
- 36 Think alike
- 37 Hour after midnight
- 39 Sports-bar screens
- 40 Giant sea mammal
- 41 Catch in a trap
- 42 Apple's music player
- 44 Sugar amt.
- 45 Experimental trout
- 47 Bit of a drink
- 49 Barnyard cackler
- 50 African desert
- 55 Concoct, as beer
- 58 Tall urban building
- 62 Currency in Italy
- 63 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 64 Shoreline nook
- 65 Mix with a straw

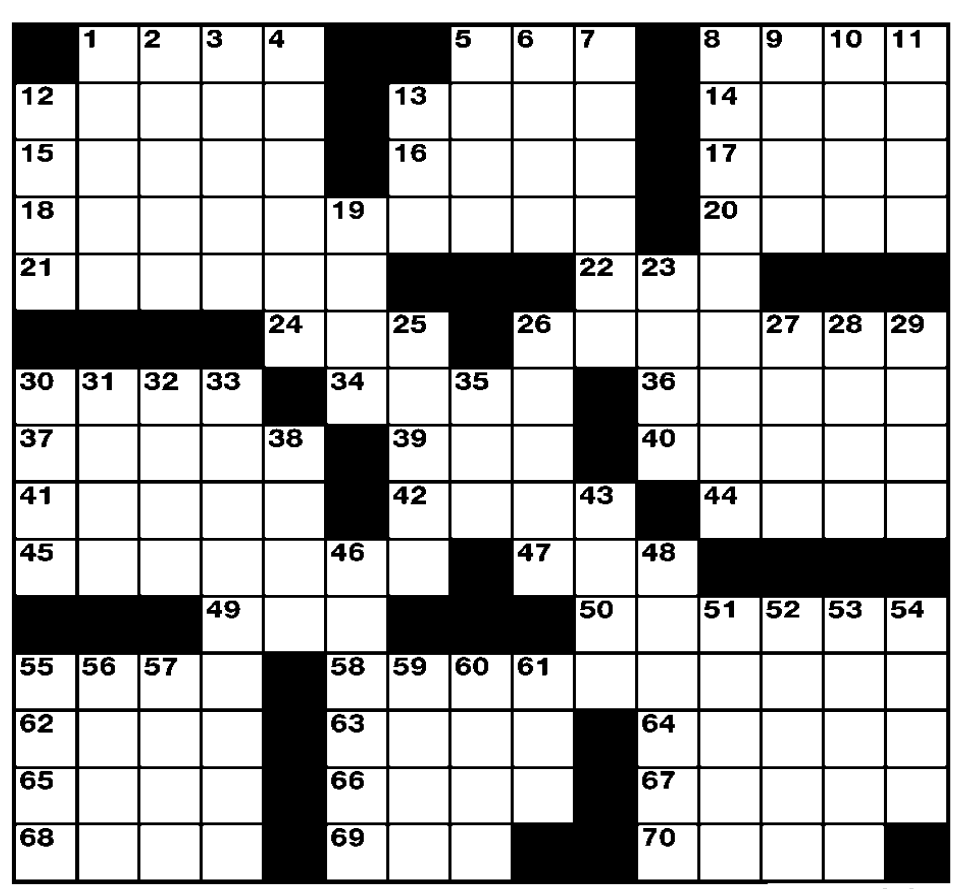
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- 2 Mimicking
- 3 Roundish protrusion
- 4 Competes in a bee
- 5 Castaways' homes
- 6 Initial poker stake
- 7 Refuses
- 8 Take a second job
- 9 Folklore meanie
- 10 Trebek of Jeopardy!
- 11 Baby birds' home
- 12 Flat-topped mountain
- 13 "\_\_\_ the season to be jolly . . ."
- 19 \_\_\_ now (so far)
- 23 Imperfection
- 25 Glossy bedding fabric
- 26 Mexican coins
- 27 Lobster cousin
- 28 Snakelike swimmers
- 29 Profound
- 30 In need of directions
- 31 Diarist \_\_\_ Frank
- 32 Cups of pekee
- 33 Wiggler used for bait
- 35 Postseason sports award: Abbr.
- 38 "A \_\_\_ formality!"
- 43 Compact \_\_\_ player (den device)
- 46 Dangerous
- 48 Reverend's district
- 51 Capital of Vietnam
- 52 Outstanding school grade
- 53 Fishing line holders
- 54 \_\_\_ and crafts
- 55 Highest-quality
- 56 Baseball great Babe
- 57 One of the Great Lakes
- 59 Leg joint
- 60 Yellow part of an egg
- 61 NBC weekend comedy series

### UP AND AROUND by Brad Wilber

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### Answer to previous puzzle



# Texas Tech locks down 'Zags to earn to 1st Final Four trip



AP photo

Texas Tech celebrates after the team scored against Gonzaga during the second half of the West Regional final in the NCAA men's college basketball tournament Saturday, March 30, in Anaheim, Calif.

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — One player came all the way from Italy. Another arrived from rural Illinois after a stop in South Dakota. Still another could've gone a lot of places but chose to stay home and see if he could help Texas Tech make the big time.

It can't get much bigger than this.

Coach Chris Beard and his group of unheralded grinders notched a victory for everyone with a chip on their shoulder Saturday, gutting out a 75-69 win over Gonzaga that's sending the Red Raiders to the Final Four.

Davide Moretti of Bologna, Italy, made the two most important 3-pointers of his life to open a sliver of a cushion, then defense sealed the deal - and wrapped up a trip to college basketball's biggest stage for the first time in the 94-year history of the program.

"Texas Tech is going to the Final Four," Beard said. "Some of you look surprised. But Texas Tech is going to the Final Four."

Anyone who has caught even a glimpse of this team's nation-leading defense wouldn't have been surprised. It was typical of the Red Raiders (30-6) — in this case, an inch-by-inch take-down of the nation's most prolific offense, punctuated by Tariq Owens' major rejection of Rui Hachimura with 56 seconds left - one of Texas Tech's seven blocked shots, to go with nine steals and 16 forced turnovers.

"It's real. That defense is real," Gon-

zaga coach Mark Few said. "It impacted us tonight. They took a lot of balls tonight."

Jarrett Culver, an NBA prospect who chose his hometown college over several other suitors, led the Red Raiders with 19 points. Matt Mooney, out of Wauconda, Illinois, and playing as a graduate transfer from South Dakota, had 17.

But, as usual, the biggest stats came on defense.

Texas Tech held the Bulldogs to 42 percent shooting, some 10 points below their average. This was only the fourth time Gonzaga was held under 70 this season. In short, the Red Raiders gave the Zags very little room to breathe.

"I think I turned the ball over five times in the first half," said Gonzaga forward Brandon Clarke, who finished the game with six. "It's something I've never done."

After falling behind by 7 points late, Gonzaga (33-4) chipped away and pulled within 71-69 on Zach Norvell Jr.'s putback with 11 seconds left. But

Josh Perkins reached over the end line and tipped the ball out of Mooney's hand as he was inbounding, and the refs called a technical.

"I just reached at it," Perkins said. "It was a bonehead play, something I'll think about forever."

Moretti (12 points) did the honors — sinking the technical free throws to ice the game.

He was the player brought to tears

earlier this month, when his family visited from Italy and Beard brought them into the meeting room to surprise him.

If he thought that was fun, just wait.

"I can't believe we're here after all the work we did this season," Moretti said.

Though Gonzaga was the only team to beat Duke and Zion Williamson at full strength this season, there will be no rematch in the Final Four. With Clarke (18 points, 12 rebounds) and Hachimura (22 and 6), both of whom could be possible lottery picks, this might have been Few's most talented team — even more talented than the squad that made the national final two seasons ago.

But programs find talent in lots of different corners, and Beard has been amassing his share - then coaching it up - since he arrived in Lubbock three years ago. It's his 12th stop on a nationwide tour through community colleges, Division II and assistant's jobs - most notable among them the 10 years he spent at Texas Tech working for Bob Knight and then Knight's son, Pat.

"It was like getting a PhD in coaching every day," Beard said.

Texas Tech wasn't picked to do much after losing players from the team that stalled out at the Elite Eight last year. But as the preseason, then the regular season, wore on, Beard said opposing coaches kept telling him the Red Raiders might be some-

thing special.

He relished putting a large chip on his players' shoulders, telling them they had to work harder because they weren't the All-Americans and NBA prospects that dot the rosters of some of those bigger, more-famous teams.

A good story line, for sure. But Beard might be changing his tune ever so slightly.

"I don't mind the underdog, chip-on-the-shoulder story, but it disrespects these players a little bit when people don't understand, we have really good college players," he said. "We have one of the best teams in the country this year."

One of the four best, at least.

**DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS**

The Red Raiders are the first Texas team to make the Final Four since University of Texas went in 2003.

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Despite the loss Clarke's prospects certainly went up again. He was 7 for 10 from the field and had two more blocks to bring his nation-leading total to 117. His most amazing stat: He finished the season with the same number of blocks as missed field-goal attempts.

**NEXT UP**

Texas Tech takes its show to Minneapolis, where it will meet the winner of the East Region final between Duke and Michigan State.

## Final Four field boasts tough defenses, veteran lineups

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RALEIGH, N.C. — The Final Four features tough defenses, a surging team that hasn't lost in five weeks and one Hall of Fame coach.

Virginia, Michigan State, Texas Tech and Auburn earned their trips to Minneapolis for this weekend's national semifinals by emerging from regions filled with high seeds. The Cavaliers are the last top seed, while the Spartans, Red Raiders and Tigers ousted the other No. 1s in the regional rounds.

Here's a look at each team:

**VIRGINIA**

The Cavaliers were in the top six of the AP Top 25 all year while winning a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title.

**WHY THEY'LL WIN**

Their defense tests even the best offenses by clogging the paint to turn away penetration. And while running a clock-controlling offense, the Cavaliers are more efficient (123 points per 100 possessions, according to KenPom) with their limited possessions than ever under Tony Bennett.

Veterans like Kyle Guy and Ty Jerome (or Mama-di Diakite, judging by his overtime-forcing shot in the Elite Eight against Purdue) can hit tough shots for a team that finally has its Final Four breakthrough.

**WHY THEY WON'T**

If the Cavaliers struggle for stops, the pressure increases on a offense prone to droughts, even on the best of nights.

They hit just enough outside shots to survive Purdue's Carsen Edwards scoring 42 points Saturday. But in Virginia's loss to Florida State in the ACC Tournament, the Cavaliers went six second-half minutes without a basket and couldn't catch up as the hot-shooting Seminoles took control.

**MICHIGAN STATE**

The Spartans, a No. 2 NCAA seed after winning the Big Ten Tournament, pushed past No. 1 overall seed Duke in a tense regional final.

**WHY THEY'LL WIN**

The Spartans have veteran confidence from winning 14 of 15 games and join Virginia in the top 10 of KenPom's offensive and defensive efficiency rankings.

Big Ten player of the year Cassius Winston is a masterful floor leader (20 points, 10 assists against Duke), and is complemented by Nick Ward and Xavier Tillman (19 points against Duke) inside.

Michigan State also has the experience edge on the sideline, too. This is Hall of Famer Tom Izzo's eighth Final Four compared to the other three coaches making their debuts.

## Runnels Academy starts golf team



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The Runnels Academy has formed the first golf team for the school.

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