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House bill could limit government transparency

BY SASHA HELLER
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House Bill 335 will soon appear before the State Legislature and could dramatically impact the level of transparency local governments are required to provide to its citizens.

The Open Meetings Act mandates that all governmental entities print their executive actions in the local newspaper of record.

House Bill 335 could change all of that by allowing Texas

cities, counties, schools and other entities to drop public notices from newspapers and place the notices solely on their governmental websites.

Proponents of the measure argue the bill could save taxpayers millions of dollars, as governmental entities must utilize money from their



Richard Morris **Richard Peet**

general funds to pay the costs of running the public notices in the paper, money that citizens contribute through various taxes.

The author of the bill, State Rep. Jonathan Strickland (R-Bedford) — a freshman congressman who campaigned on a platform of

governmental transparency — has referred to newspapers as “horse and buggy” relics, and joked that milk cartons have higher readership totals than newspapers.

“Everything’s going to electronic media,” said city manager Richard Morris. “That’s maybe the wave of the future.”

Morris added that the bill would offer considerable savings to taxpayers.

Those against the bill list a bevy of arguments to support

their case, including how many citizens rely on public notices printed in local newspapers to find out about governmental actions like annexations, zoning changes, school zone revisions, tax increase, bond issues, large governmental purchases or planned projects with environmental impacts.

Judge Richard Peet said he would not be in favor of the measure and is content with the

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ARTIST WITH A VISION



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Artist and ordained minister Carol Peet describes the sketches she drew of her three sons at her house on North Russell Street. Peet bought the old Worley Hospital in 2002 and has plans to renovate the building as a ministry.

Pampa minister plans to renovate old Worley Hospital

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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One day Carol Peet said she was driving by the old Worley Hospital on Francis Street and thought to herself, “This is just such a beautiful building!”

She said God gave her a vision that she should buy the building.

“God said, ‘You take the Worley building.’”

The Worley Hospital opened in 1930 with funding from Phoebe Worley, a pioneer Pampa resident and rancher. The 48-bed hospital cost \$100,000 to build and had five doctors on staff.

It closed in 1975 due to competition from the 126-bed Highland General Hospital, which is now the location of the NBC bank. Highland General opened in 1950 as a county-run hospital and closed in 1981

when it was bought out by Hospital Corporation of America.

Peet bought the Worley Hospital in 2002 from an art group who was using the building as a gallery.

She doesn’t have a target date for its renovation, but when she does reopen it will be called the Human Resource and Life Training Center.

“I want to make it a facility where I could carry out my mission,” said

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Caleb Moore funeral today in Wheeler

STAFF REPORT

Services for Caleb Moore, a free-style snowmobile rider with ties to the Panhandle, will be at 2 p.m. today at the First Baptist Church in Wheeler with the Rev. Stanley Baker officiating. Burial will follow at Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Peppers Family Funeral Home in Wheeler.



Caleb Moore

His grandparents Charles and Butch Moore are from Wheeler, along with several other family members.

Moore, 25, died on Jan. 31 in Grand Junction, Colo. from injuries he suffered in a crash during the Winter X Games.

His death was the first in the 18-year history of the X Games.

When he was younger Moore primarily rode all-terrain vehicles. As a teenager he switched over to snowmobiles and quickly rose to the top of the sport. He won four Winter X Games medals including a bronze last season when his younger brother, Colten, took gold.

Moore was born Aug. 28, 1987 in Ft. Worth and graduated from Krum High School.

Memorials can be sent to “Wheeler Church of Christ Caleb Moore Fund” at First State Bank, P.O. Box 527, Wheeler, Texas 79096. All proceeds given to this fund will go to the Moore family for medical expenses.

Group to conduct briefing on lesser prairie chicken

SUBMITTED

The Panhandle Produces and Royalty Owners Association (PPROA) will brief its members on the potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as an endangered species from 3-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at the Palace Theater in Canadian. The meeting is open to the public.

State Sen. Kel Seliger will begin the meeting with a review of the Endangered Species Act and the role of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. State Representatives John Smithee, Walter

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Pampa debate team keeps arguments crystal clear

BY SASHA HELLER
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The Pampa High School debate team on Wednesday competed in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) CX District competition, in preparation for the upcoming Regionals, set for Spring Break.

The debaters compete in a

variety of events that showcase different skill sets and knowledge bases, including: the Lincoln-Douglas debate, cross examination, Congressional debate and public forum, among others.

For the Lincoln-Douglas events the students debate the merits of rehabilitation versus retribution in the American prison system.

For the cross-examination debates, the teams argue either for or against issues concerning transportation infrastructure.

For sophomore Iaritza Melendez, participating on the debate team gives her a chance to represent Pampa. Likewise, junior Courtney Ma gets a chance to support

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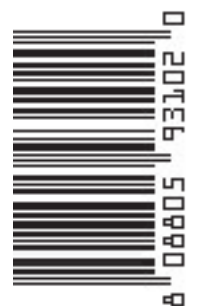
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 51 Low 28	High 55 Low 36	High 63 Low 37

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high of 51. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind north northeast at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear skies with a low of 28. No chance of rain. Wind east southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:18 p.m.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high of 55. Ten percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:38 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy with a low of 36. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 17 mph. Sunset at 6:19 p.m.

Saturday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 63. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 23 mph. Sunrise at 7:37 a.m.

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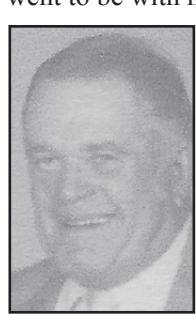
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Obituaries

Robert Foster "Bob" Pool

Robert Foster "Bob" Pool was born Jan. 10, 1922 and went to be with his Lord and Savior Feb. 6, 2013.



Robert Foster "Bob" Pool

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Groom 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 8, 2013. Burial will be in Groom Cemetery. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia in Amarillo.

Bob lived in Groom most all his life. His mother's, Thelma Slay Pool, family were some of the first settlers in Groom. He has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1933.

He graduated from Groom High School in 1940. He served in the U.S. Army beginning in 1943 and was a Staff Sergeant when he was Honorably Discharged in 1947 at Camp

Polk, La. After his discharge, he returned to Groom and began farming. He supplemented his income in the early years of farming by selling cars in Groom and Pampa.

He was a Director for State National Bank of Groom for 32 years. He also served on the Groom School Board for six years and on the Soil Conservation Service Board for 20 years.

He is preceded in death by his father and mother, O. A. "Jinks" Pool and Thelma Slay Pool; three brothers, Ray, W. G. "Sonny", and Jimmy Pool; and a daughter, Dianne Reynolds Koetting.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Patricia of the home; a sister, Maurine Pool Strickland of Amarillo; four sons, Bobby (Marion) Pool of Groom; Gary (Deborah) Pool of Franklin, Tenn.; Larry Pool of Amarillo; Dusty Reynolds of Groom; 12 grandchildren, Kyle Pool of Washington, D.C.; Kelly Pool of McKinney, Texas; Suzy Pool of Abilene; Caleb Pool of Amarillo; Brandon Pool of Amarillo; Garrett Pool of Ft. Wainwright, Alaska; Lysie (Pool) Moore of Amarillo; Seth Koetting of Leila Lake; Shandy Koetting Pearson of Happy; Amanda Reynolds of Clarendon; Adam Bahr of Columbia, Tenn.; Alison (Bahr) Baldoni of Chicago, Ill.; and 12 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and "friends of the coffee shop."

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Groom Ambulance Service, 203 Broadway Ave., Groom, TX 79039 or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Please sign our online guestbook at Schoolerfuneral-home.com.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for assault — family violence

28-year-old Charles William Moore, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury — family violence.

34-year-old Joseph Robert Crain, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday

by the PPD for violation of probation — theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

22-year-old William Maurice Cunningham, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for no drivers license,

expired registration, failure to appear and theft under \$50.

44-year-old Cheryl Ann Abernathy, Skellytown, was arrested Wednesday for no drivers license and failure to appear.

But the "other dog" never attacked mailman...

Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
Creator's Syndicate

The Other Dog. No, it isn't the latest salacious kibble out of Hollywood. At least not yet. It's the excuse many people cling to in order to avoid accepting responsibility for their ill-mannered pooch.

But the other dog didn't chew up the sofa cushions.

But the other dog never attacked the mailman.

But the other dog knew not to, ahem, "hug" the neighbor's leg.

If that's true, if the other dog really knew so much more, then you're in great shape. All you have to do to get the new pooch up to speed is teach him all that great stuff you taught the other dog. After all, if you don't teach him, he won't know.

Then again, the other dog simply might not have shared the new pup's appetite for upholstery, postal carriers and great games.

It defies logic to believe any one dog will behave like any other dog just because they're both dogs. Most dogs don't instinctively know to stay off the BarcaLounger and out of the fajita meat.

Angel or devil. Sometimes in the beginning, it can feel like nothing more than a coin toss. But either way, dogs, just like children, need discipline and guidance from their "parents" in order to become good citizens with whom the rest of us enjoy sharing space. In other words, we have to train them.

I've attended many dog shows in my time. I've met beautiful dogs, groomed to the hilt, with textbook temperaments. I've met proud and dedicated dog owners who had dropped thousands on handling and grooming. I also met a 160-pound Neapolitan mastiff who pulled so hard on the leash that his

owner couldn't walk him and a 15-pound terrier who continually bounced off my kneecaps.

Beautiful show dogs, but still not trained.

Perfect teeth and bones and super-shiny coats, but still not trained.

These animals were quite literally the champions of their breed. And still they had bad manners.

It's relatively easy to teach a dog good manners; there's no ego factor to negotiate when teaching a dog. But you'll need to do some homework first. For some dog owners, everything they know about dogs is based on the other dog.

They don't know about teething, they don't know about crate training, they don't know about house-breaking.

They don't know about temperament testing, tone of voice, personality or the particulars of one breed versus another. And they don't hold these truths to be self-evident: that while all dogs may be created equal, all dogs are not the same.

A good way to drive that point home is to go to a dog show. You'll see beautiful specimens from every breed imaginable, but for some up-close one-on-one with the dog and his or her own-

er, attend a "benched" show. Those are shows where the competing dogs are required to stay in specific areas — on benches — when they aren't being judged. This allows for interaction between spectators and participants, and it's a great way to ask questions of breeders and do some homework when trying to decide what breed of dog best suits your lifestyle.

The International Kennel Club has two benched shows every year, and an on-line search of your area will reveal other benched shows open to the public.

If you're thinking about getting a dog, dog shows are a great way to get a lot of homework done in one sitting.

Whatever you do, don't get a new dog with the other dog in mind. Even if he's the same breed, even if he's the same litter, even if he's the twin brother, he won't be the same dog.

So the next time you find yourself dangling "the other dog didn't do that" from the tip of your tongue, remember: That's why he's called "the other dog."

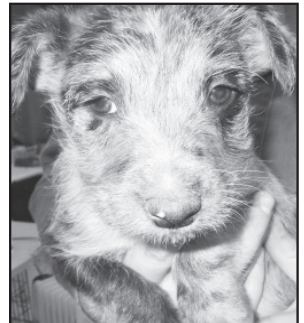
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Debate

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school and team. Participation in debates can offer students more access to current events and politics, two subjects that frequently come up during their arguments.

"I think I know more about government now than I did in any class," said junior Bryce Herbert.

Herbert also enjoys the thrill of healthy competition.



Bryce Herbert



Courtney Ma



Laritza Melendez



Nick Nelson

"It's fun. You learn a lot," he said. "And you get to meet great people."

Relationships between competing schools can be considered rivalries, although their competitions aren't nearly as violent or bloody as their

range of skills. "We have something for everyone," Herbert said.

The following students competed Wednesday for Pampa High: Ryan Thompson, Logan Boehmisch, Jesse Poston, Maggie Hayes, Read, Nelson, Chris Smith and Austin Young.

The winners of Wednesday's district competition will advance to Regionals this March. The Pampa News will publish a complete list of winners from Wednesday in an upcoming edition.

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current system of advertising public notices in newspapers and on the radio.

"Personally, I like the way we do it," he said. "It informs the public in a much easier way."

Peet said he doubts every citizen would regularly check governmental websites to review meeting agendas or other notices and said he would rather keep things the way they are.

"Not everyone has Internet and it forces the general public to connect," Peet said. "I don't know if some people want to do that. I personally like the idea of how transparent we are. I think government should be as transparent as possible."

Pampa ISD superintendent Dr. David Young said his feelings on the subject

are mixed. "I don't really have an opinion one way or the other," Young said. "I don't know how much this would profoundly change our process."

Young said the district will usually send letters home to parents that provide similar detailed information as to the public notices printed in the paper.

"We strive for open and transparent communication in everything we do," he said, adding that, if anything, the district errs on the side of caution by communicating their executive actions through multiple media.

The elderly, poor, minorities and rural residents are statistically less likely to have Internet access than other groups. Eliminating print notices could have the effect of disenfranchising these citizens from civic involvement as their means to acquiring important local government info is limited.

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Chicken

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"Four" Price and Ken King have been invited to the meeting. Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife have also been invited.

The primary goal of the event is to explain the importance of submitting written comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on why the bird should not be listed as endangered. The comment deadline is March 11.

PPROA, with other oil and gas trade associations and companies

with operations in the eastern Panhandle, western Oklahoma and southwestern Kansas, have developed an alternative approach to listing which assures the industry will not harm the prairie chicken or its habitat.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing the proposal, which sets out a method for compensating for the impact the oil and gas industry has on the bird and its mating and nesting behaviors.

The Fish and Wildlife Service will announce its decision on the listing in the fall. More information on PPROA's role in the process is at pproa.org.

For more information, contact Wayne Hughes at 806-352-5637 or pproa@pproa.org.

Man who robbed same Texas bank twice pleads guilty

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A man who robbed the same South Texas bank twice in 2012 and hid some of the loot in his boots has pleaded guilty and faces up to 20 years in prison.

A federal judge in Corpus Christi on Tuesday accepted the bank robbery plea from 52-year-old Nicholas Vernon Tolmie.

Investigators say Tolmie held up Texas Champion Bank in Corpus Christi last July 11 and Nov. 19. Police say the robber slipped threatening notes to tellers before fleeing with cash.

Tolmie was captured shortly after the second heist when police located him in a restaurant. The Corpus Christi man had ditched the clothes he wore in the holdup and hid some of the stolen money in his boots. Tolmie remains in custody pending sentencing in May.

Loyal dog helps find dead NJ hiker

WEST MILFORD, N.J. (AP) — A Labrador retriever named Kentucky is being credited with helping authorities find the body of its owner, who died hiking in a nature preserve in northern New Jersey.

West Milford police tell The Associated Press that a search team saw the dog's eyes reflecting off headlamps during its search late Saturday of the heavily wooded and hilly Apshawa Preserve.

Nearby, the team found the body of 51-year-old Bjoern Waalberg, who had apparently died hours earlier.

Police say Waalberg and his dog set out for the hike mid-afternoon Saturday. The man's wife alerted authorities just after 7 p.m. when he did not return. His body was found just before 10 p.m., his dog close by.

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Letter to the Editor

Reader opposed to apartment complex

It is rumored that a 48-unit two story structure will be constructed off Laguna Street, which is a very short street off Navajo Road. This seems like a very out of the way place for an apartment complex with only 23rd and 25th avenues from Navajo the only way in and out since there is no 24th Avenue.

We moved to Pampa in 1968 and then bought a house on Navajo

Road in 1969 and it is still our home. The only way in to Mesilla Park then was 23rd Avenue. This area has been single family dwelling since then and it seems like that is the best way to keep this area.

We are a long way from convenience stores, supermarkets, gas stations and restaurants. That is one of the reasons I believe trying to locate an apartment complex out

here is a wrong idea, there are many more, but this is the main one.

I love Pampa for its beautiful sunrises, which I can see from my house and looking out into the open fields as I drive home. Please don't take this away from our area.

A concerned citizen.

Myrna Orr
 Pampa

Fewer dollars and babies threaten social programs

Our major public policies are based on the assumption that America will continue to enjoy growth. Economic growth and population growth.

Through most of our history, this assumption has proved to be correct. These days, not so much.

Last week, the Commerce Department announced that the gross domestic product shrunk by 0.1 percent in the fourth quarter of 2012. And the Census Bureau reported that the U.S. birth rate in 2011 was 63.2 per 1,000 women age 15 to 44, the lowest ever recorded.

Slow economic growth and low population growth threaten to undermine entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare. Despite contrary rhetoric, they are programs in which working age people pay for pensions and medical care for the elderly. When Medicare was established in 1965 and when Social Security was vastly expanded in 1972, America was accustomed to the high birth rates of the post-World War II baby boom. It was widely assumed that the baby boom generation would soon produce a baby boom of its own.

Oops. The birth rate fell from the peak of 122.7 in 1957 to 68.8 in 1973 and hovered around that level until 2007. The baby boom, it turns out, was an exception to a general rule that people tend to have fewer babies as their societies become more affluent and urbanized.

Social Security had to be tweaked in 1983 when it became clear there weren't enough working age people to fund benefits promised to the elderly. It needs tweaking again today for the same reason. Medicare presents even greater problems. Health care costs have generally been rising at rates above economic growth.

By itself this is not necessarily a problem. Economic growth and market competition have enabled Americans to spend smaller percentages of their incomes on food and clothes, with more left over to spend on other things.

Spending more on health care is a sensible thing for an affluent society to do — especially as new medical procedures and drugs mean that health care can deliver more than it used to.

But in a society in which the elderly are an increasing share of the population and working age people are a decreasing share, it becomes increasingly difficult to fund these programs.

These problems are exacerbated when the economy fails to grow as rapidly as the working age population.

Birth rates fell sharply during the Depression of the 1930s. They have fallen significantly since the housing collapse, from 69.3 in 2007 to 63.2 in 2011. The steepest decline in births since 2007 has been among Hispanic immigrants, who were also hit hard by housing foreclosures. We don't know whether this trend will continue. But if it does, the consequences will resemble the subtitle of Jonathan Last's newly published book, "What to Expect When No One's Expecting: America's Coming Demographic Disaster."

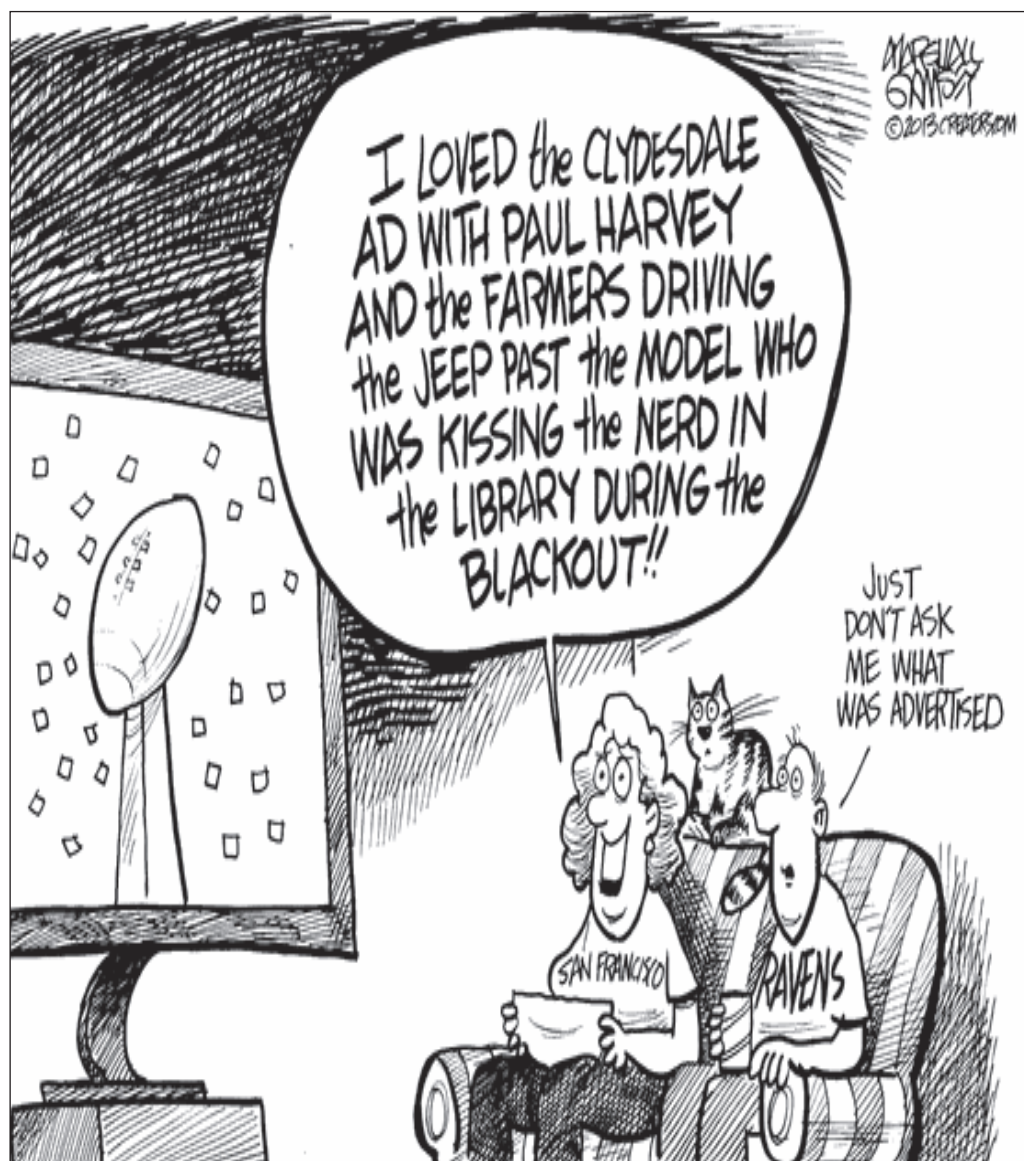
Last points out that our fertility rate — the number of children a woman has over a lifetime — has been below the replacement level of 2.1. Over time, a below-replacement-level fertility rate means population decline. To see what that means, look at Japan. Its fertility rate is 1.4, its population is declining, and it has had essentially zero economic growth since 1990.

We are not in such a bad position, yet. Since the end of the recession in June 2009, quarterly GDP growth has averaged 2.1 percent.

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The old (Electoral) College try

Ever since their disappointing results in the November elections, Republicans have been doing what any competitor does after a loss: figuring out how to win the next one.

Many of the Republican Party's voices have been calling for a new party that can appeal more widely to women, gays, Hispanics, African-Americans and young people — demographics that now favor Democrats. A less strident tone on gay rights, a higher tax rate on the richest, a comprehensive immigration proposal backed by Republicans — all these are signs of efforts that may broaden the political appeal of the Republican Party.

Yet as the new Republican Party appeared eager to regain power by appealing to the majority, the old Republican Party continued its efforts to wield power with a minority.

The theme is well-established. In 2010, the Supreme Court, in its Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission decision, overturned precedent to allow direct funding of political campaigns by corporations, which benefited the few over the many. In 2012, many states pushed voter ID laws that would

make it harder for minorities and young people to vote, to benefit the few over the many. Last week, the Republicans in the Senate retained their right to block action with only 41 votes, which benefits the few over the many. At the same time, an appeals court found President Barack Obama's recess appointments to the National Labor Relations Board unconstitutional.

In combination, the previous two developments ensure that even though the voters put a Democrat in the White House and a Democratic majority in the Senate, the Democratic president can't get the Senate to vote on his nominees if 41 out of 100 say no. These rules, according to The Washington Post, "give the minority more rights than any other legislative body in the world."

The power of the minority was a deep worry of James Madison's. During the Constitutional Convention, Madison, who is known as the "Father of the Constitution," was adamantly opposed to the idea that each state should have the same number of senators, simply because it meant that the few could impose their will on the many. At one point in the convention, he looked ahead to the admission of new states and warned that if new and sparsely populated states were to "have an equal vote ... a more objectionable minority than ever might give law to the whole."

Madison lost that debate, so today Wyoming and Idaho have as much power in the Senate as California and New York. Concessions to the minority were a price of forming a country. But how much is too much?

In five states that Obama won in November — Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia and Wisconsin — Republicans are proposing a change in the way they apportion electoral votes. Currently, with exceptions in Maine and Nebraska, the presidential candidate who wins the most votes in a state wins all that state's electoral votes. But Republicans in these states are proposing changes that would give more power to fewer people.

The Michigan proposal, if it had been in place in November, would have awarded Mitt Romney nine electoral votes and Obama seven, even though Obama won the state. The Virginia plan, if it had been in place in November, would have given Romney nine votes and Obama four, even though Obama won the state.

Republican National Chairman Reince Priebus supports the move, citing "local control."

This is not about local control. It is about minority control. This is about making the person with fewer votes president.

It was traumatic enough last time. If it were to happen again, it would create triple the ill will — be-

cause it would be happening again and because it would be happening not because of an archaic quirk in the Constitution but because of an explicit partisan ploy to manipulate the system so the minority could rule.

It could well provoke a constitutional crisis — a new president not seen as legitimate, members of Congress more bitterly divided, animosity between parties far worse. The hostility in Washington would make the debt ceiling debate look like an ad for summer camp.

Last week, the Republican governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal, said, "It's time for a new Republican Party that talks like adults." The adults of Jindal's Republican Party should talk right now to the kids at the party and say, "Think it through."

Then Jindal and his fellow adults should start working faster to build a Republican Party that can compete and win without tricks, because either the Republican Party will change its policies to win over a majority or it will rig the system to rule with a minority.

If Republicans don't do a good job with the first approach, they're going to intensify their efforts on the second.

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Postal Service to cut Saturday mail to trim costs

By PAULINE JELINEK
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The financially struggling U.S. Postal Service said Wednesday it will stop delivering mail on Saturdays but continue to disburse packages six days a week, an apparent end-run around an unaccommodating Congress.

The service expects the Saturday mail cutback to begin the week of Aug. 5 and to save about \$2 billion annually, said Postmaster General and CEO Patrick R. Donahoe. "Our financial condition is urgent," Donahoe told a press conference.

The move accentuates one of the agency's strong points — package delivery has increased by 14 percent since 2010, officials say, while the delivery of letters and other mail has

declined with the increasing use of email and other Internet services.

Under the new plan, mail would be delivered to homes and businesses only from Monday through Friday, but would still be delivered to post office boxes on Saturdays.

Post offices now open on Saturdays would remain open on Saturdays.

Over the past several years, the Postal Service has advocated shifting to a five-day delivery schedule for mail and packages — and it repeatedly but unsuccessfully appealed to Congress to approve the move.

Though an independent agency, the service gets no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but is subject to congressional control.

Congress has included a ban on five-day delivery in

its appropriations bill.

But because the federal government is now operating under a temporary spending measure, rather than an appropriations bill, Donahoe says it's the agency's interpretation that it can make the change itself.

"This is not like a 'gotcha' or anything like that," he said.

The agency is essentially asking Congress not to reimpose the ban when the spending measure expires on March 27 and he said he would work with Congress on the issue.

The agency clearly thinks it has a majority of the American public on its side regarding the change.

Postal Service market research and other research indicated that nearly 7 in 10 Americans support the switch to five-day delivery as a way for the Postal Service to reduce costs, the

agency said.

"The Postal Service is advancing an important new approach to delivery that reflects the strong growth of our package business and responds to the financial realities resulting from America's changing mailing habits," Donahoe said. "We developed this approach by working with our customers to understand their delivery needs and by identifying creative ways to generate significant cost savings."

But the president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Fredric Orlando, said the end of Saturday mail delivery is "a disastrous idea that would have a profoundly negative effect on the Postal Service and on millions of customers," particularly businesses, rural communities, the elderly, the disabled and others who depend on

Saturday delivery for commerce and communication.

He said the maneuver by Donahoe to make the change "flouts the will of

Congress, as expressed

annually over the past 30 years in legislation that mandates six-day delivery."

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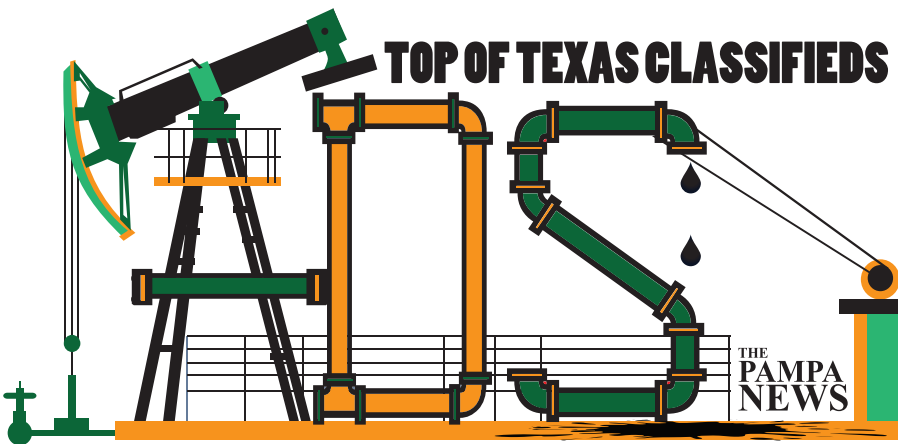
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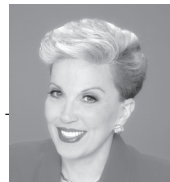
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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for the compassion you showed "Wants to Be a Mom" (Nov. 24), the 15-year-old girl considering motherhood with her almost 18-year-old boyfriend. Having lost her dad at an early age and having a mother who prefers drugs over her daughter, must have made this young lady feel very unwanted. I understand why she might think a baby would give her the love she's missing.

I applaud you for not judging her, but instead kindly helping her to understand the consequences of her potential actions. I wish her the best and hope she'll have the wisdom to realize how important an education will be for her future. With luck, in a few years she'll be a young adult ready to assume the responsibilities of being a parent. — LINDA IN MICHIGAN

DEAR LINDA: "Wants" was smart to write for advice before acting on impulse. She deserved a thoughtful response and not just a reprimand. Readers had much to say about her letter:

DEAR ABBY: At 15, I had the first of my five daughters. By the time I was 20 I was raising the babies by myself. Would I do it all over again? Not in this lifetime!

"Wants," your boyfriend is immature. He should finish school and get a job before thinking about children. You are only 15 and have your best years ahead. One thing that never crossed MY mind was how I would be able to support my child without an education. I learned the hard way.

If you and your grandma aren't getting along, it's up to you to change your attitude. Grandma has more experience than you do in this world. Listening to her will help you avoid many of the pitfalls that I went through, and that you face presently. — WAS THERE ONCE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ABBY: I had my first child at 21, and while I love my son there are times I wish I would have waited a while. I missed out on college and figuring out who I was and what I wanted to do. My son

and daughter turned out to have special needs, so my life has been busy taking care of them. Please tell that teen that having a baby is not at all like it is in TV commercials. — MARIA IN ILLINOIS

DEAR ABBY: A mentor to teen boys told me that some of them deliberately try to impregnate girls so they'll have a "trophy" of how manly and virile they are. The more babies they help conceive, especially without having to be responsible for them, the more bragging can go on in the locker room. Every parent needs to know this behavior is going on. Some of these boys have punched holes in condoms and convinced a reticent girl to have sex — then laughed at her and dumped

her when she became pregnant. — NURSING SCHOOL STUDENT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: That 15-year-old's boyfriend's desire for her to have a baby seems like a control issue to me, and it will set the tone for their relationship. She needs to say no or she will most likely be under his power for the foreseeable future. I have seen this happen too many times with high school girls. — FORMER TEACHER IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: Some states will accuse the young man of statutory rape, and he could end up in jail and be branded a sex offender for life. And the girl will wind up with a baby, no education and no husband to help her. Children have no

business having children. — FLORIDA READER

DEAR ABBY: Tell that girl and her boyfriend that if they want a baby, they must support that baby on their own. Those of us who are working and raising families are tired of entitlements the young ones count on for support. Life is hard. It's expensive. And it is about more than what you "want" on a whim. — KATHY IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR ABBY: Please tell her to visit Planned Parenthood. It promotes responsible parenting and healthy sexuality. I checked its website and there's an office in Blacksburg, Va., not far from where she lives. My best to her. — SOMEONE WHO CARES IN NEW YORK

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Is furious
- 6 Ease up
- 11 Clumsy
- 12 LBJ, for one
- 13 Mink's cousin
- 14 Pollster's find
- 15 Consider appropriate
- 17 Important time
- 19 Circle section
- 20 Wander (about)
- 23 Slander
- 25 Sample recording
- 26 Begins
- 28 Preceding times
- 29 California city
- 30 Essen article
- 31 Cat coat
- 32 Spots on TV
- 33 Shine
- 35 Kick back
- 38 Goes off course
- 41 Acrobatic
- 42 Net receipts
- 43 Manners

DOWN

- 44 Sean Combs' nickname
- 1 2016 Olympics setting
- 2 Leaf lifter
- 3 Scolds
- 4 Dueling weapon
- 5 Flows
- 6 Top story
- 7 Pitcher
- 8 Cut drastically
- 9 Shoe hue
- 10 Finish
- 16 Dis-tressed
- 17 Trimmed
- 18 "Super-man" star
- 20 Achieves success
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- 22 Nitwits
- 24 Cart puller
- 25 Rap's Dr. —
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Worley

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Peet, who is an ordained minister. "I am a minister and want to minister to the whole person."

Peet explained it would be more than just a ministry that would help people spiritually.

"We would have people come to help others find sources of help financially," she said. "We would have instructors to teach women how to buy groceries and cook meals. A lot of people nowadays don't know how to do that."

Men could learn skills such as carpentry and plumbing, she added.

There also would be a religious curriculum, developed by Peet herself, that would be incorporated into the work of the center.

Peet said the ministry, which has status as a 501(c)3, would have both a paid and volunteer staff. She said there are 18 people in the Pampa area who share her vision of opening the ministry.

"I've had a group I've been meeting with for almost 20 years," she said.

Generally, she wants to keep the outside looking the same while doing a complete remodeling on the inside.

"We don't need all those little rooms," she said referring to the former patient rooms. "I'd like to have a big conference room."

Because the building is owned by the nonprofit ministry, Peet said she is not currently paying taxes on it.

But that benefit will come to an end if the ministry doesn't begin operating out of the building, she said.

Along with being an ordained minister, Peet has several talents as an art-



Photo by Sasha Heller

The old Worley Hospital on Francis Street.

ist. She sketches, sculpts, weaves baskets and does mosaics. Her husband, Judge Richard Peet, who presides over the Gray County Commission, does woodworking on the side. He built a large coffee table and entertainment center for the couple's home on North Russell Street. Peet said it would cost around \$4 million to renovate the building. Unlike many old buildings, which require costly removal of asbestos insulation, Peet said the

Worley Hospital only has asbestos in the boiler room in the cellar.

Though the costs to renovate the hospital are beyond the means of her budget or any of her collaborators, Peet is nonetheless hopeful that someday the funding will fall into place.

"I'm not sure when it will start," she said. "Even if all of us put in half of our paychecks there still has to be funds that need to come in."

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PampaSports

Lady Harvesters still waiting for playoff opponent

Will play the winner of Levelland and Lubbock Estacado tiebreaker game.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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The Lady Harvesters thought they might have their playoff opponent and destination set after Tuesday's games. But things didn't go as planned.

For Pampa to finish second in district 1-3A, Perryton needed to beat Dalhart, which they did 60-57.

So with Pampa solidified into the second place position, the Lady Harvesters will play the No. 3 team from district 2-3A.

Coming into the day on Tuesday, No. 15 in the state Lubbock Estacado was the No. 3 team from that district. Estacado faced the No. 6 team in the state, Lubbock Cooper. The No. 4 team from that district, Levelland needed to upset the No. 10 team in the state, Shallowater and have Estacado lose to Cooper just to force a tie for third with Estacado.

Both of these things did happen as Levelland took down Shallowater 39-28 and Cooper beat Estacado 72-64.

Due to Levelland and Estacado splitting the season series, a tiebreaker must be played at 6 p.m., Friday, at South Plains College in Lubbock.

Girls final standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Perryton	8	0
Pampa	5	3
Dalhart	4	4
Borger	2	6
River Road	1	7

Pampa awaits Friday's game between Lubbock Estacado and Levelland to see when, where and who they will play. Listed above are the final district standings for girls varsity basketball district 1-3A.

Pampa will play the winner of that tiebreaker game, most likely on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

The opponent, place and time will be shared with readers as soon as The Pampa News knows.



Photo by Charla Shults

The 2012-13 Pampa Lady Harvester basketball team. The team took home second place in district 1-3A this season and are headed to the playoffs.

Volleyball Standings

2013 - 4v4

MIXED

Competitive	Conference	Overall
Westside Pkg	4-0	6-0
Crossfit	3-1	5-1
LJS Not the Face	3-1	3-3
Spiked Punch	1-3	3-3
REMAX	1-3	2-4
Briarwood A	0-4	0-6

Recreational	Conference	Overall
Xtra Auto	4-0	5-1
Rednecks	3-1	4-2
Domino's	3-1	4-2
Notorious D.I.G	1-3	3-3
Utility Tire	1-3	1-5
Briarwood B	0-4	2-4

WOMEN'S

	Conference	Overall
Flying Squirrels	3-0	6-0
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Old & Fab	0-3	1-5

Burrell's 20 points leads Pampa over Panhandle



Photos by Kim Thompson

Above, Kambrin Scott looks to win the opening tip for Pampa. Below, coach Dennis Doughty instructs his players during a break in the action.

BY ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's freshman boys team hosted Panhandle on Tuesday night. Pampa's varsity teams had a bye.

After the first quarter, Pampa trailed by one at 16-15. At the half, Pampa regained the lead at 26-22. In the third quarter, Pampa expanded their lead to 12 at 38-26. The final score was Pampa 47, Panhandle 35.

Bryson Burrell led Pampa with 20

points, including one three-pointer. Kambrin Scott added 11 points and one three-pointer. Alec McClendon and Rhett Harden scored five points each. Colton Thompson finished with four points and Kolton Jefferis ended the game with two points.

With the win, Pampa improves to 9-7 overall.

This was not a district game so their district record remains at 3-3. They will be back in district action Friday when they host Perryton.



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Bryson Burrell



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PampaSports

Pampa girls soccer drops game to Caprock Monday

By ZACHARY GREEN
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Pampa's girls soccer team hosted Caprock on Monday night. Pampa lost 7-1.

Madelyn Solis scored a header off a corner kick in the 38th minute for Pampa's lone goal of the game.

"We came out strong in the first half, but lost our head after the first Caprock goal," said Pampa Coach David Willis. "We were able to rally back

and play a strong passing game. Unfortunately we were weren't able to put many goals in, but we had great passes and communication."

Willis added that forward Olga Garcia, forward Samatha Woodruff, forward Macie Loggins and forward Karoley Villareal all had good games for Pampa.

With the loss, Pampa falls to 0-5 on the season.

They will be back in action at 5 p.m., Friday night in Dumas.



Photo by Zachary Green
Senior forward Samantha Woodruff tries to get in position from a pass to shoot a goal during the game against Caprock on Monday night.

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Above, Ethan Hunt delivers a pitch. Below, Jeff Smith slides safely into third base.



Above, Casey Martindale forces a Palo Duro player into a pickle. Below, James Thompson rounds third and is heading home to score. All pictures are from a Pampa scrimmage with Palo Duro on Monday afternoon.



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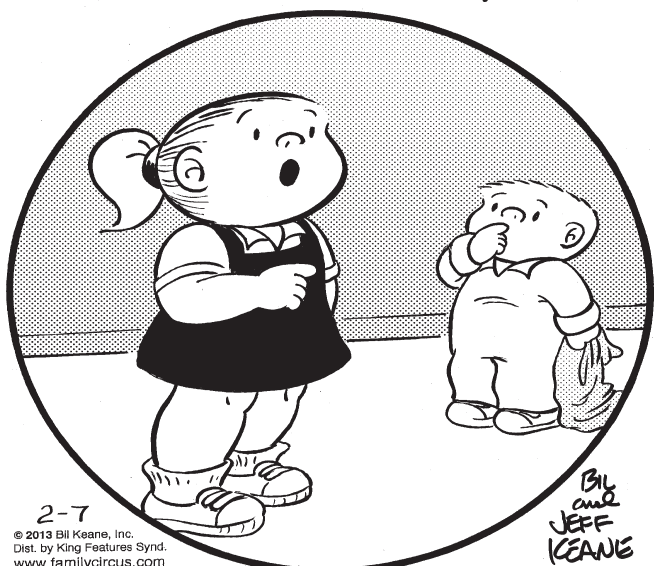
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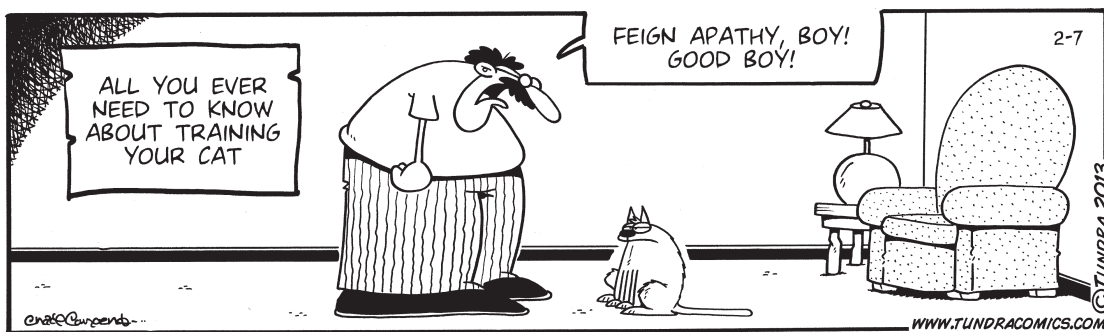
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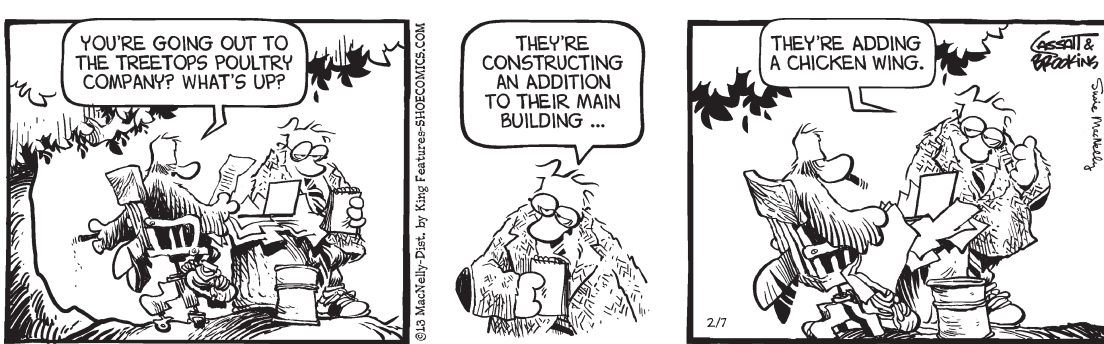
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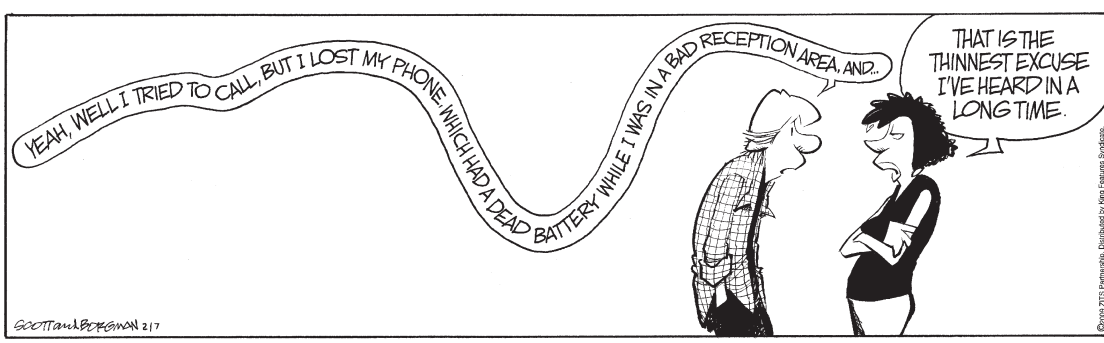
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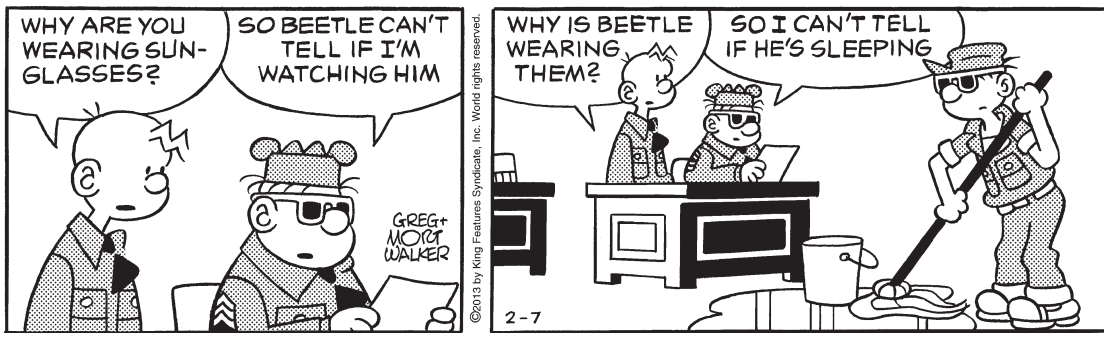
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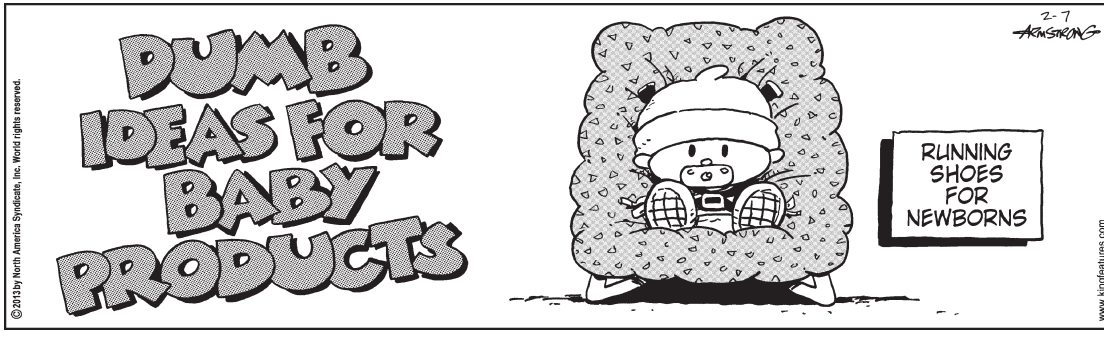
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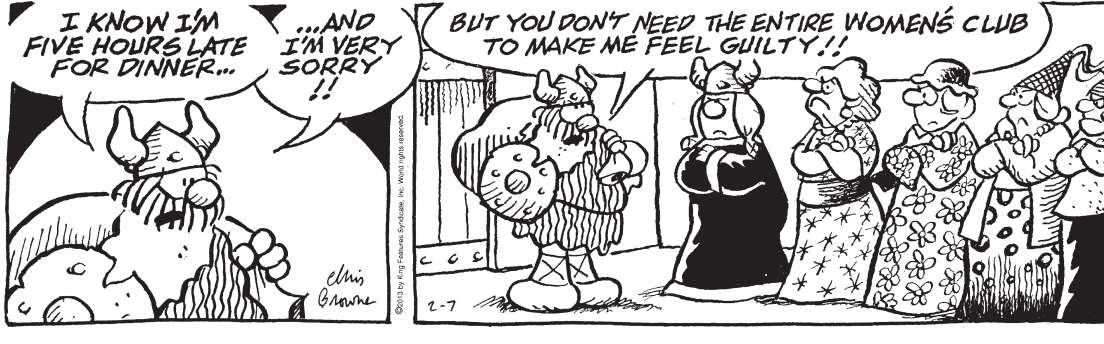
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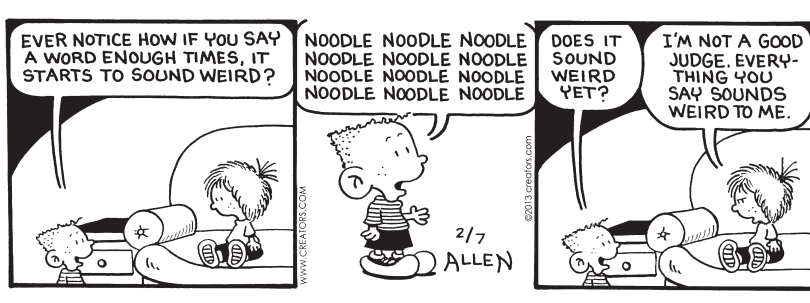
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 8, 2013:
This year you will alternate between being reclusive and being open and friendly with others. During the times you spend alone, you will center yourself and become more grounded. When you finally emerge, you will be a force to be dealt with. Your personality and charisma also will come out. If you are single, you could change that status quo, if you so choose. Use care as you get to know someone new. This person might not be everything that he or she appears to be. If you are attached, your sweetie finds you to be unusually magnetic and caring this year. At times, you will have a tendency to be me-oriented. Remember, a partnership consists of two people. **AQUARIUS** is unique in his or her own way.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Handle all professional matters, or any matters having to do with the public. By afternoon, you'll want to schedule meetings and intense discussions. You will see a totally different attitude come forward. Could this be a Friday mood? Tonight: Out with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Do a little more research and/or have a chat with someone you respect in the morning. Take the lead in the afternoon, and set the standard for what's expected on an important project. Others naturally will follow your example. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A negotiation with a key partner could take you until midday to finalize. Even if you haven't come to a decision or a point of action, start returning calls. Seek feedback from trusted sources should you find a situation to be problematic. Tonight: Listen to some great music.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Continue to defer to others. The responses you get could floor you. Note that you are gaining some interesting insights from others, and you might want to write them down. A discussion on a one-on-one level is inevitable. Tonight: How about dinner for two?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Revisit a project that is completed. You might opt to revise the message from this work or redo it in a meaningful way. Discuss this change with colleagues or those you consider to be in the know. Tonight: Try to clump all of

your invitations together, if possible.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have no doubt in your mind that you are more than ready for the next few days. You even might decide to make some plans in the morning. By midafternoon, last-minute problems could arise. Stay focused. Tonight: Out with your colleagues and friends.
LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be unsure about which way to go with a personal matter. Your ingenuity will kick in during the evening, and it will provide an answer regarding what path to take. Tonight: You know how to wow others.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Communicate any reticence you have over a personal matter early on. Feel your way through this situation. Someone might surprise you with an invitation. Your initial reaction is probably the right one. Return calls later in the day. Tonight: Home is where the fun is.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be overserious in the morning. Once more, you might take a hard look at your budget and see how much you can push it. You know there are limits to everything. Others come forward late in the day. You'll feel more at ease with them. Tonight: Can anyone hold you back?
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max for any crucial ventures. Your finances, your budget and how much you are willing to spend could become hot issues in the evening. Know what works, and do not hesitate to ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to news carefully. It might not be as difficult as you believe it is. Give yourself a little time to rethink all the information. You'll laugh at your initial reaction once you turn the corner on this matter. Tonight: Speak your mind, and use your charisma.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your high energy attracts many people. You have pushed so hard that you might want to rethink your schedule. Don't put off an important matter that has been on the back burner any longer. If you can chill in the afternoon, by all means, do. Tonight: Something just for you.

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Packers WR Donald Driver calls it a career

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Donald Driver rewrote the Green Bay Packers record books and on Wednesday morning, the wildly popular wide receiver might've rewritten the book on how a player should call it a career.

Officially retiring after 14 seasons - all with the Packers, something that was extremely important to him - the franchise's all-time leading receiver celebrated his career during an unprecedented event inside the Lambeau Field atrium.

On hand were 1,500 fans, his family, coach Mike McCarthy, general manager Ted Thompson, team president/CEO Mark Murphy, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt and a handful of teammates.

"I told myself I wasn't going to cry today so I'm going to hold the emotion back as much as possible. I love you all so much," said Driver, who retires after catching 743 passes for 10,137 yards after making the team as a seventh-round draft pick out of Alcorn State in 1999. "It was a tough decision, but my family and I felt it was time for the next chapter in our life."

Joking that the first item on the post-football to-do list was to remove squirrels from the attic of the family's offseason home in Dallas, Driver figures to parlay his "Dancing with the Stars" title into non-football opportunities. He said he will be guest-hosting Katie Couric's talk show and appearing on ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Weight-loss Edition," among other things.

But he will always be known for what he did as a football player - and how he used his football success to become an ambassador for the franchise and vital part of the community.

That much was clear when Walker pronounced Wednesday "Donald Driver Day" in Wisconsin, and Schmitt announced that a downtown Green Bay street will be renamed for Driver. In addition, "The Receiver" statue will be repainted to represent Driver, replacing the generic, nameless player wearing No. 88 it currently depicts.

Before tearing up at the end of his brief remarks, McCarthy said Driver's 61-yard touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers during the 2010 season embodied the player he was. "If you're looking for a picture of what Donald Driver means to your football team, that's the picture," McCarthy said.

Thompson, meanwhile, spoke of re-watching tape of Driver in advance of the 1999 NFL draft, taken back as a scout by the skinny, unknown receiver.

"We were doing that all the time. 'Can you run that back?'" Thompson said. Explaining why Driver wasn't drafted sooner, Thompson said: "Us as scouts make mistakes all the time."

HARVESTER BASKETBALL TEAMS IN ACTION



Left, Jonathan Stevens with a block of a Dalhart shot. Center, Brandon Stokes going for a layup. Alex Marrufo is in both pictures as well. Right, Madison Brown shooting a jumper over a Dalhart defender.

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