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The Pampa City Commission Tuesday renewed the animal shelter's agreements with surrounding communities to accept stray animals that the other shelters can't house.

City renews animal control agreements

■ Shelter to keep housing animals from surrounding communities.

By **SASHA HELLER**
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The Pampa City Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved to amend and renew Pampa's animal control agreements with the cities of Clarendon, Groom, Lefors, McLean, Miami, Skellytown and White Deer. "This is something that we've done several years in a row," said city manager Richard Morris.

The surrounding communities included in the agreements do not provide adequate animal control facilities.

The agreement stipulates that the other cities will deliver to the shelter all animals that have gone unclaimed after the legally required waiting period of 72 hours if they don't have ID tags and six days if they do have tags. Animal shelter officials will make all attempts possible to contact the owners listed on the animals' ID tags.

The agreement also includes the surrounding communities sending animals to be disposed of as well as animals that must be quarantined for rabies and/or tested.

The city will receive \$10 per animal transferred to the shelter and will charge \$50 for rabies quarantine and

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Chamber elects new slate of directors

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce's Nominating Committee, chaired by Bob Pendergraft, on Dec. 12, elected the slate of new directors for the upcoming year.

"We're looking forward to another great year at the Chamber," said Executive Director Lori Byrne. "We're excited for the new year. There are a lot of exciting things going on at the Chamber as well as in the community. We want to enhance the beneficial growth that's already begun and continue to move forward. There's been a lot of growth in the Chamber and in the community."

The complete list of Chamber directors is as follows:

Executive Board: Shawn Boyd, Chairman; Kerrick Horton, Chairman Elect; Mac Smith, Vice Chairman; Heather Thompson, Budget Chairman; Christy Robinson, Past Chairman

Directors: Lindsey Been, John Curry, Pam Dalton, Steve Groomer, Lynn Hancock, Debbie Heiser, Alissha Jefferis, Robert Pendergraft, Chris Porter, Brett Wilson

Appointed Directors (2013): Brad Morse, David Young

Ex-Officio: Richard Morris, City of Pampa; Dick Stowers, Pampa Industrial Foundation; Judge Richard Peet, Gray County; Clay Rice, Pampa Economic Development Corporation; Sheila Webb, Gold Coat President.

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Started from his home by Kerry Ammons 16 years ago, Ammons Companies in Pampa is now three distinct businesses with separate management teams, although they share the same office space on North Hobart Street. Front row from left, Nick Robbins, Zac Ammons, Amanda Starnes and Andrew Ammons. Back row, Karis Zemanek, Kerry Ammons, Michael Brdecka and Chase Brewer.

Ammons team provides total package for local development

By **TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE**
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You could say Pampa resident Kerry Ammons is the patriarch of a group of businesses that do everything from roofing and siding, to building custom homes to planting flowers and trees.

As father of sons, Andrew and Zac, who operate Ammons Landscape and Lynn Builders respectively, Ammons' fatherly pride extends to the entire management team and office staff of his three companies, who, along with his sons, are all under 30 years old.

"I'm proud of all of them," said Ammons, who operates the third company, Ammons Roofing, Siding & Windows. "You need the experience, but you also need youth and energy. We are trying to meld the old with the new. People who like the Facebook page and people who like face-to-face."

Ammons Landscape, Ammons Roofing, Siding & Windows and Lynn Builders are three individual companies under the same umbrella in the development industry. And under the same roof in an office space across for United Supermarket.

"We have management in position for each company," Ammons said. "Everybody has their own expertise, but they all overlap."

Lynn Builders offers residential and commercial construction, general contracting and planning and development. The name "Lynn" in Lynn Builders is both Kerry's and his wife's middle name.

Ammons Landscape designs and builds landscape and irrigation, along with landscape maintenance.

Ammons Roofing, Siding & Windows handles residential and commercial roofing and installs windows, doors and siding.

A lot of the Ammons team's recent business has come from nearby communities in the Panhandle.

"We are building a custom house in Canadian, a package store in Shamrock and a custom home in Wheeler," said Zac, the younger son.

"Much of our custom work comes from Perryton and Canadian," added big brother Andrew.

Their service region is the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Back home in Pampa, the Ammons team is currently building a custom show home at 23rd Avenue and Dogwood Lane. Ground-breaking will be held sometime in February.

Though there isn't any new home construction in Pampa right now, Andrew said all recent growth in the local economy, in particular the energy sector, means

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Senators grill TEA chief on testing, school funding

By **MORGAN SMITH**
The Texas Tribune

When Commissioner Michael Williams appeared before state senators Wednesday to ask them to add money to the Texas Education Agency's budget, they had a few questions of their own.

Williams testified at the Senate Finance Committee's initial hearing on the \$186.8 billion budget it released earlier this month, and among the commissioner's requests were another \$22 million to fulfill "state and federal testing requirements" and the restoration of a proposed \$2.6 million cut in funding for agency administrative operations. Senators took the opportunity to probe the new agency chief on his priorities for public

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High 55 Low 36	High 50 Low 41	High 68 Low 44

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 55. No chance of rain. Wind northeast at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

Friday night: Cloudy with a low of 36. No chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 11 mph. Sunset at 6:05 p.m.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 50. No chance of rain. Wind south at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:48 a.m.

Saturday night: Scattered T-Storms with a low of 41. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south at 16 mph. Sunset at 6:06 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 68. No chance of rain. Wind southwest at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:47 a.m.

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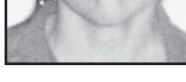
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Obituaries

Amelia Resendiz

Amelia Resendiz, 81, died Jan. 24, 2013, in Pampa. Vigil will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, 2013 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Deacon Scott Schwind and funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, at St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Directors.



Amelia Resendiz

Mrs. Resendiz was born Dec. 12, 1931 in Jerecuaro, GTO, Mexico. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1996.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed crocheting and gardening. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband: Raul Resendiz of the home; two daughters, Maria Resendiz and Amelia Resendiz, both of Pampa; nine sons, Evodio Resendiz and wife Guadalupe, Jose Resendiz and wife Rosa, Raul Resendiz and wife Esperanza, Miguel Resendiz and wife Esther, Eduardo Resendiz and wife Rachel, Adolfo Resendiz and wife Leticia, Manuel Resendiz, Salvador Resendiz, and Rogelio Resendiz and wife Gabriela, all of Pampa; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and two brothers. She was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

Ellen Pauline Polson Campbell

Ellen Pauline Polson Campbell, 83, a longtime resident of Pampa, and a resident of McLean Care Center since 2002, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa, with the Rev. Jim Fox, IntegraCare Hospice chaplain, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Ellen Campbell

Mrs. Campbell was born March 30, 1929 in Vista, Mo. She worked at Ideal Foods, Marie Foundation and Furr's Cafeteria, all in Pampa. She was a very loving and caring mother, grandmother and friend to all. Ellen was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed doing crochet, needlepoint and crewel to give to her family members. She remained strong spirited throughout her illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Evie Polson; a sister, Doris Hathaway; and her sons' father, Max Campbell.

The family wishes to express sincere gratitude for the excellent care given to Ellen by McLean Care Center, the Coronado Healthcare Center, and the IntegraCare Hospice team.

Survivors include her four sons, David Campbell and wife Cely of Ardmore, Okla., Gary Campbell and wife Kathy and Hugh Campbell and wife Elda, all of Pampa, and Jimmy Campbell and wife Marty of Montgomery, Texas; 11 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4-5:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, 2013, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home in Pampa.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com.

For the record

Pampa man arrested for DWI, no license

■ 23-year-old Jose Manuel Bedolla, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated and no drivers license.

■ 23-year-old Ryan Scott Goldsmith, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for two counts of violation of probation — possession of a controlled substance and a bench warrant.

■ 24-year-old Valerie Leann Herron, Dumas, was arrested Wednesday by the GCSO for violation of probation — theft by check, capias pro fine — non-payment of court fees.

■ 19-year-old Trent Logan Murray, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for two counts of capias pro fine — failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

■ 42-year-old Patricia Davis Holt, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the GCSO for two counts of contempt of court.

■ 23-year-old Bobby Dean Fowler, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for three counts of capias pro fine — non-payment of court fees.

■ 18-year-old Rudy Angel Rodriguez, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the DPS for violation of probation — evading arrest.

Obama picks Mary Jo White to lead SEC

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will nominate Mary Jo White to lead the Securities and Exchange Commission, tapping an attorney with broad experience in prosecuting white-collar crimes to lead an agency that has a central role in implementing Wall Street reform.

White House press secretary Jay Carney said Obama would announce White's nomination during a ceremony in the State Dining Room Thursday afternoon.

"She's got an incredibly impressive resume," Carney said. "The president is very pleased to be able to nominate her."

At the same event, Obama will nominate Richard Cordray to serve as head of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a White House official said. The president used a recess appointment last year to circumvent Congress and install Cordray as head of the bureau. That appointment expires at the end of this

year. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss the nomination before the president announces it.

White spent nearly a decade as the U.S. attorney in Manhattan, building a reputation as a tough prosecutor with an expertise in pursuing white-collar crimes and complex securities and financial fraud cases. White House officials say that experience makes her well-positioned to implement Obama's Wall Street reform legislation.

While serving as U.S. attorney, White also won convictions related to the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa and the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

If confirmed by the Senate, White would take over the helm at the SEC from Elisse Walter, who is serving out the rest of former SEC chairwoman Mary Schapiro's term. Schapiro resigned in December.

In 2000, White led the criminal prosecution of more than 100 people — including members of all five New York crime families — accused of strong-arming brokers and manipulating prices of penny stocks.

The action was called one of the biggest crackdowns on securities fraud in U.S. history at the time.

White's office also won a record \$606 million in restitution from the securities arm of the Republic New York Corp. bank in 2001. That year, the bank pleaded guilty to conspiring with an investment adviser to hide hundreds of millions of dollars in losses from Japanese investors.

Cordray has run the consumer bureau since last year, when Obama used a recess appointment to install him in the job. Senate Republicans had opposed Cordray, as well as the concept of the consumer bureau.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., first conceived of the idea of a consumer protection bureau. Obama considered naming her to lead the bureau, but her nomination would likely have run into deep opposition on Capitol Hill.

White, 65, currently heads the litigation department at law firm Debevoise & Plimpton.

She was the first woman to hold the position of U.S. attorney in Manhattan, one of the most prestigious positions in federal law enforcement.



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Ammons

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that will soon change. "Everybody here is overly excited about all the growth in Pampa," Andrew said.

Although designing and constructing custom homes is one of their specialties, Andrew said they are talking with two developers about building spec homes.

He said it was too early to disclose any specifics to the newspaper.

Andrew said the roofing and construction segments of the business were started by his dad 16 years ago. The landscaping business was conceived three years ago, which is when the businesses moved from Kerry's house to their new location on North Hobart Street.

"Dad started the domino effect," Andrew said.

In larger markets, Andrew said, businesses such as theirs typically don't work together as a team.

But things are different in a small town like Pampa, he said. "For us to touch on all markets we

need to consolidate." Their way of doing business, which is a one-stop-shopping model, provides cost benefits to the customers, he said.

"What comes with a custom home? Landscaping," he said. "We provide the complete package from planning to completion of the job."

Right now the Ammons team is seeking the public's input for a community project on the national Day of Service, which is aligned with Earth Day on April 22.

"We are looking for things like cleaning up a park or planting trees," said Amanda Starne, who is controller for the companies. Ideas can be emailed to info@ammonslandscape.com.

Other members of the Ammons management team are Chase Brewer, operations manager for Ammons Landscape; Nick Robbins, sales representative for Ammons Roofing, Siding & Windows; Michael Brdecka, designer and account manager for Ammons Landscape; and Karis Zemanek, who works as office manager for all three businesses.

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education in the state — particularly in the areas of accountability and funding grants for pre-kindergarten and remedial tutoring.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed Williams, who had served more than a decade on the state's Railroad Commission, in August. Williams took over an agency that was in the middle of navigating a rocky transition to a new student assessment system and had lost more than a third of its workforce because of state budget cuts in 2011.

At Wednesday's hearing, Williams said the Senate's proposed reduction of an additional \$2.6 million in funding to the agency — which would mean the loss of another 24 full-time employees — would be "extremely difficult to manage."

"The agency is down, quite frankly, to bare bones now," he said.

But lawmakers were more focused on the request for an additional \$22 million in funding for assessment. Sen. Kel Seliger the Midland Republican who chairs the upper chamber's higher education committee, kicked off the questioning by inquiring how much the agency currently spends on student assessment. A \$468 million, five-year contract with Pearson to administer the state's new standardized exams has proven controversial amid a growing backlash against high-stakes testing in the state.

"Is this \$22 million just added to that \$468 million?" asked Seliger, who is one of several lawmakers who has proposed legislation restructuring the current system.

The subject arose again in an exchange with Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who interrupted the commissioner as he was answering her question on how much the state spent on student testing.

"I'm almost afraid to

say this, but last year we gave 8 million tests," Williams said.

After Nelson interjected to ask if that was too many, Williams responded by saying the Legislature should be proud of the rigor that the new student assessment system imposes, and that it encourages a focus on "every kid in every classroom."

Unsatisfied, Nelson again asked if the state was testing students too much.

"We measure what we treasure," Williams said. But he added that changes could be made in how tests count toward final grades or graduation requirements.

"Right now that doesn't answer my question, which is, are we testing these children too much, and are we spending too much money?" Nelson said, before moving on.

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Morris reported that the cities included in the agreements also bring their solid waste to Pampa.

"It's an annual program that we renew," Morris said.

The life span of the agreements is two years.

According to city records, the city may review the above rates any time during the second year of the agreement and may unilaterally increase the rates up to 125 percent of the established schedule.

Directors

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welcome them to their new positions and offer your support.

The Chamber looks forward to working with these new members and to the energy and excitement they bring to the board. If you have any questions, please contact the Chamber office at 806-669-3241 or Pendergraft at 806-664-0401.





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Shopping around for a better life

Thanks, California! Thanks for your monstrous spending and absurd regulatory overreach! America needs you. We need Connecticut and Illinois, too! We need you the way we needed the Soviet Union, as models of failure, to warn us what happens if we believe those who say, "Government can."

Moving to California was once the dream for many Americans. Its population grew at almost triple the national average — until 1990. Then big government, in the form of endless regulation and taxes, killed much of the dream. In the last decade, 2 million people left California.

Many of them moved to Alaska, Florida, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington or Wyoming. More on what makes those states special in a moment.

When the USSR died, overthrown by its own citizens' hatred of central planning, I assumed the world would acknowledge that big government is a nightmare. But people don't. Our brains are programmed to believe that "next time, central planning will help." So, many people forget the lesson of the USSR.

Fortunately, they can still watch what's happening right now in California, Illinois and Connecticut. OK, those states are not totalitarian dictatorships, but they tax and micromanage so much that they will soon approach bankruptcy, cut services and stagnate.

I grew up in Illinois. It was nice enough (except in winter). But gradually its politicians gave away its future.

I moved to New York City, no political paradise, but where the big TV news jobs are. And maybe New York's promises to unions won't bankrupt us too soon.

I could always move again. I would still be smothered by federal rules, but at least I can move to a place with fewer onerous state

rules.

A group called the Free State Project invites us to move to New Hampshire to help create "liberty in our lifetime." It's too early to see how that will work out, but that state now has a booming population of libertarians and anarchists. One even got elected to the state legislature after running against his own roommate, also a libertarian, whom he accused of not being anti-government enough.

Americans who want to escape state income taxes and live near better job prospects can move to one of those nine states that I mentioned above.

It's no surprise they produce more jobs. Without an income tax, those states were forced to limit the growth of their governments, so they did. Every state has schools, social service programs, prisons, etc., but those states find a way to fund those things for less. Then they reap benefits.

Last decade, those nine states gained population and increased jobs by 4.9 percent; jobs in the rest of the states declined by 2.6 percent.

It's good that we have places like Texas and New Hampshire to which fed-up citizens can escape. In Europe, you'd have to leave your country to escape its worst laws.

French actor Gerard Depardieu just moved to Belgium to escape France's proposed 75 percent tax on the rich. Years ago, high taxes in Britain drove Rod Stewart to move to Los Angeles. But by 2010, California's taxes had risen, and Stewart moved back to England. (He doesn't claim the reason was taxes; he said his child could get a better education in England.)

I hope all Americans watch and learn from states like California. But if we don't, and if people keep electing big-government politicians, at least Americans, unlike the Greeks, can hop around between 50 states, trying to stay one step ahead of bad laws and ruin.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network.

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Ex-husband is getting remarried

Dear John, My ex-husband, "Ryan," and I have been divorced for five years now. Despite this, we have gotten along beautifully, raising our three children in mutual



JOHN GRAY

agreement. I have dated a lot, and I am currently engaged to a man that lives out of state. For a long time, Ryan had not had one single date the whole time we have been divorced.

I then introduced him to a woman that was a casual friend of mine. They hit it off, and they plan to be engaged soon. I want him to be happy, and I truly have no hang-ups or jealousies. However, I am concerned about his attitude since she has come into his life. He has become disrespectful to me, and he now can't be bothered

to discuss problems arising with our children.

On the other hand, vital decisions, such as where my kids will live after they are married, are being planned between Ryan and his fiancée, as opposed to me.

This concerns me since these are our children and our mutual responsibility, not hers. When I've tried to discuss this with him, he has threatened me with a court battle over the children's custody. —What's Next? in Hagerstown, Md.

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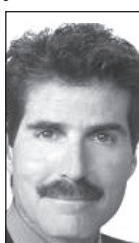
Ryan's change in attitude toward you could be caused by many variables, including any issues he may have with your other relationships or any stress he may be feeling in

other areas of his life. Despite your differences, I'm sure you want to keep the lines of communication open between you.

To do this, keep any anger or resentment you might be feeling over this issue to a minimum while in his presence. Nothing will be gained by an exchange of hurtful words. Instead, if you must, make your point through your attorney.

Reinforce your hope that the two of you can continue to share your involvement in your children's lives, but stick to your commitment to keep the status quo.

John Gray is the author of "Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus." If you have a question, write John in care of this newspaper, or by email at: www.marsvenus.com. All questions are kept anonymous, and will be paraphrased.



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Without deep spending cuts, Republicans lose the House in 2014

OK, it's official. According to the Treasury Department, the U.S. debt jumped to \$16.1 trillion in 2012 from \$14.8 trillion in 2011. That's a \$1.3 trillion deficit for the last year. Remarkable.



LAWRENCE KUDLOW

During President Obama's first term, the federal debt rose by roughly \$6 trillion. Now, if they are bold, House Republicans will take advantage of these dismal numbers. Bold means bold spending cuts, as in cut spending like there's no tomorrow. Bold means implementing the \$1.2 trillion spending sequester. Bold means an absolute rock-solid commitment to spending cuts.

A new Rasmussen survey shows that 62 percent of Americans favor across-the-board spending cuts. That includes every program of the federal government, according to the survey.

So Republicans can persuade the public about bold spending cuts. They can make it their key message and central marketing strategy. If they don't, they risk losing the House in 2014.

Voters are smart. Another Rasmussen poll shows that 68 percent of Americans say cutting government spending is the solution to our economic problems. Support for cutting government spending has generally remained in

the high 60s to low 70s over the past couple of years. Voters realize full well that a private, free-enterprise economy that holds on to more of its hard-earned money while the government share of the economy shrinks is pro-growth. Limited government is a tax cut.

Unlike the recent fiscal-cliff tax-hike deal, we need to let successful earners, investors and risk-takers keep more of what they earn as an incentive to remain the activists who drive the economy. Of course, Obama wants another \$1 trillion in taxes. But Republicans must just say no. (While they're at it, the GOP should cut tax rates for large and small businesses to 25 percent.)

As an extension to this headline spending message, the GOP must make it clear that spending cuts equal economic growth. Think Friedrich Hayek, Milton Friedman and James Buchanan — all Nobel Prize winners who argued that less spending means more growth. And the GOP should stop paying people not to work as part of their spending-cut campaign. With unemployment falling modestly in the last couple of years, food stamps have exploded by 7.2 million recipients. That's 10,000 per day, according to Ohio University professor Richard Vedder, even in an expanding economy. Social Security disability payments also have exploded. So have long-term extended-unemployment benefits.

It's this simple: If you pay people not to work, they won't work. And if they won't work, the economy won't grow.

This is part of the spending-cut message. The GOP has to repeat this message again and again.

Now, we know President Obama is against spending cuts. In his debt-ceiling speech this week, all he did was demonize the Republican Party, saying the GOP is making America a deadbeat nation. Obama continues to blame Republicans for throwing old folks, young people, military troops and others under the bus. Sheer demagoguery. Awful, divisive, non-compromising, non-leadership rhetoric. But the GOP can make hay on this with a strong spending-cut, shrink-the-government message. With no gimmicks, please.

It's OK to extend the debt-ceiling increase for another three months (as announced by Paul Ryan and the Republican leadership in Williamsburg, Va., this week). It's also OK to use a continuing resolution to force short-term spending cuts, and maybe even get some long-term spending-cut plans going. Perhaps even the Democrats, who haven't passed a budget in 1,360 days, will finally put one out in response to these Republican House measures.

But the idea of allowing the borrowing limit to expire, and using some kind of prioritization of payments while the

government runs out of money, will not only damage the current economy, it will absolutely sink the Republican Party for the 2014 midterm elections.

The Bipartisan Policy Center projects that on March 1, the U.S. government will receive \$20 billion in revenues to cover \$84 billion in committed spending to obligations like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits, military pay, and so forth and so on. Sure, we can cover the interest on the debt, which is only about \$20 billion a month.

But what about these other commitments? And how would such a dysfunctional approach look to world financial markets and credit-rating agencies? That's why gimmicks like this should not be used. They will snatch political defeat from the jaws of a potential spending-cut victory.

But the moral of this story is that congressional Republicans must develop an effective spending-cut message. And that message should be linked to economic growth and job creation. If they do that, they will help the economy and their political futures. If they don't, they're going to lose the House and undermine the economy.

I think it's that simple.

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Development of Keystone XL pipeline delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman's approval of a revised route for the Keystone XL oil pipeline puts the long-delayed project back in the hands of the federal government.

But don't look for a quick decision on the \$7 billion project, which would carry oil from Canada to the Texas Gulf Coast if allowed to move forward.

State Department officials said they do not expect to complete a review of the project before the end of March.

"I think we need to let our folks continue to do the work that they're doing," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said Tuesday. "I think we obviously want to take the Nebraska environmental study, we want to compare it with the work that we've done ... and crunch it into our own work."

The Obama administration has twice thwarted the 1,700-mile pipeline, which Calgary-based TransCanada first proposed in late 2008. The State Department delayed the project in late 2011 after environmental groups and others raised concerns about a proposed route through environmentally sensitive land in Nebraska.

Under pressure from congressional Republicans, President Barack Obama blocked the pipeline in January 2012, saying his concerns about the Nebraska route had not been resolved. TransCanada submitted a new application last spring.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Heineman's decision leaves Obama with no other choice but to approve the pipeline, which would carry up to 800,000 barrels of oil a day from tar sands in western Canada to refineries in Houston and other Texas ports. The pipeline also would travel through Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma.

"Nebraska's approval of a new Keystone XL pipeline route means there is no bureaucratic excuse, hurdle or catch President Obama can use to delay this project any further," Boehner said.

Boehner said all six states along the proposed route now support the project, which also is backed by a bipartisan coalition in Congress. Polls show a majority of Americans also back the

pipeline. Boehner said he recognizes the political pressure Obama faces from environmental groups and others who oppose the project, but said "with our energy security at stake and many jobs in limbo, he should find a way to say yes."

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the State Department was reviewing the project and he did not want to "get ahead of that process."

Once that review is completed, "we'll obviously address that issue," Carney said Tuesday.

Environmental groups have been pressuring Obama to reject the pipeline, which they say would transport "dirty oil" and produce heat-trapping gases that contribute to global warming. They also worry about a possible spill.

Even as they cheered Obama's vow during his inaugural address to respond to climate change, some of the president's strongest supporters say they fear his legacy on the issue could be damaged if he approves the pipeline.

"If we are going to get serious about climate change, opening the spigot to a pipeline that will export up to 830,000 barrels of the dirtiest oil on the planet to foreign markets stands as a bad idea," said Anthony Swift of the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Senate Environment Committee, said approval of the pipeline would "undo" much of the good on climate Obama achieved by sharply raising fuel-economy standards for cars and trucks.

"If he did that plus 17 other good things" her concerns might be lessened, Boxer said Tuesday. "It depends. It's such a dirty pipeline."

Heineman had previously said he would oppose any pipeline route that endangered the Ogallala Aquifer, a massive groundwater supply for much of the Midwest.

In a three-page letter to federal officials Tuesday, Heineman said he believes any spills along the new route would be localized and cleanup responsibilities would fall to TransCanada. He also said the project would result in \$418.1 million in economic benefits for the state, plus \$16.5 million in state tax revenue from the pipeline construction

materials. Canadian officials welcomed Heineman's action and urged Obama to approve the project.

"As we have repeatedly said, the Keystone XL Pipeline will create thousands of jobs on both sides of the border — including 140,000 in Canada," said Andrew MacDougall, a spokesman for Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Jane Kleeb, a pipeline opponent, said Heineman "just performed one of the biggest flip-flops that we've seen in Nebraska political history."

Texas Senate draws lots for terms

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate is drawing lots to see which senators' terms will expire in two years or four years.

It's a once-a-decade exercise that happens after redistricting forces all 31 senators to stand for election in the same year. Drawing lots allows the senators to have staggered terms for the next 10 years.

The senators drew envelopes with pieces of paper numbered one to 31 from a large glass bowl at the front of the chamber. Odd numbers meant four-year terms, even numbers meant two-year terms.

The draw includes the currently vacant Houston district previously held by the late Sen. Mario Gallegos, who died shortly before the 2012 general election. Republicans hold a 19-12 majority in the Senate.

Norway cheese fire shuts down tunnel

OSLO, Norway (AP) — A road tunnel in northern Norway will be shut for several weeks after a 27-ton truckload of sweet goat's milk cheese caught fire.

Regional traffic department chief Geir Joergensen says flames engulfed the tunnel last week and gases from the melting, brown load hindered firefighters. It took four days to put it out.

The driver was not hurt and no other vehicles were in the 3.6-kilometer (2.2-mile) tunnel at the time.

Joergensen said Wednesday that the tunnel near the small Arctic municipality of Tysfjord, some 1,350 kilometers (840 miles) north of the capital, Oslo, likely will be closed for two more weeks.

Goat's milk cheese, a

sweet delicacy with a high sugar and fat content, is an essential part of many Norwegians' daily diet.

Morocco to change law on rape marriage

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Nearly a year after Morocco was shocked by the suicide of a 16-year-old girl who was forced to marry her alleged rapist, the government has announced plans to change the penal code to outlaw the traditional practice.

Women's rights activists on Tuesday welcomed Justice Minister Mustapha Ramid's announcement, but said it was only a first step in reforming a penal code that doesn't do enough to stop violence against women in this North African kingdom.

A paragraph in Article 475 of the penal code allows those convicted of "corruption" or "kidnapping" of a minor to go free if they marry their victim and the practice was encouraged by judges to spare family shame.

Last March, 16-year-old Amina al-Filali poisoned herself to get out of a seven-month-old abusive marriage to a 23-year-old she said had raped her. Her parents and a judge had pushed the marriage to protect the family honor. The incident sparked calls for the law to be changed.

The traditional practice can be found across the Middle East and in places like India and Afghanistan where the loss of a woman's virginity out of wedlock is a huge stain on the honor of the family or tribe.

While the marriage age is officially 18, judges routinely approve much younger unions in this deeply traditional country of 32 million with high illiteracy and poverty.

"Changing this article is a good thing but it doesn't meet all of our demands," said Khadija Ryadi, president of the Moroccan Association for Human Rights. "The penal code has to be totally reformed because it contains many provisions that discriminate against women and doesn't protect women against violence."

She singled out in particular outmoded parts of the law that distinguish between "rape resulting in deflowering and just plain rape." The new article proposed Monday, for instance, gives a 10-year penalty for consensual sex following the corruption of a minor but doubles the

sentence if the sex results in "deflowering."

Fouzia Assouli, president of the Democratic League for Women's Rights, echoed Ryadi's concerns, explaining that the code only penalizes violence against women from a moral standpoint "and not because it is just violence."

"The law doesn't recognize certain forms of violence against women, such as conjugal rape, while it still penalizes other normal behavior like sex outside of marriage between adults," she added.

Recent government statistics reported that 50 percent of attacks against women occur within conjugal relations.

The change to the penal code has been a long time in coming and follows nearly a year of the Islamist-dominated government balking at reforming the law.

The Justice Ministry at the time argued that al-Filali hadn't been raped and the sex, which took place when she was 15, had been consensual. The prime minister later argued in front of parliament that the marriage provision in the article was, in any case, rarely used.

"In 550 cases of the corruption of minors between 2009 and 2010, only seven were married under Article 475 of the penal code, the rest were pursued by justice," Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane said on Dec. 24.

While Morocco updated its family code in 2004, a comprehensive law combating violence against women has been languishing in Parliament for the past eight years.

Social Development Minister Bassima Hakkaoui, the sole female minister in Cabinet, said in September she would try to get the law out of Parliament and passed.

Psychiatrist charged with public lewdness

AUSTIN (AP) — A child psychiatrist fired from Austin State Hospital amid allegations he

sexually abused boys getting treatment has been charged with public lewdness.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that Dr. Charles Fischer has been freed on \$5,000 bond on the Class A misdemeanor. Austin police records show the 60-year-old Fischer was arrested Tuesday afternoon in a wooded area. Another man fled.

A grand jury last June indicted Fischer on one count of sexual assault, two counts of sexual assault of a child and two counts of indecency with a child by contact.

He was fired in 2011 and his medical license suspended during the abuse investigation going back several years.

Defense attorney Chris Gunter says the new charges will likely mean Fischer's bond in the felony case will be revoked.

Texas parole officer accepted bribes

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas parole officer faces up to 20 years in prison for accepting bribes from a man she supervised and not reporting his alleged financial violations.

Federal prosecutors in Dallas say 37-year-old Nichelle Derricks of Cedar Hill pleaded guilty to honest services wire fraud. She'll be sentenced in April.

Court documents indicate Derricks was a Texas Department of Criminal Justice official when she had an improper relationship with a male parolee. His name and further details on his criminal record have not been released.

Investigators say Derricks received cash, gifts, furniture, food and other valuables from the parolee. Derricks on Tuesday admitted she failed to report violations such as the parolee taking part in prohibited financial transactions and traveling outside Texas without prior approval.

Derricks was indicted last October.



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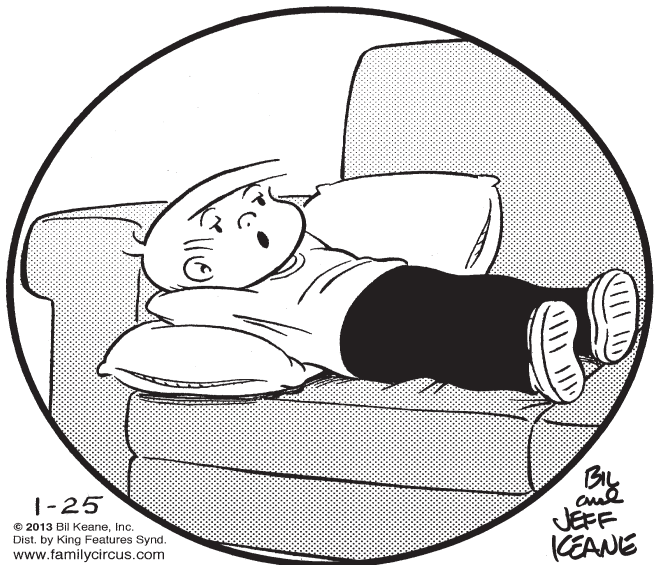
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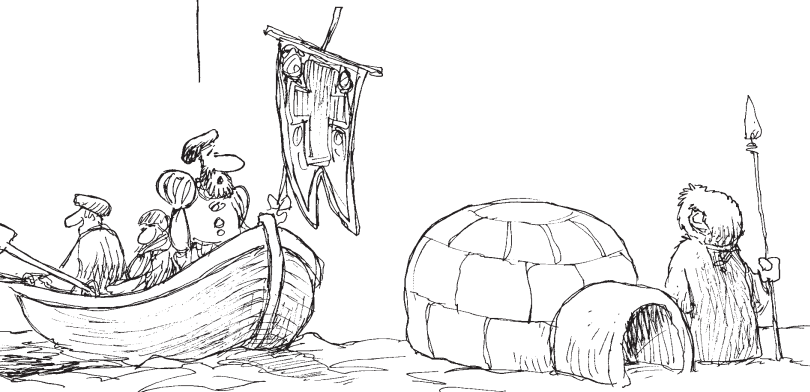
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JEFF
KEANE

"Mommy, I'm not ready to do my homework yet. I've still got my brain in sleep mode."

Non Sequitur

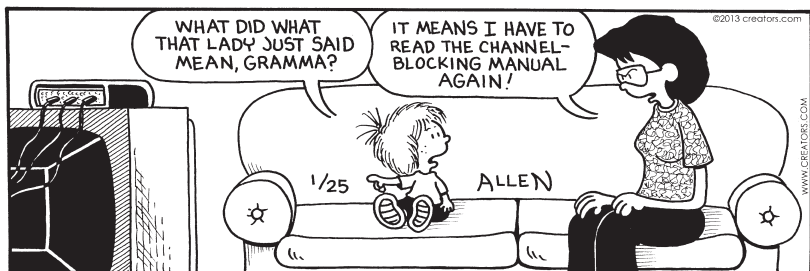
SO I'M GUESSING THIS IS NORTHERN INDIA...



ON HIS VOYAGE BACK, COLUMBUS DISCOVERS CANADA

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Nest Heads



WHAT DID THAT LADY JUST SAID MEAN, GRAMMA?
IT MEANS I HAVE TO READ THE CHANNEL-BLOCKING MANUAL AGAIN!

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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013:

This year you will have many opportunities available to you. You might question which way to go. You also will be sought after for your ability to see both sides of an issue. Feelings often become intense; however, if you tap into your creativity and express your emotions, you will be OK. If you are single, you have no excuse for not going out. You have quite the selection of potential suitors. If you are attached, as a couple you will decide to take up a new, creative interest or hobby. You can count on LEO's honesty.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your actions could keep others busy looking for better solutions. Whereas you once were somewhat predictable, at this point the same is not true. If you get a strong reaction from others, ask yourself if it could have anything to do with your newfound spontaneity. Tonight: Be playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could be inundated by decisions you need to make. For various reasons, you might be stuck in a situation where you can't find a way out. The unexpected occurs, as you might find yourself having to juggle family, home and work all at once. Tonight: Hang close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Consider what is happening within your immediate circle. You also might be unsure of an important person who typically serves as an anchor for you. Focus on what needs to happen in a conversation. Make an effort to move forward with an improved view. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You could feel rather unsure about your options for the near future. You might need to spend more than you would like to. While you juggle different interests, stop and consider your priorities. You can only go so far. Tonight: Time to treat yourself to some R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The Moon highlights you, and others seek you out. You might be able to zero in on a long-term desire, but you need to know what you want. A friend invites you to join him or her. Stay neutral; you are in the process of manifesting a life change. Tonight: Say "yes."

★★★ A partner could encourage you to let go of a self-imposed restraint. You might not be sure as to what would be best, or in which direction you should head. Check in with an older family member. This person has some special news. Tonight: Do not overthink. Just enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Honor how much a friendship means to you. You can't avoid the absence of this person, and standing on ceremony won't help. You might feel as if you're being pulled in two different directions. Do nothing if you're unsure about which choice to make. Tonight: Where the fun is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You continue to feel pulled in different directions. You might wonder what to do in a situation that you clearly cannot control. Recognize that you probably never will be able to control anything but yourself. Tonight: Give a difficult situation some space.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Follow your knee-jerk response, though you might question whether it's the right way to go. Others clearly understand where you are coming from. Opinions will differ just the same. You could find that you have to make an uncomfortable choice. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others become available. Have a discussion with key people, and know that it could result in a decision to let them take the lead. Give up being so serious. You might feel as if you do not have enough funds to do what you want. Let go, and just be. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You offer a lot, and others are drawn to your unique ideas and fun ways. Try to defer to these individuals a bit more than usual. Someone around you has a very strong personality and is comfortable only when he or she is in control. Let it be. Tonight: You will have to choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You need to relax more than you need to have a good time; however, you can do both. First, run errands and get some shopping done. Afterward, you can be carefree. Join friends ASAP. You don't need any complicated or fancy plans. Tonight: Avoid a difficult person.

Tundra



...AND ON YOUR LEFT, YOU'LL NOTICE ANOTHER BIRCH TREE, AND ON YOUR RIGHT, THREE MORE BIRCH TREES AS WELL AS SOME SPRUCE.

NEXT TIME I'LL HIRE THE GUIDE.

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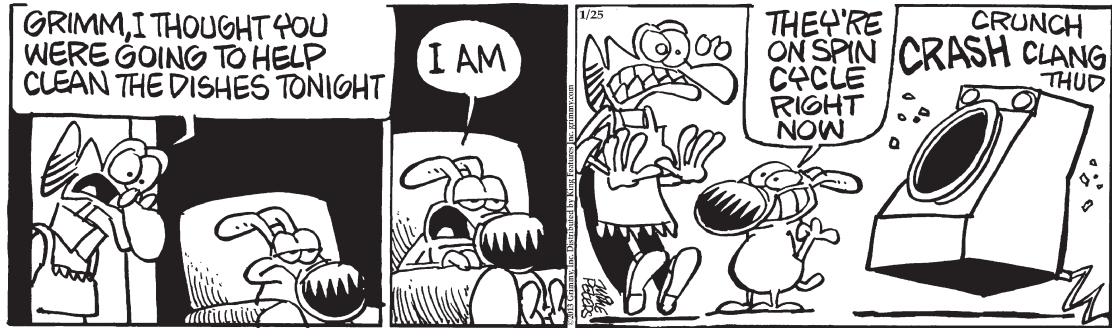
What is the meaning of "Critical Mass"?

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When a priest's sermon is panned.

Mother Goose and Grim



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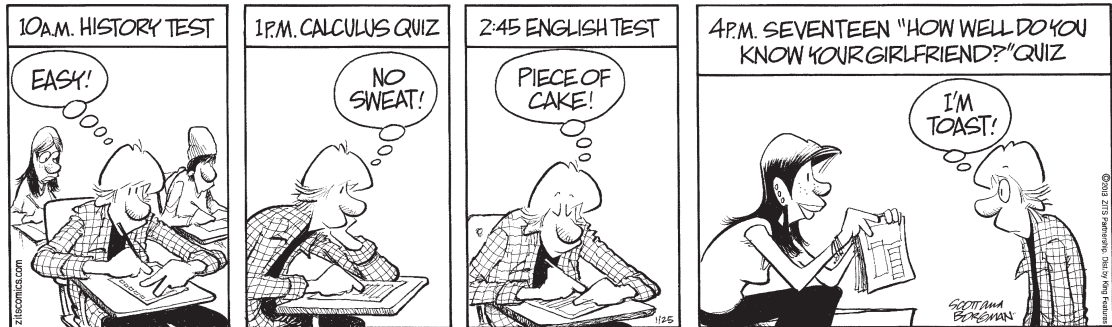
I AM

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THEY'RE ON SPIN CYCLE RIGHT NOW

CRUNCH CRASH CLANG THUD

Zits



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1 P.M. CALCULUS QUIZ

NO SWEAT!

2:45 ENGLISH TEST

PIECE OF CAKE!

4 P.M. SEVENTEEN "HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR GIRLFRIEND?" QUIZ

I'M TOAST!

Garfield



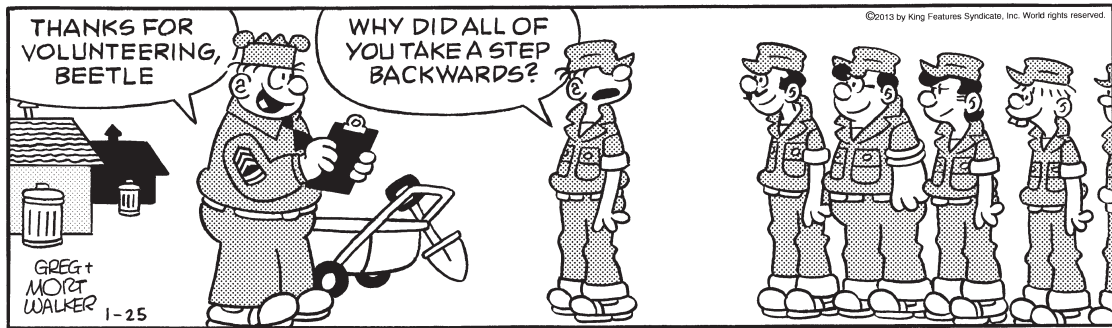
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SHE PUT A CURSE ON ME

SHE SAID I WOULD NEVER GET A DATE TO THE PROM

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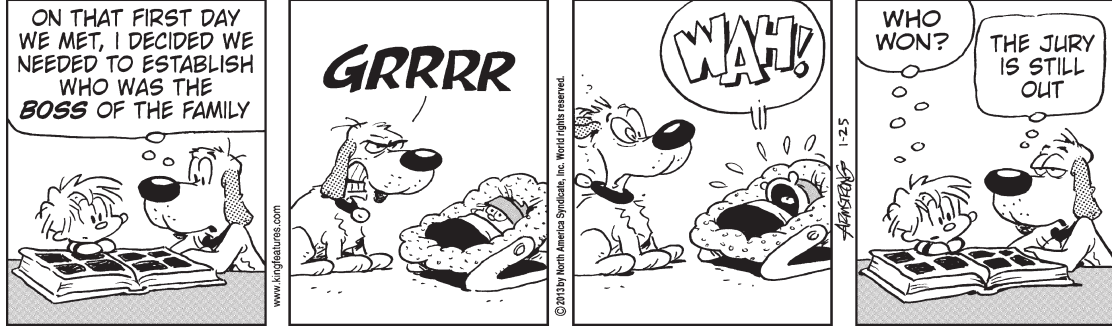
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THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING, BEETLE

WHY DID ALL OF YOU TAKE A STEP BACKWARDS?

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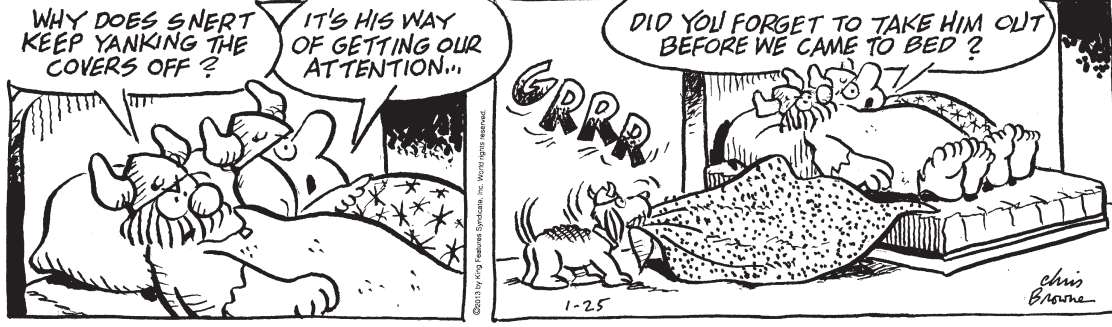
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GRRRRR

WAAH!

WHO WON? THE JURY IS STILL OUT

Hagar The Horrible

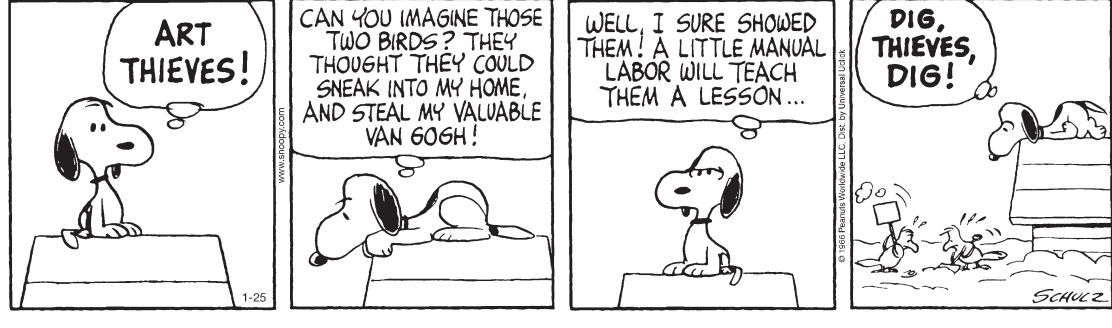


WHY DOES SNEET KEEP YANKING THE COVERS OFF?

IT'S HIS WAY OF GETTING OUR ATTENTION.

DID YOU FORGET TO TAKE HIM OUT BEFORE WE CAME TO BED?

Peanuts



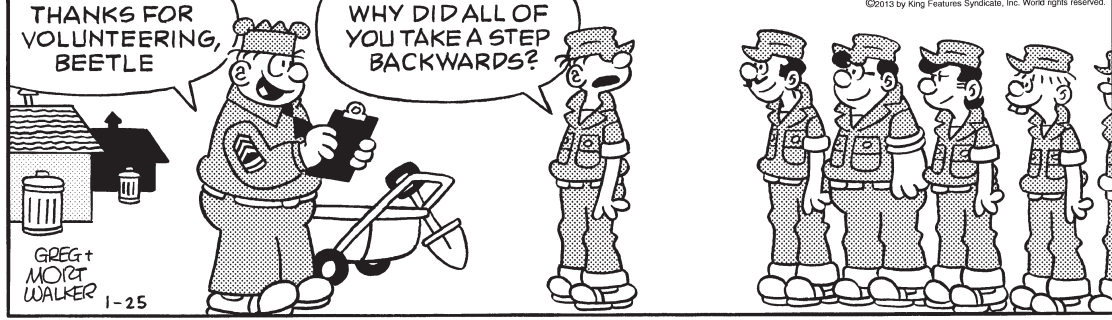
ART THIEVES!

CAN YOU IMAGINE THOSE TWO BIRDS? THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD SNEAK INTO MY HOME, AND STEAL MY VALUABLE VAN GOGH!

WELL, I SURE SHOWED THEM! A LITTLE MANUAL LABOR WILL TEACH THEM A LESSON...

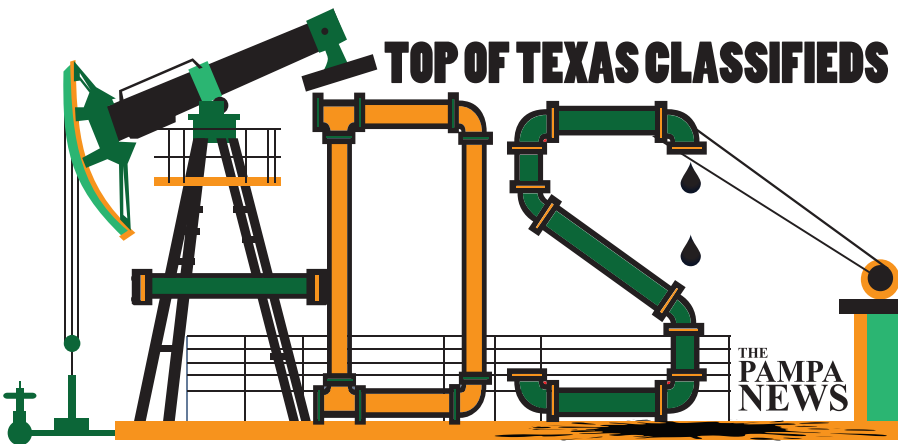
DIG, THIEVES, DIG!

Blondie



THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING, BEETLE

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am the single mother of identical twin boys. They insist on dressing alike and use their own secret language. I have always had trouble telling them apart. When they were young, it was cute, but as they are growing older I'm starting to worry. They're 12. When they oversleep, they shower together to save time. Their teacher took me aside during a conference and said they seem to be overly affectionate with each other and might benefit from some time with a masculine role model. When I questioned her, she said there is gossip that they were seen touching and possibly even kissing. My research has brought up the idea of "twincest," and I am worried my boys may be falling into these habits. How would you suggest making them stop? Everyone keeps suggesting separation, but they share a room and I don't have another one or the money to build one. Help! — MOM WITH TWO MUCH TROUBLE

DEAR MOM: You obviously love your boys, but please stop worrying. According to David Baron, M.D. — an internationally respected psychiatrist at the University of Southern California — at this point one of the most harmful things you could do is to blow this out of proportion. Twins have a special bond. They feel safer with each other than with their peers. If this persists, consult a therapist, for your peace of mind if nothing else. But please do not jump the gun because of gossip.

DEAR ABBY: I wear dentures. I have never gone out in public without them. However, I have seen people I know take them out in restaurants,

etc. It is not only awful to look at, but don't they realize how they look? Am I shallow for not wanting anyone to see me without my "smile"? Is there some social etiquette that's being broken? — TOOTHLESS IN COLORADO

DEAR TOOTHLESS: Of course there is. The active word here is "discretion." If a dental appliance is ill-fitting and uncomfortable, it should not be left on the table or displayed like a goldfish in a glass of water for all to admire. And need I add that a trip to the dentist should be scheduled ASAP to remedy the problem?

DEAR ABBY: I'm a college student and still live with my parents. My two older sisters moved out years ago. I never asked them why, but I'm sure it's because our father is emotionally abusive. He talks down to us and makes us feel inadequate. He has belittled my mother for years, to the point that she doesn't bother arguing with him anymore. She used to play music all the

time, but she's now afraid to "bother anybody." I can honestly say I never loved my father, and I wish Mom had divorced him years ago. The few times I have tried to talk to him, he overreacted and accused me of being a drama queen who blows things out of proportion. He's almost 60 but has the emotional depth of a spoiled, angry 12-year-old. How can I convince Mom that leaving him will do her more good than harm? — NO LOVE FOR DAD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO LOVE FOR DAD: You can't do that unless you fully understand her reasons for staying with your father. Women stay with abusive men for various reasons. Some of them do it because they are so emotionally beaten down they think they have no other choice. Some stay because they are financially dependent, and others do it because they are afraid of being alone. She may be biding her time until you are out of the house, or she may love your father.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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PampaSports

JV girls fall at Perryton Tuesday

By ZACHARY GREEN
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five points and made her lone free throw shot. Tyranda Johnson had four and went 2-2 from the free-throw line.

Keshia Daniels and Caragan Niccum each added two points for the Lady Harvesters.

Niccum also shot 2-2 from the line.

As a team, Pampa shot a perfect 7-7 from the free-throw line.

With the loss, Pampa falls to 15-7 overall and 3-2 in district play.

They will be back in action tonight when they host Borger.

Pampa's JV girls team headed to Perryton on Tuesday night.

After the first quarter, Pampa led 8-7.

At the half, Pampa trailed 14-12.

After three quarters, Pampa trailed 28-14.

The final score was Perryton 38, Pampa 27.

Tiah Brown led Pampa with eight points.

Raven Neal had six and shot a perfect 2-2 from the free-throw line.

McKinli Thomas scored

NCAA announces problems with Miami investigation

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Sports Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The NCAA's probe of Miami's athletic compliance practices is ramping up again.

Only this time, the Hurricanes aren't exactly the subject of the inquiry.

In a bizarre twist, the college sports' governing body is being investigated after NCAA President Mark Emmert acknowledged on Wednesday "a very severe issue of improper conduct" by former investigators working the long, complex Miami case.

The NCAA said its investigation was based, at least in part, on information that it should not have had access to, the testimony of those who appeared under subpoena to be deposed in the bankruptcy case involving former Miami booster Nevin Shapiro, one of the most notorious Ponzi scheme architects in history.

The NCAA does not have subpoena power. Shapiro's attorney did, and used it — and apparently entered into some sort of contractual agreement with the NCAA, one that apparently either was not or should never have been approved.

"We cannot have the NCAA bringing forward an allegation ... that was collected by processes none of us could stand for," Emmert said. "We're going to move it as fast as possible, but we have to get this right."

Speaking Thursday from Providence, R.I. in a telephone interview, Shapiro's attorney, Maria Elena Perez, told The Associated Press that she has done nothing wrong.

"The dubious party is not me. What I have done is 150 percent above board," Perez said.

Perez said she could not divulge the nature of whatever her contract status with the NCAA, though said she is planning to release a statement in the coming days after meeting with her own attorney.

"I am a victim of the enforcement staff," said Perez, who is a Miami graduate. "Me."

The revelations Wednesday mean the notice of allegations against Miami — the NCAA's findings of wrongdoing, a document that was nearly completed and was expected to be released by the end of this week — will be delayed for at least a few more weeks, if not longer. The long-term ramifications could be more damning for the NCAA, especially if the outside investigator they have commissioned to look into the mess finds more problems.

"As we have done since the beginning, we will continue to work with the NCAA and now with their outside investigator hoping for a swift resolution of the investigation and our case," Miami President Donna Shalala said.

Emmert said two depositions are involved in this allegation of improper conduct by former enforcement-office staffers. One of those two depositions was given Dec. 19, 2011, by former Miami equipment-room staffer Sean Allen — who has been linked to Shapiro and many of the allegations that he made against the university.

Among the questions Allen was

asked in that deposition:

— "Did you ever witness Mr. Shapiro paying any money to any University of Miami football or basketball players?"

— "Would it be fair to say that Mr. Shapiro did, in fact, confer various financial benefits on the University of Miami Athletic Program and its players?"

— "Did you ever overhear any of the coaches or any other staff for the University of Miami providing Mr. Shapiro with inside information regarding, you know, the condition of any particular athlete for the purposes of Mr. Shapiro's gambling?"

It's unknown which of Allen's answers caught the NCAA investigators' attention.

What is known publicly now, and has been suspected by some for months, is that those investigators never should have known those questions were asked.

"How in the world can you get this far without it being recognized that this was an inappropriate way to proceed?" Emmert asked.

That's the question that the NCAA wants answered, and fast.

Emmert spoke angrily at times during a half-hour conference call to discuss the findings, in which he revealed that he briefed the NCAA's executive committee and the Division I board presidents with some information about the Miami matter. He said he developed a better understanding of what went on in the days that followed, which led to the hiring of Kenneth L. Wainstein of the firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP to conduct the external review of what happened.

Wainstein, Emmert said, will begin his probe on Thursday, with the NCAA hoping that he can finish within two weeks.

"We want to make sure that any evidence that's brought forward is appropriately collected and it has the integrity that we expect and demand," Emmert said.

It was part of a stunning day for Hurricane athletics: The 25th-ranked men's basketball team routed No. 1 Duke later Wednesday, 90-63.

Emmert said the NCAA was trying to find out why part of the investigation was based on depositions specific to the bankruptcy case against Shapiro, who will have to repay \$82.7 million to his victims as part of his sentence. And the timing of this also is curious.

Several people who were to be named in the NCAA's notice of allegations against Miami have been told that the document was in the final stages of preparation — and one person who spoke with the AP said at least one person who was to face a charge of wrongdoing was told the letter was scheduled for delivery to Miami on Tuesday.

Now it's anyone's guess when that will happen.

Emmert said the NCAA learned of the alleged misconduct, in part, through legal bills presented by Shapiro's attorney for work that was not properly approved by the organization's general counsel's office.

"One of the questions that has to be answered, unequivocally, is what was the nature of that contractual arrangement and what

was all the activity that that individual was involved with," Emmert said. "There is some uncertainty about all of that and it's one of the first orders of business for the firm that we've hired to investigate."

The Hurricanes' athletic compliance practices have been probed by the NCAA for nearly two years. Allegations of wrongdoing involving Miami's football and men's basketball programs became widely known in August 2011 when Yahoo Sports published accusations brought by Shapiro, who is serving a 20-year term in federal prison for masterminding a \$930 million Ponzi scheme.

Miami has self-imposed two football postseason bans in response to the investigation. The Hurricanes also would have played in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game this past season, meaning they could have qualified for the Orange Bowl.

"In my two-and-a-half years I've certainly never seen anything like this, and don't want to see it again," Emmert said.

PSU names college official as integrity officer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Penn State University has named an eastern Pennsylvania college administrator to be its first athletics integrity officer.

Julie Del Giorno has been chief of staff at Moravian College and its theological seminary. School officials say she'll begin her new job at Penn State on April 1. The post was created in the wake of the sex abuse scandal surrounding former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky.

Officials say Del Giorno will oversee compliance involving integrity, civility, ethics and institutional control at Penn State.

She has held coaching positions at the University of Central Arkansas and positions at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. From 1986 to 1995, she also served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

Sandusky was convicted in June of 45 counts of child sex abuse.

Packers running back cited in dog attack

MANITOWOC, Wis. (AP) — Green Bay Packers running back Cedric Benson has been cited for letting his dogs run loose and attack a neighbor's livestock in Manitowoc County.

A citation says Benson's two Rottweilers attacked 17 calves at his neighbor's farm in Maribel last month. A sheriff's department report says the dogs were found chewing the calves' legs and that several suffered deep wounds.

The report says Benson told deputies he had put up a fence to contain the dogs, but that they managed to escape.

Benson was cited a second time Jan. 13 after someone complained the dogs were again running loose in the area.

The 'dogs at large' aren't the only citations for Benson in Manitowoc County.

The 30-year-old running back has also been cited this month for driving without a valid license and going 41 mph over the speed limit.

Pampa JV drops close one to Perryton

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They finished the night shooting 75 percent from the free-throw line and hit two three-point shots.

Coach Kyle Sanford said, "We played and shot the ball pretty well the entire game. We had a few turnovers in the fourth that cost us some key offensive possessions. We will bounce back, the kids are already anxious about playing River Road."

Jonathan Stevens led Pampa with 15 points. Brandon Stokes added 13 points. Keneth Hair had four points. Brayden Trimble scored three and Blayne Troxell had two points. With the loss, Pampa falls to 11-8 overall and 1-2 in district.

They will be back in action Friday when they host River Road.

The Pampa JV Harvesters traveled to Perryton on Tuesday night for a game against the Rangers.

After the first quarter, the Harvesters trailed 11-6. At the half, Pampa trailed 20-15.

A strong third quarter by Pampa helped them get within three at 32-29 heading into the final quarter.

The Harvesters tried to come back all the way but did not as they fell 41-37.

The JV Boys put up a good fight at Perryton Tuesday night but came up four points short in the end.

The Harvesters got within two points during the third quarter but were unable to cut further into the lead.

Hidden Hills seniors scramble

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Third place with a score of 64, the team of E. Maxwell, L. Heard, N. Lancaster and J. McGuire.

Fourth place with a score of 65, the team of T. Lindsey, C. Johnson, D. Hinkle and F. Snow.

The closest to the pin winner for hole number six was Mike Wesbrooks.

The closest to the pin winner for hole number 15 was R.D. Stephens.

Hidden Hills seniors four man scramble results from Jan. 23.

First place with a score of 62, the team of R.D. Stephens, J. Batton, H. Musgrave and H. Wells.

Second place with a score of 64, the team of J. Howell, B. Robben and J.G. Davis.

Prosecutor says no charges against 2 UT players

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — No charges will be brought against two Texas football players investigated after a reported sexual assault at a San Antonio hotel.

Bexar (bays) County First Assistant District Attorney Cliff Herberg said Wednesday charges will not be filed against quarterback Case McCoy and linebacker Jordan Hicks.

Coach Mack Brown suspended McCoy and Hicks

the day before the Dec. 29 Alamo Bowl. A 21-year-old woman told police she was drinking alcohol and assaulted after inviting two men to her room. A lawyer for Hicks said the incident was consensual.

Brown reinstated McCoy and Hicks on Jan. 13 after lawyers for the players said police told them the case would be dropped.

Texas beat Oregon State 31-27 in the Alamo Bowl.

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Lady Harvester softball prepares for another season

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Last year, the Lady Harvester softball team went 24-9 and made it all the way to the regional semifinals, two games away from the state tournament.

This year, the team hopes to build on that success.

"I am really excited they are working hard. We are in a good place to start the year," said Pampa Coach Bobbi Gill. "We have a good core coming back. Pitcher, catcher and second base still need to be filled."

Gill listed some of her players to watch this season and they are as follows:

Senior shortstop Bailey Beck and senior center fielder Claire Hopkins are two returning starters that have been starters all three previous years.

Junior pitcher Alexa O'Brien, who was the go to pitcher for the Lady Harvesters last year, is another returning starter.

Senior center fielder and pitcher Tiffany Britton and senior outfielder and

third baseman Martecia Alexander are a couple of other returning starters.

Gill added that in the 10 years since she has been here Pampa has amassed 241 wins. The Lady Harvesters hope to eclipse the 250 win mark this season.

Much like basketball, the softball team will play fellow district foes Borgert, River Road, Perryton and Dalhart twice with one game in Pampa and the other away.

To prepare for the district schedule Pampa has some tough upcoming scrimmages.

Gill said that next week they will travel to Lubbock and face Lubbock Cooper and Lubbock Monterey, both 5A schools. "Scheduling these games help us assess where we are at the beginning of the year," said Gill.

"It also helps us see different things like what it feels like to play on a turf field early in the season so that we are prepared for anything that comes later on down the road."

Feb. 2 is when the Lady Harvesters will scrimmage the Lubbock schools.

STAYING GROUNDED



Photo by Zachary Green

Pampa Lady Harvester softball coach, Bobbi Gill, hits grounders to the infielders as part of their Wednesday afternoon practice. The Lady Harvester softball team hopes to build on last year's success.

Texas Tech rallies past Iowa State for 56-51 win on Wednesday night

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Josh Gray couldn't hide his excitement after Texas Tech pulled out the victory in a back-and-forth game against Iowa State.

"You can tell it on my face right now, that was a big win," the true freshman said after scoring 16 points in the Red Raiders' 56-51 win Wednesday night. "I've never won like that before in my life."

Jordan Tolbert added 13 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and Dejan Kravic had eight points and eight rebounds for the Red Raiders (9-8, 2-4 Big 12).

Will Clyburn led the Cyclones (13-5, 3-2) with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Korie Lucious added 11 points, nine of them from beyond the arc.

Texas Tech took a 48-47 lead on a Tolbert field goal with 3:20 remaining. A Gray lay-in as the shot clock expired made it 50-47 with 2:32 left.

"Coach (Chris Walker) came in the locker room before the game and told us to play our game, have fun and play with

confidence," Gray said. "That's what I did tonight."

The teams traded baskets, and the Red Raiders led by three again, 54-51, with just under 40 seconds remaining. Clyburn attempted a 3-pointer to tie the game with 14 seconds left but came up short. Tolbert went to the line again and made both free throws to seal the victory.

Texas Tech took a 28-25 lead into halftime, but Iowa State opened the half on an 8-0 run, leaving the Red Raiders trailing 33-28 — the largest deficit of the day for either team. Walker then called a crucial timeout.

Texas Tech fought back, going on a 14-6 run led by Gray and Jaye Crockett. Gray was fouled on a 3-point attempt and made all three free throws with 8:57 to play, tying the game at 39.

Tolbert then added two free throws of his own to put the Red Raiders back in front. He added a field goal on the following possession to give Tech a 43-39 lead.

Lucious didn't let the Cyclones trail for long, hitting two quick 3-pointers to put Iowa State back ahead 47-46 with 3:57 left.

But the Red Raiders would once again regain the lead on a Tolbert field goal with 3:20 remaining.

Texas Tech outrebounded Iowa State

38-29, including a 20-12 advantage in the first half.

The Red Raiders shot just 68 percent from the free-throw line but seemed to connect each time the game was on the line.

The Red Raiders improved to 7-1 this season when leading at halftime.

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