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Editor's Notice:

The Big Spring Herald will no longer accept political "Letters to the Editor" in order to continue to remain unbiased in this election season.

Upcoming Events

Today 6 p.m.
 Mayoral Debate
 BSHS

April 4 6:30 p.m.
 Meet the Candidates
 Hotel Settles

April 5
 Go Blue Day - Wear Blue for Child Abuse Awareness Month



Partnering to raise awareness

April is Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month



HERALD photos/Amanda Duforat and Anna Gutierrez
 Representatives from Victim Services went around town Monday placing teal ribbons in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. They joined with Scenic Mountain Medical Center in also recognizing Child Abuse Awareness Month. Top Photo: Scenic Mountain Medical Center employees, along with Victim Services, tie ribbons to the tree in an effort to raise awareness. Pictured left: District Court Judge Tim Yates, along with court employees and Victim Service representatives tie a teal ribbon to the tree outside the District Court building.

By **AMANDA DUFORAT** Managing Editor
 A little bit of blue, a little bit of teal can go a long way in spreading awareness, at least that's the plan for the month of April.
 "We are encouraging everyone to join the effort and help raise awareness for Child Abuse and Sexual Assault victims. The more we talk about it, the more awareness we raise and the less likely it is that these crimes are to happen," April Arms, SMMC representative said.
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Finances to top county commissioner meeting

By **ROGER CLINE** Staff Writer
 Howard County commissioners will consider invoices from the Harris Corporation and consider selecting an outside auditor for the 2019 fiscal year at this week's regular meeting. The meeting will take place at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the third-floor courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse.

Harris Corporation is providing the radios for the joint City/County radio system the two entities have been working on for several months.
 At the commissioners' previous meeting March 20, the county leaders voted to table action on authorizing payment of the invoices because the radios were in the process of being shipped, and had not yet been received locally.
 In other business, commissioners plan to:
 • Consider approval of invoices, purchase requests, and budget amendments;
 • Discuss and consider action on approval of payroll,

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Toasty Tuesday cleanup

KBSB focus Marcy Elementary area



Courtesy photo
 Keep Big Spring Beautiful gathered 15 bags of trash from around the Marcy Drive area, last week, - in front of Walmart - in about an hour. This week KBSB will be out picking up trash in front of Marcy Elementary, off of Wasson Road. The community is invited to join. Trash Off will take place April 13, and bags can be picked up April 12 at the Chamber.

Plane crash claims life of Big Spring resident

By **AMANDA DUFORAT** Managing Editor
 A single-engine Cirrus SR22 crashed Sunday afternoon, in New Mexico claiming the life of a Big Spring resident.
 According to an FAA spokesman, the aircraft was reported missing about 3:15 p.m. Mountain Time, after disappearing from air traffic radar. At the time of disappearance, the plane showed to be about 50 miles south of Farmington, NM. The aircraft's intended destination was Big Spring.
 When the wreckage was discovered, Sunday evening, it

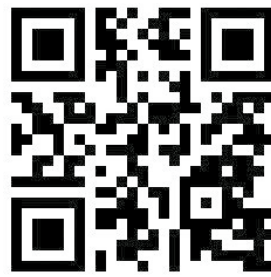
was determined the aircraft was occupied by a single passenger, the pilot, who has since been identified as Marvin Casey. He was pronounced deceased on scene by the Office of Medical Investigator.
 According to the Public Information Officer for the New Mexico State Police, and a KOAT reporter, the cause of the accident is still under investigation.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **KENNETH WHITE**, 27, of 1601 E. 17th St., was arrested on a charge of discharging firearm within city.
- **JAIME NAVARETTE SALGADO, JR.**, 29, of 1005 N. W. 2nd St. was arrested on a charge of

public intoxication.

- **HOLLY RENAE BARRERA**, 29, of 800 Creighton, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FERNANDO ARRIAGA**, 42 of 606 N. W. 8th St., was arrested on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance penalty

Sheriff

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

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

- **FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA, JR.**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 (one to four grams), unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, unauthorized use of a vehicle, and on a parole violation.
- **BRADLEY ANDREW BAIR**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for sexual assault.
- **HOLLY RENAE BARRERA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SHANNON LEE BOUDREAUX**, 48, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ERIC DAVID BURNETTE**, 33, was arrested by DPS on a charge

of driving while intoxicated.

- **MARK ANTHONY CHAVEIRA**, 30, was arrested by BSOD on a warrants for failure to appear/evading arrest or detention, and on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces).
- **ANDRES COLLAZO**, 30, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **BRIAN GLENN DAVIS**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on charges of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension, and failing to identify or giving false information.
- **CARL EDWARD DUHAMEL**, 41, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant for unauthorized use of a vehicle.
- **BRIONNA CLARABELL EAGLE**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with invalid license with previous conviction or suspension.
- **CASSADY GARCIA**, 18, was

group 1 (one gram to four grams), unlawfully carrying a weapon, and on an outstanding warrant.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Cactus Dr., and in the 100 block of E. 24th St.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 200 block of Jefferson St.

arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DAGAN ALEXANDER GRAY**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication and urinating in public.
- **ROBERT DARRELL HORTON**, 23, was arrested by DPS on warrants for driving while license invalid and for failing to identify fugitive intent.
- **JAMIE SALGADO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **KENNETH WHITE**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of discharging a firearm within the city
- **DARIUS DESHAWN YOUNG**, 34, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than two ounces), and on warrants for failing to maintain financial responsibility, expired registration, and no drivers license.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 167 on I-20. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 6100 block

of N. Service Road. No transport was required.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St. No transport was required.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at S. Gregg St and FM 700. No transport was required.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Auburn One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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, March 29, 2019.

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



March 9-8am
The Santa Fe

March 21-5pm
RoMa Craft Cigar Event

April 11
LFD Cigar Event

The Train Car Tracks
Music Event
March 30, April 27, May 18
7pm-Midnight

May 2
Crowned Heads
"Meat" and Greet Event

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Obituaries

Marvin Casey

Marvin Casey, 59, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 1, 2019, in Farmington, New Mexico. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

• 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, or call 432-268-3003.



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Runnels Academy hosts first Science Fair



Courtesy photos
The students at Runnels Academy, 102 E. 10th St., took part in the first annual science fair. Students were able to show off their research and hard work to their parents, teachers and fellow classmates. Runnels Academy is in the first year of being open, but is looking to expand the program, activities, and student base. For those wanting to find out more about the programs, registration or activities follow Runnels Academy on Facebook.

News Briefs

Full reopening of Houston Ship Channel unclear after fire

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard says it's unclear when the Houston Ship Channel will fully reopen as crews continue cleaning up chemicals that seeped into one of America's busiest shipping lanes following a fire at a petrochemical storage facility.

Coast Guard Capt. Rich Howes said Monday that cleanup crews are making headway and that more than 2.5 million gallons of an oily water mixture has been removed.

Part of the ship channel was closed after a fire erupted March 17 at the Intercontinental Terminals

Company facility in Deer Park. The fire burned for days and triggered air quality warnings. The closed portion was reopened but only during daylight hours.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says elevated benzene levels were detected over the weekend, but that residents are not in danger.

Mexican police break up 3 wildcat blockades at border plants

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Police in northern Mexico have broken up three wildcat picket lines at assembly plants in the border city of Matamoros, across from Brownsville, Texas.

The government of the northern state of Tamauli-

pas said Sunday there were no registered strikes at the three plants and that some employees had asked for the blockades to be lifted.

Strikes broke out in January after President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador decreed the doubling of minimum wages in border areas, apparently unaware that Matamoros plants had contracts that indexed salaries to the minimum wage.

After winning 20-percent wage increases at 48 plants, flying squads of workers fanned out to other plants to seek the same increases, though those plants didn't have the same contracts.

Picket lines continue at the local Coca-Cola bottling plant in Matamoros.

COUNTY

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approval of personnel considerations, and approval of the Monthly Payroll Report;

- Meet in closed executive session to discuss personnel considerations;
- Discuss and consider action on roadway maintenance updates;
- Consider approval of a temporary water line crossing at the old Howard County Airport.

If you would like to address the commissioners during the meeting, plan to arrive a few minutes before the meeting's start time to fill out a brief form alerting commissioners to your intent to speak. Contact County Judge Kathryn Wiseman at 432-264-2202 for more information.

'Unplanned' showing Thursday Life Center providing 100 tickets

The Life Center, located at 18th and Main, has purchased 100 tickets for the upcoming showing of Unplanned. In an effort to raise awareness, tickets are free on a first come, first serve basis. The tickets are good for the upcoming showtime of 2 p.m. Thursday. The movie will be showing at Cinemark, located inside the Spring Creek Mall.

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Marvin Casey, 59,
died Monday. Services are pending.

RIBBON

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"If businesses and local residents could decorate their mailbox, the front of their business, or even just wear blue or teal throughout the month, it would be a great way for them to take part in the effort. It's such a simple gesture, but it's enough to spark the conversation and gain attention."

The sixth annual Stand Up Howard County event will be taking place on April 11, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the front lawn of SMMC.

"The community is welcome to come out and join us. This will be a family fun event, and there will be information on resources in the community and several agencies represented who can offer support," Arms said.

This Friday is also Go Blue Day and the community is encouraged to wear blue, in an effort to raise

awareness.

Individuals, businesses and local organizations who take part in Go Blue Day or choose to display a blue and/or teal ribbon, are encouraged to send in their photos to the *Big Spring Herald*, to be shared throughout the month.

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Hawks drop 3 of 4 in a conference series against Midland College

By JORDAN PARR
Sports Editor

MIDLAND – The Hawks jumped out with a huge win to start the four game series against the Midland College Chaparrals, but then Howard College dropped the next three games, losing each of the three by 2 runs or less. Despite doubling the hits of the Chaps 48 to 24 and outscoring Midland 45 to 28 in the series, the Hawks couldn't get the key runs when they needed them and slipped behind the Chaparrals in the standings by losing 3 of the 4 games moving their record to 11-5 in conference play while Midland moved to 13-3.

In the first game of the series on Friday, Howard College blew out the Chaparrals 22-1 and outhit Midland College 16-1. The Hawks dominated the game in every aspect from the very beginning and really put the game away for good with a 12 run top of the fourth. Diego Ramirez, Lance Russell, Trace Bucey, Seth Ochoa and Ben McClain all drove in runs in the big inning for Howard College.

John Carlos Ariza got the win for the Hawks on the bump. Ariza allowed just 1 hit and 1 run over five innings and struck out three. Dawson Merryman was on the rubber for Midland College. Merryman pitched

three innings, gave up 8 runs on 7 hits and struck out 1 in the loss. Five other Chaparrals pitched in relief during the game as well, but none of them had an answer for the big bats of the Hawks.

With 16 hits in the game, there were multiple players for Howard College with more than one hit. Ramirez, Jodway, Russell, Coria, and Galvan each collected 2 or more hits in the game and Ramirez led the way going 3 for 5 at the dish. The Hawks went deep twice in the game. Jacob Martinez sent the first one over the fence in the fifth followed by a long shot by Blake Thistlethwaite later in that same inning. With great pitching and big time production at the plate, the Hawks made short work of the Chaps in game one.

In the second game of the series, it was a shootout. Both teams were seeing the ball well at the plate and neither pitcher could really take control of the game. A five run inning in the bottom of the eighth really derailed the Hawks as they dropped the game 11-10 even though the outhit the Chaps 16 to 9 in the game.

Howard College led the entire game until the bottom of the eighth when the wheels came off and Midland tied the game at 10 all with a huge 5 run rally. Then in the bottom of the ninth



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College's Allante Hall gets a smokin' hot hit during the Hawk's loss to conference rival Midland College in the second game of a doubleheader played on Sunday, March 31.

still tied at 10 the Chaparrals' Randy Huerta hit a solo home homer to win the game for Midland College and complete the rally.

McCain, Galvan, Smith, Ramirez and Bucey all had multiple hits in the game for the Hawks. Galvan and McClain led the way offensively with three hits a piece in the losing effort while Russell and Allante Hall both went yard in the first and second inning respectively.

In the third game of the series on Saturday, the Hawks tried to have a rally of their own. Trailing 9-6 in the bottom of the seventh, Howard College scored two runs but came up just short as they fell again to the Chaps this time by the score of 9-8.

Pimentel really played well in the game for Howard College. He hit the lone four bagger for the Hawks in the game and went 3 for 4 at the dish and drove in 2 runs to lead Howard College offensively. Wilson Galvan, Jacob Martinez, Raul Ortega and Ben McClain all drove in runs in the game as well to round out the Hawks offensive production in the contest.

Ricky Apodaca got the start on the pitched three innings, allowed 8 runs on 7 hits and struck out seven in the loss. Garrett Egli took the hill for the Chaparrals in the win. Egli threw three and two-thirds innings, allowed

4 runs on 2 hits and struck out one in the victory.

In the final game of the series on Saturday, once again the Hawks came up just short in their rally and fell to Midland College for a third time 7-5. The Hawks outhit the Chaps 10 to 6 but didn't score more than one run in any inning till the bottom of the ninth. In the ninth, trailing 7-3, Howard College tried to rally to get back in the game but it was just too large of a deficit to overcome despite the two runs they scored.

Ramirez and Sebastian Coria each had multiple hits for the Hawks in the game. Ramirez led the way for Howard College offensively going 3 for 5 at the plate with one RBI while Baumgartner led the Chaps going 2 for 5 at the dish.

Taylor Pendley got the start for the Hawks. Pendley went three and two-thirds innings, allowed 3 runs on 2 hits and struck out 6. Five other pitchers pitched in relief for Howard College in the loss as well. Ashton Mansur toed the rubber for Midland. Mansur went eight innings, allowed just 3 runs on 8 hits and sat down 8

Losing three of the five to Midland was not what the Hawks had in mind but they will get a chance to redeem themselves today vs Western Texas College at Jack Barber field.



Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Howard College third baseman Seth Ochoa fields a bounding ground ball during the Hawk's loss to conference rival Midland College in the second game of a doubleheader played on Sunday, March 31.

The BSHS Steer Golf



Courtesy photos

The Big Spring Boys Golf team won their second round in District Play, in Sweetwater. The Steers are going into their final round of District play April 8 in Greenwood with a 35 stroke lead over Snyder. Alex Leuschner shot 74; Gabe Cate shot 83; Philip Lopez shot 79; and Jack Everett shot 81. The Girls team is also sitting in second place after the first round. They will play their second round in San Angelo on Thursday.

Fort Stockton Jr. High Invitational swim and diving results



Courtesy photo

Special to the Herald

This past weekend the Big Spring Jr. High swim and dive teams traveled to the Fort Stockton Jr. High Invitational. Altogether BSJH swimmers and divers were able to break four more school records, and set several meet records. This is Big Spring's second meet in a row where swimmers broke school records. Traveling to Fort Stockton on Friday for diving, Christian Pantoja-Strickland broke the BSJH school record in the boys 1 meter diving scoring 127.80 points. Continuing her record breaking streak, Naomi Reyes was able to capture two individual BSJH school records in the girls 200 freestyle with a time of 2:36.19 and in the girls 50 backstroke with a time of 35.54. The girls 200 freestyle relay of Brooklynne Heffle, Arely Cruz-Garcia, Jayda Overton, and Naomi Reyes captured the BSJH school record with a time of 2:15.59. The boys 200 freestyle relay of Ismael Castillo, David Summers, Christian Pantoja-Strickland and Markus Hernandez also captured the BSJH record with a time of 2:21.31. In team standings, the Lady Steers scored a total of 376 points coming in 2nd to a tough Monahans team. The Steers scoring a total of 329 points won the meet with a small lead over Fort Stockton's boys. The BSJH swim and dive teams will travel to compete in the Lubbock Middle School invitational this Saturday, April 6.

Big Spring	Greenwood Blue	Greenwood White
Alex Leuschner 87 74	Justin Madrid 90 92	Eugan Jones 109 118
Gabe Cate 80 83	Carroll Cook 103 99	Phillip Johnston 110 104
Philip Lopez 91 79	Garrett Smith 96 92	Alex Gutierrez 96 114
Jack Everett 86 81	Gabriel Perez 103 115	Max Hester 101 119
Carlos Garcia 97 87	Jake Somers 102 101	Dawson Shockey 108 104
Team Score 344 317	Team Score 391 384	Team Score 414 441

Lubbock	Snyder	Sweetwater Red
Judith Udoe 109 111	Jax Waver 83 84	Markus Hernandez 102 91
Steven Majors 115 114	Kyle Hester 85 82	Talton Riley 89 82
Ethan Sanchez 103 116	Kylee Lynn 91 85	Markus Sanders 83 92
JJ Casarez 115 132	Kelton Chapman 90 104	Chase Sales 98 102
Jeremy Hernandez 85 80	Lobby Edwards 101 95	Collin Stafford 107
Team Score 442 473	Team Score 349 346	Team Score 382

Medalists	Medalists	Sweetwater White
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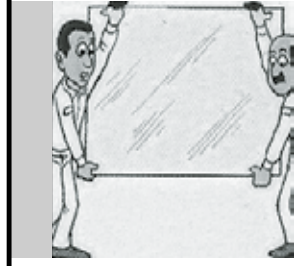
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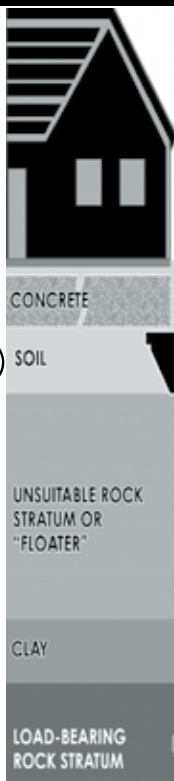
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Annie's Mailbox

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.

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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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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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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.

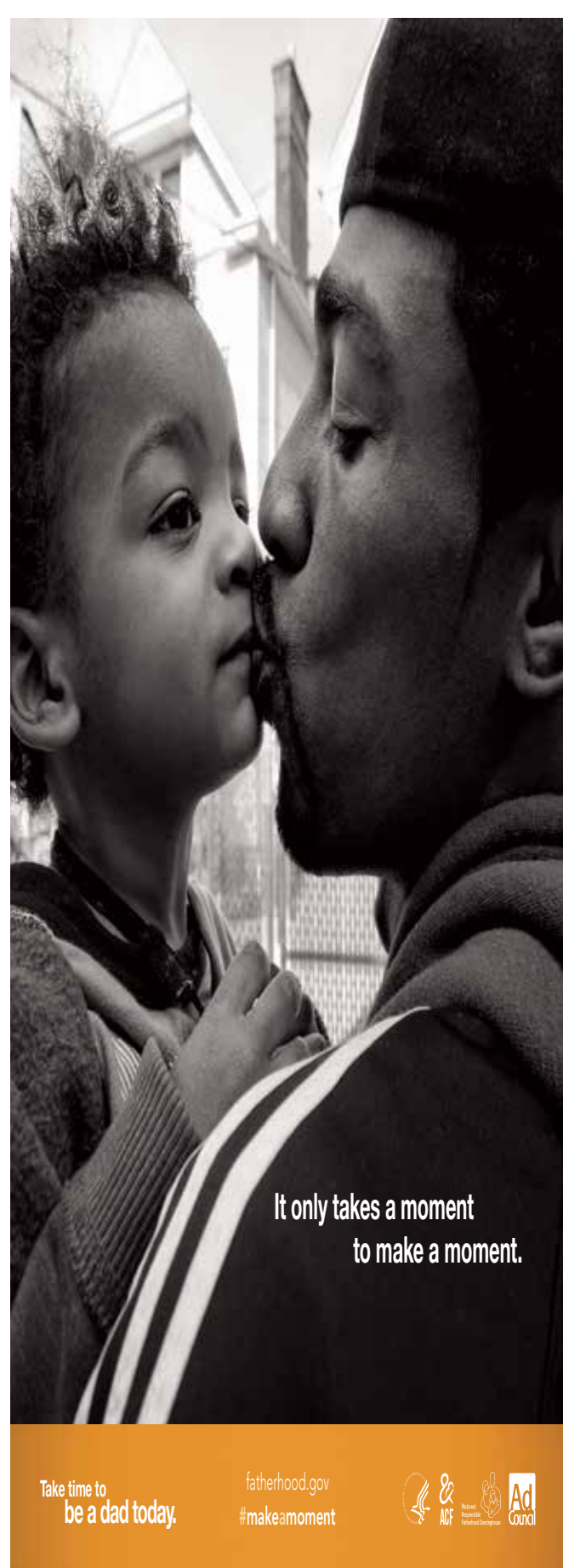
It does not matter whether the spades were originally divided 3-1 or 2-2 because the contract is now sure to make regardless of what is returned after one of the defenders (West in the actual case) ruffs the established club. Dummy still has the king of spades as an entry for the remaining good clubs,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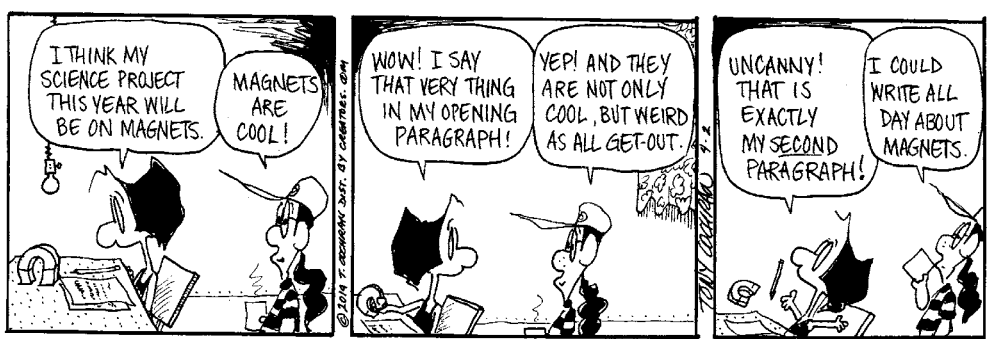


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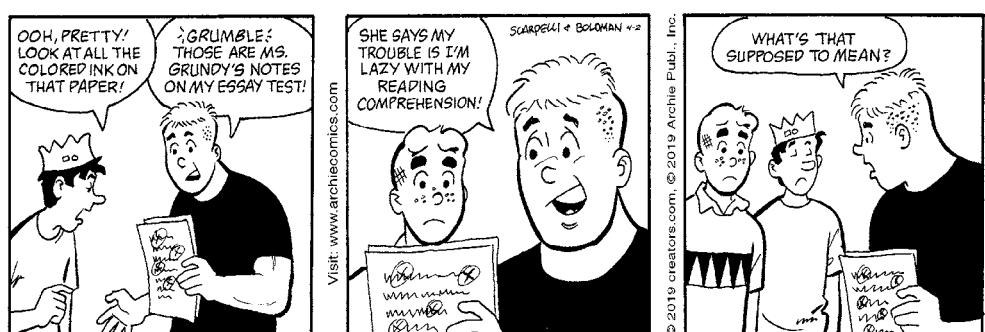
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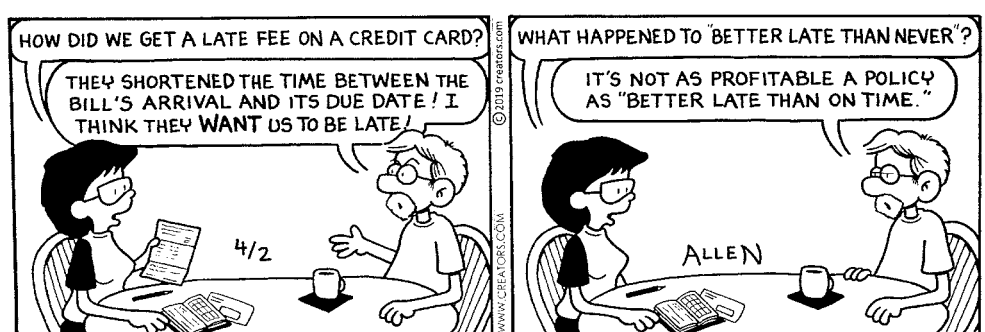
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This Date In History

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2019. There are 273 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On April 2, 2005, Pope John Paul II died in his Vatican apartment at age 84.

On this date:

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1863, during the Civil War, the Richmond Bread Riot erupted in the Confederate capital as a mob outraged over food shortages and rising prices attacked and looted stores.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, because of advancing Union forces.

In 1912, the just-completed RMS Titanic left Belfast to begin its sea trials eight days before the start of its ill-fated maiden voyage.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.)

In 1956, the soap operas "As the World Turns" and "The Edge of Night" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1958, the term "beatnik" was coined by San Francisco Chronicle columnist Herb Caen to refer to members of the pre-hippie counterculture; the term was inspired by the "Beat Generation" and by the Soviet launch of its second Sputnik spacecraft.

In 1968, "2001: A Space Odyssey," the groundbreaking science-fiction film epic produced and directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood, had its world premiere in Washington, D.C.

In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)

In 1986, four American passengers, including an 8-month-old girl, her mother and grandmother, were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life, and died in prison.

In 2003, during the Iraq War,

American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the world's rich and major developing countries met at an emergency G-20 economic summit in London; afterward, President Barack Obama hailed agreements they had reached as a "turning point in our pursuit of global economic recovery," but cautioned, "there are no guarantees." The House and Senate passed companion budget plans, giving President Obama and his allies on Capitol Hill a key victory. A 19-count federal racketeering indictment was returned against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (blah-GOY'-uh-vich); the ousted Democrat denied doing anything illegal.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court's conservative majority voted 5-4 to free wealthy individuals to donate to as many political candidates and campaigns as they wanted, further loosening the reins on giving by big contributors. At Fort Hood in Texas, three soldiers were wounded in a shooting rampage by another soldier, Army Spc. Ivan A. Lopez, who then killed himself.

One year ago: Anti-apartheid activist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, who'd been married for nearly 38 years to Nelson Mandela, died in a Johannesburg hospital at the age of 81. Thousands of Oklahoma teachers began two weeks of walkouts and descended on the state Capitol to demand more education funding. Thousands of Kentucky teachers marched to the state Capitol to protest changes to their pension system; some districts that were not on spring break had to cancel classes. China raised import duties on \$3 billion in U.S. products in an escalating dispute over trade and industrial policy. Ethan Couch, who as a 16-year-old driver drunkenly struck and killed four pedestrians but dodged prison after suggesting at his trial that his irresponsibility was a result of an entitled upbringing, went free after serving almost two years.

in a Texas jail on a probation violation. Villanova beat Michigan 79-62 to capture its second NCAA college basketball championship in three years.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sharon Acker is 84. Actress Dame Penelope Keith is 79. Actress Linda Hunt is 74. Singer Emmylou Harris is 72. Actor Sam Anderson is 72. Social critic and author Camille Paglia is

72. Actress Pamela Reed is 70. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 70. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 58. Actor Christopher Meloni is 58. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 58. Country singer Billy Dean is 57. Actor Clark Gregg is 57. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 55. Rock musician Greg Camp is 52. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye

Blind) is 50. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 46. Country singer Jill King is 44. Actor Pedro Pascal is 44. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 44. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 43. Actor Michael Fassbender is 42. Actress Jaime Ray Newman is 41. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 40. Actress Bethany Joy Galeotti is 38. Singer Lee Dewyze (TV: "American Idol") is 33. Country

singer Chris Janson is 33. Actor Drew Van Acker is 33. Actress Briga Heelan (TV: "Great News") is 32. Actor Jesse Plemons is 31. Singer Aaron Kelly (TV: "American Idol") is 26.

Thought for Today: "Never think you've seen the last of anything." — Eudora Welty, American author (1909-2001).

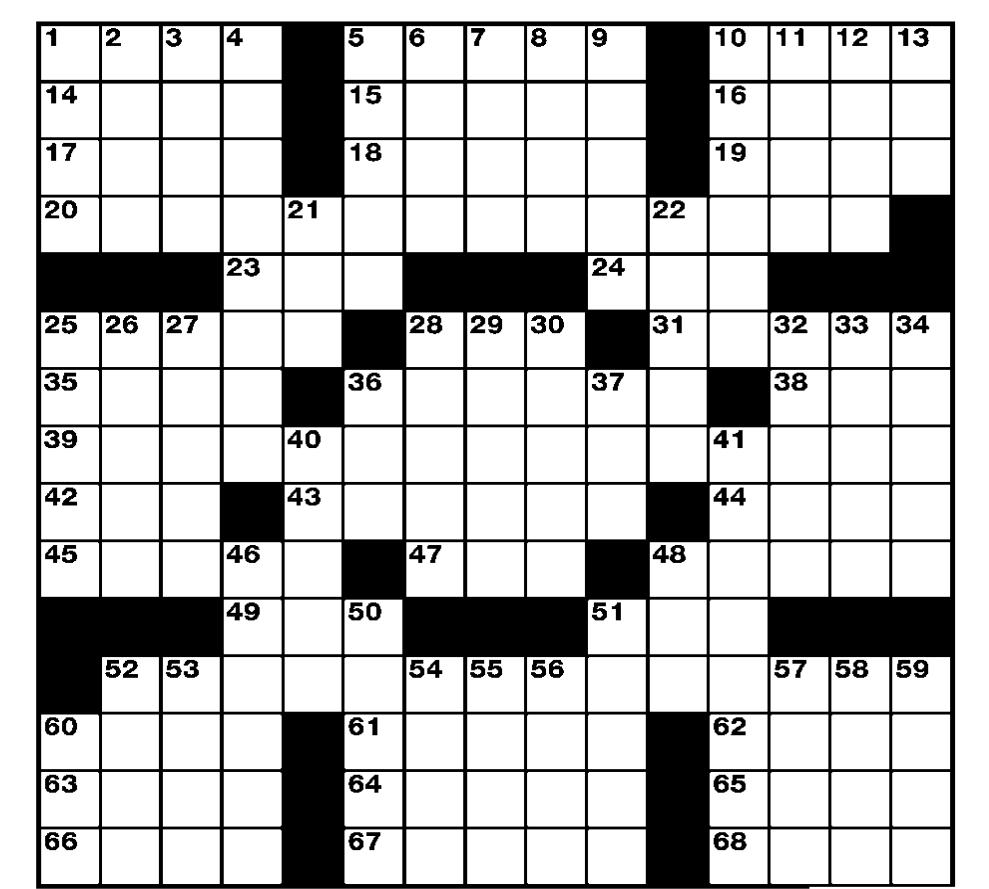
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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stardom
 - 5 Knife's edge
 - 10 Addition symbol
 - 14 Money borrowed
 - 15 Arrested, informally
 - 16 Jewelry for a finger
 - 17 Inst. of higher learning
 - 18 Performed a role
 - 19 Skip over
 - 20 "Unlikely, but true"
 - 23 Observe
 - 24 Verbal cleverness
 - 25 Pesto herb
 - 28 FBI investigator
 - 31 Be skeptical about
 - 35 Canyon sound
 - 36 Selection
 - 38 Hunters' org.
 - 39 Change one's mind
 - 42 Cartoon sound of discomfort
 - 43 Functional
 - 44 Highest sudoku digit
 - 45 Made mention of
 - 47 Liquid coloring
 - 48 In a few hours
 - 49 Line of seats
 - 51 Junior, to Dad
 - 52 "You can count on me!"
 - 60 Party hat shape
 - 61 Sum
 - 62 "All right already!"
 - 63 Granola ingredients

- DOWN**
- 1 Blunder
 - 2 Top-rated
 - 3 Postal delivery
 - 4 Imagine, as a future event
 - 5 Full of courage
 - 6 Shoestring
 - 7 Prefix for virus
 - 8 Weight-loss plan
 - 9 Establish, as a scholarship
 - 10 "Right away!"
 - 11 VIP's vehicle
 - 12 ___ of measure (ounce or mile)
 - 13 Certain NCO
 - 21 Long, thin fish
 - 22 Person on horseback
 - 25 Support with a wager
 - 26 Sound of a sneeze
 - 27 Change gears
 - 28 In the lead
 - 29 Barely managed
 - 30 Book's name
 - 32 Not up to the job
 - 33 Salt water
 - 34 Potato, informally
 - 36 Network with an eye logo
 - 37 So-so grade
 - 40 Acclaim for a success
 - 41 Intermittently
 - 46 Writer Hemingway
 - 48 Building site
 - 50 Wizard of Oz villain
 - 51 Soft and smooth
 - 52 Mined fuel
 - 53 Not fooled by
 - 54 Explorer of kids' TV
 - 55 Approx. landing times
 - 56 ___ and rave
 - 57 Gumbo pod
 - 58 Middy
 - 59 Heart tests, briefly
 - 60 Corn on the ___

MATTERS OF OPINION by Billie Truitt
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Answer to previous puzzle

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4/2/19

UConn, Notre Dame, Baylor and Oregon reach Final Four

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Geno Auriemma and his UConn Huskies will face a familiar foe in Notre Dame on the game's grandest stage.

The two teams, who have had the best rivalry in the sport over the past decade, will square off on Friday night in the Final Four.

It's the second consecutive year that they will play in the national semifinals. The Irish won a thriller last year, topping UConn in overtime on a last-second shot by Arike Ogunbowale.

She hit a similar shot two nights later at the buzzer to help Notre Dame win its first national championship since 2001, capping off one of the greatest Final Fours in NCAA history.

"Well, last year's game was a great finish, so I wouldn't mind seeing that again. But they're a great team," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "They played really well against Louisville in the final yesterday. They're a team that has so many weapons. Katie Lou (Saumelson) looks like she's back in good form. Napheesa (Collier) has had a fabulous year. (Crystal) Dangerfield is a great defender, and she can score, as well. They have a lot of weapons. And similar to us, they don't have a very deep bench, so I think there's a lot of similarities between the teams."

"Going back to the first game, we really lost our composure in that game, so hopefully we've learned a lot of lessons since then."

UConn and Notre Dame have played six times in the Final Four or national championship game since 2011. They have split the six meetings with the Irish going 3-1 in the semifinals. Baylor will play Oregon in the first game of the Final Four.

The Huskies continued their remarkable record run, making the Final Four for the 12th consecutive year. Auriemma was at a loss for how his team has been able to reach the national semifinals every year.

"I don't think it's supposed to happen," Auriemma said of the incredible run. "Not in today's world the way things change and teams keep getting better and better. It's not normal. It's something that's hard to describe because even if you're writing a book and making it up, people would say it doesn't happen in real life. It has happened in real life, I'm still boggled, my mind doesn't get how it can happen this many years in a row with a different cast of characters that change so often. No it's not normal, it's not normal."

This one was a little different as UConn was a No. 2 seed for the first time since 2006. There is less pressure on the Huskies who have lost in the semifinals the past two seasons. UConn was undefeated the past two years heading into the final weekend of the season and lost both times on last-second shots. This season UConn has lost twice — to Baylor and Louisville.

Notre Dame was the team that came into the season with the pressure, returning most of the nation-

al championship team and adding Brianna Turner, who missed last year with an injury. The Irish lost to the Huskies by a shocking 18 points in December. They also lost two games in the ACC regular season before hitting their stride. They were down seven at the half to Stanford in the Elite Eight before rallying for the win.

While UConn and Notre Dame have been Final Four mainstays the past decade, Baylor is making its first appearance since 2012 when the Lady Bears finished off a 40-0 season with the national championship.

The overall No. 1 seed has run through the NCAA Tournament so far, winning by an average of 36 points. After falling short in the NCAAs the past few years, coach Kim Mulkey was thrilled for her seniors such as Kalani Brown, who will get a chance to play in the national semifinals.

"Certainly, you start with seniors. I am so happy for those seniors," the coach said. "I am so happy for those players, and I'm happy for Baylor University. I'm happy for Baylor University. Plaster that on the front page of every national newspaper. It doesn't get any more positive than this."

They'll face a Final Four newcomer in Oregon. The Ducks had made the Elite Eight the previous two years falling in the regional final each time. Sabrina Ionescu wouldn't let it happen a third straight season. The Ducks junior All-American guard had 31 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.

"All I gotta say is we're not done yet," she said after the 88-84 victory Sunday over top-seeded Mississippi State.

It's been a meteoric rise under coach Kelly Graves since he took over five years ago. The Ducks went from 10th place in the Pac-12 the year before Graves took over to winning the conference regular-season title this year and now reaching the Final Four for



Connecticut forward Napheesa Collier (24) and guard Katie Lou Samuelson (33) hold up the trophy after defeating Louisville in a regional championship final in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament, Sunday, March 31, in Albany, N.Y.

AP photo

the first time.

"We started from scratch, so to speak," Graves said. "There were great kids in the program, really good players. We weren't quite the championship level yet. I give my staff a ton of credit. They worked their butts off. We had a plan. We stuck to it, recruited really well. ... I think our student-athletes are the real ambassadors."

"When young women come on campus, they see what it's like, we talk family. A lot of people profess, hey, their culture is about family. Well, they see it and they believe it because it's there."

Mariners get Connor Sadzeck from Rangers for minor leaguer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have acquired hard-throwing right-hander Connor Sadzeck from the Texas Rangers for minor league pitcher Grant Anderson.

The trade announced Monday came after Sadzeck didn't make the Texas roster at the end of spring training and was out of minor league options. He was designated for assignment after allowing seven runs on four hits with eight walks and 11 strikeouts in eight Cactus League games.

The 27-year-old Sadzeck was drafted by the Rangers in 2011 and finally made it to the big leagues last year. He has been plagued by control issues throughout his career. Sadzeck walked 11 in 9 1/3 innings over 13 appearances with the Rangers last season, allowing two runs — one earned — and striking out seven.

The 21-year-old Anderson was a 21st-round pick by the Mariners last year and went 2-1 with a 1.38 ERA at three stops in the low minor leagues. The Rangers assigned the right-hander to Class A Hickory.



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