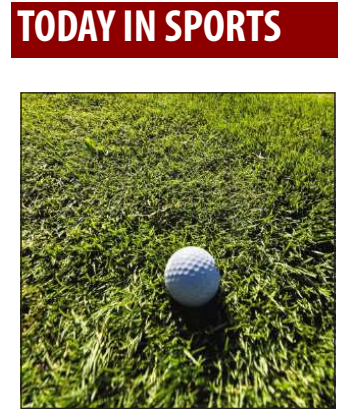


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WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS...



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 First graders at Austin Elementary School performed "Lemonade" on Wednesday. The musical for young singers is a frenzy of fairy tales with Chicken Little, the Three Little Pigs, Humpty Dumpty, the Cat with a Fiddle, Little Bo Peep and Little Boy Blue and a host of other characters having a bad day. But with the help of a cheerful Mother Goose, they discover how to make the best of life's ups and downs.



New wardens happy in Pampa

Both started new jobs on same day.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Their backgrounds are very different, but one thing they in common is their enthusiasm for their new jobs at the Ruff Jordan and Baten prison units east of Pampa.



Norris Jackson

Senior Warden Norris Jackson and Assistant Warden Joe Milbern started work on the same day — July 1.

Jackson moved to Pampa from San Diego, Texas, where he had worked as senior warden at the Ernestine Glossbrenner Unit. He also is a licensed funeral director and a pastor.



Joe Milbern

A 32-year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Jackson said he was offered the assistant warden job at the Jordan Unit in 2000 but turned it down. Then when he was offered the senior warden position last year, Jackson said as a religious man he had to put the job offer into a spiritual context.

"The River Jordan was a river I had to cross," he said.

It's also fair to say his wife, Demetri, used a little persuasion on him to take the job.

The couple has a daughter attending Texas Tech in Lubbock, a much shorter drive from Pampa than San Diego.

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Twigg's Custom Shirts opens in downtown Pampa

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Photos by Lindsey Tomaschik

Top photo, from left, Darcy, Darian, Suzan and Craig Harkcom, owners of Twigg's, look forward to providing the people of the area with quality service. Bottom, Twigg's Custom Shirts is located at 304 W. Foster Ave.

Several years ago Craig Harkcom told his mother Suzan that he had two goals. One of those was to become a firefighter, and he has been with the department here in Pampa for some time. The other was to own his own company. On Monday, he achieved both of his goals with the opening of Twigg's Custom Shirts.

The shop, located at 304 W. Foster Ave., got its unique name because when Harkcom was little, he couldn't pronounce his name correctly and referred to himself as "Twigg," so growing up, that's what the men in his family would call him. The name stuck, and Harkcom said when he opened his own business, he would name it Twigg's, though the original plan was to run a fishing shop called Twigg's Hook 'Em, which is both a play on his last name and a tribute to the fact that he is a die-hard Texas Longhorns fan.

More recently, Harkcom got the idea for his sports-themed T-shirt shop because he saw a void in the market and thought this store was a good business opportunity.

Twigg's provides T-shirt prints and will even work with customers on designing prints as well. They also have the capability to print smaller orders in the store and Harkcom said that he plans to do as much printing as he can locally to keep costs minimal.

Right now, Harkcom said his main goal is to establish a clientele base and eventually expand and get into embroidery work. He also plans to have both professional and collegiate sports apparel in the store that is hard to come across.

"I remember when the Dallas Mavericks won the world championship a few years ago, and we couldn't find their T-shirts anywhere around here," he said, adding that his daughter likes Baylor, and that school's apparel is scarce in the area as well.

The store, which is adorned with historical sports memorabilia from local teams and schools as well as old photos of downtown Pampa, is run by the whole Harkcom family, including Craig's wife

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Texas hospitals leading initiatives to reduce re-hospitalized patients

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AUSTIN — Texas hospitals are keeping patients healthier and reducing costs by implementing strategies to keep discharged patients from being re-hospitalized because of a preventable complication or other adverse event.

From preventing infection and simplifying discharge instructions to engaging families and outpatient providers, hospitals are involved in multiple initiatives with the single goal of making sure patients do not have to return to hospitals unnecessarily, according to the Texas Hospital Association.

Hospitals are making these investments in quality and patient safety despite having a persistently high number of uninsured patients and fewer resources because of major state and federal funding cuts.

"Texas hospitals are leading the way on reducing re-hospitalizations because of their commitment to providing the right care at the right time for every patient," said Ted Shaw, THA president and CEO. "Regardless of their size, location or ownership status, they are all investing in technology, education and personnel to improve patient safety and quality of care and to reduce avoidable re-hospitalizations."

Why some patients are re-hospitalized depends on a number of complex and interrelated factors. For this reason, Texas hospitals are involved in multiple strategies to address the problem, including:

- Utilizing technology innovation such as predictive analytics to identify patients at high potential risk for a readmission.

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SMILE ZONE GOLDCOATING

Photo by John Lee



Smile Zone was the latest local business to join the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. To celebrate, the Chamber's Goldcoats came out to cut the ceremonial ribbon. Front row from left, Paulette Hinkle, Meghan Dyer, Ayde Silva, Cristal Silva, Dr. Rohit Narayan, Delissa Zarate, Dr. Sunil Reddy, Arica Hagos, Lupita Fraire, Ken Rheams and Sheila Web. Back row, Lori Byrne, Kerrick Horton, Charles Henry, Scott Hahn and Benny Horton.

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Twigg's

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Darcy and mother Suzan, though Harkcom said he'd love to grow to a point of expansion to where he can have more printing presses and hire additional staff

members. Suzan lived in the Dallas area for several years and was looking for a way to come back to the panhandle, so when her son approached her about helping run Twigg's she jumped at the opportunity. The whole family is excited to serve the local community by providing quality

service. "What we're short on apparel, we make up for in customer service," Darcy said. Twigg's has recently printed barbecue aprons, and she added that they wash everything to make sure that the ink stays on the material before completing a transaction. The Harkcoms are looking forward to providing

the area with options when it comes to shopping for T-shirts as well. "Competition isn't a bad thing," Harkcom said, adding that this way maybe less people will have to travel to Amarillo or resort to online shopping for prints. For more information about Twigg's Custom Shirts, call 806-665-0700.



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Wardens

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"When I called her about the offer she said, 'You are going to take that job.'" Jackson said he's worked all over the state in the prison system, with 19 and a half of his 32 years in Beeville. For the most part, Milbern has lived and worked in the area in his 22-year career in the TDCJ. He started at the Clements Unit in Amarillo as a counsel substitute. When an inmate is written up for discipline, counsel substitutes investigate the case and ensure the offender is given due process in the disciplinary proceed-

ings. Milbern worked at the Jordan Unit in 1993, so he already knows some of the staff. "I know quite a few people from the first time I was here," he said. Milbern graduated from Dumas High School and is currently taking general studies courses at West Texas. Before taking the assistant warden job at the Jordan Unit, he was an assistant regional director at the Region 5 office in Plainview. Jackson is from Marlin, Texas and has a bachelor's of science degree in criminology and corrections from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Jackson said his friends

from South Texas always ask him if he likes Pampa, and he tells them he loves it here, even if the winter weather takes a little time getting used to. "It was very warm when I moved here in July," he quipped. Jackson said he is impressed with the staff at both the Jordan and Baten units. Since Jackson and Milbern took over at the prison, the inmate labor programs have been stepped up. In November, an inmate crew renovated the Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 courtroom on North Hobart Street. They built a beautifully handcrafted judge's bench and a wooden seal to attach to the front of the bench. Prison labor is free to the

county and the city, and it is good for the inmates because it gets them out of their cells doing something productive. Many of the work skills that the inmates have are acquired while in prison, Jackson said. "We provide every opportunity of the world for inmates to better themselves," he said. "They can do anything they choose to do once they change their behavior." Along with his wife Demetri, Jackson has three daughters, Shayna, Derell and Brianna. The couple has a granddaughter, Shaynea. Milbern has wife, Kimberly, two sons, Jeremy and Conner, and two daughters, Josydney and Jaimie. He and Kimberly have a grandson, Brixton.



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- Providing better and safer care during the initial inpatient stay, such as reducing the risk of infection.
- Paying the strictest attention to patient medications.
- Employing case manag-

ers to support discharged patients. Improving communication with patients and caregivers regarding follow-up care and discharge planning. Improving care transitions through better communication and collaboration with community providers. Adopting best practices through national quality and patient safety initiatives, such as the Centers

for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Partnership for Patients and collaborating with community providers through initiatives such as CMS' Community Care Transitions Program. Founded in 1930 and based in Austin, the THA is the leadership organization and principal advocate for the state's hospitals and health care systems.



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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 73 Low 29	High 48 Low 26	High 62 Low 33

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 73. Winds west-northwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:06 a.m.

Tonight: Rain and snow with a low of 29. Chance of precipitation: 30 percent. Winds north-northeast at 24 mph. Sunset at 6:44 p.m.

Saturday: Rain and snow showers with a high of 48. Chance of precipitation: 30 percent. Winds north at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:04 a.m.

Saturday night: Clouds early clearing late with a low of 26. Chance of precipitation: 10 percent. Winds northwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday: Sunny with a high of 62. Winds west at 9 mph. Sunrise at 8:03 p.m.

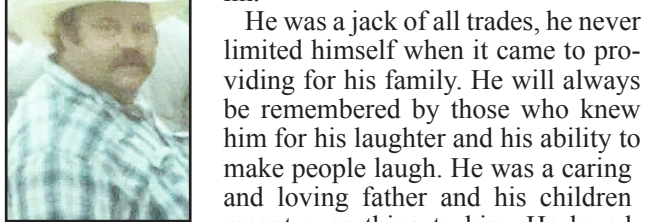
Sunday night: Clear with a low of 33. Winds southwest at 9 mph. Sunset at 7:47 p.m.

Obituaries

Jacob Lee Griffin

Jacob Lee Griffin, 64, died March 3, 2014 in Clovis, N.M.

Memorial services are pending. Mr. Griffin was born Dec. 12, 1949 in Seminole to J.C. and Alberta Griffin.



Jacob Lee Griffin

He was a jack of all trades, he never limited himself when it came to providing for his family. He will always be remembered by those who knew him for his laughter and his ability to make people laugh. He was a caring and loving father and his children meant everything to him. He loved raising and taking care of horses, and it was a passion of his since childhood. Jake was a very giving and loving man who touched the lives of everyone. He has a special place in his heart for his nephew Levi "Casey" Griffin.

Survivors include his wife Patty Griffin of Pampa, children Jacob Lee Griffin Jr. and Wife Carla of Amarillo, Debi Delane Griffin, Jessy Jaylynn Griffin and Benjamin Samuel Griffin all of Pampa and his grandchildren are Derek Griffin and Conner Griffin of Amarillo, Lilly Porterfield, Walker Porterfield and Rythem Griffin all of Pampa and three siblings, J.C. Griffin of Pampa, Florene Olivias of Ft. Sumner N.M. and Suzie Griffin of Ft. Sumner, N.M. and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by His father and mother and four siblings Pete, Bill, Joy and Helen. Donations can be made to the Humane Society.

pal Church Memorial Fund or St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Day School, 727 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

Jerry Louise (Collins) Turner

Funeral Services for Mrs. Jerry Louise (Collins) Turner, 76, of Ringling are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2014 at the Church of God in Divine Order of Ringling with Rev. Ellen Abshire and Rev. Virgil Rid-enour officiating. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at the Powell Cemetery in Marshall County. Services are under the direction and care of Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling.

Jerry Louise (Collins) Turner was born April 1, 1937 at Freer, Texas to Mr. Alzma Jerry Collins and Mrs. Louise Elizabeth (Jones) Collins. She passed from this life Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at Waurika, Okla.

Jerry was raised outside Pampa, Texas attending school there. As a young girl she lived on an oil lease residing in a camp. Jerry graduated from Pampa High School in 1955. She made her home in Pampa, being blessed with three children, Dora, Angie and Melinda. Later in life Jerry married Marvin Turner in 1967 at Pampa. Together they were blessed with three children, Sheri, Shawn and Mary Ann. Marvin Preceded Jerry in death on April 7, 1981. She moved to Comanche, Okla. six years later and then to Ringling where she was currently residing. Jerry worked outside the home as a CNA in nursing homes and was employed last for Meridian Nursing Home. She always loved reading, watching soap operas and westerns, crocheting and was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers.

In addition to her husband, Marvin Turner she is preceded in death by her parents, Alzma and Louise Collins; son, Shawn Turner; brother, Jack Collins; grandson, Eddie Lee Bates and great grandson, Bryan Bybee.

Survivors include her daughters, Dora Taylor and husband Farrow of Healdton, Okla., Angie Staton and Jerry of Mclean, Melinda Daniels and husband James of Alan-reed, Sheri Tice and husband Randell of Pampa and Mary Ann Elliott and husband James of Ringling, Okla.; Sister, Joye Jones and husband Hank of Dallas; 13 Grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and numerous other family and friends.

Casket Bearers are Randell Tice, Farrow Taylor, James Elliott, James Daniels, JR Collins and Hank Jones.

Honorary Bearers are her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday evening at Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling.

Condolences may be sent online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

Barbara Jean Holt

Barbara Jean Holt, 82, died March 5, 2014 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2014 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Rev. Charles Smith, Rev. Mark Lang, and Deacon Suzie Wilkinson, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. The family will receive friends at the church immediately following the memorial services.

Mrs. Holt was born January 18, 1932 in Pampa to Glenn and Florence Radcliff. She was a secretary for B&B Pharmacy for 20 years and for Radcliff Electric for 20 years. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include three sons, Randy Holt and wife Cindy of Pampa, Jay Holt of Amarillo and Jerry Holt and wife Wendy of New Braunfels; five grandchildren, Kristie Ozano and husband Albert, Valerie Hill and husband Brandon, Heather Grady and husband Shawn, Ryan Holt and Jayden Holt; and four great-grandchildren.

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Pampa man arrested for drug possession

- Keith Shannon Helfer, 46, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.
- Jessica Breanne Applegate, 22, Pampa, was sentenced to state jail Wednesday.
- Michael Anthony Tidwell, 52, Spencer, Okla., was sentenced to the Texas Department of

- Criminal Justice Wednesday.
- Aaron Lee Estep, 40, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for running a stop sign, violation of promise to appear.
- Justin Royce Mears, 25, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while his license is invalid.
- Jamie Teresia Jackson,

- 38, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for bond surrender — possession of marijuana.
- Daniel Quilimaco, 41, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for motion for enforcement — child support, motion for enforcement — child support — Motley County.
- Miles Jacob Markley, 21, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for public intoxication.

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This Land Is Our Land Help wanted: searching for a political party that wants the next America

Let's start today with a trivia question. Whoever gets the right answer will receive a check for 1 million dollars from yours truly – don't expect it to clear the bank, but I will write it anyways. (For the sake of full disclosure, said promise is rendered herein solely as a shameless attempt to get you, the good people of

Pampa, to read this column. In no way, shape, or form will I, actually, write you a check for a million dollar. If I were to do so the following things would happen: 1) my wife would kill me, 2) my wife would divorce me and, 3) my banker will suffer a raucous conniption fit brought about by uncontrollable laughter.)

Now, picture this scenario: A father and his son are driving home late at night when they get into a deadly crash. The father dies at the scene of the accident but the boy is rushed to the hospital in critical condition. The boy is alive but will need emergency surgery to survive his injuries. A surgeon comes into the room, takes one look at the boy and exclaims, "I can't operate on him! He's my son!"

Now, what is the relationship

between the boy and the surgeon? There IS a right answer; it's coming up at the end of the column. (No cheating!)

This week, Paul Taylor, the vice-president of social and generational research at the Pew Research Center, released a book titled "The Next America: Boomers, Millennials and the Looming Generational Showdown."

The book paints a picture of where we are as a nation and, most importantly, where we are headed. It is riveting reading; I recommend it highly, even if you're not a statistician, politician or an actuary.

Seriously now, the book is a must-read. Especially for those you who have a strong belief in the highfaluting notion that "we must take America back to what it used to be."

Buried underneath a multitude of mesmerizing and multicolored charts is the following message: There ain't no going back America.

Our country is in the midst of a radical refurbishing. Huge gaps have opened up in terms of our political, religious and social values, in our family structure, in our racial and ethnic identity and our gender norms. By mid-century, every aspect of our demography will be completely transformed.

Don't take my word for it. That is what the statistical data shows.

To steal the words of Dick Morris, "This is not your father's United States."

But here is the most important finding from Taylor's work, the gaps I mention are not due solely to immigration, they are generational gaps.

Yes America, the single biggest factor preventing us from taking America back to "traditional values" is not the clash of civilizations (or cultures) that Patrick Buchanan and Samuel Huntington warned us about. It is the young people of America, specifically the so-called Millennials.

They have different values, different policy preference (most are "big government liberals") and, according to Taylor, are very comfortable with "the dizzying array of new lifestyles, family forms and technologies" of the 21st century.

If you don't want to read the darned book (or pay the \$16.72 for a hardcover on Amazon) and you don't mind me playing "spoiler" for you, here is the most important sentence in Taylor's book... "the young Americans are comfortable with change, the old Americans, for the most part, are disoriented by them."

Is it any wonder that the preferred catch phrase for the older generation is "let's take America

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Iron rule of religion and politics

There is one iron rule regarding religion in American politics, and here it is: With only one exception, ministers, priests, rabbis, and imams — men and women of the cloth — should stay out of American politics. The one exception? When the minister, priest, rabbi or imam in a political fight supports my side or my candidate.

That this rule has not been fully grasped by the White House is obvious from the administration's tone-deaf decision to pick a fight with an order of nuns, still faithful today to their noble mission to care for the impoverished elderly and dying in some 31 countries, over the federal mandate to provide coverage without copays for contraceptives. There are a few Supreme Court cases that echo through the centuries — Marbury v. Madison, Dred Scott v. Sanford, Brown v. Board of Education. It's doubtful admirers of this president would want his era remembered by Barack Obama v. Little Sisters of the Poor.

Religion and politics have been in the spotlight with Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, a Republican who vetoed a bill passed by the state's GOP-controlled legislature, which, according to its supporters, was intended to give legal protection from lawsuits to business owners who assert their religious beliefs in refusing to provide service to gays or others. The bill sparked a national argument over discrimination, gay rights and religious liberty while exposing Arizona to criticism and thinly veiled threats from influential corporations and employers.

American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Marriott hotels, the National Football League (possible loss for Arizona of an already-scheduled Super Bowl), Major League Baseball, Apple Inc. and AT&T, in effect, lobbied Brewer to veto the bill. So, too, did former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney, among others. Brewer's veto, it's fair to say, pleased civil rights group and the Arizona business community.

from this national dispute has been any appreciation of the enormously positive influence American religion has had upon American politics and America. This country's original sin — slavery — was defeated not by an enlightened business community or high-minded academic community. Nor was that noble crusade organized, or even supported, by the princes of banking and commerce. In the front ranks of the struggle to abolish slavery, against most of the national establishment, were the Quakers, the Religious Society of Friends who believed that all were truly "equal in the sight of God." Quakers were later joined by the founder of the Methodists, John Wesley, Congregationalists and evangelicals. It was religious inspiration that changed the national debate over slavery from an economic question to a moral one, and eventually doomed the brutally dehumanizing practice.

A century after the Civil War, organized religion was in the front ranks of the 20th-century campaign to end legally sanctioned racial segregation. At the point of the spear stood the courageous Southern Christian Leadership, an organization founded in 1957 by Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. to secure civil rights through nonviolent means. Shoulder to shoulder with King, often risking bodily injury and social ostracism, were Jewish rabbis, Protestant ministers, Catholic nuns and priests, and lay people of all faiths. A few years later, the tragedy of the U.S. invasion of Vietnam was opposed by an anti-war movement, which included many churchwomen and churchmen.

I, for one, will always be grateful that America did not heed those loud voices that insisted people motivated by their religious principles ought to stay within their congregations, convents or seminaries, and not rally the American conscience to abolish slavery, end segregation, and stop a war. I am grateful that American religion has, at critical times, stirred and ignited American politics.

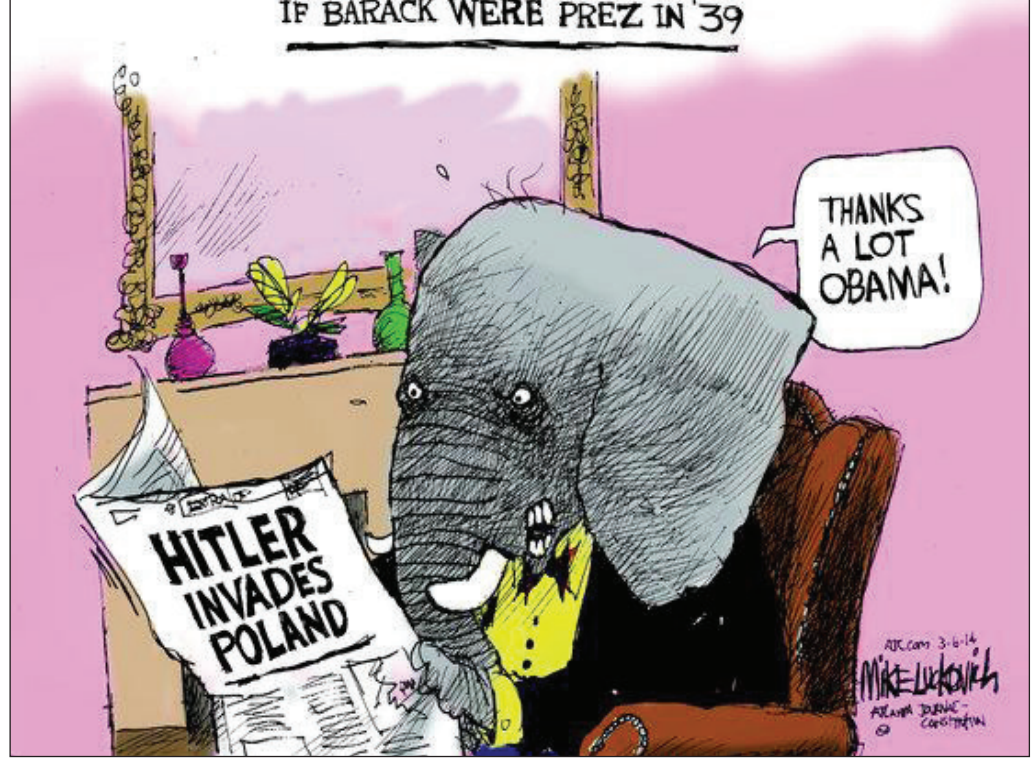
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Budget baloney

This week, President Barack Obama proposed "a budget that will create new jobs in manufacturing and energy and innovation and infrastructure, and we'll pay for every unnecessary spending, closing wasteful tax loopholes!"

What? I must have fallen asleep and woken up in 2008. That could not be something he'd claim after five years in office — years after making similar claims and not delivering on them.

Does he think we have no memory, or that we're just ignorant? Are these just poll-tested phrases that work because most voters are too busy to pay attention?

This one smug sentence alone is amazing in its confidence and deceit. Let's break it down:

- "I will ... create new jobs ..."
- Politicians always say that, but this president says it especially often. Do voters not know that government has no money of its own, so when politicians "create" jobs, they take money from the private sector, the only group that creates real jobs?

I emphasize "real" because, of course, politicians can create jobs by funding companies like Solyndra, hiring more staff or paying people to dig holes and fill them up. But those jobs don't last or create real wealth. Politicians can't create real employment by taxing people and giving the money to others.

This post-recession economic recovery is the slowest ever. Usually, after a recession, the cost of labor drops, and companies rush to hire so they can profit as the economy improves.

This time, employers looked at a thousand new regulations, unknowable new rules and taxes coming from Obamacare, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the Labor Department and so on. They decided: "I better not try."

May I hire interns to see if I like them before offering them long-term jobs? No. It may not be legal to employ interns anymore.

May I build a pipeline? Maybe. But the Environmental Protection Agency must approve. And state utilities. And state environmental officials. And the State Department. And the White House. And ... who knows whom else?

We might get permission in a year, or three years, or

five, or we may never be allowed to build. Maybe instead I'll invest in a country where the rules are predictable and understandable.

- The president says he will "create new jobs in manufacturing ..."

Manufacturing? Don't voters know that service jobs are just as real and good? Creating software, movies and medical innovation is just as valuable as manufacturing and often more comfortable for workers. Most parents want their kids to get jobs in offices or medical centers rather than mines or factories.

- The president also says he will "create new jobs in ... energy ..."

Don't people remember Solar One, Solyndra, Evergreen Solar, etc., and the billions lost? That the private sector is better at developing new forms of energy than politicians? That the boom in cleaner, cheaper natural gas came in spite of politicians, not because of them?

- The president says he will "create jobs in ... infrastructure ..."

Did voters already forget that the last "shovel-ready" jobs didn't materialize? That billions went to politicians' cronies?

- The president will pay for his new spending "by cutting unnecessary spending ..."

Give me a break. The

president has had five years, two of which he was supported by a Democratic Congress, to cut "unnecessary spending."

Even today's proposed shrinking of the size of the military to pre-World War II levels (which probably won't happen) isn't a cut. Obama's new budget proposes increasing Pentagon funds by \$28 billion.

- The president even backed off from his earlier commitment to use more realistic cost-of-living adjustments when calculating Social Security payments.

- Most annoying, the president brags that he has "reduced the deficit at the fastest rate in 60 years."

But that's only if compared to his and former President George W. Bush's blowout stimulus of 2008. Much of the deficit reduction came from spending cuts (sequestration), which the president himself opposed, forced by Republicans. And his 2015 budget proposes \$56 billion more spending than he and Congress had agreed to earlier.

Our debt will soon explode because baby boomers are about to retire. On this track, we are doomed.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel on the Fox Business Network." He's the author of "No They Can't: Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed."

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back to what it used to be?"

The Millennial generation will not only remake our politics but our society, religion, families, economy and, most importantly, our identity as Americans. Nothing will be left untouched.

The next America will be more pluralistic, more diverse, less traditional and, yes, less white.

U.S. Census projections estimate that, by 2043, nonwhites will become the demographic majority in America.

The question, not only for Republicans but also the Democrats, becomes: How can we become more appealing to the Next America? Because it is coming, regardless of how disoriented (or scared) it makes us feel.

Expecting the calls to "take back America to what it used to be" to be more than simple propaganda is like taking Bill Clinton's word that he "smoked but never inhaled" marijuana. It's foolish.

Back to the million-

dollar question. How many of you said that the surgeon is the boy's mother?

Chances are, if you are over 30 years of age you didn't. Older, traditional, gender roles and images of men force us (old people) to "see" that surgeon as a man. Younger people have less of a problem seeing a woman as an emergency room surgeon.

According to Taylor, Millennial America is one where our neighborhoods will be more racially integrated, will see women become more economically independent and more politically involved, marriage in decline and multigenerational homes more prevalent.

Take America back? No sir, that train left the station a long, long time ago and it was replaced with one called "change is the only constant in the U.S."

Don't believe me? Just check the news. Don't wait for the Evening News on your TV, just check Twitter.

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This is the Steele's store in Pampa. The three-year-old chain sells clothing accessories, shoes and home decor items at discounted prices.

Stage Stores selling Steele's unit

HOUSTON (AP) — Stage Stores' fiscal fourth-quarter net income fell 30 percent, stung by a charge tied to the sale of its Steele's discount store division and softer revenue. Its adjusted earnings topped analysts' estimates.

Stage Stores said Thursday that it is selling its off-price retail division Steele's to Hilco Global Retail Group in an equity deal whose value could not im-

mediately be determined.

Stage Stores Inc. launched Steele's in 2011. The chain sells clothing, accessories, shoes and home decor items at discounted prices. Stage Stores currently runs 35 Steele's stores in seven states. Stage Stores also has 848 stores in 40 states under brands including Bealls, Goody's, Palais Royal, Peebles and Stage.

The companies said that

Stage Stores will provide certain support services through its operating subsidiary Specialty Retailers Inc. for an undisclosed time period after the transaction is complete. The deal is expected to close in the current quarter.

For the period ended Feb. 1, Stage Stores earned \$24.9 million, or 78 cents per share. A year earlier it earned \$35.8 million, or \$1.09 per share.

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From the Press Box

NCAA needs to leave the no-huddle offense alone.

As my colleague and friend, Zac Green, pointed out a couple weeks ago, the NCAA is looking at a potential rule change



JOHN LEE

which would allow a delay of game penalty to be called if a team snaps the ball without waiting 10 seconds.

The newly dubbed "Saban Rule,"

for being spear-headed by Alabama head coach Nick Saban, has been called into question because of player safety.

Personally I think the whole situation is Saban whining because for the moment coaches have found a weak spot for his defense.

Think about Alabama and Saban's football philosophy. Ground and pound and play super-stout defense. That model calls for subbing in and using a variety of different looks and blitz packages.

You play no-huddle, however, they don't have time to sub-in players.

Look at what Auburn did to Alabama in the Iron Bowl. Regardless of whether or not they won on a lucky play, it's a tough argument to say that Auburn is more talented than Alabama. But schemes and execution put Auburn at Alabama's level.

Saban is going to have to do something no coach wants to do, change and adapt.

When it comes to player safety, Saban says more plays equal more chances for injury. But the other side of the argument is, look what Philadelphia Eagles coach Chip Kelly did for the team this year.

Reports are out that many of the lineman were put on new diets so they

moved faster and had longer durability to sustain those longer drives.

Some were even told to go from 350 to 310 pounds.

Is that not a good thing for player safety and health?

Another thing Saban needs to realize is if a defense plays well enough, they can throw an offense off-rhythm and force them to stop with the no-huddle. See Seattle Seahawks vs. Denver Broncos on Super Sunday.

That continues to be a part of the beauty about a good defense. Defense still wins championships. All of the rules have been modified in favor of the offense. Defenders can't lay a fingernail on a quarterback after he has thrown the ball without receiving "Roughing the Passer."

But despite these rules, Alabama has won three out of four National Titles and defensive-minded teams still occupy the top of the NFL.

All five of the Top-5 statistically defensive leaders in the NFL (Seattle, Carolina, Cincinnati, New Orleans and San Francisco) were in the playoffs. The Arizona Cardinals, ranked sixth in the NFL for defense, were a tie-breaker away from making the playoffs.

The no-huddle offense is effective, and has its perks and disadvantages, but ultimately defenses can stop it if the right scheme is used. The "Saban Rule" probably won't pass, and Saban will adjust and Alabama will win more championships. Saban was probably looking for an easy-out.

Always remember: Offense sells tickets, defense wins championships.

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REMEMBERING A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF GRAPPLING



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Above, J.T. Belcourt receives the Outstanding Wrestler Award from wrestling head coach Clint Wood. Belcourt also finished third in the 170-pound class, along with his 285-pound counterpart Isidro Estrada. Shiann Regalado, who finished fourth in the 199-pound class, was named Outstanding Female Wrestler. The Harvester Heart Award went to Miranda Foreman and Shalor Sokolosky. The seniors, Isidro Estrada, Zach Stephenson and John Cryer, were also recognized at Wednesday's banquet.

Bills re-sign DB Smith, issue tenders to 3 players

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills have re-signed defensive back Brandon Smith and tendered offers to retain the rights to three exclusive rights free agents.

Smith appeared in two games for the Bills last season after being promoted from the team's practice squad in early October. He was an undrafted free agent who broke into the NFL with Carolina in 2011.

The Bills tendered offers

to receiver Chris Hogan, offensive lineman Antoine McLain and fullback Frank Summers.

Also on Thursday, free agent linebacker Jasper Brinkley visited the Bills' facility. Brinkley has four seasons of NFL experience and played in Arizona last year before being released by the Cardinals this week. He played his first three seasons with Minnesota after being selected in the fifth round of the 2009 draft.

Duke: Coach K feeling better after dizzy spell

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Coach Mike Krzyzewski is out of the hospital after feeling light-headed after a loss at Wake Forest.

The school said in a statement Thursday that Krzyzewski was taken to Duke University Hospital in Durham for a precautionary examination after the 82-72 loss in Winston-Salem.

The school says his symptoms and condition have improved considerably and he was sent home early Thursday.

The 67-year-old Hall of Fame coach could be seen taking a knee during a timeout in the second half of the game on Wednesday night. He did not attend the post-game news conference.

Boys golf tees off at Clarendon

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Harvesters' boys' golf team teed off in Clarendon on Wednesday.

Nathan Sprinkle scored the lowest score of 80 strokes. Bryce Parker was next at 86, followed by Gabe Garcia at 87 strokes.

Blayne Troxell and Kolton Jeffries rounded out the scores with 95 and 103 respectively.

"We had a two hour rain delay during the tournament," head coach Brayden Barker said. "It

was very windy and cold, but the boys competed extremely hard. We placed third as a team, which is the first time a boys' team has medaled in Pampa in a very long time.

"We were only nine strokes back of second place, and 11 strokes back from first. I thought they handled the conditions very well. We are improving every day, so I hope by district we have four or five scores in the high 70's or low 80's consistently."



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AP source: Broncos expected to release Bailey

DENVER (AP) — Champ Bailey didn't get that Super Bowl ring with the Denver Broncos.

Now, the perennial Pro Bowler may have to go elsewhere for another chance.

The Broncos are expected to release Bailey, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Wednesday night. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

By letting go of Bailey, the Broncos would open up cap space, with the 12-time Pro Bowl player scheduled to make around \$10 million next season.

This was a trying 15th season for Bailey, one in which he missed 11 games because of a nagging left foot sprain that he originally hurt in the preseason on Aug. 17 in Seattle. The 35-year-old corner returned late in the season to help the Broncos advance to the Super Bowl, where they lost 43-8 to the Seattle Seahawks last month.

Bailey has been so dependable on the outside for Denver since his arrival in 2004, when the Washington Redskins dealt him for running back Clinton Portis. Bailey has been among

that rare group of elite cornerbacks that quarterbacks thought twice about challenging him.

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Wednesday: Clark leads No. 23 Oklahoma past West Virginia

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Cameron Clark made his last home game at Oklahoma a memorable one.

The senior had 19 points and 10 rebounds to help the 23rd-ranked Sooners defeat West Virginia 72-62 on Wednesday night.

It was Clark's highest-scoring game since Jan. 8. He received a standing ovation when he left with 30.9 seconds remaining.

"We got the win, so that's all I was really focused

on," he said. "My teammates and coaches helped me go out there and just be aggressive. I'm just glad I could go out there and play well in my last home game, and got the win."

Buddy Hield scored 12 of his 13 points in the second half and Je'lon Hornbeak added 11 points for the Sooners (22-8, 11-6 Big 12), who split the season series with the Mountaineers.

Hield hit four 3-point-

ers, his only baskets of the game, during a torrid stretch of 3 minutes, 38 seconds, to put the Sooners up 59-50 with six minutes to play, and Oklahoma cruised from there.

"All I need is one to go down, and I feel like I can make all of them afterwards," Hield said. "That's the confidence I have."

West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said the Mountaineers must have ignored the scouting report.

SOFTBALL VERSUS PLAINVIEW



Photos by Kevyn Jerome

The Lady Harvesters softball team competed against Plainview on Monday. They fell in a hard-fought loss 1-0 to Plainview. Above left, Jessie Dixon, 32, fields a catch. Above right, Ally Roberson, 21, slides into first base. Below, the Lady Harvesters stand for the National Anthem before their showdown in Plainview.



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Witness: Pistorius prayed over his shot girlfriend

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — As the girlfriend he shot lay dead or dying in his home, a weeping, praying Oscar Pistorius knelt at her side and struggled in vain to help her breathe by holding



Oscar Pistorius

two fingers in her clenched

mouth, a witness testified Thursday at the double-amputee runner's murder trial.

"I shot her. I thought she was a burglar. I shot her," radiologist Johan Stipp recalled Pistorius saying in the minutes after the fatal shooting for which the celebrated athlete is on trial for murder.

A few minutes later, Stipp said, Pistorius went upstairs — the area where he had shot Reeva Steenkamp — and then returned. At that point, Stipp said he was con-

cerned that the gun used in the shooting had not been recovered and that a distraught Pistorius was going to harm himself. The testimony did not address what Pistorius did when he went upstairs.

The testimony in a Pretoria court was the first detailed, public description of the immediate aftermath of the shooting of Steenkamp, a 29-year-old model, by the Olympian in the pre-dawn hours of Feb. 14 — Valentine's Day — last year.

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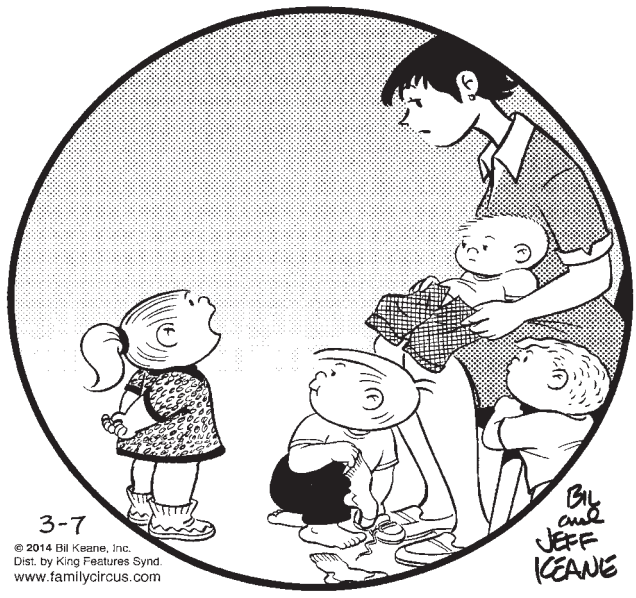
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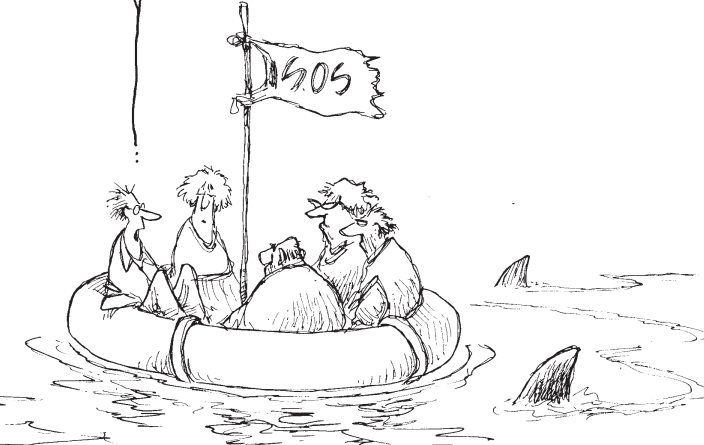
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"Mommy, are we keepin' you from having a hobby?"

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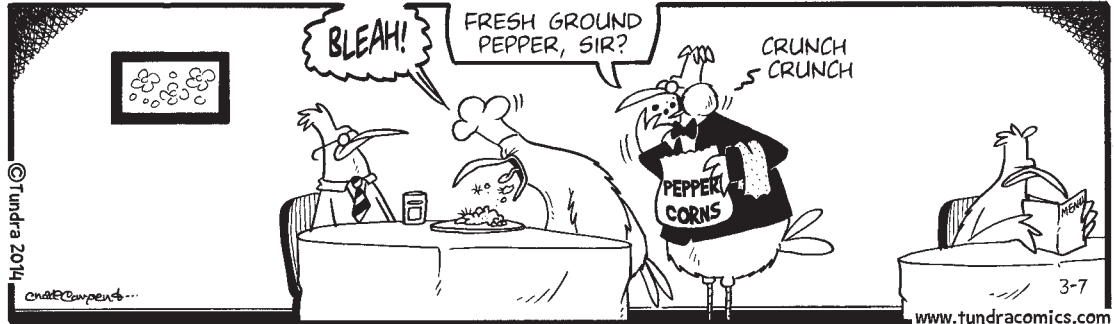


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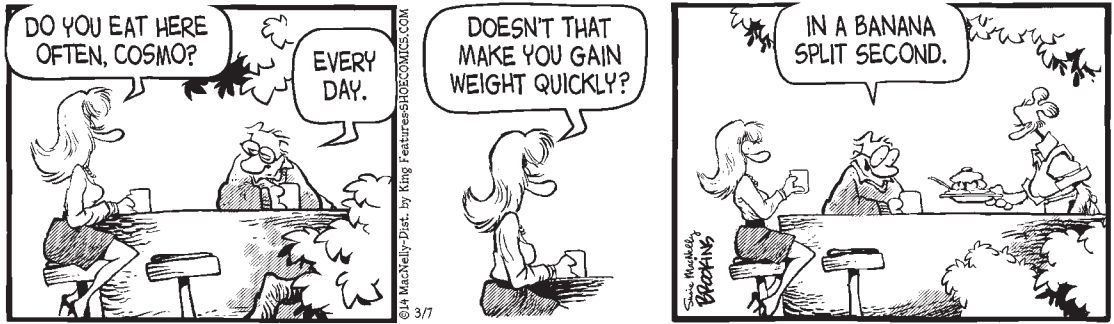
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You will be witness to a situation that suddenly allows more flexibility, as someone seems to be giving up his or her stubbornness. Be diplomatic as the pathways of communication open up. Know that they also could slam shut at any given moment. Tonight: Celebrate quietly.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Be aware of your innate possessiveness, and attempt to make a situation work. You will remain on top of the matter if you can let go of the green-eyed monster. The reaction you might be drawing could become more positive as a result. Tonight: Make it your night to treat.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Remain upbeat and grab a unique opportunity. A younger person might be involved as well. Throw yourself completely into the event or happening. As a result, you will distance yourself from any immediate stresses. Tonight: Continue as you have.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Read between the lines. Understand what is happening with a dear friend. If this person acts enraged, it probably is because his or her feelings have been hurt. Maintain a neutral position, and be as kind as possible. Tonight: Keep the peace. How about heading to a movie?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Wherever you are, don't count on having any solitude. Being among the crowds helps you get distance from your own life. Sharp words

could be expressed, but not without a basis or reason. Listen to a friend's news with a touch of skepticism. Tonight: Only where the action is.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to take the opportunity to clear the air with an older person. If he or she keeps slamming the door to this conversation, understand that you will have no choice but to accept it. Handle your funds with care. Tonight: Go off and join a loved one or friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's persona. This person might be coy, yet his or her actions are direct. Decide if this behavior is OK with you before you respond. Setting boundaries could be important here. Tonight: Visit a loved one at a distance.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be less fiery and more receptive in order to get the results you desire. You could experience an element of discomfort, as you tend to express yourself in a more forceful manner. You'll want the other party to feel as you do. Tonight: Let the fun begin.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Someone who can pressure you effectively could be doing just that. Until you handle the issue behind this tense interaction, you will not be able to really enjoy yourself. Do what you must here. Tonight: Hang out without having expectations.
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★★★★ You might want to understand how a situation works, but you could be so playful right now that you won't be able to get a clear indication. You might need more time than you realize to make a judgment. A call could bring out your mischievousness. Tonight: Time for some fun.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Make plans with a family member you don't often see. You could find this person more assertive than usual. Be open and aware of this part of his or her personality. A conversation might be surprising and enlightening. Tonight: Invite friends over for dessert.

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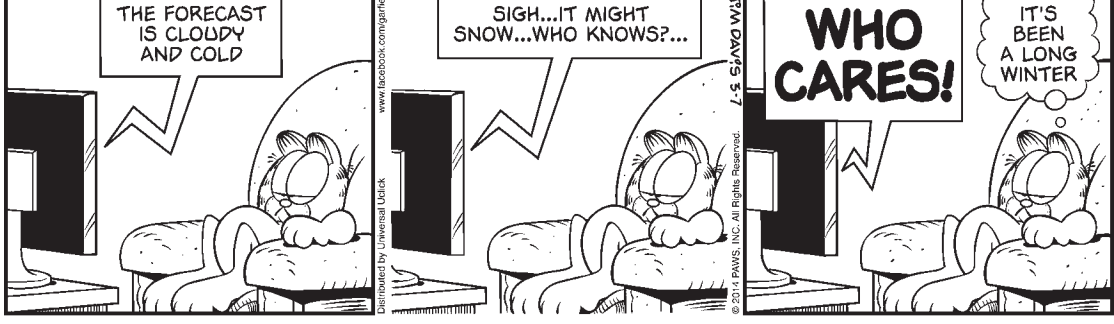
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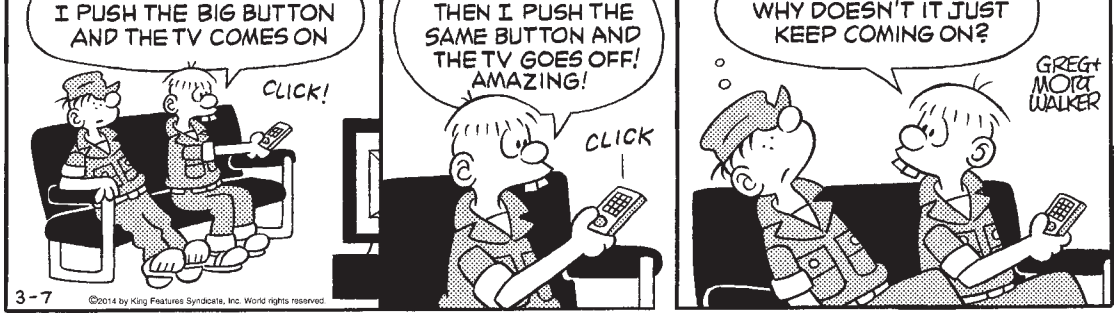
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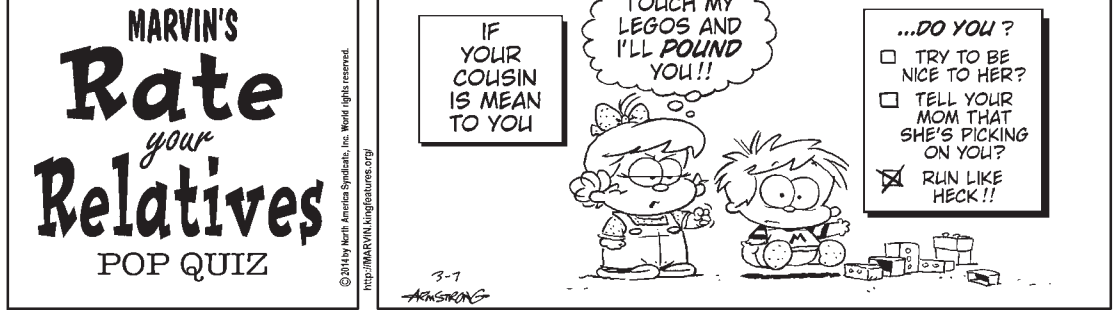
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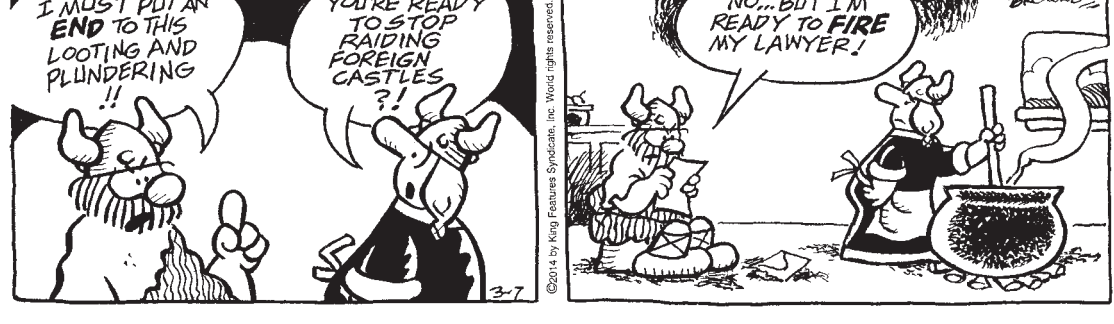
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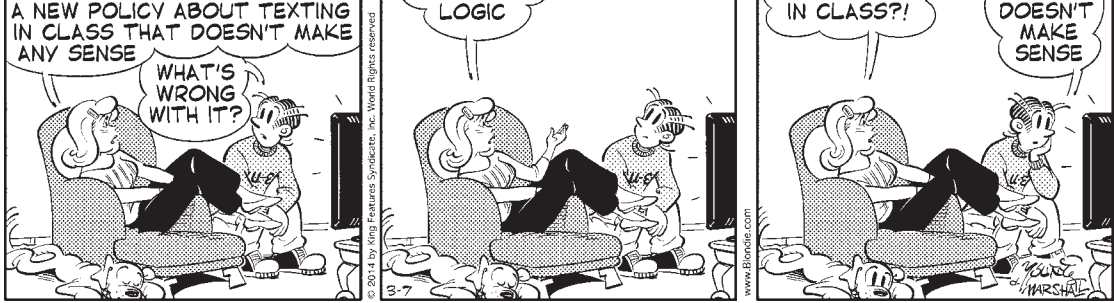
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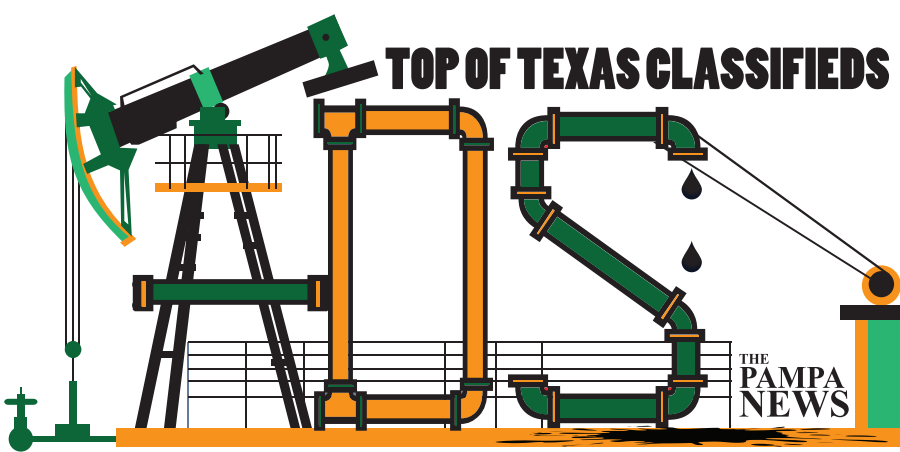


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Though dwarfed in size by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City or the Chicago Art Institute, the Amarillo Museum of Art is home to a diverse collection of treasures, including centuries-old Asian art, European paintings from the 17th-19th centuries and photographs with oddball subjects like a mass of cigarette butts laying in the dirt.

Along with managing the permanent collections, the museum staff works diligently to bring traveling exhibits to the Panhandle, and hopes in the upcoming months to grace the museum's walls and corridors with a collection of Chicano art owned by Cheech Marin of Cheech and Chong fame.

The museum recently held an after-hours event, called "Mad about Modern," that featured the abstract weather-inspired prints of Fort Worth artist Judy Youngblood.

The AMoA was formed in 1967 by a group of community leaders dedicated to creating and maintaining an art museum for citizens of Amarillo and the surrounding area.

Since 1995, the museum's Asian art collection has grown dramatically through the generosity of retired Amarillo neurosurgeon Dr. William Price. The collection includes representative textiles from every primary weaving area of the Middle East with examples from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. A selection of Edo period Japanese wood block prints is in place and being added to yearly by Price and his wife.

Of particular interest are the South and Southeast Asian sculpture holdings in this collection. Again, this area continues to grow, but currently the collection has added Buddhist and Hindu pieces dating as far back as the 2nd century.

The museum, however, is much more than just a place to spend a couple hours looking at paintings and beautiful old statues.

Kay Kennedy, the museum's director of advancement, said the museum has a very active outreach program.

The ArtSmart outreach program includes art history lectures by museum staff and museum-trained volunteers and related art activities for seniors living in assisted-living centers.

The museum staff also takes their show on the road to schools throughout Amarillo and the Panhandle.

"We have five culture cases the staff takes into classrooms for a variety of school programs," she said. "The programs have all the essentials to augment school curriculum."

She said students not only can look at the pieces, but handle them as well.

"The boys love to hold the samurai swords," she said. "We try to make it fun and meaningful to the students."

The museum's contact person for the school programs is Deana Craighead, director of public programs.

But the fun is not just for the kids.

Grown ups who attend "artafterdark" events can get in touch with their "inner child" with art-lab activities on the lower floor of the museum.

At the "Mad about Modern" event, which was inspired in part by the TV show "Mad Men," adults were tasked with painting their auras with the same watercolor paints used by grade schoolers.

The Amarillo Museum of Art is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday except for exhibition installation weeks. There is no admission fee.

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The museum is located on the Amarillo College campus at 2200 S. Van Buren St., Amarillo.



Top photo, a 9th century Buddha from central Java made from volcanic stone. The statue is part of the Price Collection of Asian and South Asian art. Second from top, a set of photographs by Dutch photographer Hendrik Kerstens. The pictures are of his daughter, Paula. In the middle photo she is wearing a New York Yankees cap. Kerstens' work is heavily influenced by 17th century Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer. Above, it's like kindergarten for grown ups with beer and mixed drinks instead of milk and cookies. Attendees at the most recent after-hours event having fun with watercolors. Right, an unconventional photograph of Queen Elizabeth by Canadian photographer Chris Levine. In between shots, the monarch would rest with her eyes closed and Levine pressed the shutter button at just the right moment. Left, a bronze Japanese warrior from the Meiji period of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that also is part of the Price Collection.

