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Thornberry, Seliger to speak in Pampa

■ Each elected official will address public at separate events in upcoming weeks.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Two of the Pampa area's elected representatives, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry and state Sen. Kel Seliger, will be in town in the upcoming weeks to speak with citizens.

Thornberry will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Top o' Texas Republican Women's Club. The meeting will be held at noon, Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St.

Club president Jana Vinson said Thornberry will likely speak on a variety of topics he feels are of interest to the people in Pampa and Gray County. Also, there will be a chance for people to ask questions.



Mac Thornberry

Thornberry has represented Texas' 13th District since 1995, when the Texas House seated its first Republican majority in 40 years. He lives in Clarendon with his wife Sally.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Jana Vinson at 806-669-1990.

Seliger will hold a town hall



Kel Seliger

meeting at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard St., at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

All citizens of Gray County are invited. Seliger will discuss and hear input on the recently completed regular and called sessions of the 83rd Legislature.

Seliger is a Republican member

of the Texas State Senate, representing District 31 in the Panhandle and the Permian Basin.

He was sworn into the Texas Senate on March 2, 2004, to complete the term of Teel Bivins after Bivins received a diplomatic appointment. Seliger was reelected to serve a full, four-year term in 2004.

Seliger lives in Amarillo with his wife Nancy.

For more information, call Cindy Cockerham at Seliger's Amarillo District Office at 806-374-8994.

READY FOR RODEO



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Left, the sound system is fork lifted into the announcer's booth Thursday morning in preparation for the Top O' Texas Rodeo. Above, this horse, who has a striking resemblance to Mr. Ed, wouldn't give an interview, but he didn't mind having his nose scratched by the photographer. Read the weekend and Tuesday editions of The Pampa News for rodeo coverage.

New dentist's first name is Emily

■ Gregory Kelly & William Buck Dentistry hire Pampa's first full-time, female dentist.

STAFF REPORT

Gregory Kelly & William Buck Dentistry have finally found what no other dental practice in Pampa has ever had — a full-time, female dentist.

Within the last three months, long-time colleagues and friends Gregory Kelly and William "Butch" Buck have merged practices and brought in a new associate to help with the increased number of patients.

Joining Kelly and Buck is Oklahoma native, Dr. Emily Arrington, DDS.

Though she has been in town for only a week, she had a special connection to Pampa for a while because her husband, Lake, is from here.

"I visited Pampa a lot while we were dating," she said.

Arrington's father is a dentist and her mother is a hygienist, so she said it was a "natural progression" for her to become a dentist.

"I've always been interested in the health field," she said.

While in high school, Arrington said she shadowed her pediatrician, with possible plans of entering that field.

"I was trying to decide between pediatrics and dentistry," she said.

Her pediatrician encouraged her to go into dentistry, so she worked as a dental assistant at a few offices not owned by her parents to make sure it was right for her.

Arrington graduated from the Oklahoma College of Podiatric Medical Health Professions.

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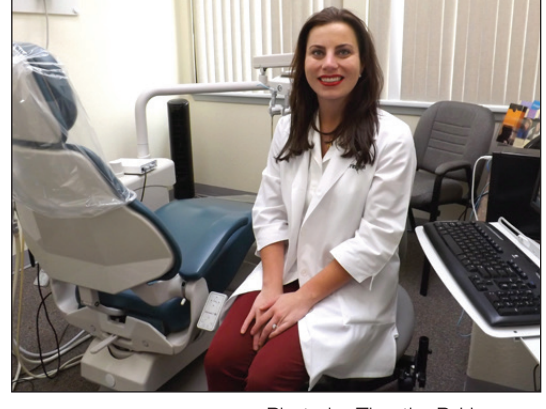


Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Dr. Emily Arrington, DDS started about a week ago at Drs. Gregory Kelly and William Buck's newly merged dental practice.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

Vivian McIntire is the new face — and voice — at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber hires new admin assistant

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Vivian McIntire is the new administrative assistant at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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State health dept. offers hot-weather precautions

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As summer temperatures soar, the Texas Department of State Health Services urges people to be aware of the signs of heat illness and to take precautions to protect themselves from heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

The elderly, young children, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most at risk.

Staying in an air conditioned area, either at home or at public places like malls, libraries or community centers, is the best way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open windows, pull down shades to keep out direct sunlight and use fans to cool rooms.

The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention. Stay

cool, drink plenty of fluids, wear cool clothing and limit strenuous outdoor activities. Other precautions:

Take action at the first sign of heat illness. Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. People experiencing these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make sure there is good ventilation. If symptoms don't improve, seek medical attention.

Never leave anyone, including pets, in a parked vehicle — even for a short time. Vehicles can heat up to deadly temperatures within minutes. Cracking the windows does little to keep temperatures down. If your child sits

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 82 Low 62	High 86 Low 64	High 89 Low 66

Today: Partly cloudy with a high of 82. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north at 18 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low of 62. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds north-northeast at 14 mph. Sunset at 8:39 p.m.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 86. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds northeast at 10 mph. Sunrise at 6:59 a.m.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 64. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southeast at 7 mph. Sunset at 8:38 p.m.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high of 89. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:00 a.m.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 66. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 8:37 p.m.

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Obituaries

Mildred "Millie" Plemons

Mildred "Millie" Plemons, 81, died Aug. 7, 2013 in Pampa.



Mildred Plemons

Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Matthew McCurley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Canadian, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Plemons was born Oct. 29, 1931 in Katemcy, Texas. She attended schools in Oatmeal, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. Mildred worked for various

stores in Pampa, including Marie Foundations for several years. She worked as a waitress at the Texaco Truck Stop and the Black Gold restaurant. She later owned and operated the Black Gold, retiring in 1987. Mildred liked to raise animals, sew and work in her garden. Above all, she loved being with her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sollie and Gladys Montgomery Morris, seven brothers, Craig, Carl, Gerald, J. B., Conard, Sollie and Curt, and two sisters, Lois Melton and Doris Morris.

Survivors include her life partner, Chuck Lake of the home, three daughters, Sharon Taft and husband Del of Dumas, Linda McMullen of Pampa, and Connie Franks and husband Larry of Canadian, a sister, Joyce Carr of McLean, six granddaughters, Amber, Tabitha, Aleatha, Shila, Misty and Tiffany, a grandson, Joe Allen, and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

For the record

Oklahoma man arrested for public intoxication

STAFF REPORT

- Jerry Ross Williams, 44, Oklahoma City, was arrested Thursday by the Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.
- Austin Chase McCarthy, 26, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for not having a driver's license.
- Mario Soliz, 31, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday

by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for driving while license is invalid.

Austin Max Theriot, 18, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for *capias pro fine* — minor

in possession of tobacco, failure to appear.

James Cole Davis, 28, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

ConocoPhillips sells oil sand stake for \$720M

HOUSTON (AP) — ConocoPhillips said Thursday that it will sell its interests in the Clyden oil sands leasehold to Imperial Oil and ExxonMobil Canada for approximately \$720 million.

The Houston company said the deal is a significant step toward rebalancing its oil sands portfolio. Clyden is located near the southern edge of Canada's Athabasca oil sands

and south of Fort McMurray, Alberta. It is comprised of 226,000 net acres of undeveloped land.

ConocoPhillips currently holds approximately 1.1 million net acres of land in the Athabasca region. The company said that given the bitumen deposits there, ConocoPhillips is the holder of one of the largest land and resource positions in the region.

The company expects to

record an after-tax gain of approximately \$450 million when the deal closes, which is expected later in the third quarter of 2013.

The deal must be approved by Canada's Competition Bureau before it can be completed.

ConocoPhillips said that, including this transaction, it expects proceeds of approximately \$13.5 billion from the sale of nonstrategic assets as part

of its 2012 and 2013 asset sale plans.

The company has received \$3.8 billion in proceeds from completed sales thus far and expects the remainder by the end of 2013. It plans to use these proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Shares of the company added 58 cents to close at \$67.10 Thursday, in line with broader market activity.

Joint Texas/Okla. cattle conference set for Aug. 13

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
LAWTON, Okla. — The Cattle Trails Wheat and Stocker Cattle Conference, a joint effort between the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, will be held Aug. 13.

This annual conference provides wheat growers and stocker cattle operators with the most up-to-date information on topics that influence profits, said Stan Bevers, AgriLife Extension economist in Vernon, Texas.

The conference, which alternates between Texas and Oklahoma each year, will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Comanche County Coliseum, 920 S. Sheridan in Lawton. Registration is \$25 per person and includes educational materials, a noon meal and refreshments.

Producers are encouraged to preregister by contacting their local AgriLife Extension county agent, their Oklahoma Cooperative Extension county educator or the Southwest Oklahoma Area Extension office at 580-255-0546.

The keynote speaker will be Bart Fischer from Washington, D.C., chief economist for U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas from Okla-

homa. Lucas is the current House Agriculture Committee chairman. It is anticipated Congress will complete work on the new Farm Bill this fall and Fischer will provide insight into what the new bill might look like and how its impact will influence area wheat producers' income.

Two speakers will address new research and technology, Bevers said. Dr. Gerald Horn, Oklahoma State University department of animal science professor in Stillwater, will discuss results from the Marshall Stocker Cattle program. Dr. David Worrell, AgriPro/Syngenta wheat breeder and product manager at Lockett, Texas, will provide an update on his wheat breeding program.

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, Texas, will discuss what to do with stocker cattle prior to wheat being ready and still have the cattle gain. Bevers will provide his expectations for the wheat and stocker cattle markets.

Industry sponsors also will have their products on display during the event.

For more information on the event, go to <http://agrisk.tamu.edu>.

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Minn. dad claims third of \$448M Powerball jackpot

ROSEVILLE, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota man claimed his third of a \$448 million Powerball jackpot on Thursday, wasting no time before revealing his good fortune to the world and saying he had "been waiting for this day my entire life."

Paul White, 45, a project engineer from Ham Lake, said his family often gave him a hard time for frequently playing the lottery, and he had a tough time convincing many of them that he had finally won.

"The only person who didn't feel I was BSing them was my mother," a beaming White said at a news conference where he was joined by his girlfriend, brother and two colleagues.

White said he'll take a lump sum, which will amount to \$58.3 million after taxes. Despite the minuscule odds of a jackpot win, White said he often daydreamed about how he'd spend his winnings if he won.

"I've totally been waiting for this day my entire life," he said, lamenting that he has to wait two weeks for his money.

"Start the clock right now," he said, eliciting laughs.

The other two winning tickets were sold in New Jersey, including in a

coastal community that is still recovering from Superstorm Sandy. But no one had stepped forward to claim either of those two shares as of Thursday afternoon.

White said his girlfriend called him Thursday morning to say a winning ticket had been sold in Minnesota, and he quickly checked the 10 he had bought the night before.

Mega-jackpot winners often wait days or weeks before claiming their prizes, giving them time to prepare and make legal arrangements. White said he had an attorney and financial adviser in mind, and wasn't afraid of the publicity — noting the New Jersey winners hadn't stepped forward yet.

"I hope I'm yesterday's news as soon as possible," he said.

White said he is divorced and has a 16-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter. He said his days working for a Minneapolis electrical contractor "are over," although he said he planned to help his boss, Ron Bowen, finish some projects before quitting. Referring to Bowen, who was sitting nearby, he quipped: "He started the day my boss. He's going to end the day my chauffeur."

Report: Fake officer stopped real police agents

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — Authorities say a man driving a truck with police lights on top made a crucial misstep during a bogus police stop in northern New Mexico.

Police say the two men he pulled over for speeding were real state police agents in an unmarked vehicle.

According to New Mexico State Police, 26-year-old John Shelton, of Logan, was arrested Wednesday follow-

ing the sham traffic stop in San Miguel County.

Investigators say Shelton had a pistol on his hip and told the agents he was a member of the New Mexico State Police Search and Rescue and a trained law enforcement officer — something officials later discovered wasn't true.

Shelton is facing charges of impersonating an officer. It was not clear if Shelton had an attorney.

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3 suspected US drones kill 12 militants in Yemen

By AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Three U.S. drone strikes killed a total of 12 suspected al-Qaida militants Thursday, a Yemeni military official said, raising to eight the number of attacks in less than two weeks as the Arab nation is on high alert against terrorism.

The uptick in drone strikes signals that the Obama administration is stepping up its efforts to target Yemen's al-Qaida offshoot — al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula — amid fears of attacks after the interception of a message between its leader and the global leader of the terror network.

Since July 27, drone attacks have killed 34 suspected militants, according to an Associated Press count provided by Yemeni security officials.

The Yemeni military official said the first drone attack killed six alleged militants in central Marib province, while the second killed three more in the al-Ayoon area of Hadramawt province in the south. The third killed three others in the al-Qutn area of Hadramawt, he said.

All the airstrikes targeted cars, added the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the media.

The high alert in Yemen came after authorities revealed an al-Qaida plot to target foreign embassies and international shipping lanes in the Red Sea.

The U.S. and Britain evacuated diplomatic staff this week after learning of a threatened attack that prompted Washington to close temporarily 19 diplomatic posts in the

Middle East and Africa. While the United States acknowledges its drone program in Yemen, it does not confirm individual strikes or release information on how many have been carried out.

The program is run by the Pentagon's Joint Special Operations Command and the CIA, with the military flying its drones out of Djibouti, and the CIA out of a base in Saudi Arabia.

In the capital of Sanaa, an Associated Press reporter said a drone buzzed overhead for hours Wednesday and early Thursday, leaving residents anxiously wondering about its target and whether al-Qaida militants were about to strike in the city.

Thursday's first reported drone attack hit a car carrying the suspected militants in the district of Wadi Ubaidah, about 175 kilometers (109 miles) east of Sanaa.

Badly burned bodies lay beside their vehicle, according to the official. Five of the dead were Yemenis, while the sixth was believed to be of another Arab nationality, he said.

Yemeni authorities said Wednesday they uncovered an al-Qaida plot to target foreign embassies in Sanaa and international shipping in the Red Sea.

A U.S. intelligence official and a Mideast diplomat have told the AP that the embassy closures were triggered by the interception of a secret message between al-Qaida chief Ayman al-Zawahri and Nasser al-Wahishi, the leader of the Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, about plans for a major attack.

The discovery of the al-

Qaida plot prompted the Defense Ministry to step up security around the strategic Bab el-Mandeb waterway, which connects the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden. Officials banning speedboats or fishing vessels from the area, and military forces have been ordered to shoot to kill anybody who arouses suspicion or refuses to identify themselves.

Details of the plot were reminiscent of the suicide attack on the USS Cole in 2000 in Aden harbor that killed 17 American sailors.

Yemeni troops have stepped up security across Sanaa, with multiple checkpoints set up and tanks and other military vehicles guarding vital institutions. The army has surrounded foreign installations, government offices and the airport with tanks and troops in the capital, as well as the strategic Bab al-Mandeb straits at the entrance to the Red Sea in the southern Arabian Peninsula.

The terror network's Yemeni offshoot has been bolstering its operations in Yemen more than a decade after key Saudi operatives fled here following a major crackdown in their homeland.

The al-Qaida group overran entire towns and villages in Yemen in 2011, taking advantage of a security lapse during nationwide protests that eventually ousted longtime ruler Ali Abdullah Saleh. Backed by the U.S. military, Yemen's army was able to regain control of the southern region, but al-Qaida militants continue to launch deadly attacks on security forces.

The drone strikes, which became a near-

daily morning routine starting July 27, have been concentrated so far in remote mountainous areas and valleys where al-Qaida's top five leaders are also believed to have sought refuge.

A senior security official told AP that the al-Qaida leaders never meet together out of fear of a drone attack killing all of them at once. These include Nasser al-Wahishi, a onetime aide to Osama bin Laden; Qassem al-Raimi, believed to be the military commander; and Ibrahim al-Asiri.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to brief the media, said al-Wahishi is believed to be trying to recruit informants in the mountainous areas of Marib in central Yemen, especially in the Wadi Ubaidah valley, where tribal allies of ousted President Ali Abdullah Saleh are concentrated.

Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi became president in 2012 after a year of mass protests demanding Saleh's ouster. Since then, Hadi has accused Saleh's men, who are still in key positions in security agencies and municipalities, of trying to hinder his reforms.

Marib is one of the few places known to be strongholds of al-Qaida, and the Yemeni military has not tried to carry out a large offensive there because of the strong presence of anti-government tribes.

The official said al-Raimi is believed to be moving in southern Yemen, while al-Asiri is believed to be in the north, close to the border with Saudi Arabia, his home.

Rodeo Days Saturday at Recreation Park

Bring the family out to Recreation Park after the parade on Saturday for the second annual Pampa Rodeo Days. The event will kick off at 11 a.m. and wrap up about 6 p.m. before the Top O' Texas Rodeo starts.

There will be a barbecue cook off and you get to eat the delicious meal for \$5 a plate. All of the proceeds go to support CASA of the High Plains. There will be local bands playing throughout the day. Stay and shop for a while — there are dozens of vendors coming from all over to sell their products.

Admin

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McIntire started her job on July 15 and is a full-time employee. Her supervisor is chamber director Lori Byrne.

McIntire was busy on the phone Thursday morning responding to inquiries about the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

Hailing from Topeka, Kan., which she said is about the size of Amarillo, McIntire got her first experience as a cowgirl last night competing in the Ram Pickup Race.

She moved to Pampa last fall to be with her husband Mike, who was already living in Pampa and working for Halliburton.

Though Pampa is much smaller than Topeka, McIntire said she likes the friendliness of the people.

She graduated from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. with a degree in business administration and general management.

McIntire said part of her new job at the chamber is contributing to the chamber's social media presence.

Dentist

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lege of Dentistry and had been practicing in Oklahoma before landing in Pampa.

Arrington shares the same desire to give back to the community with her skills and talents as Drs. Kelly and Buck, supporting and participating in Mission of Mercy, an organization that provides free dental care for people with little or no income.

"I've been involved with Mission of Mercy since I was in Oklahoma," she said.

The three dentists also support CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a network of volunteers that help abused and neglected children navigate through the court system.

Since merging the two practices, Kelly and Buck were looking for a recent dental school grad with a few years of experience.

The fact that she is both female and a new face in Pampa are a plus.

"We want our patients to feel as comfortable as possible," Kelly said. "Some patients like a familiar face, others prefer a recent dental school graduate and some prefer a female dentist. Being able to offer a variety of options is what we strive to do."

In addition to her dental practice, Arrington is a member of the Oklahoma University Alumni Board, a Theta alumnus and a member of the Oklahoma Junior League.

She and Lake are excited to be in Pampa, where they are near family and friends.

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in the back seat, put your purse, briefcase, wallet or another essential item behind you so you'll notice your child is there before exiting the vehicle. Young children are particularly vulnerable to heat. Call 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a vehicle.

Check frequently on older friends, neighbors and family members. Visit at least twice a day and watch for signs of heat

illness. Assist them with transportation to places with air conditioning and make sure they know what to do if they experience heat illness.

Most deaths caused by heat stroke occur in people older than 50 years old. They are more likely to have a medical condition or be taking medication that can interfere with the body's response to heat.

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Simple Insights

Summer's end brings a change

With summer winding down, I've started to realize that for the first time since moving back to Texas, I won't be leaving Pampa at the end of August to go off to school. It's weird not to have that feeling of excitement to get back and for all of my friends to get back to Lubbock for another semester, although I can say that I'm looking forward to not having to pay for books.

Now, instead of going to class, I have two full-time jobs, and soon, I will start paying off the debt that I owe to my alma mater. I don't think the changes will really hit me until the school year

starts and I see everyone leaving and preparing for a semester off at college, while I am still here, which I am not complaining about in the least.

Now, I have a new feeling of excitement similar to the one I felt after graduating from high school and starting over, even though this fresh start does not include a 1,500-mile move.

I can't think of a town that I would rather start my post-collegiate career in more than Pampa.

The town has always been so welcoming to me, and it's essentially where I grew up, even if I did leave for a while.

Even just throughout this past summer, I have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people, and I feel like the town is a good

fit for me. Growing up, I never saw myself leaving, but in the end, I'm glad I got to go off and live in another state before making the decision to return.

I haven't spent a full year in Pampa since I was 10 years old, so I'm looking forward to seeing how things go.

I'm really excited about staying with The Pampa News after completing my internship this week. I've already learned a lot here, and it has continued to allow me to grow as a reporter and as a person.

My position here has encouraged me to break out of my shell and be more social, which still needs more work because I'm a little bit awkward and shy.

I can't wait to see what the future has in store for me in Pampa.

Misconceptions on abortion

The answer to one question in the most recent Wall Street Journal-NBC News national poll startled an awful lot of my friends and colleagues in the press corps who are pro-choice. Because it is written and conducted by two respected pollsters, Democrat Peter Hart and Republican Bill McInturff, the Journal-NBC survey is trusted for both its professionalism and its fairness. So when, by a 44 percent to 37 percent margin, a plurality of Americans — including a plurality of college-educated women (by 44 percent to 40 percent) — answered that they do support efforts to ban abortions more than 20 weeks after fertilization, shockwaves were felt in many pro-choice precincts.

But wait. Earlier this year, the same poll asked this question: "The Supreme Court's 1973 Roe versus Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe versus Wade decision or not?" By a landslide 70 percent to 24 percent, Americans opposed overturning Roe V Wade.

How to reconcile these apparently contradictory positions? My suggestion: On the thorny, divisive issue of abortion, Americans are simultaneously pro-choice and anti-abortion. In short, most of us are unwilling to criminalize the painful, solitary decision a woman — presumably after consultation with her physician, her conscience and her confessor — makes to end the unborn human being she is carrying. (At no time during the nine months of the overly publicized pregnancy of Kate Middleton did anyone in print refer to the baby, now named George, as the royal fetus.) And let it be understood that nobody has ever won an election anywhere in this country running on the platform that what our nation needs is more abortions.

Nowhere is our ambivalence more clearly seen than when the Gallup

Poll, for 40 years, has asked, "With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?" This year, 48 percent self-identified as "pro-life," and 45 percent called themselves "pro-choice." This represents a change from 1995, when 56 percent of those interviewed said they were "pro-choice" and only 33 percent answered "pro-life."

Between then and now, the miracles of medical science and technology have changed hearts and minds on the abortion issue. For example, last year when doctors spotted a potentially fatal tumor the size of a tennis ball growing on the face of Tammy Gonzales' 17-week-old unborn baby, Ruben Quintero and Efthia Kontopoulos became the first surgeons to successfully remove in utero a tumor from the face of an unborn baby. Lynda, weighing just over 8 pounds, was born normal and healthy.

Stories like this may explain why, in that latest WSJ-NBC poll, even though 62 percent of college-educated women believe that abortion should be legal, a plurality of that same group still backed the proposed ban on abortion 20 weeks following fertilization.

Still, the misperception of a big pro-choice majority in the country persists. Nowhere was this more evident than when Gallup last May asked, "Do you think most Americans are pro-choice or pro-life?" By a thumping 51 percent to 35 percent, Americans think their fellow citizens are "pro-choice" rather than "pro-life." Pro-choice voters thought, by 57 percent to 29 percent, that Americans were pro-choice. So too did Democrats, by a 56 percent to 32 percent margin. Even pro-life respondents believed by 46 percent to 44 percent that the U.S. was pro-choice, despite the fact that the same survey found Americans by a 48 percent to 45 percent margin named themselves pro-life. Attitudes on abortion are full of contradictions.

We remain ambivalent, somehow pro-choice and anti-abortion.

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Utilities charge for privilege to pay your bill

Good day, state Sen. Kel Seliger. I write to you today because I am fed up (as I'm sure the majority of your constituents are). I say I'm going to write to you every month, but admittedly procrastination has, until now, won the day.

I have had it with having to pay the utility companies in order to give them their money. That is an injustice that has been brought about by their monopolistic attitude. They know their fees are going to upset you, but they don't care because they are the only game in town. This, arguably, is demonstrated by the list of who charges this fee for the privilege of

giving them money. Xcel, Texas Gas Service, Atmos Energy and others are all companies that, in this area anyway, have absolutely no competition. These same companies are also, not coincidentally, the ones that charge this fee.

My other bills, AT&T, Dish Network, and various cell phone providers do not have this monopoly, and they charge no fee to pay your bill. They know that if they start doing some ridiculous rip off scheme like that the customer will use his power of choice, and use another provider.

Being a businessman myself, I say you're ahead of the game if you have customers giving you

money without having to chase them down. They started this because they took all their offices out of every town but Amarillo to save money, but that hid their burden, not that of the citizen.

I realize they will sneak this fee in another place, but at least I wouldn't feel like they were laughing and telling me, "I'm going to screw you and you can't stop me."

I am requesting that you draft legislation to make this practice unacceptable in our state. I plan to publish this letter to you in all the area newspapers, as well as the local television stations. I know it's easy to lose sight of the

importance of fighting for constituents on matters that may seem inconsequential to you. With this in mind, I plan to be the motivator, or at least try with all my soul to act as such in this matter. My goal is one of two things; I want this injustice on the citizen remedied, or I want new representation, and will not hesitate to seek that very thing next time the opportunity presents. Hope I didn't piss you off, but if I did, then so be it. Mr. Seliger, I wish you and your family a happy and safe weekend, as I pray we are allies in this matter.

Phillip D. LaRue Skellytown

Obamacare cost keeps rising

Nothing is free in politics, but there is some question when you pay the price.

That's been a saying of mine for many years, though I may have unconsciously plagiarized it from

someone else. I think it applies to Obamacare.

My American Enterprise Institute colleague Sherman OrNSTein has been shelacking Republicans for trying to undercut the implementation of the Obama health care legislation. He calls it "simply unacceptable, even contemptible."

He points out that Republicans in the past haven't tried to undercut or derail major legislation of this sort.

That's correct, as a matter of history. You won't find any concerted drive to

repeal and replace Social Security after it was enacted in 1935 or Medicare after it was passed in 1965. In contrast, Republicans proclaim they want to repeal and replace Obamacare.

They don't agree on tactics. Some Republicans want to vote to defund Obamacare spending while continuing to fund the government otherwise. Others argue that would be a futile gesture and politically damaging.

The two sides have taken to calling each other names — the suicide caucus and the surrender caucus. But both want to get rid of Obamacare because they think it's bad for the country.

The so-called surrender caucus is surely correct in predicting that Barack Obama and the Democratic-majority Senate will never allow the defunding of Obamacare. The so-called suicide caucus is right to point out that

government shutdowns are not fatal to congressional Republicans, who maintained their congressional majorities after the shutdowns in the Clinton years.

Other points are more problematic. The defunders argue that once Obamacare subsidies go out, people will get hooked on them and support for repeal will tank. Their critics argue that there may be so many glitches (Obama's word) in the rollout of the health insurance exchanges that support will fall below the present low levels.

The fact is that no one knows for sure. But whatever happens, there are good reasons for Republicans to regard Obamacare as a legitimate target.

One is that, unlike Social Security and Medicare, the law was passed by Democrats only, with no bipartisan consultation. Democrats could do that only because accidents — like the later overturned prosecution of Alaska Repub-

lican Ted Stevens — gave them a 60-vote supermajority in the Senate.

That's a contrast with the 2003 Medicare Part D prescription drug bill, which as OrNSTein points out Democrats didn't try to undercut after it was passed. But Democrats were widely consulted during the legislative process, and a non-trivial number of them voted for the final version.

A second point is that Obamacare — unlike Social Security, Medicare and Part D — wasn't consistently supported in public opinion polls. Quite the contrary.

Please don't pass this bill, the public pleaded, speaking in January 2010 through the unlikely medium of the voters of the commonwealth of Massachusetts when they elected Republican Scott Brown to the Senate as the 41st vote against Obamacare.

Democrats went ahead **COST** cont. on page 5

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anyway, at the urging of Speaker Nancy Pelosi and with the approval of President Barack Obama. They made that decision knowing that, without a 60th vote in the Senate, the only legislative path forward was for the House to pass a bill identical to the one the Senate passed in December 2009.

No one had intended that to be the final version. Democrats expected to hold a conference committee to comb the glitches out of the Senate bill and the version the House passed in November.

Voters had done all they could do to signal that they wanted not a Democratic version of Obamacare but a bipartisan compromise or no legislation at all. Obama and Pelosi ignored that demand.

Under those circumstances, it's not surprising that Republicans — politicians and voters — regard the passage of the law as illegitimate. And that they believe they are morally justified in seeking repeal and replacement of legislation they consider gravely harmful to the nation.

You may or may not agree with those judgments. But it shouldn't be hard to see why Republicans feel that way.

Those feelings have been intensified as glitch after glitch in Obamacare come to light — and as the president indicates, contrary to his constitutional duty, that he will not faithfully execute parts of the law.

When they passed Obamacare, Democrats thought they were achieving a triumph free of any cost. Now, as Obamacare founders, they are paying the price.

Same-sex spouses may get military benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Same-sex spouses of military members could get health care, housing and other benefits by the end of August under a proposal being considered by the Pentagon. But earlier plans to provide benefits to gay partners who are not married may be reversed.

A draft Defense Department memo obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press says the department instead may provide up to 10 days of leave to military personnel in same-sex relationships so they can travel to states where they can marry legally.

The memo from Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel to top defense leaders, if implemented, would reverse an earlier plan that would have allowed the same-sex partners of military members to sign a declaration form in order to receive limited benefits, such as access to military stores and some health and welfare programs.

The recent Supreme Court decision extending federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples eliminates the need for such a plan, Hagel said in the draft.

"As the Supreme Court's ruling has made it possible for same-sex couples to marry and be afforded all benefits available to any military spouse and family, I have determined, consistent with the unanimous advice of the members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that the spousal and family benefits far outweigh the benefits that could be extended under a declaration system," Hagel wrote.

According to a U.S. of-

ficial, the memo is under legal review by the Justice Department, and the Pentagon will not be able to take any action until that review is finished.

"Although we have bases and installations in all 50 states, not all state laws are equal when it comes to same-sex marriage," a defense official said.

"That is why we are looking at providing extra leave for same-sex couples who want to get married to travel to a state where same-sex marriages are legal."

The officials were not authorized to discuss the memo publicly, so spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pentagon officials would not comment on the specifics of the memo. A Defense Department spokesman, Lt. Cmdr. Nate Christensen, said only that the Pentagon "is working alongside the Department of Justice to implement the court's decision as quickly as possible."

In February, then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced that by no later than Oct. 1 the Pentagon would extend some limited benefits to same-sex partners of service members.

Housing benefits were not included, but the plans called for same-sex partners to get special identification cards granting them access to commissaries and other services.

The benefits would be contingent on the service member and his or her same-sex partner signing a declaration that they were in a committed relationship.

At the time, officials said that if the Supreme Court

ruled on the federal Defense of Marriage Act, the issue would be revisited.

The act prohibited the federal government from recognizing any marriage other than that between a man and a woman.

In late June, the court cleared the way for legally married gay couples to be recognized under federal law and also allowed same-sex marriages in California to resume.

It did not issue any sweeping declarations that would allow same-sex couples to marry anywhere in the country.

When the ruling was announced, Hagel said the Pentagon would reassess the department's decisions on benefits for same-sex couples and also begin the process of extending benefits to same-sex spouses of military members.

In the new draft memo, Hagel says the department intends to treat all married military personnel the same and "make the same benefits available to all military spouses, regardless of sexual orientation."

But, recognizing that same-sex couples are only allowed to marry in a limited number of states, Hagel said the provision allowing service members to travel to states where the unions are legal is a way to help overcome those challenges.

Defense officials estimate there are 18,000 same-sex couples in the active-duty military, National Guard and Reserves. It's unclear how many of those are married.

The repeal of the ban on openly gay military service took effect in September 2011.

Fort Hood trial resumes

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — A military judge resumed the Fort Hood shooting trial on Thursday despite demands from the suspect's standby attorneys that they be removed from the case.

The military defense lawyers ordered to help Maj. Nidal Hasan represent himself during his murder trial had asked to take over the case Wednesday, saying they believed Hasan was trying to secure himself a death sentence.

The judge, Col. Tara Osborn, denied that request Thursday, saying it was clear the lawyers simply disagreed with Hasan's defense strategy. But the attorneys were adamant and said they would appeal to a higher court.

"We believe your order is causing us to violate our rules of professional conduct," Lt. Col. Kris Poppe told the judge.

Osborn briefly recessed the trial, but the hearing later resumed and jurors were allowed in after the standby attorneys were told to continue in their current duties.

Poppe had told the judge that if Hasan were allowed to continue on his own, they wanted their roles minimized so Hasan couldn't ask them for help with a strategy they oppose. They said they couldn't watch Hasan fulfill a death wish.

"It becomes clear his

goal is to remove impediments or obstacles to the death penalty and is working toward a death penalty," Poppe told the judge on Wednesday. That strategy, he argued, "is repugnant to defense counsel and contrary to our professional obligations."

Hasan gave a brief opening statement during the trial's first day Tuesday that included claiming responsibility for the attack that killed 13 people at the Texas military post. He posed no questions to most witnesses and rarely spoke.

On one of the few times he did talk, it was to get on the record that the alleged murder weapon was his -- even though no one had asked.

Sometimes he took notes, but he mostly looked forward impassively.

The prosecutor, Col. Michael Mulligan, defended Hasan's strategy, saying Thursday that it would have been "absurd" for Hasan to contest the facts of what happened the day of the attack in November 2009.

Mulligan said Hasan appeared to be taking on a "tried and true" defense strategy of not contesting the facts but rather offering an alternative reason about why they occurred.

"I'm really perplexed as to how it's caused such a moral dilemma," Mulligan told the judge.

Hunt widens for suspected Calif. killer, abductor

LAKESIDE, Calif. (AP) — Amber Alerts expanded to Oregon and Washington as authorities searched for a Southern California man suspected of abducting a 16-year-old girl and wanted in the death of the girl's mother and possibly her 8-year-old brother.

Oregon state police said there was a possible sighting of James Lee DiMaggio's blue Nissan Versa in northeast California near Alturas on Wednesday, followed by another about 50 miles along the same highway near Lakeview, in south-central Oregon.

Investigators have said DiMaggio may be headed to Texas or Canada with 16-year-old Hannah Anderson and possibly her 8-year-old brother, Ethan, though investigators said a charred body discovered along with

the mother could be the boy.

Also Wednesday, a friend of Hannah Anderson said DiMaggio told Hannah he had a crush on her and would date her if they were the same age.

DiMaggio explained that he didn't want the girls to think he was weird in an effort to defend himself after noticing they exchanged glances, 15-year-old Marissa Chavez said. She said he spoke while driving them home from a high school gymnastics meet a couple months ago.

Hannah Anderson asked Chavez to join her from then on whenever DiMaggio, 40, drove her to meets.

"She was a little creeped out by it. She didn't want to be alone with him," Chavez said.

DiMaggio was like an uncle to Hannah and 8-year-old Ethan. He

was very close with their parents for years.

On Sunday night, authorities found the body of 42-year-old Christina Anderson when they extinguished flames at DiMaggio's rural home. A child's body was found as they sifted through rubble in Boulevard, a tiny town 65 miles east of San Diego on the U.S.-Mexico border.

The child's body has not been identified but it may be Ethan's, sheriff's Lt. Glenn Giannantonio said late Tuesday.

Christina Anderson's father, Christopher Saincome, said Wednesday that his daughter visited DiMaggio's home last weekend to say goodbye before he moved to Texas. DiMaggio, who works as a telecommunications technician at The Scripps Research Institute in San Diego, was

a regular presence at the Anderson family apartment in Lakeside, a suburb of 54,000 people.

"He must have had this planned," Saincome said.

Saincome said nothing seemed amiss when he called his daughter at work Friday to let her know she didn't call on his birthday. Anderson, a medical assistant, said she would call back that night but never did.

Investigators had no evidence that the relationship between DiMaggio and the missing girl was more than friendly.

"We're not looking into that directly at this point," Giannantonio said.

DiMaggio is wanted on suspicion of murder and arson in a search that began in Southern California and spread to Mexico and neighboring states.

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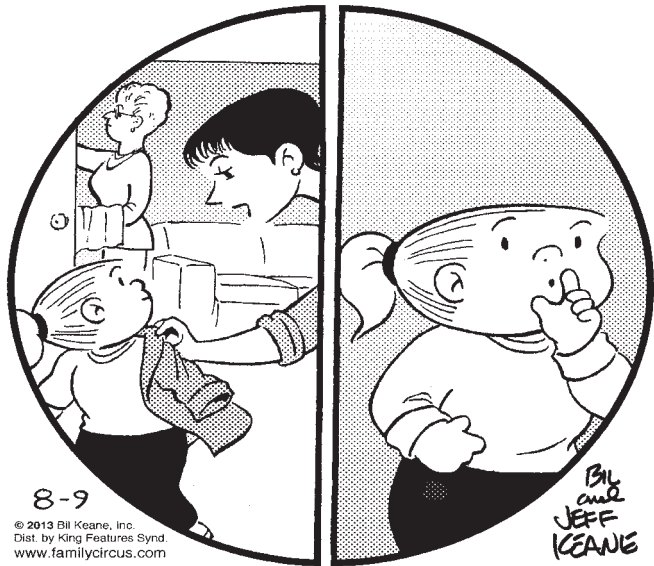
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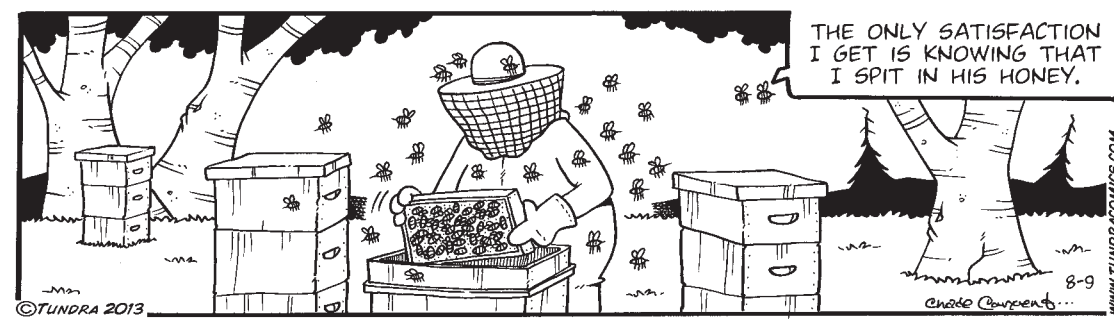


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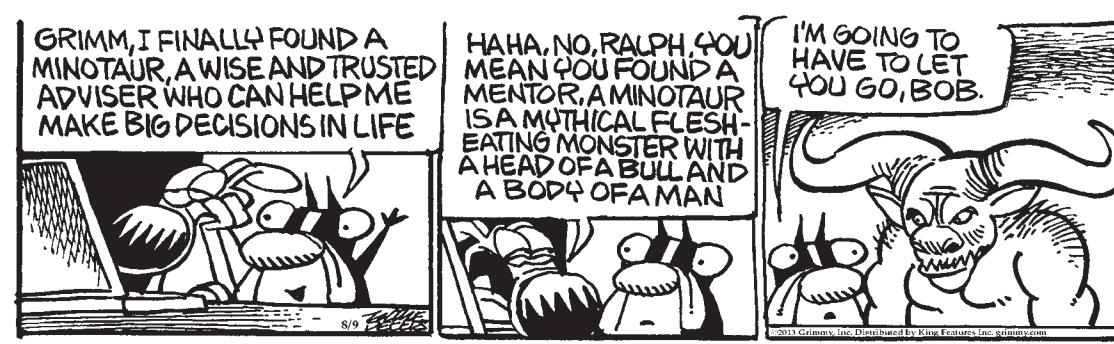
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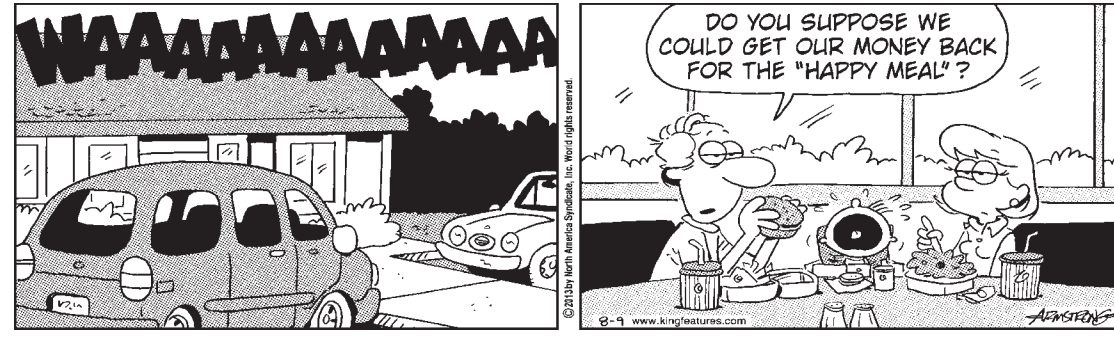
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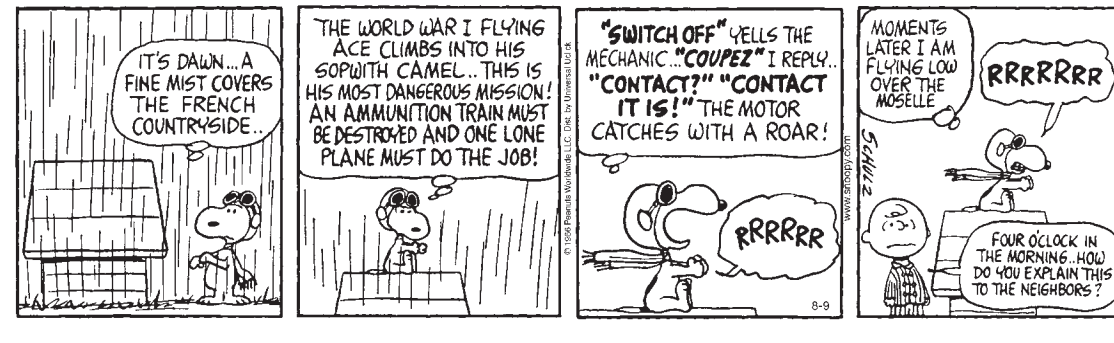
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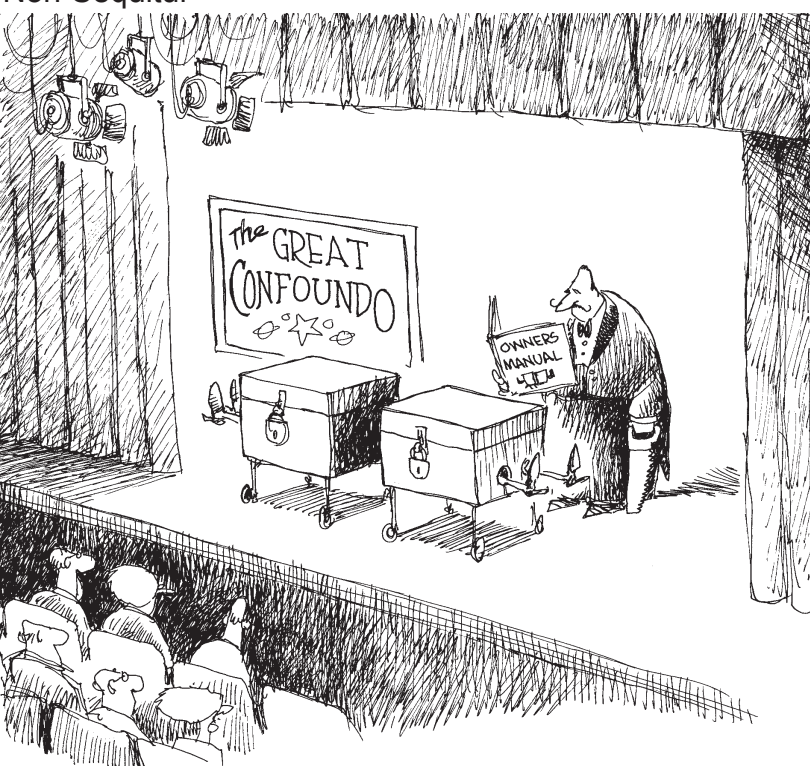
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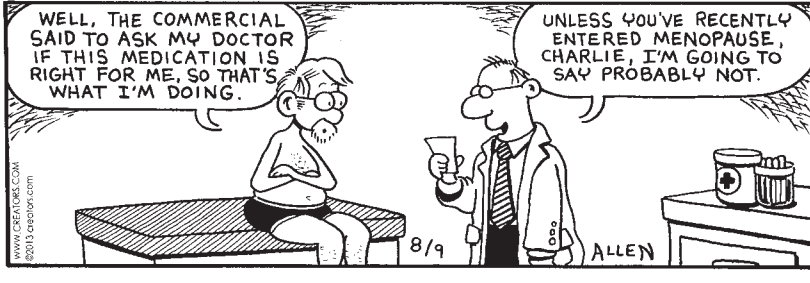


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This year you often find yourself brainstorming with others. You also like sharing stories and catching up on news with neighbors and relatives. You will renew your daily life in order to make it more exciting and meaningful. If you are single, you will meet a lot of people and attract many admirers. You might want to date more rather than commit. If you are attached, make sure that you spend plenty of time with your sweetie; otherwise, he or she could feel left out. LIBRA always loves visiting with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make it your pleasure to defer to others. In many ways, you are also responsible that you need to practice letting go more often. A boss or parent could become unusually contrary. The question remains: How would you like to respond? Tonight: Finally, time to unwind at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You need some time to mellow out. Use today for just that, though you might need to get a few errands done first. You could be contacted by someone you care about, but keep in mind that he or she might be unusually controlling, especially now. Tonight: Out at a fun happening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might opt to stay close to home or somewhere you can enjoy yourself. You will see a situation evolve that could force your hand financially. Clearly you want something different from the other party. Money is one of the major issues. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll want to run errands right away. Plans easily could be made, as you might run into someone you would like to have coffee with. Invitations to join others seem to come in from all directions. Choose where you want to be. Tonight: Let the party happen wherever you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make your best effort to draw someone in. You will find that by asking the right questions, you will understand where this person is coming from. A discussion could help you both relax. The problem might revolve around a domestic matter. Tonight: Out in your neighborhood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You could be taken aback by a friend's provocative style. Perhaps you have tried initiating discussions about this in the past to no avail. You might be best off letting this person revel in his or her challenging mood. Try not to get pulled in. Tonight: Just don't stress yourself out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll finally feel as if you have cleared up a problem. You might be far more upbeat than you have been lately. A conversation in the morning could mark a new beginning. Be careful with a hot-tempered family member in the afternoon. Tonight: Let the good times roll!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Step back some. You need more private time to accomplish what you want and also to relax. Consider including a frivolous activity or two. A conversation revolving around a domestic issue could have you feeling angry or pushed to your limits. Tonight: Be willing to disappear.

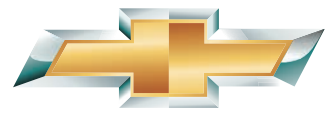
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Conversations will help you understand others and allow you to help them resolve their differences. You might be wondering how to eliminate a barrier. Why not just decide that it doesn't exist? It will dissolve with more relaxation. Tonight: Be where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could feel put off by a friend's attitude. You might wonder what is necessary to make a situation work. Pull back after indicating your preferences. You'll be full of energy, but do not apply it to a control game. Let others work through their issues. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you are thinking about someone at a distance, pick up the phone and call him or her. Do not stand on ceremony, even if you have had a disagreement. Mend bridges. Do not get tied up in someone's power play. Tonight: Squeezing in all of your invitations might not be possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by a partner or friend's feisty attitude. Have a long-overdue conversation with a loved one. You do not always need to see eye to eye with this person, but it is important to have mutual respect. Tonight: Invite a favorite person over for dinner.

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Are you playing the right ball for your game?

Something interesting happened at a Major Championship last week — play was suspended due to “high winds” in the Women’s British Open. Yet, the wind speeds weren’t that high,

so why was play really suspended? You can blame the golf ball, those who set up the course, or the lawmakers — take your pick. Of all the golf equipment you use, the golf ball has been the most radically improved. It goes farther, straighter, holds the line

better in the wind and spins more off short clubs from all sorts of lies.

It seems that the people setting up the golf course, whether it’s at Merion, Muirfield or St. Andrews, are determined that the winner isn’t going to get the better of their golf course. Perhaps they think no one wants to watch four successive 65s win it, so they invest in making courses longer and the greens faster.

To get the greens to a speed that makes putting a real challenge means cutting them really low. In any sort of strong wind, golf balls on really fast greens won’t stay still. So, the ball is continually moving in gusts. Hence, last week at the Women’s British Open,

play had to be suspended.

The lawmakers could have saved us this challenge by regulating the golf ball, but they haven’t, which means that the best golfers can reach a 550 yard par-5 in two with ease! It’s the same with 450 yard par-4s — for them it is a driver and a flick with a short club.

Of course, the other side of the coin in this argument is that the rest of us can do with all the help we can get and we want to have more fun while playing golf. A ball tuned for our game really can help.

The first question we have to ask then is, “Do we invest in longer and tougher courses with faster greens? Or, do we delight in scores in the low 60s

with real birdie fests? Or, do the lawmakers regulate the golf ball, but maybe only for the professionals?”

The real question is, however, whether you have paid enough attention to the qualities and benefits of the ball you play, if you even stick to one ball! Next time you are out on the course, stop for a moment, think about your game and talk to us — there is a ball out there that will suit your game and your budget, and which will give you the best return on your investment.

Regards,
Tim

Tim Stadler is the PGA professional at Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 665-8431.



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Preview: Dallas Cowboys at Oakland Raiders



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What to watch for:

DAL - The Dallas Cowboys have to be pleased with what they saw in the offensive line and running game on Saturday. Quarterback Tony Romo plans on playing Friday, even if it is for a series or two, look for his chemistry with his receivers.

Look for the running backs Lance Dunbar, Philip Tanner and Joseph Randle to build on their impressive outings with another one Friday.

There were some issues in the passing game, though, as the Cowboys only threw for 98 yards. There were several throws to be made; but the back-up quarterbacks just have to play better.

Tonight at 9 p.m. (check local listings for channel)

OAK - The Oakland Raiders finished 4-12 and .500 or worse for the 10th straight time since their Super Bowl appearance in 2002. Second year general manager Reggie McKenzie and head coach Dennis Allen are really starting to make this team their own.

First, they let veteran quarterback Carson Palmer go in free agency in preference for former Packer and Seahawk backup Matt Flynn, who will be looking to make the team and offense his own.

They stacked the defense up by adding many veteran players such as corners Tracy Porter and Mike Jenkins (former Cowboy), defensive end Jason Hunter and brought back safety Charles Woodson.

Preview: Houston Texans at Minnesota Vikings



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How they finished:

HOU - The Houston Texans finished 12-4 and clinched their second consecutive playoff berth upon winning the AFC South. They fell to the New England Patriots in the divisional round of the playoffs. This seemed to be a trend last season as the Houston Texans struggled with the true heavyweight fighters of the league.

MIN - The Minnesota Vikings finished 10-6, which was second in the NFC North and clinched a wild card playoff berth. They fell to the Green Bay Packers in what was an ugly game.

What to watch for:

HOU - The Texans did not let go of anyone they are going to miss. They added players that other teams will miss. The addition of the ball-hawking, albeit aging, Ed Reed in the secondary is the big one.

But in the draft they got

some help for wide receiver Andre Johnson by drafting Clemson wide out DeAndre Hopkins.

MIN - With running back sensation Adrian Peterson being the focal point of this team, the draft and offseason was used to give third-year quarterback Christian Ponder some help.

With the departure of the oft-injured Percy Harvin, the Vikes went out and got rival-Packer star Greg Jennings. They also used one of their three first-round picks on University of Tennessee receiver Cordarrelle Patterson. The addition of these two receivers and resigning Jerome Simpson, Christian Ponder has no excuses to not be an efficient passer, which is going to be the big story of the preseason.

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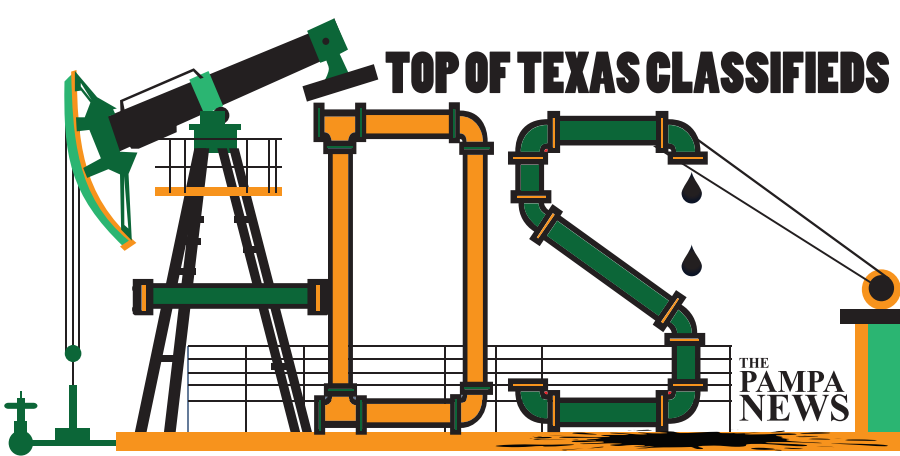
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DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law died two weeks ago. The services were beautiful. Many people sent flowers, but one arrangement — a bouquet of white flowers — arrived anonymously. I didn't think much about it, just that someone wanted to express sympathy. Now my mother-in-law has become frantic with concern about the flowers. She sobs over not knowing who sent them and — we think — suspects they came from an old or not-so-old flame.

My in-laws were married for more than 50 years, and it is heartbreaking to see her compound her grief with these thoughts. We have suggested various reasons that someone might have sent the flowers anonymously, but she refuses to accept them.

Is sending flowers this way unusual? Or are there good reasons to do it? For the record, it is even good manners to send flowers to a funeral anonymously? Or is my mother-in-law's reaction normal? — GRIEVING IN GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

DEAR GRIEVING: Your mother-in-law is grieving. She is fragile right now, and possibly not thinking straight. A card may have been sent with the bouquet that was somehow lost in transit.

That she was married to her husband for 50 years and now suspects he was unfaithful because of a bouquet of flowers at the man's funeral is a sad reflection on their marriage. She should discuss this with her spiritual adviser, if she has one, or a grief therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early 30s and have been married for five years. My husband and I decided to have a baby, and five months ago I found out I was pregnant. When I told my mom the great news, she wasn't happy to hear it. She doesn't care. All she cares about is how "fat" I'm going to get.

My mother never wants to talk about anything baby-related. If I complain about an ache or pain, she quickly says, "It's because you're fat!" The last time I went to the OB/GYN for a checkup, Mom didn't even ask if everything was OK. All she said was, "How much weight have you gained?"

It hurts me so much that she treats me and her future grandchild this way. I almost feel like having this baby was a mistake. Please help me. I don't know what to do anymore. — ALMOST IN TEARS IN OHIO

DEAR ALMOST IN TEARS: Stop depending so much on your mother's approval and you'll have a happier pregnancy. The person you should talk to about your weight is your OB/GYN. If your weight is such that it might affect your health or your baby's, you need to know it ASAP. Your doctor can refer you to a nutritionist if you need guidance about your diet. Your relationship with your mother doesn't appear to be particularly positive. As you grow closer

to motherhood, talk more with your girlfriends, talk more to your husband and less to your mother.

DEAR ABBY: I don't go to nightclubs often, so I'm curious as to what the protocol is for this. Sometimes, in the ladies' room, there is a woman there with toiletries, gum, cosmetics, etc. Before you can get your own, she puts soap in your hand and gives you a paper towel. There is a bowl on the counter for people to leave tips. The club manager says she isn't an employee of the club, but simply looking to make tips. I understand this.

My question: Am I supposed to tip her just once for the evening, or each time I use the ladies' room? — INQUISITIVE CLUBBER IN FLORIDA

DEAR CLUBBER: Tip the attendant each time you use the bathroom and she hands you the soap and towel — the standard rate is 50 cents to a dollar. However, if you tip the person generously the first time, you shouldn't feel obligated to do it again if you need to return.

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Groom's oldest resident celebrates 101st birthday

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The oldest living resident of Groom, Cleo Franklin Nix, celebrated her 101st birthday on Aug. 7. Cleo, who never was much for change, was born on a ranch six miles north of Groom. Her mother, Katie Schaffer Franklin, and father, Ben Franklin moved Cleo and her seven siblings to Groom in 1915. She never lived anywhere else for 100 years. For the last year, she has resided in McLean Care Center.

Cleo graduated from Groom High School in 1930 and married Ross Nix in 1932. There have been four generations of her family to graduate from Groom High School and currently the fifth generation is attending Groom Independent School system.

Cleo has one daughter, three granddaughters, 10 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. One of her granddaughters, Andrea Walling, lives in Pampa and works at Century 21 Realty.

The McLean Care Center hosted a birthday party for Cleo that was attended by family and friends. Congratulations and happy birthday to Cleo on her wonderful legacy.



Above, Cleo Franklin Nix of Groom, who turned 101 on Aug. 7, at her birthday celebration at McLean Care Center. Top right, five generations of Cleo's family, including granddaughter Andrea Manning of Pampa, far left. Bottom right, most of "the gang" at Cleo's birthday party.

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