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3 recent pot busts



BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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Texas state troopers have seized nearly 450 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$403,000 in recent days along Interstate 40 in or near Gray County.

On Monday, the Texas Department of Public Safety during two unrelated traffic stops seized 30 pounds of pot in Gray County valued at more than \$13,000 and another 360 pounds valued at more than \$160,000 in Carson County near Conway. And on Friday, a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on I-40, also in Carson County near Conway, that yielded more than 50 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$226,000.

The Gray County bust occurred around 10:03 a.m. Monday. A DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2001 Lincoln Navigator traveling east on I-40 for a traffic violation near Groom.

The occupants of the Navigator were identified as Imarogbe Olutosin, 39, of Tucson, Ariz., and Shanna Lou Collateta, 39, of Mesa, Ariz. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered two bundles of marijuana behind the backseat.

Olutosin and Collateta were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony, and booked into the Gray County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Arizona to Indiana.

Nearly an hour later in Carson County near Conway, a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Cadillac DTS traveling east on I-40 for a traffic violation.

The occupants of the Cadillac were identified as Ashley N Kubatzke, 24, of Rockford, Ill., and Bradley T Monson, 25, also of Rockford, Ill. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 15 bundles of marijuana in the trunk of the vehicle.

Kubatzke and Monson were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Tucson, Ariz. to Rockford, Ill.

On Friday, a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop Friday on I-40, yielding more than 50 pounds of marijuana valued at more than \$226,000.

At approximately 11:25 a.m., a trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Toyota Solara traveling east on I-40, for a traffic violation near Conway in Carson County.

The occupants of the Solara were identified as Keith Raymond Mercer, 49, of Corona, Calif. and Robert Steven Slagle Jr., 38, of Garden Grove, Calif. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered 23 bundles of marijuana in the vehicle.

Mercer and Slagle were placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Carson County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Corona, Calif., to El Reno, Okla.

Trooper Christopher Ray explained why Friday's seizure of 50 pounds was valued at \$226,000 while the Monday bust of 360 pounds — more than seven times larger in quantity — was only valued at \$160,000.

Ray said that marijuana can have different values based on its grade, so high-grade weed can be sold for much more money on the street than cheaper grades that some people call "ditch weed."

Ray added the three busts so close together in time do not indicate any kind of an increase in drug activity.

"This is pretty much typical. I-40 is a major trafficking road," he said.

Republican candidates speak out



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

Above, Judge Phil Vanderpool, who is running unopposed for 223rd District judge, was the moderator at Tuesday night's Primary Election forum. Vanderpool compiled questions from the audience and asked the candidates to respond. Below, from left, Mike Canon, State Senate District 31 challenger; Elaine Hays, U.S. Congress District 13 challenger; Dr. Pam Barlow, U.S. Congress District 13 challenger; and Kel Seliger, State Senate District 31 incumbent. Not pictured is Mac Thornberry, U.S. Congress District 13 incumbent, who had a scheduling conflict.

Republican candidates forum was a valuable source of information for Gray County voters.

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Tuesday night's Republican Candidates Forum, hosted by the Texas Federation of Republican Women, had a full audience in the new Pampa ISD board room.

The night began with an introduction from Jana Vinson, who expressed her thanks to all in attendance and to Pampa ISD for allowing the event to be held in the building. The evening was then turned over to moderator Judge Phil Vanderpool, who is running unopposed in this race for his second four-year term as the 223rd District Judge. He added that in this election there are 11 unopposed candidates and two positions with multiple people in the running.

Though all local candidates are running unopposed, each in attendance was given two minutes to speak. All the local candidates include Joe Patrick Martinez



for Justice of the Peace for Precincts One and Three, Gary Willoughby for County Commissioner, Precinct Two, Kurt R. Curfman for Justice of the Peace for Precinct Two, Jeff Haley for County Commissioner for Precinct Four, Mary Ann Carpenter for Justice of the Peace for Precinct Four, Judge Richard Peet for County Judge, Jo Mays for District Clerk, Susan Winborne

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Two from Pampa honored by state VFW

Both will move onto national competitions.

STAFF REPORT

Bailey Wichert, a Pampa High School senior, placed sixth in the Texas VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition for 2013-14, and Kay Pittman, music teacher at Travis Elementary School in Pampa, has been named the Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars Statewide 2013-14 Teacher of the Year at the elementary school level.

Bailey was the Pampa VFW Post No. 1657 winner and VFW District 9 winner. She then competed against candidates from 30 VFW districts throughout the state of Texas.

By entering the competition, Bailey earned \$8,000 toward her college education. \$2,000 was given by the VFW post in Pampa, \$1,000 from District 9 and \$5,000 from the State of Texas VFW.



Submitted photos

PHS senior Bailey Wichert, left, and Kay Pittman, Travis Elementary School music teacher, are pictured receiving their awards with Danny Martin, VFW post commander.

Bailey plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall studying agricultural business.

Bailey's outside interests include softball and rodeo. She is a volunteer for Special Olym-

pics. The Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition is especially designed for high schooled students from grades 9

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VFW

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through 12 and includes home school students. It is a valuable educational experience for students and a wonderful opportunity for positive publicity for the VFW in area schools and communities. The program dates back to 1946 and continues to be one of the VFW's most exciting programs. The VFW annually commits \$3 million in scholarships and incentives at the post, district, state and national levels. Participants write and then record a three to five minute essay on a patriotic theme selected annually.

The Voice of Democracy is endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and is designed to foster patriotism in the participants and to enhance their written and oral communication skills. In addition, this program demonstrates to the local schools and community the VFW's interest in the youth of today.

Kay Pittman

Pittman was nominated by her principal, Jennifer Studebaker, and sponsored by VFW Post No. 1657, Post No. 1657 Ladies Auxiliary and VFW District 9, and went on to win the State of Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year for grades K-5. She was chosen for this honor from 30 districts across Texas.

Pittman is now in the national VFW competition for national K-5 teacher of

the year.

Pittman was chosen for this award because of her commitment to education, promoting civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. For 15 years she has championed the cause of veterans in the community. She directed the first musical tribute 15 years ago at TES to honor Veterans on Veterans Day. The past eight years, the Veterans Day celebrations have been at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium to accommodate the large attendance. Pittman's goal is to educate and provide opportunities for students to express their appreciation to Veterans as they have sacrificed much for freedom we all enjoy today.

Pittman earned her bachelor's degree at West Texas A&M University in 1990 in Elementary Education with a concentration in music.

She began her teaching career at Baker Elementary School during the 1991 school year. Pittman quickly decided teaching children the love of music was her life's calling.

"I am very honored and humbled to be the recipient of this award. I am so proud of my Travis Tigers. They are awesome students and so patriotic!" Pittman said.

The VFW established this award to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students.

Pittman was presented her award at the mid-winter VFW conference in Austin, Texas on Feb. 1.

Witnesses describe efforts to save fallen trooper

LUDINGTON, Mich. (AP) — A trio of sobbing witnesses took the stand Wednesday at the trial of a man charged with killing a Michigan state trooper, describing how they found the victim face-down in the road with a gunshot wound to the head.

Paul Butterfield II was alive and aware of their presence as they tried to comfort him and stem the bleeding, the three witnesses said in Mason County Circuit Court.

They were among the first witnesses in the trial of Eric Knysz, who's charged with murder of a peace officer and other felony counts.

"He didn't answer or talk to me," said Connie Helton, who was the first to arrive on the scene, a few minutes after Butterfield was shot Sept. 9. "But he did raise up his head, pat his chest. ... He was patting his chest continuously. I knelt by him, told him to just hold on."

Butterfield, 43, was shot during a traffic stop at about 6:20 p.m. and died late that night after being airlifted by helicopter to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Charles Comstock, who wept almost continuously as he testified, said he was upset by his inability to help Butterfield.

As a math teacher we use the newspaper a lot during our statistics unit. I have students look up examples of percentages. It is a great way to show students that they will use math in the "real world."
-Middle School Math Teacher



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Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 65. Winds west-southwest at 12 mph. Sunrise at 7:24 a.m.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low of 31. Winds west-southwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 6:32 p.m.

Saturday: Sunny with a high of 57. Winds north-northeast at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:23 a.m.

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Obituaries

Cathey Denton Maxwell

Cathey Denton Maxwell, 51, died Jan. 27, 2014 in Pampa.



Cathey Maxwell

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, at Highland Baptist Church, with Rev. Jim Yates, Interim Hospice chaplain, and Pastor Erron Mercer of Cornerstone Church in Wheeler, officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Maxwell was born Sept. 20, 1962 in Wellington. She married Jimmy Ray Maxwell on May 24, 2004 in

Amarillo. She had been a resident of Pampa since 2009. Cathey was a medical assistant for Amarillo Wound Care Center for eight years. She was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Wheeler. She was preceded in death by her father, Elvis Gene Denton.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Maxwell of the home; her mother, Pauline Denton of Amarillo; a brother, Jimmie Denton of San Antonio, four sisters, Teresa Gordzlik and Debbie Holly, both of Amarillo, Sandy Bowen of Fort Smith, Ark., and JoAnn Troutman of Wichita, Kan.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A Lubbock, Texas 79424, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

For the record

Arizona natives arrested for drug possession

STAFF REPORT

• Shanna Collateta, 39, Mesa, Ariz., was arrested Monday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana — between five and 50 pounds.

• Imarogbe Olutosin, 39, Mesa, Ariz., was arrested Monday by DPS for possession of marijuana — be-

tween five and 50 pounds.

• Jerry Don Cofer, 54, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by DPS for driving while license is invalid with a previous conviction.

• Kristy Colynn Sinyard, 27, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for violation of probation — theft

of property, capias pro fine — nonpayment of court fees.

• Luis Albert Beraza, 19, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for theft of a vehicle — Navarro County.

• Barbara Robbins, 58, Pampa, was sentenced to a Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility.

• Jeremy Logan Wilson, 26, Skellytown, was sentenced for class A theft.

• Darrell Rashad Willis, 24, Pampa, was sentenced for possession of marijuana — less than 2 ounces.

• Guadalupe Lopez, 49, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for insufficient bond — sex offenders duty to register.

Woman who faked cancer sentenced to 1-year term

SANDUSKY, Mich. (AP) — A judge sentenced a Michigan woman to a year behind bars Wednesday in an “almost mind-boggling” scam that tricked an insurance company and swindled big-hearted people in small communities who believed she was dying of cancer.

Authorities said it was all an extraordinary lie: No doctor has ever stepped forward to even suggest that Sara Ylen had cancer.

Ylen, 38, already is serving a minimum five-year prison sentence in

another case of deceit, and the one-year punishment for fraud will run at the same time.

Ylen claimed she developed cervical cancer from a sexual assault in 2001 and was regularly treated at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Zion, Ill.

The Michigan-based Mercy Hospice cut her off in 2011 after two years when tests showed her life wasn't in peril.

The cancer hospital said it had no record of her as a patient.

The Lexington resident accepted thousands of dollars from supporters who for years regularly read of her plight in the Port Huron Times Herald. She repeatedly forged medical records, including documents that bore the letterhead of cancer specialists at the University of Michigan.

In January, Ylen pleaded no contest to fraud through false pretenses and false statements.

A no-contest plea in Michigan is treated like a regular conviction for the purpose of a sentence.

“All of these fraudulent acts that you perpetrated on so many people, and the extent that you went to perpetrate them, is almost mind-boggling,” Sanilac County Circuit Judge Donald Teeple said. “You took advantage of the

goodwill and generosity of people who were more than willing to assist you, all based on lies.”

Ylen was silent in court, about 90 miles northeast of Detroit, and has never given a public explanation.

Wearing prison shackles and an oversized coat, she also declined to comment as officers escorted her to a van for a return trip to prison, where she is serving a sentence for falsely accusing two men of rape.

Outside court, defense attorney David Heyboer didn't shed much light on her behalf.

“I don't know what took place. I'm not a doctor,” he told The Associated Press as he walked swiftly to his car.

“I don't know if you're going to have a heart attack in a minute.”

Prosecutor Brenda Sanford acknowledged that some people might consider the sentence light. She said the judge simply followed Michigan law.

“There was nothing he could do to give her additional time,” Sanford said.

Ylen owes about \$122,000 to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, mostly for the hospice care. A 2012 event at Crosswell Wesleyan Church raised \$10,800 for her bills, but the church has not asked for repayment. It was just a fraction of the

money given by people over the years.

“There was a time when I wanted to hear her say, ‘I'm sorry.’ I would have given her a big hug,” said Sue Nieghorn, who organized the church fundraiser and attended the court hearing. “But I don't have that expectation anymore. She's still saying she's sick. A no-contest plea is not saying, ‘I'm guilty.’”

The public first learned about Ylen in 2003 when she agreed to be featured in “Sara's Story,” an award-winning series in the Port Huron newspaper, in which she talked about being raped in daylight in the parking lot of a major retail store in 2001.

Her alleged attacker, James Grissom, was sentenced to at least 15 years in prison.

But Grissom was released from prison in 2012 after a judge threw out his rape conviction. Police in Bakersfield, Calif., said Ylen made up rape allegations during a 2001 trip there, evidence that wasn't available to Grissom to challenge her credibility when he was on trial.

A psychologist, Daniel Kachman, evaluated Ylen as part of her divorce case. In a court filing, he told a judge that she often feels “dependent and dejected” and takes on the “role of martyr.”

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Tales from the Final Frontier

■ **Newer 'Star Treks,' while good, cannot be lumped with classics.**



JOHN LEE

When I first heard about Star Trek getting a reboot, I was excited yet skeptical. How in the world are they going to replace William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy and DeForest Kelley?

Then 2009 rolls around and I watch "Star Trek." I was impressed. I thought, and still do think, the casting was excellent. Chris Pine is filling the shoes of a young, charismatic and gracefully reckless James T. Kirk very well. But as the movie progressed and I saw the destruction of Vulcan and the intimate relationship of Spock and Uhura, I threw a red flag.

I am as much a fan of romance in movies as the next guy, but I had an issue with Spock-Uhura mainly because I always found Spock synonymous with logic and incapable of falling victim to romance and intimacy. While vulcans have always been able to pair and reproduce, you never got the vibe

they coupled as humans do. Basically I like that the older series made Spock 90 percent vulcan and 10 percent human (as far as how he acts, obviously he is half each).

This newer series evokes more of Spock's human side, which bothers me. Why have a vulcan in the movie if he doesn't act like one. I liked "Star Trek: Into Darkness" more because he tried to act more vulcan than human, and overall seemed like the Spock of old.

The reason I state that you cannot lump these two newer movies with the classics is two reasons. One, with Nero, 2009's antagonist, coming into the past with all the fancy technology of the future, it expedited Starfleet's technological advances. To put it comically, Nero disregarded the Temporal Prime Directive.

In doing so, the Federation is going to have so many newer technologies faster. We saw in "Into Darkness" that Admiral Marcus had created a super-ship that could practically pilot itself. We never saw that in any of the later series ("The Next Generation," "Deep Space Nine," or "Voyager.")

Two, Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Karl Urban and Zoe Saldana are not bound to those roles for the rest of their lives as Shatner, Nimoy and Kelley

were. By bound to the roles I compare it to Robert Downey Jr. and Iron Man, nobody else can be Iron Man.

I also have a hard time comparing "Into Darkness" to "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan." Benedict Cumberbatch played a respectable Khan. I didn't find him quite as evil as Ricardo Montalban's Khan, which is kind of a scary thought. And let's be honest, Kirk's short death in "Into Darkness" isn't nearly as heart-wrenching as Spock's in "Wrath of Khan." Those who got to see these movies as they premiered had to wait almost two years between 1982 and 1984.

I just want to give kudos to those who had to wait. "Wrath of Khan" is five years my senior, so I just had to watch them one right after another to find out what happened to Spock.

But I continue to emphasize that if you try to hold these new movies to the same standard you are either going to disenfranchise the classics (with the exception of "Star Trek: The Motion Picture," that movie was awful) or loathe these two new ones.

Chris Pine will never be William Shatner just as Zachary Quinto will never be Leonard Nimoy, but they are still so good in their respective roles of Kirk and Spock.

I look forward to seeing the future adventures of this new Enterprise crew. Tell me what you think of the new movies.

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The imminent return of the 'Clinton scandals'



JOE CONASON

Hillary Clinton may well run for president in 2016. Or she may not. But while the nation awaits her decision, both jittery Republican politicians and titillated political journalists — often in concert — will seize upon any excuse to recycle those old "Clinton scandals."

The latest trip around this endless loop began when Sen. Rand Paul, the Kentucky Republican of extremist pedigree and nebulous appeal, deflected a question about his party's "war on women" by yapping about Monica Lewinsky, the former "inappropriate" playmate of Bill Clinton. Then the Free Beacon, a right-wing Washington tabloid, published some old papers about the "ruthless" Hillary and the "loony toon Monica" from the archives of the late Diane Blair, a longtime and intimate Arkansas friend of the Clintons.

Suddenly, the media frenzy of the '90s resumed, as if there had never even been a pause.

What was truly bizarre in Paul's outburst was his suggestion that somehow Hillary Clinton is implicated in the Lewinsky affair (which he and others have wrongly characterized as "harassment" or victimization of the young White House intern). Most voters will consider that kind of insinuation more repulsive than persuasive.

Still, there were other long-running pseudo-scandals that featured Hillary Clinton. Are we doomed to revisit every crackpot allegation and conspiracy theory? Very likely so, if only because that brand of moonshine brought in wads and wads of money from the same credulous wingnuts who follow Fox News. Last week, many of them surely sent money to Paul or clicked on the Free Beacon.

The Clintons are still big box office in the mainstream media as well. Our historical amnesia will make the old charges against them sound new again. And if there's a sucker born every minute, a lot of minutes have passed since they left the White House.

To prepare for the coming tsunami of bull-bleep, a brief guide to past scandals may prove useful. Then when another lightweight politician or television

personality starts spouting about Whitewater or Filegate or Travelgate — about which he or she actually knows approximately nothing — pertinent facts will be available. (For the longer version, with colorful narrative, consult "The Hunting of the President.")

Whitewater: Kenneth Starr spent roughly millions of dollars trying to find evidence of chicanery in a land deal that lost money for the Clintons — and his probe ended up demonstrating their innocence, like several earlier investigations. Having whispered to gullible journalists that he was about to indict Hillary in December 1996, Starr instead abruptly resigned as independent counsel in February 1997, knowing he had no case against her.

Indeed, the Clintons have undergone more thorough and invasive financial vetting than any couple in American history, from the exhaustive Starr investigation through Hillary's Senate financial disclosures to the Clinton Foundation donors disclosed before her nomination as Secretary of State.

Travelgate: Feverish coverage of Hillary Clinton's firing of several White House employees who handled press travel arrangements neglected some salient facts — such as the suspicious absence of accounting records for millions of dollars expended by the White House Travel Office, the Travel Office director's offer to plead guilty to embezzlement, and evidence that he had accepted lavish gifts from an air charter company. The first lady and her staff didn't handle the controversy skillfully, but she had plenty of reason to suspect chicanery. And again, exhaustive investigation found no intentional wrongdoing by her.

Filegate: Sensational accusations that Hillary Clinton had ordered up FBI background files to target political opponents soon became a Republican and media obsession, with respectable figures warning that Filegate would be the Clintons' Watergate. "Where's the outrage?" cried Bob Dole, the 1996 Republican presidential nominee. Starr investigated the matter and found no evidence of wrongdoing. Finally, in 2010, a Reagan-appointed federal judge mockingly dismissed a civil lawsuit based on the allegations, saying "there's no there there."

In truth, there never was.

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The failure of Obama's aristocracy of merit



MICHAEL BARONE

The roots of American liberalism are not compassion, but snobbery. That's the thesis of Fred Siegel's revealing new book, "The Revolt Against the Masses: How Liberalism Has Undermined the Middle Class."

The standard account from liberal historians over the years, and more recently in bestsellers by Glenn Beck, is a linear story: Government expansion starts with the Progressives of a hundred years ago, accelerates through the New Deal and the Great Society, and is followed up by the Obama stimulus and Obamacare.

Siegel says it's more complicated than that. And he argues that literary figures contributed as much to the liberal mindset — maybe more — than public policy wonks.

He depicts the Progressives as Protestant reformers, determined to professionalize institutions and tame the immigrant and industrial masses. Progressive projects included women's suffrage and prohibition of alcohol.

But the many pro-German Progressives were appalled when Woodrow Wilson led America into World War I and by Wilson's brutal suppression of civil liberties.

Progressivism was repudiated in the landslide

election of Warren Harding in 1920, at which point disenchanted liberal thinkers turned their ire against middle-class Americans who, in the "roaring '20s," were happily buying automobiles, refrigerators, radios and tickets to the movies.

The novels of Sinclair Lewis, the journalism of H.L. Mencken and the literary criticism of Van Wyck Brooks heaped scorn on the vast and supposedly mindless Americans who worked hard at their jobs and joined civic groups — Mencken's "booboisie."

These 1920s liberals idealized the "noble aspiration" and "fine aristocratic pride" in an imaginary Europe, and considered Americans, in the words of a Lewis character, "a savorless people, gulping tasteless food," and "listening to mechanical music, saying mechanical things about the excellence of Ford automobiles and viewing themselves as the greatest race in the world."

This contempt for ordinary Americans mostly persisted in changing political environments. During the Great Depression, many liberals became Communists, proclaiming themselves tribunes of a virtuous oppressed proletariat that would have an enlightened rule.

For a moment, idealization of the working man, but not the middle-class striver, came into vogue. But in the postwar years, what Siegel calls "the political and cultural snobbery" of liberals returned.

He recounts the derision of historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., and economist John Kenneth Galbraith — Cambridge neighbors after the war — for Harry Truman, the onetime haberdasher and member of veterans' groups and service clubs.

They failed to note that Truman was a serious reader of history and had, in supposedly backward Independence, Mo., studied piano under a teacher who had studied under Ignacy Paderewski.

The supposedly mindless 1950s, Siegel recalls, were actually a time of elevated culture, with thousands of Great Books discussion groups across the nation and high TV ratings for programs such as Shakespeare's "Richard III," starring Laurence Olivier.

Liberals since the 1920s have claimed to be guided by the laws of science. But often it was crackpot science, like the eugenics movement that sought forced sterilizations.

Other social science theories proved unreliable in practice. Keynesian economics crashed and burned in the stagflation of the 1980s.

Predictions that the world would run out of food and resources turned out to be wrong. In the 1970s, people were told global cooling was inevitable. Now it's global warming.

As Daniel Patrick Moynihan, an artist among social scientists, pointed out, social scientists didn't really know how to eliminate poverty or crime. Policies

based on middle-class instincts often worked better than those of elite liberals.

Some Democratic politicians learned lessons from this. Bill Clinton pursued welfare reform and honored, in rhetoric if not always behavior, people who work hard and play by the rules.

Barack Obama, in contrast, has built a top-and-bottom coalition — academics and gentry liberals, blacks and Hispanics, with funding and organizational backing from taxpayer-funded public-sector unions. In 2008, Obama carried those with incomes under \$50,000 and over \$200,000, and lost those in-between.

The Obama Democrats passed a stimulus package tilted toward public-sector unions and financial regulation propping up the big banks. Those at the top got paid off.

Less has gone to those at the bottom. Those in the middle have seen their health insurance canceled by Obamacare and sit waiting for healthcare.gov to function.

Suddenly, this "aristocracy based on talent and sensibility," in Siegel's words, seems to be discrediting its own policies — and its conceit that it is uniquely fit to govern.

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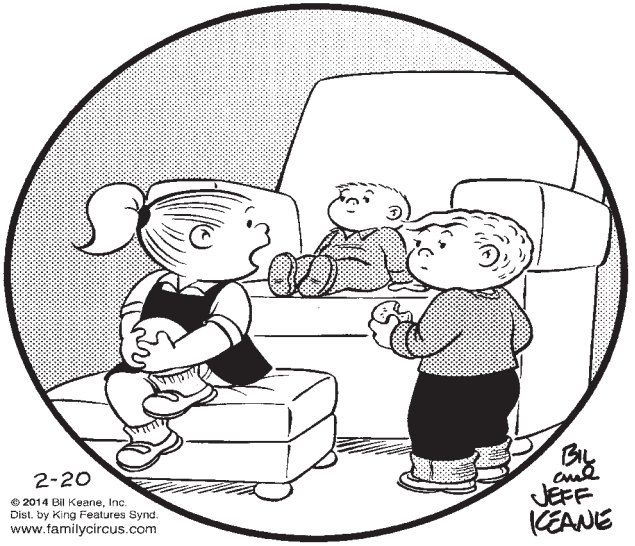
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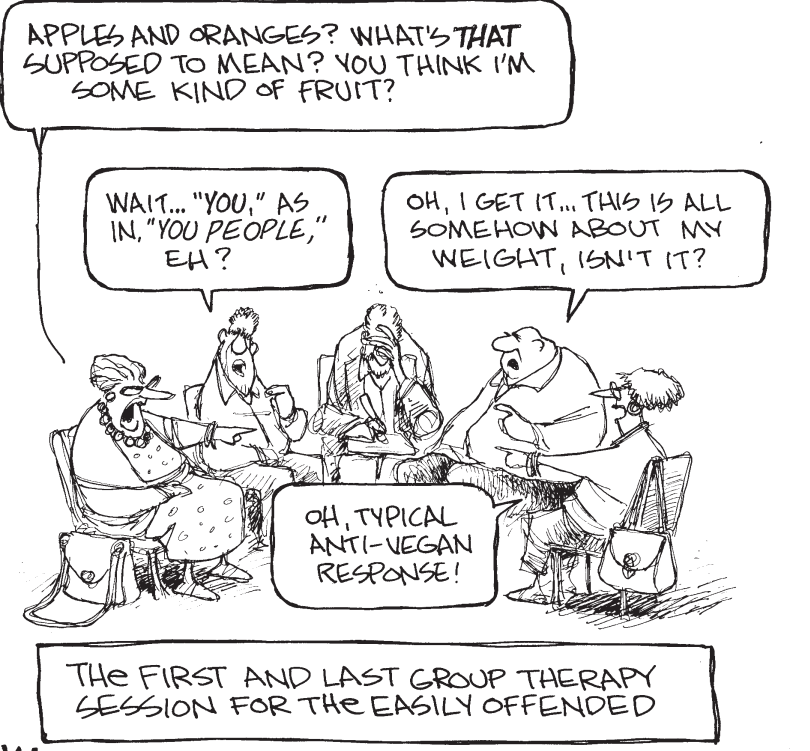
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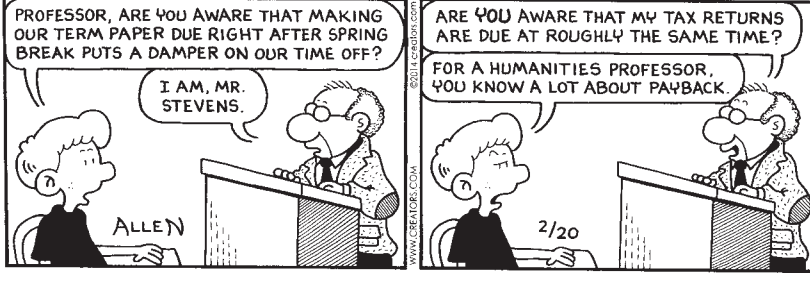
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 21, 2014:

This year you often feel as if friends pave your path. Somehow, they seem to have more insight into certain areas of your life than you realize. Travel and interactions with your in-laws and/or foreigners could be difficult. If you are single, you could meet someone much older than you. However, eventually you might become bored with this person. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to spend more time at home, as you are likely to take up a new hobby or interest together. **SCORPIO** can be hard on you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Confusion marks your day, but you will manage to avoid someone's contribution to the momentary chaos. Once you do, you might want to minimize the amount of time you spend interacting with this person in your daily life. Tonight: Go along with set plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Examine your long-term needs, and have a discussion with those involved in a joint venture. No one says there can't be an adjustment, though one person might decide to say something that sounds more negative than he or she intended. Tonight: TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pace yourself, and know full well what you can complete. You won't want to leave work or a project half-done. Complete what you can, but try not to dive into a new project at this point in time. Put it on hold until Monday. Tonight: Time for some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your mind is on the weekend, so you might have a difficult time settling in at work. Your ability to manage what you must is likely to emerge. You will have a problem if you decide to slack off. Make an important call at the end of the day. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to someone who might not be able to communicate his or her feelings in a way that can be understood. Your ability to help this person speak more clearly could alleviate much of the problem. Use your ability to get on top of a problem. Tonight:

Make it fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize what is important. Try not to initiate any projects; instead, clear out what you can. Be aware of the limitations that have been imposed on you and your schedule. Someone might be more closed off than you realize. Tonight: Join friends, and catch up on news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who knows more than you do about a money matter. Tap into this person's knowledge and experience. You also might need to seek an expert opinion. Use your instincts, but listen to your mind as well. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be overserious and unable to switch into weekend mode. At first, you might feel as if you can't lighten up, but a conversation will make you feel better. Return a call to a relative who might have some interesting information. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Listen to your inner voice, and follow it. Right now, playing it low-key might be best. Take some time to decide what you want to do. Make a point to take some time off from the daily grind. Everyone needs a break. Tonight: Do what feels right, but have no expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A meeting might cause you to do some serious thinking. Look for a new slant. Find someone neutral who perhaps is unexposed to the issue at hand. You could be surprised by what comes up, even if you opt not to use the information. Tonight: Where the action is.

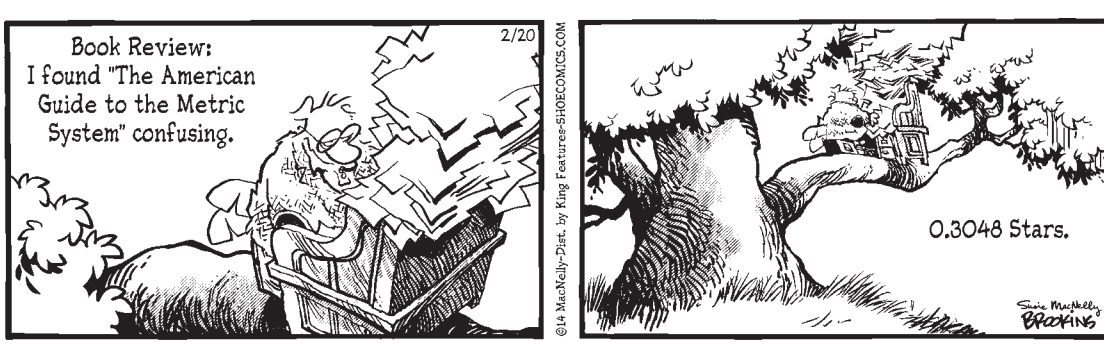
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be left holding the bag. While others start enjoying their weekend, you could find yourself with lots to do. Delegate what you can to others, and join your friends. A breath of fresh air will do more good than you can imagine. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Try to find an answer that will work for everyone. Some of you might decide to just walk away, if that works for you. Keep your long-term goals in mind when making this decision. Remain focused on what you desire. Tonight: Out late.

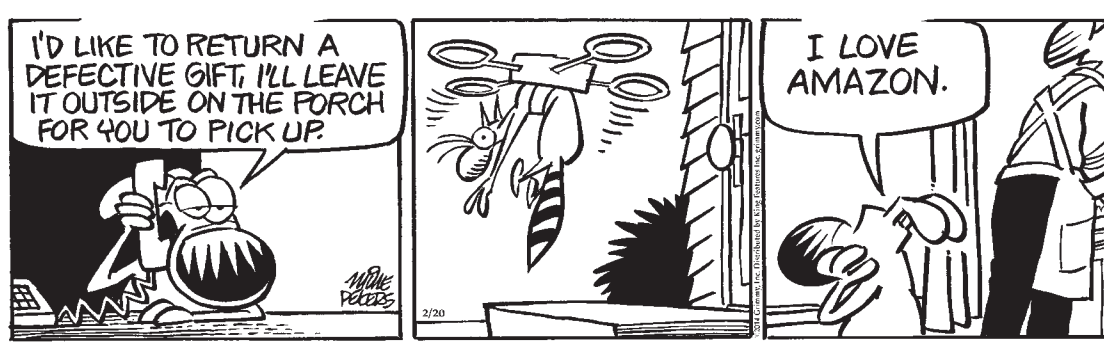
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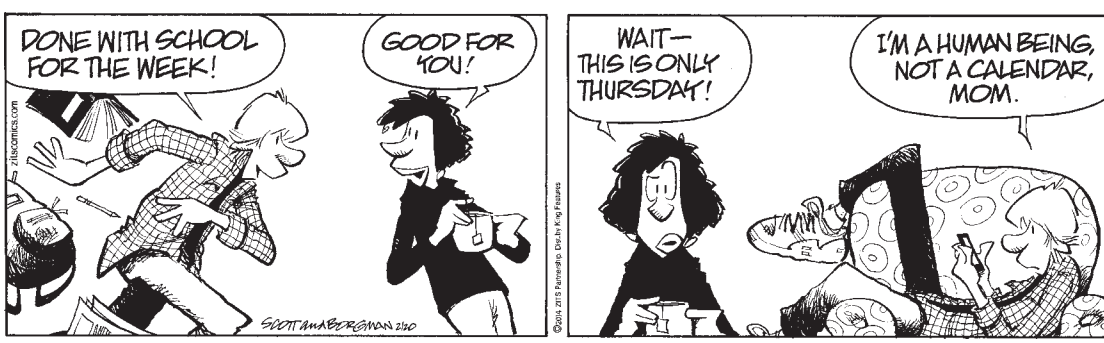
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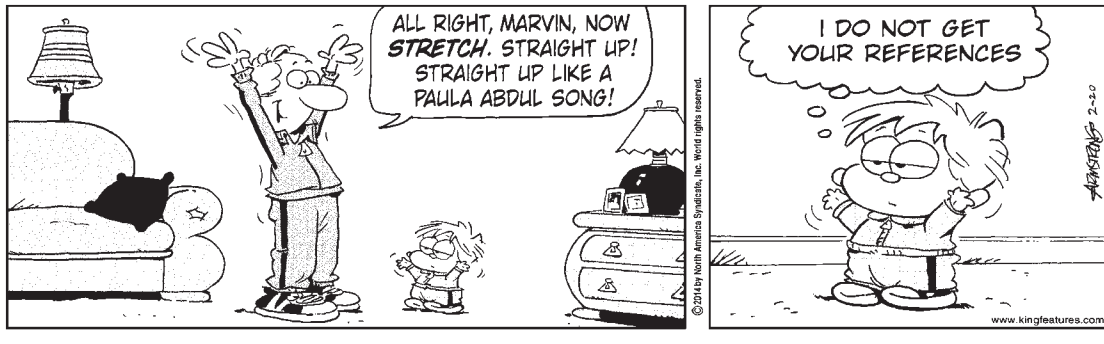
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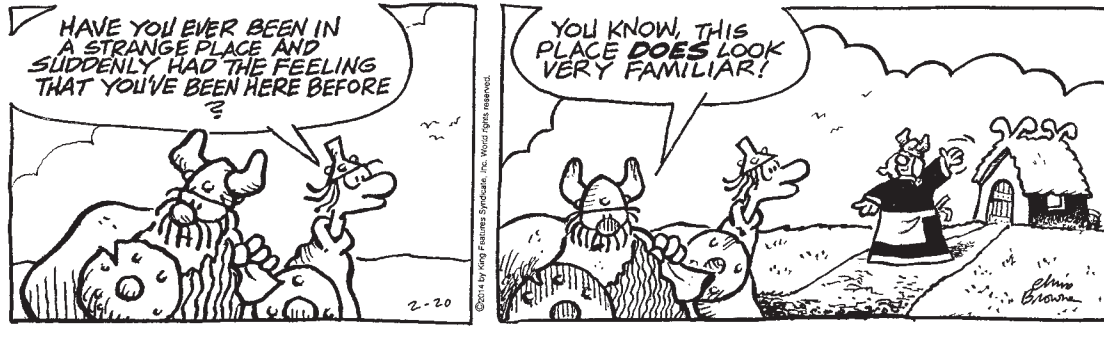
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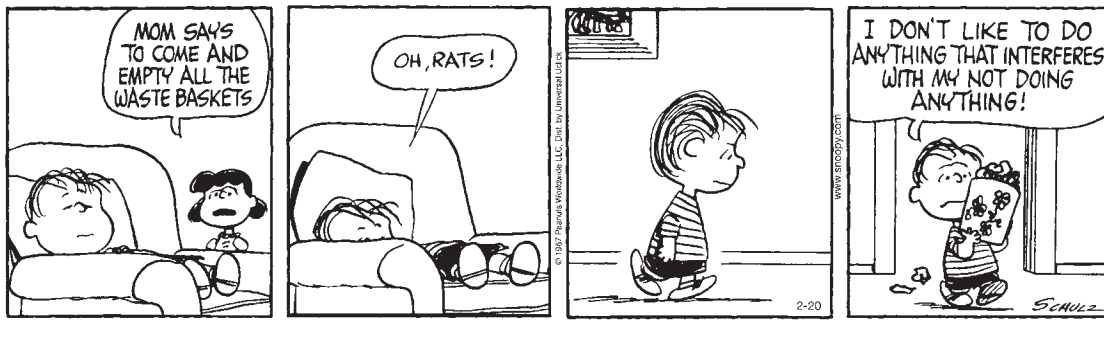
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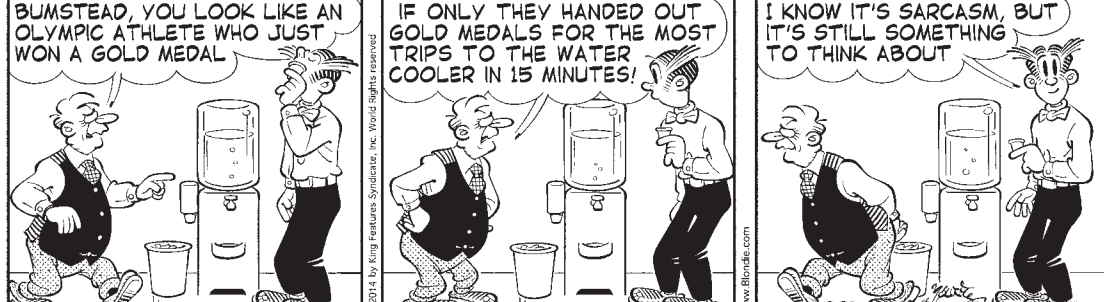
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America's Farmers Grow Communities launched in 2010, and has since donated over \$13 million to more than 5,200 nonprofit organizations across the country. America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, is part of the America's Farmers initiative, which highlights and celebrates the important contributions of farmers like John Spearman.

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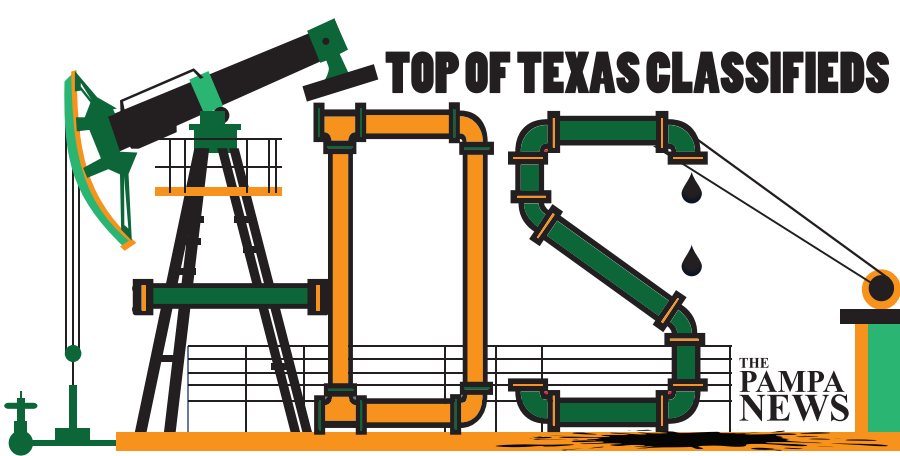


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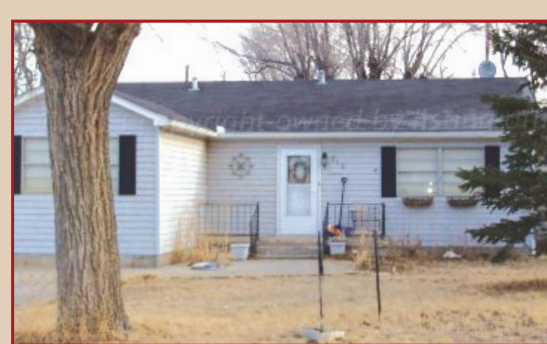
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Forum

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for County Clerk, Scott B. Hahn for County Treasurer and Doug Ware for County Chairman.

Next, the candidates for the U.S. Representative of District 13 were introduced. Although incumbent Mac Thornberry could not be present for the forum due to a scheduling conflict, Political Director Jeni Winegarner represented him for the evening. Candidates Elaine Hays and Dr. Pat Barlow were also in attendance. Each of these candidates comes from a unique background, which they all believe will help them if elected. Mac Thornberry is from the area, has experience in this position and still does ranching in Clarendon. Elaine Hays has built a wealth of knowledge on fiscal matters as she has degrees in both finance and economics, and Dr. Pat Barlow has a military and business background, which has influenced her to base her political opinion on the Constitution.

The State Representative candidates for District 31

are incumbent Kel Seliger and Mike Canon. Seliger grew up in Borger, has experience in the position and has a list of accomplishments from his time serving as a State Representative. Mike Canon lives in the Permian basin and comes from a background in economics and law. He has served two terms as mayor of Midland.

There was a brief recess after the introductions of all candidates, and audience members were able to write down questions for all candidates. After the recess, the candidates had one minute to respond to audience questions directed toward them.

During this period, the majority of the questions were directed toward the candidates running for U.S. Representative of District 13 and there were none for the unopposed candidates.

When asked whether they were in favor of term limits, Thornberry, Hays and Barlow all said that they are in favor of them. Hays referred to terms as "seasons of service" adding that term limits are something that for the most part both Democrats and Republicans agree on, which is

rare. During Barlow's allotted response time, she mentioned that she is the only one of the candidates who has signed the term limit pledge.

The next question was directed only to Hays and Barlow, and it asked how they will show that they care for the average citizen. Hays said that she listens to all the people she comes into contact with. Barlow kept her answer short and sweet by stating "I'm one of you."

Another question directed only to Hays and Barlow asked for their take on their lack of experience. Hays said that although she lacks political experience, she believes her education, life experience and experience in raising a family have adequately prepared her for a political position. Barlow responded by saying that she believes Congress needs a new perspective.

All three of these candidates responded to the question that asked what their plan is to help rural Texas other than reducing spending. Winegarner said that Thornberry spends a lot of time in the area and has the ability to work with like-minded people. She

added that he is from the area and can relate firsthand to the people of rural Texas. Hays said that she understands that the people of rural Texas want the federal government out of their business and she can relate to that. Barlow said that she too relates to the people of rural Texas and although she was not brought up ranching, she is now a rancher by choice.

When asked if our current president is ignoring The Constitution, all three candidates stated that he is not enforcing laws. Barlow added, "We have a lawless president and we cannot enable a lawbreaker."

Winegarner responded to a question about possible impeachment for President Obama by saying that we need to consider the long term effects of this decision. She said it would be better to assume majority in both the House and Senate first, while the other two candidates were in favor of the idea.

All three candidates also agreed that Obamacare needs to be repealed. Thornberry has voted over 40 times to get rid of the act and wants to focus also on what to replace it with if

it is in fact repealed. Hays believes the act needs to continue to be delayed and that the unsafe website needs to be shut down as well. Barlow took her opinion on the topic one step further by mentioning that there have been sections of Obamacare inserted into other smaller bills and in order to get rid of it, all bills with any sort of funding for Obamacare also need to be shot down.

Another topic all three of these candidates agreed on was opposing gun control. Hays mentioned that enforcing gun control would remove weapons from law abiding citizens and it would not lower the violence rate.

A question for all five opposed candidates asked for each of their stances on wind energy, and most agreed that they would like to see the subsidies expire.

All five candidates agreed that education should be controlled at a more local level and that the federal government should stay out of it altogether.

Seliger and Canon were both asked what they would do to make Texas a better state, and Seliger said that he would work to do away

with Obamacare. Canon joked that Texas should secede before simply stating that we need more local government rather than federal.

The final question for the candidates was also directed toward Seliger and Canon, and it asked the men how they would represent the areas of the district that they do not live in. For Seliger this meant the Permian Basin since he is from this area and for Canon it would mean representing the Panhandle since he is from Midland. Canon answered first stating that it is about principles rather than where the representative is from originally, and Seliger followed by saying that he would have meetings in town halls all over the district and that he realizes that he would be representing the entire district and not just the region he is from.

For more information on all candidates and their stances on the issues, visit their respective websites or read upcoming interviews with the candidates in The Pampa News. Early voting started on Tuesday and will run until Feb. 28. Primary voting will be on March 4.

Governor: Colorado pot market exceeds tax hopes

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's legal marijuana market is far exceeding tax expectations, according to a budget proposal released Wednesday by Gov. John Hickenlooper that gives the first official estimate of



John Hickenlooper

how much the state expects to make from pot taxes. The proposal outlines plans to spend some \$99 million next fiscal year on substance abuse prevention, youth marijuana use prevention and other priorities. The money would come from a statewide 10 percent sales tax on recreation pot, indicating Colorado's total sales next fiscal year will be near \$1 billion.

Retail sales began Jan. 1 in Colorado. Sales have

been strong, though exact figures for January sales won't be made public until early next month.

Washington state budget forecasters released a projection Wednesday for that state, where retail sales don't begin for a few months.

Economic forecasters in Olympia predicted that the state's new legal recreational marijuana market will bring nearly \$190 million to state coffers over four years starting in mid-2015. Wash-

ington state sets budgets biennially.

In Colorado, Hickenlooper's proposal listed six priorities for spending the pot sales taxes.

The spending plan included \$45.5 million for youth use prevention, \$40.4 million for substance abuse treatment and \$12.4 million for public health.

"We view our top priority as creating an environment where negative impacts on children from marijuana

legalization are avoided completely," Hickenlooper wrote in a letter to legislative budget writers, which must approve the plan.

The governor also proposed a \$5.8 million, three-year "statewide media campaign on marijuana use," presumably highlighting the drug's health risks. The state Department of Transportation would get \$1.9 million for a new "Drive High, Get a DUI" campaign to tout the state's new marijuana

blood-limit standard for drivers.

Also, Hickenlooper has proposed spending \$7 million for an additional 105 beds in residential treatment centers for substance abuse disorders.

"This package represents a strong yet cautious first step" for regulating pot, the governor wrote. He told lawmakers he'd be back with a more complete spending prediction later this year.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mom in a serious relationship with a divorced man who has children of his own. Between us, we have seven, ranging in age from 7 to 17. I'm in my early 30s; he's in his early 50s.

My dilemma: I'm interested in having another child if we get married. He definitely isn't.

Is it unreasonable for me to want to add to this already large potential blended family? I love the idea of experiencing motherhood again with a little more experience and age under my belt, and I'd love to share that intimacy with him. While he likes the abstract possibility of "our" child, he says he feels too old now and he wouldn't be able to be the kind of father he would want to be.

If neither of us had kids of our own, this would be a deal-breaker for me, but how do I know if my maternal longings are just the last, painful tickings of my biological clock, or a real desire that I'll end up resenting him for if I ignore it and we stay together? — IS SEVEN ENOUGH?

DEAR IS SEVEN ENOUGH?: Because your boyfriend is in his 50s and has made it clear that he isn't interested in becoming a father again, I think you should count your many blessings and consider that seven is a lucky number.

DEAR ABBY: My godmother passed away in January 2011. My godfather, "Jim," remarried last year. I am still mourning her loss and have not been able to get myself to call and speak to Jim, even though I did send him a congratulatory wedding card.

I love him. Jim is a wonderful, kind, attractive man. I knew it wouldn't be long before another woman would take an interest in

him or he'd find love again. My siblings have tried to get me to make contact with him, but I'm still not ready to accept that he has moved on with another woman. Please advise me. — CAN'T FACE IT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAN'T FACE IT: I am sorry for your loss, and I'm sure your godmother will always live in your heart. However, if you love your godfather, you should be glad that he has been able to move forward in his life. That he was open to finding love again speaks volumes about the quality of the marriage he shared with your godmother.

Of course seeing Jim with someone else won't be easy for you, but it is sad that you would sacrifice the special relationship you have with him because you are reluctant to face reality. For both of your sakes, I hope you'll reconsider. If you do, you may find that you like the new lady in his life.

DEAR ABBY: Is it ever appropriate for a diner to

lick his/her fingers in public, like when eating finger food or barbecue? It drives me nuts! I equate it to a cat cleaning itself.

When I try to get the person in question to use a napkin, I'm looked at as if I've lost my mind! At the very least, our hands are covered with germs, and who wants to stick them in their mouth? Yecch. — GROSSED OUT IN OHIO

DEAR GROSSED OUT: I think it depends upon the circumstances in which the food is being served. If someone is eating canapes at a cocktail party, licking the fingers is a no-no. And most barbecue joints provide moist towelettes to their patrons.

On the other hand, Col. Sanders used to call his fried chicken "finger lickin' good." At a picnic or informal gathering, it's purr-fectly acceptable to lick one's fingers, and I confess this tabby has probably done it, so I'm not going to cast aspersions.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Gymnastics results from Lubbock

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Gymnastics of Pampa team members competed in the Winter Extreme Classic Tumbling and Trampoline meet in Lubbock this past weekend. There was much improvement overall by the team members and many gold medal performances resulted.

Results:

6-year-olds
Quin Billingsley – Level 1 Double- Mini Trampoline- First place, Level 1 Tumbling- First place, Level 1 Trampoline- Second place

7-year-olds
Emma Perry – Level 2 Tumbling- First place, Level 1 Trampoline- First place, Level 1 Double Mini- Second

Carsyn Hunt – Level 1 Trampoline- Third place, Level 1 Double Mini- Third place, Level 2 Tumbling- Fourth place

8-year-olds
Saylor Stribling – Level 4 Double Mini- Fourth place, Level 4 Tumbling- Fourth place, Level 3 Trampoline- Sixth place

9-year-olds
Ashley Perry – Level 2 Double Mini- First

place, Level 3 Tumbling- Third place, Level 2 Trampoline- Third place

Cassie Stubblefield – Level 1 Trampoline- First place, Level 1 Double Mini- First place, Level 2 Tumbling- Second place

10-year-olds
Natalie Monds – Level 4 Double Mini- First place, Level 4 Tumbling- Sixth place, Level 3 Trampoline- Sixth place

11-year-olds
Haley Fossett – Level 5 Double Mini- First place, Level 4 Tumbling- Second place, Level 4 Trampoline- Fourth place

Peyton Demetriades – Level 4 Double Mini- First place, Level 4 Trampoline- Second place, Level 4 Tumbling- Eighth place

Madison Swearingim – Level 3 Trampoline- Fifth place, Level 5 Double Mini- Seventh place, Level 5 Tumbling- Eighth place

12-year-olds
Olivia Flores – Level 3 Trampoline- Fourth place, Level 3 Double Mini- Fourth place, Level 4 Tumbling- Ninth place


13-year-olds
Jordan Demetriades – Level 4 Tumbling- First place, Level 4 Trampoline- First place, Level 5 Double-Mini- Fourth place

Submitted photos
Left, Haley Fossett receives her gold medal for Level 5 Mini Trampoline. Below left, Ashley Perry does a tuck jump during her tumbling routine. Below, Peyton Demetriades salutes the crowd before performing her trampoline routine.



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HARVESTER TAKE DOWN STATE



Submitted photo
The Harvester Takedown Club is sending seven wrestlers to a state tournament in El Paso. Front row from left, Rylee Stegman, Boston Botello, Dayton Adams and Joseph Coronado. Back row, Austin Guthrie and Bryston Stegman. Not pictured: Tacoma Matthews. These young grapplers have been raising funds for this trip by selling Clint & Son's Beef Jerky and flocking the community with green and gold flamingos. Lindsey Botello, a parent at Harvester Takedown Club, said the boys have been working hard for a "chance to compete at the Texas USA State Youth Wrestling Championships in El Paso." The competition starts of Feb. 21.

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