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Birthday gifts for college

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More than 300 people gathered this weekend to wish Colby Community College a happy birthday – and bid at the college Endowment Foundation's annual fund-raising auction, which helps finance scholarships.

Nick Wells, director of the foundation, said the annual benefit auction was organized around the theme of a 50th birthday party. People bid on art work, valuable coins, items like bird houses painted in Kansas State and Jayhawk colors, as well as furniture, barbecues, a gun safe and an early-model 1891 Colt revolver.

The premier item was a 1964 Chevrolet Impala that Wells bought last summer to mark the 50th anniversary of the college being founded. After the last of 10 keys that might open the car was auctioned off, the would-be owners stepped up to draw envelopes containing keys out of a basket. Every-

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People at the annual Colby Community College Endowment Foundation auction kicked off the festivities with a toast to the college and the 50th anniversary of its founding (top). Members of the college's livestock judging team took bids and displayed items up for auction, including this painting (center). One of the biggest bargains of the night, according to Wells, was this 1891 Colt revolver (right) with a holster from the same time period, which went for just \$6,000. Nick Wells, director of the foundation (at left, above), gave out prizes to Janet Harper and others during the auction, which was themed around the college's anniversary.



Cleanup weeks to be in May

The City of Colby and the Thomas County commissioners have teamed up again to sponsor the traditional countywide cleanup week May 5 to 9, with the city ready to haul off trash and appliances which the county landfill will take at no charge.

In Colby, the deadline for arrangement a pick-up will be noon on Friday, May 9, according to city hall.

The county landfill will waive fees for trash from the cleanup that would be charged to towns in the county, but not for homeowners, people living in the county, businesses.

In Brewster, the city plans a cleanup day on Saturday, May 23. Crews will pick up trash, yard waste and appliances left outside for free that day. Other towns in the county – including Rexford, Gem, and Menlo – do not have cleanup events planned so far.

Service clubs and church groups are asked to help clean up public areas of the city. Among the areas that need special attention are parks,

ballfields, roadsides and entrances to town.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to make an extra effort during this week to spruce up their yards and share in the pride of having a clean hometown, the city says.

If you want to volunteer to help the elderly or infirm, or if you need assistance, call Jo Strange at the city office, 460-4410, and leave your name. The city will try to match up those who can help with those who need some.

City crews will follow their regular scheduled routes for yard waste and trash pickup during the week; but crews will be available to handle the extra trash generated by the cleanup for residential customers only.

This will exclude landlords, businesses and commercial property, which will be responsible for handling their own items. Small trash items must be boxed or bagged, the boxes or bags should weigh less than 50 pounds and they must be placed at the street in front of the property for pick-up. Tree limbs must be

in bundles less than four feet long, weigh less than 50 pounds per bundle and placed at the street for pick-up. Construction and demolition debris will not be accepted.

Televisions, computers and electronics will not be picked up. These can be disposed of every Wednesday at the E-Waste Collection Center, 1190 S. Country Club Drive.

Appliances, furniture and other large objects cluttering yards can be removed during the week. Any appliance which contained refrigerant must have a certificate showing a certified technician removed it, or a fee of \$30 must be paid by the owner before it is removed.

The landfill is not offering free disposal of waste tires. The city will haul tires to the landfill, but the regular tire disposal fees must be paid before they leave your property. The full list of these fees is available at City Hall.

In Colby, you must call the City Hall at 460-4410 to schedule a day for extra items to be picked up.

Council discusses restrooms

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The Colby City Council discussed adding restrooms to the grounds at Poolside Park at its meeting Tuesday.

About the year ago, the council learned it would cost around \$100,000 to build restrooms at the park, City Manager Tyson McGreer said, but officials balked at the cost. Colby architect Glen Strait estimated the cost for the city free of charge, he said, but no bids were ever sought for the project.

Council members agreed Tuesday that enough people are using the park to justify building restrooms, but the council did not make a formal decision on the project.

Councilwoman Peg Tole, who joined the council last April, said she would like to see the city advertise for bids just to see how much area builders would charge. McGreer pointed out that Strait's estimate was based on the highest-quality restrooms he could build and the city could try to get

a cheaper design. He said the restrooms could be smaller than the ones Strait proposed, but should still be high-quality. The proposal included vandalism-proof metal toilets, for example, and McGreer said it would be cheaper to buy those than keep fixing cheaper ones that people break.

The city has \$50,000 set aside for restrooms, McGreer said, from the sales tax on the Colby Aquatic Park.

In other business, the council:

- Discussed a proposal by the Kansas Municipal Energy Association to include Colby in a study on how easily the association can provide power to cities in the state.

"The would essentially in my mind buy us an education on what KMEA has available," McGreer said.

That education would cost the city several thousand dollars, according to a letter from the association, although the city would not have to sign an agreement for power. McGreer, who sits on the association's Power Supply Committee, told the council the

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Drug dropoff set next week

Thomas County residents with old medications they want to get rid of can check them in with the sheriff's office next week.

The office will take unused or expired medications from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the Law Enforcement Center, so they can be safely disposed of. Undersheriff Marc Finley said the office wants to get rid of prescription drugs rather than over-the-counter medications, but will take

any kind, and there is no requirement for what sort of the container the drugs are in.

The drug drop-off is part of a national program organized by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, which the sheriff's department participates in, along with keeping a drug drop-off box in front of the center year-round.

Call (800) 882-9539 or go to www.dea.gov for information.

Regents stick with new policy

TOPEKA (AP) — The Kansas Board of Regents will consider adding language on free speech to its social media policy, but will not fundamentally change the rules, following criticism that the policy gives administrators too much power to fire or discipline employees for postings on Twitter and other outlets.

The regents unanimously approved the policy in December 2013 in response to a Twitter post critical of the National Rifle Association by University of Kansas journalism professor David Guth after the September shootings that left 13 dead at the Navy Yard in Washington. Guth apologized and was placed on administrative leave. He is taking a sabbatical from the university during the spring semester.

The policy says a university chief executive officer can discipline employees, up to termination, for social media communications that affect the university's ability to carry out its functions.

In response to a backlash that the policy is too harsh, *The Lawrence Journal-World* reports (bit.ly/1j70NH8) that the regents are

considering making some changes to explicitly say that the board respects First Amendment rights of staff to free speech, without dropping provisions that allow for firing or discipline. The next draft of the policy is expected to be proposed to the regents in May.

Chairman Fred Logan said during the higher education board's meeting Wednesday that he does not believe the policy restricts staff and faculty from openly expressing their opinions. Logan said the regent's policy had been misunderstood, describing some concerns about staff being fired as "ludicrous."

A working group presented proposed changes to the policy to the board. Charles Epp, co-chairman of the group and a University of Kansas professor, said officials must be mindful of protecting free speech given that professors and students frequently are involved in activities that stir controversy.

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Weather



National Weather Service Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Breezy, with a south wind 15 to 25 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 75. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely before 1 a.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Easter: A chance of rain, with thunderstorms also possible after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 75.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. Breezy.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Breezy.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy.

Wednesday: High, 62; Low 29 Precip: Wednesday None Month: 0.39 inches Year: 1.01 inches Normal: 3.98 inches (K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Friday 7:03 a.m. 8:25 p.m. Moon: waning, 87 percent (U.S. Naval Observatory)

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one knew who's won the car when a contestant took out the one key which did not resemble any of the others.

Wendy Weishaar won the Impala, although a friend drew her key for her. When all was said and done, Wells said, the foundation made roughly \$25,600 on the car, and more or less broke even after the cost of buying it and bringing it here from California.

Farm and Ranch Realty ran the auction and provided most of the auctioneers, including Mike Bailey, a champion auctioneer who also sells

cattle each week in McCook. Steve Bugbee and Chris Soehner, who lives north of Levant, also helped with the auction, while the college's livestock judging team helped take bids.

The auction made almost \$129,000, Wells said, and saw a slightly lower attendance this year. Ninety-five items sold at the live auction and 125 on a silent auction.

Attendees even bid on leftover prime rib from the dinner before the auction, which Wells buys himself each year and has smoked by Tracey Galli of Colby.

Wells described the revolver, provided by Rock Bedore and People's State Bank along with a holster donated by Erwin Mitchell, as the biggest bargain of the night. The gun went for \$6,000, he said, but due to its age, even the grips on the handle are worth \$2,500 to \$3,500.

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"You are touching the third rail of higher education here," Epp said.

But Logan and two other regents differed with a proposal from the working group that the social media policy be scrapped and replaced with an advisory policy on proper use.

"Some place this train got off the tracks," said regent Tim Emert said. "If any professor

gave an assignment and the student came back with something completely different, the grade would not be very good."

Logan suggested adding the working group's language emphasizing First Amendment protections and academic freedom, as well as a 1940 policy statement from the American Association of University Professors saying teachers "should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special posi-

tion in the community imposes special obligations."

Epp and working group co-chairman Kevin Johnson, general counsel at Emporia State University, said they were encouraged by the proposed changes.

"We will have to see what the lawyers say this means in application. I'm heartened that they've included protections for academic freedom and an affirmation of First Amendment protections," Epp said.

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group is trying to enter the market for generating and selling power. He said the best suggestion he could give would be to sit on the decision for the time being, since the city has already signed a contract to buy power from Midwest Energy, and he is not even sure if the association could provide power here.

Councilman Pat Mallory, who goes to many of the association's conferences, said the group "strong-arms" cities into cooperating. McGreer said he has noticed that cities buying energy from the group pay higher rates. He felt Colby and Larned are isolated from the rest of the 11-member committee, because they are the only cities on it that buy their power from Midwest.

Discussed an agreement with Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp. to provide engineering and technical services for the city's "superfund" water treatment plant, but did not make a decision. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment asked the city to sign a contract to have an engineer on hand to work on the plant on an as-needed basis.

• Voted to give the state Department of Health

and Environment access to the plant for 10 years. Recently, the city signed a contract with the department to take over running the plant for two years, and the department wants its workers to have the right to enter the building and nearby facilities if they to make repairs or monitor the plant.

Discussed a project to replace the back-up generator for City Hall to run vital systems like the water system and some computers, also without making a decision. The city last got a bid for the project for \$38,000, McGreer said, but this included a generator capable of running the entire building. The generator the city is considering getting now would just run the electrical circuit that provides power to the city servers, the system that controls city utilities, and a few computers. Right now, McGreer said, the city's only backup generator is the same size someone would take camping. It is wheeled to the back of the building on a cart when the power goes down.

Turned down a request by L.J. O'Neal to get city water at his facility just east of town. McGreer pointed out the city has turned down similar requests for water from people who live at the edge of the city.

Nebraska governor signs water sustainability bill

By Grant Schulte

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Gov. Dave Heineman signed a bill Wednesday designed to help Nebraska prepare for floods, water shortages and water quality problems.

Budget bills approved this year are expected to generate \$32 million to help pay for projects related to water management

and quality, flood control, and compliance with interstate compacts by mid-2015. After that, the measure will provide about \$11 million annually.

The bill by Sen. Tom Carlson, of Holdrege, comes in the midst of recent drought years and legal fights with Kansas over access to the Republican River, which runs through southern Nebraska.

"This is a difficult and challenging issue, and this legislation is aimed at planning for

better future water use in our state," Heineman said. "... Preserving and managing our water resources is important to Nebraskans, especially those who work in our No. 1 industry — agriculture."

The law will also expand the Natural Resources Commission, from 16 members to 27, to ensure that more major water users are represented. The new commission would include irrigators, cities, public power districts and wildlife conservation groups.

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.

Library Week lunches continued all week

National Library Week continues through Friday with special speakers and lunches at noon at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. For information, call Librarian Melany Wilks at 460-4470.

Retirement reception to be held at college

Everyone is invited to retirement reception for Colleen Maison at 1 p.m. Friday, April 25, in Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union. The daughter of Keela and the late Cleo Case, Maison has been the agriculture and veterinary technician administrative assistant for nine years. For information, contact Debbie Schwanke at 460-5411.

Transportation van will not run Friday

The Thomas County transportation van will not run today or Friday because the driver will be at a funeral. For information, call 443-9208.

Landfill to be closed for Easter

The Thomas County Landfill will be closed Sunday for Easter. Call Larry Jumper at 462-8139 for information.

Start sorting grass clippings

The City of Colby will start separating grass from household trash on Monday, April 28. Leave grass clippings unbagged in a tipper can marked "Grass" and have cans to the curb by 8 a.m. on your trash day. For information, call Omar Weber at the Public Works Department, 460-4420.

Lunch walk on agenda for April 30

National Walk at Lunch Day, promoted by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, encourages everyone to "turn a working lunch into a walking lunch" on Wednesday, April 30. At noon that day, groups will gather at Poolside and Fike parks during the lunch hour. For information, call the Thomas County Coalition at 465-8177.

City cleanup week coming next month

The City of Colby and Thomas County will have their annual spring cleanup week from Monday to Friday, May 5 to 9. In Colby, call in advance to have boxed and bagged items picked up from curbside at 460-4410.

Foundation needs help to buy pool passes

The Thomas County Community Foundation, 350 S. Range Ave., Suite 14 in Colby, is taking donations to pay for 10-day swimming passes to the Colby Aquatic Park to kids who get free and reduced-price lunches at county schools. Write "Aquatic Park Pass Fund" in the memo line of checks. For information, call Melinda Olson at 460-9152.

Sacred Heart enrolling kids for preschool

Early enrollment is 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.

Hospital plans classes on healthy living

Citizens Medical Center is offering a course of "healthy living" classes for people managing a chronic disease, focusing on nutrition, exercise and stress management, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Mondays through May 19 at the hospital. For questions, call Courtney McCarty at 462-7511 or education director Jeanene Brown at 460-4850.

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.

Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a development program for 3- and 4-year-olds and their families, is taking applications. Services, including education, nutrition, health, disability services and family support, are free to families that qualify. Children must be 3 on or before Aug. 31. For information or to schedule an appointment, contact Head Start at 460-6067 by Tuesday, May 20.



Saturday Evening April 19, 2014

Table with columns for time slots (7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30) and rows for various TV channels (KAKE/ABC, KBSL/CBS, KSNK/NBC, KSAS/FOX, Cable Channels, A & E, AMC, ANIM, BRAVO, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISC, DISN, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAM, FOOD, FX, HGTV).

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Sunday Evening April 20, 2014

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Deaths

Otto 'Babe' Schroeder

Otto "Babe" Schroeder, 93, Little Rock, Ark., formerly of Colby, died Wednesday, April 16, 2014, in Little Rock.

He was born Oct. 3, 1920, southwest of Levant on a homestead, to Mart and Charlotte (Toppendeck) Schroeder. The family moved to Colby in 1944.

In 1959 he married Rachel Powell Keck; they divorced.

In 1961, he married Emilee Frodin Thomason Taylor. They divorced in 1977.

On March 3, 1992, he married Edith Powell Kersenbrock of McAllen, Texas, in Alice, Texas.

In 1960, he moved to Denver, where he and his brother, Ed Schroeder, bought Race Court Fertilizer. He bought out his brother when Ed Schroeder retired, staying in the business until his own retirement in 1991. In 1974, he started a bagged fertilizer company, B and S Fertilizer, with Gale Stone; they also started S and S Rentals.

In 2004, he and his wife moved to Little Rock to be near her family. They moved into a rest home in 2013.

He was a member of the Masons, the Scottish Rite, the Shriners and the Eagles.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three sisters, Minnie, Anna and Martha; seven brothers, William Schroeder, Emil Schroeder, Edward Schroeder, Leon Schroeder, Homer Schroeder, Victor Schroeder and Walter Merkleing.

Survivors include his wife; a stepson, Dennis (Marlane) Kersenbrock; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren, all of Little Rock.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby, with burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral chapel.

The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Crippled Children fund in care of the funeral chapel, Box 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com.

Three of Clubs

The Colby Shakespeare Club was host to the Three of Clubs meeting March 14 at the Pioneer Memorial Library. Member Sheila Frahm conducted the meeting.

The Books for Babies account has \$75 remaining, so the club decided to check on it before the summer break.

Frahm introduced retired schoolteacher Cindy Schnelle who gave a program on Vietnam and Cambodia. She took a cruise through the area in January 2013.

Schnelle said she now has four passport visas and paper money from the journey. She said Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia were very poor countries, and she also visited Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City.

While in Hanoi, she saw the city's celebration of its 1,000 years and visited the Temple of Literature. Schnelle sampled pho, a local dish, and shopped in the narrow-fronted shops for special-

ty items and souvenirs. Her group also visited Truc Bach Lake where Sen. John McCain's airplane was shot down and he was taken as a prisoner of war.

Other highlights of her trip included visiting a rubber plantation and a thousand-year-old bridge. While on the boat, travelers could sample beetles, bugs and rodents that were cooked for sale in the markets along the river.

Schnelle said she enjoyed the trip but was glad to return home. During question time, she said the favorite country she has visited so far was Egypt, and she would like to visit the Galapagos Islands and Easter Island sometime in the future.

After members enjoyed German chocolate cake, coffee and tea, they were given green beads to wear in honor of St. Patrick's Day the following Monday.

- Amie Kendrick

Oberlin Artfest coming

High Plains Artfest, 10th annual art show and sale, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, at the Oberlin Gateway. There is no admission charge.

The show includes artists from northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and northeast Colorado who are displaying art in nine categories, including watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, photography, original hand-formed ceramics,

ink/drawing/charcoal, other 2-D (graphics, mixed media, batik, computer generated, etc.) and other 3-D (glass, sculpture, etc.).

There will be two divisions, for high school and adults.

This will be the last ArtFest to be held in Oberlin unless a club or organization would be interested in taking it over. For information call Mary Henzel at (785) 470-0218.

State parks get cleanup

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, is having the first ever Keep It Clean Kansas state park cleanup event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 26, in recognition of Earth Day.

Five state parks, including Scott State Park near Scott City, have been selected for the cleanup event this year. Volunteers at each park will receive a T-shirt and lunch will be provided. Register at www.kdheks.gov/waste/earth-day.html

"We are excited to get communities across Kansas involved in preserving the natural beauty of our state parks," said Bill Bider, Bureau of Waste Management director. "By selecting five or six different parks each year, we can ensure that every one of our state parks is cleaned on a five-year rotating basis."

Markets

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

Wheat (bushel)	\$7.39
Corn (bushel)	\$4.82
Milo (hundredweight)	\$8.07
Soybeans (bushel)	\$14.28

Corrections

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.

Adventures abound in nonfiction: around the world, home in Kansas



Melany Wilks

Library Links

This week I'd like to tell you about a few fun additions to our nonfiction section.

One title may sound boring and ho-hum, but let me tell you, and the pictures are not. It is "Terra Maxima: The Records of Humankind," by Wolfgang Kunth. The story is told on many pages with small captions describing the significance of the page, and the statistics of the subject.

With vibrant color photographs spanning from ancient civilization to our modern era, the book shows us the tallest buildings around the globe as well as dirt roads around the earth. Scientific discoveries, technological advances, transportation - even one of my favorite topics, libraries - large and famous libraries around the world. For those who love other types of culture: opera houses, theaters and museums are also presented.

If you love facts mixed with images, or know a child who loves National Geographic or nonfiction reading, you might want to check it out and start it together. Then send the child or youth off to discover the rest of the book. A great way to build discovery.

Another item we added with pictures is "Birds of Kansas," by Max C. Thompson, Charles A. Ely, Bob Gress, and others. This 528-page volume has a photograph of the bird, the status, habi-

tat, migration patterns, breeding and additional comments.

The authors have included a plat map that shows where birds have been found. Also included is information on whether the bird has been banded and how many have been observed with the banding. Actually, I did not know there could be so many birds in Kansas. The introduction needs to be read to understand the history of ornithology of Kansas, the bird distribution and vegetation, and whether the bird is found in forests, grasslands or wetlands. There is a color code showing when the bird may be found in a particular region of Kansas, laid out in the introduction and used throughout the book to guide the reader.

The end of the book has additional banding information on many Kansas birds that are found or have been located around North America. The reader will find a reference and of course an index. The trick to using the index however, is knowing the correct name for the bird.

If neither of these books trips your light fantastic, then how about a new book about Pilates? Its official title is "Pilates: Your Complete Guide to Mat Work and Apparatus Exercises (second edition), by Rael Isacowitz. I would love to go to a Pilates class. It's a bit like ballet with strength training, helping a person become stronger and more fit while standing tall and becoming more graceful. Some of you may laugh, but we all have dreams! Mom should have just made my middle name Grace. She did not. However, I have a consolation that I learned in my adult life: my middle name is Ann and that can mean grace.

The next book is for the rest of you health and strength enthusiasts. It is "Strength Training for Fat Loss," by Nick Tumminello. It not only has a diagram of muscles in the body, it also has an encouraging chapter on how strength training will benefit you.

Chapter two goes into strength training and weight loss. Chapter three talks about nutrition and eating right while concentrating on strength training. The bulk of the rest of the book is pictures and body weight training exercises and techniques. At the end of the book there are charts that give a workout regimen for special types of workouts and specific goals. This book will be helpful to many

who lift weights and want to be more careful in their endeavor.

It must be close to summer, because it seems that health, nutrition and diet books always come out about this time. Are the publishers helping us to get fit for the season? Three more new items are health- or nutrition-oriented items: "The End of Dieting," by Joel Furhrman; "The Complete Guide to Nutrients: An A-Z of Superfoods, Herbs, Vitamins, Minerals and Supplements," by Michael Sharon; and "Walkable City," by Jeff Speck.

Additional nonfiction items coming soon are: "Toddler Rules: Your 5-Step Guide to Shaping Proper Behavior," by Jo Frost; "Love No Matter What: When Your Kids Make Decisions You Don't Agree With," by Brenda Garrison; "Twenty Something: Why Do Young Adults Seem Stuck?" by Robin Marantz Henig and Samantha Henig; "Seven Days That Divide The World," by John C. Lennox; "Out Live Your Life," by Max Lucado; "From Loneliness To Love," by Cynthia D. Johnson and "Pocket Gardens: Design Ideas for Small-Space Gardening," by Fine Gardening.

We added a few movies for families and children: "Thomas & Friends: Spills and Thrills;" "Sesame Street: Elmo's World - All Day with Elmo;" "Abner the Invisible Dog;" "Ultimate Life;" "Magic of Belle Isle;" "The Cat In the Hat Knows a Lot About That! Up and Away;" "Astro the Boy;" and "Mr. Holland's Opus."

This weekend we are closed on Sunday for Easter. We will be open our normal hours, Friday and Saturday. All other hours remain the same.

See you in the library!

Financial literacy valuable

Local banks are joining the Community Bankers Association of Kansas, and other community banks nationwide in celebrating Community Bank Week and Financial Literacy.

"Community banks are relationship lenders who want their customers to understand their finances so they can be smart consumers who are in control of their financial well-being," said Jay Kennedy, Community Bankers Association chairman and president of First National Bank in Frankfort.

"As community bankers, we strive to educate our customers so they understand financial terms, products and how to manage their money, but ultimately, it's up to the customer to be knowledgeable and make the right choices. By doing so, they will feel empowered to make the right financial choices that lead them to a lifetime of financial stability and prosperity."

Community Bankers Association members have a commitment to promoting financial literacy, encouraging its nearly 300 community banks to provide programs in their communities, as well as forging government, nonprofit and private-sector partnerships.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Colby wants all consumers to recognize the importance of financial literacy and what it means to be a knowledgeable and empowered

consumer.

"If our customers succeed, our community bank succeeds - it's a win-win," said Brent Wiedeman, president of Farmers and Merchants. "Taking care of our customers and community is ingrained in the way community banks conduct their business."

"It's important to have a financial partner who wants you to succeed, and at a community bank like Farmers & Merchants Bank, we work with you to do just that," he said.

"Community banks are a tremendous benefit for all residents of northwest Kansas. All decisions are made locally by people who understand life in rural America," said Danielle Wasson, compliance officer for Peoples State Bank. "We know our customers and strive to make a positive difference for them and the communities that we serve."

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Other Viewpoints

Court funding bill carries hitchhikers

While Kansans were focused on the twists and turns of school finance last week, lawmakers made an unnecessary and historic change in how the state's district courts operate, coercively tying the reforms to badly needed funding.

Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss warned this was coming, objecting in an *Eagle* commentary last month to "the diffusion of the unified court system's centralized authority in exchange for money to keep courts open." He also noted that Kansas voters opted in 1972 to add this sentence to the state constitution: "The Supreme Court shall have general administrative authority over all courts in this state."

That clear-cut instruction has meant a single budget for the entire judicial branch controlled by the Supreme Court. Yet House Bill 2338, which cleared both chambers and has gone to Gov. Sam Brownback, allows the chief judge of each of the state's 31 judicial districts to submit and control his own budget.

The new legislation also allows judges to select the chief judge for their own district court, further eroding the Supreme Court's authority.

Plus, the bill includes some significant increases in docket fees, raising the cost of Kansans' access to their courts.

In his commentary, Nuss expressed no opinion on the legislative package's constitutionality, which might become a question for the court to decide. But he aptly asked whether this legislation reflected the will of the people. He also took issue with the "glaring" offer of money "in direct exchange for judicial branch restructuring," claiming the Kansas District Judges' Association was told that if it wanted the extra funds for court operations it would support the package deal.

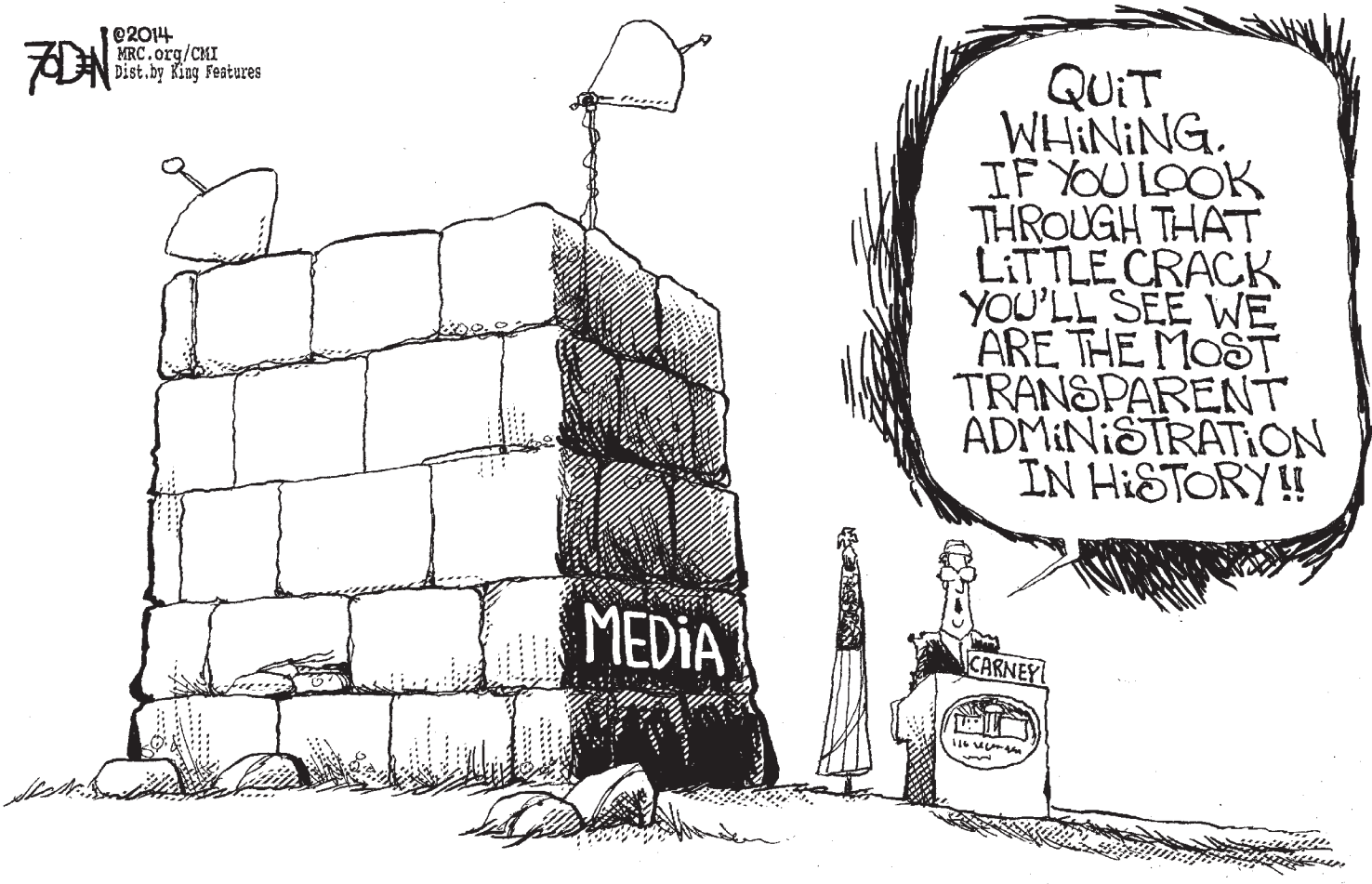
Though several Sedgwick County District Court judges offered testimony favoring the provisions on budgetary authority and chief judge elections, the changes drew opposition from other judges as well as the Kansas Bar Association and other attorney and court employee groups.

At the very least, such a legislative overhaul of the judicial system's administration deserved more thoughtful study and public debate. The measures bundled together in the final bill never even were considered by the House Judiciary Committee. The Kansas Association of Defense Counsel, for example, noted that the 1970s unification of court administration in Kansas was meant to remedy "a court system that was archaic in its multiplicity of courts, preservation of concurrent jurisdictions, and waste of fiscal resources." This looks like a step backward.

It also strikes many as political payback related to the high court's school-funding or other decisions. In any case, it's wrong for the Legislature to use its appropriations power to force unwanted and unwarranted systemic change on the judiciary. Though it's highly doubtful that the governor will veto the bill, he should.

— *The Wichita Eagle, via the Associated Press*

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Burning prairie renews the land

The fire moves in shimmering waves, unlike anything I've ever seen, lines of it licking the edge of the pasture, great columns advancing up the center with the wind, leaping and rushing ahead, circles of fire surrounding the center, constantly moving and advancing.

It blazes and crackles for miles across the prairie, through endless unfenced acres rolling away from the top of the ridge, the backbone of the Flint Hills. The smell and the sound are awesome.

Ranch hands in pickups and bale-hauling flatbeds move from place to place, setting fires, then settling back to watch them. Volunteer firemen out from town spend the night out on patrol, ready to protect a house or outbuilding that might be in the way should the wind shift. The blue and red lights of their beat-up trucks and tankers stand out among the flames.

The pasture to the east, nearly as huge as this one, has already burned tonight. Acres and sections of tall grass remain for the torch. You have to burn the grass when the time is right, not too early, not too far into the spring. You have to stay up all night sometimes.

My sister and I could see this fire when we left Emporia. Every ridge we crested, we could tell we were closer. We were miles past Cottonwood Falls, and a county away, before we got anywhere near the flames.

A fire department six-by-six tanker passes us, headed back to town. Roads don't follow section lines. They have names, not letters



Steve Haynes

- Along the Sappa

thick, flames leap 20 to 30 feet into the air. In the corners where it has to go against the wind, it seems to crawl, but all the grass is consumed nonetheless.

And off to the southwest, another fire, nearly as big, five to 10 miles distant and maybe more. Things are a lot farther away than you'd think in these hills.

To the south lie more pastures, unburned and ready for tomorrow or the day after — if the weather is right.

You couldn't do this in the West. In the hills, roads and creeks form fire breaks. The wind can drive fire for miles and it never leaves your pasture, or at least, your neighbor's.

In the west, fire races along on the ground, burning everything, jumping roads, skipping fences. Here, it seems more orderly, at least when things go right. Isolated logs and stumps are left to smolder. With the grass burned, there's nothing for a spark to catch.

Soon, it'll be morning and maybe time for breakfast, some rest before the next fire. We could stay, rapt, and watch this all night, but not this time.

In these hills, though, there'll always be another fire season. Always.

Steve Haynes is president of *Nor'West Newspapers*. When he has the time, he'd rather be reading a good book or casting a fly.

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Do women teachers get equal pay?

How can pay be unequal for male and female teachers of identical experience when there is only one uniform pay scale at each Unified School District?

Each Kansas school district negotiates a salary base for teachers. The starting salary for a teacher fresh out of student teaching establishes this base. This scale then extends downward in steps adding increments, often \$500 each year. Horizontally, the scale adds a roughly similar amount for increases in college credit, usually with steps at bachelor's degree plus 15 and 30 hours, master's degree, and 15- and 30-credit-hour steps up to a doctorate.

Larger rich school districts may load more pay for advanced degrees because they want a more highly trained and specialized faculty. Rural schools that need broadly-trained teachers often load their salary scale with greater increments for staying over time.

But there is only one salary scale — not two separate scales for men and women teachers. Therefore, why do surveys of public school teachers — based on the same years of experience and education — show an average lower pay for women teachers doing the same job?

The answer is not in added pay for coaching or sponsoring student government or other activities because those are paid "add-ons." And while historically more money was available for coaching boy's sports than girl's sports, that disparity is shrinking due to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. That statute prohibits sex discrimination in education programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. And that is having a great payoff for our female students. But salary surveys also exclude those ancillary duties.

Some years ago, a veteran woman teacher sat down and explained her situation to me. Her husband was in an industry that moved its



John Richard Schrock

- Education Frontlines

offices. She therefore had to leave the school where she had been an exemplary science teacher for over a decade. She applied in the new district where she now lived. This is common for teaching spouses. Teaching is considered a portable occupation. And science teachers are in demand nearly everywhere.

In her interview, the discussion went as follows: Mrs. Smith (not her real name). We really are impressed with your teaching record and really need you here at such-and-such high school. But we have two applicants fresh out of student teaching. We know they will not bring your experience. But our school is on a tight budget and we simply cannot afford you at your level of 12 years experience. Now if you would only claim two years of experience, we could offer you the job.

So she was faced with a dilemma. If she wanted a job teaching in her new home district, she would have to take a pay cut that would cost her over five thousand dollars each year. And she would be shorted that amount on the pay scale, compounded for the rest of her career — over fifty thousand dollars each decade.

This practice is wrong. Unethical. Despicable. And that school district was not in financial exigency.

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This coercion does not occur when men teachers move to new districts. This reflects

the male chauvinism of an older generation of male administrators who only see the man as the "bread winner."

Yesiree! Nursin' and teachin' is "women's work" in their eyes.

This attitude deserves utter contempt. I suspect and hope that this practice is becoming less common as this 1800s attitude retires off. As more women move into administrative positions, this practice should decline. But even if this practice were to stop today, it would take 40 years for the pay disparity and injustice that it causes to flush from our system.

Unfortunately, there are simple-minded politicians today who wave the single pay scales and proclaim that there is no distinction on paper between pay for men and women teachers and therefore no discrepancy. Their ignorance of what has occurred in the field perpetuates this injustice.

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.

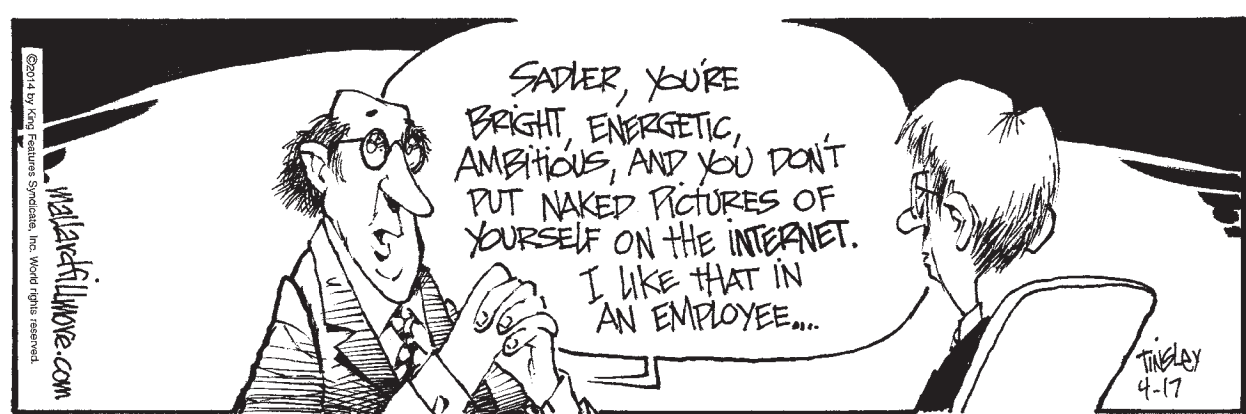
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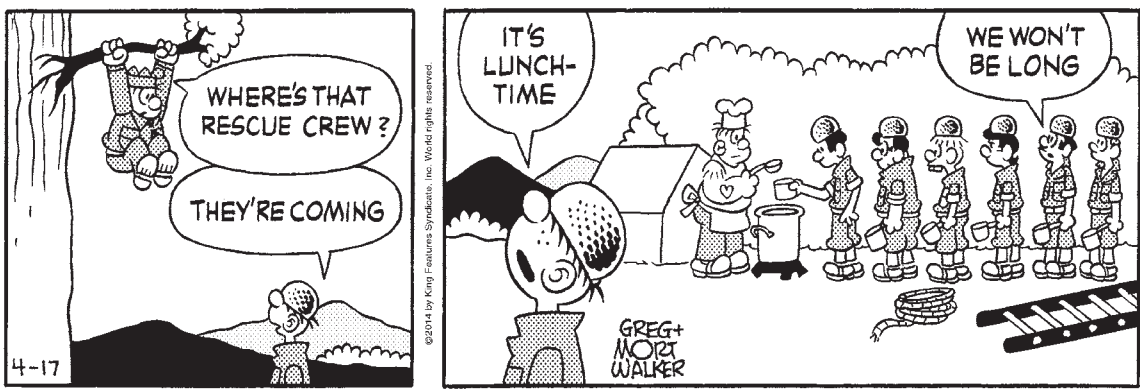
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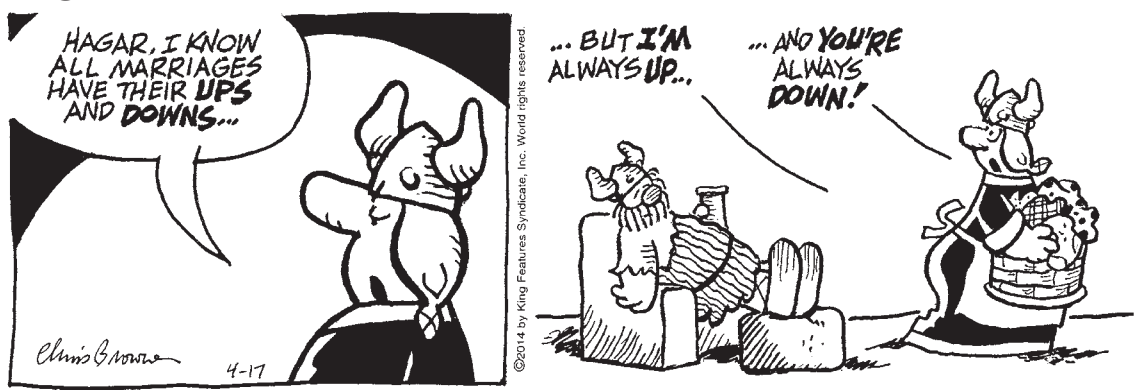
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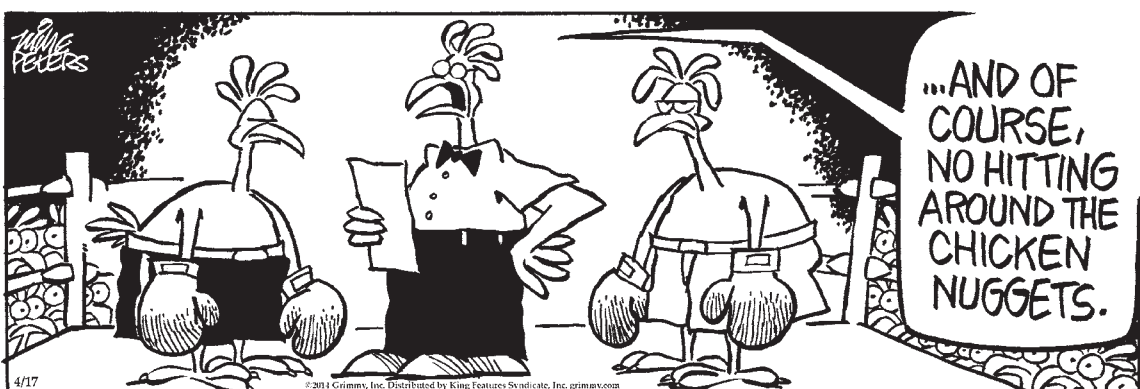
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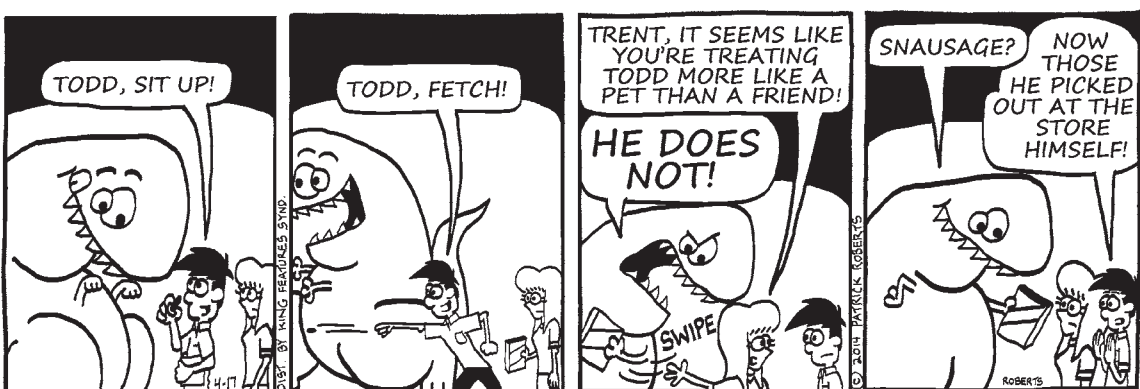
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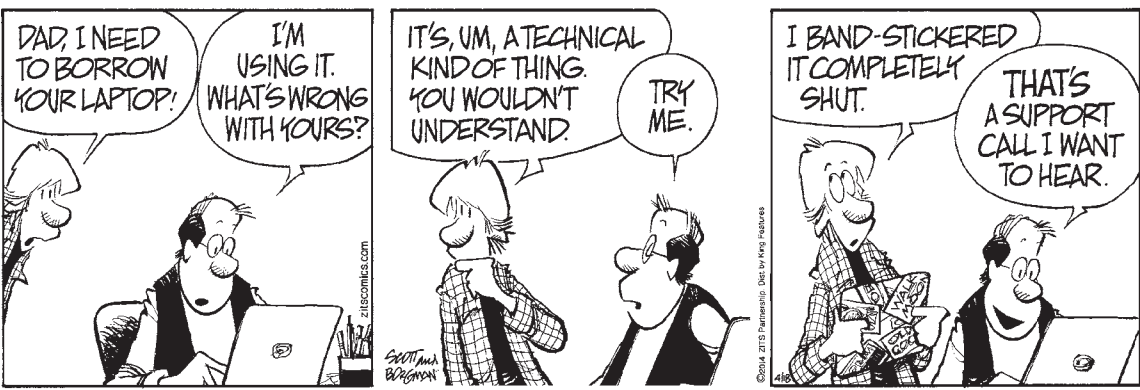
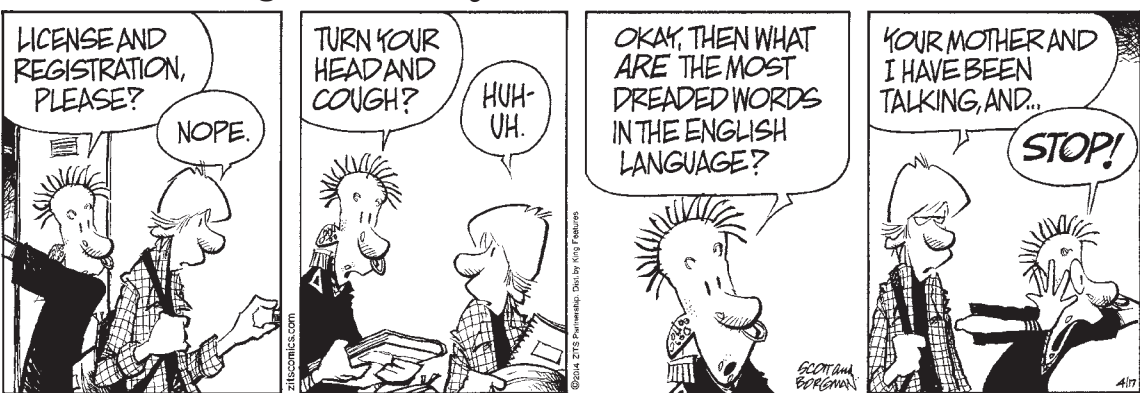
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Q: I have a Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Double R Bar Ranch metal lunch box that pictures Roy on Trigger, Dale Evans waving her hat in greeting, and their dog Bullet running alongside. The back and sides look like wood grain and there is a "brand" on the back. When was it made and what is it worth?

A: Your lunch box was made by the American Thermos Co. in 1953. A nearly identical box with blue or red sides and a wood grain back was made in 1954. It came with a matching thermos. It was the first completely lithographed steel lunch box made. The lunch box with thermos sells for \$75 to \$100 today; the lunch box alone for \$50 to \$80.

Q: I am stumped by a piece of wooden furniture I inherited. It looks like a three-drawer dresser, but the dresser's top and the hinged front of the top drawer lift up to reveal a trouser press next to a small storage bin. The bottom drawer front opens on hinges, too. The only mark I can find is "Pat. No. 112843." It's impressed on both the press and the back of the dresser. The press can be unscrewed from the dresser. Can you tell me who made it, how old it is and what it's worth?

A: The patent number refers to a British patent. The patent application was filed in England in 1917 by Frank Henry Miles, a "cabinet manufacturer, Crown Cabinet Works, Redcross Street, Bristol," and was granted on Jan. 31, 1918. It relates to Miles's invention of a "trouser press & cabinet combined." The application states that the press could be "adapted to any piece of furniture as desired or if required made as a separate press." It is likely that your combination press-dresser dates from the late 1910s or early 1920s. The storage bin was meant to be used for "small wearing apparel" (such as collars, etc.). Your press-dresser might sell for \$200 to \$300.

Q: I found two Bevo metal trays in my great uncle's attic. They have a red border with the words "Bevo the beverage" at the top, "The All-Year-Round Soft Drink" at the bottom, and a center lithograph of a carriage pulled by six horses. A man in a suit is driving the carriage and a fox dressed in a suit is sitting backward at the rear of the carriage. I have never heard of this beverage. Do you know anything about it? Are these trays worth anything?

A: Bevo was a "near beer," a non-alcoholic malt drink, made by Anheuser-Busch from 1916 to 1929. It was popular during Prohibition. Reynard the Fox, the footman on the carriage, is an Anheuser-Busch mascot. The mischievous character first appeared in European folk stories 800 years ago. Because few people remember Bevo, there are not many collectors who would want buy the trays. The graphics are interesting, though, so each tray could sell for \$75 to \$100.
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Bridge • Steve Becker

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q 7 6 2
♥ K J 8 6
♦ K 5 3
♣ K J

WEST
♦ J 10 9 5
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 4
♣ 9 6 4 3 2

EAST
♦ K 8 4 3
♥ —
♦ 10 9 8 7 2
♣ Q 10 7 5

SOUTH
♦ A
♥ A Q 10 9 7 5 2
♦ A J 6
♣ A 8

The bidding:
North 1♦ East 2♥ South 7♥ West Pass
3♥ Pass 7♥ Pass

Opening lead — jack of spades.

Good to the Last Drop
Declarer often puts to use information he derives from plays made by the defenders. It is reasonable to assume that the opponents are trying to win rather than lose, and from this supposition critical inferences about the composition of the defenders' hands can be drawn.

Consider this case where West led the jack of spades against seven hearts. Declarer saw at once that the outcome depended solely upon avoiding a diamond loser.

The most obvious approach to this problem would be to rely on a diamond finesse, but declarer saw he could add to his chances by first ruffing two spades in his hand, hoping the king would fall and establish dummy's queen as a trick. If this failed, he could then fall back on the diamond finesse.

So, after winning the first spade, South led a trump to dummy, ruffed a spade, led another trump to dummy and ruffed the seven of spades. But when the spade king failed to appear, declarer was not yet ready to bank everything on the diamond finesse. Instead he cashed the A-K of clubs and all his remaining trumps, producing this position:

North
♦ Q
♥ K 5

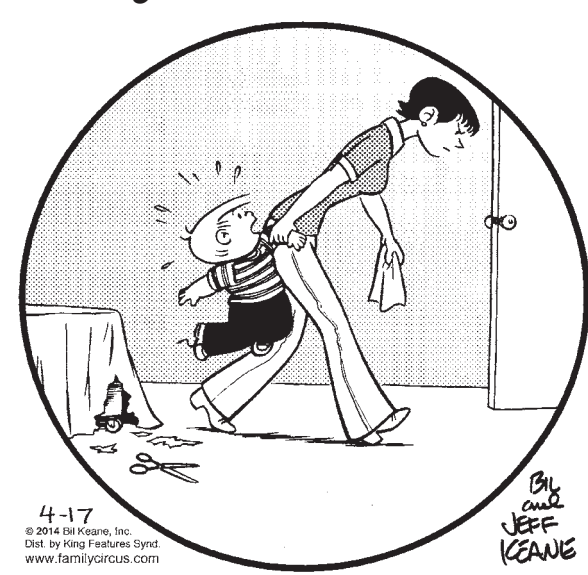
West
♦ 10
♥ Q 4

East
♦ K
♥ 10 9

South
♦ A J 6

From the outset, declarer had assumed that East had the king of spades, as West would hardly have led away from the king against a grand slam. So when declarer next played the K-5 of diamonds and East produced the 10-9, it became pointless to finesse since East's last card was known to be the king of spades. South therefore put up the ace, felling West's queen, and so made the grand slam.
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"Maybe this'll just be one of those things we'll look back on and laugh."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★ 4/17

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.

Cryptoquip

RXV SNCFPV'L PTJXR-XGTKVY
OGOQ SGI OVISX-FKVLL G
PNR. T JCVLL RXVQ XGY G
KVGPPQ LRKNIJ OPNIY.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT CURIOUS COOING BIRD IS SO SKILLED AT USING IMPLEMENTS, I THINK IT MUST BE A TOOL PIGEON.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals S

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Counterfeit
5 Diamond ref
8 "Be quiet!"
12 Pop flavor
13 Born
14 Aware of
15 "Sad to say ..."
16 Papa
17 Garfield's pal
18 Irritate
20 Printshop workers, at times
22 Listener
23 Rowing tool
24 Tater
27 World War I soldier
32 Family
33 Possess
34 Rage
35 Humored
38 Paradise
39 Away from WSW
40 Historic period
42 Pantry

DOWN

3 "Two and a Half Men"
4 Incognito, perhaps
5 Likely loser
6 Culpa lead-in
7 Mani counter-part
8 Water pipe
9 Go low, on "The Price Is Right"
10 Use a tea-spoon
11 Weeding tools
12 Cicatrix
13 Granada greeting
19 Scale member
21 Yuletide quaff
24 Tackle moguls
25 Wrestling victory
26 Dangerous current
28 Have bills
29 Deodorant target
30 Raw rock
31 Longing
36 Ruins
37 Sheltered side
38 Philly team
41 Concerning
42 Cambodia neighbor
43 Actress Jessica
44 1960s Secretary of State Dean
46 Singer McEntire
47 Count counter-part
48 Jog
51 Roman 1002

Solution time: 25 mins.

S	H	A	D	P	I	C	S	M	U	G	
T	O	L	A	R	A	H	W	A	R	E	
T	R	O	M	B	O	N	E	T	I	N	G
H	A	G	A	R	T	E	N	D	E	R	
	S	A	R	I	A	G	O				
J	A	C	K	E	N	O	S	L	A	P	
O	W	L	B	E	N	N	E	Y	I	D	
B	E	A	A	L	E	C	K	N	O	T	
	R	A	N	R	E	M	I				
P	L	I	N	K	O	A	B	A	S	E	
L	I	N	K	B	A	G	P	I	P	E	
O	R	E	L	I	C	E	T	I	E	S	
P	A	T	E	T	E	E	Z	E	R	O	

Yesterday's answer 4-17

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16				17		
18				19			20	21		
			22				23			
24	25	26			27	28	29			30 31
32					33					34
35			36	37						38
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42	43			44		45			46	47 48
49				50	51			52		
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