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Repairing winter's work



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Cones directed traffic to the outside lanes along Fourth Street Thursday (above) as city workers sealed cracks in the street and a sign warned motorists (below right). The work continued Friday (left) as the crew moved on (bottom) to Range Ave.



Menlo girl chosen after illness

By Sam Dieter

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A Menlo girl who almost lost her life to the flu in January has been nominated to represent Thomas County in a statewide campaign to address child abuse — not because she was a victim, but because the campaign might help kids who are.

Six-year-old Gabrielle Katherineann Meyer of Menlo was named to have her picture taken in Topeka for Child Abuse Prevention Month, one of 105 kids representing every county in the state. The Thomas County commissioners chose her to represent the county at their meeting last Monday<m-10>. The other nominees were Corbin West, 4, and Jason Turpin, 5.

On April 11, the Kansas Children's Service League plans to bring the 105 children to be photographed on the Statehouse floor by the main entrance. The commissioners discussed which child to nominate at their meeting Feb. 28.

Gabrielle's grandmother, Sharon Munk, wrote her nomination after a visit in late February to Topeka, when she saw the area where the pictures will be taken. At first, Munk said, she wasn't sure whether to nominate Gabrielle, who was older than the preferred age, but the brush with death her granddaughter had at the start of the year inspired Munk to submit her anyway.

The week-long ordeal started, she said, on Monday, Jan. 6, when the girl came down with the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, and ended at Children's Hospital in Denver.

"You have no idea how incredibly scared I was," Munk said.

The girl caught the flu on Monday, she said, and was sick the whole night. Her mother, Sara Meyer, stayed home with her Tuesday, but before noon Gabrielle was running a temperature of only 95 degrees. Her father Robbie Meyer, a city councilman and volunteer firefighter in Menlo, urged his wife to drive her to the Family Center for Healthcare. She was given fluid and medicine through an intravenous line for nausea and dehydration, and sent back home with the needle still in her arm.

On Wednesday, Gabrielle went home, but she took one more trip to the clinic for another treatment. That did not solve the problem, and she was back in Colby on Thursday, but this time she was at Citizens Medical Center. Doctors said her liver was shutting down.

Her sickness steadily worsened that day as her parents took turns working and staying home with their daughter, Munk wrote. "She turned into someone completely different," Sara Meyer said, "it was really weird."

Her mother was not surprised that Gabrielle slept all Wednesday night, but she stared to worry when the child stayed tired throughout the next day. Sara Meyer got to the point of having to pick Gabrielle's up in order to wake her, and after that the girl would stay awake for a few moments, she said, but "before I could lay her back down she was out cold."

Munk described her granddaughter's condition when she saw her that afternoon as "freaky;" her granddaughter was "incoherent, dazed and spaced-out."

The father had a council meeting that night, so he told his wife

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Home cleanup deadline moves

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The Menlo City Council talked with the owner of a run-down house at its monthly meeting Thursday, before the Thomas County Commissioners gave the residents more time to fix it up today.

County Commissioner Mike Baughn came to the council meeting, along with Angie Gaede from the Thomas County Health Department. Kasiah Rothchild, Health Department director, was in Denver on maternity leave.

Baughn, Gaede and the council discussed the state of the house with Carmen and Ed Fringer, who live there and had been given until Friday, March 28, to clean it up or face a stiff fine. After they learned the residents had called Murray Roofing to help them fix up the property, the Thomas County Commissioners issued a new order of abatement at their own meeting today. The Fringers now have 60 days to fix a specific set of problems at the house.

City officials have not done any-

thing about the house themselves, and held off on making a decision at their meeting after learning that the Fringers have hired someone to work on their house. Convening as the County Board of Health at their Feb. 28 meeting, the Thomas County commissioners ordered the residents to fix up the building within 30 days or pay a fine of \$100 per day.

Baughn said that Health Department and law enforcement officials asked the county commission to do something about the house. He added that the county can only address the health aspects of the house, and only the city has the ability to do anything to the house if it is found to be an unsafe structure.

Warren Edmondson, who works for Murray, went to Thursday's meeting and told the council that the residents have already paid the company to fix the roof and clean

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Courthouse security improved

The Thomas County courthouse will get a \$5,277 security upgrade soon, exchanging alert buttons for a brand new system installed by S&T Communications.

The company will install 43 wireless panic buttons throughout the courthouse, along with a controller and transceivers to operate the system, allowing county employees to immediately summon help in an emergency.

The county's current system is aging to the

point that broken buttons are becoming difficult to replace, since the company no longer makes them, said Emergency Management Director Autumn Arasmith.

Commissioners approved the new installation at their meeting last Monday<m10> after discussing the issue at several previous meetings and asking Arasmith to get some bid revisions.

Arasmith was also asked to discuss other

security options, like motion sensors and wireless heat detectors, with department heads. She told the commissioners that the department heads did not feel other security was needed, so the commissioners approved the panic buttons.

Arasmith said she will ask S&T to review the security systems at the county office complex and prepare a proposal for that building as well.

Lawmakers scolded for wording in debate

TOPEKA (AP) — Kansas lawmakers who use the name of a man charged in a Wichita terrorism case to push broadened civil and criminal anti-terrorism statutes are doing him disservice because he hasn't yet stood trial, critics say, and some of the legislators involved in the discussion agree.

Terry Loewen, an avionics technician, has pleaded not guilty to charges related to his arrest Dec. 13 in a sting operation after allegedly trying to bring a van

filled with explosives onto the tarmac at Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita. Among those charges is attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction, the *Topeka Capital-Journal* (bit.ly/1fQNYCa) reported.

The bill under discussion would expand the state criminal code regarding terrorism to include anyone who commits a terrorist act, those who "hinder the prosecution of any such crime" and those who "conceal or aid in the escape of any such crime. It also would al-

low victims of such crimes to file lawsuits and seek civil penalties against anyone involved.

"A few years ago we wouldn't have maybe even been discussing a bill that takes civil action and forfeiture of property for acts of terror on Kansas property," Rep. Kevin Jones, a Wellsville Republican, told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday. "This bill is being brought before you at this time in light of recent events that happened in Wichita where a man attempted to drive what he

thought was a van loaded with explosives onto the tarmac at the Wichita airport with the intent to kill as many innocent people as possible. So this bill is very appropriate for right now."

His testimony was similar to comments he gave on the House side, where the bill passed 123-0.

Attorneys on both sides of the Loewen case, which is in the early stages, said they couldn't comment.

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Weather



National Weather Service Red Flag Warning: critical fire weather conditions until 10 p.m.

High Wind Watch: Winds gusting to 50 mph are expected behind a strong cold front tonight. Areas of blowing dust may significantly reduce visibility tonight and Tuesday.

Tonight: Patchy blowing dust between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy; low around 35. Windy, with a west wind 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest 25 to 35 mph in the evening. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Tuesday: A chance of rain and snow before noon, then a chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Very windy, with a northwest wind 25 to 30 mph increasing to 35 to 40 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Windy, with a north wind 20 to 30 mph becoming northwest 10 to 20 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 54. Breezy.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 49.

Friday: High, 64; Low 25
Saturday: High, 65; Low 27
Sunday: High, 51; Low 28
Precip: Friday None
Saturday None
Sunday None
Month: 0.04 inches
Year: 0.53 inches
Normal: 2.11 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Tuesday 7:51 a.m. 7:54 p.m.
Moon: waning, 96 percent
Wednesday 7:49 a.m. 7:55 p.m.
Moon: waning, 91 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)



Gabrielle Meyer

Girl chosen after illness

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to take her to the hospital emergency room. Four hours later, he left the meeting after learning his daughter needed to be flown to Denver.

By the time Gabrielle got to Children's, Munk wrote, the doctors were considering a liver transplant, and they were ready to insert a breathing tube in case her brain stopped telling her lungs to breathe. Sara Meyer said a surgical team was standing by for the transplant, although it never came to that.

By Friday evening, her mother said Gabrielle had turned back into her normal self. She stayed in Denver until the next Monday, and her parents learned her liver had begun to heal itself.

Munk, the Menlo city clerk and chair of the Pet Animal Advisory Board, goes to Topeka often for meetings and to testify on bills in the Legislature, the reason for her visit in February. Gabrielle's flu infection stopped the work she was doing to support a bill in the Senate. By the time she was done explaining the delay to Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and other politicians and state employees, word of Gabrielle's fight for her own life had spread, and people she had never met before were praying for her to get better.

Munk wrote in the nomination that she would take her granddaughter to the Capitol regardless of whether she was chosen.

"I'm going to introduce her to all those people what prayed for her," she said.

Home cleanup deadline moves

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up the yard, and that he has been cleaning the yard himself. He added that the people are concerned about the state of their house.

Several trees near the house, Edmondson said, are on city property, and he submitted bids to the council to remove the trees and the stumps for \$750 each. The council put the decision to approve the bids on the agenda for its next meeting.

Carmen Fringer, one of the residents who came to the council meeting, took issue with the amount of the fine they would face, saying it could bankrupt her family.

"How could we improve anything," Fringer asked, "if you fine us \$100 a day because we don't have the funds and we

can't get it done to your satisfaction."

Councilman Jeff Munk pointed out that Fringer still had 2 1/2 weeks to fix up the house. Although county officials have said the city has not addressed the issue, Menlo City Clerk Sharon Munk said they in fact discussed it at their meeting on Feb. 13. Since they knew the residents were fixing the house up, she said, the council members decided to wait and see how the cleanup went rather than make a decision then.

Munk said after the council meeting she thinks Menlo will follow the county's lead to take care of the house. The city didn't give the Fringers a deadline when they should fix up the house, she said, but one of the council members, her son-in-law Robbie Meyer, had

already been telling the couple they needed to fix the house up. Munk said she first talked with Rothchild in late January or early February, and learned the city would need an ordinance to condemn the house. She said she was not sure exactly what paperwork that would entail.

At their meeting today, the county commissioners, acting in their capacity as the board of health, pulled back their earlier abatement order on the property. They re-issued an order, this time giving the homeowners 60 days to fix the property along with a list of items the homeowners must fix. The list includes getting rid of mold, securing a concrete slab over an access hole, patching holes in the walls and floors, repairing the roof and ensuring the house's deck is structurally sound.

Vehicle turns over on Interstate Sunday

Two people from Oakley, apparently a mother and child, were taken to the hospital over the weekend after the car they were in went off the side of the Interstate 70 near there.

Justin L. Deges, 31, Oakley, was driving east on the highway and lost control at about 2 p.m. Sunday after a trailer he was pulling started to sway, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. The vehicle lost control at mile marker 77.2, between Highway 83 and the Oakley exit, and the 2005

Chevrolet sport utility vehicle he was driving went of the road and turned over.

Deges was uninjured, but his passengers, Samantha Jo Iversen, 31, and Aubri J. Iversen,

11, both of Oakley, were both taken to Logan County Hospital, where staff could not comment on their condition this morning. Aubri Iversen was wearing a seatbelt, but the others were not.

Lawmakers scolded for wording

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Wichita defense attorney Dan Monnat, who is not involved with the Loewen case but has been following it, said Jones should choose his words more

carefully. "I'm always disheartened when I hear American government officials ignoring our time-honored presumption of innocence and right to a fair trial," Monnat said.

Briefly

The deadline for Briefly is noon the day before. Items submitted in the morning will be set up for the following day, space available. The deadline for Monday's paper is noon Friday.

Kindergarten pre-enrollment scheduled

A kindergarten pre-enrollment and parents meeting for the 2014-15 school year will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at the Colby Grade School activity room. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records and Social Security card. Call the school office at 460-5100 for questions.

Dance Team tryouts start March 25

Colby High dance team tryouts for next year will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 25 and 27, in the high school gym. Tryout packets can be picked up at the middle school and high school offices. Call Coach Denita Rodgers at 269-7908 with questions.

Trail Life USA troop is organizing

Parents are invited to learn about a new Trail Life USA troop for boys from kindergarten through high school. Two meetings are being held, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Mingo Bible Church and at 9 a.m. Saturday at the K-State Northwest Research and Extension Center, 105 Experiment Farm Road in Colby. Trail Life is a Christian adventure, character and leadership program. For information, contact the church at 462-2992 or go to trail-lifecolbymingoks.wordpress.com.

Red Cross plans blood drive here

Come trade a pint for ham and beans at an American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Building. Call (800) 733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org for an appointment, but walk-ins are welcome.

Conservation district has trees to sell

The Thomas County Conservation District is taking orders for conservation-grade and potted trees until Wednesday, March 26. Costs range from \$1.65 to \$80 each for pines, junipers, shrubs, shade and fruit trees and eastern red cedars. For windbreak design, wildlife habitat or help selecting trees, call at 462-7482 or stop by the office at 915 E Walnut. The district also offers weed-barrier and drill irrigation supplies. Delivery of trees is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, weather permitting.

Divorce recovery class offered at church

A 10-week divorce recovery class for women will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday evenings through May 19 at the Colby United Methodist Church. For information, contact Lynette Ball at (785) 675-8606 or lynetteball@yahoo.com.

Sacred Heart enrolling kids for preschool

Early enrollment is now open for Sacred Heart Catholic School's preschool and pre-kindergarten classes for the 2014-2015 year. For information or to pre-enroll your child, call Sharon Shirley at 460-2813 before 8:30 a.m. or after 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Baptist Church invites everyone to lunch

Come and bring a friend to a free "Joyful Blessings" meal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Webster and Grant. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Radonda Buford at 462-2804.

Cookies, coffee offered at 'health event'

Join the Beta Club at Brewster Community Health Event with cookies, coffee and information from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at Hunter Hall. Topics include respiratory care, cardiac rehab and more. For information, call (785) 694-2645.

Church collecting toys, cloths for kids

Colby Wesleyan Church is seeking donations and clients for Kid's Closet, a new ministry that lets parents shop for free children's clothes, toys and other supplies from donated items. For information or to donate, contact Heather Alwin at 269-7603 or heather.alwin@yahoo.com.

Church meets in 4-H building

Join Celebration Community Church at the 4-H Building on Olive Street this month. The church will have services there at 10:45 a.m. each Sunday in March. It had been meeting at the Community Building. For information, call Pastor Kirby Benisch at (785) 769-4349.

Got news? Tell us! Call 462-3963

LOCAL TV Listings Sponsored by the COLBY FREE PRESS

Table with columns for Tuesday Evening (March 18, 2014) and Wednesday Evening (March 19, 2014) listing various TV channels and programs.

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Shopping for dessert



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Marguerite Edmondson took a few minutes to look over bake sale items at the spaghetti feed held by the CHS Colby Agronomy Center Friday at the American Legion, part of a month-long program by the corporation to raise money for local food banks. The company will match some of the money raised during the campaign.

Scholarships help students

More than 6,533 academic scholarships have been awarded to Kansas State University students for the 2013-2014 school year.

Most of the scholarships are made possible through donations and gifts to the Kansas State University Foundation. Information on the university's student financial assistance is available at www.k-state.edu/sfa.

Students receiving scholarships totaling more than \$1,000 include: **Brewster:** Brenna McKee: Medallion Scholarship, Anna Tessie Agan Memorial Scholarship and Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Human Ecology

Colby: Dryden Baumfalk: Transfer Achievement Award; Seth Bredemeier: Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, KSU Rodeo Club Endowed Scholarship and Phebe Bissell Memorial Scholarship in Agriculture; Gabrielle Browne: Leadership Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship; Matthew Dickman: Salina Scholarship-Tuition; Megan Dougherty: Dane G. Hansen

Foundation Scholarship; Jeremy Harter: Alfred Walton Johnson Memorial Scholarship, Dwight Raymond Lee Memorial Scholarship and Rathbone Scholarship; Jacob Huttles: Warren and Mary Lynn Staley Engineering Excellence Scholarship and Brad Beecher Engineering Scholarship; Julia Huttles: Transfer Achievement Award; Rachel Juenemann: Leadership Scholarship and Rose Straka Fowler and William M. Fowler Fund; Katherine Kaus: Carls Family Scholarship Fund; Trek Keck: First in Class Scholarship; Foundation Scholarship, Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship and J.O. Hamilton Physics Memorial Scholarship; Cameron McLaughlin: Achievement Award, KSU Alumni Association Scholarship, Wilma Robinson Kubik Memorial Scholarship, Aubrey E. and Jewel L. Bilger Scholarship and Debra D. Leckron-Miller and William J. Miller Journalism Scholarship; Daniel Myers: Putnam Scholarship and Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship; Courtney

Ress: Jo Harriett Hofsess Popkins Scholarship; Jacob Rose: Eidsons Architect Scholarship; Paul Schiferl: Medallion Scholarship; Megan Schroeder: Patricia Ann "Coffin" Fowler Scholarship and Robert Schroeder Transfer Achievement Award, Douglas and Sharlene Gardner Scholarship and Richard and Jane Thiessen Business Administration Scholarship; Jennifer Schwanke: Leadership Scholarship and A.W. Michael and William Michael Scholarship; Macen Shull: Gayle Foster Alumni Club Scholarship; Adam Weber: K-State Transfer Academic Award and Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship.

Gem: Trey Schwarz: Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship; Rilee Spreser: Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship.

Oakley: Will Clark: Transfer Achievement Award; Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarship, College of Education Alumni Scholarship and Secondary Education Scholarship; Tamera Teeter: Ron Wells Memorial.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

March 4

7:45 a.m. - Accident.
11:59 a.m. - Motorcycle tag lost, entered into National Crime Information Center.
1:01 p.m. - Accident.
6:50 p.m. - Runaway report filed on subject missing.
11:43 p.m. - Caller reported someone in garage. Report filed for criminal trespass.

March 5

7:34 a.m. - Caller reported someone using his name for credit.
8:21 a.m. - Walk through at Heartland Christian School.
8:29 a.m. - Walk through at Sacred Heart School.
2:31 p.m. - Caller reported possible drugs. No report.
5:57 p.m. - Caller reported gas meter hit. No report needed.
10:01 p.m. - Anonymous caller reported loud music. Not found.
11:49 p.m. - Helped motorist.

March 6

9:36 a.m. - Criminal damage.
10:56 a.m. - Theft.
12:06 p.m. - Dog at large turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
12:44 p.m. - Caller reported subject going door to door. Spoke with subject; everything OK.
3:44 p.m. - Illegally parked car moved.
4:14 p.m. - Vehicle moved.
5:29 p.m. - Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
5:42 p.m. - Subject advised of possible run away juvenile. Report filed, turned over to parents.
6:16 p.m. - Spoke to subjects who were skateboarding at Poolside Park; told to leave.
6:40 p.m. - Caller was threatened. Report filed.
9:43 p.m. - Minor in possession report filed, notice to appear issued.

March 7

12:41 a.m. - Possession report filed on traffic stop.
1:47 p.m. - Theft.
2:56 p.m. - Suspicious incident.
2:58 p.m. - Subject advised of suspicious incident.
3:39 p.m. - Checked report of

suspicious person; all OK
4:05 p.m. - Caller reported two suspicious vehicles; no one around; also two dogs in a pickup. Owner not found, spoke to another subject; all OK.
5:34 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.
7:53 p.m. - Walk through at Community Building.
8:06 p.m. - Clerk reported shoplifter caught.
10:02 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Community Building.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

March 3

8:14 a.m. - Accident on County Rd. K about 1 mile west of Mingo
10:31 a.m. - Helped Department of Children and Families.
10:43 a.m. - Helped ambulance crew in the treasurer's office.
Noon - Brought prisoner from Rawlins County to Colby.
5:12 p.m. - Jesus Cuevas-Perez arrested on warrant.
5:12 p.m. - Isreal Santamario-Rodriguez arrested on warrant.
7:21 p.m. - Report filed on incident at 205 School in Rexford.
11:48 p.m. - Caller reported his wife hearing strange noises outside her trailer at 5245 N. Range.

March 4

8:55 a.m. - Walk through at Brewster School.
2:39 p.m. - Provided program at Rexford School.

March 5

11:15 a.m. - Criminal summons served on Monica Moreno.

March 6

6:17 a.m. - Rollover accident at 1-70 mile 72 in median. Highway Patrol worked accident.
10:13 a.m. - Narcotics violation report filed on traffic stop in the 3200 block of County Rd. B.
1:15 p.m. - Criminal summons served on Thomas Edward Dodson.
9:03 p.m. - Helped Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Highway Patrol on incident.
10:36 p.m. - Booked Ryan Hays.

Hay harvest permits needed on roads

The Kansas Department of Transportation is issuing permits to landowners wanting to harvest hay on Kansas highway rights of way.

Those with land adjacent to the right of way will be given permit priority until Monday, March 31. After March 31, permits to harvest will be issued in the order in which they are received. The permits will expire Tuesday, Sept. 30.

Fall graduate from Colby

Brent Amberger of Colby has graduated from the Barton Community College with a natural gas technician certificate.

The school has announced its list of graduates who earned associate degrees and those who earned certificates for career training during the fall semester.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day
Hi-Plains Co-op

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.41
Corn (bushel)	\$4.74
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.18
Soybeans (bushel)	\$12.98

Corrections

An article, "Trustees still seek replacement board member," on Page 1 of the Friday, Feb 28, *Colby Free Press*, contained incomplete information. Reba Cersovsky taught classes for the beef program at Colby Community College, but resigned in February to take a job with Cargill Inc. near Minneapolis. This was a reporting error.

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The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

How do those varieties come by their new names?

Can't you just visualize this scenario? Two successful plant scientists had just completed the development of a new tomato, and had tested it carefully for several years. It was a beautiful tomato that was sure to win the favor of gardeners everywhere as soon as the seed was released to the public. The two gentlemen were sitting out on the patio having coffee and contemplating their success.

Charlie: So, what are we going to name this thing Harry?

Harry: Oh I don't know. We are having a little celebration out here this morning, so how about just calling it Celebrity.

Charlie: Naw, that's already been taken. You know Harry, this is a really big tomato. How about naming it Big Beef?

Harry: Can't do that. There's already one of those, too. How about we just call it Red Tomato!

Charlie: Sounds good to me. Red Tomato it is!"

Charlie and Harry did good, especially when you consider that there are more than 3,700 different named tomato cultivars out there. In fact, "Red Tomato" may have already been taken.

Wouldn't it be interesting and enlightening to know how all the flowers and vegetables got their names? Yaya carrots come to mind. I'll bet there's a good story behind that name.



Kay Melia

• The Gardener

I've been hearing good things about a new sweet corn lately, and I see it's available in the Gurney catalog. It's called Gotta Have It. Kinda makes you want to send old George a check for a couple packs, doesn't it? One of my favorite tomatoes is called Northern Exposure. The name pretty well describes what it's all about.

J.W. Jung has a new one this year called Pretty Pleasin' peas, as well as a new green bean named Annihilator. That's pretty scary. Read the description and it tells you that it is so much better than the other green beans that that they should be annihilated from your thoughts. Jung also offers a pink blueberry dubbed Pink Lemonade. That might be a bit confusing, or even deceiving.

Burpee is offering a whole series of Honeymoon Hibiscus. Don't believe I'll go there. Nor do I wish to order Hollow Crown parsnips. They've been around for over 50 years, so maybe the crowns are filled by now.

Toy Choi Pak Choi makes an interesting play on words, doesn't it?

The name Sure Thing sounds a bit enticing. But, alas! It's a zucchini. Of course it's a sure thing, like all zucchini.

Burpee also has a great three- to four-inch radish that is descriptively called Fire and Ice. The top half is red and the bottom half is white. They are beautiful radishes, with great taste.

Some catalogs really try to sell their customers on certain offerings. The Territorial Seed Company in Cottage Grove, Ore., excels at descriptions. For example, Territorial offers a one-inch tomato called Orange Paruche. Listen to this. "The quintessential flavor of summer is captured in these succulent, sweet and flavorful fruit. Orange Panuche excels in production and taste with astonishing quantities of orange fruit that are vitamin packed!"

I can just barely resist ordering a packet of Orange Panuche seed. Then comes the reality of it all. 15 seeds for \$6.55, plus shipping and handling. I think I'll wait until next year. But I'll be thinking about Orange Panuche all summer.

The names given to plant life are truly amazing and their descriptions make it difficult to decline their offer.

You can contact Kay Melia at vkmelia@yahoo.com.

Take time to plan poison prevention

Children are natural born explorers, but their curiosity can put them in danger if poisons are not locked up, out of sight and out of reach. For National Poison Prevention Week this week, the Poison Control Center and Safe Kids Kansas remind parents that children act fast, and so do poisons.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the Nation's poison centers. The Kansas center received over 30,000 calls in 2013. Approximately three out of every four calls were for a child under the age of five, the majority for medication.

"Keep medicine and vitamins locked away, out of sight and reach," said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "Remember that child-resistant packaging does not

mean child-proof."

Safe Kids Kansas encourages parents and caregivers to keep the poison center's toll-free hotline number, (800) 222-1222, near each phone in the home and program the number into every cell phone. This number connects you to your local poison control center from anywhere in the U.S.

"When seconds count, poison expertise is what you need," said Daling McMoran with the center. "Call the poison control center the moment you suspect there has been an exposure."

If a child is choking, having trouble breathing or having a seizure, call 911 instead. Follow the 911 operator's instructions. Do not induce vomiting or give the child any fluid or medication un-

less directed.

Safe Kids Kansas and the Poison Control Center offer these additional tips:

- Always store potential poisons up and away in a locked location, and out of sight of children. Dangerous household items include makeup, personal care products, plants, pesticides, lead, art supplies, alcohol, carbon monoxide and detergent pods for the laundry and dishwasher.

- Never give adult medications to children.

- Never call medication candy or tell children it tastes like candy.

Always use the dosing device packaged with the medications. Never use a household utensil, such as a teaspoon or tablespoon, to measure medication.

Remind grandparents, babysitters, and visitors to keep purses and bags that contain medicine up and away when they visit.

- Parents and grandparents should be mindful of weekly pill-minders. While convenient, they are also easy for kids to open. If you use these, keep them out of sight and reach of children.

- Program the toll-free number for the Poison Control Center into your home and cell phones and post it near your phone or on your refrigerator for the babysitter.

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Other Viewpoints

Don't short appeals for death penalty

Kristafer Ailsieger, a deputy solicitor general for the Kansas attorney general's office who has worked on death penalty cases, believes capital punishment inmates intentionally drag out the appeals process because they're the ones marching toward the executioner.

His was an interesting choice of words in that while defendants may be in no rush to exhaust their appeals, no one will be marching toward the executioner in Kansas anytime soon.

Nine inmates in state prisons are under death sentences, but none has exhausted his appeals, a condition that many find unacceptable given the time that has elapsed since some of them were sentenced to death.

A bill that would limit to 3 1/2 years the time inmates have to appeal their death sentences to the Kansas Supreme Court has been approved by the Senate and moved to the House, where it will get a hearing in the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee.

While few really harbor doubts of the guilt of those who now are on death row in the state, the limited time frame proposed for appeals is awfully short. If the seemingly interminable appeals process now in place is one extreme, a 3 1/2 year time frame for cases to reach the Supreme Court may be the other extreme.

Surely, there is room for compromise that will speed justice but not rush it.

Rushing justice can lead to mistakes, which include executing the wrong person. Investigations undertaken in recent years have found multiple cases in which the wrong person was convicted of a crime that carried the death penalty. And while the right people may now be on death row in Kansas, a system that encourages speed opens itself to mistakes. Our justice system is not infallible.

Kansans recently heard about a mistake the California justice system made in the case of a Kansas native who spent 24 years in prison there for a murder he didn't commit before finally being exonerated of the crime. Had the man been convicted of murder in Texas or Florida, it's unlikely he would have lived long enough for his innocence to be proven.

Family members and friends of murder victims understandably want justice, but punishing the wrong person for a crime doesn't give them justice.

The appeals process should allow the time necessary to ensure Kansas never sends the wrong person marching toward the executioner.

— *The Topeka Capital-Journal, via the Associated Press*

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Celebrate a century of sunlight

It was, perhaps, no coincidence that a century of "sunlight" was born during the winter holidays, when celebrants burn Yule logs, place stars atop trees and light candles to hold back the darkness during these longest nights.

On Dec. 20, 1913, *Harper's Weekly* published "What Publicity Can Do" by Louis Brandeis. In it, he painted an image of transparency that still captures the imagination. "Publicity is justly commended as a remedy for social and industrial diseases. Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman," he wrote.

Brandeis was concerned about a worrisome concentration of wealth and power in the hands of his era's banks and industries. Parallels to the last few years require no elaboration.

Americans soon realized that his idea of sunlight could be applied more broadly. Government also functions best under public scrutiny. The chummy club of good ol' boys who met behind closed doors and emerged only with conclusions would soon fade from the norm. Transparency and accountability became the new paradigm for government.

Today we might call Brandeis' metaphor a meme, an infectious idea that flourishes. Journalists and other government watchdogs often quote him. We mark Sunshine Week in the spring. Organizations like the Sunlight Foundation and Sunshine in Government Initiative fight for the people's right to know what government does. All 50 states have sunshine laws, as does the federal government, not least



Other Opinions

• Christian Trejbal
Opinion in a Pinch

the Freedom of Information Act.

In recent years, though, sunlight is on the defensive against government agencies and lawmakers who fear disclosure and seek to allow greater secrecy.

When a writer for *National Review Online* asked the National Park Service for public records related to closing George Washington's Mount Vernon home during the recent federal government shutdown, she hit a wall. The Department of the Interior, of which the Park Service is a branch, ran a black marker over the most interesting passages. It "redacted" them in the parlance of open government.

Interior justified its secrecy because "public dissemination of this information would have a chilling effect on the agency's deliberative process; it would expose the agency's decision-making process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion within the agency."

That, of course, is the whole point of government sunlight. If officials are embarrassed to let the public know how they reach decisions, they should reconsider whether they are

making the right ones.

Brandeis was not the first to suggest shining light on secrets. In 1884, Woodrow Wilson, who would appoint Brandeis to the Supreme Court in 1916, wrote, "Light is the only thing that can sweeten our political atmosphere — light thrown upon every detail of administration in the departments; light diffused through every passage of policy; light blazed full upon every feature of legislation; light that can penetrate every recess or corner in which any intrigue might hide; light that will open to view the innermost chambers of government, drive away all darkness from the treasury vaults."

He missed only the warm appeal of the sun. Three decades later Brandeis' sunlight metaphor captured a place in our collective psyche, even if many people today do not even know who authored it.

Brandeis led a tremendously accomplished life and sits in the pantheon of great American jurists. At this centennial, he deserves special recognition for an idea that endures and still shapes the way we think about the relationship between government and the people.

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'Labeling' education gets expensive

"It costs more to put the label on the can than to put the tomatoes in it."

It was 1953. I was 7 years old when I heard this. Half of our neighbors were farmers who grew the crops. Others worked at the canning company. It was true.

But it didn't sound right then. And it doesn't sound right now.

Sixty years later, we are rightfully complaining about the exorbitant cost of health care, pharmaceutical drugs, and higher education. Unfortunately, all of these costs are higher due to the cost of labeling.

The cost of medication took off when drug companies discovered that sales of prescription drugs skyrocketed when they advertised on television: "Is blork right for you? Ask your doctor! (Side effects may cause thinner wallet, etc.)" The slick-dressed drug sales representatives (making five to six figure salaries) who are ever visible "educating" physicians about the benefits of their drug and the constant barrage of commercials are a major expense that drives up costs far beyond what it costs to produce the drugs. Actual research on new drugs only consumes 15 to 20 percent of their budget.

Since patients cannot directly buy prescription medicine on our own, there is absolutely no excuse for this advertising. If the drug is still under patent, there is no "competition" excuse. By charging what the rich market will bear, they can ignore the many poor folks who will go without.

And why are medical doctors and hospitals also advertising on billboards and television? Those added costs of advertising are paid by patients who are mostly in doctor's offices and hospital wards for conditions they did not elect



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

to have.

It is my battleground is education. I think it is time for Kansas citizens to ask why our interstates are lined with billboards and our cable channels laden with advertisements for colleges and universities? Advertising may not be anywhere as big a portion of college expenses as it is in pharmaceuticals. But the bottom line is that either state taxpayer money, student tuition, or alumni contributions go toward convincing students to attend one school rather than another.

In public universities, this advertising cost is less than for private non-profit colleges. But the extent of money wasted on advertising becomes outrageous when we move to for-profit and especially for-profit online "schools."

The report "Student Debt and the Class of 2012" was recently released by the Project on Student Debt, part of the nonprofit Institute for College Access & Success. It breaks down borrowing by state and by college. College debt goes up dramatically as students shift to for-profit and online, the schools that also do the most advertising.

Another analysis of "Millionaires at Private Colleges" released in December shows where their money goes. Some for-profit online operations spend more money on advertising than they do on faculty — who are mostly

adjunct "hire-a-profs" living in poverty. And for-profit online institutions also have far more presidents who are paid more than \$1 million a year. That pay is more an award for pulling in more "customers" than it is for providing a good education.

Unfortunately, higher education administrators and education leaders in Topeka may blather about advertising merely being a "cost of doing business."

But every dollar spent on a fancy label is one dollar that cannot go to making the product better or less expensive.

Any 7-year-old knows that.

John Richard Schrock, a professor of biology and department chair at a leading teacher's college, lives in Emporia. He emphasizes that his opinions are strictly his own.

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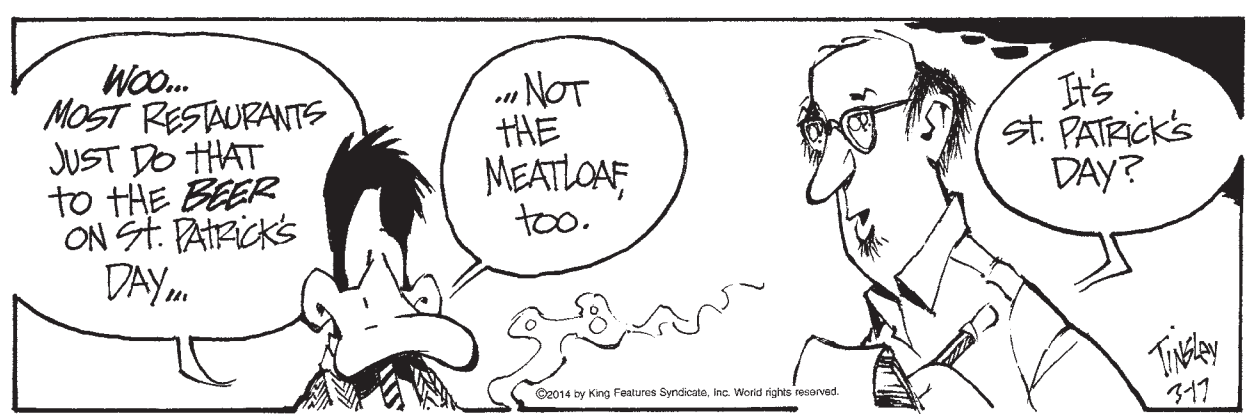
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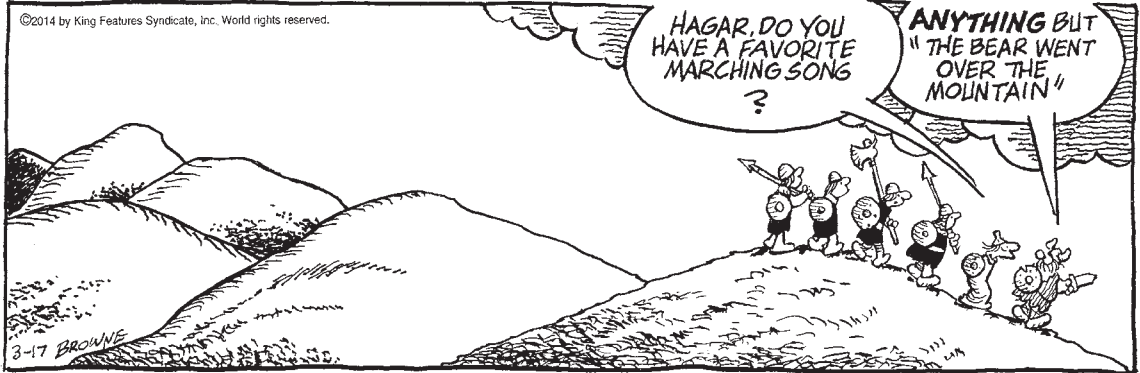
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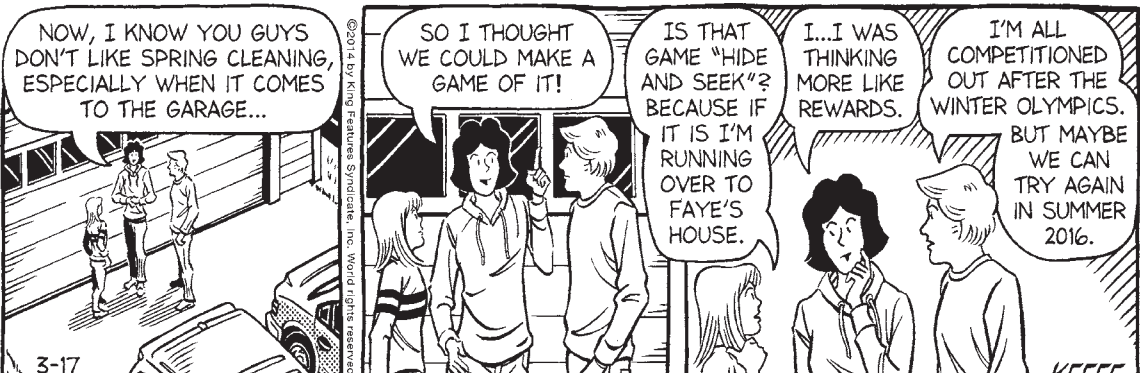
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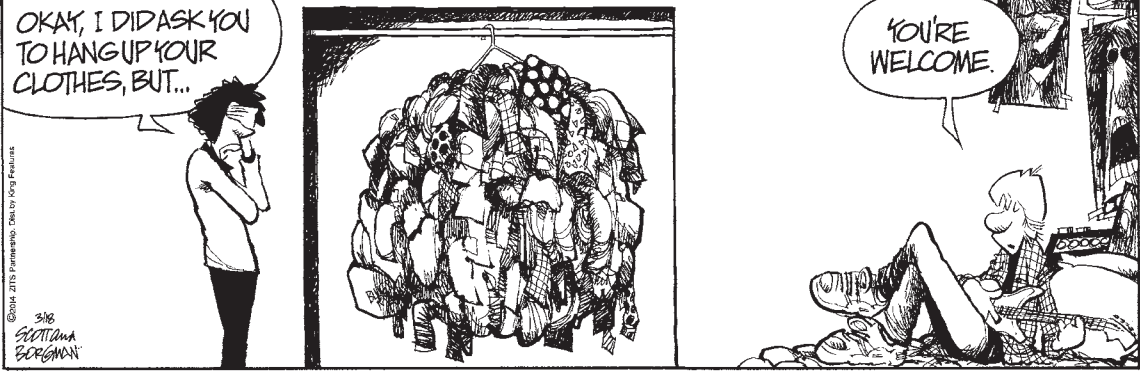
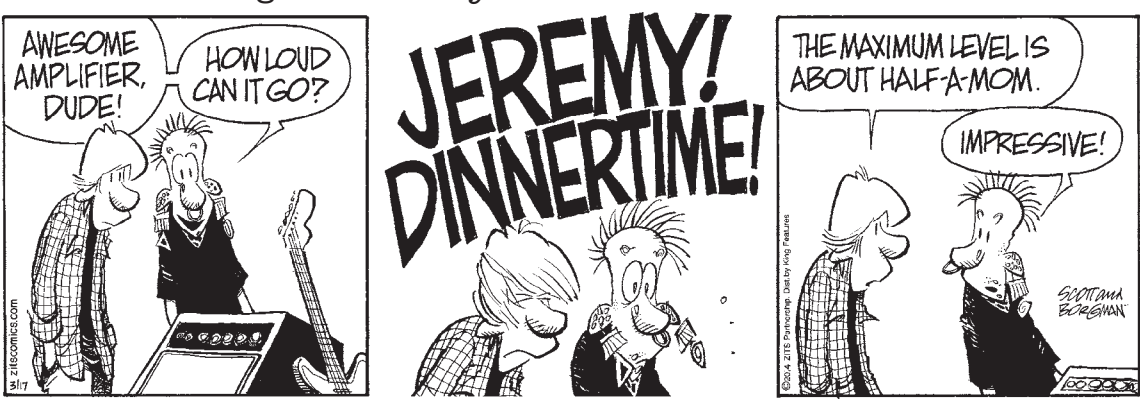
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'Googly eyes' have rare appeal



"Googly eyes" is a term that can mean two slightly different things. The meaning online refers to small modern plastic pieces that look like round sandwiches with clear tops and a small, loose, round black piece inside. They are used to represent moving eyes in toys, dolls and puzzles. But to a collector of vintage dolls, toys and figurines, googly eyes means oversized, side-glancing eyes painted on the piece. Or it can be the name for a doll with the googly eyes. The eyes give the face a comic look, and since most dolls with googly eyes have chubby cheeks and tiny mouths, the dolls seem friendly, even lovable. They were made starting in about 1912, and most were made in Germany. The bulk of them date from 1915 to 1925.

This wistful boy with the blue googly eyes is a dresser box. The 1920s German porcelain box, 8 inches high, sold for \$171 at auction in Newport Beach, Calif.

Grace Drayton's drawings of children with googly eyes were published earlier and were used in cartoons, comic strips and children's books. Doorstops, dolls, figurines and tableware also pictured her googly-eyed children. Her most famous characters with big, round eyes are Dolly Dimple, a paper doll, and the Campbell Kids.

Googly-eye dolls started to go up in price in the late 1990s, and kept rising in the early 2000s. A few bargains can be found today.

Q: I saw a large wooden storage cupboard labeled "Rare, Hornbeam" at an antique show. No one was nearby to tell me what that meant.

A: Hornbeam is the name of a tree that grows in England and central Europe. Similar trees grow in North America and Japan. United States hornbeam is sometimes called ironwood, muscledwood or blue beech. But 40 types are grown in East Asia. They grow slowly, up to 75 feet high. The wood is light-colored, almost white, and has a patterned grain with flecks. Because it is so hard, it is rarely used for furniture. Instead, it's used to make wheels, carving boards, tool handles and sometimes pegs, screws and even parquet flooring. The bark can be boiled and used as a medicine to relieve pain. Furniture made from hornbeam is expensive because the wood is rare, difficult to work with and has an attractive grain.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ J 10 8 2
♦ —
♣ A K J 8 7 4
WEST
♠ K 7 3 2
♥ K 6 5 3
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ J 10 8 5 4
♥ —
♦ A K J 7 5 4
♣ 10 5
SOUTH
♠ 9 6
♥ A 9 7 4
♦ Q 8 3 2
♣ Q 9 3
The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 ♥ 2 ♠
5 NT Pass 6 ♣ Pass
6 ♥ 6 ♠
Opening lead — three of diamonds.

Famous Hand
This deal occurred during the playoff to determine which of five teams would represent the United States in the 1981 world championship.

From the standpoint of drama, the timing of the deal was perfect. It was the last board of a 72-board match between the winners of the Spingold and Reisinger team-of-four championships. The teams were virtually tied after 71 boards, and the outcome of the 72nd hand would determine which team would be eliminated.

At the first table, with a Reisinger pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. North's five-notrump bid was the grand-slam force; it accepted hearts as trumps and instructed South to bid seven hearts with two of the three top trump honors. South's six-club response indicated one of the top two honors, and North signed off at six hearts.

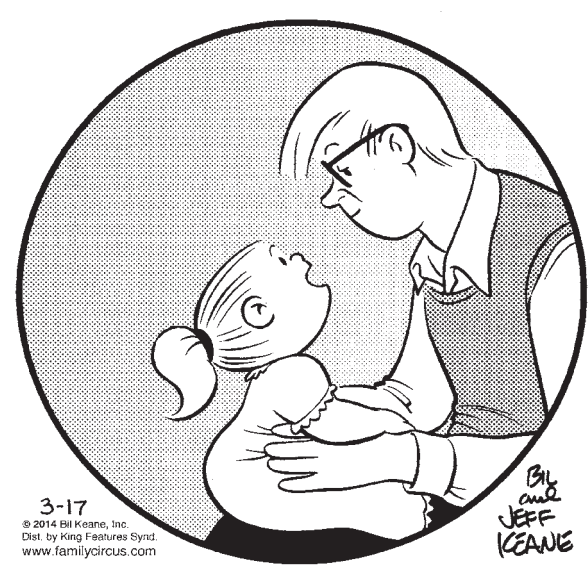
East realized that South would almost surely make the vulnerable slam, worth 1,430 points, so he bid six spades as a sacrifice. This was doubled and went down only three tricks -- 500 points -- after a diamond lead by South.

At the second table, the bidding went:
North East South West
1 ♣ 1 ♦ 1 NT 2 ♠
3 ♦ 5 ♦ Pass Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Here, the Reisinger East did not gain nearly as much information about the adverse hands as East had gained from the bidding at the first table. He passed six hearts, apparently hoping that his pre-emptive tactics had jockeyed the opponents into a shaky contract. Unfortunately for East, this did not prove to be the case. Six hearts could not be defeated, so the Spingold team netted 930 points and eliminated the Reisinger team from the playoff.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"How 'bout we take a vacation to where they have mermaids or leprechauns?"

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

		7	9	3				
	5		7		3	1		
	9		1	5			8	
7		4				6		
8	3			6			2	7
		6				9		4
9			4	2		6		
	6	5		3			4	
			7	1		5		

Difficulty Level ★ 3/17

This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to the last Sudoku puzzle is at right.

3	4	5	2	9	6	7	8	1
6	2	7	5	8	1	9	3	4
9	1	8	4	3	7	6	2	5
2	6	9	8	1	5	4	7	3
1	7	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
8	5	4	7	6	3	1	9	2
7	3	6	1	5	8	2	4	9
4	9	1	3	7	2	5	6	8
5	8	2	6	4	9	3	1	7

Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE HURRICANE AT SEA DEMOLISHED ALL THE SHIP'S SAIL SUPPORTERS, IT WAS MAST DESTRUCTION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pos-sesses
4 Synthetic fabric
9 Hot tub
12 Sort
13 Bush successor
14 Cribbage scorer
15 Large triangular sail
17 Anger
18 Worms holder?
19 — Mae (government lender)
21 Still in stock
24 Slightly
25 Soak (up)
26 Pooch
28 "moi, le deluge"
31 Eastern potentate
33 Pal of Wynken and Blynken
35 Location
36 Jeans material

DOWN
1 That guy's
2 Matter-horn, for one
3 Tackle the slopes
4 McDon-ald or Reagan
5 Strand
6 Tibetan beast
7 Last Greek letter
8 Tokyo airport
9 Sea spray
10 "Frasier" actress
11 Screen-writer
16 Sgt., for one
20 Siestas
21 Second-hand
22 Alaskan city
23 Bachelorettes?
27 Sailor
29 List-ening abbr.
30 Alluring
32 Beatles' meter maid
34 "Mona Lisa" painter
37 Actress Mason
39 Takes steps?
42 Maturer
44 Firmament
45 "Mary — little lamb ..."
46 Pivot line
50 Bankbook abbr.
51 Book-keeper (Abbr.)
52 Powell co-star
53 Ram's mate

Saturday's answer 3-17

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Moving Sale/Daycare Closing Sale - Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., 4H Building at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. ---3/17---3/28---

Public Notice

ORDINANCE NO. 319

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-128 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER (1995) ESTABLISHING MONTHLY RATES FOR WATER USAGE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BREWSTER, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 15-128 of the Code of the City of Brewster (1995) is hereby amended to read as follows:

MONTHLY RATES. The monthly rates for water supplied by the city shall be as follows:

(a) **Inside City.** The monthly rates for all users within the city limits shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) minimum for the first 2,000 gallons and one dollar (\$1.00) minimum per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

(b) **Outside City.** The monthly rates for all users outside the city limits shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00) minimum for the first 2,000 gallons and two dollars (\$2.00) per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

(c) **Water Dock.** For water supplied at the water dock the rate shall be three dollars (\$3.00) for each 1,000 gallons of water or any fraction thereof.

(d) **Fire Hydrants.** For water supplied through the fire hydrants of the city the rate shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) minimum for each 1,000 gallons of water or any fraction thereof.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official City paper.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of March, 2014

/s/ Rex W. Jamison, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Daryl Ann Jorgensen, City Clerk

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The City of COLBY PART TIME SUMMER HELP

The City of Colby is accepting applications for a part-time, 20-40 hours per week, summer help position. Hours will be flexible, but generally will be between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Applicants will be performing a variety of tasks in the maintenance of parks, walking trail, and other municipal facilities. Must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Applications are available at the office of the City Manager, 585 N. Franklin Avenue, Colby, KS 67701 or on-line at www.cityofcolby.com. For additional information, call Omar Weber at 460-4420. Application review to begin on March 26, 2014. Open until filled. EOE

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Bulldogs run into 'angry birds' at title game



By R.B. Headley
Colby Free Press
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Baileyville B&B's going bye-bye after this school year, and perfect three-point shooting was among many reasons the Falcons delivered a memorable farewell Saturday afternoon.

"The first two (state tournament) games, they didn't shoot the ball like that," coach Parker Christensen as the Falcons spoiled his Golden Plains girls' 1A Division II state title game, 59-40, at Hays.

Playing its final hoops contest before consolidation, Baileyville B&B (24-3 record) only attempted three shots from three-point range.

Yet all three sparked one devastating first-half burst that turned an early 5-3 Golden Plains lead into a 26-9 Falcons advantage.

Senior Jordan Christensen made a big splash for the Bulldogs with summer swimming feeling closer on these 70-degree days.

Her corner "triple" forged the first deadlock of 3-3, and she quickly scored again to give Golden Plains its one lead.

A flurry of Falcon steals were followed by the momentum-changing baskets.

"We struggled. We didn't handle the ball as well as we usually do," coach Christensen said although turnovers eventually finished even at 15-15.

Most of Golden Plains' miscues occurred during that opening half.

When Lauren Sudbeck buried the second of her back-to-back bombs, Baileyville B&B had its stunning 26-9 lead.

Bulldog sophomore Kami Miller responded with a three for Golden Plains' only points during the second quarter. The halftime score read 28-12 for those No.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press and JUDY ROGERS Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs (above) managed to smile for their team photo after taking second among all 1A Division II teams on Saturday at Hays' Gross Memorial Coliseum. However, there were plenty of tears after the Bulldogs suffered a 59-40 finals defeat to No. 1-ranked Baileyville B&B. Senior Jordan Christensen (right) showed some emotion while getting a medal from coach and dad Parker Christensen after her final high school basketball game.

1-seeded Falcons.

"We were a little tentative, a little nervous, but we're not using that as an excuse," coach Parker Christensen said. "We played much more competitively in the second half."

Indeed, the Bulldogs (21-4 final record) tallied 20 fourth-quarter points starting with senior MiKayla Lobato's steal, an assist from junior Rachel Ritter and sophomore Madison Walz's layup.

Seniors Hailee Spreser and Christensen weren't finishing their careers without a few more superb plays. Christensen caught a pass between two Falcons and powered in one perfect turnaround jumper.

Moments later, Spreser also scored over two defenders while being fouled. The ensuing free throw put her into double figures (12 points).

Spreser tallied 47 points (15.7 per game) during the state tourney and Christensen totaled 43 (14.3). Both scored 20 during Golden Plains' tough 52-49 semifinal win over No. 2 Bucklin on Friday.



Along with Lobato, they completed a great run that featured No. 2 and No. 3 state finishes.

"Our seniors were all great leaders. They almost never missed practice and they always encouraged the younger girls," coach Christensen said. "I'm sure it wasn't easy for Jordan, playing for me (her dad). She was a manager in seventh grade, and I started taking her to practice every day. But she never complained."

Golden Plains fans shouldn't complain about the Bulldogs' returning talent.

Miller and Kynndra Rush are both experienced starters while several reserves like Walz, junior Rachel Ritter and freshman Gabrielle Schiltz hit clutch shots during this state finals run.

"We'll lose some size and height, but hopefully these girls will grow," coach Christensen concluded. "We'll work on getting better."

Golden Plains (40) — Hailee Spreser 12 points, Jordan Christensen 7, Kami Miller 7, Rachel Ritter 7, Madison Walz 3, MiKayla Lobato 2, Kynndra Rush 2. Three-point goals: Christensen, Miller. Rebounds: Spreser 5, Christensen 3, Walz 3, Rush 2, Miller 2, Lobato 1. Assists: Spreser 2, Miller 2, Christensen 1, Rush 1, Walz 1, Ritter 1. Blocked shot: Spreser. Steals: Miller 3, Lobato 2, Christensen 1.

Baileyville B & B (59) — Katie Huerter (19 points), Ashley Kramer (17) and Lauren Sudbeck (12) all reached double figures for the

Golden girls join family tradition of state finals

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs stood in the gym for their last home game in February, studying the state banners on the north wall.

Though there were a number of state banners for the girls' basketball team, there were no state championships. They recommitted to their goal to put a state title banner on that wall.

It had been 40 years since coach Linda Ryan took her Bulldogs to the state title game in 1974 — the second year of girls state basketball, and 29 years since head coach Parker Christensen played on the same Gross Memorial Coliseum floor in Hays, helping bring home the boys' one state championship.

Besides daughter Jordan Christensen, family ties could be seen throughout this year's terrific Golden Plains girls team. Sophomore Kami Miller's dad, Mike, was on that boys' 1985 champion team along with senior Hailee Spreser's uncle, Alan, and Parker Christensen.

Add in senior MiKayla Lobato, whose sister Angel played on the state floor in 2007, and sophomore Kynndra Rush, whose mother is the assistant boys basketball coach and coached a Brewster girls team to the state tournament. So the Bulldogs have a lot of state tournament family history and knew that 2014 was their time.

They took a huge step with Friday's 52-49 semifinal win over Bucklin in the 1A Division II tournament.

The girls faced the Bucklin Red Aces (21-4 record), who were the No. 2 seed coming into the tournament.

Following an early free throw from Miller and a quick shot by Spreser, Christensen went on a six point run. Lobato hit a final shot to put the Lady Bulldogs up 11-7 at the end of the first.

The girls worked the ball well and played strong defense throughout the game, but the Lady Aces were equally determined.

Although the Bucklin girls would gain a one point lead during the second, the Bulldogs always answered and slipped past the Red Aces for a 24-23 halftime lead.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

Junior Rachel Ritter and the Golden Plains Bulldogs found enough openings to knock off No. 2-seed Bucklin in Friday's 1A Division II state semifinals at Hays.

Christensen and Spreser did all the third-quarter scoring, but the Aces matched them as the 'Dogs still held a 33-32 lead going into the fourth.

Back on the floor, the Bulldogs remained calm and composed as things on the floor intensified and the Red Aces pressure increased.

Rush made a couple of free throws — she didn't miss all game — before Spreser went on an eight-point run.

With just over a minute to play and a five-point lead, Coach Christensen called a timeout to warn his girls that "the pressure is coming."

His words were prophetic as Bucklin stole the ball, made the layup, and closed the gap to three.

The Bulldogs had a one point lead with 32.8 seconds on the clock.

Coach Christensen called another timeout and encouraged the girls to "take care of the ball now!"

Jordan Christensen absorbed a foul to send her to the line for a one-and-one. She made both to put Golden Plains up by three.

Bucklin made one more shot to again be down by one with 13.8 seconds to play. The shooter missed her one attempt to tie the game.

During one more timeout and 10 seconds to play, coach Christensen encouraged the girls to "believe in yourself" as he warned them "No fouls!" They're putting the pressure on — you gotta move!

Jordan went back on the floor hitting two more foul shots.

The Aces pushed the ball down the floor, attempting a three pointer to tie the game, but missed. They didn't even unleash one more shot before time ran out.

It was a great win after Golden Plains lost by three in last year's state semifinals.

The Bulldogs (21-3 record), seeded third, would play No. 1 Baileyville B&B for a championship starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Complete leaders from Friday's win: **Golden Plains (52)** — Hailee Spreser 20 points, Jordan Christensen 20, Kami Miller 4, Kynndra Rush 4, MiKayla Lobato 2, Rachel Ritter 2. Three-point goals: Christensen 3, Miller.

Rebounds: Spreser 7, Christensen 6, Rush 4, Ritter 3, Lobato 2, Madison Walz 2. Assists: Christensen 3, Miller 3, Spreser 1, Ritter 1. Steals: Spreser 2, Rush 1, Miller 1.

Bucklin (49) — Janae Price and Morgan Hood scored 17 apiece.

Hoxie wins state, Beavers lose

The Topeka Capital-Journal

Trailing 5-0 early, the Hoxie High girls outscored Valley Heights 36-6 during the next 10 minutes and rolled to its 73rd consecutive win and third straight title with a 71-51 win at White Auditorium.

"I think the nerves got us when they went on their run," said Valley Heights coach Jenny Yungeberg, whose team finished 24-2. "Hoxie really is like a machine."

Hoxie (26-0) forced several turnovers during the 36-6 run and

led by 25 points early in the second quarter.

Hoxie junior Carly Heim, who had 18 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists. Gabriel Spreser paced Hoxie with 23 points, and Natasha Allmer had 12 points for the undefeated Indians.

Local picker agrees with CBS

Go Big Red?!

Free Press couch potato-correspondent R.B. Headley actually resisted his temptation to pick Nebraska as national champions.

Yet after frantically filling out his first-instant college hoops picks Sunday afternoon, Headley realized his Final Four matched CBS top analyst Clark Kellogg: Michigan State, Florida, Wisconsin and Wichita State.

"Consider this my farewell, as I will be submitting that billion-dol-

lar perfect bracket to Warren Buffett," R.B. proclaimed. "Actually, the final Four I would love to see: Nebraska, Kansas, Wichita State and, yes, former Jayhawks coach Roy Williams with my favorite North Carolina Tar Heels."

A few "lookout" games to get started: North Carolina Central vs. No. 3-seed Iowa State, New Mexico State vs. No. 4 San Diego State, Harvard vs. No. 5 Cincinnati and Xavier-North Carolina State winner vs. No. 5 Saint Louis.

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