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Moving on with grace ...

The quote, "Youth is wasted on the young," is attributed to playwright George Bernard Shaw. A Polish poet, Stanislaw Jerzy Lec, of whom I am frankly unfamiliar, said, "Youth is the gift of nature, but age is a work of art." When I first read the second quote, my first thought was that it contradicted the first, but on closer inspection, they are complimentary, aren't they?

I am rapidly approaching "official" retirement age. Remember when the official age was 65? I can remember looking forward to that magical age when I first started my career, fresh out of college in 1977. *Just think! In only 44 years, I will be 65 and be able to draw from all of that money the government so kindly holds from my weekly pay in what is known as the FICA tax.* The FICA tax was part of the Social Security Act of 1935 that set the minimum age for receiving full retirement benefits at 65.

Then in 1983 the act was amended, apparently because we live longer than we used to, so rather than enjoy a couple of more years in retirement, it was decided it was better to let us work a couple of years longer. My "official" age for drawing full retirement is 66 and two months. Those born later than me will get to add a couple of months along the way, but the magic age, based on the current act as amended, will freeze at 67.

Frankly, I have no plans to retire, at 66 or 67 or any other magic number. I'm looking forward to seeing how I feel at 70 and beyond. I'll let you know. Come back and read the EnnisNOW editor's note in August 2025!

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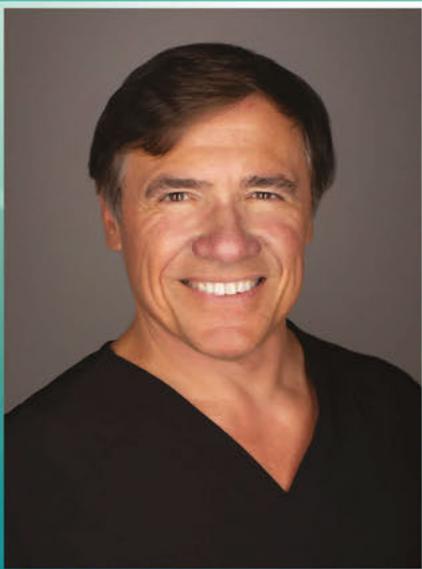
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The famous ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov once said, “I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself.” Having started dance classes at age 3, Genevieve Topar has a similar goal, and strives to improve every day. The goal is always before her, and even though the next specific goal is still somewhat undefined, as the dance improves, so will the next goal to follow.

Life

“I dance because I like to have something to do, and I love music,” Genevieve explained with the shy grin of an adolescent. “Dancing gives me something to look forward to and move up in. It is a challenge for me.” Apparently, the challenge for Genevieve comes from within. She said no one has pushed her to work any harder than she desires to work, yet to see her schedule, one would wonder how anyone, regardless of their age or motivation, could put in the amount of time she does.

That is not to say she does not have a great network of support and fans. Genevieve’s mother, Victoria, said Genevieve loves the time she spends in the dance studio and wants to be here constantly. Genevieve offered, “I would live here if I could!” The reality is, she almost does. Studying ballet five days a week, contemporary dance two days a week, jazz two days a week and pre-pointe one day a week, well, that actually adds up to more than seven days a week! Of course, some of the days are shared and overlap. In addition to studying and practicing dance, Genevieve is accomplished to the degree that she helps teach the younger students at Avant Garde Theatre of Dance.

“I think I really began to enjoy dance at age 9, because that was when I first thought that I wanted to be a dance teacher,” Genevieve offered. Her current teacher is the artistic director and owner of the studio, Miss Sarah Austin. Sarah said, “When Genevieve came to us, she had very good technique. She is in pre-pointe training today, though she had previously achieved this level. Due to her time away from practice because of the pandemic, she is reestablishing the ability to dance in her pointe shoes. We do not want to rush this. We make sure she is strong enough. She should be back en pointe this fall.” Being en pointe requires practice in alignment and core strength as well as strength in the feet and ankles.

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— By Bill Smith



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Genevieve is homeschooled and is entering the ninth grade this year. “She is a good student,” her mother and teacher, Victoria said. “And even though dance is so important to her and takes a lot of her time, she still finds time for other activities with her friends. Before she started pursuing pointe, she played basketball. She has recently taken up baking, and she has a presence on Facebook where she takes orders. Genevieve is a perfectionist in everything she does, including baking. For Valentine’s Day, she made 100 cake pops and sold them all, and at Easter, she sold 390 cake pops as a fundraiser for the studio.” She was rewarded with a new leotard. Also, she will be making the groom’s cake for Sarah’s wedding this month. “I learned to bake and decorate cakes by watching YouTube videos,” Genevieve added. “I just thought it would be fun to do, so I tried it.”

Sarah said that perfectionism is a trait dancers must have to continue to improve and advance in their dance skills. “Learning ballet is 98 percent negative feedback. Only about 2 percent is positive. If the student can overcome that, they can be extremely successful,” she said.

Genevieve quickly responded, “I take criticism well. I always want something to be said.”

Sarah continued, “You have to be hard on them, but criticism does not have to be mean.” It is obvious that there is a positive relationship and a mutual admiration between this instructor and student. “I have been

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teaching for 15 years, and I've never had a student that reminded me of myself as much as Genevieve does," Sarah said.

For Genevieve, moving to the next level, pointe, is both exciting and scary. "I am looking forward to doing all of the things en pointe that I currently do, and then adding to those skills. For instance, I do a pirouette (a spin on one foot), which is a basic skill, in posé position. After I am able to do one, I will add multiple pirouettes, then I will progress to harder turns with different positions."

The next four years for Genevieve will be a continuation of what she is doing now. She is very focused on continuing to improve her dance skills, and she obviously loves teaching the younger students at the studio. In addition, she will be auditioning for summer courses with other well-known instructors. According to Sarah, thousands of students apply for these courses, but only hundreds are accepted. Genevieve will also be in various dance competitions in the future, which will provide opportunities for scholarships and additional other opportunities to train and perfect her skills.



Ultimately, Genevieve sees herself as a dance instructor. She knows, as Sarah has shared, that a dance teacher needs to have performance in their background. Mark Twain is credited with saying, "Dance like no one is watching." Genevieve should be expecting an audience. People are going to be watching this career in dance as it continues to blossom. **NOW**

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The company has grown significantly, much of it internally, but also through acquisition. Matt continued, “After Lane, we purchased Lone Star from Alan Eddins, Cutting Edge from Chris Ludwig, Turf-Scapes in Waxahachie from Judy Foster, All Seasons Landscape Design from Sam Westlake, Four Seasons Lawn Care from Brian Zhanell and Tru Landscaping and Lawn Care from Aaron McGinley. I am very happy to say that Sam, Brian and Aaron continue to work here as valuable employees. They all brought unique talents with them and help make us the company that we are today.”

Matt mentioned that they easily have over 150 years’

combined landscape management experience. “We emphasize that we are a team, and the strength of the team is in the individual, and the strength of the individual is the team. The prior business owners are great at what they do, and becoming part of Mow Pro’s allows them to do what they do best and leave things such as human resources and administration up to us. It is the idea that iron sharpens iron, and because of it, we have a vast knowledge base.”

With the growth in their business comes the need for more employees. The company has 40 employees today, and realistically could be at 65 if the right people would apply. “The work is here, and we are hiring,” Matt emphasized.

Mow Pro’s had four mowing crews before they ventured into the landscape and design arena, and now have a total of 20 trucks moving daily. Matt admitted there was a lot to learn. “We really could not have done it without the help we received from local nurseries. They were so helpful, teaching me about different types of plants. I also watched a lot of YouTube videos and read a lot of books,” Matt offered. “Today, Laney Green does all of our designs. The landscape part of the business is so enjoyable. I really love the ‘before and after’ of a landscape project.”

Matt has two of his sons working in the business when they are not in school, and he mentioned what an asset his wife, Jessica, is to him and his business. “No man succeeds without a good woman behind him,” he said. “I know she constantly prays for us.”

Matt said his office manager, Christine Maier, keeps all the other managers in line. He also emphasized that Emmanuel Valles has been with him since 2009 and is his labor operations manager, in charge of all the field employees.

As he continued to mention the teamwork that his company stresses, Matt said, “We are allies with everyone in the industry. We had a spring kickoff in February and invited all the landscape companies to the new building for a barbecue. We lean on each other for knowledge and assistance. We try very hard to respect one another in our business and give the best possible service to our customers.” **NOW**

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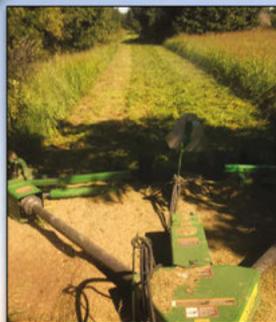
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Zoomed In: Nathan and Amanda Grant

By Bill Smith

Both natives of Ennis, Nathan and Amanda Grant's roots run deep here, and they recently purchased a home in the Templeton-McCanless Historic District. On this nice Saturday morning, they were enjoying Ennis' dog park with their pet, Cash. "We both graduated from high school here in 1996," Amanda related. "Most all of our family is here or in the surrounding area."

Nathan works for Diamond J Pest Control, and Amanda is with EISD. Nathan said they like the small-town charm of Ennis, and Amanda added that there is a sense of community here. "We plan to be here from now on," Nathan said.



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SEPT. 10	WAXAHACHIE	AWAY
SEPT. 17	GREENVILLE	AWAY
SEPT. 24	SULPHUR SPRINGS (HOMECOMING)	HOME

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As we move into the 2021-2022 school year, we know many of our students have more academic, mental health, and physical needs than ever before. It is our goal to continue to improve each day as we move not just toward normalcy, but to exceed where we were before the pandemic.

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Through the adversity of last year, I believe we all appreciate what we have even more. We cannot wait to welcome our students back on August 12th and are looking forward to a great school year of success!

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July 5 - Independence Day (observed)
July 27-30 - New Employee Orientation

2021 August

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Aug. 2-11 - Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday
Aug. 12 - First Day of School

2021 September

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Sept. 6 - Labor Day

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Oct. 8 - Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday
Oct. 11 - District Holiday

2021 November

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Nov. 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

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Dec. 17 - Early Release
Dec. 20-31 - Winter Break

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Jan. 3 - Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday
Jan. 17 - MLK Day

2022 February

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Feb. 21 - Presidents' Day

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March 14-18 - Spring Break
March 21 - Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday

2022 April

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April 5-8 - State Testing
April 15 - District Holiday

2022 May

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May 3-6 & 10-13 - State Testing
May 19 - Early Release
May 20 - Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday
May 23-24 - Bad Weather/PD/Workday
May 30 - Memorial Day

2022 June

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- District Holiday
- First Day of School
- Bad Weather/PD/Workday
- Professional Development/Workday/Student Holiday
- Early Release
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- State Testing

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In the Kitchen With

LUCY BRADDOCK

— By Bill Smith

Lucy Braddock was raised in a family where everyone cooked, and she said, “My mom makes an amazing pecan pie, and I learned to make great chili from my dad. My grandmother taught me the best/perfect way to fry chicken.” In addition to her family influence, Lucy is also a graduate of the Art Institute of Dallas and became a certified chef in 2009.

Inspiration for Lucy comes from the drive to create something new and different. “I enjoy most all cooking including sushi, southern cuisine and scratch cooking. When I first started cooking, I worked in all types of kitchens and for chefs from multiple ethnic backgrounds. I learned so many methods of cooking and recipes from them. I still pull from the many notebooks I have filled with knowledge and techniques.” **NOW**

Thai Chili Sauce

1 bottle sweet chili sauce
10 oz. sherry vinegar
2 oz. garlic, freshly chopped
2 oz. shallots, minced
3 Tbsp. chives
1/4 cup cilantro
1/4 cup parsley

3 oz. ginger juice, fresh (puree/robot coupe) ginger, then squeeze juice from puree in cheesecloth or clean towel
10 oz. olive oil

1. Add all the ingredients to a bowl, except the olive oil; whisk together.
2. Once blended, begin adding the olive oil, a little at a time, to emulsify the oil into the

mixture. Once all the oil is added, store in a glass or plastic container. *Note: This makes a great chicken marinade, dipping sauce for fried chicken, sauce on chicken wings or mixed with pulled pork.*

Chimichurri

1 cup cilantro
1/2 cup parsley
1/4 cup garlic
2 Tbsp. lime juice, freshly squeezed
2 Tbsp. shallots
1 Tbsp. red pepper flakes
2 tsp. cumin
1 tsp. coriander
1/2 cup grapeseed oil
1/2 to 1 cup olive oil (You may not need all of it.)

1. In a chopping blender, combine all the ingredients, except the olive oil. Blend until mixed, but do not puree.
2. Through the top (if your chopper does

not allow you to pour in, just remove the lid and add a little at a time) add the olive oil until the desired consistency is reached.

Roasted Chicken

- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1 3-lb. whole chicken
- 1 Tbsp. kosher salt
- 1/2 Tbsp. black pepper

1. Rub the butter on the chicken, breast up.
2. Season with salt and pepper; place in a 375 F oven, uncovered, for 1 hour.
3. Remove the chicken from the oven; cover with foil.
4. Check the temperature and continue to cook, covered, until the internal temperature reads 165 F

Chicken Salad

- 1 lb. roasted chicken, debone and chop the dark and white meat (See the recipe for Roasted Chicken in this article.)
- 1/4 cup celery, diced
- 1/3 cup green onion, diced (white and green parts)
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. Mix all the ingredients together; refrigerate overnight before enjoying.

Wagyu Chili

- 2 lbs. ground Wagyu beef
- 2 Tbsp. butter, unsalted
- 1 cup red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/3 cup jalapeño pepper, chopped
- 1 cup white onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh garlic, chopped
- 2 lbs. fresh tomatoes
- 1 20-oz. can tomato fillets
- 2 gal. water
- 1/2 cup onion powder
- 1/2 cup garlic powder
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 2 Tbsp. black pepper
- 1 cup dark chili powder
- 1 bottle Shiner Bock Beer (or another bock/ale beer)

1. Brown the beef in a 5-qt. saucepan until thoroughly cooked. Drain the grease from the beef through a colander; set aside while you cook the rest.
2. Return the sauce pot to the stove over medium-high heat. Add the butter, peppers, onion and garlic once the pot is hot. Make sure not to stir too much during this point.



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Macaroni and Cheese

Sauté until browning begins on the bottom of the pot.

3. Add the fresh tomatoes; allow to cook a few minutes.

4. Turn the heat to low. Empty the tomato fillets and water into the chili. Season with onion powder, garlic powder, salt, black pepper and chili powder. Let the chili base come to a simmer (small bubbles that aren't boiling) for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

5. Remove from heat; let cool for about 10-15 minutes.

6. Puree the base; return base to the pot.

7. At this point, add the beef and beer. Turn the heat to low; continue to simmer for another hour.

Macaroni and Cheese

2 qts. water

1 Tbsp. kosher salt

4 cups elbow pasta, cooked al dente

1 cup Velveeta cheese
1/4 cup sour cream
8 oz. evaporated milk
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup mild cheddar, shredded
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste

1. Place the water on the stove. Add kosher salt; bring to a rapid boil.

2. Add the pasta; cook for 8 minutes. Strain the pasta; return to the pot.

3. Add the remaining ingredients; continue to stir over low heat with a flat wooden spoon until melted, approximately 2 minutes. Remove from heat; let sit for a few minutes.

Sugar Cookies (2 Blessed Hands)

5 cups King Arthur all-purpose flour
1 tsp. kosher salt
2 tsp. baking powder
2 cups sugar, granulated
1 1/2 cups butter, unsalted, softened
4 large eggs, brown preferably
2 tsp. vanilla extract
Cornstarch (as needed)

1. Sift together the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar in a bowl.

2. In a separate bowl, cream together all the other ingredients.

3. Combine the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, a little at a time, until completely combined.

4. Cover the bowl with plastic; place in the refrigerator for at least 2 hours.

5. Remove the dough onto a clean surface sprinkled with cornstarch.

6. Divide the dough into 5 sections. Plastic wrap the portions that are not currently being rolled out.

7. Roll the dough out to 1/4-inch; use your favorite cookie cutters to cut the cookies.

8. Place the cookies on a parchment-paper covered sheet pan. Space the cookies 1-2 inches apart.

9. Bake at 350 F for 8-10 minutes. (Ovens vary, and the cookies may take a few more minutes.) Let cool on the pan for a few minutes before transferring them onto a cooling rack.

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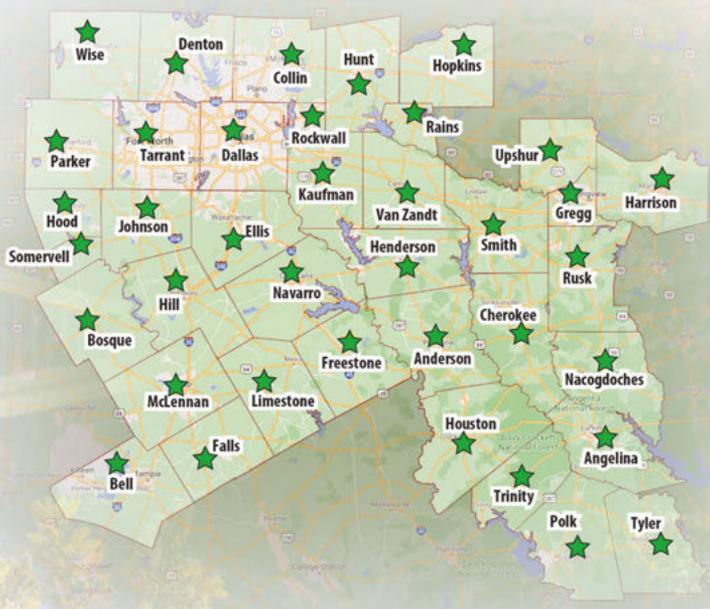
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— By Lisa Bell

Home of Baylor University and the famous Magnolia Market, Waco, Texas, offers numerous spectacular places to spend time. Whether taking a weekend trip, a weeklong vacation or driving down for the day, the city on the Brazos won't disappoint.

At Homestead Craft Village, local artisans of the community demonstrate various crafts. Experience woodworking, steel forging, weavers and basket makers, a working old-fashioned gristmill and more. The general store, village market and other shops delight visitors with an option to purchase locally grown and handmade items. While there, enjoy a meal at

Cafe Homestead, where they use ingredients from Homestead Heritage Farm. Be sure to get on the list soon after your arrival at the village.

The Mayborn Museum Complex, located on the Baylor campus, provides more than a day's worth of intriguing, interactive displays. Dozens of interactive exhibits draw out the child in anyone. The traveling exhibit for 2021 summer thrills lovers of dinosaurs. Be sure to interact with more of the fun creatures upstairs.

Don't miss the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame & Museum (not the baseball version that's down the street at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame). Check out the history of Texas' most famous law enforcement branch. Learn about these men, how they changed over time and use today's technology to capture criminals of all types.

A trip to Waco isn't complete without learning the origins of Dr Pepper. The museum houses memorabilia and fun facts about the creation of sodas. The site contains a sealed, original artesian well that supplied water to the company in its early days.

Looking for outdoor activities? Waco Mammoth National Monument allows visitors to view the dig site where scientists uncovered 23 mammoth skeletons. Trails and a picnic area allow visitors more time to explore nature.

The Waco Riverwalk runs beside the Brazos River, a great place for walking, jogging and bike riding. A tribute to the Chisholm Trail depicts cowboys on horseback and cattle. In another area, a memorial park for Doris "Dorie" Miller commemorates a naval cook during WWII. The first African-American awarded the Naval Cross exhibited extraordinary courage during the attack on Pearl Harbor, which he survived. The area also contains a Vietnam Veterans memorial and one for law enforcement among various parks. Many old bridges cross the Brazos River in Waco, including the 1870 Suspension Bridge, currently under rehabilitation. Another bridge, built in 1901, allows pedestrians to cross the river safely while experiencing a touch of history.

Cameron Park covers 416 acres of land along the river. With 20 miles of trails, any hiker can achieve a great workout. A drivable, winding road passes through the park with various lookouts such as Circle Point, Lovers Leap or the Bosque River Mouth, where travelers experience amazing views. Picnic areas, fun statues, a splash park and the Cameron Park Zoo provide hours of fun. Throughout the city, Waco features splash pads, pools, a lake and the Lake Waco Wetlands.

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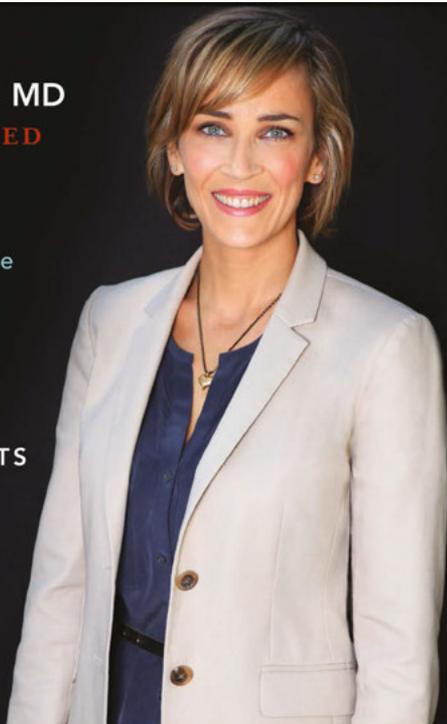
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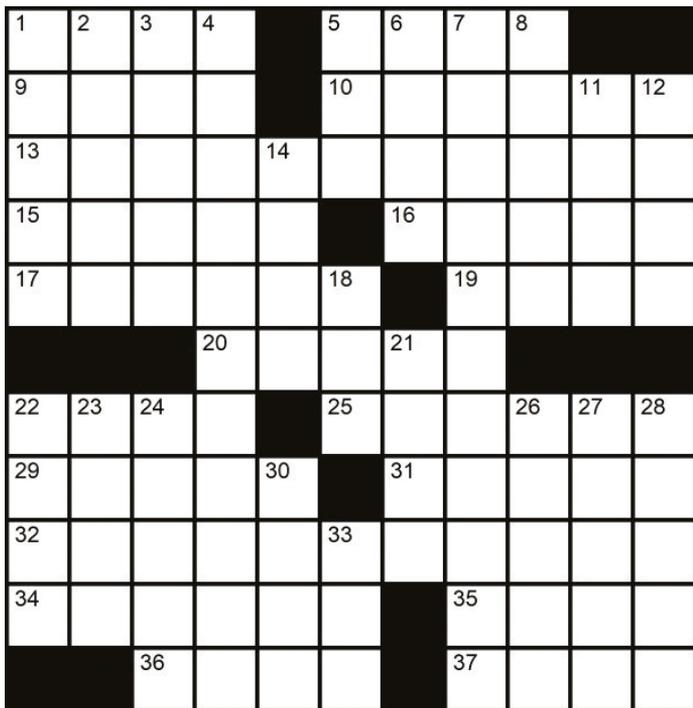
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- 5 Sisters
- 9 Composer --- Novello
- 10 There is one every year for many sports
- 13 Echo
- 15 Set of opinions
- 16 Scarecrow stuffing
- 17 Skylit lobby
- 19 Pianist Dame Myra
- 20 Range
- 22 Enfold
- 25 Shell lobster
- 29 Trustworthiness
- 31 Every golfer likes this kind of hole
- 32 Motley assortment
- 34 Often opposed to Venus on court
- 35 Houston university
- 36 Uptight
- 37 Like Sean Connery

Down

- 1 Roughly
- 2 Stave off
- 3 Random archery target
- 4 Inclined
- 5 Kernel
- 6 Applications
- 7 Yankees in Dixie
- 8 Superfluous
- 11 Airline guesses
- 12 The latest
- 14 Defeat soundly
- 18 Lady of the house
- 21 Vacuum
- 22 "--- sorry now?"
- 23 Hopped a freight
- 24 --- Agassi
- 26 Pick-me-up
- 27 Corporate conclusion
- 28 Steer a new course to start again
- 30 Tolled
- 33 Dissenting vote

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	4	6					8	
1		5						
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		3		9	7	1		

Medium

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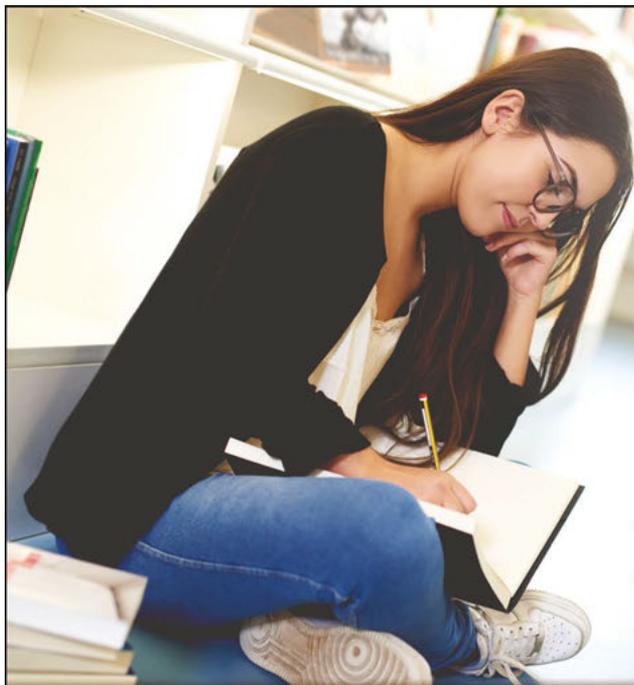
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Easy

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8	2	3	6	9	7	1	4	5

Medium

8	5	2	6	3	9	1	7	4
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