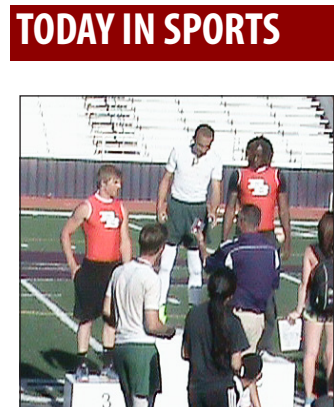


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Sign-up begins after USDA Disaster Assistance programs restored by Farm Bill

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More than 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country stand ready to assist.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Eligible farmers and ranchers now can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

“We implemented these programs in record time and kept our commitment to begin sign-up today,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “To ensure enrollment goes as smoothly as possible, dedicated staff in over 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country are doing everything necessary to help producers who have suffered through two and a half difficult years with no assistance because these programs were awaiting Congressional action.”

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch

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Calculator directive for eighth graders draws concerns

BY AAMENA AHMED
 The Texas Tribune

As the state integrates a directive that requires eighth-graders in Texas public schools to have graphing calculators for STAAR testing, some poorer Texas school districts say that such mandates ignore the financial crunch that many districts are already facing.

In February, Texas Education Agency Commissioner Michael Williams wrote to Texas superintendents to instruct them that they must ensure that eighth-grade students have graphing calculators for STAAR assessments, starting in the 2014-15 school year. The directive comes after the State Board of **CALCULATOR** cont. on page 2

COKER UNIT PIECE STOPS TRAFFIC



Photo by Lesli Abbott

Many wondered what the hold up was around lunch time on Tuesday morning on U.S. Highway 60 as a truck with a large metal piece of equipment on the back took up more than two lanes of traffic. The truck was carrying part of a coker unit, which is an oil refinery processing unit. Xcel energy was called to raise power lines crossing the street so the truck could pass through.

LUNAR ECLIPSE REVEALS ‘BLOOD MOON’



Photos by Sharon Wampler



Pampa resident Sharon Wampler shot photos early Tuesday of the full lunar eclipse. The picture to the left was shot around 1:15 a.m. “My hands and toes were freezing because it was 25 degrees out, so I went back inside in 15 minutes or so and went back to bed,” Wampler said. “Then a friend called about 2:15 and asked if I wanted to go down south of town where there would be less light interference. So we left about 2:35 and were out there for probably 20-25 minutes when the eclipse was more advanced.” The top photo with a reddish moon was shot around 2:15 a.m. Totally eclipsed moons are often described as appearing “blood red.”

Winter freezes lead to unforeseen Heliport repairs

Commissioners may ban July 4 fireworks if drought continues.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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The Gray County Commissioners Court held its second monthly meeting on Tuesday morning. After accepting the Treasurer’s report, Investment report and County Clerk’s report, the Commissioners heard a report from the Veteran Service officer.

Next, the Commissioners reviewed and discussed written IT requests from Sheriff Don Copeland and Judge Richard Peet on lessening security on computers in their offices for work purposes. Sheriff Copeland also addressed communication concerns regarding passwords for the new system and when they reset them.

After spending some time discussing possible improvements to the IT system, the Commissioners heard an update from Commissioner Gary

Willoughby about an upcoming budget amendment for the Heliport. There was no action taken, but Willoughby revisited the fact that three of the four outside faucets busted over this past winter because they did not have the proper frost-proof valves installed and flooded the inside of the building. Due to these unforeseen repair expenses, the The Heliport is currently over budget by \$378. The budget amendment will be considered at a later meeting.

The Commissioners then discussed the possibility of replacing three bridge crossings in Precinct three. Commissioner Neil Fulton explained to the court why these bridges need to be replaced, but there was no action taken on this agenda item.

For the next item on the agenda, the Commissioners discussed a resolution in continuing the county’s participation in the Regional Mutual Aid Agreement. There has been an addition to the agreement in the provision of response costs that states if a county calls upon another county for help during a time of disaster and the assisting county stays and

works for more than 12 hours, the county that requested the aid owes some type of compensation. The Commissioners decided after much discussion that they do not know enough about the change to make an informed decision, and they plan to revisit the topic at a later meeting.

After paying the bills, the Commissioners brought miscellaneous topics to the table. Sheriff Copeland said that he has ordered a sliding glass door to offer added protection in the booking area for judges and other officials, and Judge Peet said that the Commissioners will be discussing the Gray County Historical Commission in their May 1 meeting.

In addition to this, Peet added that if the county does not see a substantial amount of rain between now and mid-June, though the burn ban is still in effect, the Commissioners have the right to vote to ban the sale of fireworks for the Fourth of July holiday.

The County Commissioners’ next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 1 in the second floor courtroom of the Gray County Court House, 205 N. Russell St.

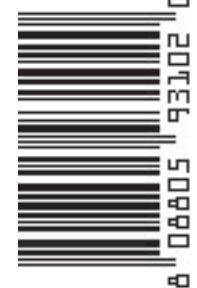
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operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs administered by the Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have

suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Enrollment also begins today for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

Supporting documents may include livestock birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and ownership re-

records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, and more. Crop records may include purchase receipts for eligible trees, bushes, or vines, seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records, and documentation of labor and equipment used to plant or remove eligible trees, bushes, or vines.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local FSA office.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office or USDA Service Center.

Calculator

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Education increased the algebra content on the exam, said Debbie Ratcliffe, a TEA spokeswoman.

While districts have provided calculators for algebra classes, most eighth-grade math classes had previously not been supplied with the calculators, which cost more than \$100 each. The state will not provide extra funding for the new calculator mandate, Ratcliffe said, adding that districts receive a specific allotment for spending on instructional materials.

To provide more flexibility for school districts, the requirements were amended to include the option of substituting calculators with math applications on tablet devices. But many property-poor districts and their advocates say that despite the options provided, resources are limited and they have other issues to consider.

"Most of the students in our school district live in poverty," said Marcus Nelson, superintendent of the Laredo school district, where more than 90 percent of the student body is economically disadvantaged. "We don't have big budgets to spend from. We are trying to buy the equipment, but we can't ignore that it is expensive."

In the Ysleta school district in El Paso, more than

80 percent of students are economically disadvantaged. Officials there say funding tablets or calculators won't be easy.

"We just don't have the funds to purchase a tablet for every eighth-grade student in our district," said Patricia Ayala, the spokeswoman for the district.

As it apportions funding for calculators, Ysleta ISD is also reaching out to its high schools to contribute extra calculators to middle schools in the district. One high school has provided 60 calculators to a nearby middle school, Ayala said. The schools will also be holding morning and evening testing sessions to recycle calculator use throughout the day.

"We have limited funds, but it's not like this is a choice," Ayala said. "We need to be creative in the way we tackle this."

It's hard for school districts with a lower tax base to buy the same instructional material as other districts, said Ray Freeman, deputy executive director of the Equity Center, which advocates for property-poor school districts.

"They'll do what they have to do to be accredited, but it takes away money they are already spending elsewhere," he said, adding that it creates a situation in which "schools might have to give up an optional Spanish or career technology elective, since they may not be able to fund the materials for it."

The state's overall funding system for public

schools is again the target of a lawsuit, as more than two-thirds of Texas school districts are suing the state, saying the current system is inadequate and unfair.

Celina Moreno, a legislative staff attorney at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which is representing property-poor school districts in the suit, said the state should address the bigger picture of school funding before considering directives like the calculator mandate.

"When the state is making such policies, they can't be mandating things in a vacuum," said Moreno, who added that the state should reassess funding for poor districts to satisfy such requirements. "They should be looking at whether they are also funding schools equitably."

The TEA says that if schools can prioritize their spending, the mandate should be easier for them to comply with.

"We've sent millions of dollars to schools for textbooks and technology," Ratcliffe said, adding that many districts have taken the funding allotted to districts for instruction materials and bought tablets. "We are providing the [calculator] apps to give them a low-cost option."

Ratcliffe also said that low-funded districts many not be able to raise as much funding through local taxes, but they do receive the same amount of funding by the state for instructional materials.

GM sales eyed for impact of ignition switch recall

DETROIT (AP) — As General Motors executives show off their newest cars and trucks in New York this week, analysts are watching for signs that consumers are shying away from the ones sitting on dealer lots.

Many expect GM sales to take a hit from a mishandled recall of small cars, though it's unclear when and how severe. Any decline would hurt the automaker's market share and potentially its credit rating. Concerned investors have sent GM stock to a 10-month low.

Data collected from dealers by J.D. Power and Associates show GM U.S. sales fell 6.3 percent in the first five days of April compared with a year ago, while the overall market dropped just 0.3 percent. The same data show an even larger decline for Ford Motor Co. April is expected to be a rebound month in the U.S. after a rough winter, and analysts expect sales to pick up in the month's second half.

GM began recalling 2.6 million small cars worldwide in February to replace faulty ignition switches. The company says at least 13 deaths have been linked to the switch problem. CEO Mary Barra's appearance before Congress this month drew even more attention to the issue.

Historically, big, highly publicized safety problems eventually affect sales, said Jesse Toprak, chief analyst for the car-buying site Cars.com. GM's sales weren't hurt in February or March, but data from April is starting to show weakness, Toprak said.

He said buyers trying to decide between a GM brand car and a rival "might just take GM from their

consideration list, thinking that it's not worth it."

Jeff Schuster, senior vice president of sales forecasting for LMC Automotive, an industry consulting firm, expects GM sales to show a gain this month, but only about half the 8 percent increase he forecasts for the industry overall. The recall might have an impact, but GM has also been struggling to match Ford and Chrysler in pickup sales, he said.

Schuster doesn't think GM's market share will plunge as much as Toyota's did in 2010, when it recalled millions of cars because of unintended acceleration. The difference: GM no longer makes most of the cars it's recalling. In 2010, Toyota was recalling cars currently on sale.

In the second half of that year, Toyota sales fell more than 8 percent. For the full year, Toyota's share of the U.S. market dropped 1.5 percentage points, according to Autodata Corp.

So far this year, GM's sales are down 2 percent, but its car sales have outperformed the market, rising 3.4 percent through March. And they could be helped later this year by models being introduced at the New York International Auto Show. GM will display a freshened Chevrolet Cruze compact for 2015, a high-performance Corvette convertible and a new small SUV that gives Chevy an entry in one of the hottest-selling market segments.

A sales decline or increased use of discounts could have broader repercussions for GM. The Standard and Poor's ratings agency last week said the recalls could prevent GM's

credit rating from returning to investment grade for the first time since 2005. The agency warned that it is watching for "any significant deterioration" in GM sales. GM's U.S. market share in March was 16.7 percent, down 0.2 percentage points from a year ago.

Ford Motor Co., GM's chief U.S. rival, is also off to a slow start in April, according to the J.D. Power data, with sales down 10 percent for the first five days.

Buckingham Research analyst Joseph Amatore said this confirms his view that Ford will lose market share due to a lack of new models. Through March, Ford's car sales were down 7 percent, while truck sales were off 0.4 percent. He expects GM sales to improve through the month.

Several GM dealers say their sales haven't been hurt by the recalls, with some reporting better months than last year thus far.

"I haven't noticed any impact on sales at all," said Anthony Augelli, owner of a Buick-GMC dealer in Gurnee, Ill., north of Chicago.

GM spokesman Jim Cain said the company significantly outperformed analysts' expectations last month. Joe Hinrichs, Ford's president of the Americas, said Tuesday that sales were so strong at the end of March, it caused a slowdown at the start of April. The rest of the month should be stronger, he said.

GM shares rose 85 cents, or 2.6 percent, to close at \$33.40. They are down 6 percent since the string of recalls started on Feb. 13.

Energy Future Holdings misses filing deadline

FORT WORTH (AP) — Energy Future Holdings is still not ready to file its already delayed annual report, the company said in a filing Tuesday with the federal Securities and Exchange Commission.

The decision not to submit the report places the Dallas-based company in breach of agreements with creditors for TXU Energy and Luminant, the largest power generator in Texas, and could be another step towards bankruptcy.

Two weeks ago, Energy Future Holdings skipped a

deadline to pay \$109 million in interest payments, relying upon a 30-day grace period to avoid a default. Companies have 90 days from the end of the year to file their annual reports. Energy Future asked for a two-week extension on April 1.

The Sierra Club and other environmental watchdogs have said the company's looming bankruptcy could jeopardize nearly \$1 billion in mining cleanup funds owed to Texas.

Luminant Mining Co. has been allowed to operate without a reserve fund to restore the heavily mined areas in East Texas where it operates, but Energy Future spokesman Allan Koenig insisted environmental reclamations will be paid, no matter the outcome. "This is a financial, rather than operational, issue. There is no chance the plants will shut down," Koenig said.

In an April 1 filing, Energy Future said it expects to have the financing to permit Luminant to grant the Texas Railroad Commission a collateral bond equal to or beyond what it owes for the cleanup.

Still, the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the state's oil and gas industries, said this week that it will require Luminant to post real cash bonds

to cover future mining operations when and if Energy Future files and emerges from its Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

There is no set date for a bankruptcy to commence as negotiations over the company's \$45.6 billion debt continue among Energy Future's owners, management and holders, according to Koenig. However, the company could issue a warning about its ability to continue as a going concern or fail to pay interest due by the end of April, either of which would trigger a default.

The company had bet that natural gas prices would rise, giving its coal-fired plants a competitive edge. Instead, natural gas prices have plummeted amid a glut of production from U.S. shale deposits.

Energy Future Holdings was acquired in 2007 by private-equity firms KKR & Co., TPG Capital and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners.

The proposal stakeholders are now discussing aims to reduce the amount of time it takes to restructure, avoiding a chaotic free-for-all and protect stakeholders from a tax liability estimated at as much as \$7 billion that could be triggered if the company fails to keep its regulated and deregulated units intact.

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Pampa woman arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon

STAFF REPORT — Sierra Williams, 19, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• Valerie Vigil, 28, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for motion to

revoke probation.

• Richard Ivey, 32, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for insufficient bond — tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

• Gustavo Granados, 23, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for bond surrender — driving while intoxicated.

Congress is giving states the transportation blues

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — On the road in a tour bus this week, the U.S. transportation secretary is spreading some bad news: the government's Highway Trust Fund is nearly broke. If allowed to run dry, that could set back or shut down projects across the country, force widespread layoffs of construction workers and delay needed repairs and improvements.

Anthony Foxx kicked off an eight-state bus trip in Ohio to whip up public support for congressional approval of legislation to keep federal transportation aid flowing to states for another four years, and possibly longer. But Congress will have to act fast. The trust fund — the source of much of the aid — is forecast to essentially run dry sometime before the end of the federal fiscal year Sept. 30, and possibly as early as late August.

If that happens, the government will have to slow down or even halt payments to states, which rely

on federal aid for most major highway projects. Uncertainty over whether there will be enough funds in the coming months is already causing officials in states like Arkansas, California and Colorado to consider delaying planned projects.

Foxx's warnings this week echo ones by President Barack Obama, who cautioned in February that unless Congress finished a bill by summer's end then "we could see construction projects stop in their tracks." But there is little interest among politicians in an election year to consider raising gasoline taxes.

Many transportation insiders, including Foxx's predecessor, Ray LaHood, predict Congress will wind up doing what it has done repeatedly over the past five years — dip into the general treasury for enough money for to keep programs going a few weeks or a few months, at which point the exercise will have to be repeated all over again.

But keeping highway and transit aid constantly teetering on the edge of insolvency discourages state and local officials from moving ahead with bigger and more important projects that take many years to build. In 2012, Congress finally pieced together a series of one-time tax changes and spending cuts to programs unrelated to transportation in order to keep the trust fund solvent for about two years. Now, the money is nearly gone.

"Tell Congress we can't slap a Band-Aid on our transportation system any longer," Foxx urged state and local officials at a stop Monday to view one of Ohio's biggest construction projects. Other states on the tour are Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Foxx is promoting Obama's four-year, \$302

billion plan to shore up the trust fund with savings from proposed changes to corporate tax laws. The White House has said as much as \$150 billion could come from its proposal to close corporate loopholes, such as ones that encourage U.S. companies to invest overseas.

"I feel it's clearly a crisis," Fox said in an interview, "but we have a responsibility to put a proposal out there that casts a longer-term vision, that helps Congress and the country quite frankly think past our noses, and that's what we're doing."

It would also be a one-time fix, but it would generate enough money to ratchet up transportation for several years. Rep. David Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House's tax-writing committee, has also proposed a one-time, \$126.5 billion infusion into the trust fund over a period of eight years. But his plan is part of a much broader rewrite of corporate laws, which would require heavy-lifting from Congress at any time, but especially in the hyper-partisan atmosphere of an election year.

"There doesn't seem to be much of an appetite to go after corporate tax reform this year, which is the only long term funding source that has been proposed by both the administration and Congress," said Joshua Schank, president of the Eno Center for Transportation, a Washington transportation think tank.

But Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, told reporters last week that "what seems to be coming forward as a consensus is a piece of tax reform" rather than shifting money from the general treasury or raising fuel taxes.

Foxx cited the modernization of Interstate 75, which rumbles through the

heart of this middle-sized Ohio city, as an example of the kind of much needed improvements communities want but may have to forgo. The \$381 million project is intended to expand the highway's capacity, reduce traffic congestion, and eliminate dangerous and confusing left-hand exits. More than a third of the project's cost is being paid with trust fund dollars.

The interstate highway program, launched in 1956, has been funded primarily through federal gas and diesel taxes under the principle that users of the system should pay for its construction and maintenance. But it's been clear for nearly a decade that fuel taxes haven't been keeping pace with transportation needs as the nation's population grows and its infrastructure ages.

The 18.4 cents a gallon federal gas tax was last increased in 1993 as part of a deal between President Bill Clinton and Congress to raise money to help reduce the federal deficit and pay for transportation programs. Clinton was fiercely criticized by Republicans as a tax-raiser, and the issue was one of several reasons Democrats lost control of the House and Senate the following year.

It was a lesson lawmakers in both parties took to heart. "People don't want to vote to increase the gas tax," LaHood, a former Republican congressman, said in an interview.

With encouragement from Congress, some states are stepping up their use of tolls to help pay for projects. But tolls aren't practical for all projects.

"Congress is stymied," said John Horsley, former executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. "We're all scratching our heads."



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Museum Musings

The story of Nels Walberg

Nels Walberg was born in Wisconsin of immigrant Norwegian parents. His first wife, Bredena, came as a child from Norway to South Dakota. After Bredena died in 1906 in South Dakota, Walberg and his four motherless children headed south.

For several months they stopped in Kansas City where Walberg was associated with C.L. Bergnthal of the Huber Manufacturing Company. Bergnthal encouraged Walberg to come to the Texas Panhandle where a new frontier was opening up. Pampa was then a frontier town with unpaved streets, wooden sidewalks and a population of about 200.

The Walbergs stopped in Miami, Texas for three months where the two girls, Ella and Edna, stayed with the Severson family and the boys, Norman and Arthur, stayed with the Cooks.

Walberg bought three sections of land seven miles east of Pampa and plowed out several acres of sod with a steam engine. He built an eleven-room concrete house.

In 1908 Walberg bought the property at 621 East Kingsmill and engaged Pampa carpenter Charles T. McCarty to build a house. The big clapboard house had two stories with beveled glass front and second story doors and two stained glass windows. There were four bedrooms upstairs and four rooms downstairs. Walberg had a place for a bathroom built upstairs, but

because there was no running water, it was not used until 1913. Until then everyone bathed in a No. 3 washtub in the kitchen.

A coal stove in the dining room and one in the parlor provided heat for the lower story, but the upstairs bedrooms were not heated. Norman and Arthur would sneak in their "wooly" dogs to warm their feet underneath the comforters.

An American elm tree and a lilac bush were planted in the backyard. Barns and later a windmill were behind the house. To the right was an orchard and to the left, a cowpen.

At a time when mules and horses were used for farming, Walberg went to Kansas City and purchased several mules which he wanted shipped to Pampa in a separate freight car behind a passenger train. When the station agent in Pampa told Walberg that this could not be done, Walberg assured the agent that it would be done. Walberg enlisted the help of a Masonic friend in Kansas City, and the mules did arrive in Pampa in a freight car behind the passenger train.

In addition to farming Walberg was in the implement business for many years and had a store at 623 West Kingsmill. He became a Mason in 1909, Pampa Lodge No. 966, A.F. & A.M. and was given a lifetime Masonic membership in 1940. He was a member of the school board for eight years, a county commissioner for two years and a director of the Gray County State Bank for many years.

In 1911 Walberg married Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sills, mother of Lottie Sills

(Mrs. Alex Schneider Jr.) and Lester Sills. Walberg died in 1953.

Edna Walberg, oldest daughter of Nels Walberg, was one of the first graduates of Pampa High School. After attending business college in Wichita, Kansas, she returned to Pampa and finished her schooling at Clarendon Junior College before working at the First National Bank.

In 1916 Edna married Roy Tinsley, son of William and Harriet Tinsley who came to Pampa from Minter, Kansas in 1908. The William Tinsley family purchased land south of Pampa near the Cities Service Plant and built a two-story house. In 1919 they purchased land in the Wright Addition and moved into Pampa. William died in 1923 and Harriet moved to San Jose, California, where she died in 1945.

Before coming to Pampa, Roy Tinsley studied music and taught in Lindsburg, Kan. An accomplished violinist, he continued his studies and taught violin after coming to Pampa.

Roy and Edna purchased a section of land four miles east of Pampa. They were the parents of Marie Tinsley Smith and William "Bill" Tinsley. Edna was killed in a gas explosion in 1940 and Roy, who married Emma Louvier in 1942, died in 1976.

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COURTNEY OXLEY

Government can't say no

The Social Security Disability Insurance program is in big trouble. In 2016, the program's trust fund is expected to run out of money. When that happens, there will be "large across-the-board cuts for all beneficiaries," warn James Lankford, the Republican chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees entitlements, and Jackie Speier, the subcommittee's ranking Democrat. Those cuts will be painful for the "truly disabled," whom the system originally was designed to serve.

Washington has a choice to make: provide for the truly disabled or the newly disabled. The definition of disability was expanded to include mental disorders, such as anxiety and depression, as well as musculo-skeletal pain. The proportion of Americans deemed permanently disabled doubled over the previous four decades, George Washington University law professor Richard J. Pierce Jr. wrote in a 2011 piece for the libertarian Cato Institute. It's like an epidemic. In 2008 alone, the number of applicants — 2.8 million — grew by 21 percent.

In an 11-page memo to acting Social Security Administration Commissioner Carolyn W. Colvin, Lankford and Speier faulted administrative law judges for having "rubber-stamped" new applicants. Each new disability recipient is expected to cost taxpayers \$300,000. In 40 states, cases reach a judge only after two separate teams of examiners have turned down an applicant. Nonetheless, hundreds of judges have reversed more than 80 percent of the cases before them. The SSA's Office of the Inspector General calculated that the judges approved 930,250 individuals on disability between 2005 and 2012. No wonder the system is going broke.

There's such a huge backlog that the SSA has yet to review cases approved by infamous "red flag" judges Charles Bridges and David Daugherty. According to their regional chief, Bridges awarded benefits to nearly all the 2,000 claimants who came before him each year. Daugherty approved 99.7 percent of cases before him, to the benefit of 8,413 individuals.

Social Security spokesman Mark Hinkle responded that the administration has ramped up its efforts to

prevent and detect abuses. The White House has submitted a budget that would fund fraud prevention, and that, too, should help. Lankford and Speier made a number of common-sense recommendations — including that the SSA conduct more reviews of existing cases, comb through applications approved by "red flag" judges and require that applicants submit all evidence regarding their conditions instead of only favorable medical reports.

The Republican and Democratic representatives also take issue with Social Security's refusal to allow judges to review social media. They think it should be mandatory for examiners to check Facebook and other websites to see whether applicants who claim back pain are spending their weekends waterskiing or moving furniture. Pierce questions whether judges should look outside legal records to adjudicate claims. If that's the roadblock, perhaps other investigators can look to see what applicants do in their spare time.

When she visited the San Francisco Chronicle's editorial board in March, Speier made the general observation that Congress does so little compared with what needs to be done. On this issue, Speier and Lankford have bucked Beltway languor in a bipartisan — and hence modest — effort to make the safety net work better.

But I have to say, I like Pierce's idea best. The professor thinks the SSA should get rid of all 1,400 administrative law judges. "They introduce more errors than they eliminate," Pierce told me. "They have no relevant training, and they're overruling people who have relevant training and expertise." What's more, he wrote for Cato in 2011, the \$2 billion freed up by their removal could be used to "hire a large number of talented people to manage" important programs.

Pierce's solution would not yield the most painstaking justice. But painstaking justice costs too much money. The only way to even the scales that tip in favor of applicants' attorneys would be to hire another army of lawyers to represent the taxpayer in administrative law court — and that would mean less money for the truly disabled.

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Hump Day with Humphrey

Humphrey's guilty conscience

I've read before that dogs are not capable of feeling guilty, which I



LINDSEY TOMASCHIK

guess made sense to me before I got Humphrey. I probably should have titled this 'Humphrey's stubborn ways,' but the picture I have captured his guilty look too perfectly not to start off this week's topic with that instead.

I'd also like to apologize for not having my best friend's column in here for the past few weeks. Rest assured, he's as happy and healthy as ever. A quick update: we've moved so Humphrey does not have to climb stairs anymore, and he is loving life. He has discovered a love for dirt and digging, which I'm not a huge fan of, but he seems to have a lot more energy lately, which

is never a bad thing (unless I'm trying to sleep).

Getting back on topic, I can't remember exactly what Humphrey did to get in trouble (probably tracked in mud or brought in sticks and rocks), but on Friday night he was driving me nuts going in and out of the back door onto the patio. I ended up scolding him and closing the door, at which point he went and sat by it with that look on his face. It was one of those times where I just had to drop everything and take a picture.

That being said, I mentioned in one of my more recent columns how stubborn Humphrey has gotten. It's gotten even worse since then. Humphrey never used to give me any problems when it came time to go to his kennel, but he's started to act like he doesn't hear me when I tell him to go to it and when I approach him he runs, sits down and

then rolls onto his back. This usually gets a laugh out of people who haven't seen him do it before, but it's becoming less and less adorable to me, especially when I'm running late.

Humphrey knows when he's going to get in trouble for something, but sometimes he just doesn't care. Like the thing with the kennel and him lying in the grass when he doesn't want to come in from being outside just yet. I don't know what I'm going to do with him.

Another new thing Humphrey has been doing lately is playing with his food bowl. I'm not sure when it became a toy, but it is now. He is fed three set times a day, because I'm pretty sure he would eat himself to death if I didn't regulate it. Anyway, he picks up his metal bowl and drags it into the living room. Then, he throws it around or puts one paw in it and will run around pushing it across the floor.

This too was funny the first few times, but now it's gotten old. A billion toys and he has to pick the food bowl to play with.

That's about all I've got for this week, but Humphrey always provides me with something to talk about or take a picture of, so until next week!

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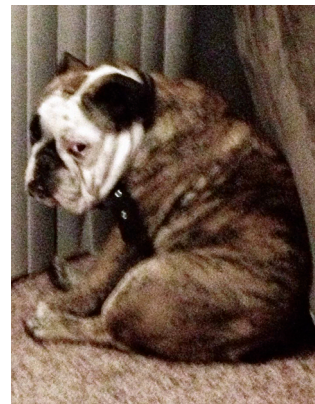


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Yeah, you'd call him over and apologize for scolding him, too.

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He is risen!

How Easter works

By JOHN AIREY
How Stuff Works

Every year as Easter approaches, stores are filled with jelly beans, candy eggs, egg-coloring kits, bunnies of all types, and baskets for carrying all of this bounty. However, most of us know that Easter isn't simply a commercial festival about dyeing and hiding eggs or wearing new spring attire. Easter is the Christian observance of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his resurrection three days later. It's the central festival of the Christian church and, after the Sabbath, it's

the oldest Christian observance.

Unlike festivals such as Christmas, Easter has been celebrated without interruption since New Testament times. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica:

"...western Christians celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon (the paschal moon) that occurs on or next after the vernal equinox on March 21. If the paschal moon, which is calculated from a system of golden numbers and epacts and does not necessarily coincide with the astronomical full moon,

occurs on a Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday."

The U.S. Naval Observatory's Astronomical Applications Department says that Easter is determined by the "ecclesiastical moon" as defined by church-constructed tables to be used permanently for calculating the phase of the moon. This full moon isn't necessarily the same as the astronomical full moon. This means that Easter is not necessarily the Sunday after a full moon — it could be the next Sunday after the ecclesiastical moon. This happened in 1876.

Because of these calcu-

lations, Easter can fall between March 22 and April 25. This was decreed by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 as part of the Gregorian calendar.

In New Testament times, the Christian church celebrated Easter when the Jews observed Passover. By the middle of the second century, Easter was celebrated on the Sunday after Passover. The Council of Nicaea decided in 325 A.D. that all churches should celebrate it together on a Sunday.

The Eastern Orthodox church may celebrate Easter up to a month later, since its calculation of the date is based on the Julian calendar, which is currently 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar. In 1865 and 1963, Easter observance in both Eastern and Western churches coincided.

Shrove Tuesday

If you live outside the UK, you probably haven't heard of Shrove Tuesday. But you probably know it by its other name, Mardi Gras. Pancakes were originally eaten on Shrove Tuesday — the Tuesday before Lent — to use up eggs and fat before the fast of Lent. Today, these pancakes are generally made of eggs, milk and flour. The word "shrove" comes from "shrive," meaning "the confessions of sins" — something done in preparation for Lent.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting that gets its name from the practice of sprinkling ashes over those engaging in the fast of Lent. Has anyone ever apologized to you by saying, "Let me put on my ashes and sackcloth..."? This is where that saying originated. Those wishing to receive the sacrament of penance were known as "penitents." They wore sackcloth and were required to remain apart from the Christian community until Maundy Thursday. This practice fell into disuse during the eighth, ninth and 10th centuries, when the beginning of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

Today, some Christians have a cross put on their forehead in ashes. The ash-

es are usually made from the previous year's blessed palm fronds from Palm Sunday, and are usually wet with holy water before being used.

Lent

The name Lent comes from the Middle English *lenten*, meaning "spring." Lent signifies 40 days of fasting in order to imitate the fast of Jesus Christ after his baptism (the Epiphany). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter Sunday, when it ends. (Because they are celebratory days — honoring the Resurrection, the six Sundays that occur during the period of Lent do not count as part of the 40-day observance.)

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the sixth and final Sunday of Lent. In many churches, it is the beginning of Holy Week, a week of observances leading up to Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday occurs one week before Easter and marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem when his supporters waved palm fronds to celebrate his arrival. Today, many people use the ashes from palm fronds used on the previous year's Palm Sunday to mark a cross on the forehead of penitents on Ash Wednesday. Next, we'll look at the other days observed during Holy Week and the Easter holiday itself.

Maundy Thursday

The word "maundy" may have come from the maund (or mand) basket used by the fishermen in the English counties of Norfolk and Suffolk. Centuries ago, there was a fair held on this day in Norwich (Norfolk), at which vendors sold horses, cattle and general merchandise. Some of the fishermen brought their maund baskets filled with items to sell, including fish. Clothing and hats were sold, as it was customary to buy a new item of clothing for Easter Sunday. This may well have been the origin of the Easter bonnet and the notion of wearing new spring attire for Easter.

Maundy Thursday may also have come from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning "commandment,"

as in the Biblical words of Jesus:

"A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34, NIV)

Good Friday

The Friday before Easter is called Good Friday, and is a somber observance of Christ's crucifixion on the cross. Christians believe that the death of Jesus Christ on the cross made it possible for them to know peace with God. They wanted to celebrate their peace rather than observe Friday as a day of mourning or sadness.

The name may also be derived from God's Day, since in the first two centuries, the word "good" would only ever have been used as a description for God. The Saxons and Danes called this day Long Friday, and Good Friday in Danish is Langfredag.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection. Along with Christmas, Easter is considered one of the oldest and most joyous days on the Christian calendar. Religious services and other Easter celebrations vary throughout the regions of the world and even from country to country. In the United States, many "sunrise services" are held outside on Easter morning. These early services are symbolic of the empty tomb that was found early that Sunday morning and of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem before sunrise on the Sunday of his resurrection: "Do not be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6, NIV)

It is important to understand that Easter was not celebrated or mentioned in the Bible. Rather, the three-day period from Good Friday through Easter Sunday has become a traditional observance of when Christians believe that the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Christ occurred.

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Church of the Nazarene Easter service

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West St., would like to invite you to join us for a sunrise service Easter morning. We will be gathering outside our Fellowship Hall at 7:30 a.m. for a 45-minute service, followed by a free hot breakfast and a time of worship. We would love to have you attend as we worship

Jesus, our Risen Lord. We are located on the corner of West and Buckler, behind the army museum. There will be an Easter egg find after the service.

Meditative instrumental music concert

The public is cordially invited to a Good Friday Sacred Concert of Meditative Instrumental Music at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church at 727 W.

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Happy Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014

Clever alternatives to traditional dyed Easter eggs

Easter is a time when Christian families gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Religious customs abound on Easter, but a number of secular traditions have emerged as well. Perhaps the most popular secular tradition associated with Easter is the coloring of Easter eggs.

Easter egg dyeing kits emerge in early spring. Consumers have a variety of alternatives to these kits at their disposal. There are some people who desire more environmentally friendly Easter eggs, so here are some creative and greener ideas for coloring eggs this year.

- **Wooden eggs:** Visit a craft store and purchase wooden eggs that can be

Painted and decorated however you desire. The wooden eggs will be durable and can be stored away for use each and every year. Because they are made of wood, a naturally recyclable material, they are easy on the environment.

- **Consider natural dyes.** Use different food items to create all-natural dyes for the eggs. Tea, fruit and vegetable juices -- even packaged drink mixes -- can be used to tint Easter eggs in various colors. Because you're controlling the materials you use, you can ensure they are safe to use.

- **Experiment with papier mache.** This ancient paper crafting technique uses recycled paper and a paste to create a hardened mold.

Turn excess scraps of paper into delightful eggs put on display for the holiday.

- **Purchase corn starch eggs.** Corn starch is used in everything from packing materials to children's craft products. Corn starch can be molded into solid forms or foam-type consistencies. Egg kits are sold with this green material. When Easter is over, the corn starch eggs can be put out for composting. Foam-type eggs may be dissolved with water.

- **Make edible eggs.** Traditional Easter eggs can be wasteful if the eggs are boiled and used entirely for display. Rather, make eggs that will be enjoyed and are not at risk of spoiling too soon after being on display.

Gelatin-dessert eggs is one way to use the eggs after Easter, and creative people can try crafting eggs out of meringue as well.

- **Dough eggs:** Have the children get out their favorite modeling dough and craft multi-colored eggs as a fun, rainy-day project. Those who want the eggs to last can purchase actual clay from the craft store or whip up their own medium at home. After drying, the eggs should be ready to paint.

- **Drained eggs:** Those interested in using the yolks and albumen from the eggs for cooking can poke small holes into the eggs and drain them. Then the remaining eggshells can be decorated and put on display.



Cracking egg myths in time for Easter

Easter eggs are a centerpiece of many family traditions come Easter Sunday. Easter eggs symbolize fertility and rebirth to some, but many people associate Easter eggs with youngsters scouring the yard in search of treasure.

Whether Easter eggs are associated with secular or religious beliefs, these colorful staples of Easter Sunday are an integral part of springtime holiday decor and celebrations. Certain misconceptions about Easter eggs have developed over time, and the following are some of the more common myths about Easter eggs that have made the rounds.

- **Myth:** Easter eggs are safe to eat after your egg hunt is over.

- **Fact:** Hard-boiled eggs generally remain safe to eat at room temperature for about two hours. If the temperature outside or indoors is very warm, the eggs should be eaten within one hour. People risk food-borne illnesses if they consume Easter eggs that have been left out for several hours or overnight. It is better to dispose of colored eggs after the annual egg hunt or at least keep hard-boiled eggs refrigerated until the hunt begins.

- **Myth:** It is unsafe to eat all dyed Easter eggs.

- **Fact:** Whether dyed eggs are safe or not depends on the type of dye used. Many kits use vegetable-based dyes that are food-safe. These same pigments are used in traditional food coloring. Even if the dye has penetrated beneath the shell, it should still be safe for consumption. Kits for blown-out eggs may use dyes that are not food-safe. Also, people who are allergic to certain food dyes might want to avoid eating dyed eggs.

- **Myth:** Pastel-colored eggs have long-rooted religious significance.

- **Fact:** An Easter egg hunt is a tradition that originated with pagan spring festivals. But like many pagan practices, Easter egg hunting was eventually adopted by Christians and assigned religious significance. In the Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ shed on the cross. The hard shell of the egg symbolizes the sealed Tomb of Christ for many. In A.D. 1610 under Pope Paul V, the Christian Church officially adopted the Easter egg custom that the eggs symbolize the resurrection.

- **Myth:** An Easter egg roll

is an American tradition.

- **Fact:** In Germany, England and other countries, children traditionally rolled eggs down hillsides at Easter. This practice may have initially symbolized the rolling away of the rock from Jesus Christ's tomb before his resurrection. When European immigrants arrived in North America, they brought these Easter egg traditions with them. One of the more popular Easter egg rolls of modern day takes place on the White House lawn, where children push an egg through the grass with a long-handled spoon. Some say this tradition was established by Dolly Madison in 1814.

- **Myth:** A raw egg will stand on end during the spring equinox.

- **Fact:** It is believed that because the sun is equidistant from the south and north poles on the spring equinox, special gravitational forces apply on this day.

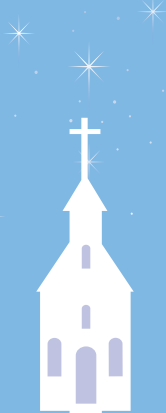
These forces should make it possible to balance an egg on its end only on this day. However, eggs can be balanced at other times of the year.

Perhaps instead of hiding eggs for Easter, families may choose to hold egg-balancing competitions.

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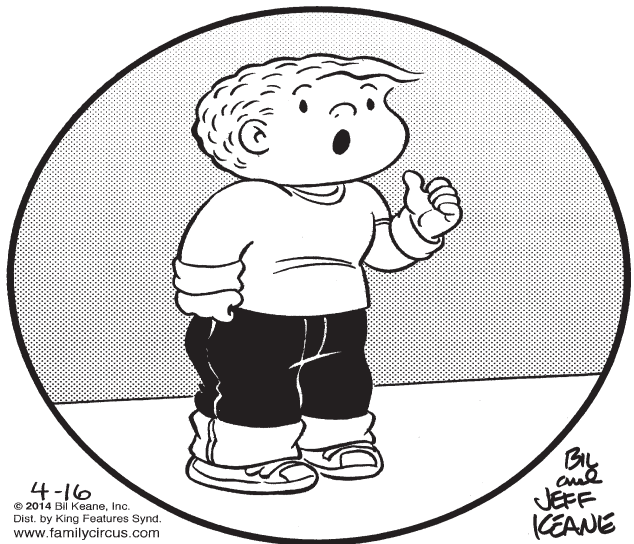
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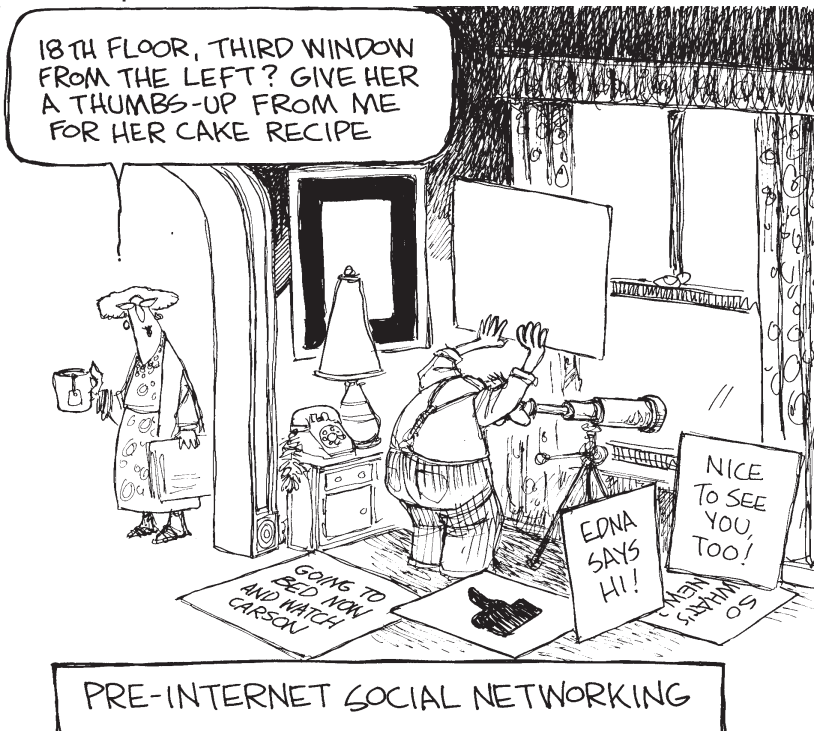


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"Isn't it time for us to put up our EASTER TREE so the bunny has something to put our baskets under?"

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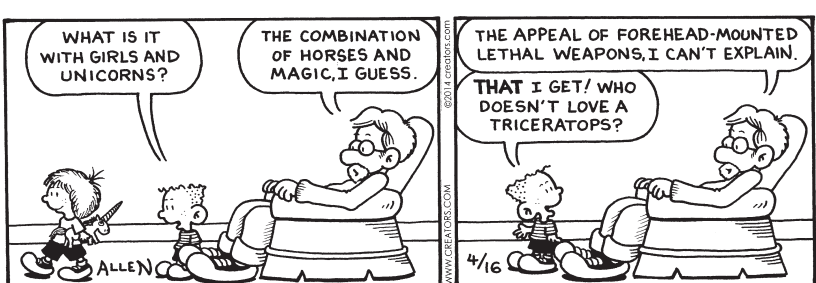


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Nest Heads



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THE COMBINATION OF HORSES AND MAGIC, I GUESS.

THE APPEAL OF FOREHEAD-MOUNTED LETHAL WEAPONS, I CAN'T EXPLAIN.

THAT I GET! WHO DOESN'T LOVE A TRICERATOPS?

daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 17, 2014:

This year you relate on more of an individual level, as you find this type of interaction far more meaningful. You also will hear more opinions and discover much more about the people around you. If you are single, you will fall into an intense relationship, though it would be preferable that you meet the person after spring. The summer holds the most promise for encountering Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, you might welcome a new addition to your family. You could experience an unusual sense of connection with your significant other. SAGITTARIUS knows how to get you going.

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 can't seem to change a partner's mind. If you were not aware of this person's determination, you will be. You could feel uncomfortable when trying to present him or her with a different perspective. Go where people are more like-minded. Tonight: Be with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might have no option but to defer to someone else, as he or she is so hard-headed. You value this bond, therefore you might want to indulge this person. At a later point, you might be able to initiate a discussion. Stay on upbeat topics. Tonight: Sort through your many calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Dive into work early, so that you can have some free time later. You might be so intent on completing a task that you won't even realize what time it is. A meeting that will break your concentration is likely to irritate you. Tonight: Start your weekend early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your imagination might interfere with your effectiveness. You could be a bit off-kilter, so or so it might seem to a boss or higher-up. Tap into your self-discipline, and try to stay focused. Don't be surprised if you have to work late as a result. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might wake up on the wrong side of the bed. Resist grumbling or making a big deal out of nothing. You have a way of drawing in positive experiences. A loved one could lighten your tone. An authority figure is likely

to be out of sorts. Tonight: Treat a loved one to dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could feel ill at ease about someone else's activism. A new beginning will become possible after a heavy conversation. You might prefer to let a situation smolder, burn and evolve. Try a different approach to an ongoing problem. Tonight: Head home early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll want to achieve stronger results than what you originally thought possible. Someone is putting a lot of restrictions on a project. You could choose to not be involved. A boss or higher-up likely will be supportive of your decision. Tonight: Meet up with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your imagination will take you down an interesting path. Others might wish that you would share more of your ideas. You know what to do with a challenge, as you have gone down the various potential paths. You will gain others' support. Tonight: Pain the town red.

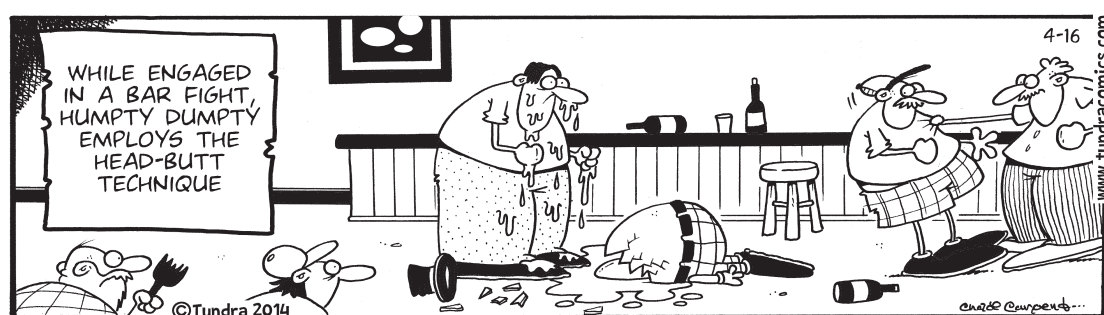
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be out of sorts in the morning. You have a tendency to think negatively, no matter what you are dealing with. You might feel off-kilter until later in the afternoon. A loved one will know how to help you change your mood. Tonight: Fun and games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Move quickly, as you'll want to make a decision on an offer that requires a lot of responsibility and endurance. Listen to news that is forthcoming. Take your time making a decision, especially as you might be unsure about it. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Listen to an older friend. This person's news could be much different from your first impression. You could have your hands full. Consider taking tomorrow off, if it's feasible. Use caution with a tendency to spend when needing an escape. Tonight: Join a friend for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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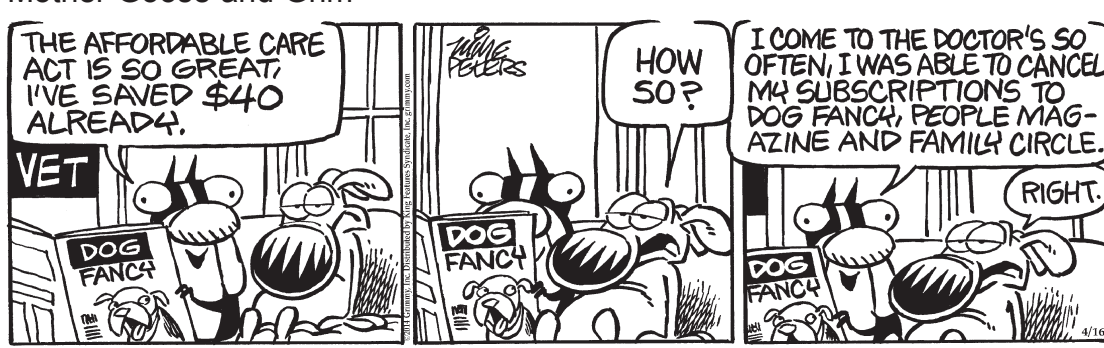
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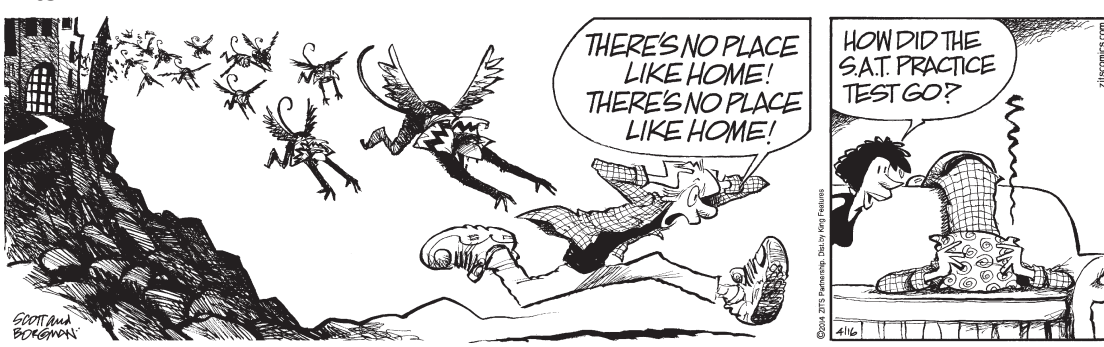
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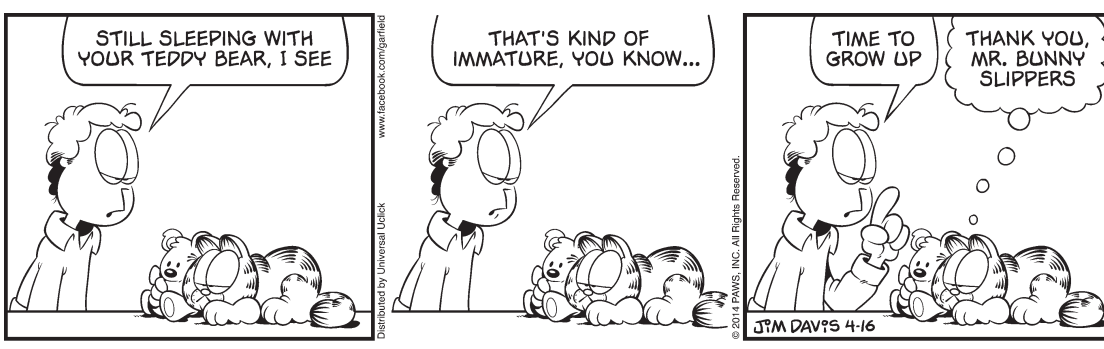
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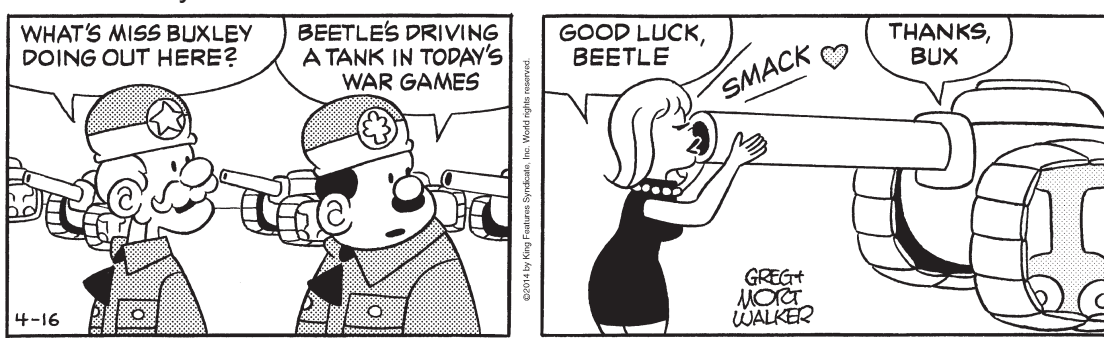
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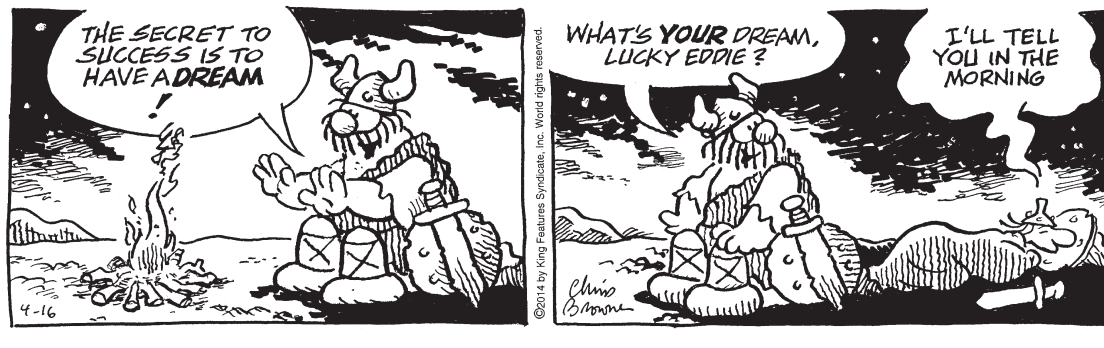
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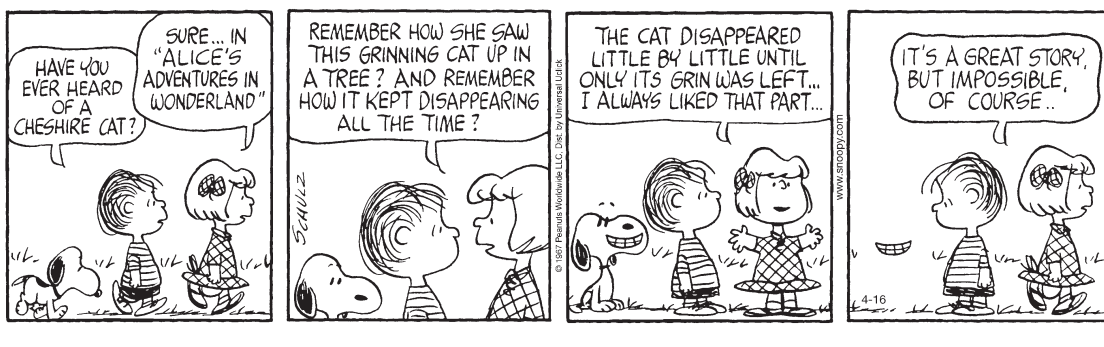
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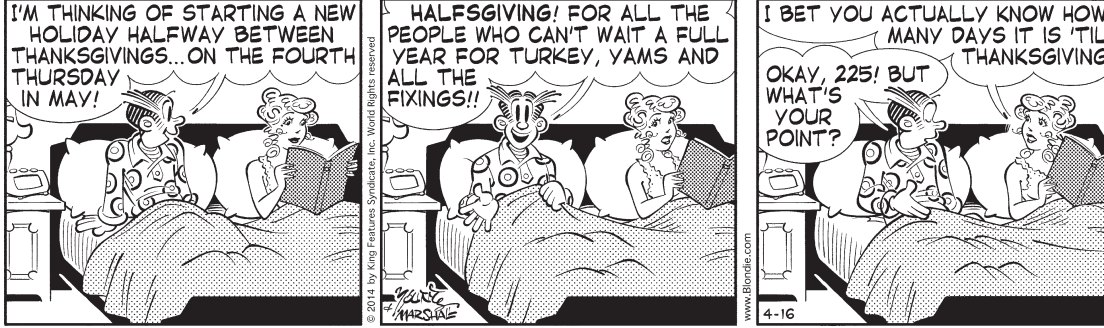
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Solemn tributes mark Boston Marathon bombing

BOSTON (AP) — Survivors, first responders and family members of those killed came together Tuesday to mark the anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing with solemn ceremonies.

"This day will always be hard, but this place will always be strong," former Mayor Thomas Menino told an invitation-only audience of about 2,500 people gathered at the Hynes Convention Center, not far from the marathon finish line where three people died and more than 260 others were injured a year ago.

In Washington, President Barack Obama planned to observe the anniversary with a private moment of silence at the White House.

"Today, we recognize the incredible courage and leadership of so many Bostonians in the wake of unspeakable

tragedy," Obama said in a statement. "And we offer our deepest gratitude to the courageous firefighters, police officers, medical professionals, runners and spectators who, in an instant, displayed the spirit Boston was built on — perseverance, freedom and love."

Obama said this year's race, scheduled for Monday, will "show the world the meaning of Boston Strong as a city chooses to run again."

Vice President Joe Biden was in Boston for the ceremony, and he said the courage shown by survivors and those who lost loved ones is an inspiration for other Americans dealing with loss and tragedy.

He praised four survivors who spoke before he did and said that though he's not a Boston sports fan, Boston is an incredible city.

"We are Boston. We are America. We respond. We endure. We overcome. And we own the finish line," he concluded, to loud applause.

Earlier in the day, a wreath-laying ceremony drew the families of the three people killed — Martin Richard, Krystle Campbell and Lu Lingzi — as well as relatives of Massachusetts Institute of Technology police Officer Sean Collier, who was killed in the aftermath of the blasts.

Gov. Deval Patrick, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley were among those who attended the morning ceremony held in a light rain as bagpipes played. O'Malley offered a prayer.

They were also honored at the Hynes Center, where the survivors who spoke included newlyweds Patrick Downes and dancer Adri-

anne Haslet-Davis, both of whom lost their lower left legs in the bombings.

"We should have never met this way, but we are so grateful for each other," Downes said, describing the sense of community that has developed among the survivors.

Carlos Arredondo, the cowboy hat-wearing spectator who was hailed as a hero for helping the wounded after the bombings, said he came to the tribute ceremony to support survivors and their families. Biden also mentioned him.

"You can see how the whole community gathered together to support them and remember," Arredondo told reporters before the program began.

Boston police Commissioner Williams Evans said the anniversary is an emo-

tional day and brings back "some terrible memories."

"Hopefully, today brings the city and the families some sense of comfort and some healing," he said before ceremonies began.

Between 2:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., a flag-raising ceremony and moment of silence will be held at the marathon finish line, to mark the time and place where two bombs exploded on April 15, 2013.

Authorities say two brothers planned and orchestrated the attack and later shot and killed Collier during an attempt to steal his gun. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, died following a shootout with police several days after the bombings.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 20, has pleaded not guilty to 30 federal charges and is awaiting trial. He faces the possibility of the death penalty.

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Baseball
Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers.....FSSW 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at New York Yankees.....WGName 6 p.m.

Softball
Long Beach State at Cal. State (Fullerton)....ESPN 6 p.m.

Soccer
Real Madrid vs. Barcelona.....ESPN 2:25 p.m.
Manchester City vs. Sunderland.....NBCSN 1:40 p.m.

Hockey
Montreal Canadiens at Tampa Bay Lightning...CNBC 6 p.m.
Columbus Blue Jackets at Pittsburgh Penguins.....NBCSN 6:30 p.m.
Dallas Stars at Anaheim Ducks.....9 p.m.

MMA
UFC Fight Night: Bisping vs. Kennedy..FS1 3 p.m.

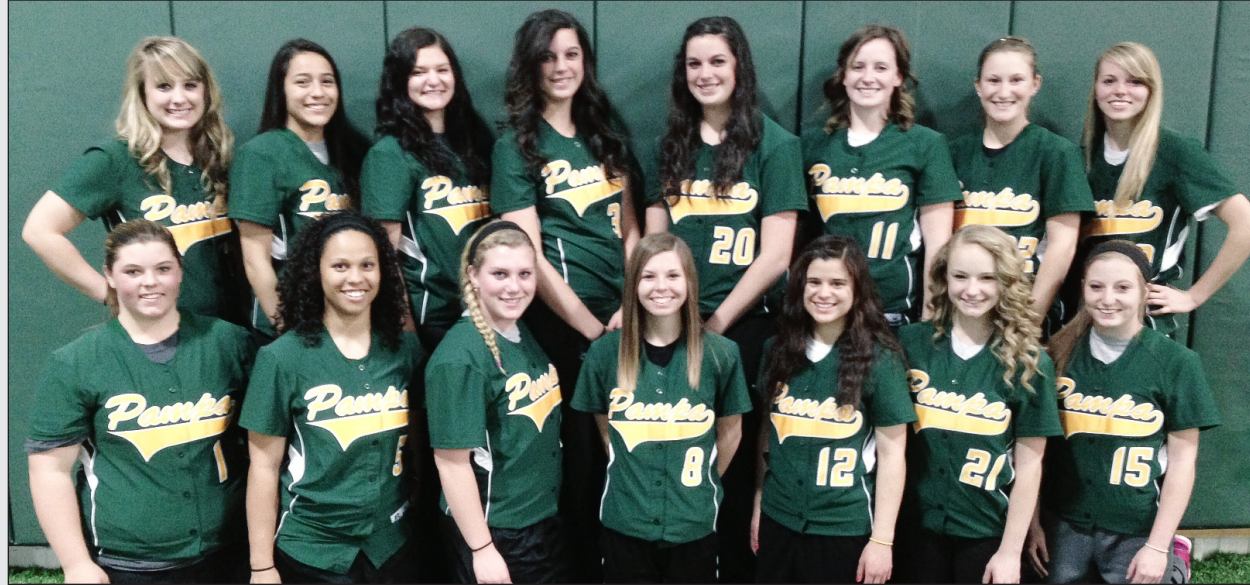
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LPGA Lotte Championship.....Golf 5:30 p.m.

Racing
Horse Racing: From Hong Kong.....TVG 6 a.m.

Basketball
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Dallas Mavericks at Memphis Grizzlies.....ESPN 7 p.m.

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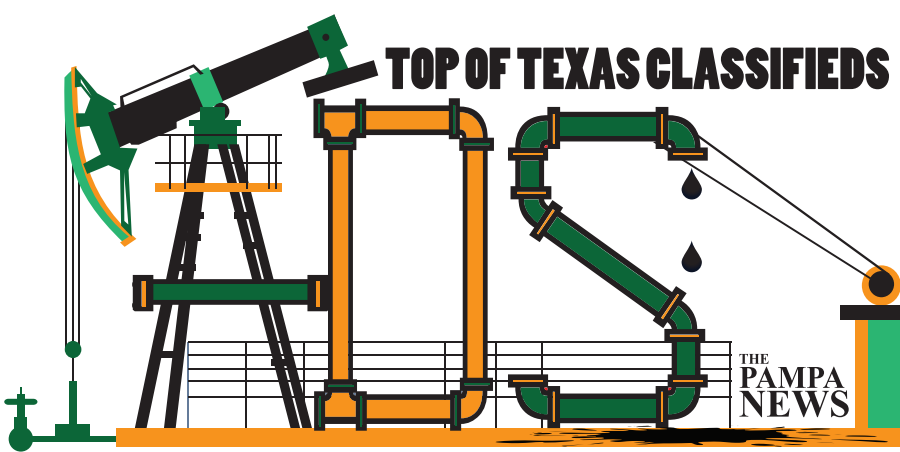
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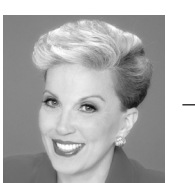
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Level: Intermediate



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship with "Victor" for several years. Recently I began to suspect he was cheating. What raised my suspicion was that I suddenly couldn't reach him on the weekends. Usually we would Skype — Sunday night for me, Monday morning for him.

Last February when I visited him, I snooped in his phone — spare me the condemnation. I found an email he had written to an old girlfriend in which he suggested they plan their "next" rendezvous.

I plan on dumping him, but I don't know how to go about it. I've always been bad at dumping people. Should I write him a letter and confess that I snooped? My first inclination is to disconnect completely and say nothing.

I'm afraid to confront him because he is obviously a good liar. I'm afraid if I do, he'll make me doubt the evidence ... trust me, he's that good! — CHEATED ON IN L.A.

DEAR CHEATED ON: Why any woman would stay with someone who is a practiced liar ("that good") is beyond me. My advice is to disconnect from him and say nothing. It should be interesting to see how long it takes him to notice your absence.

When he does — which probably won't be on a weekend — tell him the romance is over and reference the email he sent his former girlfriend. Expect him to go on the offensive and try to make you feel guilty for having checked his cellphone. Don't buy it, and don't relent. Just be glad you found out now.

DEAR ABBY: I don't know if you have addressed the issue of wom-

en and breast augmentation from the standpoint of noticing the work done, but I am trying to find a way to say "I noticed" without being crude or tacky.

My wife works with a woman who recently had augmentation surgery, and we agree that the doctor did a very nice job. According to my wife, the woman is not shy about discussing her surgery. I have known her for years, and we're on friendly terms. We talk often and exchange hugs.

How would I go about complimenting her on her new look? I don't want to say the wrong thing. Or should I just say nothing? — ENJOYS THE VIEW IN PHOENIX

DEAR ENJOYS THE VIEW: All you need to say is, "You look GREAT!" and she'll get the message. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: Every time I talk to anyone, my husband says I give too many details. While I understand that men are different from women,

he often bugs me when I talk to female friends or my mother-in-law. I don't know what to do, because we women love to talk and share details. Please reassure me that I'm not an oddity. — TALKIN' UP A STORM

DEAR TALKIN' UP A STORM: You're not an oddity, and your husband should not be eavesdropping on your conversations. He should be glad that you and his mother get along so well that you both enjoy sharing details, because it's a sign of a healthy relationship. However, because he can't resist "bugging" you, converse with your friends and his mother when you're out of earshot. *****

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1 Dagger handle

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9 "You don't say!"

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12 Do some field work

13 Pond growth

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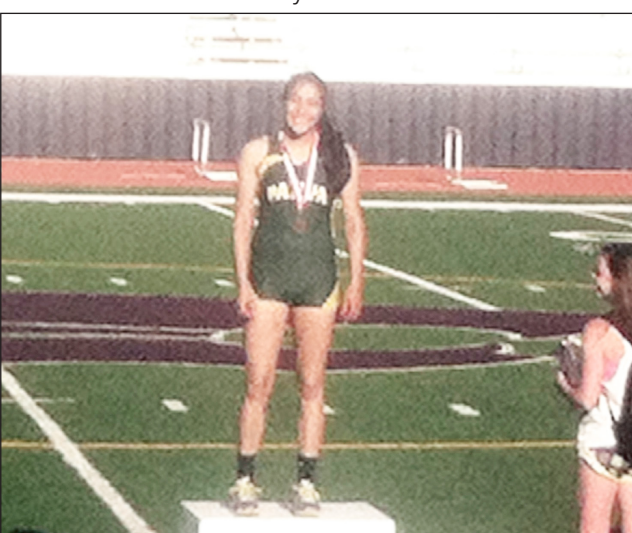
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Harvesters and Lady Harvesters sending several to Lubbock for regional meet



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Above, Kody Maddox won the district championship for his 100-meter dash. Below, Brittney Gonzalez also won the district championship for the 100-meter dash for the Lady Harvesters.



STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters qualified multiple athletes at the District 1-3A meet at River Road last week.

For the Harvesters, there were three district champions: Isidiro Estrada in the shot put, in the 4x100-relay Adrian Elam, Brendan Ponce, Bryce Parker and Kody Maddox. Maddox was also a district champion in the 100-meter dash.

Other area qualifiers for the Harvesters are Jonathan Doyle in the shot and discus, and Ponce and Elam in the 200-meter run. The 4x200 relay was second but set a new school record by Chance Douglas, Elam, Maddox and Ponce.

For the Lady Harvesters, there were 13 girls in 20 events for the area meet.

Megan Brock qualified in the 300 hurdles and 4x400 relay, Keshia Daniels in the 200-meter run and 4x200 relay and Taylor Eubank in 200-meter run, 4x100 relay and 4x200 relay. Taylor Giles in 300 hurdles, 4x200 relay and 4x400 relay. Brittney Gonzalez in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter run and 4x200 relay. Kirsten Hood qualified in the 4x100 relay. Savanna

Hulsey 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and 4x100 relay. Ty' Randa Johnson qualified in the triple jump and 4x100 relay.

Lauren Pingel qualified in the wheel chair shot put. Taylor Smith qualified in the high jump. Yesenia Soria in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter. Cheyenne Williams qualified in the shot put and discus throw. Madison Young 800-meter run, 400-meter run and 4x400-relay. Alondra Zarate also qualified in the 400-meter run and 4x400 relay.

In other results, Estrada placed ninth in the discus throw (107'11 1/2") and Kambrin Scott placed fifth in the high jump (5'8"). In the long jump, Alec McClendon placed eighth (17'9 1/2") and ninth in the triple jump (36'3") behind Alex Marufo, who placed sixth in the event (38'6"). In the pole vault, Brett Troxell and Bryce Parker placed fifth (11') and sixth (10'6") respectively. For the Lady Harvesters, Alondra Zarate and Megan Brock also placed fifth (7'6") and sixth (7'6") in the pole vault.

In the 3,200-meter run, Alexis Mungia placed fifth

(13:58.3) for the Lady Harvesters. For the Harvesters, Marufo and Jose Hernandez placed fifth (11:00.65) and sixth (11:27.21). In the 800-meter run, Alex Garcia placed sixth (2:14.37).

Bryce Parker placed fifth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.69. For the Lady Harvesters, Ty'Randa Johnson placed sixth with a time of 13.4. Karoley Villareal placed fifth in the 400-meter run with a time of 1:13. In the 1,600-meter run, Mungia placed sixth at 6:19.74. Marufo and Garcia placed seventh (5:10.13) and ninth (5:45.58).

For the junior varsity, in the shot put, Raul Cortez placed seventh (35'4"), Angel Saldierna placed 12th (31'08") and Chase Brown placed 14th (28'7"). Brown also placed eighth in the discus with a distance of 79'2". In the long jump, for the Harvesters Dario Abrago placed eighth (15'11"), Nique Johnson won the event (13'11 1/2") and Cynthia Ramirez (13'7 1/4") placed second. In the triple jump, Juan Perez placed second (36'8") and Ramirez placed second (28'5") and N. Johnson placed third

(28'5").

Christian Tapia ran the 3,200-meter run for the Harvesters and placed eighth (12:51.10). Perez ran the 800-meter run and placed fifth (2:25.93). In the 110-meter hurdles, Brayden Dyson and Jesse Holquin placed third (18.87) and fourth (18.88) respectively for the Harvesters. Jordan Baker won (11.68) the 100-meter dash for the Harvesters and Trevor Turner placed third (11.81). The JV boys finished fourth in the 4X200 relay with a time of 1:40.11.

Holquin finished third (47.81) in the 300-meter hurdles. Catherine Murphy ran the 400-meter run and won the event with her time of 1:15. Jayson Thomas won the 200-meter run in 23.47 seconds.

Last but not least Perez and Andres Losoya ran the 1,600-meter run and placed seventh (5:46.77) and 10th (5:58.41) respectively.

The varsity district qualifiers are in Lubbock this week for the regional meet. The Pampa News would like to congratulate all of the track athletes for a successful season.

Junior High has strong outing at district meet

STAFF REPORT

Last Friday, the seventh and eighth grade boys traveled to River Road to compete in the District Track Meet. The eighth grade boys tallied 155 points, and finished in second place behind Borger. The seventh graders tallied 111 points and finished in third.

For the seventh-grade boys, in the 100-meter dash Jesus Quezada placed sixth (13.65). 200-meter dash, Ethan Lemke finished second (27.55) and Cader Powell finished sixth (28.55). In the 400-meter dash Ethan Lemke won the event (60.59) and Vincent Garcia finished fifth (67.11). In the 800-meter Isaiah Holguin finished fourth (2:42.37) Jace Ware placed fifth (2:48.92). In the 1,600-meter run, Isaiah Holguin finished third (6:05.24), Jace Ware fifth (6:17.74) and Nahum Nunez finished sixth (6:18.58). In the 2400-M Nahum Nunez finished fourth (9:57.33). In

the 110-meter Jherman Morales finished second (21.45). In the 300-meter run, Jherman Morales finished second (53.14). In the 4X100-relay Jesus Quezada, Ethan Lemke, Hayden Reagan and Gabriel Diaz-Perez finished second (52.40). Quezada, Diaz-Perez, Reagan and Cader Powell finished fourth (1:56.67). In the 4X400-relay Vincent Garcia, Jherman Morales, Nahum Nunez and Isaiah Holguin finished fourth (4:51.48). Lemke won the long jump (15'9") and finished second in the high jump (5'). In the triple jump, Luke Lunceford finished fourth (27'8 1/4").

For the eighth-grade boys, in the 100-meter Rosadio Calderon finished second (12.01) and Justin Thomas finished third (12.40). In the 200-meter Nate Ferguson placed sixth (26.80). In the 400-meter, Bradey Porter placed second (58.27) and Angel Gonzalez placed sixth

(60.83). In the 800-meter Cris Madrid placed second (2:25.43) and Jordon Perez placed third (2:31.74). In the 1,600-meter run Cris Madrid placed third (5:30.08), Moses Avila placed fourth (5:36.68) and Jordon Perez placed sixth (5:40.14).

In the 2,400-meter run Moses Avila won the event (8:55.86) and Oscar Gonzales placed fourth (9:18.68). In the 110-meter hurdles Yzrail Vasquez finished sixth (19.42). In the 300-meter hurdles Yzrail Vasquez finished sixth (51.30). In the 4X100 Relay Rosadio Calderon, Brandon Steward, Justin Thomas and Bradey Porter finished second (48.27).

In the 4X200-relay, Nate Ferguson, Brandon Steward, Justin Thomas and Reece Parker finished second (1:44.05). In the 4X400-relay Bradey Porter, Angel Gonzalez, Cris Madrid and Rosadio Calderon finished third (4:03.96). In the high jump Brandon Steward finished third (5'2"). In the long jump, Justin Thomas won the event (17'2"), Steward finished fifth (16'7 1/2") and Cris Madrid finished sixth (16'3.5"). In the pole vault Yzrail Vasquez finished second (10'). In the shot put, Ismael Miranda was fifth (37'7"). Miranda won the discus throw (104'9"), Santos Ramon finished third (101'8") and Grayson Roberts finished sixth (89'1/2").

For the seventh-grade girls, in the 100-meter dash, Callin Burleson placed fourth (15.08) and in fifth place came Karson Parnell with her time of 15.31. In the 400-meter dash in fifth place was Kiarra Terrell (1:13.25).

In the 1,600-meter run in first place Bethany Roden won with her time of 6:24.98. Roden came in second place in the 2,400-meter run with her time of 10:29.86. In the 100-meter hurdles, in fifth place came Taylor May (21.02). In the 300-meter hurdles in second place was Madison Davis (54.14).

In the 4x100 relay, Shea Johnson, Callin Burleson, Micah Rich and Madison Davis came in second place for Pampa with their time of 56.20.

4x200 relay, Rose Noyes, Kiarra Terrell, Micah Rich

and Madison Davis came in second place with their time of 2:00.52.

In the 4x400 relay, Rose Noyes, Taylor May, Roscio Garcia and Bethany Roden came in fourth place (5:12.54).

Callin Burleson came in fourth place in the high jump (4'0"). In the pole vault in first place was Taylor May who won with her leap of (7'6"). In fourth place was Lexi Didway (6'6").

In the long jump, in second place was Madison Davis (13' 2 1/4") and in fourth place was Karson Parnell (12' 4 1/4"). In the triple jump, in fourth place, was Callin Burleson (26' 6 1/4") and in the shot put, in first place, was Natalie Winborne (30' 9"). Winborne also won the discus throw (73' 10").

For the eighth grade girls, in the 100-meter dash, in fifth place was Taylor Lindley (14.64). In the 200-meter dash Tya Hayes won the event with her time of 28.45. In fifth place was Iyanna Clarida with her time of 30.68. In the 800-meter run, in fifth place was Jodi Pingel with her time, 2:56.77. In the 100-meter hurdles, in second place was Alex Galvan (18.77). In the 300-meter hurdles, in sixth place, was Alex Galvan (58.92).

In 4x100 relay Kaylea Giles, Taylor Lindley, Iyanna Clarida and Tya Hayes came in third place (55.27). In 4x200 relay Gracee Gill, Taylor Lindley, Iyanna Clarida and Tya Hayes came in second place (2:00.96). In 4x400 relay Gracee Gill, Janae Williams, Aspen Sullivan and Katia Madrid came in fifth place (5:16.81).

In the long jump, in first place, Tya Hayes won the event (15' 6"). Kaylea Giles came in sixth place with her leap of 13'2". Hayes also won the triple jump (30' 11") while Taylor Lindley took second place (29' 10").

In the shot put, in fourth place was Ivory Scoggins (29' 8"). In the discus, in second place was Shelby O'Gorman (76' 1").

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