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County commission decides against enforcing burn ban

By **LINDSEY TOMASCHIK**
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 The Gray County Commissioner's Court met Wednesday morning in the second floor court room of the Gray County Courthouse, located at 205 N. Russell.
 In their second meeting of the month, the judge and commissioners started things off by discussing and approving the agenda items in regards to paying bills and salaries as approved by the county auditor

and approving both the treasurer's and county clerk's reports.
 The commissioners then approved one budget amendment before approving seven road crossing requests on various county roads. The county received a check for \$4,500 for these crossings from Regency.
 The next item on the agenda was in regards to a request for 10-foot signs on County Road 3. Commissioner Gary Willoughby said these will be slow, truck turning

signs. Along with this was another agenda item for signs denoting the speed limit on the same county road. Willoughby said traffic has increased on the road, which is between Highway 60 and Highway 152, and putting signs on the road will enable DPS and county officers to enforce the speed limit. Without any signs on county roads, the speed limit is 55, but not everyone is aware of this, so putting speed limit 55 signs up will be beneficial and possibly prevent

major accidents from occurring on the road.
 Next, the commissioners approved two transfers of hangar leases at Perry Lefors Airport.
 The commissioners then reached the agenda item on which they considered reinstating a burn ban for the county. Judge Richard Peet said that Gray County is currently right on the line between moderate and high danger of wildfires and
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WHITE DEER TEEN WINS FIRST-RUNNER UP OF MISS IRISH ROSE IN MARCH



Submitted photo
 Karlee Vigil, second from left in photo, was named the first runner-up in the Miss Irish Rose contest held March 14 during Shamrock's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The 17-year-old daughter of Karl and Kelly Vigil of White Deer, she was sponsored by the White Deer Lions Club. Karlee is a senior at White Deer High School where she has participated in basketball, cross-country and golf and is involved in FCCLA, National Honor Society and FFA. Karlee is also the current Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas. She loves to rodeo and show steers. Karlee plans to attend West Texas A&M University in the fall to earn her bachelor's degree. She is the granddaughter of Garner and Jean Schoenhals of Canadian. Abby Nicole Bond of Wheeler, center, was crowned Miss Irish Rose. Other members of the court were from left Annie Frische of Duma, second runner-up; Carly Carter of Wellington, third runner-up; and Miss Congeniality Callie Yarbrough of Spearman.

Severe weather threat today

Multiple rounds expected into the weekend.
 By **ZACHARY GREEN**
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Pampa and Gray County are in for a severe weather threat today and through the weekend.
 Now is the time to review your safety plans as we are right in the heart of severe weather season and it looks to be ramping up for our area.
 Cindy Elfenheimer, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Amarillo spoke with The Pampa News Wednesday around noon regarding the threat.
 She said the main threat will be large and damaging winds, but there is an isolated tornado threat.
 "The hail has a possibility of being greater than half-dollar size," Elfenheimer said. "The eastern Panhandles look to have the best chances on Thursday. Right now it looks like an isolated supercell event early on, with the possibility that it becomes a linear event later on in the overnight hours."
 If the storms merge into a squall line the damaging wind threat will increase. This will be a larger event than we saw on Saturday with just the one isolated storm. There
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DEFEVER MONUMENT GETS GOLDCOATED



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik
 DeFever Monument Company had its Goldcoating on Monday morning. Pictured from left to right are Kerrick and Benny Horton, Darrell Sehorn, Keith Demetriades, Richard Morris, Roy Morriss, Sheila Webb, Darville Orr, owner Lance DeFever, Ronnie Wood, Susan Winborne, Paulette Hinkle, Brandon Richards, Pat Montoya, ReDonn Woods and Ken Rheams.

Senate votes to end renewable energy programs

By **JIM MALEWITZ**
 The Texas Tribune
 The Senate on Tuesday approved legislation that would close the book on two programs that helped fuel the state's years-long surge in wind energy production.
 With a 21-10 vote, the chamber sent Sen. Troy Fraser's proposal, Senate Bill 931, to House lawmakers. It would end the Renewable Portfolio Standard, which established a state renewable energy goal. It would also close Texas' Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) initiative, a power line program that sparked huge investments in wind energy.
 The proposal has angered environmentalists and renewable energy industry groups. But Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, has said his ef-
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PAMPA FORECAST

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60%	40%	30%
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Today: A 60 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 71. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:11 a.m.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South southeast wind around 15 mph. Sunset at 8:18 p.m.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South southwest wind around 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:09 a.m.

Friday night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunset at 8:19 p.m.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 69. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:08 a.m.

Saturday night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. West wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunset at 8:19 p.m.

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fort is merely intended to declare “mission accomplished.”

That’s because Texas long ago surpassed its renewable energy goal, and most of the \$7 billion CREZ program – which regulators used to build power lines to connect windy West Texas to large electricity-hungry cities in the east – was completed in December.

Texas manufacturers and free market think tanks are among those who support the legislation, saying the two programs gave renewable energy a leg up that it no longer needs.

But advocates for renewable energy say the changes would shake the industry’s confidence in Texas’ business climate. Also, with federal climate regulations looming, critics say the legislation would take away an option Texas might tap to meet its proposed carbon goal.

“Today Sen. Troy Fraser snatched defeat from the jaws of victory,” Tom “Smitty” Smith, director of the Texas office of the consumer safety group Public Citizen, said in

a statement on Tuesday. “Since renewable energy is the least expensive way to reduce climate pollution, it could have been an important tool in our efforts to comply with pending federal rules.”

The bill has no companion in the House, so it will need a sponsor and committee assignment to advance further.

Texas first adopted its Renewable Portfolio Standard in 1999, and it increased its goal in 2005 – with legislation Fraser authored. With help from a mix of state and federal policies and changing economics, Texas has shattered its goal of developing 5,880 megawatts of renewable energy by 2015, and even surpassed a non-binding target of 10,000 megawatts by 2025.

The state now leads the nation in total wind energy production – by far. On average, a megawatt of solar energy can power as many as 100 Texas homes on the hottest summer days. During average temperatures, it can power many times more.

By halting the two programs, Texas would no longer require generators to participate in its renewable energy credit trading scheme – a program that helped regula-

tors track new generation and ensure the state would meet its goal. That program would only continue voluntarily.

Credits under the program are already cheap, and would likely lose value under the shift. Renewable energy advocates worry that would change the economics of building new wind and solar generation in Texas, perhaps even for companies that were planning to build under the old rules.

“The state made commitments to these projects,” Charlie Hemmeline, executive director of the Texas Solar Power Association, said last month at a committee hearing. “Increasing uncertainty for our industry raises the cost of doing business in Texas.”

Fraser has said the change shouldn’t matter much, because the credits never gained much value as other factors helped jumpstart the state’s industry.

Ending the CREZ program would mean that the Public Utility Commission, the state’s energy regulator, would lose some authority to approve large transmission line projects – power the Legislature gave that panel to more quickly complete the \$7 billion

project.

“It’s sending a message to PUC: If you want to build more CREZ lines, come back and ask the Legislature for permission,” Fraser said last month.

Not that the commission planned to keep using that power without asking.

“Our current commissioners feel that process is done,” Brian Lloyd, the PUC’s executive director, testified at last month’s hearing.

Regardless of whether the legislation would stymie investment in renewable energy, critics question why lawmakers would end the program as Texas is mulling how it will respond to the Obama administration’s proposed “Clean Power Plan,” which would require Texas to cut close to 200 billion pounds of carbon dioxide in the next two decades however it sees fit.

Environmental groups suggest that the Renewable Portfolio Standard and CREZ programs could play a role in the state’s response.

“The Senate’s action takes that tool out of the state’s toolbox,” Smith said. “We call on the House to reject this shortsighted decision.”

Weather

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should be multiple storms.

Elfenheimer said Pampa has a 30-40 percent chance of seeing storms before noon. After noon, those chances increase to 50-60 percent.

There are multiple rounds of severe weather expected Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

“Friday and Saturday

look to be more isolated right now. Thursday seems to be the greatest concern, but we are keeping that chance in from Thursday on into the weekend,” Elfenheimer said.

“The severe weather threats will be limited to the afternoon and evening hours before we lose daytime heating.”

The Storm Prediction Center in Norman’s outlook as of 12:30 p.m. Wednesday put Pampa in an enhanced risk for severe weather. The scale goes from a general thun-

derstorm risk to a marginal risk to a slight risk to an enhanced risk to a moderate risk to a high risk.

The severe probability is 30 percent with that scale going 5-15-30-45-60 to significant after 60 percent.

The SPC released outlooks at 1 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. with more updated information as well as precise scales for tornado, wind and hail. To view those outlooks as well as the one to be released at 3 p.m., visit www.spc.noaa.gov.

For more information on Pampa’s weather visit www.srh.noaa.gov/ama and then click on Pampa.

The Pampa News will continue to monitor this situation and update our Facebook page throughout the day with updates. Stay tuned there as well as to your weather radios and apps for the latest on the severe weather threat.

As always, send your pictures in via Facebook or to zgreen@thepampnews.com and you might get featured in the paper.

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several other counties in the Panhandle currently have burn bans in place.

After some discussion, Commissioner Jeff Hal-

ey said he has recently spoken to the fire chief in McLean and said he has no concerns at this time. Commissioner Joe

Wheley said he feels there is enough green in the area to hold off on enforcing a burn ban at

this time. There was no action taken on the agenda item, but it will appear on future agendas.

The next agenda item, which was approved unanimously, was recognizing Justice of the Peace in Precinct 2 for

continuing education.

The commissioners closed in addressing a few miscellaneous items.

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Margarita Apodaca

Margarita Apodaca, 42, of Pampa, died April 15, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Florentino Gracia, officiating. Cremation will follow under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Apodaca was born October 18, 1972, in Durango, Mexico. She graduated from Wheeler High School in 1992. She married Marcos Apodaca on April 16, 1994. Margarita was a member of the Jehovah Witness Spanish congregation. She loved to cook, spend time with her family and being outdoors. She was always considerate and caring of others.

Margarita was preceded in death by her parents, Natividad and Rosario Meraz.

Survivors include her husband, Marcos Apodaca of the home; two daughters, Bianca Apodaca and Monica Apodaca, both of Pampa; a son, Marcos Apodaca of Pampa; a sister, Maria Copado and husband Alberto of Pampa; five brothers, Genaro Meraz and wife Teresa of Kyle, Ciriaco Meraz of Wheeler, Saul Meraz and wife Cindy of Ohio, Ramon Meraz and wife Christina of Amarillo, and Jose Meraz of Perryton; two granddaughters, Ariana Benitez and Naomi Benitez.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Margarita Apodaca

for 36 years.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband of more than 44 years James M. Burton, daughter Kelly Burton, brothers Bill Coats, Lloyd Coats, sister Beverly Cox, grandpup Koal Burton, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Gayla was preceded in death by her parents and one sister Barbara Jackson.

Services will be held at Resthaven Funeral Home on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 1 p.m.

The family would like to express their thanks to Texas Oncology Amarillo, Joe Arrington Cancer Center, Covenant Lakeside 5th floor Oncology, Dr. Yalamanchili and staff and Hospice of Lubbock for the loving care they provided. A special thanks to Courtney and Christina.

Online condolences may be left at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Janie Todd Romero

Janie Todd Romero was born March 25, 1944, in Pampa to Harold Raymond and Bonnie Mae (Massey) Todd and passed from this life April 11, 2015, at her home in Wetumka, Okla., surrounded by her family at the age of 71.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, April 16, 2015, in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Local Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Janie was raised in West Texas and attended school at Grandview Hopkins in Bowers City and Lefors High School in Lefors.

She later drove the school bus at Grandview Hopkins for many years.

She is best remembered as a loving wife, mother and homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Lois Devoll and Louise Stanford; a brother, James Todd; and two sons, Melvin Todd Day and Raymond Lloyd Miller.

Survivors include her husband Frank Romero of the home; daughters, Tonya Martinez and husband David of Pampa, Marie DeWolfe and husband Roger Ray of Ashville, N.C., Melissa Peterman of Pampa, and Christina Romero of Wetumka, Okla.; a brother, Marvin Todd of White Deer; her grandchildren, Sarah (Scooter Ritchie) Young, Cheyenne Young, Rosa Kayleigh, Fiah Martinez, Justin Land, Sierra (Phil) Mulkey, Cody DeWolfe and Michaela DeWolfe; great grandsons, Niamiah Romero and Jace Mulkey; and friend Rick DeWolfe.



Janie Todd Romero

Gayla Burton

Gayla Burton of Lubbock passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at the age of 68. She was born on Jan. 8, 1947, in Lamesa to Lloyd and Nannie Mae Coats. Gayla graduated from Seminole High School and went on to attend College of the Southwest, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in Education.

She married James M. Burton on May 30, 1970. She taught one year in Lamesa, four years at Booker T. Washington in Hobbs, N.M. and 21 years in Pampa.

She enjoyed painting, gardening and spending time with family.

Gayla made Lubbock her home in 2014 after residing in Pampa



Gayla Burton

FOR the RECORD

Pampa man arrested on assault charge

STAFF REPORT

• Collin Booth, 21, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

• Andrew Michael Twork, 19, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sher-

iff's Office for violation of probation — assault causing bodily injury.

• Desmond Casey Jackson, 22, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for *capias pro fine* — failure to control speed, failure to appear, failure to maintain car insurance.

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Tales from the Final Frontier

GameStop to sell retro games and consoles.

GameStop seems to have finally decided to jump on a bandwagon that took off a long time ago: the retro gaming and console market.

If they weren't priced like they were new games I would own more.

But that's another column for another time.



JOHN LEE

are any in Pampa, if there are please let me know.

But as local owners and vintage game die-hards continue to draw fellow 90s kids, it would be smart for chain companies and video game stores to take notice. The Hastings Entertainment store on Georgia in Amarillo has been selling retro games for quite a while now.

A story by IGN.com notes that GameStop has joined in the market the "systems and accessories that you will be able to trade-in and purchase include the NES, Super NES, SEGA Genesis, PlayStation, N64, and SEGA Dreamcast."

Later on in the article, it says, "you won't be inundated with the sights and sounds of your favorite retro games

when you walk into your local store. Purchases can be made on GameStop's website or through its web-in-store system."

So this is where local, small-shop owners will have an edge over GameStop. The convenience in buying a game will still be right there in the store, rather than waiting for it to come in.

Local owners still have the upper-hand because they also deal, toys, table-top and card games.

Perhaps the attention from GameStop will inspire the big three, Sony, MicroSoft and Nintendo, to reproduce their old retro games and sell them, even if it's in a limited capacity.

Nintendo already sells retro games through their virtual console services on Wii, Wii U and Nintendo 3DS.

What do you think of GameStop selling retro games? Also, if you are a retro game seller in Pampa, drop me an email, I would love to do a story on you.

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Freedom of and from religion

Religious oppression was one reason many of our ancestors came to America. They wanted to escape rulers who demanded that everyone worship their way. In Ireland, Catholics couldn't vote or own a gun.



JOHN STOSSEL

I assumed that because many of America's founders came here to escape such repression, they were eager to allow religious freedom in America. After all, the very First Amendment in the Bill of Rights says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion."

But I was wrong. On my TV show this week, Chapman University economist Larry Iannaccone explains that many American settlers were just as tyrannical about insisting that everyone follow their religion: "In the Northeast, it was Puritanism or Calvinism. In New York and Virginia, Anglicanism, the Church of England. Elsewhere, it was Catholicism."

Only when colonists tried to form a nation, and met with others who practiced different religions (or none, like Thomas Jefferson), did they put freedom of religion in the Bill of Rights.

So what does that mean today? President Obama tells religious people that he supports "the right to practice our faith how we choose."

But Obamacare functionaries ordered Christian groups to fund employees' purchase of birth control and the morning-after abortion pill. Some religious people believe both pills are a form of murder. Would their president force them to pay for what they consider murder? You betcha.

The Green family, which owns Hobby Lobby, sued, and the Supremes ruled that some faith-based corporations can get an exemption from Obamacare. But it was a pathetically narrow victory, applying only to small, privately-held companies, and they still must hire lawyers to beg for an exemption. Non-profits and bigger groups such as Notre Dame still must fund what they consider to be murder.

Leftists still assailed the court for granting even this tiny exemption. Sen. Elizabeth Warren said she "can't believe we live in a world where we'd even consider letting big corps deny women access to basic care."

Harry Reid said, "If the Supreme Court will not protect women's access to health care, then Democrats will."

What utter nonsense! No one was "denied access" to anything. Anyone with a prescription can buy birth control pills at Wal-Mart for \$9. Are leftists so in love with big government that they think government not funding something is akin to banning it? Apparently they do.

Hobby Lobby's owners were represented in court by a group called the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. Becket's director, Kristina Arriaga, says Hobby Lobby isn't stingy or cruel: "The Green family pays twice the minimum wage, closes on Sundays, gives very generous benefits to their employees, and they did not object to 16 out of the 20 drugs (for which coverage was mandated)."

I say it shouldn't matter whether the Green family is good to its employees. No one is forced to work for them or any company. If business owners don't want to fund birth control, alcohol rehab, haircuts or anything, that should be their right.

They created the company (or paid to buy it), and as long as they don't collude with competitors, they should be allowed to impose whatever rules they want. Employees aren't trapped. Anyone can quit. Companies that give more generous benefits will attract better employees. That competition protects workers better than government mandates ever will.

Letting government make so many one-size-fits-all decisions creates new problems. Iannaccone argues that religion is more vibrant in the U.S. because the American government has mostly left religion alone. In Europe, governments subsidized religion or set the rules. The state promised protection for all but ended up becoming an enforcer of orthodoxy. That made religion more homogeneous and less appealing. Forty percent of Americans say they go to church every week. In England and France, only 10 percent do. In Denmark, only three percent attend.

"Religion is a market phenomenon like other ones," Iannaccone says, "and when you make the government the arbiter, the funder, (religion) operates like a typical lazy monopoly. Incentives are lost. The clergy get focused on pleasing politicians rather than the people."

Government ought to leave us alone so we can do as we please, in collaboration with whatever God we believe in.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on Fox News and author of "No They Can't! Why Government Fails, but Individuals Succeed." For other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit www.creators.com.



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I just bought a book in Greece titled "Learn Greek in 25 Years." I think it is going to push me. For the first time in my life I can truly understand the meaning of the phrase, "It is all Greek to me!"



RICK KRAFT

My wife and I decided to venture to Greece and to spend a couple of weeks on a Rick Steves tour with 24 others exploring this country that dates its history back as early as 7000 to 3000 B.C. It makes the United States look like a "new-born" country when we have not yet celebrated even 240 years of existence!

After experiencing Greece first hand, I have learned many things; one of them is that I have no desire to learn the language. According to our guidebook, there are about 14 million Greek speakers around the world and about 11 million of them live in Greece. Why? Basically, it is a language that is not spoken much outside of the country.

Greece does have a very rich heritage. Ancient Greece has impacted modern day America more than most people recognize. Greece brought the world the first democracy. It brought theater performances and early art. >From Greece came the well known Classical Age philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. Hippocrates made medicine a hard

science. Greek architecture brought us Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian columns. All of these contributions and many more date back from the "Before Christ" years.

Most American students study 8th century B.C. author Homer's Iliad and the Odyssey. They study Greek Gods such as Zeus, Apollo, Athena, and Aphrodite. They read of Hercules' feats. They learn of the "bad guys," Cyclops, Minotaur, and Medusa. They learn about the Trojan Horse and the Oracle at Delphi.

The popular Spartans mascot comes from Sparta, Greece. The movie "300" tells the story of the 300 Spartans who made an Alamo-like stand before all of them died.

The Olympics are a product of Greece having begun in Olympia in 776 B.C. Marathoners run 42 kilometer (26.2 mile) marathons today because of Pheidippides' 490 B.C. run from Marathon to Athens. Upon arriving in Athens he told the Athenians that they had won the battle against the Persians at Marathon, then he collapsed and died.

In the 4th century B.C. Greek Alexander the Great conquered virtually the entire known world making Greek an international language at the time. Some books of the Bible were written in Greek.

The Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens was built in the 5th century B.C. and has its own 2450 year history. Greece includes Corinth and Thessaloniki, two cities to whom the

Apostle Paul wrote letters in the first century A.D. that later became books of the Bible.

Even when the Romans conquered Greece in 146 B.C., much of Greek culture became incorporated into the Roman culture. The history of Greece includes its land being ruled by Persians, Alexander the Great, Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, British, German Nazis, and modern day Greece since 1821. We were there on National Day, Greece's Independence Day, and watched the parade in downtown Athens as the citizens proudly waived their blue and white flags.

We spent time in Athens then traveled west and south through the Peloponnese.

Greece is a country bordered by beautiful blue water on its south, packed with ruins that are thousands of years old, museums to house some of the ruins, 143 million olive trees, fresh fish, many wines and cheeses, over 1200 islands, snow capped mountains, small villages with many of them on terraces, Greek Orthodox churches, Greek yogurt, fields of wild flowers, citrus groves, green hills, warm sunshine, and friendly people who greet you with "Yassas" (Hello) and "Kalimera" (good morning). It is a very beautiful country.

Greece has many tourists from foreign lands. It also has an abundance of stray cats and even some stray dogs.

My one disappointment in Greece was the defacing done by graffiti. We

were told that they don't have gangs and most graffiti was political or soccer related in nature. Although there were places that the graffiti was beautifully done and fit in, most of the graffiti defaced walls and even made some street signs unreadable.

Greece also has many street signs that to non-Greek speakers are unreadable.

When visiting Greece there are many places a person can stand and try to absorb history that occurred on that very location over the past 3000 years.

For example, standing at the Agora, an area next to the Acropolis, one can imagine 2400 years earlier the philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle spending much time there. In this location, Greek war victories were celebrated including Athens' victory over Sparta in 425 B.C.

The earliest Greek plays and concerts were performed here in the open air and playwright Aristophanes set scenes at the Agora.

Also at this location in the heart of Athens, Greeks awaited the onslaught of the Persians and greeted the coming of Alexander the Great, the conquering Romans, and the invasions of the Byzantines and Ottomans.

In about 49 A.D. when the Apostle Paul visited Athens, Mars Hill at the Agora is where it is believed he spoke about the unknown God written about in Acts 17:17 on his way to Corinth.

We enjoyed our time

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Ex-NFL player Aaron Hernandez convicted of murder, gets life

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP)—Former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison Wednesday in a deadly late-night shooting, sealing the downfall of an athlete who once had a \$40 million contract and a standout career ahead of him.

Hernandez, 25, looked to his right, pursed his lips and sat down after the jury forewoman pro-

nounced him guilty in the slaying of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old landscaper and amateur weekend football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. The conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole and automatically triggers an appeal to Massachusetts' highest court.

Hernandez's mother, Terri, and his fiancée, Shayanna Jenkins, cried and gasped when they

heard the verdict, and Lloyd's mother also cried. Jenkins wept loudly on his mother's shoulder. Hernandez, his eyes red, mouthed to them: "Be strong. Be strong."

The former football pro was also found guilty on weapons charges.

Jurors deliberated for 36 hours over seven days before rendering their verdict.

"The jury found that he was just a man who committed a brutal murder,"

District Attorney Thomas Quinn said. "The fact that he was a professional athlete meant nothing in the end."

For reasons that were never made clear to the jury, Lloyd was shot six times in the middle of the night on June 17, 2013, in a deserted industrial park near Hernandez's home in North Attleborough.

Police almost immediately zeroed in on Hernandez because they found in Lloyd's pocket

the key to a car the NFL player had rented. Within hours of Hernandez's arrest, the Patriots cut the former Pro Bowl athlete, who was considered one of the top tight ends in the game.

Prosecutors presented a wealth of evidence that Hernandez was with Lloyd at the time he was killed, including home security video from Hernandez's mansion, witness testimony and cellphone records that tracked

Lloyd's movements. Hernandez's lawyer, James Sultan, acknowledged for the first time during closing arguments that Hernandez was there when Lloyd was killed.

But the attorney pinned the shooting on two of Hernandez's friends, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, saying his client was a "23-year-old kid" who witnessed a shocking crime and didn't know what to do. Wallace and Ortiz will stand trial later.

Greek

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in Greece and returned home with a greater appreciation for the role Greek history plays in

our lives today.

My challenge to you today is to plan a "holiday" as they call it in Europe; otherwise called a vacation to us.

Find an area of our state, our country, or a

country across an ocean and plan a getaway.

It will accomplish two things in your world.

First, it will allow you to appreciate the world others live in and second, it will make

you appreciate more the world you live in.

If you can't make a trip in person, travel by books or videos.

Oh, and by the way, if you decide to visit Greece, I hope to be

done with my book on learning the Greek language in about 25 years!

Just a thought...

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Church Calendar

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly hand-out pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study."

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission."

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers. New life commits to

reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The church will be hosting a Marriage Seminar "Strong Marriage Workshops," with Trey and Lea Morgan, of Childress, on May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a free lunch as well as childcare

provided. To pre-register, email mehyouth@gmail.com

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal. We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday eve-

nings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

If your church would like to be added to this list or are hosting a special event let us know! Email jcleee@the-pampanews.com or give us a call 669-2525. We will need the name, address, phone number and any other information about the event.



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Community Calendar

Estate planning workshop coming to Pampa

CLA Estate Services is hosting a free Estate Planning Workshop Tuesday, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Plaza Restaurant located at 1201 N. Hobart St. in Pampa. The workshop will provide valuable information for seniors on securing one's estate and retirement planning.

Guests will receive a workbook and gain useful information on: pros and cons of wills and trusts; how to avoid probate; long term health care concerns; and tax reduction planning. Please call 1-866-252-8721 to RSVP.

Immunization clinic three times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. The Department of State Health Services can be reached at 806-669-5323 and is located at 121 S. Gillespie St. in Pampa.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Pampa Animal Shelter, 811 S. Hobart St. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the

public.

There is a desperate need for more members. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the PAWS volunteer.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center has a jam session every Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to play or listen. The center is located at 320 S. Cuyler St. For more information, call 806-664-0824.

Meredith House presents live music

Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., the second Monday of each month, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered.

The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-663-1136.

PPQG

Meets

fourth Thursdays

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild meets the fourth Thursday of each month, January through October, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center at 500 W. Francis St.

The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. and membership is open to adult quilters of all ages. Dues are \$15 annually. Meetings consist of a short business discussion followed by a program featuring quilting techniques. For more information, call 806-662-2909.

Pampa Post VFW meetings

Pampa Post VFW, Men's Auxiliary, and Ladies Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. There is a social hour with meal at 6 p.m. and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For questions, call Danny Martin at 806-662-4367.

CASA of the High Plains

CASA of the High Plains will be open from 5-6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month for persons interested in becoming a CASA Volunteer. The CASA office is located in the Brown Alliance for Children at 315 N. Ballard Street in Pampa.

CASA volunteers are appointed by a Judge to represent the Best Interest of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Volunteers are crucial to positive outcomes for children in the foster care system.

You may contact CASA at 806-669-7638 for more information.

Citizens for a Better Pampa Meetings

The Citizens for a Better Pampa meetings are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 1925B North Hobart. The group is made up of individuals who want to

work with our city commissioners and the city government/employees to help make Pampa a better place to live for all Pampa residents and visitors. All who have concerns, positive ideas, suggestions, and solutions for concerns are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Group members attend the City Commission meetings, then grab a bite to eat and meet at the office conference room (1925B North Hobart) to get acquainted and visit before starting.

For more information, please contact Dale or Phillis at (3 Par Ranch office), 806-665-0805.

April 2015 DSHS Immunization Clinic

The April 2015 Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic Schedule has been announced. All six clinics will be at 121 S. Gillespie from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. Each time-frame is for the first 10 clients.

The clinics will be on April 21 and April 22.

There is one available in McLean from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 14 at the Lovett Library located at 302 N. Main.

All times are subject to change or cancellation in case of extenuating circumstances.

Quails Forever meetings

Quails Forever is a new chapter in Pampa. This club meets on the first Tuesday of every month in the main building of Clarendon College Pampa Center.

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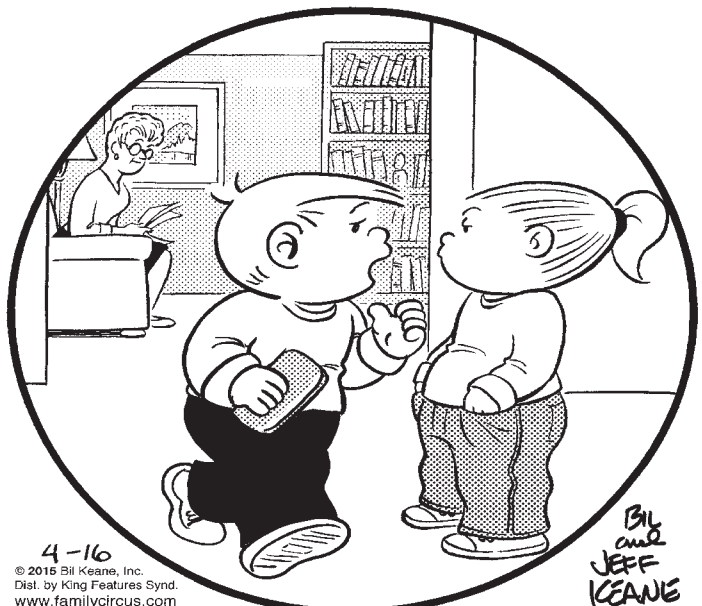
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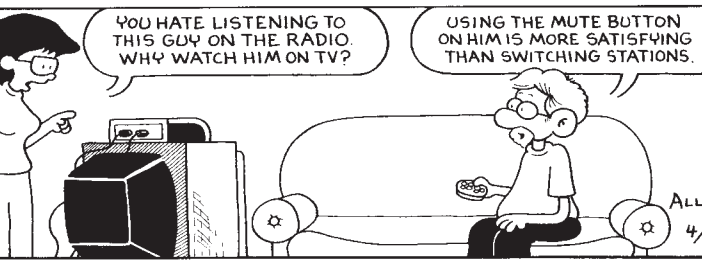
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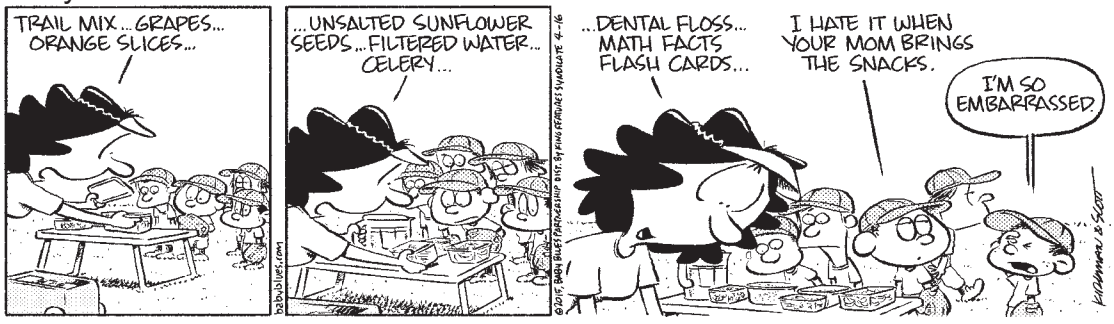
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 17, 2015:
This year you decide to revive an area of your life, or perhaps you develop a new interest. Your creativity emerges and draws many people toward you. You also express yourself more openly. You will find that you are able to let go of certain control needs. Your charisma will help melt any resentment. If you are single, you could meet someone very special in the next few months. This person could have considerable impact on your life. If you are attached, the two of you love spending more time together. Your relationship intensifies as a result. **ARIES** can be feistier than you are.
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)
★★★★ Your efforts will come back in multiples. You carefully will express yourself with a child or loved one, and it will be well-received. Making plans could force a change to your schedule. Make it your pleasure. Don't lose your temper so quickly. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Remain sure of yourself. You might not like what is happening with a situation. When you let those involved hear your opinions, you should expect a strong reaction, no matter how you say what you are thinking. Making peace could be touch-and-go for a while. Tonight: Vanish.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might not have a free moment with so much happening around you. You'll be delighted by the action, but at the same time you could feel pressured. When an associate notices how tense you are, he or she will try to alleviate the stress. Tonight: Only where the crowds are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might not be up for taking on more responsibility, but you won't seem to have a choice. You could be wondering what your options are. Know that you can delegate certain tasks to others. A male friend could be challenging. Tonight: Avoid a power play at all costs.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your perspective will change if you detach. You might understand a loved one a lot better if you can tune in to your empathy and imagine what

it would be like to walk in this person's shoes. Your positive approach will get warm results. Tonight: Take off ASAP.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you to a new level of understanding. You'll feel good in the company of a dear friend with whom you can be totally open. Don't worry about a change in plans and/or another person's fiery outburst. Tonight: Dinner for two.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might have no choice but to defer to others, especially as they seem determined to have control. If you think someone is making a mistake, let this person know without making a scene. As a result, he or she will be more likely to accept the results. Tonight: Say "yes."
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Pace yourself and take a break. One-on-one relating will bring out the affection of an admirer. Be careful with how you approach this person, as he or she could be more intense than you might realize. Avoid an outburst, if possible. Tonight: Accept someone's offer.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your naturally fiery personality might emerge when dealing with a new friend. Passion runs high between you, and one of you is likely to get irritated. Detach, and a new beginning becomes possible. Tonight: Avoid taking any risks right now.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will have to come to terms with a loved one's choices. You might be questioning this person's rationale, but understand that you probably can't change his or her mind. Relax. Just recognize how good you feel with this person around you. Tonight: Head home early.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might wonder what would be the best way to proceed with a personal matter. With the help of a friend, figure out what the next step is. Pressure builds on the homefront. You'll discover how irritable a loved one is. Tonight: Favorite place with a favorite person.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You tend to get into the moment, and it is then that your boundaries melt away. Be very careful with your spending. Even if someone proves that what he or she is offering is a sure deal, don't count on it. Speak your mind. Tonight: Keep to your budget.

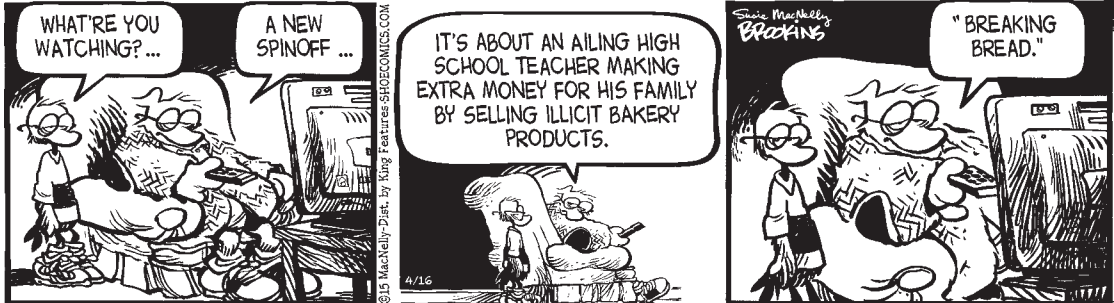
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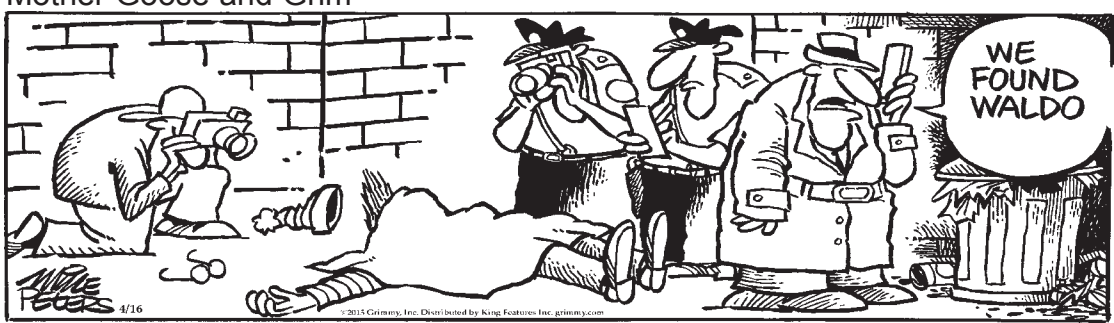
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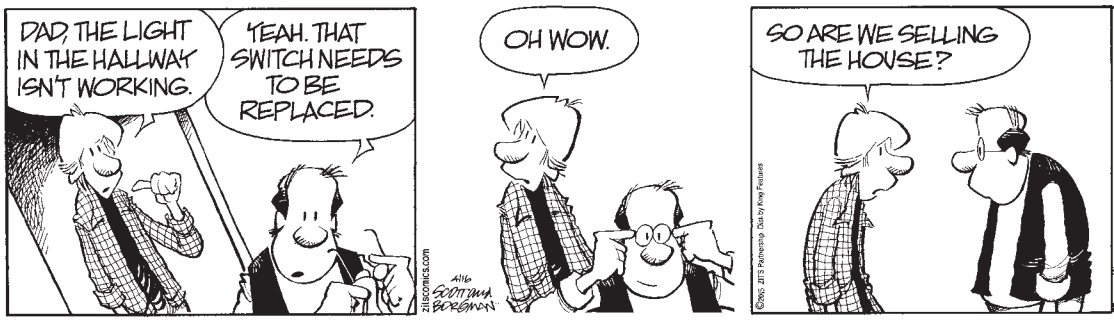
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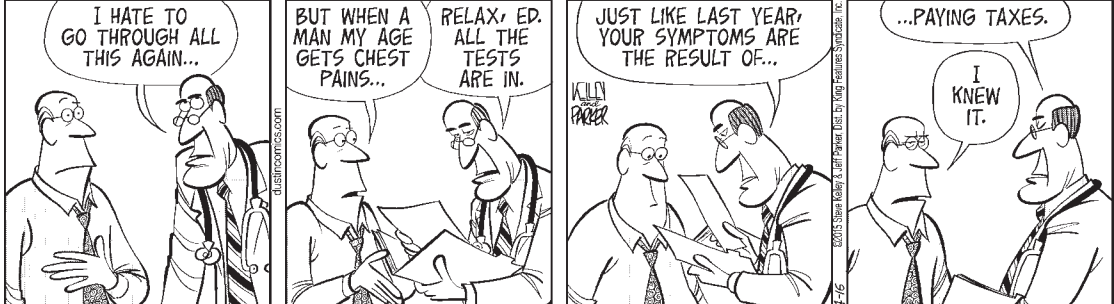
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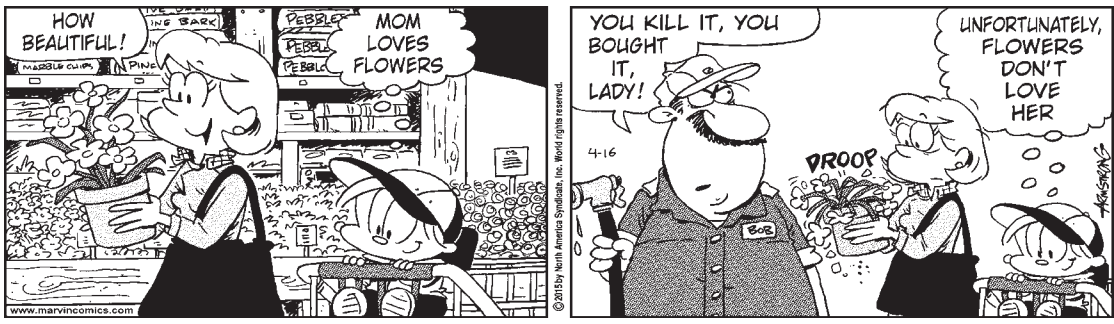
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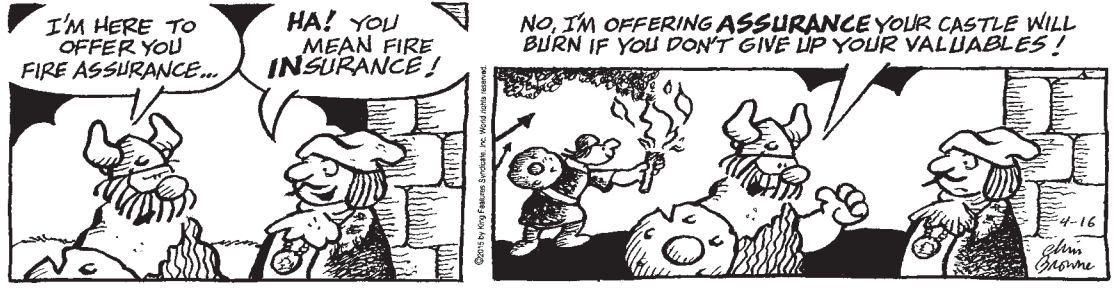
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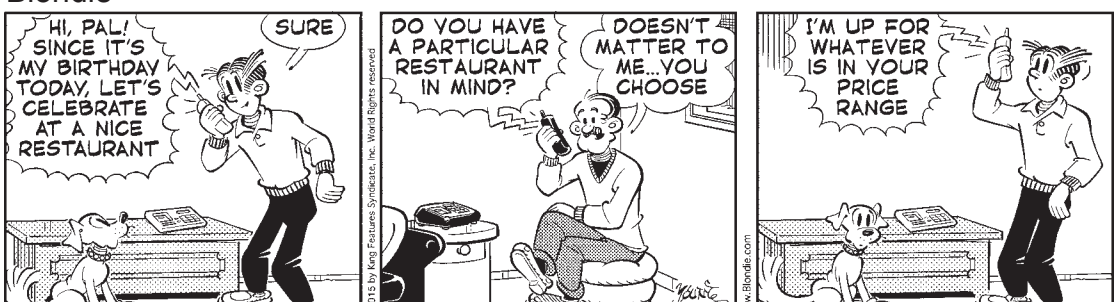
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are having a disagreement about one of our daughters (we have three). Our 8-year-old is very hairy. It is noticeable, and she doesn't like wearing shorts, skirts or dresses because of it. Her classmates tease her about it.

I want to teach her how to shave her legs or show her how to use hair remover. Her father is angry that I want to "do this" to his little girl.

I was a hairy child as well, and I was teased about my hairy legs and my unibrow, which my parents wouldn't let me shave or pluck. I remember how painful it was, how upset it made me and how different I felt from my classmates because of it. I told myself as a child that when I grew up, I'd never let my daughter go through the same torment. I still feel that way.

Should we wait a few more years, or should I buy the products I need and teach her what she'll be doing for the rest of her life? — HAIRY SITUATION IN ARIZONA

realize what being the object of ridicule can do to a little girl's self-esteem. You're that child's mother, and you know what to do — so do it. Sometimes girls have to stick together, and this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: After 26 years of marriage, I recently left my husband. We live only a few blocks away from each other, so we run into each other often at the store, the gas station, everywhere.

My problem is more about running into some of the women he cheated on me with. One of them

always ends up at the same shopping center or restaurant I happen to be at. She thinks I don't know who she is.

At first I didn't want to say anything to her, but now it has really gotten to me. What can I tell her the next time she meets up with me? I want to keep myself from yelling at her. Please help me. — CAN'T FIND THE WORDS IN HOUSTON

DEAR CAN'T: You don't know whether the woman your ex cheated with is stable or some kind of wing nut. Sometimes it's safer not to be

able to "find the words" rather than pick a fight. My advice is to avoid her as much as possible.

DEAR ABBY: I recently took a long international flight. The man sitting next to me coughed during the eight-hour flight without once covering his mouth.

What is a polite way to tell someone to cover his/her mouth when coughing? Two days into my trip, I developed a fever and a bad cough, so it seems he passed his illness on to me. — FEVERISH FLIER

DEAR FLIER: Your seat part-

ner showed an extreme lack of consideration not only for you, but also for other passengers seated in his immediate vicinity — and it's very possible he infected others besides you. It is not impolite to ASK people who cough and sneeze to please cover their mouth so you won't catch what they have, and that's what you should have done right away, or ask to change your seat if an unoccupied one was available.

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BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the word groups below, change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles as needed to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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7 Sticky gunk

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9 Messy digs

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11 Picks up, as a bill

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13 Like some bagels

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15 Works the soil

16 Cheap criticisms

17 Eyeball

18 New driver, usually

19 Hardens

20 Sports period

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24 Touches on

25 Slim and trim

26 Boston airport

27 Grazing spot

28 Boston airport

29 Seasonal safeguards

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Junior High track teams at district meet

By ZACHARY GREEN

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The Pampa Junior High track teams recently competed at their district meet. Here are the results, starting with the eighth grade girls.

Maddie Yates finished 11th for the girls in the 100 meter dash. Her time was 14.59. Emily Burks was right behind her at 12th with a run of 14.81. Karson Parnell was 14th with a run of 16.24.

Rose Noyes came in sixth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:15.40. Eliana Urrutia was 11th with a time of 1:19.30. Alex Mejia was 12th with a time of 1:20.03.

Kiarra Terrell came in third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:49.97.

Bethany Roden was first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:20.78. Taylor May was seventh in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.22. Alex Mejia was 11th with a time of 20.62.

Bethany Roden, Micah Rich, Callin Burleson and Madison Davis ran the 4x200 meter relay and came in first place with a time of 2:00.90.

Madison Davis came in second in the high jump with a jump of four feet, six inches. Callin Burleson was tied for third with a jump of 4'2."

Callin Burleson finished first in the long jump with a jump of 14'0.5." Karson Parnell was third with a jump of 13'10." Micah Rich came in sixth with a jump of 12'09.25."

Callin Burleson came in fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 28'5.5." Kiarra Terrell was 10th with a jump of 25'9.5." Maddie Yates was 12th with a jump of 25'6.5."

Natalie Winborne was first in the shot put with a throw of 32'2." Audrey Hopkins came in ninth with a throw of 22'7."

Natalie Winborne was first in the discus with a throw of 98'6." Audrey Hopkins came in fourth with a throw of 67'2."

The girls had 90.6 points and finished in fourth place.

Seventh grade girls

Kambry Smith came in second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.12. Emma Gill was seventh with a time of 14.55. Jasmine Bolch came in 10th with a

time of 14.90.

Georgina Silva was first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:10.93. Kambry Smith was second with a time of 1:12.59. Shelby Watson was 10th with a time of 1:17.28.

Georgina Silva came in third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:59.13.

Halie West came in fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 20.43. Mariah Campos came in eighth with a time of 21.28. Sierra Burr came in 11th with a time of 22.62.

Addison Smith, Sierra Burr, Georgie Osborne and Jasmine Bolch came in second in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 56.34.

Addison Smith, Jasmine Bolch, Georgia Osborne and Kambry Smith came in first in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 2:02.15.

Kambry Smith finished first in the high jump with a jump of 4'4." Rylee Steward tied for second with a jump of 4'2."

Addison Smith finished first in the pole vault with a vault of 7'6." Emma Gill came in fifth with a vault of 5'6."

Jasmine Bolch came in fifth in the long jump with a jump of 12'8." Katya Milan came in 10th with a jump of 11'8.25." Ally Gutierrez came in 11th with a time of 11'7.25."

Georgie Osborne finished first in the triple jump with a jump of 31'9." Addison Smith came in sixth with a jump of 27'5." Jasmine Bolch came in ninth with a jump of 26'3."

Christa Cole came in seventh in the shot put with a throw of 25'7." Devin Herionymus finished 10th with a throw of 24." Shelby Simpson came in 11th with a throw of 23'2."

Preslee Alvey won the discus with a throw of 63'4." Maggie Hernandez came in eighth with a throw of 53'6."

The girls had 124 points and finished in first place by almost 17 points.

Eighth grade boys

Jesus Quezada came in third in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.96. Dakota Helfer came in sixth with a run of 12.50.

Braydon Oxley came in fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:03.00.

Andy Broeckx came in fifth with a time of 1:03.85. Tanner Mathias came in seventh with a time of 1:04.40.

Zach Scarlett finished second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.96.

Nahum Nunez came in third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 8:55.00.

Vincent Garcia came in fourth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 19.40. Nelson Garcia finished seventh with a time of 20.50. Tyler Luster came in 12th with a time of 21.96.

Gabriel Diaz, Cader Powell, Andy Broeckx and Robert Botello finished fourth in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 50.61.

Jesus Quezada, Hayden Reagan, Nelson Garcia and Robert Botello came in second in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:48.41.

Caiden Londagin tied for fourth in the high jump with a jump of 4'10."

Cader Powell tied for fourth in the pole vault with a vault of 8'6." Gage Kennedy tied for sixth with a vault of 7'6."

Jesus Quezada came in fourth in the long jump with a jump of 17'1.5." Robert Botello was sixth with a jump of 16'7." Andy Broeckx was eighth with a jump of 15'7.75."

Robert Botello came in third in the triple jump with a jump of 34'8.75." Zach Scarlett was 10th with a jump of 32'4.75." Dakota Helfer finished 14th with a jump of 29'9.50."

Sergio Nevarez came in second in the shot put with a throw of 38." Braydon Burrell was ninth with a throw of 34." Zeak Murgado tied for 10th with a throw of 32'5."

Braden Parr finished eighth in the discus with a throw of 99'0.5." Sergio Nevarez finished 10th with a throw of 92'4." D'Anthony Ontiveros came in 12th with a throw of 89'3."

The boys had 80.5 points and finished in third place.

Seventh grade boys

Michael Tollerson tied for fourth in the 100 meter dash with a run of 12.62. Irving Pepi finished seventh with a time of 13.21.

Luis Ricardo came in second in the 400

meter dash with a time of 1:04.15. Davey O'Brien was fifth with a time of 1:05.76. Tucker Bridwell came in ninth with a time of 1:10.51.

Evan Vasquez was third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.28. Tommy Esparza came in fourth with a time of 2:28.87.

Dylan Booth came in fourth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 9:18.33. Tucker Bridwell came in sixth with a time of 9:48.22.

TJ Conley finished second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 21.00. Chase Landers was right behind him in third with a time of 21.05. Jarron Giles came in sixth with a time of 22.92.

Michael Tollerson, Joey Hill, Kaleb Caldwell and Derrius Williams finished first in the 4x100 meter relay with a time of 50.15.

Michael Tollerson, Caleb Rich, Kaleb Caldwell and Derrius Williams came in second in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:48.20.

Joey Hill finished first in the high jump with a jump of 5'00." Michael Tollerson came in second with a jump of 5'00."

Derrius Williams came in first in the long jump with a jump of 17'00.75." Joey Hill was second with a jump of 16'10.25." Kaleb Caldwell came in sixth with a jump of 15'10."

Derrius Williams won the triple jump with a jump of 35'10.25." Evan Boyd came in seventh with a jump of 30'11." Tucker Bridwell came in 10th with a jump of 30'0.75."

Stacy Cox came in third in the shot put with a throw of 32'7." Frankie Estrada came in fourth with a throw of 32'3." Sam Fox came in seventh with a throw of 28'2."

Stacy Cox finished first in the discus with a throw of 121'6." Sam Fox was fourth with a throw of 97'3." Davey O'Brien finished 14th with a throw of 57'1."

The boys had 150 points and finished in first place by 48 points.

Congratulations to all of the junior track athletes on a great season and best of luck as you move up to high school and/or eighth grade next season!

Golf Thought of the Week

■ Congratulations to Jordan Spieth on Masters win.

Congratulations to Jordan Spieth on his victory and all the records that went along with it.

A lot has already been said and written about the very young Spieth and this great Major.

So it's time to move on and bring the story back to our facility.

Who's going to record victories in the next months?

Who's going to shoot new low scores?

Who will be the new winners and record-breakers?

Remember, the beauty of the game of golf is that you're often competing with no one but yourself and the challenge the golf course presents.

A few more moments spent practicing on the putting green each week will mean you'll have a better chance of surprising partners and yourself.

Add some time learning how to read greens a little better, some time on improving your technique, or finding a Putter that fits your setup and stroke; and you'll be surprised at just

how many extra putts drop, just how sure you become from five feet in, and how many pressure putts drop.

And you'll set your own records.

Make April and May months to play better golf.

You'll have more fun, and maybe you'll add a title to your locker.

We're here to help you on that journey, so please come and see us or contact us here.

Pampa Partnership

Pampa Country Club and Hidden Hills Golf Club will host the Pampa Partnership April 24-26.

The format is two person low ball. Teams will be pre-flighted by handicaps. We will have a LADIES FLIGHT also!

Entry Fee: \$240 per team, includes practice round, carts and meal at Pampa Country Club after the first round.

Horse Race Friday Night 5:30 at Pampa Country Club.

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Gene Hall shoots 77

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Gene Hall, a member at Pampa Country Club, bested his age by 11 strokes on Tuesday.

While golfing at the Pampa Country Club Tuesday, Hall shot at 77.

He is 88 years old.



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 Detroit Red Wings at TB Lightning.....CNBC 6:30 p.m.
 Minnesota Wild at St. Louis Blues.....NBCS 8:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg Jets at Anaheim Ducks.....CNBC 9:30 p.m.

Golf

The Heritage.....GOLF 2 p.m.
 LPGA Lotte Championship.....GOLF 6 p.m.

Soccer

Napoli at Wolfsburg.....FS1 2 p.m.
 Zenit St. Petersburg at Sevilla.....FS2 2 p.m.

College Baseball/Softball

Vanderbilt at South Carolina.....ESPNU 6:30 p.m.
 Baylor at Oklahoma.....ESPN2 8 p.m. (Softball)
 Southern Utah at BYU.....BYU 7:30 p.m. (Softball)

Game times and channels are subject to change.

OPTIMIST BASEBALL ACTION FROM TUESDAY



Submitted photos

Left, Christia Mull plays for the Ironbirds Tuesday. Right, the Ironbirds warming up before the game.

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