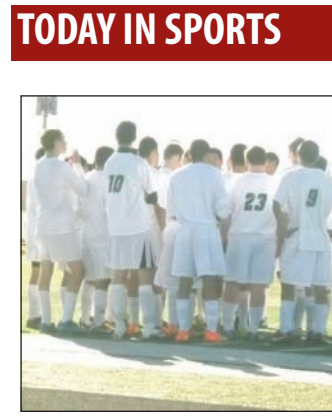


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Still pakin' after 60 years



Top, Pak-A-Burger employees Angelia Ferretti, right, and Gloria Berdoza work the grill during lunch. Above left, a few of the nostalgic advertising signs on the fence at the back of the awning. Above right, some of the staff at Pak-A-Burger. From left, Stephanie Stein, Kerry Wright, Farrah Armstrong, owner Gerald Wright, Gloria Berdoza, Angelia Ferretti and Rose

■ Popular drive-thru planning a year-long celebration.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Sixty years ago, you wouldn't have found a Walmart, shopping mall or a chain restaurant like McDonald's in Pampa. But what you would have found while cruising up and down North Hobart Street was the Pak-A-Burger, a drive-thru restaurant that has changed very little since opening in 1954. Ownership of the restaurant has changed a few times, with Pampa residents Gerald and Charlene Wright owning for the past seven years. Their son, Kerry, also works at the restaurant. "It's always been in the same building and been

pretty much the same," Gerald said. "We are serving the same burgers now as when we opened." Two things that are relatively new are the neon lights that help the building stand out at night and the old advertising signs that adorn the fence along the back of the awning. Even after 1 p.m. on a weekday, when most restaurants are slowing down from the lunch rush, cars still line up at the drive-thru and the grill is still sizzling with plenty of burgers. Why has the restaurant stayed in business for so many years? "It's the signature burger," Gerald said.

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County Commissioners to apply for state grant

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Gray County Court of Commissioners on Thursday morning first approved paying the county's bills and then decided to participate in the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. The program allocates a certain amount of money to counties throughout the state and this year Gray County is eligible to participate. Gray County has been allocated about \$290,000 if the application is approved and this money is to be spent improving roads throughout the county. After improvements have been made, a report must be sent back stating on what the money was spent. If the application is not approved for the grant there is no penalty or charge to the county. The Commissioners voted unanimously to apply for the grant, and it was agreed that Allison Bass & Associates will apply for the grant on the county's behalf. If the county chooses not to apply for the grant or if the application is denied, the money will be divided up amongst other counties. The next Gray County Commissioners Court will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 15 in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

Former KPND announcer, PHS grad promoted to station VP in Nevada

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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A Pampa native and former announcer on the now defunct KPND radio station has been promoted to vice president of news and production at KNPB, a public television station in Reno, Nev. Brent Boynton, a 1975 graduate of Pampa High School, joined KNPB as news director in 2012 and hosts a community affairs program called "A Conversation." Boynton is an Emmy-nominated television journalist and member of the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

"It's an honor to serve in an organization with the motto, 'Connecting our community,'" Boynton said. "Reno is a wonderful place filled with fascinating people. It's fulfilling to have a job that lets you enrich your neighbors' lives simply by sharing some of their stories." Boynton said news has always been in his blood; his first "unofficial broadcast" was from his home at age 4. He worked for more than three decades in television and got his start professionally behind the microphone in the basement of the Hughes Building as an announcer for KNPB. Boynton commented it was a bit of a paradox that a radio station would be located in the basement of the tallest building in the city, because before going on the air with the weather forecast he would first make a trip up to a higher floor to look out a window to make sure the forecast was

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Report: EPA followed rules in North Texas drilling case

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was legally justified in issuing — and later withdrawing — an emergency order against a Fort Worth-based driller following a 2010 complaint of groundwater contamination in North Texas, the agency's internal watchdog said in a report released Tuesday. But questions linger about the source of the contamination, it added. The findings come 18 months after six U.S. senators, including John Cornyn, called for an inquiry into the agency's handling of a case that rose to prominence in the national discussion

on the impacts of natural gas drilling. In the report, the Office of Inspector General said officials at EPA Region 6 "conformed to agency guidelines, regulation and policy" when they charged Range Resources with contaminating two Parker County wells with benzene, methane and other substances. "Test results on November 16, 2010, showed the presence of chemical contamination in both wells. The contamination levels indicated a risk to a drinking water source — the aquifer and the wells drawing from it," the report said. "The methane in the wells presented an explosion hazard, and benzene presented health hazards." Range says that the gas was present in the water before it arrived, and that drilling was not to blame. The inspector general's report also concluded that the EPA correctly determined that the Texas Railroad Commission, which it has delegated to protect certain water quality laws, had no immediate plans to act on the case. Texas regulators did their own investigation and found no evidence that Range had contaminated the water. The Railroad Commission voted in March

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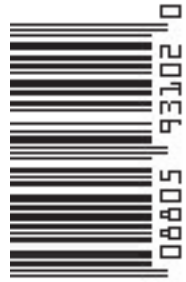
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2011 to clear the company of the charges.

"We'll see which is the real protection agency, and I'd say it's the Railroad Commission of Texas," then-Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones said after the vote.

That echoed the sentiment of the Republicans in Congress and a long list of Texas officials who blasted the initial EPA investigation, calling the findings scientifically unsound and a politically motivated assault against the oil and gas industry.

Under the EPA order, Range would have had to provide drinking water to residents of two homes in Parker County whose water wells the agency said had been contaminated. But the agency withdrew the order in March 2012 under a settlement in which Range agreed to test 20 water wells every three months for a year and share the data with the EPA.

That decision was spurred by fears of costly litigation, the belief that homeowners' health risks had been reduced and Range's willingness to monitor the wells, the inspector general's report said, citing interviews.

The decision was within the EPA's purview, the report added, because the agency's guidelines do not address withdrawing an order.

"However, other issues remain," the report said. "We believe that the EPA needs to implement cost-effective steps to better gauge the risk and document and disseminate its findings to affected residents."

The EPA has said there is no evidence of widespread contamination in the area. The inspector general, however, raised questions about the quality of the data Range collected.

After reviewing a draft of the report in September, the EPA agreed that it should more closely monitor the data collection. The agency recently reviewed Range's data and found that it was lacking in "some of the required quality assurance information," the report said.

Range said it is still reviewing the inspector general's report.

"We agree with the Texas Railroad Commission's determination that Range's activities did not cause or contribute to the long-standing matter of naturally occurring methane in the Trinity aquifer, and we're pleased that when EPA headquarters examined the facts of the case, they fully withdrew their order," a spokesperson said in an email.

Burger

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That delicacy consists of a hamburger patty, a bun, mustard, onions, lettuce and pickles.

But you can get pretty much get anything you want on a Pak-A-Burger, including jalapeños and green chili.

"More and more customers like their burgers custom made," he said.

"We are one of very few restaurants that still roast our green chilies. My son Kerry just roasted a batch today."

And over the years they have added items to their menu, Gerald said.

Though it is primarily a drive-thru, customers can park under the awning and walk up to one of the windows to place an order. When the order is ready, an employee brings your food out to your vehicle.

Gerald said two or three

generations from the same families have become loyal customers.

After graduating from high school or college, a job will take a lot of people away from Pampa, Gerald said. "But when people come back to visit this is one of the first places they come to."

Gerald said he doesn't know the exact date Pak-A-Burger opened, but the title company confirmed that it opened in 1954.

Some of his employees

are already wearing T-shirts to commemorate the anniversary.

Gerald said the restaurant will be offering special promotions throughout 2014, which will be announced in the newspaper.

"We have a year-long celebration planned," Gerald said.

Located at 1608 N. Hobart St, Pak-A-Burger is open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed Sunday.

Popular Texas mayor leaves job to follow his heart

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Joseph W. Lown wiped away a tear as his partner read vows to him, pledging love for a lifetime.

"Now I know that my biggest accomplishment is not to have married a great man," Lown's new spouse said. "My biggest accomplishment will be having found love."

"My biggest accomplishment will be to make you happy every day of my life."

Lown responded: "I look forward to spending a wonderful life with you."

Moments earlier, a judge had legally bound the pair in a same-sex marriage during a recent solemn civil ceremony in a small, colonial villa hotel in Mexico City.

The former San Angelo mayor and his partner signed their marriage license. They pressed their fingerprints onto the paperwork.

The small group of about a dozen family and friends applauded in a dining room with hand-picked poinsettias and a white sheet draped behind the couple.

It was a concluding step in an epic journey of love, personal turmoil and drastic choices that had begun four and a half years ago for Lown, San Angelo's mayor. Lown, having easily won re-election for a fourth term in May 2009, abruptly walked away

from his promising public life in conservative West Texas to take a chance on love and a new life in Mexico.

Lown's spouse asked not to be identified because he still has family living in the United States.

On his wedding day, Lown contemplated his future.

"This is not the end," Lown said after the emotional ceremony. "This is the beginning."

Police: No beer led to ceramic squirrel stabbing

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina authorities say a 44-year-old woman angry at a man for returning home without beer on Christmas beat and stabbed him with a ceramic squirrel.

The Charleston County Sheriff's office says in a report that deputies found a man covered with blood when they arrived at Helen Williams' North Charleston home early Wednesday. She told investigators the man fell and cut himself, but couldn't explain why her hands and clothes were also bloody.

Deputies say the man said Williams was so angry when he returned without beer because stores were closed on Christmas Eve that she grabbed a ceramic squirrel, beat him in the head, then stabbed him in the shoulder and chest.

Williams was in jail Friday and charged with criminal domestic violence. It wasn't known if she had a lawyer.

Boynton

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accurate. From 1988 to 1992, he anchored the news on KAMR, Channel 4 in Amarillo.

While a student at PHS, Boynton was president of his graduating class.

"Naturally, I have fond memories of dear old Pampa High School and all my friends from 'The Greatest Class Alive,'" he said. "But I don't think I truly appreciated the quality of my high school education until recently, when we were addressing Reno school concerns in a town hall meeting. Suddenly, I realized while local universities have to conduct remedial classes, Texas Tech gave me credit for a year's worth of college work — simply from what I learned

from the good teachers at PHS."

He holds a bachelor's degree from the Texas Tech University and a master's degree in mass communications from the Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Boynton's mother, Betty, lives in Pampa and taught generations of fourth- and sixth-graders at Baker and Lamar Elementary Schools in Pampa. His father, Hal, was a machinist and teacher of metal trades at both Amarillo High School and PHS. He died in 1996.

His grandparents, Hallie and Lois Boynton, were well-known in Pampa. Hallie owned Boynton Machine Shop on South Cuyler Street and Lois was renowned for her gardening. Lois wrote a weekly article on gardening by moon signs for the Pampa Daily News.

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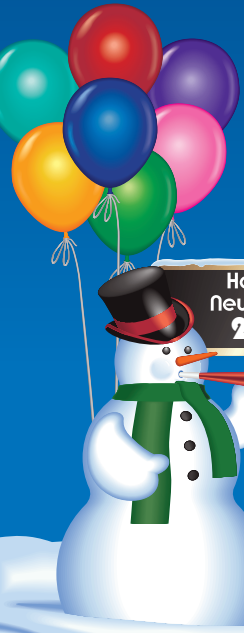
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Obituaries

Nicholas Clyde Nelson

Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 28, died Dec. 28, 2013, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2013 in Bunn, N.C. at his brother's residence. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nelson was born March 11, 1985 in Amarillo. Nick worked in Bunn, N.C. with his brother in a concrete contracting business before recently returning to Texas. He was a very kind person, was extremely witty, and had a smile that lit up the room. He had an amazing ability to help people see the humor in everyday life. Nick loved music, had a beautiful baritone voice, and was extremely talented. Words cannot express how much Nick was loved and will be missed by those close to him.

Survivors include his children, Isaac Clyde and Avery Nichole Nelson, Haylee Renee Davis, and Jarron Clyde Daniels; his mother and stepfather, Michelle and Calvin Menefield, of Rogersville, Mo.; a brother, Eric Richard Parker and wife Sandra of Bunn, N.C.; a sister, Chelsea Liedstrand of Washington, D.C.; and his grandparents, Glen and Phylliss Courtney of Branson, Mo. He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Clyde Nelson, in 2002, and his grandmother, Joan Reeves Courtney, in 2001.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

William "Bill" Sandefur

William "Bill" Sandefur, 77, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, in Pampa.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Sandefur was born April 13, 1936 in Strawn where he was raised and attended schools. He came to Pampa in 1958 and lived here and in the Dallas area most of his adult life. He worked in the construction business where he did sheetrocking. In his spare time, he liked to read. He will be remembered as a giving person and an animal lover.

Survivors include three sisters, Ella Mae Hazard of

Sweetwater, Barbara Martinez of Pampa, and Pattie Barnett of Abilene; three brothers, Clyde Sandefur and wife DJ of Bakersfield, Calif., John Sandefur of Pampa, and David Sandefur of Odessa; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Dorsett Sandefur, 2 brothers, Raymond and Richard, and a sister, Joyce Thornton.

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Margaret Tignor Robbins Rector

Margaret Tignor Robbins Rector, 92, of Amarillo, died Sunday, Nov 24, 2013.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd., Amarillo.

Margaret was born Jan. 1, 1921, to an early pioneer Panhandle family. She had one sister, Beryl Carss. She graduated from Pampa High School and graduated from the University of Texas with a bachelor of arts degree in 1941. After moving back to Pampa, she married Ray Robbins, who was the Pampa High School band director. They were married on Aug. 18, 1943. He preceded her in death. She taught math in Fritch, Phillips and Amarillo for 21 years. She married Harold Rector on Jan. 1, 2003.

She is survived by her husband Harold Rector; two sons, Ray L. Robbins Jr. and Charles Robbins; two grandchildren, Stacy Robbins and Craig Robbins; two great-grandchildren, Alexis Robbins and Tristan Robbins; and two stepdaughters, Susanne and Sharon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Ray Robbins Scholarship Fund, at Frank Phillips College, P.O. Box 5118, Borger, TX 79008, for students in the area. Since Margaret and Ray were educators, this fund helps send needy students in the area to college.

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Margaret Rector

For the record

Pampa man arrested for driving while intoxicated

Pablo Marcos Cabalero, 24, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for driving while intoxicated.

Darron Dewayne Ellis, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

Amanda Nichole Jen-

kins, 32, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for capias pro fine — driving while license is invalid.

James Calvin White, 23, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance.

Anthony Curry Pendleton, 26, Pampa, was ar-

rested Tuesday by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Heriberto Martinez, 26, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for no valid driver's license.

Denise Michelle Stephen, 42, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for possession of a

controlled substance.

Lyndell Quaid Chennault, 19, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for failure to present identification, public intoxication.

Almanza Dagoberto Chavez, 35, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

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JOHN LEE

Riding on the success of his 2011 summer hit "The Avengers," director Joss Whedon, of "Firefly" and "Dollhouse" fame, is directing this new show that has been airing on Tuesdays on ABC for the last 13 weeks.

The show is set following a group of S.H.I.E.L.D. agents lead by agent Phil Coulson, played by Clark Gregg. Agent Coulson makes several appearances, and even "dies," in the Avengers movies, which is another back story to the episodes.

I am not completely caught up on the show, but I am two episodes away from the winter break finale.

When I first started watching the show my feelings were really neutral about it. I don't normally care for spin-offs of a movie franchise.

For example, I didn't care for the spin-offs from the Star Wars franchise, let alone it being turned into animated form. It aggravates me because I want to know what happens in the Clone Wars between Star Wars: Episodes II and III, but they won't make it now because they made it into a cartoon, but that is a long rant to go into a future publication.

So I kind of took the pessimistic-yet-open-minded approach to this series. The pilot episode is a standard pilot episode. But as the series goes on you start to form distrust for a character because she seems shady and is going through her own character development. As the show carried on I found myself enjoying each episode more.

As the character relationships in the series start to develop, it really gets to be comical and dramatic. I haven't really developed an attachment to any one character in particular as each character has a special role on the team. You have the scientific tech couple, the veteran agent who is real quiet, the combat-trained, by-the-book agent and the newcomer to the team with some skeletons in her closet. All led by Agent Coulson.

My favorite episode so far was probably, "The Hub," because Ward (combat, by-the-book) and Fitz (one of the techs) are sent on a mission where there is no

extraction. It was a tale of polar opposites because Ward is obviously a combat-guru and Fitz is not an in-the-field-of-combat agent. The episode was full of characters doing different things to get their guys out of the combat zone safely.

The whole show is set as the back story to the Avengers movies. You hear references to the battle over New York, which is obviously a reference to "The Avengers." In the later episodes they start to talk about London, which is reference to "Thor 2: The Dark World."

There are several name-drops to Thor, Captain America and Nick Fury. The show is just what the doctor ordered if you're looking for action, comedy and relationships among characters. The show also has a lot of unanswered questions about characters, which leaves you wanting more.

Check out the show and tell me what you think. Like I said, it takes a few episodes but it is really good.

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Teenage Werewolves

Back in the 1950s, "Little Joe Cartwright" starred in a movie called "I Was a Teenage Werewolf." That's right, after seeing a full moon, Michael Landon ran around a public high school

foaming at the mouth and pretty much out of control. Since there was little difference between his behavior and that of the normal students, he got away with it for two semesters.

As I watched the film, I remember thinking that it was going to be tough for Landon to get into college with that on his resume. But then the 1960s happened, so that was that.

This brings me to the present. My life these days is largely confronting political and social madness on television and then going home to deal with teenage drama from an almost-14-year-old girl. I vaguely remember being 14, because I was ensconced in a Catholic high school that gave out homework assignments like they were M&M's. Believe me, I had plenty of angst. But nobody paid much attention to it.

Like today, many teenagers back then brooded full time. Check out James Dean, an outstandingly cloudy guy. But now teens have two things that embolden their disenchantment: the Internet and permissive parents.

Earlier this week, I was encouraging my urchins to speed it up because the bus was coming.

"I can't go faster 'cause you're staring at me," the teen wailed.

"I'm not staring at you. I just came into the room."

"But I can see you!" You get the idea. My daughter also did not want to wear anything that covered her legs

— even though it was 39 degrees outside. She wanted to wear shorts. At that point, I started wishing she'd turn into a werewolf. At least the fur would keep her warm.

But it is the Internet that is truly changing the teenage dynamic in America.

It used to be that teenagers would hang out together and swap stories of woe. I remember seeing Billy Joel and his crew at stores on Levittown Parkway. They were just slouching around the same as my guys were. Just being with other teenagers was comforting, but we actually had to leave our houses to do that. Now, teens can gang-brood from their rooms on the Net.

Because nearly every awful occurrence is highlighted on various Facebook pages, teenagers now find it easier to justify their own craziness. "How can you criticize me for getting a C when Shelley got all F's and crashed her dad's car?" That kind of thing.

Nothing is private anymore. Teenagers are subjected to (and some participate in) incredibly destructive behavior online.

And parents have few options. Even if you ban home computers, handheld devices are all over the place. You'd have to put a full-time bodyguard on the child in order to provide complete protection.

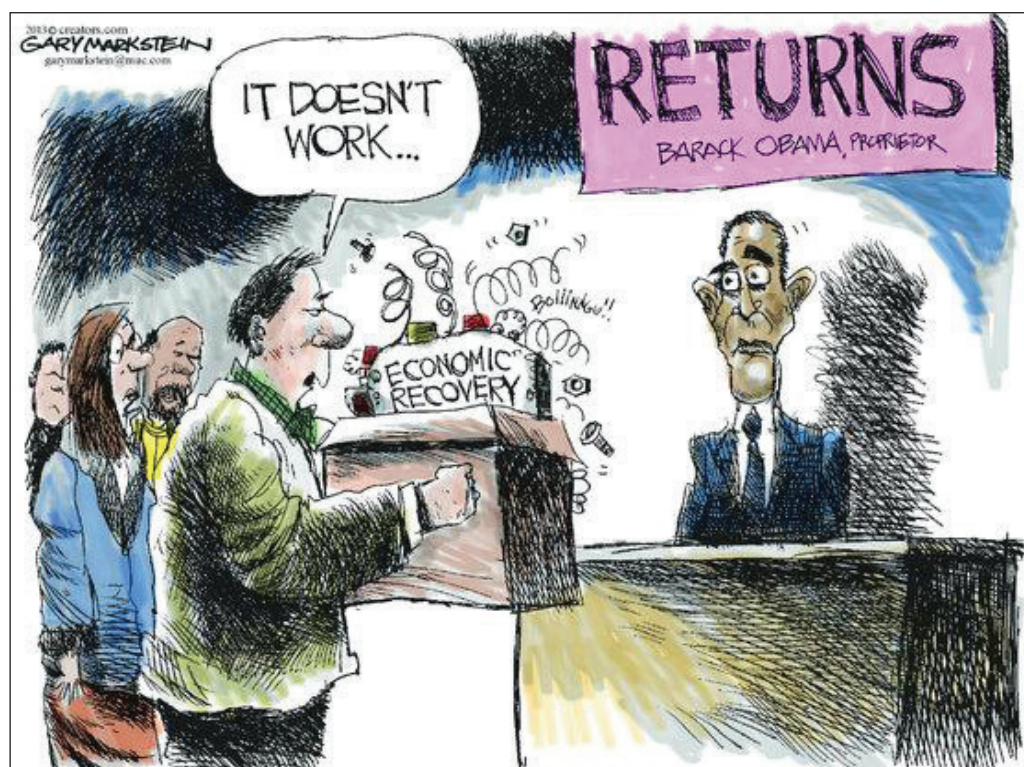
In the end, all parents can do is try their best to impose a sense of responsibility on their kids. But don't expect any appreciation, and be watchful at all times. Kids today are growing up at warp speed; the machines march them into adulthood way before they're ready.

Even with fangs, Landon had it easier.

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Global warming researcher gets stuck in ice

A funny thing happened during Australian climate change professor Chris

Turney's venture to retrace a 1912 research expedition in Antarctica and gauge how climate change has affected the continent.

Two weeks into a five-week excursion, Turney's good ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy got trapped in ice. It turns out, global warming notwithstanding, that there's so much ice down under that two ice-breaking vessels sent to rescue the research team cannot reach the Australasian Antarctic Expedition.

Years ago, global warming believers renamed the phenomenon "climate change" — probably because of pesky details such as unusually cold weather undercutting the warming argument. Now,

just as advocates argue that earth is approaching a tipping point, there's so much ice floating in Antarctica during the Southern Hemisphere's summer that the Australasian Antarctic Expedition posted in a statement: "We're stuck in our own experiment."

Does this incident mean that climate change is an illusion or a hoax? Of course not. Even during its summer, Antarctica is subject to extreme weather.

"Bad weather is the norm in Antarctica," climatologist Roy Spencer observed.

But it does show that like the rest of us chickens, scientists have feet of clay. Turney had told journalists that his expedition wanted to collect data that could be used to improve climate models. Too bad the folks who are supposed to predict climate decades into the future are guided by scientists who could not manage to avoid ice floes during a five-week trip.

"We were just in the wrong place at the wrong

time," Turney told Fox News. He believes that the ship was stuck in old ice from a 75-mile-long iceberg that broke apart three years ago.

Fair enough. But there's still the issue of ice volume.

Climate changers usually warn about Arctic ice, which has been receding over the past few decades, but rarely address the overall growth of ice in Antarctica.

"I'm sure some researchers can find a possible explanation where humans are causing both Arctic ice melting and Antarctic ice growth, but I'm skeptical of scientists who blame every change in nature on human activities. Nature routinely causes its own changes, without any help from us," quoth Spencer, himself a climate change contrarian.

"Sea ice is disappearing due to climate change, but here ice is building up," the Australasian Antarctic Expedition acknowledges. It's a conundrum. If warming is melting ice in the Northern

Hemisphere, why isn't it melting ice in the Southern Hemisphere?

Believers seize on all manner of weather — less Arctic ice, more Antarctic ice — as proof of climate change, but as Spencer notes, there is no climate change without man-caused global warming.

Turney told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that his goal is to excite the public about science. As for climate change, "in the scientific community, it's remarkably solid." And "self-evident."

He pushes a framework of science being data-driven and free from politics. Yet it's hard to escape the suspicion that whatever the icebound researchers experience, they will frame it as proof that climate change is unassailable.

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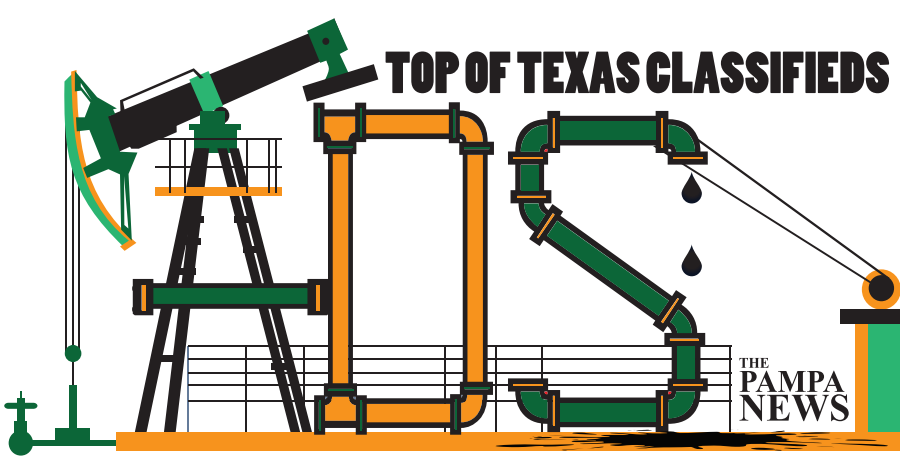
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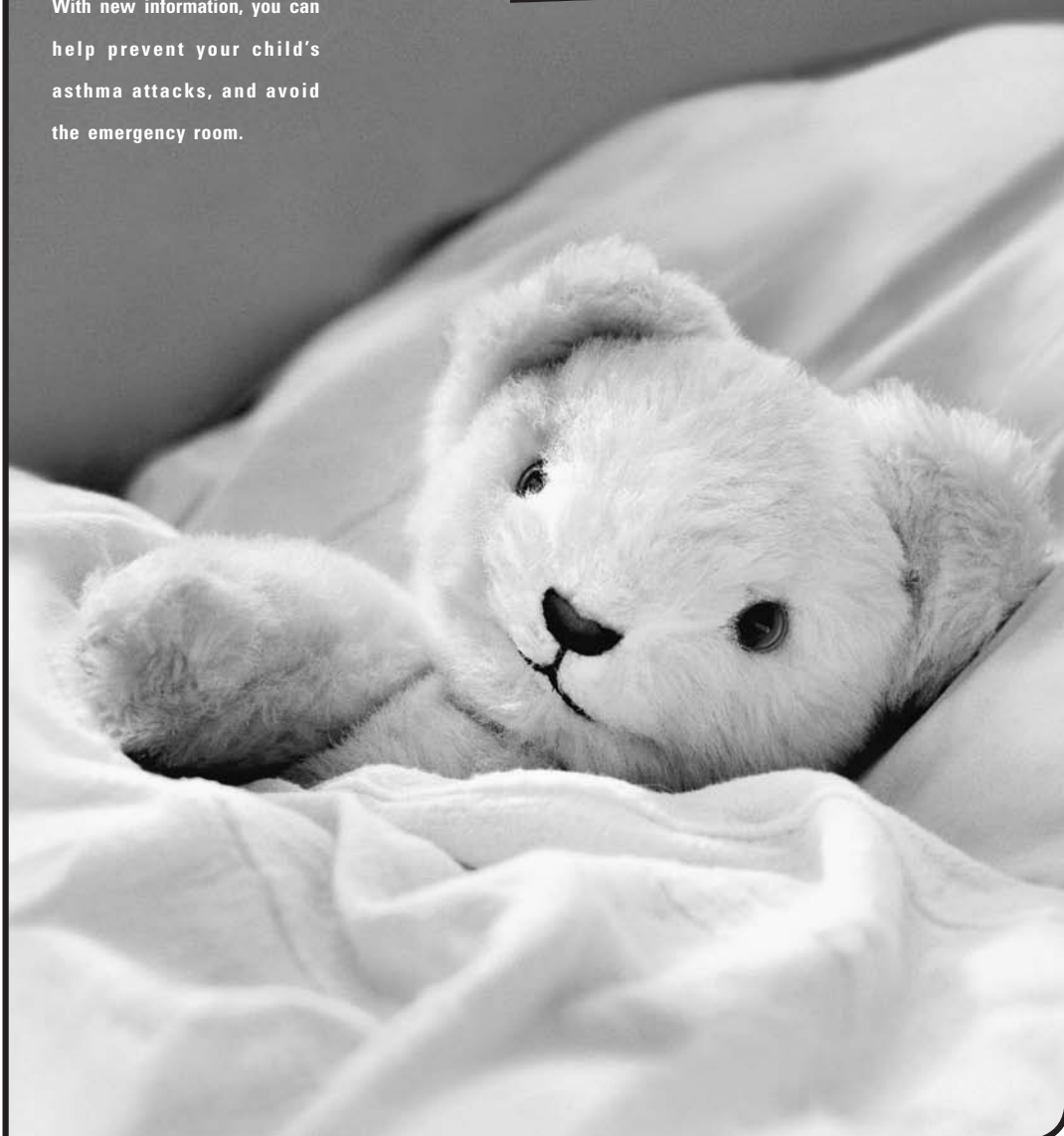
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As part of the reorganized lineup, TV Guide Channel will no longer be available. Customers using a set-top box have a program guide available on the box.

The All Digital Device comes with its own on-screen TV guide. In addition LaFamilia and 3 Angels Network will no longer be available on the Cable ONE lineup and FOX Deportes will only be available as part of the Hispanic Tier.

Reorganized Channel Lineup beginning 2/4/2014

Economy Cable

SD	HD			
2	1002	PBS-KACV	383	CMT
4	1004	NBC-KAMR	385	GAC *
7	1007	ABC-KVII	387	MTV
8		Educational Access	389	MTV Hits *
9		WGN	390	VH-1 Classics *
10	1010	CBS-KFDA	392	MTV2 *
11		Government Access		
12		College Ed Access		
14	1014	FOX-KCIT		
21		Univision		
27		God's Learning Ch-KRPV		
28		CW-KVIH-DT2		
31		Telemundo-KEYU		
32		10Too-KZBZ		
37		KCPN-MyNetwork		
78		C-SPAN		
79		C-SPAN2		
80		BYU		
81		Family Net		
82		INSP		
84		TBN		
85		EWTN		
86		HSN		
87		QVC		

Standard Cable

SD	HD	Women's Programming		
100	1100	Lifetime		
102	1102	LMN *		
103		OWN *		
105	1105	Bravo *		
109		WE *		
114		Oxygen *		

SD	HD	Sports Programming		
133	1133	ESPN		
134	1134	ESPN2		
135		ESPN News*		
136		ESPNU*		
138		NBC Sports *		
140		FCS Atlantic*		
141		FCS Central *		
142		FCS Pacific*		
147	1147	Fox Sports 1*		
148		Fox Sports 2*		
155	1155	Fox Sports Southwest		
157	1157	NFL Network*		
159		Golf Channel*		
160	1160	Outdoor Channel*		
161		ESPN Classic*		
162		TVG*		

SD	HD	Drama		
185	1185	TNT		
187	1187	USA		
189	1189	Syfy		
191	1191	TBS		
193	1193	FX		
196		FXX*		
199	1199	A&E		

Entertainment/Variety

214	1214	Biography *		
215	1215	TLC		
	1217	Velocity		
218		Military Channel *		
219		Game Show Network*		
220		Comedy Central		
222		Spike		
224		VH-1		
232		BET		
234		Centric *		
236		UniMas *		

Family Programming

260	1260	Animal Planet		
262		Nat Geo Wild *		
263	1263	Discovery		
265	1265	Science Channel *		
266		Hallmark Channel *		
270	1270	Food		
272	1272	HGTV		
274	1274	History		
276		H2*		
278	1278	National Geographic *		

Children's programming

300		Nickelodeon		
302	1302	Disney		
304		Disney XD*		
306		Nick Teen*		
307	1307	ABC Family		
309		TV Land		
311		The HUB *		
312		Nick Jr. *		
313		Disney Jr. *		
315		Nick Toon *		
316		Boomerang *		
317	1317	Cartoon Network		

News

333		The Weather Channel		
334		HLN		
335	1335	CNN		
336	1336	CNBC		
337	1337	MSNBC		
339		FBN *		
340	1340	FOX News		

Movies

358		AMC		
360		TCM		
361		FX Movies *		

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Music

400		Pay Per View Previews		
401		Pay Per View 1		
402		Pay Per View 2		
403		Pay Per View 3		
404		Pay Per View 4		
405		Pay Per View 5		
406		Pay Per View 6		
407		Pay Per View 7		
453		Penthouse		
454		Real		
455		Ten		

Premium channels

500	1500	HBO East		
501		HBO West		
502		HBO2 East		
503		HBO2 West		
504		HBO Signature East		
505		HBO Signature West		
506		HBO Family East		
507		HBO Family West		
508		HBO Comedy		
509		HBO Zone		
510		HBO Latino		
511		Cinemax East		
512		Cinemax West		
513		More Max		
514		Movie Max		
515		Action Max		
516		MAX Latino		
517		Thriller MAX		
518		5 Star MAX		
519		Outer MAX		
520	1520	Showtime		
522		Showtime2		
524		Showtime Showcase		
526		Showtime Extreme		
528		Showtime Beyond		
530	1530	TMC		
533		TMC Extra		
534		FLIX		
536		Starz		
539		Starz Kids & Family		
540		Starz Cinema		
541		Starz in Black		
542		Encore East		
544		Encore Classics		
546		Encore Suspense		
548		Encore Westerns		
551		Encore Action		

Hispanic Tier

236		UniMas		
304		Disney XD SAP		
316		Boomerang SAP		
603		CNN en Espanol		
604		Cable Noticias		
605		FOX Deportes		
606		ESPN Deportes		
607		Cine Mexicano		
608		Latele Novela		
609		Mun2		

Music Choice

801		Hit List		
802		Pop Rhythmic		
803		Dance/EDM		
804		MCU		
805		Hip-Hop and R&B		
806		Rap		
807		Hip-Hop Classics		
808		Throwback Jamz		
809		R&B Classics		
810		R&B Soul		
811		Gospel		
812		Reggae		
813		Rock		
814		Metal		
815		Alternative		
816		Adult Alternative		
817		Rock Hits		
818		Classic Rock		
819		Soft Rock		
820		Love Songs		
821		Pop Hits		
822		Party Favorites		
823		Teen MC		
824		Kidz Only		
825		Toddler Tunes		
826		Y2K		
827		90's		
828		80's		
829		70's		
830		Solid Gold Oldies		
831		Pop Country		
832		Today's Country		
833		Country Hits		
834		Classic Country		
835		Contemporary Christian		
836		Pop Latino		
837		Musica Urbana		
838		Mexicana		
839		Topicales		
840		Romances		
841		Sounds of the Seasons		
842		Stage & Screen		
843		Soundscaapes		
844		Smooth Jazz		
845		Jazz		
846		Blues		
847		Singers & Swing		
848		Easy Listening		
849		Classical Masterpieces		
850		Light Classical		

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old mom who has always been overweight. I have tried all sorts of diets and programs, and have lost a few pounds and then gained it all back and more.

My boss has offered to pay for me to have weight loss surgery. It is something I have always wanted, but could never afford. My boss told me she knows the struggle I have had and the frustration I have experienced.

My family is behind me and supports my decision to have it done. My concern is that once others in my office learn it was paid for by the boss, I'll be treated differently. I'm concerned about possible catty comments. They are gossips, and I hate being the center of attention in situations like that. The truth is bound to come out, so how can I comment on the gift I've been given? — SO GRATEFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR SO GRATEFUL: You have a generous and empathetic boss who obviously cares about you. Unless one of you reveals that she paid for your surgery, "the truth" is

NOT bound to come out. How your operation is paid for is nobody's business.

DEAR ABBY: My father recently told me his girlfriend is pregnant with twins. She is in her 40s and he is in his 50s. She already has two kids who are quite a handful. They both have low-paying jobs and I don't think they can handle two more children.

My father now is asking me to move in with him to help out. Because of their financial state and their ages, I'm afraid this is a huge risk. If I tell him what my concerns are, I am sure he'll think I'm heartless and stop talking to me. I don't know what to do. Dad might not even be around to see those kids graduate from high school. What can I do? — TROUBLED SON IN COLORADO

DEAR TROUBLED SON: Unless you're willing to give up your freedom I don't recommend doing what your father is proposing. He should not expect you to assume child care or financial responsibility because his birth control method failed. That privilege right-

fully belongs to him and his girlfriend. Tell your father you sympathize with his dilemma, but the answer is no.

DEAR ABBY: I read your column on the nights that I work, and I was wondering if you have had days when you just wanted to tell someone who has written to you to "suck it up and deal with it." I am generally a nice person and would help the most helpless cases as best I could, but I know that I have days when

I have been snarky. I was wondering how you deal with those days. — FEELING SNARKY TONIGHT IN VERMONT

DEAR FEELING SNARKY: I write my column from an office away from my home. Because of that, it's easier to leave distractions (or "problems") on the other side of the door when I enter. I'm here to help people, not to make anyone feel worse. If for some reason I felt I was unable to do that, I would either go for a long walk or postpone writing for another day.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

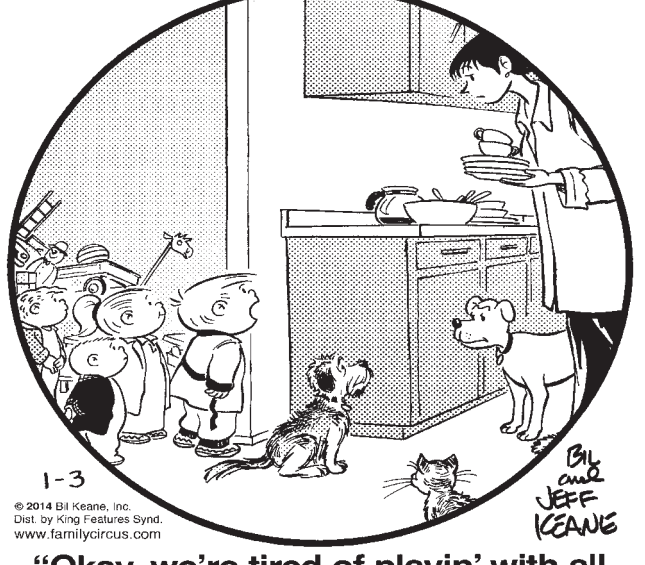
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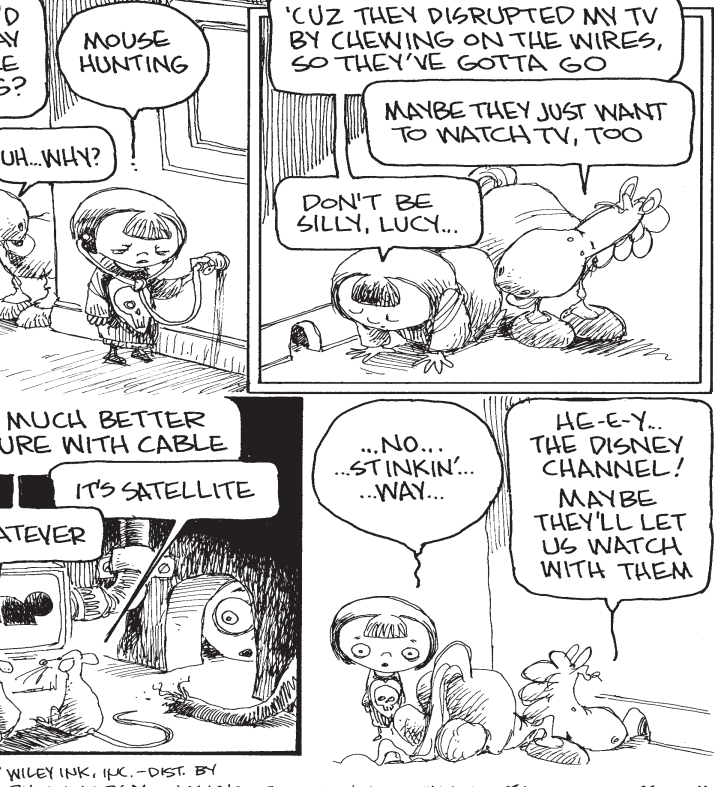
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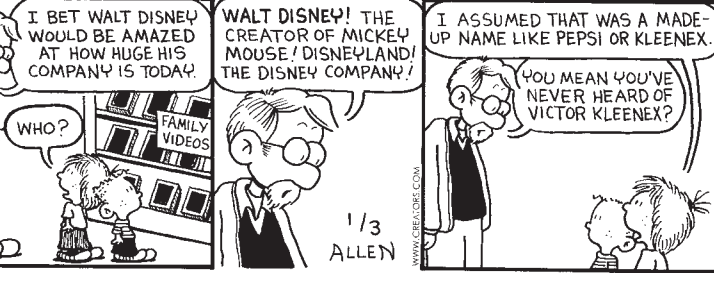
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"Okay, we're tired of playin' with all our Christmas toys. What do you want us to do now?"

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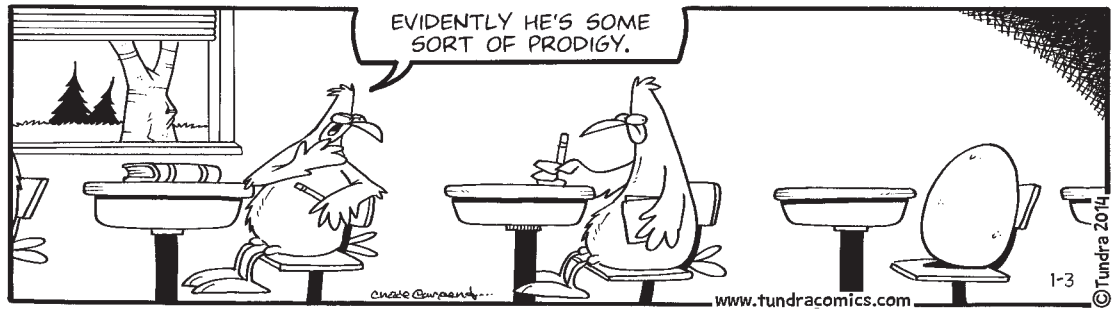
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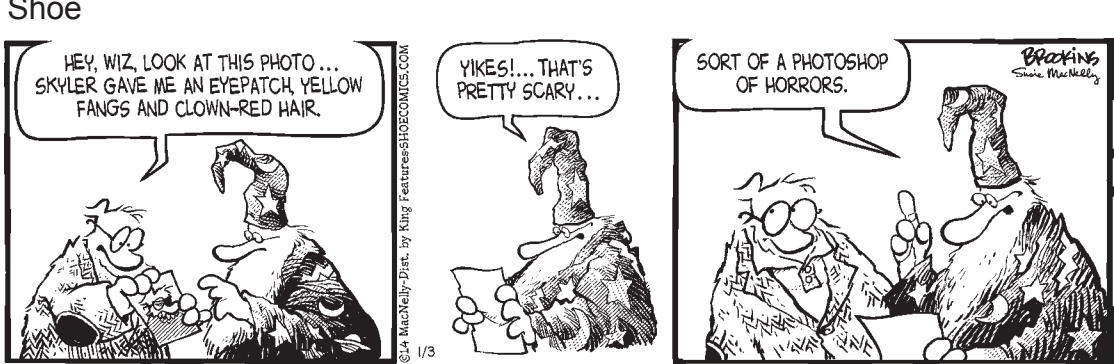
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014:
This year you have an unusual capacity to visualize your goals. You also might develop your sixth sense to the extent that you know who is calling even without looking at the caller ID. You seem to be more in tune with your environment than in the past. If you are single, you will know when you meet the right person. Have the courage to remain unattached until that point. If you are attached, your intuition allows you to read your sweetie in a new way. **PISCES** encourages you to break past conventional thinking.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could have the intention of accomplishing certain errands only to toss that idea to the wayside. You might resist the urge to take the day off, but even at work you still might be found daydreaming. Head out early, if you can. Tonight: A quiet night at home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ See beyond the obvious. In a discussion, others will share what they really would like to do. Listen well. Encourage a friend to take a risk and go for what he or she wants. This person will appreciate your feedback. Tonight: Off with friends and loved ones.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take time to share your plans and get feedback from an important friend or loved one. Schedule some time with a special person in order to get to know him and her better. Both of you will be happier for the experience. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Understand what is going on with someone you don't see regularly. You might decide to take the time to go visit this person. Don't forget the importance of maintaining eye contact. You will understand much more when you are together. Tonight: Use your imagination.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a dear friend or loved one. This person seems to have a twinkle in his or her eye and a general sense of what to do. You naturally lead, but can you naturally follow? That ability could be the path to enjoying a friendship even more.

Tonight: Continue the theme.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep your cellphone handy. It will seem as if nearly everyone you know is calling you, and perhaps even some people you don't know. Screen your calls and cut the texting. Happiness could surround a special person in your life. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Know that you do need to keep working to get through a lot of errands and paperwork. You might want to take off; however, it seems as though you can't afford to do this just yet. Keep at it, and you will find some free time. Tonight: Use your imagination when making plans.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ When you feel spontaneous, you reveal more of the mischievous child within yourself. A loved one delights in your company when you are this expressive. Whatever the two of you plan to do, it will be enjoyable and fun for both of you. Tonight: Add spice to the moment.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You'll finally land at home, and you might decide to enjoy a very quiet day. Consider going for a walk or getting some exercise. Schedule the day for you and your well-being. Others will benefit when they interact with the new, revitalized you. Tonight: Order out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone you care about, as this person makes a difference to you. Make plans to catch a movie together. You have been entertaining everyone else, and now it is time for you to have some fun. Tonight: Share some dinner with this person.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Allow yourself to make that purchase you really wanted for Christmas but did not get. Make sure your budget can sustain the cost, though. In fact, you might discover something else that seems more appealing. Consider what bells and whistles you need. Tonight: Dinner out.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If you feel as if you are top dog today, you are right-on. Ask for what you want, and do what you want. Some of you will enjoy reading or watching a movie at home, while others will opt to socialize with friends. Tonight: Only what makes you happy.

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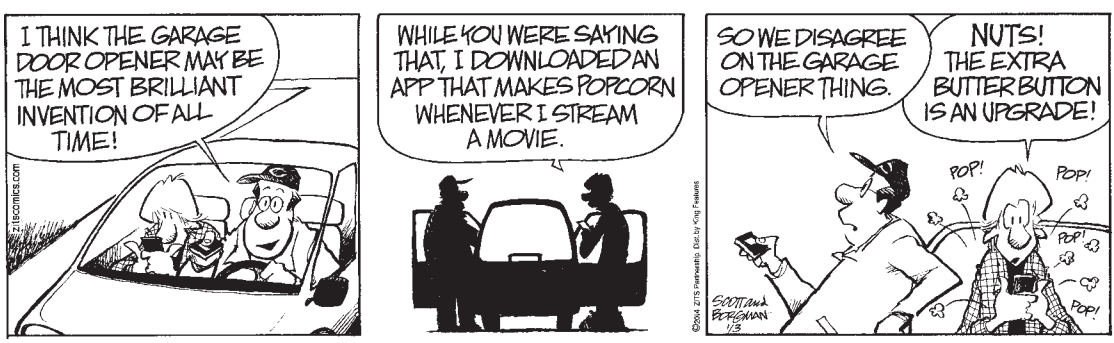
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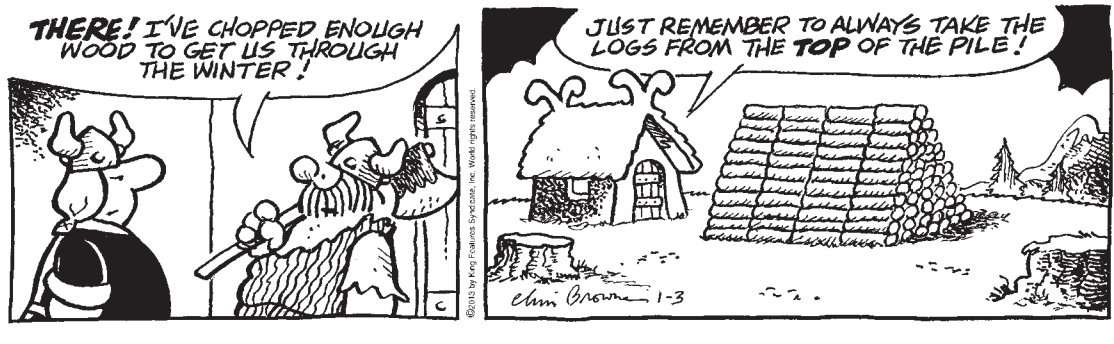
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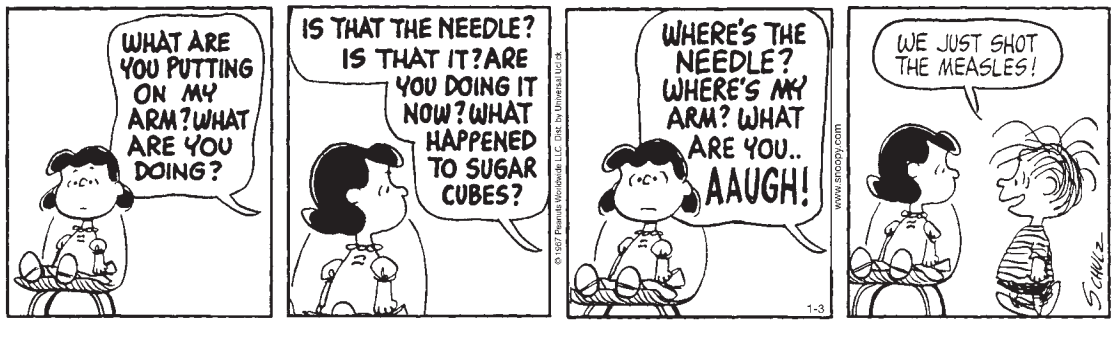
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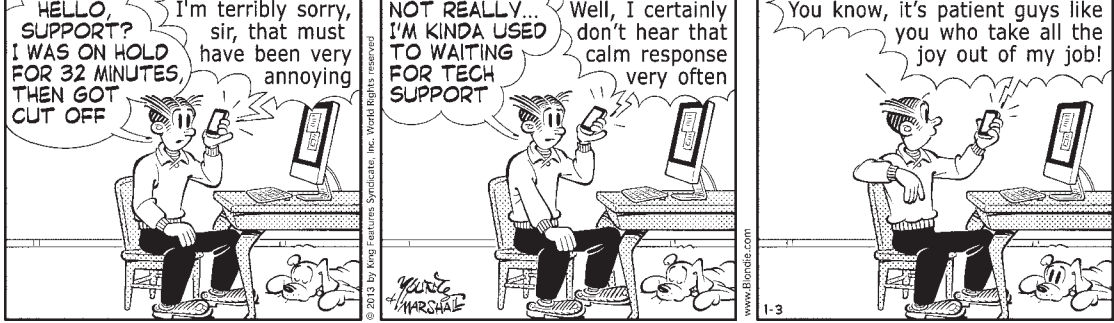
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Bears sign QB Jay Cutler to 7-year deal

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears have signed quarterback Jay Cutler to a seven-year contract.

The move was announced Thursday, and it came after some speculation that the Bears might part with Cutler after five years.

Terms were not disclosed. In his first season with new coach Marc Trestman, Cutler and the Bears offense set a franchise record for total net yards (6,109) and piled up 445 points, second in team history. He is the franchise leader in passer rating (83.1), passing yards (14,913), passing yards per game (222.6), attempts (2,090) and completions (1,258).

In 67 regular season starts with the franchise, Cutler has directed the Bears to a 39-28 (.582) record. The eight-year pro from Vanderbilt helped the Bears reach the NFC championship game following the 2010 regular season.

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The first look at Harvesters' boys' soccer

■ Harvesters look to 'keep improving' this year.

By JOHN LEE
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With the winter months the other form of fútbol comes around. What is known in America as soccer is starting to kick off for Pampa High School.

The Harvesters held a scrimmage on Tuesday against the Caprock Longhorns and head coach Byron May was using the event as a way to not just take rust off of his returners, but also see how the young guys play.

"Today was about having a chance to see kids play in a

game environment versus a really good team," May said.

"Caprock is a great team, they're well-coached. It was going to be a tough challenge from the very beginning. Throw some of those young guys into the fire and see how they respond."

The players responded pretty well considering they were playing a 5A team that is consistently a playoff team. Although there was a lot of time spent on the Harvesters' side of the field, there was not very many goals made, showing this is a team who can hold a team

to fewer goals.

"We saw some of what you would expect. Some young guys, their eyes got really big and some also did some things that you could tell the training really paid off," May said.

"Just the theme of the season is to 'keep improving' anyways. We have a baseline to start from."

May said that he was impressed by his seniors, including Samuel Cervantez. But he did see some progress out of his goal-tenders.

"This group of seniors, several of them have been on varsity for several years," May said.

"You sometimes think you know exactly what you will get out of every kid, but Samuel Cervantez had a really good game and showed a lot of poise and control in the mid-field. That was exciting because it shows he is more diverse as a player and I was happy to see that."

"We had a senior, Caesar Garcia, who played



Photo by John Lee
The Harvesters get together during a break in the scrimmage. The Harvesters play again on Saturday.

really well. He has been really good for us and he is kind of the heart and soul of our team. In the second-half of the scrimmage we got to see a back-up goalkeeper in Jose Hernandez. I was happy with how he played."

The Harvesters didn't score any goals, while Caprock did have a couple. But the lessons the athletes take from the scrimmage are important and May said they will go back and work on fundamentals.

"Do they really respond?"

Do they do some of the things they were coached to do or do they kind of fall back on some of their instincts? That's what today was all about.

"(We are going to work on) the fundamentals and communication on the field. You can always use improvement (in that area)."

The Harvesters have another scrimmage on Saturday, this time an alumni scrimmage on Saturday at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Harvester Field.



O'Brien leaves Penn State for NFL's Texans

(AP) — Penn State is ready to move on without Bill O'Brien and expects to hire a successor within days, not weeks.

O'Brien left the Nittany Lions less than two years after replacing Joe Paterno, return-

ing to the NFL with the Houston Texans to coach the team with the league's worst record this season.

"I believe that Bill O'Brien came here with the intent to be here for a long haul," Penn State athletic director Dave

Joyner said Thursday.

He lasted only two seasons. Despite a lack of scholarships, a bowl ban, an overall sense of doom and player defections from the late Paterno's roster, O'Brien led the Nittany Lions to two winning seasons while restoring some tempered enthusiasm in Happy Valley.

Penn State picked defen-

sive line coach Larry Johnson as interim head coach while the search for a replacement goes on.

A former offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, O'Brien took on perhaps college football's toughest job in January 2012, joining a school rattled by the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

Joyner formed a search committee and said it won't take long to find a new coach.

"I think it's a lot more attractive at this point, although we had tremendous interest even in spite of everything two years ago," Joyner said. "From a scholarship standpoint, we're going to be very competitive right out of the gate."

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