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Pampa ISD does away with double testing

■ Eighth graders enrolled in Algebra I are no longer required to take grade-level math exam.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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In the past, Texas schools were required to “double test” students taking Algebra I during their eighth-grade year. However, Commissioner of Education Michael Williams just released information in late March that encour-

aged schools to no longer double test students.

Pampa ISD, like most districts in the state, has decided to eliminate double testing for students taking Algebra I and Tanya Larkin, executive director of Curriculum and Assessment at PISD, said this decision is in the best interest of the students. Now, students taking

Algebra I will only take the Algebra I end-of-course exam and will not take the STAAR eighth-grade math test.

While eighth-graders in Texas have previously been double tested in math to better prepare them for future testing, such as the SAT, the state has recently opened up the option for individual school districts to decide whether to comply with this federal policy.

As for other local districts, Bushland ISD and Canyon ISD have also cho-

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THE SOMEWHAT SPECTACULAR PAMPA SKYLINE



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

On a clear day in Chicago, you can see as far away as Indiana and Wisconsin from the visitors' lookout at the 100-story John Hancock Center. While the view from the fifth-floor fire escape landing at the Schneider House isn't quite that spectacular, you do get a very decent panoramic view of the city. The air conditioning was out in the Schneider House on Monday, causing inside temperatures to reach into the 80s. The doors were open and fans were blowing to help keep residents cool.

County Commission approves several agenda items

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The County Commissioners met on Tuesday morning in a brief regular session meeting before closing into executive session to discuss the lease agreement on Gray County school lands in Gaines County.

After approving seven line item transfers and two tax bids, the Commissioners spoke about approving the maintenance contract for the Lifescan at the Gray County Sheriff's Office. The digital fingerprinting machine will cost a little more than \$600 per month to maintain.

The court also approved a request from the District Clerk to replace a part-time employee and a request to transfer the Perry Lefors Airport Hangar Lot 7 from Travis Tucker to Danny Lee Mahanay Family Trust.

Next on the agenda was the acceptance of the first-quarter constable report from Precinct Two and recognizing Justice of the Peace Judge Kurt Curfman's continuing education by com-

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Father, son sentenced in health care scam

■ Defendants owned a physician house call company in North Texas and billed for services not rendered.

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS AG'S OFFICE

DALLAS — Two Grand Prairie men convicted at trial in October 2013 on conspiracy and health care fraud charges related to their operation of A Medical House Calls, a physician house-call company in North Texas, were sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge David C. Godbey, announced U.S. Attorney Sarah R. Saldaña of the Northern District of Texas.

Lawrence Dale St. John, 67, was sentenced to serve nearly 22 years in federal prison, and his son, Jeffrey Dale St. John, 42, was sentenced to about half that — 11 years and three months in federal prison.

Both St. John's were ordered to pay restitution to the Centers for Medicare and Medic-

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Drug testing for unemployed Texans months away

BY ALANA ROCHA
 The Texas Tribune

A decision on a federal rule that will allow Texas to start drug testing certain unemployment insurance applicants under a state law that took effect 200 days ago is still months in the offing, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Labor said Monday.

Texas lawmakers approved Senate Bill 21 last year. It requires certain applicants for unemployment insurance to undergo a drug screening before receiving benefits. But officials at the Texas Workforce Commission, which is charged

with implementing the law, have been forced to wait on their federal counterparts to designate which types of professionals will be subject to testing.

A federal law passed in 2012 allows states to drug test certain people who apply for unemployment benefits. But Texas can't draft guidelines for the program without direction from the Labor Department, which must outline the occupations that fall under the federal law for the drug tests.

In January, Diana Petterson, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Labor, said the commission would publish

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Drug

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a proposed rule sometime in March. That would begin the rule-making process that would eventually allow the state to conduct drug tests. She said on Monday that the issuance of a final rule "is a long process and still several months away."

Under the Texas law, some applicants were scheduled to be subject to a new drug screening

procedure Feb. 1. But without federal guidance, TWC has been in a holding pattern. In the meantime, said TWC spokeswoman Lisa Givens, officials have continued researching written prescreening tools that will allow them to determine those applicants who should be drug tested. They are also examining similar drug testing programs in other states and working to determine which vendors will provide the prescreening questionnaire and drug test, Givens said.

Scam

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aid Services (CMS).

Each defendant was convicted at trial on one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and 13 substantive counts of health care fraud. Co-defendant Dr. Nicolas Alfonso Padron, 54, of Garland pleaded guilty in September 2013 to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Dr. Padron, who joined A Medical as its medical director in December 2009, testified, as did a number of nurse practitioners, physician assistants and company staff, services billed were never performed. Earlier this month, Judge Godbey sentenced Dr. Padron to 57 months in federal prison and ordered that he also pay restitution to CMS.

A Medical provided physician visits to Medicare beneficiaries in their homes rather than

at a doctor's office.

A Medical, aka A+ Medical House Calls and ANM Physician House Calls, was owned by Lawrence St. John; Jeffrey St. John ran its daily operations. A Medical had locations in Mesquite, Texas; Dallas; and Carrollton, Texas. Its primary purpose was to certify and re-certify Medicare beneficiaries for home health services, regardless of the true condition of the patient.

Once A Medical established a Medicare beneficiary for physician home-visit services, it would submit billing for fraudulent care plan oversight claims. The company did not provide primary care physician services to Medicare beneficiaries.

According to documents filed in the case and evidence presented at trial, from May 2010 to January 2012, the defendants conspired together and with others to defraud the Medicare program.

A Medical, at the direc-

tion of Lawrence and Jeffrey St. John, submitted claims to Medicare using Dr. Padron's unique Medicare number, with Padron's permission, regardless of the claim's merit.

The defendants conspired together to bill Medicare for care plan oversight by Padron for numerous beneficiaries when Padron was out of town, including dates when he was out of the country and on a cruise.

In total, the defendants billed taxpayers for \$1.4 million of services that were either not medically necessary or not rendered at all.

Through the fraudulent certifications, Medicare was billed an additional \$9.7 million by home health agencies.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General, the FBI and the Texas Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigated. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kate Pfeifle and J. Nicholas Bunch prosecuted.

County

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pleting 20 hours of classes recently.

The Commissioners decided to revisit the next item on the agenda, which required them to consider the Memorandum of Understanding between Gray County and the Bureau of Land Management. The commissioners were given time to look over the document before taking action on it later in the meeting.

The court then heard about miscellaneous items, some of which will appear on the next agenda. Sheriff Don Copeland told the court he would like added security in the booking area of the jail and the Commissioners will also take into consideration some of the necessary repairs at the White Deer Land Museum in an upcoming meeting.

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sen not to double test their eighth graders, whereas River Road has decided that they would like to double test students.

Previously, all eighth-graders were required to take the state-mandated grade-level assessment exam under federal laws, and all Algebra I students must take the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness Algebra I end-of-course exam under state laws. But, because advanced eighth-graders are enrolled in Algebra I for high school credit, districts were double testing those students to

avoid federal penalty.

The Commissioner of Education's official letter stated that for 2014 and 2015 state and federal accountability if a student takes the STAAR Algebra I end-of-course assessment and a STAAR mathematics grade level assessment, only the results of the Algebra I assessment will be included in the accountability calculations for the campus and the district where the student tested.

This means that the eighth-grade level STAAR math test would not even count if districts chose to continue double testing.

This policy will be adopted by Commissioner of Education rule in the 2014 and 2015 state accountability manuals and will be

included in the 2014 and 2015 federal accountability addendums that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is required to submit to the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). Further, TEA does not intend to count students who took Algebra I in middle school as non-participants at their high school through the participation safeguard for state or federal accountability purposes.

The U.S. Department of Education initially denied Commissioner of Education Michael Williams' waiver to allow those students to only take the Algebra I exam, but later clarified it was working with the state to find a solution.

The waiver has not been formally declined, and pos-

sible consequences for avoiding exam by federal requirement have not been stated.

Williams said in a press release he discouraged districts from testing children twice and notified districts if a student takes the STAAR Algebra I end-of-course assessment and a STAAR mathematics grade-level assessment, only the results of the Algebra I assessment will be included in the accountability calculations for the campus and the district where the student tested, leaving the decision at the hands of districts to double test.

Editor's note: Information from the Associated Press was used in this article.

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Obama's Massive \$100M Brain Research Initiative Targets Memory Loss

Drug-free memory discovery yields 'shocking' results in clinical trial; restores brainpower equal to those up to 15 years younger, all within 30 days!

TAMPA, Florida — For readers who fret about their less-than-perfect memory, or worry about steadily worsening mental powers, your life is about to change. Thanks to President Obama's massive \$100 million B.R.A.I.N. initiative, millions of frustrated Americans who not only lose their car keys, but also forget where they have parked may soon have real, lasting relief.

double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial, published in a peer-reviewed journal, scientists observed the formula helping older brains function more youthfully.

In many cases, the formula allowed users to match the memory recall speed and brainpower of those up to 15 years younger, all within a 30-day time period.



'Pharmacist of the Year' Dr. Gene Steiner, recommends a patented, natural memory compound

It's no secret either. The US Patent and Trademark Office has granted the drug-free natural formula a United States patent.

Over the years, the sophisticated three-part formulation has gained the trust of medical doctors, a top clinical pharmacist, and is even a recommended component in an updated version of a legendary Medicare-reimbursed brain health protocol.

Preventive Gerontologist, Dr. Arnold Bresky, the man responsible for the Medicare-reimbursed brain tune-up protocol recommends this prescription-free memory compound as an integral part of his new *Four Pillars of Brain Health* program.

With more than 45 years behind a pharmacist's counter, and 25 years in a radio show booth, if Dr. Gene Steiner had a nickel for every time someone asked, "Do you have anything that can improve my memory," he would be a rich man today.

A Crystal-Clear Memory

It's a question he's heard many times. "This natural memory pill is to an aging, sluggish brain, what a

breath of fresh air is to your lungs," he says.

Before prescribing the pill to patients, Dr. Steiner decided to first try it himself.

"Within a few days, I can tell you without reservation that my memory became crystal clear," he says.

"I had such marvelous results that I not only started recommending it to my customers, I even shared it with other physicians!"

A Pharmacy Best-Seller

"It became the best-selling brain health product in my pharmacy and customers were returning to thank me for introducing them to it."

"It felt great to see so many people whose lives were enriched by taking a simple, natural formula."

"With this simple, drug-free formula, we finally have something that we can recommend that is safe and effective. And you don't need a prescription either!"

Recently, Dr. Steiner relocated to another state and was apprehensive about taking the state board of pharmacy jurisprudence examination, a daunting examination that tests a candidate's mastery of pharmacy law.

"I began taking the natural memory compound for two weeks prior to the test, and I passed with flying colors!" "The recall I personally experienced was fantastic," says Steiner.

"It's a unique process," he adds, "that pumps the brain full of energizing oxygen, helping improve blood circulation to the brain, while helping to boost key neurotransmitters in the brain responsible for cognitive functioning."

Alternative medicine pioneer, and retired medical school

professor, Dr. Robert Heller, personally uses and recommends the formula.

Perks Up Tired, Sluggish Brains

"It's not a drug," smiles Dr. Heller, "it's a nutritional supplement that can help a foggy, sluggish brain become sharper, quicker, and healthier."

Head and neck surgeon and psychologist, Paul Nemiroff, PhD, MD, FACS, agrees, adding, "It is truly an amazing breakthrough for memory!"

Kasey L.* from Olathe, Kansas says, "I was having trouble finding words in my brain and remembering things. Now I am as sharp as a tack and I have a memory like an elephant. I will never stop taking it."

Grace K.* of Alabama was in the same boat.

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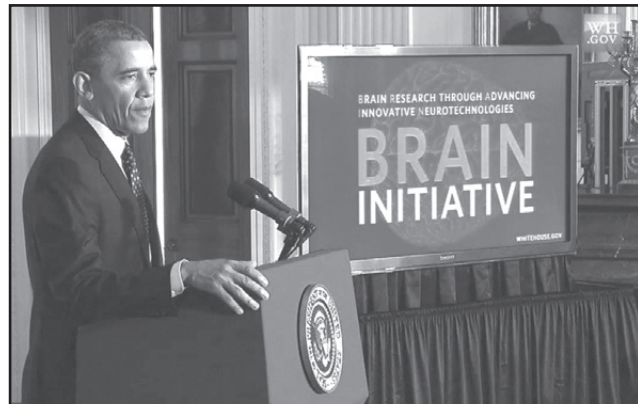


Many are asking the question, does the government's \$100 million scientific discovery initiative ignore the existence of a patented memory restorer?

Crossword puzzle fanatic, Bobby D.* from western Nevada can't say enough about his super-fast mental abilities.

"Working four crossword puzzles in the morning paper, quicker, has amazed me with the answers just popping into my head! I stand outside myself and wonder where those answers come from!"

Anyone who has ever stood in



On April 11, 2013, President Barack Obama announced a ten-year, \$100 million brain research project.

front of a crowd and then, forgot what they were about to say, knows the horror of "drawing a blank." Professional speaker Sylvia P.* from California found Brain Research Labs' memory discovery just in time.

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PAMPA FORECAST

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Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 82. Winds west-southwest at 19 mph. Sunrise at 7:29 a.m.

Tonight: Clear with a low of 48. Winds west-southwest at 19 mph. Sunset at 8:06 p.m.

Thursday: Sunny and windy with a high of 65. Winds west at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:28 a.m.

Thursday night: Clear with a low of 33. Winds northwest at 17 mph. Sunset at 8:07 p.m.

Friday: Sunny and windy with a high of 66. Winds north at 20 mph. Sunrise at 7:26 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 42. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds east-south-east at 13 mph. Sunset at 8:08 p.m.

Obituaries

Wanda B. Cook

Services for Mrs. Wanda B. Cook, 89, of Canadian, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at the Abundant Life Assembly of God with Lee Young officiating and David Young assisting. Burial followed in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Hughs Funeral Home of Canadian.



Wanda B. Cook

Wanda passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2014 in Canadian. Wanda was born June 10, 1924 in Duke, Okla. to the late Mr. Arthur and Indiana Andrews. She attended schools in Prairie Grove, Ark. She married Harold Chaffin on August 27, 1945 in Wheeler. He preceded her in death on July 22, 1970. She then married Charlie Cook on Feb. 10, 1973 in Canadian. He preceded her in death in 1989. Wanda was a homemaker and a member of the Abundant Life Assembly of God. She was preceded in death by her grandsons, Johnny D. Chaffin and Larry Chaffin Jr. and six brothers, Troy, Ulan, Robert, Arlie, Kenneth and Fred Andrews and her sister, Wilma A. Olsen.

She is survived by three sons, Jimmy Chaffin and wife Polly; Smiley Chaffin and Larry Chaffin Sr. all of Canadian; three daughters, Carol Gutierrez and husband Joe; Donna Carter and husband Todd; and Charlene Segovia all of Canadian; 24 grandchildren and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren

The family suggests memorials to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 South 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014 or Edward Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch St., Canadian, TX 79014.

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of Lubbock. The family would like to thank Deborah Ferrell and the staff at Interim Hospice for their loving care.

Memorials may be made to: The Hope and Healing Place, 1721 S. Tyler, Amarillo, Texas 79109, Community Christian School, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, Texas 79065 or Faith Bible Church Library, P.O. Box 1645, Pampa, Texas 79066.

Please sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Evelyn Marie (Ball) Cain

Evelyn Marie (Ball) Cain, 83, died Tuesday April 1, 2014.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Darrell Evins officiating. Burial will follow in the Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home. Family visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Evelyn was born on June 18, 1930 in Pelham, Ga. and had lived in the Texas Panhandle since 1956. She married Zack Cain on Nov. 19, 1949 in Liberal, Kan.

Evelyn was a homemaker and previously worked as a telephone operator in Liberal, Kan. for six years. She was also a member of the Quilt Guild and had been a member of The First United Methodist Church since 1936.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lamar and Marie Adams; a sister, Jean Reitman; two brothers, Vernon Ball and Ed Adams and a daughter, Cynthia Ann Cain.

Survivors include her husband, Zack Cain, of Perryton; a daughter, Lynda Marie "Cain" Cabell, of Boerne; a son, Tracy Zack Cain, of Pampa; two sisters, Byrolyn Barnes and Ann Brannen, both of Florida; a sister in law, Mary Lou Wharran, of Liberal, Kan.; six grandchildren, Jodi "Nalley" Chisum, of Booker, Texas, Michael Cabell, of Madison, Wis., Kristen Cabell, of San Antonio, Zachary Cain, of Austin, Dylan Cain, of Pampa and Samuel Cain of San Angelo; four great grandchildren, Chloe Chisum, Hagen Chisum, Berkleigh Cain and Trace Cain and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at 415 W. Eighth Ave. Suite 300 in Amarillo, TX 79101 or a favorite charity.

Please sign our guestbook at www.boxwellbros.com.

Erna Mueller Stone

Erna Mueller Stone, 82, formerly of Jacksonville, died Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Five Oaks Manor in Concord, N.C. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Friday, at Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville Chapel with the Rev. Teresa Holloway officiating. Burial will follow at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

Erna was a long-time member of the Young-at-Heart Club of the Trinity United Methodist Church, and very much involved in community affairs of her local homeowner's association.

Erna is survived by her husband, Marion Stone of Concord; sons Walter and Michael Davis, her daughters Connie Pingree, Susan Laurion, Catherine Rumbolo, stepsons Cory and Jeffrey Stone.

The family will receive friends Thursday night from 6-8 p.m. at Jones Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

Electronic condolences may be left at www.jonesfh.org.

Carolyn Horne

Carolyn Horne, 72, went to be with her Heavenly Father Tuesday, April, 1, 2014, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Carolyn Horne

Mrs. Horne was born Nov. 30, 1941 in Big Spring. Carolyn married Dr. William "Bill" Horne on June 13, 1964 in Big Spring. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1971. Carolyn was a member of Faith Bible Church and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rubert and Clara Halbrook and a grandson, Blake Anderson Imel.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. William "Bill" Horne of the home; two daughters, Laura Green and husband Guy of Pampa and Marci Imel of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Anita Vaughn and husband Don of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Eden Fowler and husband Dan, Jacob Green and Jordan green all of Pampa, Hailey Diamond and husband Michael and Tucker Imel all of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Cayla Diamond, Trae Diamond and Devari Diamond all of Amarillo and Clara Fowler of Pampa, and adopted by heart, Kelly Ferguson and husband Dan

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Pampa man arrested on alcohol, drug charges

Zackary James, 23, Pampa, was arrested Monday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana — less than two ounces.

Lonnie Moore, 37, Pampa, was arrested Monday by DPS for no valid

driver's license.

Pete Perez, 35, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for bond surrender — possession of a controlled substance — less than one gram.

Jeffery Corcoran, 52, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for two charges of sex offenders duty to register for life and annually.

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Museum Musings

The bank robbers are caught

Editor's note: This is the last in a three-part series about the notorious Pampa bank robbery of 1927.



COURNEY OXLEY

In Pampa, a final check of the bank's loss showed \$32,542 missing. The bank had received a shipment of \$15,000 the day before the robbery.

Just before noon on April 1, Gray County Sheriff E.S. Graves and four deputies, heavily armed, went to Borger to hunt for Terrell and Kims. Dozens of shotgun squads of officers and angry civilians were already scouring Hutchinson County in search of the outlaws.

Two Texas Rangers were sent to Borger to investigate the slaying of the Borger deputies and subsequently the robbery of the Pampa bank. The

Rangers appearance was rather nondescript except for the artillery they were carrying. Each man wore two pistols and had a high-powered rifle in a leather saddle case and a long coiled blacksnake whip. The men were met by a large delegation when they got off the train at Panhandle.

On Sunday, April 3, deputies and Rangers raided a shack at Signal Hill. The story was told that a carload of Rangers came from Borger to arrest the outlaws, and, as they came into Signal Hill, they encountered the outlaws in another car headed out of town at a high rate of speed. Evidently, word had reached the robbers through the underground that the Rangers were on the way to arrest them. By the time the lawmen turned their car around, the bandits were gone. In the exchange of gunfire when the cars crossed each other in and out of Signal Hill. No one was hurt.

One car, abandoned near Electric City, contained several currency wrappers for the loot taken from the Pampa bank.

One newspaper reported that Terrell and Kimes were on foot in Borger. Another report was that the bandits

were thought to be hiding in the Canadian River breaks.

The Rangers stayed for a time at Signal Hill but they found no reason to arrest or suspect anyone. Most of the questioning was routine and concerned the whereabouts of the various bandits who seemed to dart in and out of Signal Hill at will between 1926 and 1928.

Later it was decided that Terrell was not involved in the Pampa bank robbery. However, he was involved in many other robberies, but always managed to escape from any imprisonment and finally disappeared.

Kimes was known to be in California, back in Okahoma, then in Arizona, and again back in Oklahoma where he was sentenced to life in prison for slaying an Indian deputy sheriff at Sallisaw.

In December 1927, Walker made a sensational escape from a Hutchinson County courtroom where he was being tried for the slaying of deputy sheriff A.L. Terry. After a chase of more than a year, he was arrested in January 1929 in Buffalo, N.Y., where he was using the assumed name of Clyde

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A repeal by any other name

Should Congress repeal Obamacare?

If you had asked that before the botched Affordable Care Act rollout, I would have had a hard time answering yes. I didn't see how the scheme

could work, but I also believed that Washington owed the millions of Americans who I was told had been waiting desperately for years for guaranteed health care.

Now I say, "What's in a name?" There's no need for a repeal when Washington is bound to revamp the law. The reason: Consumers aren't buying it.

According to the White House, more than 6 million people have signed onto Obamacare exchanges. Problem: The law kicked close to 5 million Americans off their private health care plans. Also, the administration says it doesn't know how many new plan members actually are paying their premiums, so that 6 million figure could be highly inflated.

At best, more than 1 million extra Americans got new private coverage, while 5 million individual policyholders got kicked off their old plans. Some won't have access to the doctors they were promised they could keep.

For many, the new plans are less affordable than their old plans. Industry graybeard Robert Laszewski found that many exchange providers "are just re-enrolling their old customers at higher rates." Call it the Less Affordable Care Act.

Individuals who qualify for federal subsidies probably will pay lower premiums, but only because taxpayers are subsidizing their plans. How is that more affordable for America?

Obamacare also expanded Medicaid coverage for 7 million uninsured Americans. This is, President Barack

Obama didn't need to upend the private market in order to expand Medicaid coverage. The same goes for the highly popular but utterly nonsensical provision that allows adult children to stay on their parents' health plans until they turn 26.

Already the Democrats are gutting Obamacare. The administration has delayed provisions 38 times, by the Wall Street Journal editorial page's count. The White House even asked insurers to continue providing those "substandard" plans it had banned. Six Democratic senators have come up with a plan to offer consumers more choices, spur competition and increase affordability.

On "Fox News Sunday," one of the six authors, Sen. Angus King, a Maine independent who caucuses with Democrats, essentially declared the Affordable Care Act dead. "There's no such thing as Obamacare," he said. "You can't sign up for Obamacare. You're signing up for an Anthem policy or an Aetna policy or a WellPoint policy. It's private insurance."

The private market has had many drawbacks but one salvation: Until Obamacare, people were free to refuse to pay for a bad deal.

Months ago, reader Bob Duste of Glen Ellen, Calif., wrote to tell me that under Obamacare, his premiums had doubled while his deductible went up by 25 percent. His family can take the hit, he wrote, but he was "disillusioned with the efficacy of most government programs that end up being forced upon the unwilling as opposed to a last resort for the downtrodden and truly indigent."

Simply put, the Democrats didn't know what they were doing, but that didn't stop them from forcing their magical thinking on people who didn't want it.

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Letters to the Editor

Don't mooch off the government

One of the sorriest men that I ever met was way smarter than me, better educated than me, made more money than me throughout his life and had a better resume than me. Basically in all of these external ways he outshined me by a mile. However, consider this:

In his 50s he had a heart attack and was down for a few months. During this time he applied for and received monthly government assistance because he was unable to work. He grew quite accustomed to that monthly check. After a few months passed he grew stronger, more fit and able to work again. However, he realized that if he went back to work that monthly check would stop and he would have to start all over again on his "disabled" time. By then he had been on the role for about six months. That is when he learned that if he could just somehow make it not working for another six months and get a full year under his belt as "disabled," then he had a great chance to get on the fully disabled roll. Once that happened, those checks would be coming for the rest of his life. And that's exactly what he did.

He took great pride in the fact that he not only got his significant monthly check, but that he had full benefits as well, also through the government because he was disabled. I have seen him climb two flights of tiny stairs into an attic area, carry lumber up those stairs and work most of the day building something in his house. Those kind of activities

were not uncommon.

He also had a "handicapped" sticker on his car from when he had his heart attack and he kept it up to date. He took great pride in parking in handicapped spots, even though he was perfectly capable of walking the length of any parking lot. If any of us said anything he would just laugh.

He also was a veteran so that meant that he was a disabled veteran and always got to go to the head of the line. He showed me his hearing aid one day, the very best one they made, about \$3,000 I think. I commented that I didn't remember seeing it before. He replied, "Well, I don't wear it, I just get it every time I qualify for a new one." He did the same with contacts and glasses and didn't wear any of them.

I asked him one day why he stole from the government like that. He laughed and said that he didn't see it as stealing, just getting all that he had coming to him.

Want to know one of the things that is really WRONG with America? There are way too many Americans who get up each day and ask themselves: "How can I get more stuff from the government?" They seem to forget that all that government money comes right out of the pocket of some hard working American who paid their taxes. (I am not pointing a finger at Americans who don't have enough food to eat.)

Too many Americans don't see stealing as stealing. But one day they will discover that Father God was watching the whole time and He was making

His list and checking it twice and He definitely has NAUGHTY and NICE lists. And people who lived lives stealing from others whether with a gun or legally from the government, will find out that God looks at things very, very differently.

The good news? There is still time to repent. How? STOP STEALING! Just because you qualify for something doesn't mean that you should take it. STOP STEALING! Get up each day and work hard and let God help provide for you. God bless.

**Mike Sublett
Pampa**

Deadline to enroll in the Marketplace isn't the end for increasing coverage

Yesterday's deadline for enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace should motivate all uninsured Texans to obtain coverage. Because Texas has made only minimal enrollment progress, Texas hospitals still face significant challenges in serving the high volume of uninsured patients, with consequences that resonate throughout the state's economy.

A mechanism is now in place that promotes simplified access to a variety of private health insurance products that ensure care for patients and reduce uncompensated care costs for hospitals. The political culture war over health care reform, however, has unnecessarily dampened enrollment. It's time to put political rhetoric aside to encourage the uninsured to enroll and allow the system to function

as intended.

According to the latest statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as of March 1, private Marketplace enrollment in Texas was just under 300,000.

At the same time, more than one million low-income uninsured Texans are excluded from affordable coverage choices because the state rejected federal funds to provide them with coverage.

The rejected federal funds intended to finance coverage for low-income working poor residents are paid for with cuts to public funding for hospitals and other health care providers. This is particularly significant for Texas hospitals because they will continue to see a large number of uninsured patients while having significantly fewer resources. The politics surrounding the Affordable Care Act have created the misconception that new funds are required to close the coverage gap for the working poor, when in fact, hospitals and other health care providers are already contributing the necessary funds through billions in cuts to Medicare and other programs.

The result is that a large number of uninsured patients will continue to rely on hospital emergency departments and clinics for health care ranging from primary care to critical care and Texas hospitals will see little relief from their annual \$5.5 billion uncompensated care burden.

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Pampa Faith

Homosexual bigotry or common sense?

OK, let me see if I have this right on the national discussion concerning the Michael Sam situation with the NFL:



MIKE SUBLETT

In the good old USA it is flat out bigotry if a person opposes professed homosexuals or lesbians (in a work environment) being teammates in the same locker-room (naked and showering) with players of the same sex to which they are sexually attracted. Did I get that right? Is that what our

country has become? Have the homosexuals and lesbians so altered the standards and thinking in our country that this makes perfectly good sense?

OK, before I stand up on a chair in a public place and proclaim that if that is true then I AM A MORAL BIGOT, let me fly one other sexual situation by you. Let's say that one of the boys at Pampa High School wants to be on one of the girls' athletic teams. Is that OK? Would it be OK for him to be walking around the locker-room naked and showering with all the girls on the team who were also unclothed? If not, then why not? Of course it wouldn't be OK and every person in Pampa

knows so and knows why it wouldn't be OK.

Then why do we go brain-dead-dumb when the spotlight is on a homosexual or lesbian? Notice I'm not even using Bible verses in this article to prove the INSANITY of this thinking. Just stop for a moment and use the brain that God gave you and THINK!

It is MORONIC to propose as "OK," a work environment where homosexuals or lesbians will routinely be spending UNCLOTHED time with those of the same sex to which they are sexually attracted.

So here is the bottom line: If everyone is a moral bigot who believes that this thinking is CRAZY and WRONG, then Mike Sublett is a moral bigot by American standards. However, if this kind of thinking really is CRAZY and WRONG, then those of you who think it is OK need to admit that you are MORALLY BLIND and know that one day you will be headed for a terrifying one-on-one interview with Father God. Don't worry about preparing for that interview; God will be doing all of the talking. God bless. Mike

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CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Zion Lutheran Church announces Holy Week schedule

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Zion Lutheran Church announced its Holy Week schedule this week. On Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, the Divine Service is at 10:30 a.m.

On Monday through Wednesday during Holy Week, vespers are at 7 p.m. with Litany on Wednesday, also at 7 p.m. The Holy Communion and stripping of

the altar will be on Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

On Good Friday, the Tenebrae Vespers will be at 8 p.m. The Vigil of Easter will be at 8:20 p.m. on Saturday. The resurrection of our Lord will be at 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 1200 N. Duncan St.

Holy Week schedule at White Deer United Methodist Church

April 13 is Palm Sunday when children will spread palm fronds to commemorate Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. The worship service is at 11 a.m.

Thursday at 7 p.m. on April 17, the church will celebrate Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday. It is a time to commemorate Jesus Christ's last supper with the observance of Holy Communion.

Good Friday service is at 7 p.m. on April 18, is the day which we remember the death of Christ on the cross. It is a quiet somber service and as the lights go out we leave the sanctuary quietly in remembrance.

Sunday at 7 a.m. April 20 will be

the sunrise service at the tomb located at the Cross at Groom. Everyone is invited to share in this special time.

At 11 a.m. the Easter Service is back in the sanctuary with the flowering of the cross.

Children and youth will take flowers down to the cross and after the worship service the cross is moved out front so the community can enjoy it as a reminder of spring and symbolic of a new beginning that comes about with a life of following and serving the risen Christ.

White Deer United Methodist Church is located at 101 W. 8th Ave. in White Deer.

Church Calendar

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church. The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade. The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean. For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

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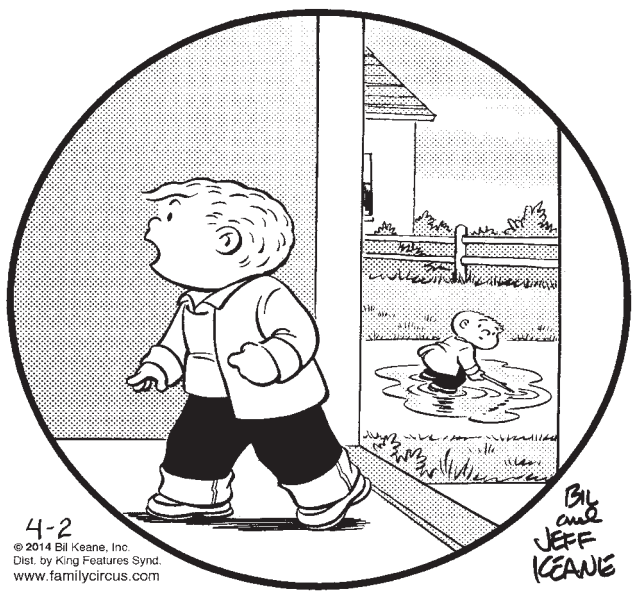
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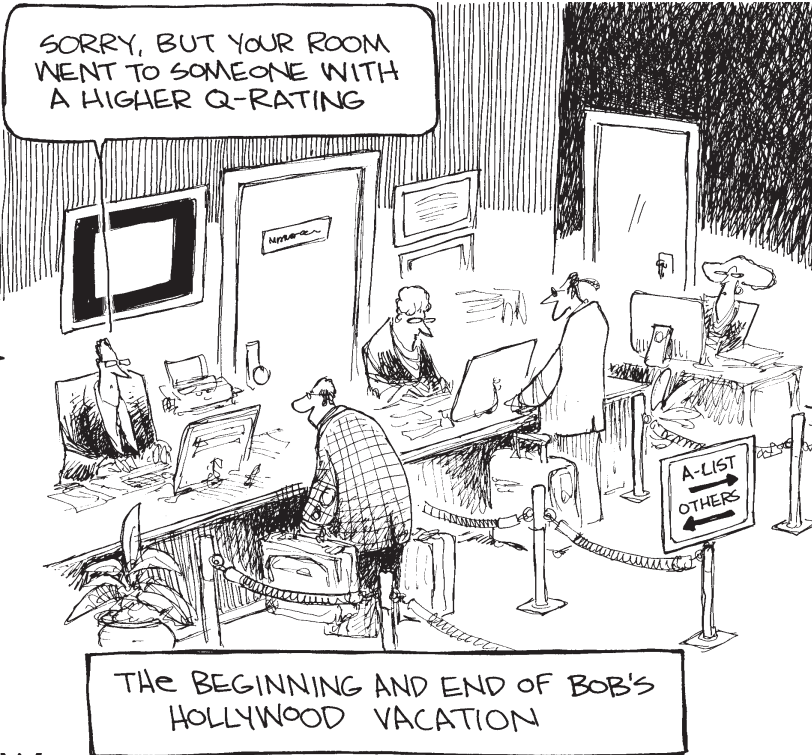


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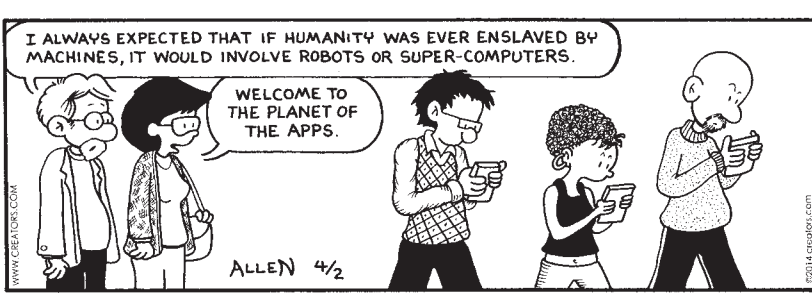
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 3, 2014:

This year you will open up to better communication. You will touch base with various people to confront their need for control. As a result, you will learn how to deal with people like this. If you are single, you will meet someone out and about while socializing. In fact, you will be presented with several potential suitors. Follow your heart. If you are attached, understand that the two of you won't always agree. Emphasize the positives, and make more time for each other. The period after spring will draw in much happiness. GEMINI smiles often, but don't deceive yourself -- much more is going on with this sign than you think.

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 might have decided to stay mum about a certain subject, but today you might completely reverse your decision. Pressure is likely to build. An adjustment needs to be made, especially if the situation involves a work-related matter. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You'll want to manage your finances a certain way, but a loved one seems to have a very different idea about what is acceptable. You could find yourself in a very difficult situation. Others unintentionally might add to the confusion. Tonight: Have an important talk.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are all smiles when dealing with a difficult partner. Realize that you could be making the situation even more difficult. Understand your limits when it comes to handling this person. The only way to win a control game is not to play. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Play it low-key, and don't accept any more responsibility than you need to. If someone wants to take on more responsibility, let him or her do it! Otherwise, if you can, do some delegating. You need some free time for yourself. Tonight: Take a long-overdue nap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might want to try a different approach to the same end. Brainstorm with a friend before deciding. Listen to your sixth sense with a personal matter. Think positively. Know

what you want to strive for with this bond. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could feel pressured to change pace and do something in a totally unique way. You have an unusual amount of imagination. When you mix that with your practical side, it is a winning combination. Remain open to others' ideas. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to think before you leap into action. There are so many options in front of you, so you should check out which destination or goal intrigues you the most. A family member could try to push you in a certain direction. The choice is yours. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Little goes on that you aren't aware of, and you also are able to read between the lines. However, you might decide not to allow someone else to know just how aware you are. Holding back will let you see what this person will reveal naturally. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

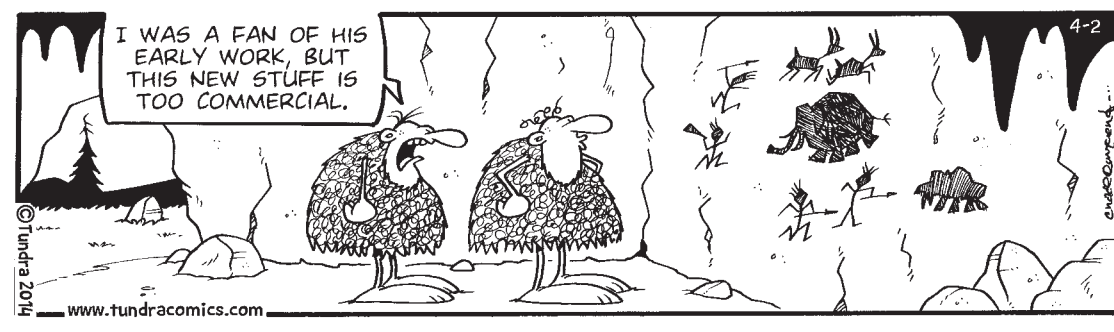
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You use your ingenuity a lot, as this ability is one of the foundations of your success. Reach into your bag of tricks, but know that there could be a backfire. The costs might be high. Hold out, if you can, and you might see another path. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be careful with how much you protest verbally or through your actions. Inadvertently, you could corner yourself into a decision that you do not want to make. Work on being more laissez faire. In the long run, it could add to your success. Tonight: Add spice to your day.

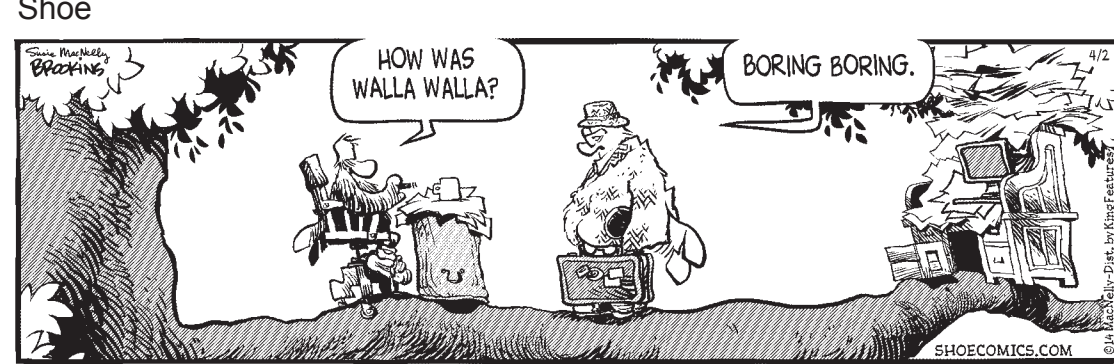
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a way about you that attracts many different people and opinions. Choose to take a step back and spend some time alone to assess the possibilities. Finding your center, rather than being so driven, might be a more powerful course for you. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You often speak your mind and open up discussions. Unfortunately, this approach could have others closing down right now. You might find that saying little will spark a brainstorming session and bring the most diverse ideas forward. Tonight: Order in.

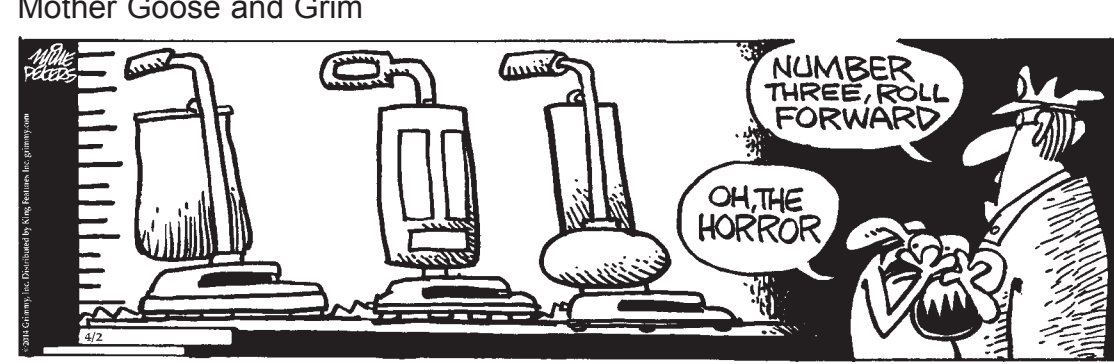
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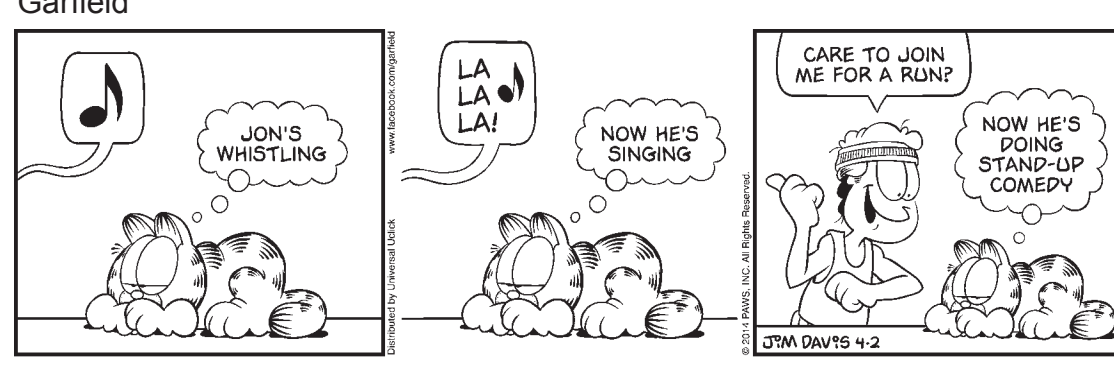
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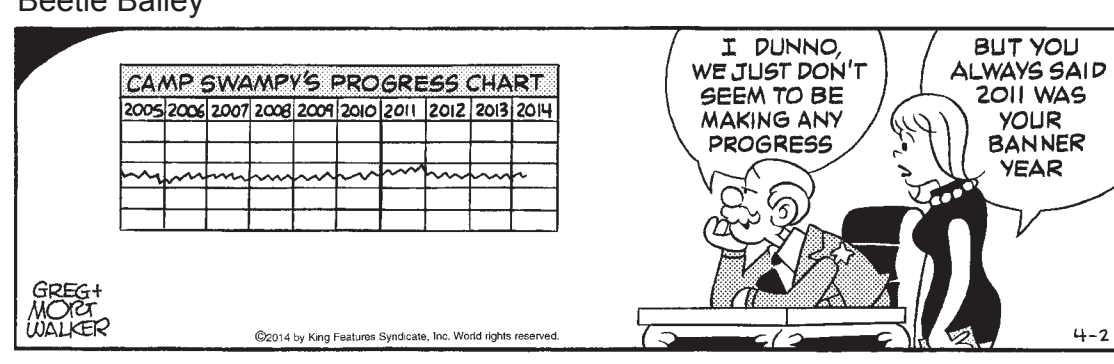
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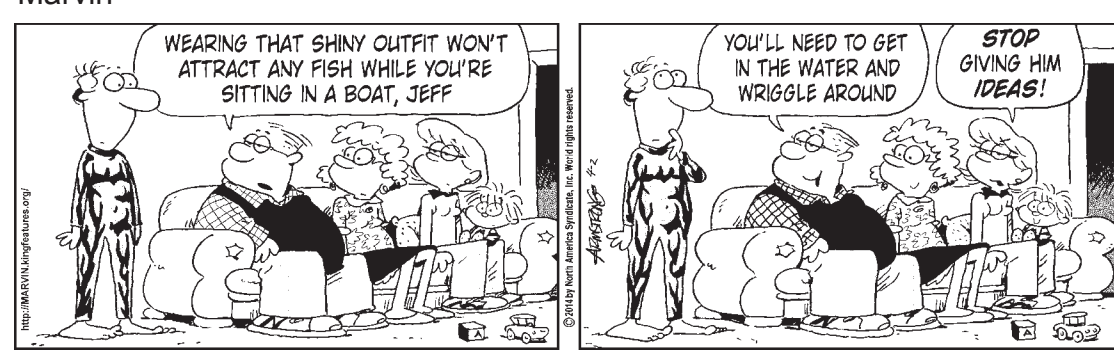
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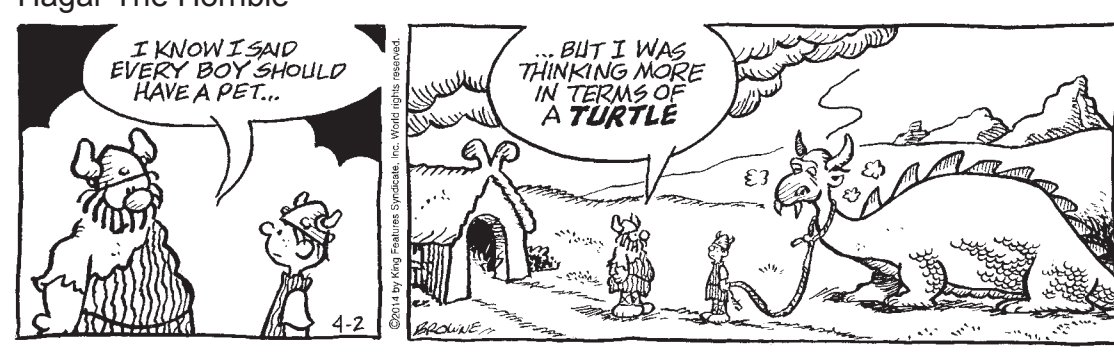
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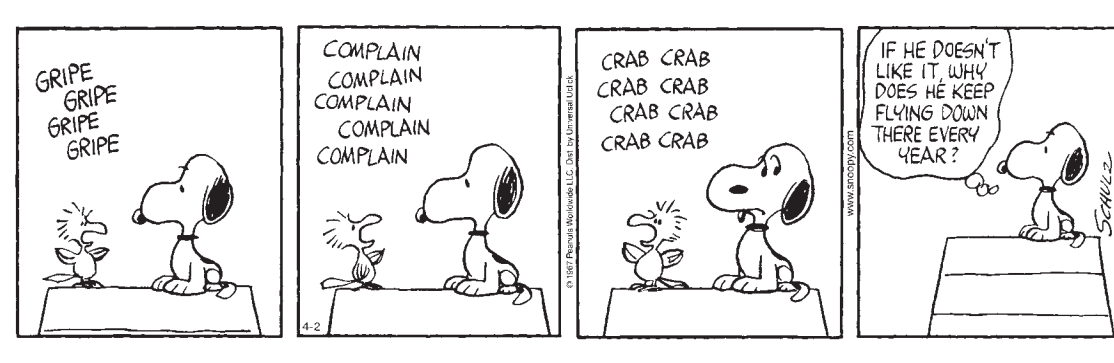
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Robbers

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Roberts. He was imprisoned at Huntsville and was later killed while trying to escape over a wall.

Thompson, also imprisoned at Huntsville, was successful in escaping from the prison. He was killed by officers in a wheat field near St. Francis in June.

According to The Pampa News in January 1929, Ace Pendleton was arrested in Fort Worth and was identified as the leader of the bandits who robbed the Pampa bank. He was claimed by Oklahoma officers and later released without the knowledge of Pampa officers. He was arrested again in Eldorado, Arkansas.

Pendleton evaded custody three times by escaping from jails in various parts of Oklahoma and Texas before he was arrested in Odessa on Dec. 8, 1930. He was tried on a charge of burglary and given a two year sentence. He was also tried in Gray County.

As Pendleton sat on a cot in a solitary cell in the Gray County Jail, he was interviewed by Archer Fullingim of the Pampa Daily News.

Pendleton: "Well, I see you have a nice little city-first time I ever was here, you know."

Fullingim: "Then you deny that you helped rob the First National Bank of Pampa on March 31, 1927?"

Pendleton: "Deny it. It is to laugh. Why, man, I wasn't within 500 miles of Pampa on that day and I can prove it. Listen, boy, don't you know that flat-footed, bay window cops have the thickest and the numbest skulls of the human species? Show me the man that believes what a cop says. Why, sir, I was under the care of a physician over 500 miles away from Pampa the day your bank was robbed."

Fullingim: "Yes, but L.B. Haggard identified you."

Pendleton: "Do tell. But of course you know that those bright and brave customers who were in the bank that day have identified a dozen men who are supposed to have looted it. I tell you I never was in Pampa before.

After the bank was robbed some of those flat-footed numb skulls I was telling you about caught me with "Whitey" Walker and decided I was the guilty party. That was what the newspapers call "a travesty on justice."

Pendleton's trial was set for the second week of January 1931 in 114h District Court. At this point Pendleton had spent 16 of his 33 years in jail for burglary and robbery in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

At 2 a.m. on the morning of Jan. 14, Dr. V.E. von Brunow was summoned to attend to Pendleton, who was suffering with painful hemorrhages and high fever — he had emphysema.

Pendleton was moved from his jail cell to the jury room where he was attended by a nurse and two deputies.

Frank Jordan was the daytime deputy and his son, Rufe, at that time a senior at Pampa High School, often came after school to visit with Pendleton.

Pendleton told Rufe that, when he was a boy in Kansas City, he sold newspapers to help his widowed mother.

One day when he was cold, hungry and in need of clothes, he decided that he would never work again. With the first \$50 he stole, he bought a nice suit.

Pendleton, apparently like Rufe, and gave him a razor for his future use. Rufe said later that it was some time before he realized that Pendleton was a con man. The razor can be seen today at the White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.

On April 5, 1933, District Attorney Lewis Goodrich petitioned the Gray County judge to dismiss criminal action N. 336, State of Texas vs. Ace Pendleton. The reason was that "the evidence available is insufficient to warrant a conviction."

The defendant was dismissed. Some years later, Pendleton died in Colorado.

To learn more about Pampa and the Gray County area, visit the White Deer Land Museum in downtown Pampa. Regular tours are offered Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 p.m. If you would like to schedule a special or group tour, please call or email the museum at 806-669-8041 or courtney.oxley@graycch.com.

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A jury in Galveston on Monday decided the penalty for 61-year-old Clyde Hedrick of San Leon. Jurors last week convicted Hedrick of involuntary manslaughter in the death of 29-year-old Ellen Beason. Her body was discovered under some trash in a Galveston field.

Defense lawyers have said Hedrick and Beason were swimming, she drowned and he panicked and dumped her body. Hed-

rick in 1986 was convicted of abuse of a corpse. An initial autopsy could not determine a cause of death.

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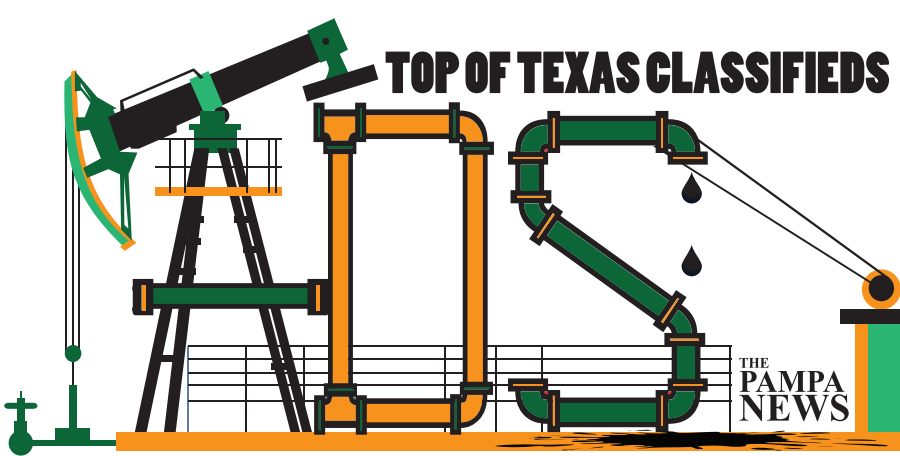
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However, if you're asking how to overcome the **IMPULSE**, my advice is to have an honest conversation with yourself about why you feel the need. Most of the women (and men) who act this way are constantly trying to prove to themselves that they are attractive. If this could be you, then start working on your self-esteem, because if you don't, I predict you'll ruin a good relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 50s and overweight. I work hard, eat three meals a day and am — more or less — healthy except for sore feet after work. I'm aware of the medical warnings. Who isn't? But I have decided to accept myself as I am, relax and be happy.

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new clothes I have put off buying until I was thinner. My new spirit is weightless and my new attitude has made my life more meaningful. Any thoughts? — **LIVING FREE AT LAST**

DEAR LIVING FREE: Only this, that we all have choices to make about our health, what is important to us and how we want to live our lives. You have made yours, and at this point it appears to have been the right one for you. May it ever be thus.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a paralyzing fear of driving over bridges. It interferes with our life together. He is otherwise healthy, but will not see a therapist for this problem.

We have been married for 27 years. I am 63 and he is 67. I am very sad that our life is so limited. Any advice? — **LANDLOCKED IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR LAND-LOCKED: It would be interesting to know how

your husband developed this phobia. But because he refuses to do anything about it and you feel restricted, consider traveling with another companion.

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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PampaSports

Several Harvesters and Lady Harvesters place first in track and field events at Levelland

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters track teams traveled to Levelland last weekend and had several strong finishes.

In the shot put, Cheyenne Williams placed second with her toss of 35 feet, 6.75 inches with Gracie Brown hitting a distance of 27'9.25".

For the Harvesters, Isidro Estrada threw the shot for 41'03" to finish sixth in the event.

In the wheelchair put, Lauren Pingel finished first with a distance of 6'5.5".

In the discus for the Lady Harvesters, Williams and Brown threw the discus 98'8" and 75'8" respectively. Williams placed third with her throw. For the Harvesters, Estrada sent the disc 115'03.5".

In the long jump, Alec McClendon went 17'11" for the Harvesters and Ty'Randa Johnson went 13'9.75" for the Lady Harvesters. As for the triple jump, McClendon went 38'2.25" and Johnson went 30'6.75".

Alondra Zarate and Mandra Brock tied at 7'6" for the pole vault placing them at third and sixth respectively. Bryce Parker went 10'.

Onto the running events. In the 1,600-meter run, Yesenia Soria completed it in six minutes finishing third and Vanessa Ontiveros and Kirsten Hood finished it in 6:50.5 and 7:12.7 respectively. Alex Marufo placed sixth at 5:00.98 and Alex Garcia finished it in 5:46.65 for the Harvesters.

Jose Hernandez placed seventh in the 3,200-meter run with his 11:24.07 finish.

In the 800-meter run, Soria finished fifth at 2:40. Karoley Villarreal and Ontiveros finished in 2:44.7 and 2:59.1 respectively. Marufo finished fourth at 2:12.9, Garcia at 2:19.47 and Osmar Madrid at 2:27.17.

Zach Gates finished the 400-meter run in 58.36 seconds.

Zarate placed fifth in the 200-meter run with her 28.87-second finish. For the Harvesters, they went second, third and 11th with Brendon Ponce (23.47), Adrian Elam (24.41) and Chance Douglas (25.56).

In the 100-meter run, Kody Maddox won the event in 10.7 seconds. Bryce Parker finished the event in 12.07 seconds.

In the hurdle events, Savanna Hulsey won the 100-meter hurdles in 15.5 seconds. In the 300-meter hurdles, Hulsey won in 48.5 seconds, while Brock and Taylor Giles placed fourth (51.1) and sixth (51.9) respectively.

For the relay events, the Harvesters finished second in both the 400-meter relay (Elam, Parker, Ponce and Maddox; 43.62 seconds) and the 800-meter relay (Douglas, Elam, Maddox and Ponce; 1:30.95). The Lady Harvesters also placed second in their relays. Hulsey, Lauren Littlefield, Brock and Johnson finished the 400-meter relay in 52.5 seconds. Then, Johnson, Keisha Daniels, Littlefield and Giles finished the 800-meter relay in 1:51.9.

Junior Varsity

For the junior varsity, Raul Cortez, Angel Saldierna and Chase Brown sent the shot 35'03", 30'08" and 26' respectively. Cortez placed fifth and Saldierna placed 11th. For the Lady Harvesters JV, Shandashia Captain finished third with 27'8" and Raven Neal placed fourth at 27'4".

For the discus, Cortez threw for 84'09" and Brown threw for 81'04".

In the long jump, Cynthia Ramirez placed second with her 13'8.5" leap, while Nique Johnson jumped 12'3". In the triple jump, Ramirez went 28'3.5" and N. Johnson went 26'2". For the Harvesters Kambrin Scott placed second in the high jump at 5'10".

In the 100-meter dash, Tastazia Lofton placed second for the Lady Harvesters finishing the event in 13.93 seconds. Jaycee Brown and Carolyn Davis finished in 14.92 seconds and 16.24 seconds respectively. Trevor Turner placed fifth for the Harvesters in 12 seconds.

In the 200-meter run,

Lofton finished second in this event as well with a 30.9-second finish. Brown placed fifth in 32.33 seconds. Catherine Murphy finished the run in 32.88 seconds.

In the 400-meter run, Catherine Murphy placed sixth in 1:15.2 and Scott Bussell finished the event in 1:01.95 for the Harvesters.

In the 800-meter run, Madison Young won the event in 2:39.6 and Elaine Nava finished the event in 3:32.4.

Juan Perez placed either in the event with his 2:28.44 finish.

In the 1,600-meter run, Young placed second with a 6:39.8 finish and Perla Silva finished the event in 7:37. Perez placed seventh for the Harvesters with a 5:44.86 time.

Christian Tapia was the lone junior varsity runner to compete in the 3,200-meter run, placing seventh with a time of 13:27.14.

In the hurdles, Brayden Dyson placed seventh for the Harvesters in the 110-meter hurdles with a 19.88-second time. Jesus Holquin placed eighth with a 19.91-second finish. Ariel Cambern won the 100-meter hurdles in 17.82 seconds.

In the 300-meter hurdles, Tommy Calkins finished ninth with his 38.96-second finish. Dyson completed the event in 51.15 seconds and Erik Vizcaino finished in 51.19 seconds.

In the relays, the Harvesters finished fourth in the 400-meter event with the team of Turner, Kalvin Webb, Newt Dodd and Jayson Taylor posting a 47.55-second time. The same team finish fifth in the 800-meter relay with a 1:39.86 time.

For the Lady Harvesters, Ramirez, Cambern, Shavonna Fields and Jamin Gonzalez won the 400-meter relay event with a 54.9-second time. They same team also won the 800-meter relays with a 1:57.6 time.

The track teams return to action Friday at High-

TAKING OUT MOBEETIE AND MIAMI



Submitted photos

Above, the Fourth Grade Pampa Hustlers won first place in the Mobeetie VFD Tournament this past weekend. This makes their record 28-1. Front row from left, Rhett Hill, Sam Anguiano, Huston Skinner and Hunter Dyer. Back row, Coach Albert Nichols, Kayden Steward, Hayden Henson, Hunter Nichols, Troy Perez and Coach Jason Steward. Below, they were also the champions in the Miami Mayo Tournament. Front row, Rhett Hill, Huston Skinner, Sam Anguiano and Hunter Dyer. Back row, Coach Albert Nichols, Hayden Henson, Kayden Steward, Hunter Nichols, Troy Perez and Coach Justin Steward.



Woods has back surgery, will miss the Masters

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer



Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods had surgery on his ailing back and said Tuesday he will miss the Masters for the first time in his career.

Woods said on his website

that he had surgery Monday in Utah for a pinched nerve that had been hurting him for several months, knowing the surgery would keep him from Augusta National next week for the first time since he was in high school.

The No. 1 player in the world is a four-time Masters champion.

"After attempting to get ready for the Masters, and failing to make the necessary progress, I decided in

consultation with my doctors to have this procedure done, Woods said. "I'd like to express my disappointment to the Augusta National membership, staff, volunteers and patrons that I will not be at the Masters."

"It's a week that's very special to me," he said. "It also looks like I'll be forced to miss several upcoming tournaments to focus on my rehabilitation and getting healthy."

The Masters gets the

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Philadelphia Phillies at Texas Rangers.....ESPN 7 p.m.

Hockey
Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings.....NBCSN 7 p.m.
Phoenix Coyotes at L.A. Kings.....NBCSN 9:30 p.m.

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Saint-Germain vs. Chelsea.....FS1 1:30 p.m.
Inter Nat'l Friendly: U.S. vs. Mexico.....EPSN 10:15 p.m.

Basketball
Golden State Warriors at San Antonio Spurs..FSSW 7:30 p.m.
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