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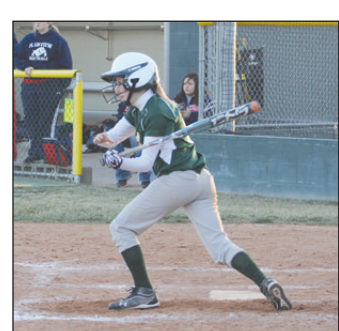
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DPS submits 2nd round of Skinner DNA tests

STAFF REPORT

Follow-up DNA tests in the Hank Skinner triple-murder case have been submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, but a final court decision on the results of those tests is pending, a spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's Office said Thursday.



Hank Skinner

Tom Kelley, an AG spokesman in Austin, declined to comment further on the case.

Skinner was sentenced to death in 1995 for murdering Twila Busby and her sons, Randy and Elwin "Scooter" Caler, on New Year's Eve in 1993.

Prior to his capital murder trial in 1995, Skinner and his attorneys elected not to seek DNA testing of all the evidence collected at the crime scene.

For nearly 20 years Skinner has maintained his innocence, claiming he was unconscious from drugs and alcohol at the time of the grisly murders and that the victims were killed by an uncle who was abusive to Busby.

However, last year Skinner and his defense agreed to the testing, believing it would prove his innocence.

The DPS Crime Lab in Lubbock performed DNA tests on evidence and submitted its findings to the AG's office in October, which issued an advisory that stated the test results consistently proved Skinner was the killer.

However, the courts have been awaiting the results in a second round of tests.

Pampa native promoted to VP at Dallas Market

SUBMITTED

DALLAS — Dallas Market Center recently announced that Pampa native Meredith Hite has been named vice president of corporate communications at Dallas Market Center.



Meredith Hite

In her new position, Hite is responsible for leading Dallas Market Center's internal and external communications including public relations, direct marketing, social media and employee communications.

Founded in 1957, Dallas Market Center is a complete wholesale marketplace. Within its marketplace of more than 5 million square feet, retailers from around the globe source products ranging from home furnishings, gifts, decorative accessories and lighting to textiles, fashion accessories and men's, western, women's and children's apparel.

"Meredith has been instrumental in the development of our communications strategies at the Market Center throughout the past five years," said Cindy Morris, COO, HITE cont. on page 3

BEHIND THE BADGE



Photo by Sasha Heller

Lefors Marshal Kerry Hodge is a one-man police force who keeps the Lefors streets safe for its 550 citizens.

A gold badge for his golden years

Retired from the force, Kerry Hodge keeps the peace in Lefors as town marshal.

BY SASHA HELLER
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The heat. The fuzz. 5-0. Po-po. Johnny Law. There's a lot of different names for police officers but, in Lefors, there's only one name people need to know — Marshal Kerry Hodge.

Hodge serves as a one-man force, working to maintain the peace on Lefors' quiet city streets.

"Basically, I am the P.D. here," Hodge said.

Hodge has served with various police departments, off and on, for nearly 50 years. He started in law enforcement in 1966 with the Amarillo

Police Department.

"I was working in a grocery store and wasn't happy with the job," he said. "So I picked up a paper and saw the Amarillo P.D. was hiring. That was the first time in my life where I felt like I could do that."

Throughout his career, Hodge also worked with the police departments in Perryton, Stratford and Sunray.

But having reached retirement age, MARSHAL cont. on page 3

Weather Awareness Week day 4: flash flood awareness day

STAFF REPORT

Severe Weather Awareness Week continues today with a look at flash flood safety. Flash floods occur every year in the Panhandle. Flash floods occur suddenly, usually occurring within hours of excessive localized rainfall. These flash floods can become raging torrents which rip through river beds, urban streets or valleys sweeping everything before them.



is issued for your county, or the moment you realize that a flash flood is imminent, act quickly to save yourself. You may only have seconds.

A flash flood watch means it is possible that heavy rains will cause flooding in the specified area. Stay alert to the weather and think about

what you would do if water begins to rise or if you receive a warning.

Here are some flash flood safety rules:

- Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, valleys, stream banks and flood plains.
- Avoid already flooded and high velocity flow areas. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream on foot where water is above your ankles.
- If driving — know the depth of water in a dip before crossing. The road bed may

not be intact under the water. Do not drive into a pool of water or where water is flowing. Water up to the bumper will likely stall a car.

- If the vehicle stalls — abandon it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and its occupants and sweep them away.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers. Heavy rain events frequently occur

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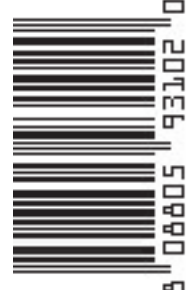
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 71 Low 44	High 66 Low 48	High 47 Low 26

Friday: Sunny with a high of 71. No chance of rain. Wind south at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:05 a.m.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 44. No chance of rain. Wind south at 19 mph. Sunset at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: Isolated T-storms with a high of 66. Thirty percent chance of rain. Wind south at 21 mph. Sunrise at 7:04 a.m.

Saturday night: Scattered T-storms with a low of 48. Fifty percent chance of rain. Wind south southeast at 21 mph. Sunset at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 47. Twenty percent chance of rain. Wind north at 25 mph. Sunrise at 8:01 a.m.

Sunday night: Clear skies with a low of 26. No chance of rain. Wind north at 17 mph. Sunset at 7:48 p.m.

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Obituaries

Ester Mae Landers

Ester Mae Landers, 85, was called home to be with the Lord on Feb. 27, 2013 in Lubbock.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2013, at Macedonia Baptist Church, with Pastor Wesly Smith, officiating.

Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Landers was born Aug. 24, 1927 in Tenaha, Texas, to Elrie and Mable Nash of Carthage, Texas.

She married Earl Landers in 1950 in Fort Worth where they lived until moving to Tyler in 1963. After his death, she moved to Pampa where she lived the remaining 42 years of her life. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church. Ester worked for Chaney's Restaurant and was well known in Pampa for her good cooking. She was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother and aunt.



Ester Mae Landers

Ester was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister, Lucille Mallard; four brothers, Elsie Nash, Lewis Nash, Elrie Nash and Johnny Lee Nash; and two daughters, Ruby Renell Landers and LeBlenta Rachelle Landers.

She leaves to cherish her memories her five sons, Earl Landers, Jr., and wife Venora, Jewel Landers and wife Barbara, Harold Landers and wife Christine, Michael Landers and Cornelius Landers; three daughters, Mary Ester Brown and husband Lynn, Shirley Landers-Young and Mia Nash; three sisters, Lula Mae Diamond, Dora Lee Hunicutt and Alice Mae Mayberry; 36 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Sign the online register at Carmichael-whatley.com

Claudine Elizabeth Balch

Claudine Elizabeth Balch, 93, died March 3, 2013 in Creedmoor.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

For the record

Lewisville man arrested for marijuana possession

• Michael Earl West, 32, Lewisville, was arrested Wednesday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana — less than 2 ounces.

• Torivo Cortez, 31, Booker, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for *capias pro fine* — no drivers license, two counts of failure to appear and expired motor vehicle identification.

• Esteven Mathis, 57, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD and sent to the Department of Correc-

tions.

• William Anthony Sharp, 32, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for forgery of a financial instrument.

• Brandon Shelby Mills, 33, Amarillo, was arrested Wednesday by the GCSO for driving while intoxicated.

• Christopher Paul Givens, 38, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for driving while intoxicated — second offense and two counts of failure to appear — Hill County.

• Dennis Ray Norris, 40, San Anto-

nio, was arrested Wednesday by the DPS for assault causing bodily injury — family violence — Bexar County.

• Erick Layne Lewis, 19, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the PPD for theft of property — over \$50 and under \$500.

• Derrel Elwood Hext, 57, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by the PPD for *capias pro fine* — failure to obtain inspection, three counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and expired inspection.

2012 Texas top 10 most stolen vehicles

SUBMITTED BY DPS

Pickups are not only popular among Texas drivers, they are also top targets for Texas vehicle thieves! The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released its final MVT19 report on the top vehicles reported stolen in Texas during 2012. The MVT19 report is compiled monthly by DPS and represents vehicle theft data entered into the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) by all Texas law enforcement agencies.

An error margin of plus or minus five percent is assumed for incorrect entries by agencies. Based on the reports, as has been the case for many years, pickup trucks top the list of thieves' most common targets for the year. Coming in at No. 1 was the Ford Pickup followed closely by the Chevrolet Pickup at No. 2. In the No. 3 position, the Dodge Pickup also remains a popular target for Texas thieves. The Honda Civic and the Chevrolet Tahoe round out the top five stolen vehicles.

The complete top 10 list of 2012 most stolen passenger vehicles in Texas includes:

- 1) Ford Pickup
- 2) Chevrolet Pickup
- 3) Dodge Pickup
- 4) Honda Civic

- 5) Chevrolet Tahoe
- 6) Honda Accord
- 7) GMC Pickup
- 8) Chevrolet Impala
- 9) Toyota Camry
- 10) Ford Taurus

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to popular belief, the most stolen vehicles are several years old. Some are stolen and stripped for parts.

Others are stolen and resold by thieves to unsuspecting buyers. Many vehicles are stolen for joyriding, for use in committing other crimes, to perpetrate insurance fraud, to burglarize personal items and documentation, or for any number of other illegitimate purposes. And vehicle theft directly costs Texans more than any other single crime — more than \$621 million in 2011.

Personnel from the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) and the agency's associated vehicle crime task forces remind Texas drivers that vehicle thieves are always looking for opportunities to steal. Vehicle owners should be aware that thieves can be lurking anywhere, and drivers should practice prevention techniques such as hiding contents that may be desirable to a thief, locking vehicle doors, and taking keys.

The Texas ABTPA, an office of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, has funded law enforcement programs specializing in vehicle crime investigation, recovery, prevention and prosecution since 1991.

Since then, Texas has seen a 61 percent reduction in the vehicle theft total. Currently, ABTPA funds 29 task force grant programs statewide, allowing 150-plus law enforcement officers throughout Texas to focus exclusively on the resolution of vehicle crime cases.

To locate and contact the ABTPA task force in your area, to arrange an interview, to acquire PSAs, or for more information on vehicle crime statistics and prevention, contact Michelle Lanham with ABTPA's RATT program at 214-671-3738, 800-CAR-WATCH or via e-mail at michelle.lanham@unt.edu.

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Marshal

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Hodge said he just wouldn't feel right sitting on a couch all day collecting Social Security checks. He likes to stay involved and has always held an appreciation for law enforcement, which is why he serves as marshal in a town he affectionately calls "home."

Hodge explained that a marshal will typically work alone, as opposed to traditional police departments where officers often work with partners.

"A marshal really works more by himself," Hodge said, adding that the solitary job detail suits his personality well.

"I kinda like just being by myself," he said.

However, Hodge will regularly coordinate police efforts with other local law enforcement organizations.

"Gray County Sheriff's Office comes. They're the backup and if I'm out of town, they take care of the calls," he said. "And I help them out."

Hodge said he also works closely with the Pampa Police Department and is often in contact with public information officer Stormy McCullar.

While Lefors may be a small town, Hodge said the sleepy burg suffers some of the same social ills that plague the larger cities in which he's also served.

"We have thefts. We have burglaries, lots of drugs and lots of alcohol," he said. "And you can't even buy alcohol here."

Lefors is a dry city. The nearest place to purchase alcohol is in Pampa.

However, the difference with fighting



Kerry Hodge

crime in a small town versus a big city, Hodge said, is how he interacts with the offenders.

"You deal with people differently when you know everybody," he said.

Hodge said officers might write five or six traffic citations per day while working with the Amarillo P.D. But most or all of those people are strangers. Hodge may see an offender in Lefors four times a week — once in while pulling them over on a traffic stop and the other three times at the grocery store, church service or Little League game.

"That can be good or that can be bad," joked Hodge, referring to his frequent interactions with the townsfolk. "You just have to be thick-skinned."

Hodge, a north Texas native, moved to the Panhandle when he was 5 years old. The unmarried Hodge has two boys, Colin and Sean, a daughter, Jessica, and 2-year-old granddaughter, Jaelyn.

Pampa News to publish special Easter section

The Pampa News is doing a special section for Easter to be published on Friday, March 29. We are requesting local churches to send us information about their Easter services.

Include the time of the services, the address of church and any special activity like an Easter egg hunt, sunrise service or breakfast. Also include a contact number. You may include one or two photos. The deadline to submit information is Friday, March 22. Email your submissions to thowsare@thepampapnews.com.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Can't get rid of that paunch? A Chicago-area gym suggests working out with your pooch.

K9 Fit Club offers bow wow boot camps and other classes for people and their puppies to exercise together in Chicago and nearby Hinsdale, Ill.

The fitness center opened last year after founder Tricia Montgomery exercised with her dog and lost 130 pounds.

Montgomery says her late basset hound, named Louie, lost 22 percent of his body weight.

Fans of the gym say classes are beneficial to both man and man's best friend.

Montgomery says dogs struggle with the same weight issues that people face, including heart problems and diabetes.

People who work out at K9 Fit Club say exercising with their dogs keeps them motivated.

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New Date

Hite

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Prior to joining Dallas Market Center in 2007, Hite served as a member

of the brand public relations team at The Richards Group on a national cause-related marketing campaign. She conducted national and local media relations with print, radio and television outlets and helped in strategic client planning.

In addition, Hite held the position of special events coordinator at Sewell Automotive Companies directing and coordinat-

ing special events, grand openings and corporate sponsorships.

Hite began her career at Texas Stampede as the souvenir program coordinator producing promotional materials for the non-profit benefiting Children's Medical Center.

Hite serves on the Fashion Group International of Dallas, Inc. board and is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

Weather

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at night.

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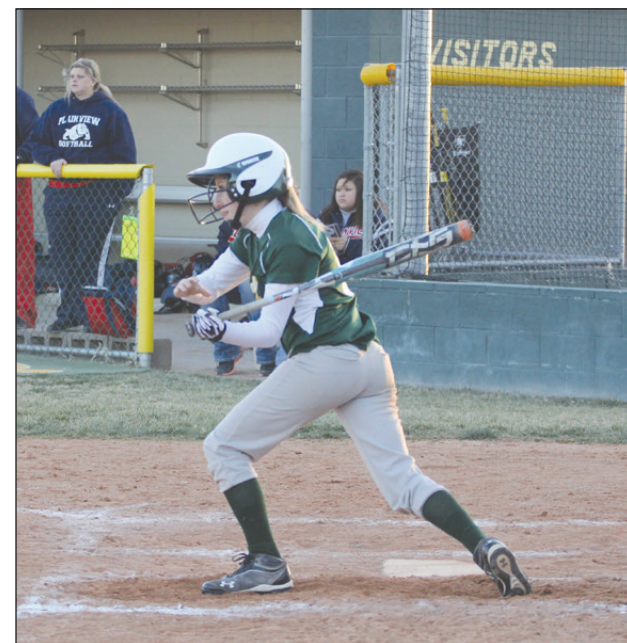
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JV softball game against Plainview called for darkness



Photos by Charla Shults

Left, Kendra McIntyre delivers a pitch in the game on Tuesday night. Center, Raven Neal catches a throw at first base. Right, Cameron Schaub follows through after hitting the softball. Pampa lost the game 3-2 but it wasn't without Schaub's effort. She had two hits and two stolen bases.

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa JV softball team played Plainview on Tuesday night. After three innings, the game was called due to darkness as the field does not have lights.

"We started off a little slow and gave up three runs. We bounced back with some great pitching and some great defensive plays," said coach Matt Embry. "Cameron Schaub had two great hits and two stolen bases that sparked a rally that fell just short as we were down 3-2 when the game was called due to darkness."

Hidden Hills seniors 4-man scramble

SUBMITTED

Here are results from the Hidden Hills seniors four-man scramble that was played on Tuesday.

First place with a score of 61, the team of K. Everson, J. McCall, N. Lancaster and B. Henderson.

Second place with a score of 64, the team of R.D. Ste-

phens, J. Gilbert, B.M. Millican, H. Musgrave and L. Moreno.

Third place with a score of 66, the team of L. Etchison, T. Taylor, J.G. Davis and J. Lee

The closest to the pin winner for hole number six was K. Everson.

The closest to the pin winner for hole number 15 was G. Owens.

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Boys track results from the WT Classic

By ZACHARY GREEN
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The Pampa boys track teams competed in the WT Classic last weekend. The varsity took second place with 146 points.

For the varsity, Kody Maddox ran an 11:45 in the 100 meters, which was good enough for first place. Zach Gates ran a 12:41 for eighth.

In the 200 meters, Brendan Ponce took first and Adrian Elam took second. Ponce's time was 24:37 and Elam's time was 24:72.

In the 400 meters, J.T. Brown took fourth with a time of 57:61. In the 800 meters, Alex Marufo took first and Keenen Hughes took second. Marufo ran a 2:19.92 and Hughes ran a 2:20.04.

In the 1,600 meters,

Marufo took second with a time of 5:18.46.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Ryan Smith took third with a time of 46:43.

The 4x100 relay team of, Zane Robles, Elam, Maddox and Brycen McClendon took second with a time of 47:51.

The 4x200 relay team took second with a time of 1:36.13 and the 4x400 relay team took second with a time of 3:52.49.

Kyler Allen placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 35 feet.

Allen also took second in the discus with a throw of 130 feet, 3 inches.

Joesph Radke placed third in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 6 inches. Radke took third in the triple jump with a jump of 39 feet, 3 1/4 inches.

Brett Troxell took first,

and Skyler Been took third in the pole vault. Troxell had a vault of 11 feet, 6 inches and Been had a vault of 10 feet.

Ponce had a jump of 17 feet, 10 1/2 inches in the long jump, which was good enough for fifth place.

Junior Varsity

Pampa's JV boys track team took ninth place with one point.

Bolin Coleton ran a 25.29 in the 200 meters for sixth place. In the 1,600 meters, Osmar Madrid ran a 5:50.90 for 25th place.

Cager Osborne had a throw of 36 feet, three inches for 16th in the shot put. Jonathan Doyle had a throw of 36 feet, two inches for 17th in the shot put. Cesar Armenta placed 33rd in the shot put with a

throw of 28 feet, 6 inches.

Mario Armenta had a throw of 104 feet, 8 inches for 11th in the discus. Doyle had a throw of 92 feet, 2 inches for 17th and Cesar Armenta had a throw of 77 feet, 7 inches for 28th.

Jeremie Bivins had a jump of 11 feet, 5 inches for 29th in the long jump.

The track teams will be at the Panther Relays today in Panhandle.

Today's Lent devotional

Day 21 – Friday

Scripture: Mt 27:3-10; Acts 1:18-19

When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."

"What is that to us?" they replied. "That's your responsibility."

So Judas threw the money into the temple and left.

The chief priests picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law to put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they decided to use the money to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why it has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Thus, with the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field. Then he went away and hanged himself. There he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood. (The Gospels Intertwoven,)

Devotional:

It wasn't every tree that could be a hanging tree. But Judas found one. Conviction affects different people in different ways depending on their heart. If the heart is good, then conviction eventually leads to remorse, which leads to repentance, which leads to salvation and forgiveness. If the heart is bad, then conviction ultimately results in death. Judas'

heart was wicked-the most wicked ever. Why say that about his heart? Because the most evil deed ever done in human history was the sellout of the only begotten Son of God by Judas. Scripture puts it accurately, "the reward he got for his wickedness".

When conviction comes my way, how do I react; which way do I turn? Over my lifetime the Holy Spirit has always been faithful to convict me often of my sin. I wish I could say that I always responded immediately with the fruit of a good heart, but that would be a lie. However, I can say that each time, via the Spirit's persistence, God eventually led me to remorse and repentance. When I delay in following the initial conviction from the Spirit, it is a true sign that my flesh is still too strong.

I need to be closer friends with conviction, best friends. It won't ever be a comfortable friendship, but it will be a life-critical one. Without a heart sensitive to the Holy Spirit's conviction, I could end up right where Judas did.

So conviction, I want to be better friends. I want you to spend more time in my house/heart. I want to hear you when you whisper so that you don't ever have to yell to get my attention. Conviction, please be my new best friend and help keep my heart tender.

Prayer:

Oh Holy One, I see in the Gospels that even during the Last Supper You were still trying to reach Judas. But he refused. His heart found remorse, but it never found repentance. Lord, the noose was the end result of his failure to come to repentance. I don't just want to know remorse regarding my sin, I always want to find repentance and forgiveness. So, please help me, Lord. Help me. Amen.

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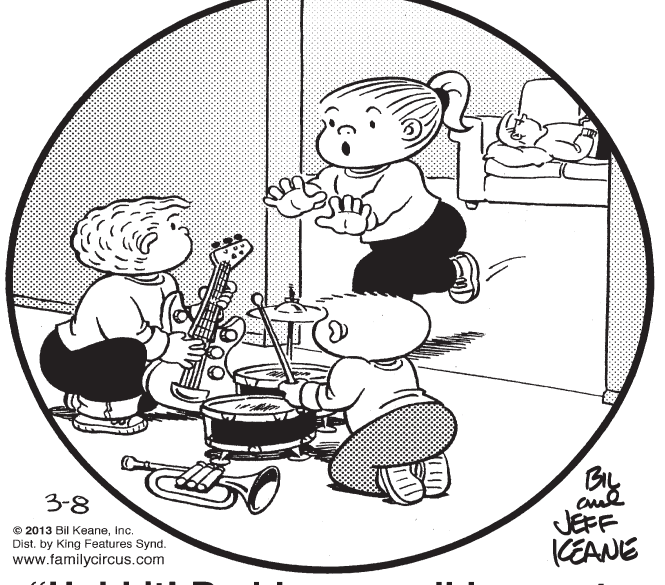
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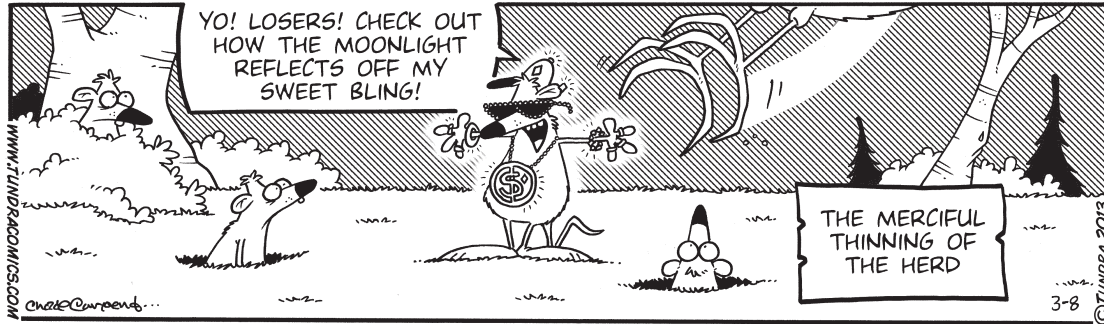
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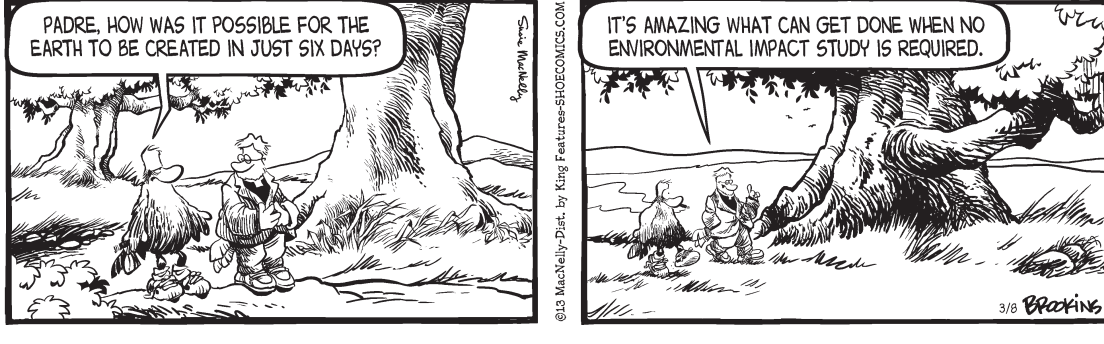


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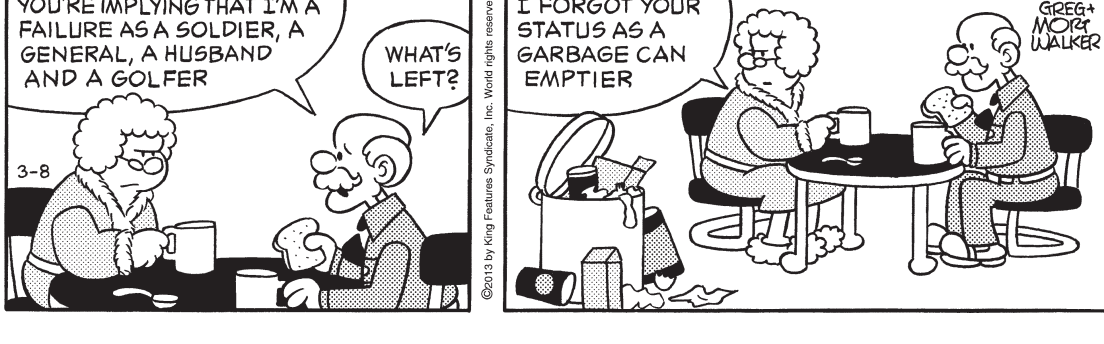
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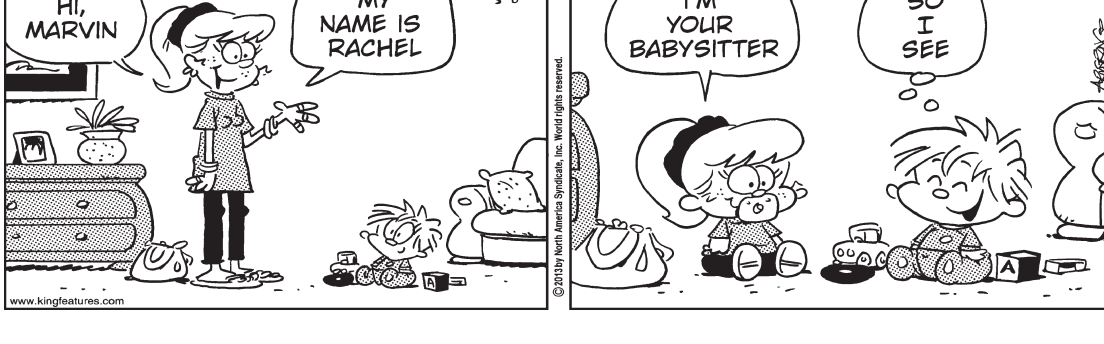
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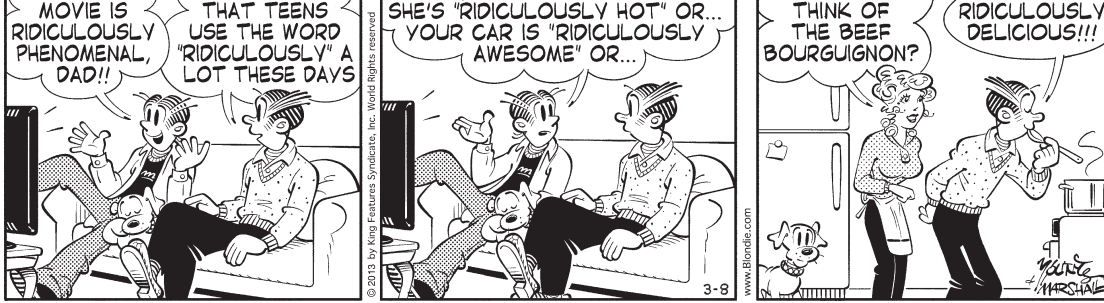
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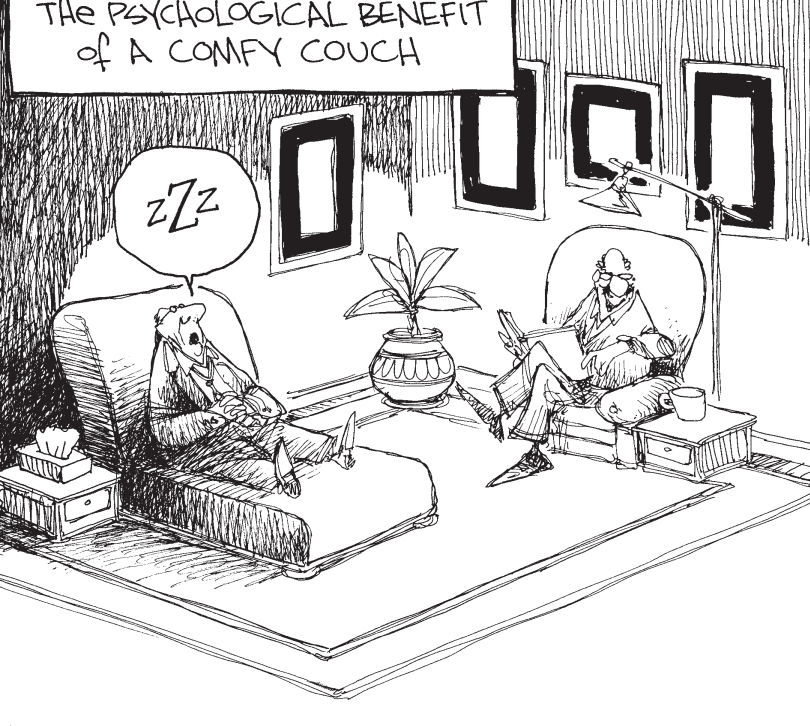
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 9, 2013:
This year ideas keep popping up from all directions. At times, you will need to vanish or close down from excess communication. You might wonder how you are able to implement so many great suggestions. If you are single, you could meet someone very special to your life history. You might find that you often don't agree with this person, but you do find each other exciting. If you are attached, you know that there is another solution just around the corner. Learn to work as a team, and understand that both of you can be right with different solutions. Take time to recharge your batteries in this busy year. **AQUARIUS** understands you well.
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your day revolves around getting together with friends. Whatever you aspire to be could become a reality today or in the near future. A misunderstanding or taking someone's comments personally would be a mistake. Tonight: You are the center of attention.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Whether you are the host of an event or simply a guest who is responsible for someone, others will count on you to do what is needed. You will move from experiencing high tension to being relaxed. Return calls and answer others' requests. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your energy and intellect work together. You might enjoy getting out of town or going to a flea market or two. You will have a better time if you socialize at the same time. Honor a need for change and more spontaneity. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's or loved one's news.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You naturally draw others in as you create mischief. Reveal more of yourself to a new friend or partner. Understand what is happening with this seemingly demanding person. He or she only wants more time with you. Let it happen. Tonight: Paint the town red.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Others notice the twinkle in your eye, and they know you are up for a fun time. Whether an event is preplanned makes no difference, as you will add a touch of excitement. If you are single, stop and take another look at a new person. Tonight: The good times could go

on and on.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A project on hold finally gets worked on, and you will feel better about yourself as a result. Decide to carry it out to completion and see what happens. Confusion surrounds a domestic matter. Know that no one means ill. Tonight: With your favorite person.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Approach a situation in a different manner. You are especially creative when you're exploring a new idea that is out of your comfort zone. You won't feel better until you do something. Confirm meeting times as well as places. Tonight: Let the good times roll.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might need more quiet time at home. Whether you want to do your taxes or simply complete a project, make it OK to do just that. Know what is happening between you and someone else. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with this person. Tonight: At home.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Don't put off an overdue conversation with a neighbor or sibling any longer. Listen to news more openly. You could be slightly overwhelmed by all the people around you, calling you and looking for you. Stay spontaneous, and don't worry so much. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be aware of the cost of proceeding in a certain direction. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. You don't need to respond to someone's attempt to push you. Put yourself first, and you will be a lot happier. You, too, have boundaries. Tonight: Whatever you want.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You can't be stopped from enjoying yourself, as you always have a host of friends nearby. A misunderstanding with a loved one could be straightened out quickly. What has happened is only a misunderstanding, and nothing more. Tonight: Sort out who, what and where.
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ You might want to placate an important individual in your life. Take stock of your situation. As a result, you might want to rethink a decision. Nothing replaces authenticity. Claim responsibility for just your side of the problem. Tonight: Vanish while you can.



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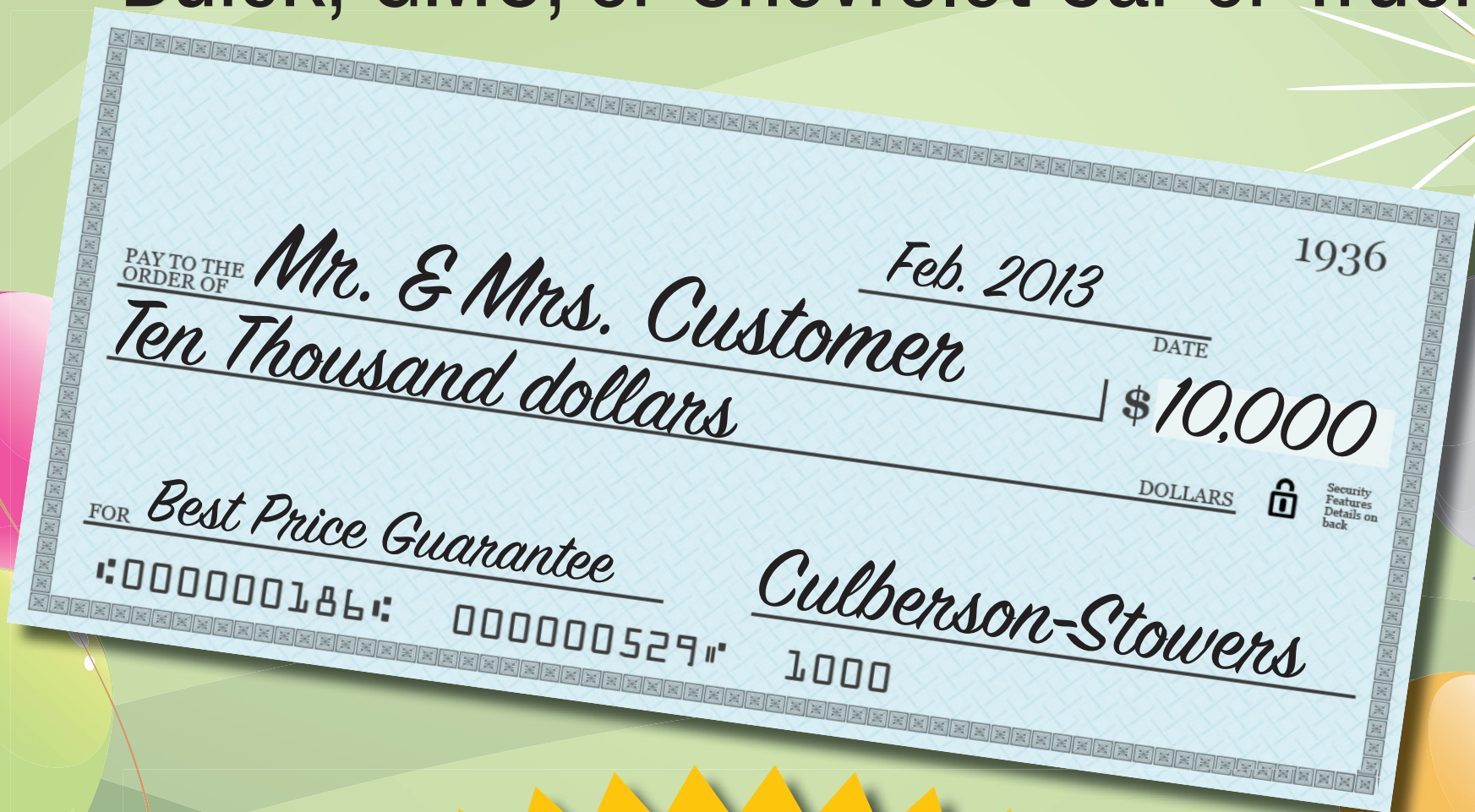
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