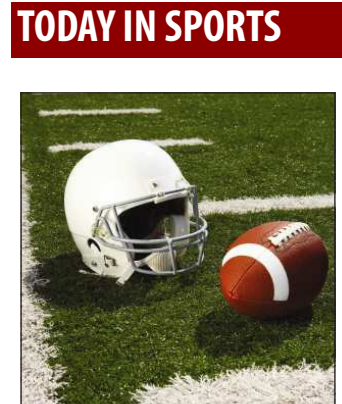


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Turning rocks into sand



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Top, Columbus Morgan, surgical technician at PRMC, takes a picture of his finger tip to demonstrate the new video and surgical equipment in the urology suite. Above left, some of the different laser optic stents that are used to break up kidney stones. Above right, Morgan and Denise Daves, director of surgery, explain how the new equipment works.

■ Patients with kidney stones can be in and out of hospital on same day.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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It's like turning rocks into sand. That's how Denise Daves, director of surgery at Pampa Regional Medical Center, describes

new surgical equipment that can zap a kidney stone with a burst of energy from a laser fiber and break it down into dozens of little pieces that can easily be passed through the patient's urine. The hospital's parent company, Prime Healthcare, recently purchased three video towers that are now used in the surgery suites at PMRC. Microscopic cameras that enter the patient's body can be plugged into the towers. Not only can doctors, nurses and surgical technicians watch the procedure on a high-definition televi-

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School board to meet in new digs

■ Employment of new football coach on Thursday's agenda.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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The Board of Trustees for the Pampa Independent School District will hold its first meeting Thursday in its new administration building at 1233 N. Hobart St. The administrative and IT staff began moving in before the Christmas break and this will be the first time the board holds a public meeting in its new board room. Before the meeting is called to order, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new administration and warehouse complex at 5:45 p.m. An executive session is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. During the open session, a public hearing will be held regarding the 2012-13 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). The statewide reports pull together a wide range of information on the performance of students in each school and district in Texas every year. Performance is shown broken down by student groups, including ethnicity and low income status. The reports also provide extensive information on school and district staff programs, and student demographics. The main agenda item is discussion and possible action to hire a head football coach for Pampa High School. The district plans to have a new coach on staff by early February. The board also will consider and take possible action on:

- Monthly financial reports.
- The sale of delinquent tax property.
- The quarterly financial report.
- A construction update on the new PISD Administration Building.
- Updating the facility use to include the new administration building. Groups such as churches can rent out PISD rooms and facilities for set fees. However, there is no charge for any event that benefits students.
- Employment of professional employees.

Pampa News to have gold star hunt

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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Purchasers and subscribers of The Pampa News have the upcoming opportunity to win money by finding a hidden gold star somewhere around town.

One day a week for four weeks there will be clues in the paper hinting to the location of the star. The first person to come to The Pampa News office by 4 p.m. the Tuesday following the contest with the star will receive \$150. The star will be engraved with the words "Pampa News Treasure Hunt" and there will be different clues in each ad in the campaign each week.

Advertisements involved in the contest will have a special symbol on them, so participants can find them easily and read the clues. They will be hunting for a gold star that has engraved on it "Pampa News Treasure Hunt" and if it is not found, \$50 will be added to the next week's prize. The location will be moved and a new set of clues will come out each week in the Wednesday editions of The Pampa News. The contest will be held on Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12. Pampa News employees and their families cannot participate. Also, employees are not allowed to give out the answers to the clues. A newspaper must be purchased for clues and they will not be recited over the phone.



PRMC's new intern



PRMC has a new Texas Tech intern, Anastasia Paterson, from Ukraine. Paterson came to America six years ago and has always wanted to work in medicine because her father is diabetic. She is interested in pediatrics and would like to be a hospitalist following graduation. Paterson will be working at PRMC for four weeks and can rotate in any department, though she said she's most excited about being in the emergency room and on the medical surgical floor. She attended medical school in Ukraine and is in her second year of a three-year residency. Her hobbies outside work include going to the Pampa Youth Center and attending community concerts and events. Paterson said she is excited about getting the full experience of living and working in Pampa.

Reward offered for Culberson-Stowers vandals

STAFF REPORT

For the second time in less than two months, Culberson-Stowers General Motors car dealership on North Hobart Street has experienced their windows broken. "At about 2 a.m. this morning, an officer was driving down Hobart and noticed the windows damaged," detective Jason Collier said Monday. "Upon looking at the large front window, it appeared to be shot." Collier said that the owners do not know of anyone who has a personal vendetta against them. The damage is estimated to be around \$1,500. "The report didn't say anything about what caused the damage," Collier said. "It could be someone walking by and shooting it, someone driving by and messing with it or a car that drives by and catches a rock the right way and it goes into the window." Culberson-Stowers is offering a \$1,000 reward for the aid in the arrest of the person(s) causing the damage.

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vision screen, but the procedure can be recorded and then copied onto a thumb drive or burned to a Blu-Ray disk for the patient to take home — just like an expecting couple can take home an ultrasound of their future baby.

“The cameras give an image on the screen so the entire team can see it,” Daves said.

Off the right of the big screen, patient data is typed into the tower. Also, information on whether the surgical team wants still pictures or video can be entered into data fields.

One of the towers is in PRMC’s urology suite, where surgical technician Columbus Morgan does most of his work.

Daves said the new video and camera equipment is also a surgical tool.

Narrow sheaths along the camera’s probe can be used by doctors to insert the laser optic stents that are used to zap the kidney stones.

Most of the patients who come into the urology suite are there for kidney stones or prostate surgery, Daves said.

Altogether, the three towers cost \$250,000 and the two others are used throughout the other surgical areas of the hospital.

Daves said kidney stones

are very common in the Panhandle, and in the past patients would have to travel to Lubbock or Amarillo for the same treatment that is now available right here in Pampa.

Morgan said they get patients from all over the Panhandle, and even some from as far away as Lubbock and Kansas.

He added the urology suite has the capacity to treat more patients, and hopes more people will choose PRMC as word gets out about their new equipment.

So what is a kidney stone?

A kidney stone begins as a tiny piece of crystal in the kidney. When the urine leaves the kidney, it may

carry the crystal out, or the crystal may stay in the kidney. If the crystal stays in the kidney, over time more small crystals join it and form a larger kidney stone. Most stones leave the kidney and travel through the urinary tract when they are still small enough to pass easily out of the body. No treatment is needed for these stones.

But for those that don’t pass through the urine, the pain can be excruciating. “Stones can damage the kidney,” Daves said.

For a man with a kidney stone, Daves said the pain can be compared to what a woman in labor goes through.

In the past, Daves said they would hydrate patients for the stones to pass and give them pain killers if needed.

In severe cases, the kidney would have to cut into in the operating room or removed altogether. Oftentimes these patients would end up on dialysis.

Daves and Morgan agreed that about 99 percent of all kidney stones can be removed with the new laser equipment and the patient can go home the same day.

Morgan was her mentor

Morgan and Daves are among the nine surgical technicals at PRMC.

Daves, now the director, said that Morgan trained her when she was an 18-year-old nursing student.

“Columbus was the reason why I chose the operating room as my specialty,” she said.

Morgan started out 53 years ago as a janitor at Worley Hospital.

Since then, he has worked at PRMC under all

of its owners.

In 1960, Jim Crow laws were very much in place in Pampa and African-Americans working in the hospital were restricted to cleaning jobs and had to eat lunch at a table in the hospital kitchen separate from their white coworkers.

Rooms for black patients were in the basement and there was a separate operating room for blacks, Morgan said.

But despite the strict social norms of those times, Morgan said he decided at an early age he was going to work hard and succeed.

Morgan added that he had faith Pampa was a place where anyone could succeed, regardless of race.

Working two jobs at the same time, by the age of 16 Morgan had saved up enough money to buy a piece of land. That’s something that very few teenagers have accomplished, rich, poor, black, brown or white.

Morgan’s break to go from “the back of the hospital to the front” came when a doctor, Marvin Overton, recognized his talent and drive and sent him to training to become a surgical tech.

“When you take pride in what you do, other people see it,” Daves said.

Overton’s investment has paid off a hundred-fold, Daves said, because Morgan has taken so many nursing students and newbie techs under his wing.

Daves said Morgan not only shares his extensive knowledge with them, but inspires them with confidence.

Morgan extends that same caring attitude to patients.

Very few surgical patients would expect their surgical tech to greet them on the morning of their surgery, but Daves said this is exactly what Morgan does with each patient.

“It helps the patients feel like they are people and not just procedures,” Morgan said.

Another thing Morgan is known for is bringing a splash of color into the operating room.

He wears the same boring green scrubs like everybody else, but it is his collection of custom-made surgical caps that makes him stand out from everybody else.

On Monday, Morgan’s noggin was capped in ‘70s psychedelia. On another day he could be wearing a Batman cap, or any other unusual piece of headgear from the collection he keeps in his locker.

Daves added Morgan has holiday-themed caps for Halloween and Christmas.

But what Morgan talks about the most is the long-term relationships he’s had with several of the doctors at PRMC, including urologist Dr. Rene Grabato. Morgan works hand-in-hand with Grabato in the urology suite.

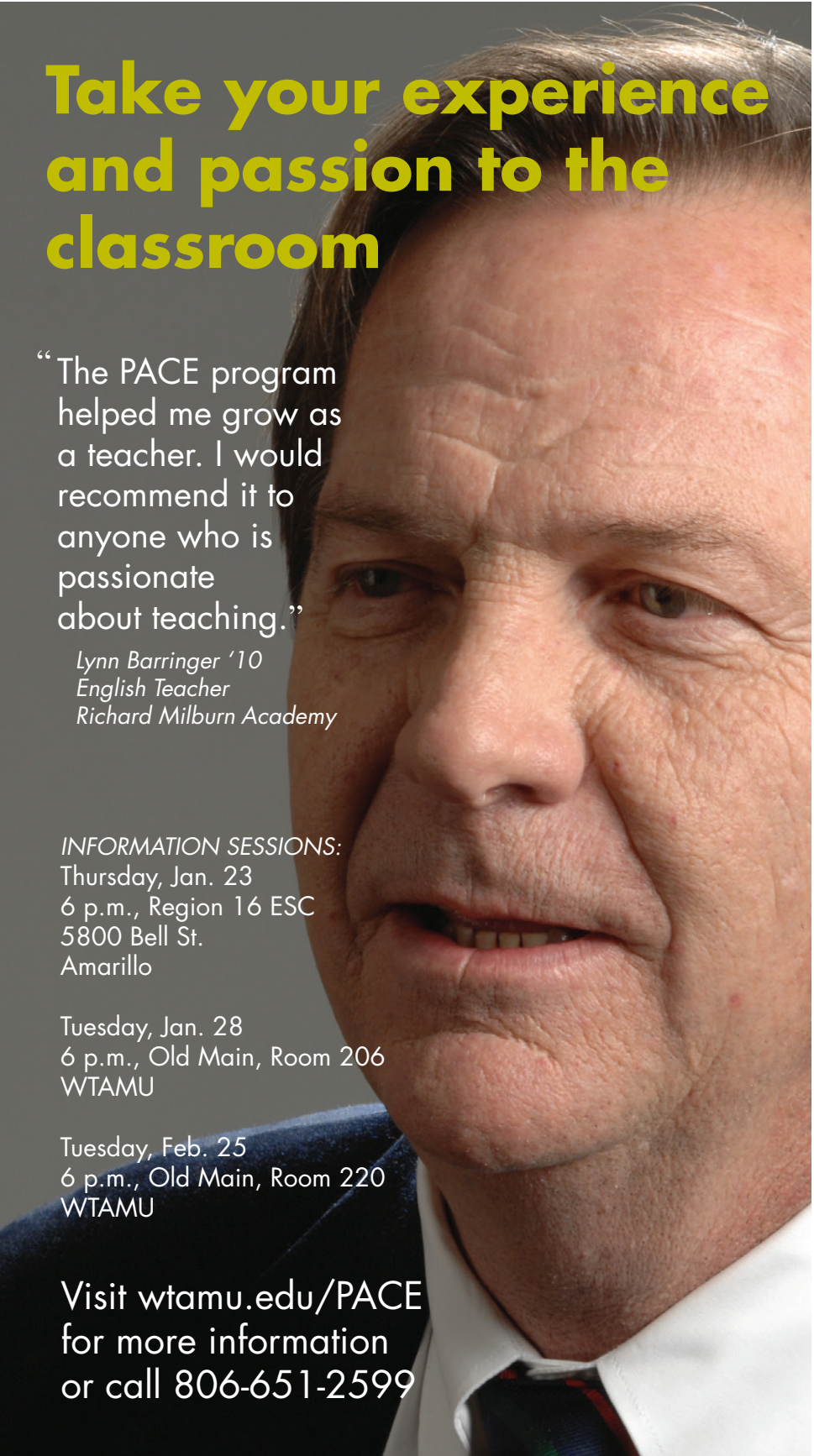
Morgan believes the doctors who have come to PRMC to stay for their careers, instead of moving on in two or three years, have given the hospital a strong foundation.

He said Pampa has a great hospital, it just needs to be utilized more by the community.

On a more personal level, Morgan said he’s a proud father who has provided all three of his children with an education.

He also was quick to mention he has a beautiful wife — Penny.

Though he’s just past the 70-year mark, Morgan said he has no plans to retire.



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Tonight: Clear with a low of 29. Winds west-southwest at 10 mph. Sunset at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high of 58. Winds east at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

Wednesday night: Cloudy with a low of 19. Winds east at 14 mph. Sunset at 6:01 p.m.

Thursday: Cloudy and windy with a high of 24. Winds northeast at 22 mph. Sunrise at 7:50 a.m.

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Obituaries

Sandra Sue Hemphill

Sandra Sue Hemphill, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, in Borger.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Sandra Sue Hemphill

Mrs. Hemphill was born May 22, 1941 in Ellsworth, Kan. She attended schools in Holyrood, Kansas before moving to Pampa where she finished her education. She married David Hemphill on Feb. 8, 1958 in Pampa. Sandra was a member of First Assembly of God in Pampa, and she was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, painting, and gardening, but most of all, she loved to spend time with her kids, grandkids, and her dogs.

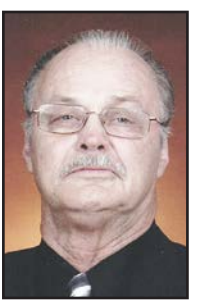
Survivors include her husband, David Hemphill, of the home; a son, David Randall Hemphill and wife Terri of Pearland; three daughters, Julie Elizabeth Hansen and husband Tony of Edmond, Okla., Melissa Sue Wallin and husband Steven and Shantillee Melissa Davis and husband Clayton, all of Pampa; two sisters, Janie Taylor and husband Larry of Wheeler, and Linda Ruth McPherson of Weston, W.V.; three grandsons, Christopher Hemphill and wife Andrea and Stephen Michael Hemphill and wife Amanda, all of Pearland, and Jory Michael Nance of Edmond, Okla.; seven granddaughters, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Smith and husband Jerrod, Kayla Lee Belanger and husband James, Tessa Rae Nance, and Delaney Grace Hansen, all of Edmond, Okla. and Chelsea Cecelia Wallin, Zoe Isabella Davis, and Samantha Jo Davis, all of Pampa; three great grandsons, Gavyn Nikolas Nance and Bradley Michael Nance, both of Edmond, Okla., and Joshua Connor Hemphill of Pearland.

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

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Bob Muns

Bob Muns, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014 in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Bob Muns

Mr. Muns was born March 7, 1939 in Carter Nine, Okla. He graduated from Turon High School in Turon, Kan., in 1957. Following his graduation, he went to work for the FBI in Washington, D.C. where he met his wife, Niela Jean Ellison. They were married Oct. 8, 1958 in Washington, D.C. Bob then went to work for the U.S. Park Police in Washington where he served for ten years. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1971. Bob held various sales jobs in Pampa before being elected Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace on Jan. 1, 1987. He retired in 2001 after fourteen years of service. Bob was a member of First Baptist Church where he taught a men's Sunday school class, sang in the choir and was active in the bus and prison ministries. He was a former member of the Kiwanis Club and was a member of the Retired U.S. Park Police Association. Bob was preceded in death by a son, Kevin Muns in 1987; his parents, Buck and Jessie Muns in 1997; and two sisters, Carol Nichols and Linda Maynard.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Muns of the home; two daughters, Cindy Wolken and husband David of Amarillo, and Michele Dyson and husband Kent of Pampa; a son, Greg Muns and wife Essie of Longmont, Colo.; a sister, Karen Goodwin of Md.; 11 grandchildren, Jennifer Steen and husband Josh, Charlea Martinez and husband Tyson, Mitch Kelley, Shelby Wolken, Matt Kelley, Bailey Muns, Kolton Dyson, Cooper Wolken, Kurt Wolken and wife Krysta, Jason Velasquez and wife Charlene, and Leanne Hall; eight great-grandchildren; in-laws, Wayne and Betty Ellison of Alpharetta, Ga., Betty Sheets of Beckley, W.V., and Shirley Shepard of Rochester, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Missions, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066, Wounded Warrior Project, 2200 Space Park Drive, Suite 100, Houston, Texas, 77058, or a favorite charity.

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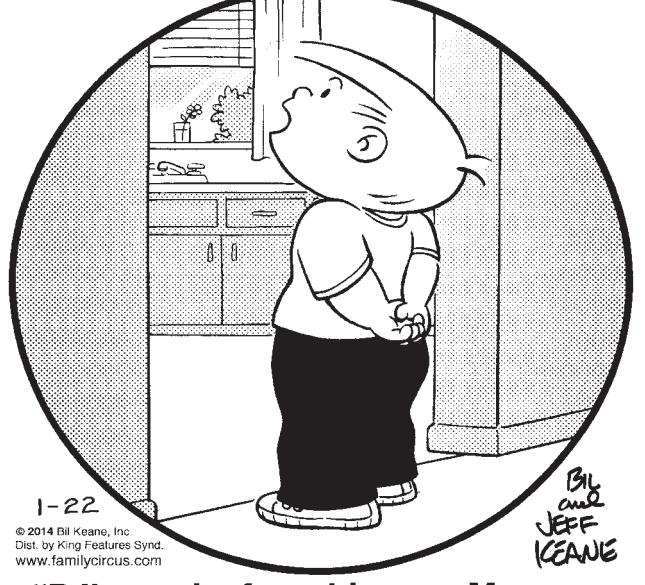
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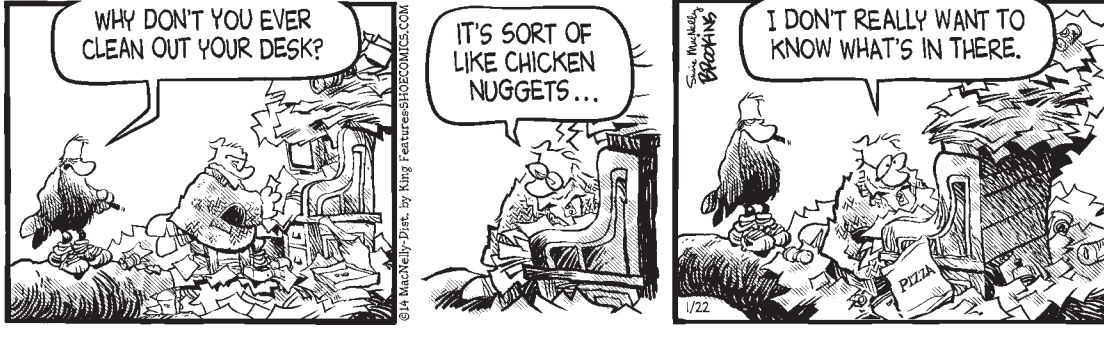
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 This year you go from being idealistic to being intensely practical. Others might feel a bit insecure around you, as they don't know who will be in your shoes from one day to the next. Be sensitive to others' needs. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone while out and about. Your relationship might have too public a profile for comfort. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy a common commitment that often occupies your time. Make sure that you also schedule time away together to relax.
SCORPIO is demanding, and often that quality pushes you away.
 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)
 ★★ A meeting might take place in the morning. By the afternoon, you will seek out individuals rather than groups. Use your intuition when dealing with a feisty partner. How you see a situation could change because of a conversation. Tonight: Avoid sending mixed messages.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Complete a good amount of work by midday. An associate, partner or loved one could demand a lot of attention in the afternoon. You know what you want, but the other party might not be as sure. A discussion could be difficult, as a result. Tonight: Mix friends and fun.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Tap into your imagination in the morning, when an idea is more likely to serve you. Late afternoon presents a different outlook and a far more demanding schedule. A boss might be eyeing your performance. Do not disappoint him or her. Tonight: Clear out as fast as you can.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Your temper could rise to the surface in the morning, yet by the afternoon, you might forget what had upset you. Your imagination fills in the gaps and easily can find a solution. Tap into your instincts regarding a child or loved one. You will know what to do. Tonight: All smiles.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Return calls, make time for a meeting and handle as much as you can in the morning. By the afternoon, you will want to become less available. You might have a situation on your mind that you need to sort out. Give yourself some

extra time to reflect. Tonight: At home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Be aware of what someone else expects, because you don't want to disappoint this person. In some form, you could send mixed signals. To keep that from happening, be clear with yourself before you act on a personal matter. Tonight: Meet a friend for munchies.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Get a head start on your day, if possible. If an important matter must be handled, do it the morning. By the afternoon, your concerns might change. A discussion about finances seems inevitable. Be aware of a certain insecurity that seems to control you. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ You could feel off in the morning and wonder why you are proceeding the way you are. Stop. Think things through, and take your time. You could feel a lot differently about the same situation a little later. A family member tends to drag you down. Tonight: At home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Dealings with others are highlighted. You need a better sense of direction and an idea of what you want. If you are straightforward, others are likely to respond in kind. Use the afternoon for doing some quiet work, and perhaps make a call or two. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Several associates will seek you out for advice. Right now, you need to take a strong stance. Don't allow anyone to distract you. Understanding will evolve later in the day. A meeting could allow you to share recent events and news. Tonight: Start the weekend early.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ You could be making an important decision before you know it. Your take-charge attitude will pay off quickly. Don't hesitate to stay on top of a key situation, as no one else cares about your interests as much as you do. Tonight: Loosen up, and enjoy what is happening with a friend.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ A direct conversation establishes a connection, but not necessarily an agreement. You could be in for a fast change if you are not careful. How you deal with a friend or loved one might change, given a different perspective. Detach. Tonight: Only where there is music.

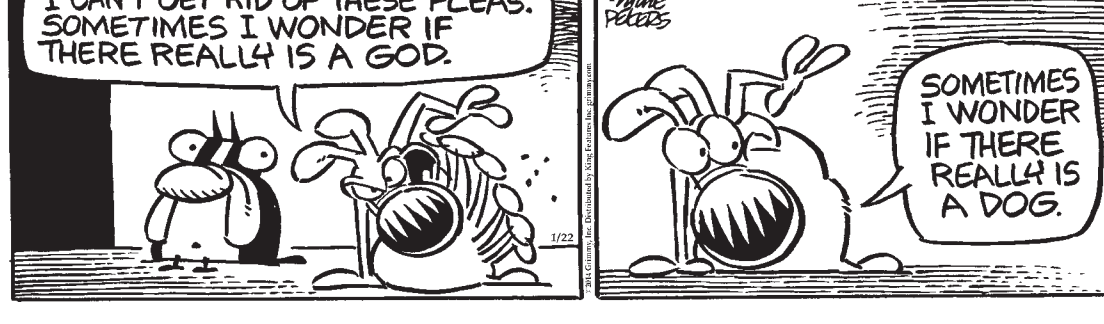
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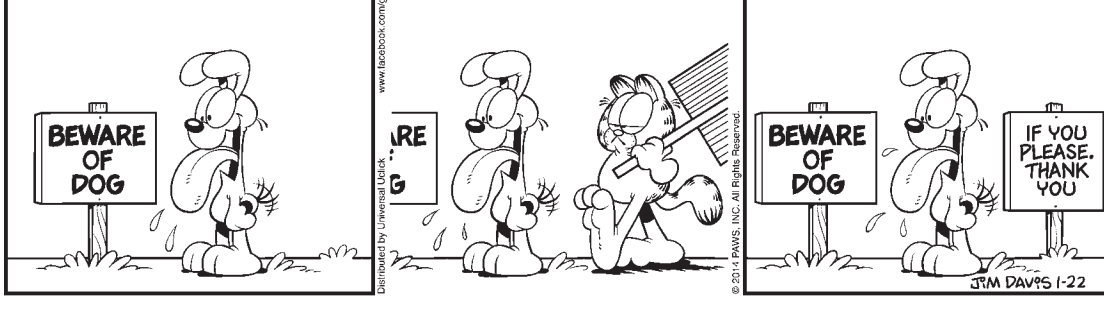
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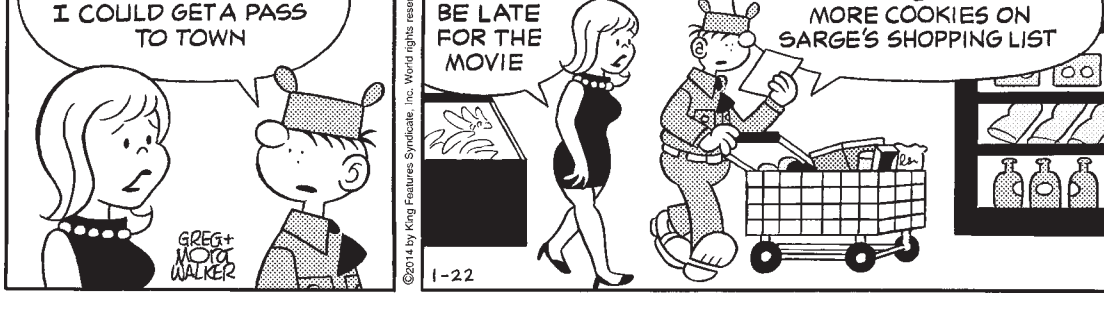
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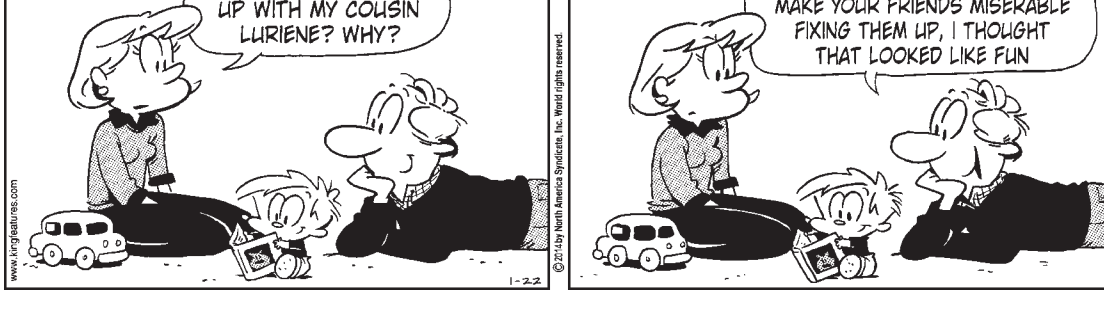
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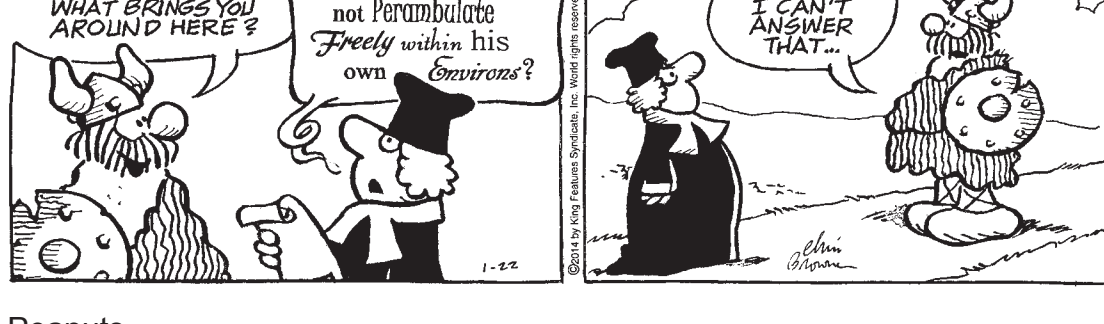
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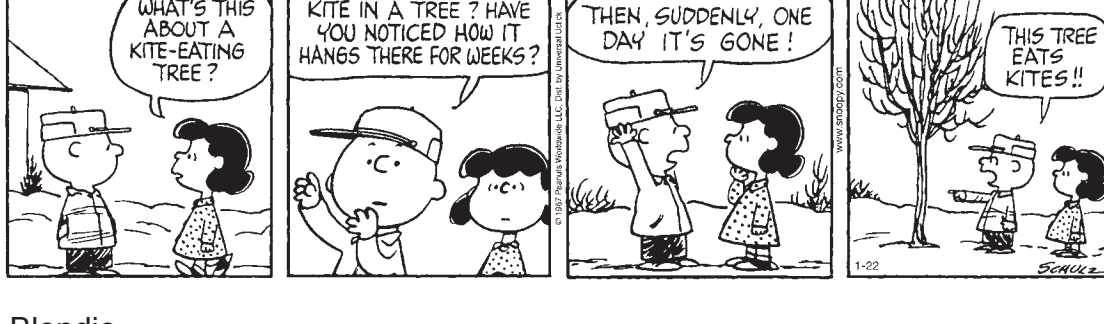
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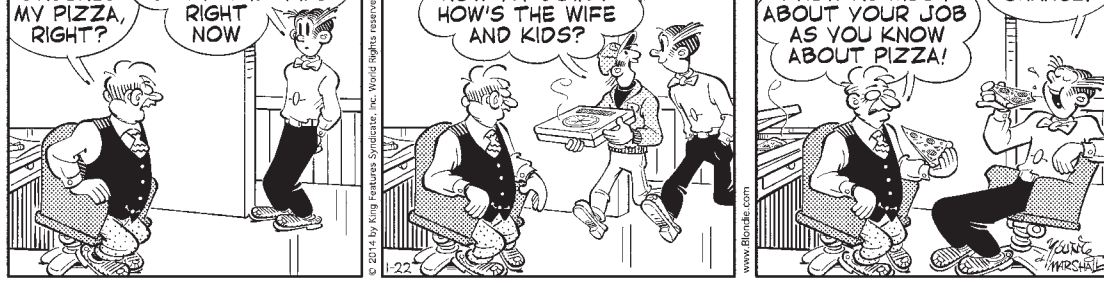
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Prairie Plains Perspective

A nice drive through Texas, allergies included

The sky was a robin's egg blue leaving Pampa early last Friday morn, with nary a single cloud plus the rarest of phenoms, no wind. Well, there was a slight breeze, but nothing compared to the previous day's blow, of which behind the wheel, my sinuses were still reminding me.

I was on the road again to New Braunfels, a trip I have been doing most of my entire adult life included



DENNIS PALMIER

on the same roads with previous destinations Austin and San Antonio. Averse (TSA nonsense) to flying, I prefer driving, for doing so takes you smack through the middle of this great state with its impressive vistas and small towns with wonderfully designed court houses. Doing such never fails to chipper my mind!

Thursday's windful day was still very keen to my senses as I motored south. What has been my case since my earliest recollection, Panhandle gale conditions with miserable dust thrown in never fails to send my mood straight into depression, or as my shrink

deduced, a post traumatic stress brought about by some rather frightful dust storm weather events that occurred during my childhood. Indeed; windy, dusty, dirty, tumble weeds tumbling days I care for not one iota. Interesting that I have returned to reside here in Pampa, however, if you know me, you will understand.

Once off the caprock I began to notice a significant haze hanging above the landscape. At first I thought it to be the previous day's dust from New Mexico settling, adding yet more terra firma to Texas. Out of my car for an Abilene pit

stop, along came instant watering of eyes and sneezing. Lo and behold my old nemesis was once again saying hello! Cedar pollen had been wind released and stirred up the previous day. 'Twas cedar pollen haze I was driving into.

Just so happens, New Braunfels, hometown to my son and granddaughter, sits about nigh center the Texas Hill Country, which is nicely covered in a year round greenness thanks to a disproportionate amount of, cedars. My body doesn't like cedar pollen. When married and living in San Antonio, cedar allergy caused me great misery,

so much to the extent, a surgical procedure inside my nose was required. I'm not the only person cedar wrecks havoc upon, just ask seven or so other million folks in and around the Texas Hill Country.

As I sneeze, snort, cough and hack while writing this I can only laugh at myself, my desire to steadfastly remain a Texan. If the wind and dust of the Panhandle hasn't done me in (no drug therapy mind you), nor (with drug therapy mind you) will cedar pollen allergy. Live elsewhere? Never. Compared to other states having, like Texas' cedars, a disproportionate

amount of Democrats or higher taxes or infinitely more screwed up public education systems or over the top rules and regulations and people inclined to like all that assorted nonsense, I opt to remain a Texan, come any high wind, dust or cedar pollen allergy. If you know me, you will understand such.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampapnews.com.

Feds deny state bids to tighten voter registration

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The U.S. Election Assistance Commission found Friday that heightened proof-of-citizenship requirements likely would hinder eligible citizens from voting in federal elections, handing down a ruling that denied requests from Kansas, Arizona and Georgia to modify the registration form for their residents.

The decision came just hours before a court-imposed deadline in a lawsuit filed in federal court by Kansas and Arizona that seeks to force the commission to modify state-specific requirements for registering to vote in those states. Georgia, which has a similar voter registration law, is not part of the litigation but was included in the commission's decision.

Those states have enacted laws requiring new voters to provide a birth certificate, passport or other proof of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote. People who register using the federal form only need to sign a statement, under penalty of perjury, that he or she is a U.S. citizen.

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach has championed his state's proof-of-citizenship law to keep non-citizens from voting, particularly those in the U.S. illegally.

But critics say voter fraud is extremely rare and contend such laws suppress the vote and threaten to keep thousands of citizens from casting ballots.

Kobach said in an email that he had anticipated the adverse ruling from the commission and the states will now press their constitutional claims before the U.S. District Court in Kansas.

He argues the decision is unconstitutional because it prevents Kansas and Arizona from securing their voter rolls.

"The EAC's reasoning reflects the partisan view of the Obama Justice Department that requiring voters to provide documentary proof of citizenship at the time of registration is undesirable as a policy matter," Kobach said.

"However, the EAC has no authority to second-guess the policy decisions of the sovereign states of Kansas and Arizona."

In its decision, the EAC found that added documentation burdens do not enhance voter participation and result in an overall decrease in registration of eligible citizens — undermining the core purpose of the National Voter Registration Act.

It cited as evidence the problems Kansas already has experienced with its own enhanced voter registration requirements. The voter registrations of 20,127 Kansans remained on hold Friday because they've not yet provided proof of their citizenship to election officials.

States already have other means available to enforce citizenship requirements without requiring addition-

al information from applicants, including access to national databases of birth certificates and naturalization information, the agency noted.

Given the "paucity of evidence" provided by the states regarding noncitizens registering to vote, the new voter registration requirements enacted by the states reflect "legislative policy preferences" and are not based on any demonstrated necessity, the agency said.

It also said that the heightened documentation requirements imposed by Kansas and Arizona have led to significant reductions in organized voter registration programs.

"This is a significant decision for all eligible voters underscoring the purpose of the National Voter Registration Act to remove barriers such as documentary proof of citizenship that prevent eligible citizens from registering to vote and voting," Michelle Kanter Cohen, a lawyer representing Project Vote in the states' lawsuit in Kansas, said in an email Saturday.

"What we have seen where these laws have been implemented in Arizona and Kansas is that tens of thousands of eligible Americans have been rejected or suspended from the voter rolls, and community voter registration drives have been significantly hampered," Cohen said.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that Arizona could not refuse to accept

the national voter registration form, even though people who use it aren't required to provide citizenship documents.

Kobach has said that if he cannot get a federal court to order EAC to modify the federal registration form with state-specific requirements, he would institute — on his own authority as Kansas secretary of state — a dual registration that limits Kansans who register with the federal form to voting only in presidential, U.S. Senate and congressional races.

"We applaud the EAC's decision to uphold this law and protect the right to vote," said Wendy Weiser, director of the Brennan Center's Democracy Program at NYU School of Law, which represents the League of Women Voters in the Kansas litigation. "We hope Arizona and Kansas abandon their quest to undermine federal law by making voter registration more complicated."

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Urban streets named for MLK still struggle

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A walk down the 6-mile city street named for the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. yields plenty of images that would surely unsettle the civil rights leader: shuttered storefronts, open-air drug markets and a glut of pawn shops, quickie check-cashing providers and liquor stores.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

The urban decay along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in St. Louis can be found in other major American cities, from Houston and Milwaukee to the nation's capital.

"It's a national problem," said Melvin White, a 46-year-old postal worker in St. Louis and founder of a 3-year-old nonprofit group that is trying to restore King's legacy on asphalt. "Dr. King would be turning over in his grave."

Nearly three decades into the observance of Monday's federal holiday, the continuing decline of the most visible symbols of King's work has White and others calling for a renewed commitment to the more than 900 streets nationwide named in the Atlanta native's honor. The effort centers in St. Louis, where the small nonprofit is working to reclaim MLK roadways as a source of pride and inspiration, not disappointment over a dream derailed.

White's goals are ambitious, his resources admittedly modest. A neighborhood park is planned across the street from the group's headquarters. An urban agriculture project to encourage residents to eat healthy and grow their own food has preliminary support from nearby Washington University, one of the country's wealthiest private colleges. Above all, Beloved Streets of America wants to build community from the ashes of what was once a thriving retail corridor when White was a child.

The template can be found just a mile away. Delmar Boulevard, which saw a similar decline, is now a vibrant retail corridor packed with restaurants, nightclubs, a renovated movie theater and a boutique hotel. The renaissance earned Delmar recognition in 2007 as one of "10 Great Streets in America" by the American Planning Association.

Journalist Jonathan Tilo, who wrote a 2003 book based on visits to 650 King streets nationwide, called the King byways "black America's Main Street."

"Map them and you map a nation within a nation, a place where white America seldom goes and black America can be itself," he wrote. "It is a parallel universe with a different center of gravity and distinctive sensibilities. ... There is no other street like it."

But while streets named for King undoubtedly reso-

nate widely in the black community, a University of Tennessee geography professor whose research explores the cultural and political significance of such streets said the compromised condition of streets named for King in St. Louis and other cities deserves broader attention.

"In some ways we racially profile these streets," said Derek Alderman, author of a 2007 study that found a smaller disparity among MLK-named streets and other "main streets" than is popularly portrayed. "We need to move beyond those images and see what concrete lives and realities are living on those streets."

More than 50 years after King led his march on Washington, communities large and small still debate whether to rename local streets in his honor. In Harrisonburg, Va., city leaders recently agreed to rename a street for King over protests by some residents. A similar debate continues in High Point, N.C., where a King street proposal first suggested two decades ago remains up in the air.

Other cities have had more success in balancing the desire to commemorate King without superseding local tradition. Alderman singled out Chapel Hill, N.C., which in 2005 renamed a major thoroughfare that abuts the University of North Carolina campus. Street signs that identify Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard also include the name "Historic Airport Road."

Chicago's Martin Luther King Drive, a major thoroughfare spanning roughly a dozen miles south of downtown, is anchored by important hubs of black life in the city. The street features grassy boulevards with stately greystones, while other segments touch rougher patches that have fallen into disrepair, including a dilapidated motel that drew community protests over crime. Gentrification is taking hold along some parts.

The major landmarks include Bronzeville, the neighborhood where numerous black activists lived or worked and tourism officials have marked with plaques. There's also

Chicago State University, where Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks taught.

In Miami, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard stretches from the predominantly Cuban town of Hialeah through largely black Liberty City and into Little Haiti — a reflection of both the city's diverse demographics as well as its lingering segregation.

Along MLK Boulevard in Hialeah, where U.S. flags fly alongside Cuban ones, MLK Boulevard isn't known as the street named after a civil rights leader. Rather, it's simply referred to by its number: "La Nueve Street," or 9th Street.

The sights and sounds of MLK Boulevard change in Liberty City, where many buildings are shuttered and storefront churches can be found on almost every block. In the decades after the civil rights movement, Liberty City has seen two race riots and struggled to escape a cycle of violence and poverty.

At Miami Edison High School on the border of Liberty City and Little Haiti, 17-year-old Judith Etienne said King would be disappointed in his unfulfilled dream.

"I'm sure Martin Luther King didn't have this in his dream," she said. "There's a lot of kids dying of gang violence in this community."

For Alderman, the King street scholar, the struggle to reclaim MLK Jr. Drive in St. Louis offers a realistic portrayal of the battles King waged a half-century ago — and where such efforts need to reach into the 21st Century.

"Those street names are really powerful social indicators of how far we've come in really fulfilling the dream, and giving us an indication of where we need to do more work," he said. "As much as it may sadden us, it demarcates and defines boundaries for civil rights activism for the future. You've got something that remembers the past that actually works, in its own tragic irony, to symbolize where the struggle still is."

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The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 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. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. 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.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County

Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

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.

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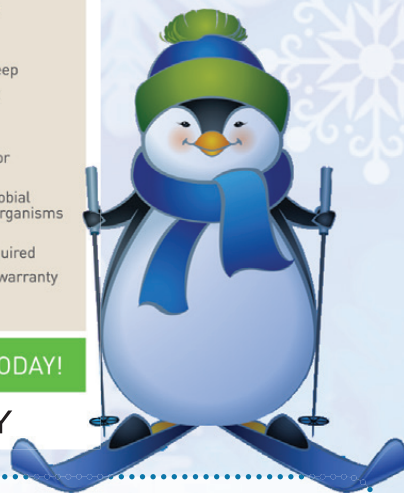
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STAFF REPORT

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Thousands of cotton bales burn in gin fire

WILSON (AP) — More than 12,000 cotton bales have burned in a West Texas gin fire that could take days to extinguish. KCBD-TV reports the fire broke out Monday morning at Wilson County Gin and Cotton Co. in Wilson, about 20 miles south of Lubbock. Officials say the fire apparently started outside of one of the gin's warehouses and then quickly spread indoors. General manager Mike Tomlinson says more than 12,000 bales of cotton were destroyed. He says there may have been a small fire during processing. Tomlinson also says it could take up to a week to put out the fire.

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Wedding insurance expands as nuptials get pricier

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Worried about the groom getting cold feet? There's an insurance policy for that.

With the cost of the average American wedding reaching about \$26,000, insurers have been selling a growing number of policies to protect against losses from extreme weather, illness and, in one firm's case, even a sudden change of heart.

Cheryl Winter spent \$500 for Hartford-based Travelers Cos. Inc. to cover her daughter's \$50,000 destination wedding last October in New Orleans, where her biggest concern was a potential hurricane. The weather cooperated, but the limousine never showed up. Her daughter took a taxi cab to the church, and they used the insurance policy to claim the deposit money they couldn't get back from the limo driver.

"No one wants to be walking in the French Quarter in a long gown and high heels," said Winter, who lives in the Houston area.

The insurance is offered by a small number of U.S. companies. Insurers declined to provide data on the number of customers beyond saying they are growing steadily. It can cover losses from issues ranging from bankrupt wedding halls to cancellations forced by unexpected military deployments. Travelers says issues with vendors account for about a quarter of the claims, with most of those related to issues with photographers or videographers.

For Travelers, an insurance giant with annual revenue of \$26 billion, the policies will not make or break the bottom line. But the wedding insurance it began selling in 2007 is also a way to connect with a couple who might later think of the

company for home insurance and other life milestones.

"It could be the beginning of a relationship with a young couple," said Ed Charlebois, a Travelers vice president for personal insurance.

Wedsafe, backed by Aon, also offers wedding insurance, which differs little from the specialty insurance that firms may offer for other kinds of events and celebrations.

For parents concerned about a relationship souring before the exchange of vows, Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. offers change of heart insurance. It's been available since 2007, but the program administrator said the fraud rate soared in the early years as policies were bought for couples who were known to be fighting. That coverage now applies only if the bride or groom calls off the wedding more than nine months beforehand.

"Coverage does not exist once you hit the altar," said administrator Rob Nuccio of R.V. Nuccio & Associates. "The only ones who were buying it were the ones who knew they would have a claim."

Kyle Brown, director of the Bakersfield, Calif.-based Bridal Association of America, said he recommends wedding insurance, but he estimates policies are taken out for less than half of 1 percent of the more than 2 million weddings held annually in the U.S.

"Nobody likes to think about the bad side," he said.

Winter said some people told her insurance would be a waste of money for her daughter's wedding, but she read various reviews and decided it was worth protecting the investment. She's planning to buy a policy for another daughter's wedding in 2015.

January often the best month to file

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate



I write a column similar to this one every January. But I don't mind plagiarizing myself because it contains a very important message for people planning to retire in 2014.

January is a critical month for the hundreds of thousands of potential Social Security beneficiaries who are reaching 66 (their so-called full retirement age) in 2014. The important message: Most of them should at least consider the possibility of filing for their benefits this month, even though they may not be reaching their retirement age until later in the year. But please note: This procedure should not be employed by folks planning on using one of the Social Security maximizing strategies I've discussed so often in this column (e.g., "file and suspend" or "restricted application") because those provisions generally require you to wait until age 66 before filing for benefits.

The reason for this early filing timeframe for everyone else has to do with some quirky and complicated features of Social Security's earnings penalty provisions. Those provisions generally keep seniors who are still working off of Social Security's rolls until they reach that magic full retirement age.

The law essentially says if you are over 62 but under your full retirement age and are still working full time, you are not eligible for Social Security. Specifically, the rules require that the SSA deduct \$1 from any retirement benefits you might be due for every \$2 you earn over \$15,480 in 2014.

However, the rules say that once you reach your full retirement age, you are due full Social Security benefits even if you are still working and no matter how much money you are making. Let's follow an exam-

ple. Let's say Ed was born in July 1948, which means he'll reach his full retirement age of 66 in July 2014. And let's further say Ed generally makes about \$80,000 per year and he plans to continue working indefinitely. Based on the earnings penalty rules I briefly outlined above, Ed figures he must wait until July (his full retirement age) to begin collecting his Social Security benefits. As I said, at that magical point the earnings penalty rules no longer apply and he can get his Social Security. And prior to that, he's making way more than the \$15,480 income threshold.

But here is why Ed should check into applying for Social Security in January. Congress set up a more lenient earnings threshold for the year you reach your full retirement age. Specifically, it says you can earn up to \$41,400 between January and the month you reach your full retirement age and still get Social Security benefits. And even if you earn more than \$41,400, you lose only \$1 from your benefits for every \$3 you exceed that threshold.

Ed is going to make \$40,000 between January and June (i.e., before he reaches the magic age of 66). And that's just under the \$41,400 threshold for 2014, which means Ed is due benefits beginning in January. He does NOT have to wait until July to apply for his Social Security checks.

There is a bit of a catch. By starting his benefits in January, Ed will be accepting a slightly reduced amount. (Benefits are reduced roughly one-half of one percent for each month they are taken before full retirement age.)

If Ed's Social Security benefit at full retirement age is \$2,200 per month,

let's look at his options.

Ed's first option is to wait until July (his full retirement age) to start

his Social Security benefits. He'll get \$2,200 per month for six months or \$13,200 for the year 2014.

Ed's second option is to file for Social Security in January. Starting his benefits slightly early, his monthly rate is reduced to about \$2,130. That comes out to \$25,560 in total benefits for the year 2014. The downside to option two is his ongoing monthly benefit rate will be \$2,130, \$70 less than what he would have been getting in option one. But because he'd be getting about \$12,360 less in total 2014 benefits in option one, it would take Ed a long time to make up that loss with his extra \$70 per month in ongoing benefits. If I were Ed, I'd choose the second option.

Even if Ed was going to make more than the \$41,400 income threshold between January and June, he only loses one

dollar in Social Security benefits for each three dollars he exceeds that amount. So he probably still comes out ahead by filing in January.

Here is a quick example using that scenario. Let's say Ed will make \$50,000 between January and June. That's \$8,600 over the \$41,400 limit. And one third of that excess, or about \$2,866 must be deducted from his 2014 benefits. But he would still get \$22,694 in benefits for the year. That's still way better than the \$13,200 he would be due by waiting until July to file for his Social Security.

I know these rules are complicated and the math in the examples above might be difficult to follow. But my overall message is easy to follow: If you're reaching age 66 in 2014, talk to a Social Security representative sometime this month to find out if it's to your advantage to file for those benefits in January.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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Act like you've been there before.

What has happened to the sports world nowadays? What happened to the class acts like Barry Sanders, who handed the ball to the referee after every single touchdown he scored. Never once did he showboat or taunt opponents. He simply acted like he had been there before.

Well Sunday night after making the game-winning play, Seahawks corner Richard Sherman received a taunting penalty and had one of the most bold post-game interviews seen in a while.

Sherman said "I'm the best corner in the game. When you try me with a sorry receiver like Crabtree, that's the result you're going to get." Now, he is very well the best corner in the NFL, but he could have at least been humble about it. However, Monday some things came to light that explained some of his comments.

Apparently Sherman tried to give Michael Crabtree a good game handshake and Crabtree just flat ignored him. Also, during the offseason Crabtree reportedly tried to start a fight with Sherman at a charity event in Arizona.

So I think both Crabtree and Sherman need a little lesson in "acting like

they've been there before." This is the National Football League and we have grown men acting like 5-year-olds.

Sherman should have been humble about the situation and Crabtree should have been a good sport rather than a sorry loser.

But that's the way sports seem to go now, no sportsmanship, no humble actions from the winners and no respect in the games.

Where are we going wrong? This is a whole other story that I do not have time to go into detail with today, but I believe it starts in Little League.

Everyone gets a trophy, participant plaque or something, win or lose. Some Little Leagues do not even keep score so as to not hurt anyone's feelings. Children in today's world are not taught how to lose respectfully or how to win respectfully.

When are we going to wake up and realize this? I am not sure how Little League does it now, but when I was growing up we were required to line up as a team and shake the other team's hands after every single game.

Sherman and Crabtree are just two recent examples of the many in professional sports who act like little babies instead of grown men.

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Denver Broncos, Seattle Seahawks punch tickets to Super Bowl XLVIII with wins over nemeses

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Super Bowl XLVIII's match was set on Sunday when the Denver Broncos (15-3) defeated the New England Patriots (13-5) 26-16, sending Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning to his third Super Bowl. Later that day, the Seattle Seahawks (15-3) defeated their NFC West nemesis, the San Francisco 49ers (14-5), to earn a spot in their second team Super Bowl.

Broncos versus Patriots

The AFC Championship game had the hype of Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, quarterbacks who have met 14 times before Sunday's game. Brady had Manning's number, winning 10 of the 14 contests, but the last time the two legends faced off in the AFC Championship game, Manning won and went to his first



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Super Bowl. The Patriots started with the ball but went three-and-out. The ensuing Broncos' drive had promise, but fizzled out when the Broncos reached roughly mid-field. Following another Patriots' three-and-out, the Broncos went on a 10-play, 73-yard drive capped off with a Matt Prater 27-yard field goal to put the Broncos up 3-0.

In the second quarter, with the Patriots still struggling to muster any offense, the Broncos went on a 15-play, 93-yard drive that ate up 7:01 off the clock in the second quarter. The Broncos ran into the end zone on the legs of running back Knowshon Moreno when he broke a run for 28 yards. Four plays later, on first-and-goal, Manning found his old Colts buddy, tight end Jacob Tamme, in the end zone for a touchdown to put the Broncos up 10-0, with 7:50 left to play in the half.

On the ensuing Patriots drive, Brady and his offense seemed to find life when on first-and-10 Brady found receiver Aaron Dobson for 27 yards. Two plays later,

Brady threw a pass to running back Shane Vereen, who ran for another 13 yards to put the Patriots in Broncos territory. On third-and-eight from the Broncos 29-yard line, the Broncos pass-rush eventually got to Brady for an 11-yard loss, forcing the Patriots to settle for a Stephen Gostkowski 47-yard field goal, closing the gap at 10-3 Denver with 2:54 left to play.

The Broncos went on an 8-play, 63-yard drive eating 2:29 off the clock including two passes to wide receiver Demaryius Thomas, one for 26 yards and one for 27 yards. After an 11-yard pass to veteran receiver Andre Caldwell,

the Broncos had to settle for a 35-yard field goal from Matt Prater to extend their lead to 13-3 heading into the half.

To start the third quarter, the Broncos went on another long 13-play, 80-yard drive which consumed 7:08 of the third quarter. Manning started the quarter hitting wide receiver Eric Decker twice for catches of 10 yards and 18 yards. Manning found Thomas again for 15 yards two plays later, and then the Broncos nickel-and-dimed their way to the end zone, when Manning found Thomas for a 3-yard touchdown pass. The

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Golf Thought of the Week

■ Add more distance to your tee shots in 2014.

It's that time of year when you start to read about all of the new equipment releases. It's impossible not to get excited for the year ahead. I've heard some golfers making the cynical comment that it's not possible to add any more yards to a driver! My retort is, "That's not a relevant argument."

The real question you should ask yourself is, "Is it possible to add more distance to my tee shots?" And, with respect, in almost every case the answer is a resounding

"Yes! Yes! And yes again." **Technique can be improved:** Most golfers lose so much ball speed (and therefore distance) because their smash factor is consistently too low (that is, they strike the face away from the sweet spot). Many golfers actually strike the ball a glancing blow, losing distance and adding side-spin. Too many golfers are not launching the ball high enough to get the carry of the modern low-spinning golf ball can offer. **Equipment can be improved:** Even golfers who have bought the latest adjustable drivers are inclined to play with the loft set too low. That's indicative of a challenge many of us face. You've been seduced

into a new driver off the shelf and have left 10, 20, 30 and even more yards on the table because you didn't get the technology, shaft, loft and grip to suit your swing. That's right, nearly three-fourths of golfers stated that they skipped the fitting process when buying a new driver. Why? Your own flexibility and strength. There are simple exercises and technique improvements that will make it possible for you to first make a better shoulder turn, and then to use the larger muscles on the way down to create faster club-head speed. **And yes, technology is getting smarter:** Finally, the big improvement to look out for this year is a face that

responds better to ball strikes away from the center. This isn't just about maintaining a faster CoR (coefficient of restitution). If you strike the face towards the toe or heel you'll maintain a faster ball speed. Look for technology that will also preserve the launch characteristics of launch angle and spin rate when you strike the ball away from the face. There's no question the manufacturers are producing golf equipment that is more effective for the average golfer. Contact us to book an assessment and play better golf in 2014. Regards. Tim

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score put the Broncos up 20-3. After another Patriot drive fizzled out by a sack, this time by Broncos' defensive tackle Terrance Knighton, the Broncos went on another nine-play drive, capping off with a 19-yard field goal from Prater. Feeling the desperation, Brady found tight end Michael Hoomanawanui for 18 yards, former Colt Austin Collie for 20 yards and Julian Edelman for 16 yards. A pass to Vereen for seven yards put the Patriots in the red zone, where Brady found Edelman for a seven-yard touchdown, closing the gap at 10-23 Denver.

Maintaining the clock-eating strategy, the Broncos went on an 8 minute, six-play, 39-yard drive, capped off with another Prater field goal. 37 yards of the 39-yard drive came from a catch-and run from tight end Julius Thomas. Trailing 26-10, the Patriots tried to put together another miracle comeback. Brady hit his reliable target Edelman for passes of 8 and 11 yards. A pass to Collie for 18 yards took the Patriots to the Broncos 12-yard line. After another Edelman catch for seven yards, Brady scrambled from five yards out for a touchdown. Following a missed two-point conversion, the Patriots trailed 26-16, which was the final score.

Manning had 400 yards and two touchdowns, with Demaryius Thomas grabbing seven catches for 134 yards and a touchdown. Brady finished with 277 yards and a single touchdown. His man, Edelman, had 10 receptions for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Seattle Seahawks versus San Francisco

This game had everything the experts thought it would have, a ton of defensive, physical play.

Second-year quarterback Russell Wilson was sacked on the first play of the drive, and it was recovered by 49ers defensive end Aldon Smith. This put the 49ers in perfect field position, already at the Seahawks 15-yard line. A short-run from running back Frank Gore and two short passes from quarterback Colin Kaepernick forced the 49ers to settle for a Phil Dawson 25-yard field goal.

Filled with defensive action, including a Seahawks three-and-out, the first quarter remained scoreless. Kaepernick proved his mobility to be a difference maker, rushing for 17 yards on a 49ers drive that ended with a punt. The Seahawks put together a long drive, including a Wilson pass to receiver Doug Baldwin for 22 yards. After running back

Marshawn Lynch ran for 11 yards, the Seahawks were in field goal range at the 36-yard line. But an 11-yard sack by 49ers linebacker Navarro Bowman forced the Seahawks to punt the ball away.

Kaepernick's legs were, once again, a factor in the ensuing 49ers drive. Kaepernick scrambled for 70 yards on two separate plays, one for 58 yards, all the way down to the Seahawks' 10-yard line. After Gore ran for nine more yards on two plays, running back Anthony Dixon punched in the go-ahead touchdown, putting the 49ers up 10-0 with 10:03 left in the half.

On the following Seahawks' drive, at their own 38-yard line, Wilson found Baldwin for a 51-yard pass, putting the Seahawks at the 49ers' 11-yard line. But the 49ers defense held the Seahawks where they were with a five-yard sack from linebacker Dan Skuta, forcing the Steven Hauschka 32-yard field goal to make the score 10-3 49ers with 5:47 left to play.

Neither team mustered any offense to end the half at 10-3 49ers.

After a six-play drive by the 49ers fizzled to start the second half, the Seahawks got the big play they needed. Starting at their own 40-yard line, Lynch lived up to his "beast-mode" nickname, rushing for 56-yards on three plays, including the 40-yard touchdown to tie the game at 10-10.

The following 49ers' drive saw them go 83 yards in six plays. From their own 28-yard line, Kaepernick hit Michael Crabtree for 22 yards, then Kaepernick scrambled for 22-yards. After an 8-yard sack by Seahawks' defensive end Michael Bennett, Kaepernick found receiver Anquan Boldin over the middle for a 26-yard touchdown, to put the 49ers ahead at 17-10 with 6:18 left to play.

After a 69-yard return from Baldwin, the Seahawks set up shop at the 49ers' 33-yard line.

A 13-yard completion from Wilson to receiver Golden Tate gave the Seahawks a new set of downs at the 20-yard line. But a false start penalty after a tackle for loss forced the Seahawks to settle for another Hauschka field goal from 40-yards out, making the score 17-13.

After a 49ers' three-and-out, the Seahawks started at their own 38-yard line. A 13-yard pass to Baldwin on the fourth play of the drive put the Seahawks at mid-field. Starting the fourth quarter with the ball, Wilson hit his tight end, Zach Miller, for 15 yards on third-and-22. Knowing the 49ers' DE Smith jumped off-sides, Wilson took advantage of the free play and found receiver Jeremy Kearse for a 35-yard touchdown, putting the Seahawks up 20-17 with their first lead of the game with 13:44 left to play.

Locked in a defensive battle, the teams traded possessions until the Seahawks got the ball at the San Francisco 40-yard line after Kaepernick got picked off by Seahawks' safety Kam Chancellor. This set up the Seahawks in good field position, where they went on a seven-play drive, but only found 11 yards because of an offensive pass interference call. The Seahawks took the 47-yard field goal, which put them ahead 23-17 with 3:37 seconds left to play.

On fourth-and-two, Kaepernick hit Gore on a short pass which Gore took 17 yards for a new set of downs and a two-minute warning looming.

After the short break, Kaepernick ran for four yards and then found Boldin for another four. Kaepernick hit receiver Michael Crabtree for another 16 yards and took the offense to the Seahawks 29-yard line. After a timeout with 55 seconds remaining, Kaepernick found tight end Vernon Davis over the middle for 11 yards for another first down in the Seahawks' red zone.

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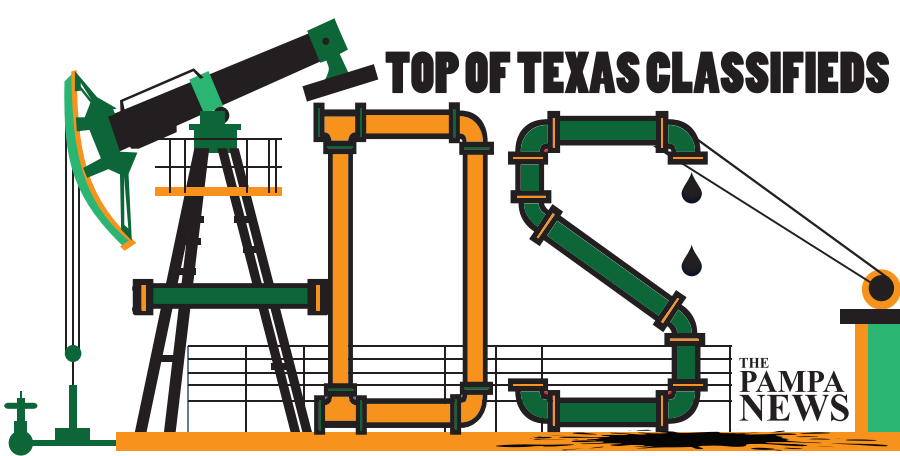
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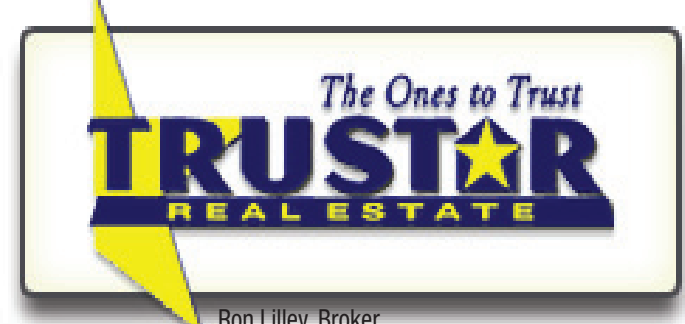
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Twice Bitten in Washington" (Nov. 4), who had thanked veterans for their service to our country and received several negative responses. I'm a retired vet, dying from Agent Orange poisoning. I served two tours in Vietnam, and when I returned from Nam, I was called a baby killer, spat upon and refused taxi service because I was in uniform.

America has had a change in attitude since the Vietnam War. Today, many folks appreciate what the military is doing. I have been thanked several times while wearing my Vietnam Veterans hat and it makes me feel great, to the point my eyes water.

Tell "Twice Bitten" to continue thanking the military vets. It means a lot, especially to vets like me. Sure beats being called a baby killer. — VIETNAM VET

DEAR VIETNAM VET: I received many letters like yours from Vietnam vets who were also not thanked for their ser-

vice when they returned home. Like you, they very much appreciate hearing a "delayed" thanks for their service. I would like to thank you and all the readers who responded to that column with such emotional and sometimes gut-wrenching stories. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to offer "Twice" an explanation for the reaction she received. I served two tours in Iraq and lost some good friends. When vets return home from war, home is a scary place. The life we lived and breathed is no longer. After spending so much time fearing the unknown and protecting ourselves physically and emotionally, we can't stop.

Many of us came home feeling guilty that we lived while others died — ashamed that we might not have done enough, that we should have been the one who was laid to rest, that maybe if we had looked harder, fought harder, we wouldn't have lost a soldier.

When I returned home, I react-

ed the way "Twice" described. I was resentful that someone would take the time to honor me, but not the friends I lost. It was a long time before I realized that by honoring me with their sincere thanks, they were honoring every soldier we have ever lost. Now when I am thanked, I shake hands, I hug, and I thank them for their respect.

To "Twice": Never stop! Do not be afraid. We are not hateful or angry. We are scared and sad. Your expression of thanks means more than any parade, any medal or any award could ever mean. — BRANDON IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY: As a soon-to-be-retired career Army officer, I am one of those who feel awkward when people thank us for doing our jobs. The Army was a career I chose, knowing the hardships and what would be asked of me. The military is filled with all kinds of people, and even though I may not always be in the mood for a stranger to approach me when I'm out and about, deep down inside it is refreshing to know that what I do is appreciated. — PHIL IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR ABBY: One day while

walking in a cemetery, we saw an elderly gentleman leaning on the arm of his caregiver, and we realized he was looking at a veterans memorial. My wife approached and asked if he was a veteran. He looked at her and said "Yes," and she said, "Thank you very much for your service and your bravery." He immediately teared up and croaked out a "Thank you." His caregiver rolled her eyes.

My wife got into her face and said, "You have a hero on your arm, so show him some respect!" The veteran cried harder, grabbed my wife's hand and said, "No one has ever said that to me, ESPECIALLY my caregiver." — KIMIT IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR READERS: May I suggest some other ways to thank vets and those currently in the military? Volunteer at a veterans hospital and bring flowers and toiletries. If you live near a base, volunteer to support the USO at your local airport to make travel more comfortable for our servicemen and women. Donate to Wounded Warriors or similar organizations, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars or Disabled American Veterans.

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CRYPTOQUOTE

B H O B M X M H V L M E H L W M R

B Q V M O L G M I Y S L R Q V

F V F S A A R N Q Z B E . — G M G M

G B S L H A

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END THE DAY WE BECOME SILENT ABOUT THINGS THAT MATTER. — MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

BANANAGRAMS!

Using each two- and three-letter word just once, combine a word in the left column with a word in the right. Then rearrange each five-letter scramble to form a word that begins with an A, T or F and write it into the appropriate space below.

LEVEL

T I	F I T
H M	M A D
H A	B U T

A

T

F

Yesterday's Answer: PARABOLA, MARINARA, FANTASIA

1.20

BANANAGRAMS!

There is one letter that, when added to all of the four-letter words below, can be used to form new five-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

LEVEL

L I M P	O M E N
F O R E	B A M S

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: ADMIT, THUMB, FAITH

1.21

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

5	8	6	1	3	7	2	9	4
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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Prepares for a trip
- Principled
- Once more
- Find charming
- Summer of song
- Pine product
- Determination
- Feeling down
- Dove
- Singer Guthrie
- Stabbed, in a way
- Tree parts
- Slyly sarcastic
- Frightens
- Bleak
- Against
- Passing craze
- School on the Thames
- Visitor from space
- Bangor's state
- Jeweler's unit
- Ohio city
- Contest form
- Requires

DOWN

- Small tablet
- In the past
- Soup buy
- Indian reptile
- Trap
- Purple swallows
- Poem of praise
- Flag creator
- Opera piece
- Give for a while
- Pen fill
- Chums
- Rock's Clapton
- mater
- North American reptile
- Smoke source
- Fix copy
- Sample recording
- High highway
- Ready speed
- to go
- North American resident
- Clock part
- Actor Cumming
- Grime
- Corn serving
- Anger
- Silent approval
- Print measures
- Eternal City
- City resident
- Clock part
- Actor Cumming
- Grime
- Corn serving
- Anger
- Silent approval
- Print measures

Saturday's answer

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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Motherless calves
- Minor argument
- Marigold color
- Track shape
- Joker on TV
- Suit
- Worms for fishing
- Weather map spots
- Cloth bundle
- Couch potato's aid
- "Exodus" hero
- Auction signal
- Mover's truck
- Steak-house choice
- Uncool fellow
- Thailand, once
- Dis-patched
- Word separator
- Joker in film
- Eyeball
- Smitten
- Ending for an attendee
- Signed over

DOWN

- Friend of Bashful
- Mine matter
- Heating choice
- Shortly
- Snowy wader
- Feudal farmer
- Small drum
- "— had it!"
- Distant spinoff
- "Alice" lubricated
- Tennis star Becker
- Suspect's claim
- Like some rugs
- Kick off
- Gold unit
- Lobster eggs
- Wrap up
- Satyr's quarry
- Spring holiday
- Compass part
- Play part
- "Put — on it!"
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