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Paige Armbruster, (left, above) held a rose as she listened to closing remarks at the Colby High School graduation...

dent Yumi Inagaki and Nathan Jorgensen walked into the school's graduation ceremony together Saturday...

Graduates march forward

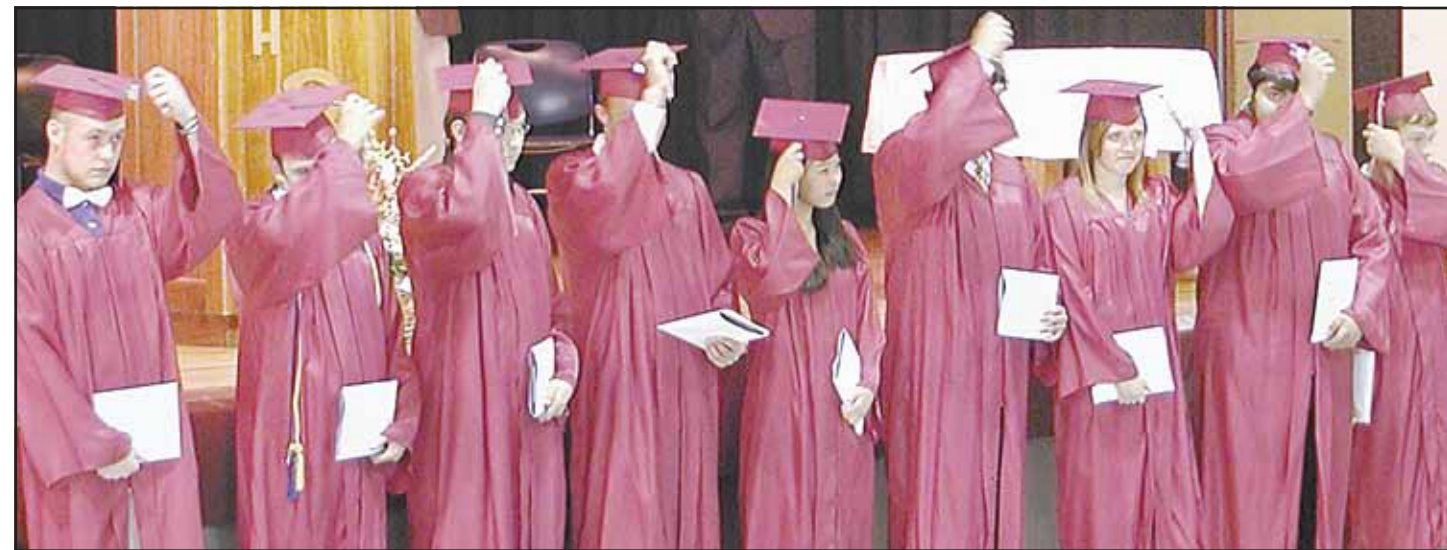
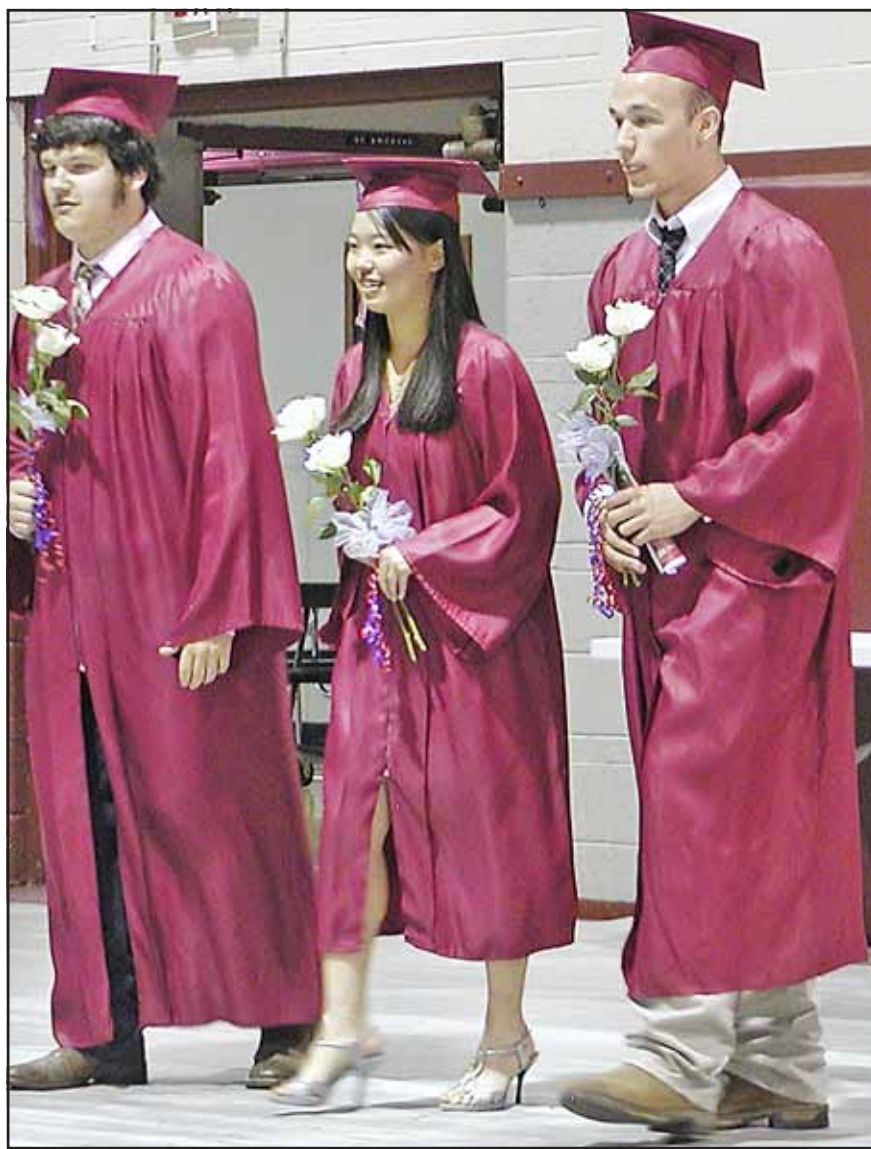
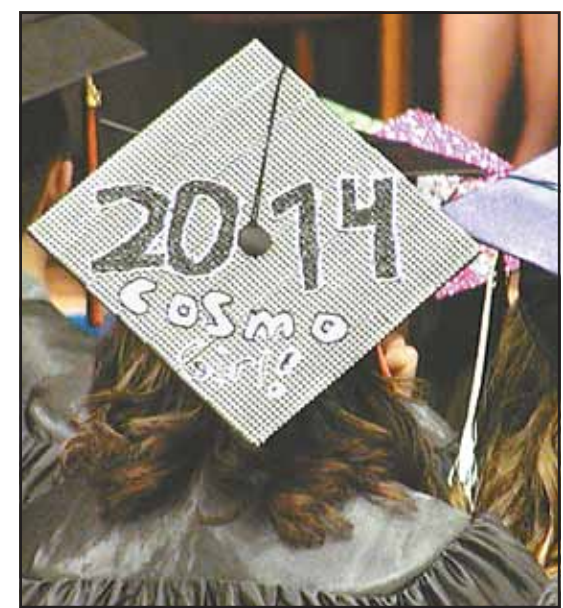
Colby and Brewster high school seniors put on caps and gowns over the weekend to mark the end of their high school careers.

Colby High had 78 graduates listed, while Brewster High School graduated nine. The Brewster students walked on Saturday, Colby on Sunday.

The Colby High band played as the graduates took their seats in the Community Building. The 10 valedictorians for this year's class were then recognized...

Friesen and Vacik spoke for the class of 2014. Schiferl introduced the keynote speaker, middle school teacher Troy Rall.

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Senator to speak at college

Former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole will stop in Colby next Wednesday as part of his statewide tour.

The 90-year-old Russell native, who served as a member of the House and Senate from 1961 to 1996, will be at Room 106 of the Colby Community College Student Union from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on May 28.

For information, call Josh Faber at 460-6548.

The visit will give people a chance to talk with Sen. Dole, who will speak and answer questions about his views, charitable causes and political career.

The senator gained national attention as Senate majority leader, as President Gerald Ford's vice presidential running mate in 1976 and as the Republican candidate for president against incumbent Bill Clinton in 1996.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, he fought in Italy during World War II. As a replacement platoon commander, he was seriously injured in battle. The wounds left his right arm

impaired, and in recent years, he has been an advocate for veterans medical care and the handicapped.

He was appointed in 2007 by President George W. Bush to investigate problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

During a stop at the Statehouse in Topeka on Thursday to help Gov. Sam Brownback kick-off his re-election campaign, KSN-TV reported, Mr. Dole said he was disappointed that the government had listed the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species despite a multi-state effort to protect the birds.

He said that the listing could put unnecessary restrictions on farming, ranching and oil and natural gas production, which, some advocates say encroaches on the chickens' natural habitat.

Other topics addressed during his Topeka visit included memories of his service in Congress, government spending and comments on the more recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Bob Dole

New faces seen at foundation

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The Thomas County Community Foundation has reorganized and brought in some new faces with the departure of long-time Executive Director Melinda Olson.

Karla Haggard became the executive director April 14, taking over for Olson, who had led the foundation for more than six years. She resigned to move to Nebraska with her family. Haggard had been the foundation's administrative assistant since August 2012.

Haggard, the daughter of Estelle and the late D.J. Bugbee, grew up in Gem and attended Colby schools and Colby Community College. After living in Hays, she and her husband, Jared,

moved back to the Colby area in 1998. They live in Gem with their children, Madysyn, Karson and Logan. Jared Haggard works for Lang Diesel.

Haggard said she is excited about her new job.

"This is a new adventure," she said. "I am excited to take it on and see where it leads. I really want to do some marketing and get (the foundation's) name out there so people know what we do. (The foundation) is a great organization and I hope to spread the word about what we're all about."

Keesa Wright has stepped in to fill the administrative assistant position.

Wright, the daughter of Ed and Kathi Wright, grew up in Colby, attending Colby schools and Col-

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Garden center: grow pumpkin

The Golden Plains Garden Center is gearing up for its first giant pumpkin growing contest, giving people plants to grow and then enter in the contest this summer and fall.

Entry in the contest is limited to the first 100 people, said owner and manager Dan Baalman. All they have to do is show up at the center and get a pumpkin plant, then bring a pumpkin back in the fall, when all the fruit will be weighed.

Baalman said he plans to have the weigh-off in mid-October and make an event of it, with a barbecue and refreshments. The owners of the five heaviest pumpkins will get prizes, although he is not sure

yet what they will be.

Entry is free, as are the plants. The center is giving contestants Dill's Atlantic Giant Pumpkins, a world-record-winning variety. These were developed by the late gardener Howard Dill of Nova Scotia, Canada, who broke the world record for the largest pumpkin several times in his life.

Baalman said he hopes to see some pumpkins that will weigh half a ton or more. He's heard of some plants grown last year that had a dozen fruit on them, with some weighing 300 pounds.

Outstanding senior from Colby



A Colby student, Jordan Voss, received the Torch Award as the outstanding graduating senior from the Class of 2014 at Fort Hays State University.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry with magna cum laude honors at commencement Saturday in Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Jordan is the son of David and Jeanette Voss of Colby.

The award was announced Friday at

the annual Graduate and Faculty Luncheon, sponsored by the Fort Hays Alumni Association. The Pilot Award for outstanding faculty member and the Navigator Award for outstanding faculty advisor were also announced.

Dr. Cheryl Duffy, professor of English, won the Pilot Award, and Karrie Simpson Voth, professor of art and design, was the recipient of the Navigator Award. All three recipients will sit on

the platform and be recognized at commencement.

Dr. Marcy Aycock, a 1984 graduate and president of the Alumni Association, introduced Voss, a 2010 graduate of Colby High School, who was selected from 49 nominees.

Aycock quoted one faculty member, who said, in support of Voss's nomination

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Weather



National Weather Service

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. North wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 4 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Breezy, with a northeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 82.

Thursday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy; high near 77.

Friday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny; high near 82.

Friday: High, 69; Low 36 Saturday: High, 59; Low 36 Sunday: High, 80; Low 54

Precip: Friday None Saturday 0.27 inches Sunday None Month: 0.53 inches Year: 1.79 inches Normal: 7.21 inches

(K-State Experiment Station) Sunrise and Sunset Tuesday 6:26a.m. 8:56 p.m. Moon: waning, 60 percent Wednesday 6:26 a.m. 8:57 p.m. Last quarter moon at 7:59 a.m. (U.S. Naval Observatory) Colby Water Use Friday to Sunday 1,992,000 gal. (average)

Grocery delivery at the food bank



Colby Letter Carriers

Postal carriers in Colby delivered the biggest food drive of the year for the Genesis-Thomas County Food Bank during their recent "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign. Carriers collected food by picking up bags left near Colby mailboxes, and Genesis president Wynn Duffy reported that 3,286 pounds of nonperishable items came in.

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by Community College. She attended the Rocky Mountain School of Photography in Missoula, Mont., and has operated Keesa Photography for three years. She is engaged to Bryce Mariman, and the couple plans to marry in September 2015.

"Even if it's a smile, giving back has always been a passion of mine," said Wright. "I'm ecstatic about the future at Thomas County Community Foundation and am looking forward to the opportunities to come."

"I'd love to help the foundation grow to become well-known in the community. I'm

really excited to attend more community functions and meet people. I look forward to marketing the foundation to show everyone what a fantastic community foundation we have right here in Thomas County."

Haggard and Wright invite everyone to stop by their office at 350 S. Range, Suite 14, in the Thomas County Office Complex.

Graduates march forward to future

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Rall recalled his days as a Colby High and middle school student, and the differences between life in the early 1980s and today. He described the same gym where the graduation was being held in 1980, when the audience learned at a high school basketball game that the U.S. Olympic hockey team beat the Soviet Union, and told the

graduates to be like those celebrated hockey players, doing more than what is expected.

Students in the National Honor Society and Kansas Honor Students in the top 10 percent of the class all stood to be recognized, along with those who completed a career and technical education course. Coleman was mentioned for being the only graduate in all three groups.

Graduates from Brewster High's small

class each had a display set up in the building with pictures and mementos from their school days. The school put together a video about the students which played on an overhead projector in the gym where they graduated. Ashley Barrie was the class valedictorian, and Nathan Jorgensen was the class salutatorian.

Outstanding Fort Hays senior from Colby

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tion, "As a student in my classes, Jordan's native intelligence combined with his creativity and fine communication skills to bring him right to the top and keep him there throughout.

"One reason why I feel Jordan is the perfect choice for the Torch Award is that he possesses all the attributes needed to be a role model for younger students: intelligence, dependability and initiative."

Another faculty member wrote, "The best predictor of future performance is past performance. I expect great things from Jordan

and that he will be a Torch awardee that Fort Hays will be proud of."

Voss has served as a coordinator of chemistry magic shows for youth groups, a volunteer at Hays Medical Center and has participated in clinical observation at the Mayo Clinic and Hays hospital. Using a K-INBRE Star Trainee research grant, he has initiated a project designed to understand the role of a particular chemical in the development of cancer and other related diseases.

He has served as president of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the American Medical Student Association Premedical Club at Fort Hays and been in-

ducted into the Fort Hays Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi. He served as Chemistry Club treasurer and as a chemistry lab assistant and tutor.

Torch Award candidates are nominated by faculty based on classroom excellence, participation in professional organizations and involvement in student or civic activities.

The Alumni Association, established in 1916, is dedicated to identifying and serving the needs of more than 57,000 graduates living throughout the United States and 70 foreign countries. For information, call (785) 628-4430 or email alumni@fhsu.edu.

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.

Head Start looking for kids to fill classes

Head Start, a developmental pre-school 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.

Business block party coming Wednesday

Join the Colby-Thomas County Chamber of Commerce for a Business After 5 block party from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday in the parking lot and lobbies of Western State Bank, Udderly Delicious Yogurt, the Sports Shoppe and Maurice's at the south end of Franklin Avenue. For information, call the Chamber office at 460-3401.

Blood drive to be at Community Building

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday and from 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Colby Community Building. Ham sandwiches will be served. Walk-ins welcome, but you can make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Free sports physicals available Thursday

Students can get free physicals for summer and fall sports from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Colby Medical Services, 1005 S. Range Ave. No appointment necessary. For information, call the clinic at 462-3332.

Vacation Bible School saddles up day camp

A "Saddle Up with Jesus" Vacation Bible School day camp for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. Lunch and snack will be provided. Register by Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 462-3497.

No trash pickup on Memorial Day

The City of Colby Public Works Department will take the day off next Monday for Memorial Day. The Monday residential sanitation route will be picked up on Tuesday, May 27. Have your grass and trash tipplers to the curb by 8 a.m. For questions, call Director Omar Weber at the department, 460-4420.

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Other Viewpoints

Disingenuous denial belies a connection

Americans for Prosperity might need to rename itself in a way that truly reflects its identity and purpose, which increasingly appears to be a purposeful effort to mislead the people of Kansas on nearly every important issue.

Perhaps something like Amnesia For Purpose or Altering For Politics might fit the bill for this well-heeled, politically influential group that tirelessly aims to mislead the people.

Recently, AFP-Kansas' leader denied the group's involvement in a statewide mailing urging seniors to press for repeal of the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which requires utilities to generate 20 percent of energy from renewable sources by 2020 — a standard most utilities already have met.

The flyer — featuring a despondent senior trying to figure out how to make ends meet — was distributed by the Kansas Senior Consumer Alliance, formed in late April and founded by Virginia Crossland-Macha, sister of Kansas Chamber of Commerce board chairman Ivan Crossland. When initially asked about whether AFP assisted the Kansas Senior Consumer Alliance, AFP director Jeff Glendening offered a definitive “no.”

“Jeff Glendening, AFP's current state director, said the two organizations did not coordinate on the postcards and that the only connection was that they're both opposed to the RPS,” *The Wichita Eagle* reported on May 7.

A day later, however, the Topeka attorney listed as contact for the Kansas Senior Consumer Alliance offered a different story.

“I was engaged by Americans for Prosperity to form an LLC and that's the extent of my involvement,” W. Robert Alderson told *The Topeka Capital-Journal* on Thursday.

Faced with Alderson's revelation, Glendening's memory became a little clearer.

“I've known Virginia for years and she contacted me about forming a group of some sort,” Glendening told the *Capital-Journal*. “On a personal level, not as AFP, I simply connected the two.”

Alderson also felt the need to clarify his earlier statement to the *Capital-Journal*.

“As you might suspect, Jeff Glendening called me and I made a really dumb mistake,” Alderson said. “Jeff had contacted me (about forming the LLC). He was contacting me on behalf of Virginia.... I ... assumed it was AFP. It was not.”

It might be convenient to separate Jeff Glendening the person from the AFP director who sends lawmakers emails about how to vote and submits off-kilter thoughts for publication — but they are inextricably the same and to say otherwise is disingenuous.

As the parties in question tell it, they had no connection, collusion or coordination — it just so happens that the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, AFP-Kansas and this new Kansas Senior Consumer Alliance all felt so strongly about the evils of a renewable energy standard they relied on the same untruthful message. Everything else was simply coincidental.

Rep. Don Hineman, R-Dighton, plainly and rightly called the groups' denial what it is: bogus.

“That's just further evidence of the kind of dark money campaigning that goes on in Kansas politics these days,” Hineman said. “Well-funded special interest groups try to hide behind sham organizations in order to try to influence the electorate.”

Kansas should automatically dismiss as untrue anything published, produced or associated with Americans for Prosperity, beginning with the organization's name.

Because if AFP cared about the prosperity of Kansans, it wouldn't be kicking about the growth of wind energy, and neither the group, nor its director, would assist a fly-by-night operation to spread fear and worry to the state's seniors.

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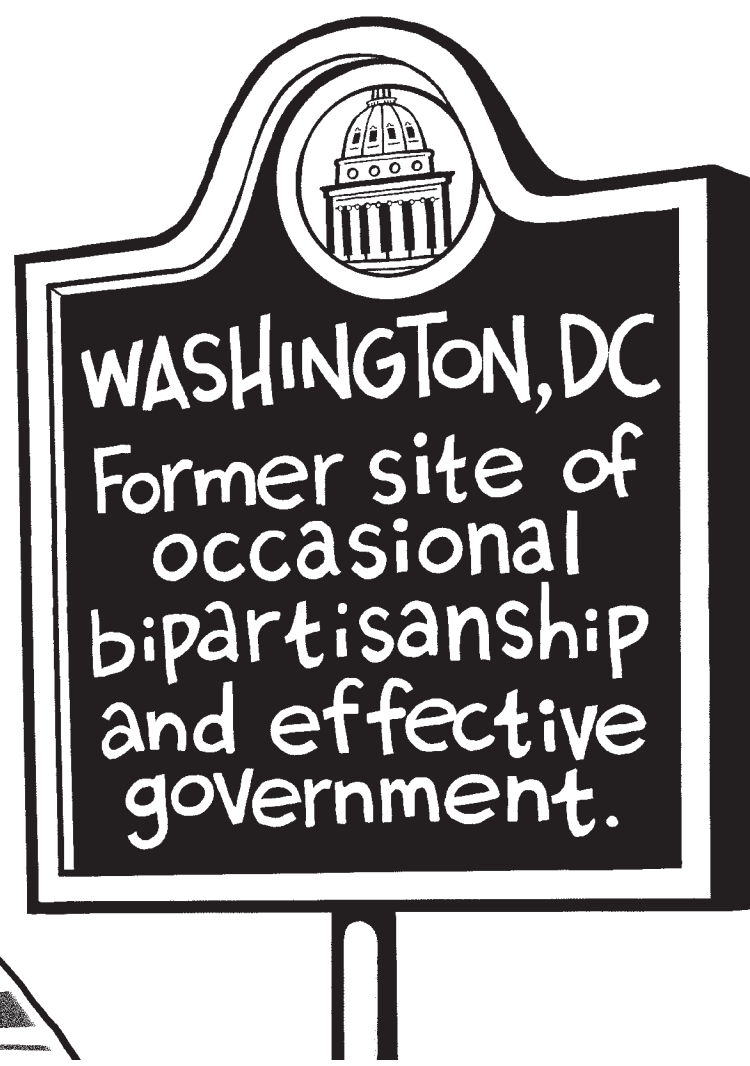
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Never forget those who didn't come home

Few experiences are more powerful or moving than a visit to a cemetery on Memorial Day. Unlike a military cemetery where rows upon rows of graves give silent testimony to the human cost of war, in most Kansas cemeteries the stories of the dead — young, old, male and female — tell a story about the community.

But like their battlefield counterparts, cemeteries that dot the Kansas countryside are the resting place for veterans. Some of these graves are filled with young men who barely reached adulthood when they died. Their stories tell of dreams unfulfilled, of promises and potentials cut short.

When visiting these places, it is possible to be overcome with a sense of yearning. It is also possible to feel something larger, a sense of finality and rest, and a sense of peace.

The soldiers from World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan are at rest in these cemeteries. They live on in the memory of their families and friends and, in a larger sense, in the memory and gratitude of the nation they gave their lives for. Linger among the memories is always the nagging question: Did they die in vain?

On Memorial Day, Kansans will once again gather in cemeteries in Iola, Valley Falls, Meade, Washington, Hoisington or Grinnell to recall and reassure themselves that the lives and deaths of these young men and women



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had meaning.

When we think of our liberties this Memorial Day, remember that some gave all. Remember those veterans who died so we could remain free.

Only a handful of those who served in World War I remain, and the number who served in World War II dwindles daily. Vietnam veterans have reached middle age and today's young men and women are the veterans of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

For many their story remains the same. They grew up as farm kids in the Midwest or some other region of our country. Those from the Midwest grew up with the feel of the prairie earth beneath their feet, the wide-open sky overhead and the rhythm of the seasons in their blood.

At an early age, most of the young men and women learned to cultivate the soil, plant crops and harvest the bounty with their parents. Like many farm boys and girls, they understood machinery and the use of tools. They

developed self-reliance and initiative.

Soon, many found themselves in another field far from home. This field was a battlefield in Europe, the Far East, Vietnam or the Middle East. These veterans become the unsung heroes of war.

But these young men and women were not repairing a combine in a harvest field or operating a small business on Main Street. Instead, they were patching up a tank under enemy fire, threading their way through the jungles of Vietnam, avoiding anti-personnel mines in Iraq or keeping an eye peeled for snipers in Afghanistan.

This Memorial Day, mothers, fathers, families and friends will travel to cemeteries across Kansas and our country. Once on those hallowed grounds, they will pause to remember and pray for the young men and women who did not return from war. For many, visiting a cemetery on Memorial Day somehow eases the pain and loss of loved ones.

At the same time let's give thanks and remember those veterans who are still with us. Let's not forget those serving around the world today in the armed forces.

John Schlageck of the Kansas Farm Bureau is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. He grew up on a diversified farm near Seguin, and his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Scramble for cash impacts system

Over many years both inside and outside Congress, I saw very little outright corruption. But frequently I saw money's disproportionate influence on the decisions of government.

Many trends in American politics and government today make me worry about the health of our representative democracy. These include the decline of Congress as a powerful, coequal branch of government, the accumulation of power in the presidency, and the impact of money on the overall political process.

Recently, the Supreme Court's five-member majority declared that it's unconstitutional to limit the aggregate amount an individual can give to candidates, political parties and political action committees.

Campaign contributions amplify free speech, these justices maintain, and campaign finance laws violate the First Amendment: any limit on the ability of individuals to contribute to candidates is a restraint of free speech. The only legitimate cause for the government to step in is to fight blatant, obvious corruption; it should not act to limit access and influence by well-to-do donors. The result of this decision will almost certainly increase the impact of money on the political system.

The problem is, money doesn't have to be handed over in an envelope filled with \$100 bills to be harmful. The Supreme Court decision seems to be insensitive to what money is doing to the political system.

Big money is here to stay in politics. Those of us who wish it were otherwise have lost that argument — at least for the near term.

But we weren't mistaken about the impact of free-flowing campaign cash on the system. Politicians need large sums of money to run for office, and they spend a lot of time raising it. They are keenly attuned to generous donors. Inevitably, this gives more political influence to the relative handful of wealthy donors (only

Other Opinions

• Lee Hamilton
Center on Congress

a few thousand at best) who choose to “invest” in politics and often, though not invariably, get what they want. The influence of voters without the financial means to command attention is diminished.

Lawmakers, of course, insist that big donors get nothing in response for their contributions except, perhaps, for a little face time. I am skeptical of that claim. Money buys access that people without money don't get, and access is nothing less than an opportunity to affect legislation.

It is a rare politician who can remain entirely uninfluenced by large political contributions to his or her campaign. After all, members of Congress seek assignments to committees that are known to be useful for fundraising, and those wealthy individuals and interests spend large sums on wooing and electing politicians for a purpose: to get public policy favorable to their views and interests.

Over many years both inside and outside Congress, I saw little outright corruption, but on a frequent basis I could see money's disproportionate influence on the decisions of government and its distortion of our representative democracy. With their decision the justices may have expanded personal liberty, but they've done so lopsidedly: boosting the liberty of ordinary individuals who cannot afford to give to political campaigns gains them nothing in the way of political influence.

The Court's decision further empowers a few rich people and disempowers many ordinary people. This is not a desirable direction for our representative government. Our system should encourage a government responsive to all citizens, not just a few.

What can we do? I would prefer that the president and Congress step in and design rules of campaign finance that would reverse the growing influence of money on our campaigns, but that does not appear likely to happen. Indeed, even now opponents of campaign finance laws are preparing challenges to the remaining limits on individual contributions and to the easily-avoided disclosure laws we already have. I'm certain they'll get a sympathetic hearing in the Supreme Court.

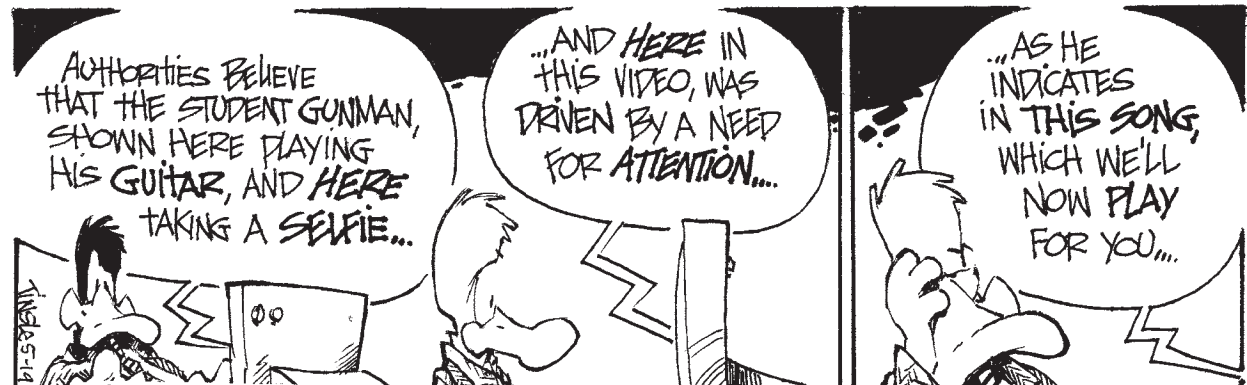
Paradoxically, this may be our best hope. Because I also believe that Americans are growing tired of the outsized impact that great wealth enjoys in politics, and that a backlash to the Court's decisions is taking shape. My sense is that growing numbers of ordinary voters are recognizing that money is a poison in our system. I fervently hope that support for public financing and for muscular disclosure laws will grow with time, because our politics will be more democratic, more honest, and more free if we reduce the impact of money on elections.

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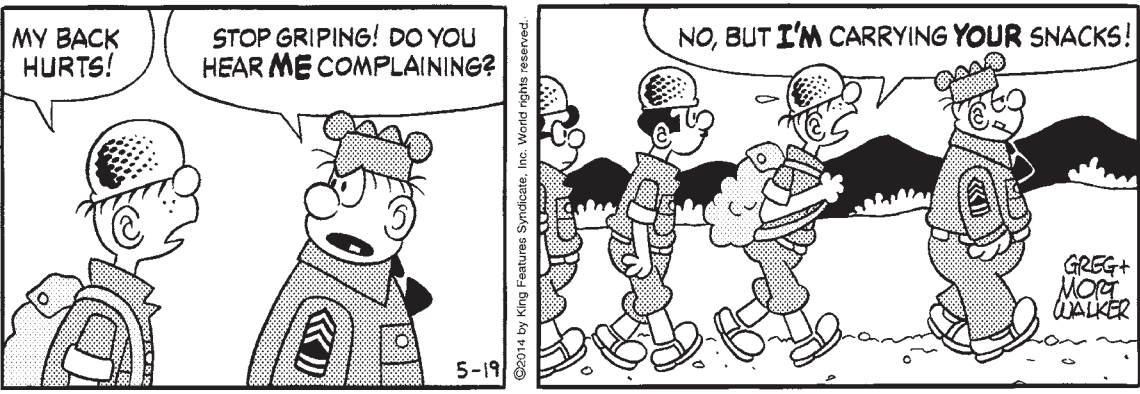
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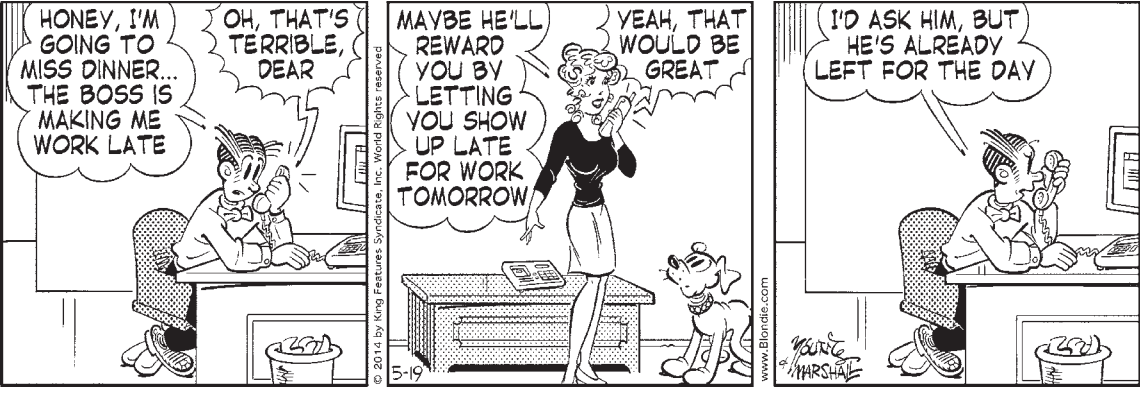
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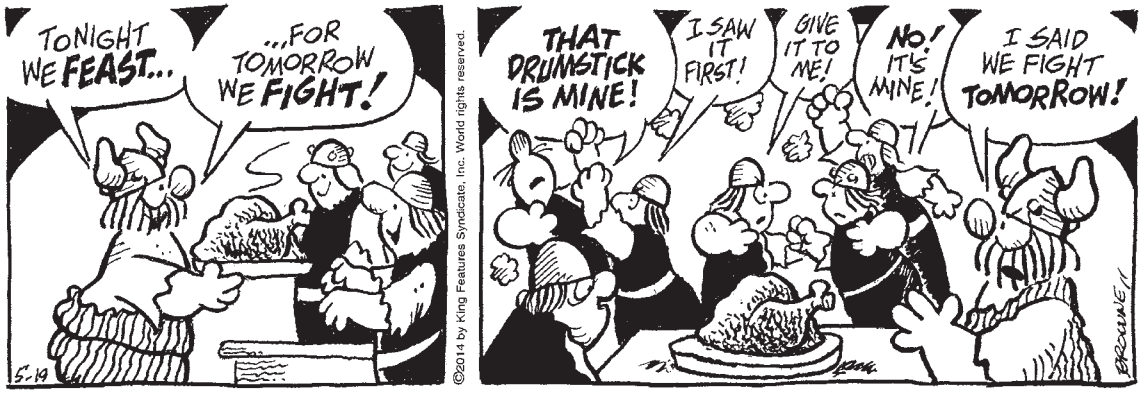
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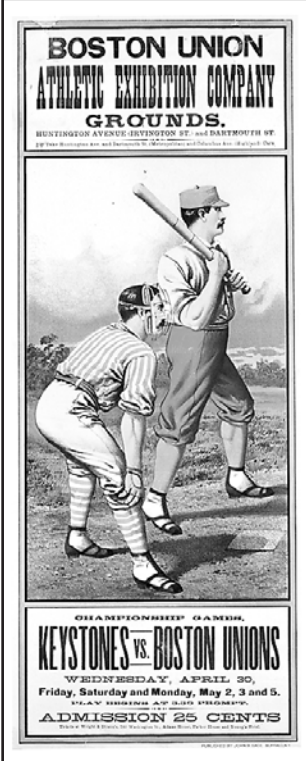
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• Antiques and Collecting

Baseball in U.S. goes way back



A lithographed poster showing two baseball players competing in a championship game in Boston in 1884 sold for \$15,000 at an April 2014 Bonhams auction in New York City. Sports memorabilia includes everything from low-priced baseball cards to high-priced rarities and autographs.

Last month a poster for a championship game in Boston between the Philadelphia Keystones and the Boston Unions in 1884 was auctioned by Bonhams in New York. The poster shows a batter and catcher in proper uniforms as they played on a site that is now Copley Square in downtown Boston. It sold for \$15,000.

Q: I have a Lalique "Champs Elysees" bowl shaped like two oak leaves. The leaves are frosted, and the base and connecting part are clear. The bowl is 7 1/2 inches high and 18 inches wide, and weighs 21 pounds. How much is it worth?

A: Rene Lalique (1860-1945) began making Art Nouveau glass in Paris in the 1890s. Lalique glass still is being made. Pieces made by Rene were marked with the signature "R. Lalique." Those made from 1945 until 1977 are marked "Lalique France." Newer pieces include the letter "R" in a circle. Your bowl is worth about \$1,000 to \$2,000. The pattern still is being made.

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Bridge • Steve Becker

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K 10 4, ♥9 6, ♦AKQJ 3, ♣AQ 4. WEST: ♠J 2, ♥J 8 4, ♦7 5, ♣J 10 9 7 6 5. EAST: ♠Q 9 7, ♥K 10 7 3 2, ♦9 8 6 2, ♣2. SOUTH: ♠A 8 6 5 3, ♥AQ 5, ♦10 4, ♣K 8 3. The bidding: South 1♠, West Pass, North 3♦, East Pass, South 3NT, West Pass, North 4♠, East Pass, South 5♥, West Pass, North 6♠, East Pass. Opening lead — jack of clubs.

Famous Hand Bridge is a truly fascinating game, and here is a hand to prove it. The deal occurred in the French Open Pairs many years ago and was reported by Jean Besse in the British Bridge World magazine. A brief inspection of the four hands shows that declarer has 12 easy tricks, since the trumps are divided 3-2. However, South went down one, and we can all lend a sympathetic ear to the tale of just how this unexpected result came about.

Declarer won the club lead with the king and led a low trump to dummy's king, on which French star George Theron dropped the queen! This remarkable play produced the desired effect. South was naturally afraid that East's queen was a singleton, which would make West's original spade holding J-9-7-2. If that were the case, South could not afford to play a spade to the ace next, since West's J-9 would then both become tricks, and the slam would go down.

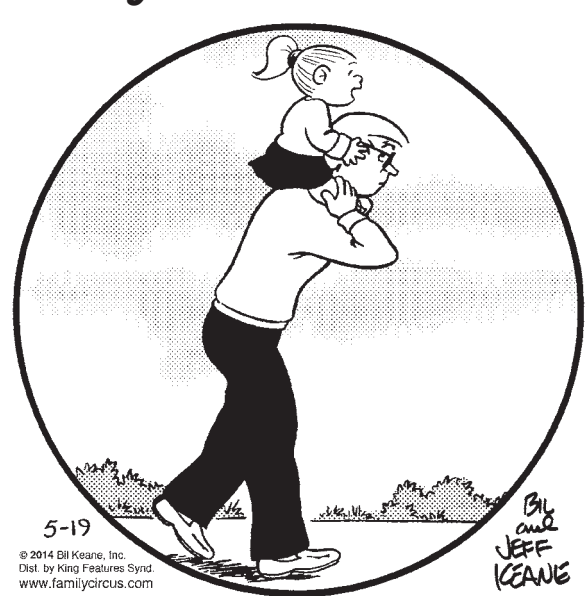
So, to guard against this possibility, declarer crossed to the ten of diamonds and led a low trump toward dummy's ten. This would ensure only one trump loser if the situation was as South feared. Declarer didn't mind if it turned out that East originally had the Q-J alone, since that would be his only loser.

But West won the spade with the jack, stewed for a while and finally returned a club. Theron ruffed, and six spades went down one.

In the post-mortem that followed, Theron twitted his partner for taking so long to return a club. West replied that he was not sure Theron had another trump, whereupon Theron, with tongue in cheek, said that he had indicated three trumps by playing high-low!

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

	5	9	4	6		2		
4	3					5		7
			7			4		
8		6						2
3	4				6			1
9			4					5
	1			6				
5	6						8	3
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Difficulty Level ★ 5/19

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

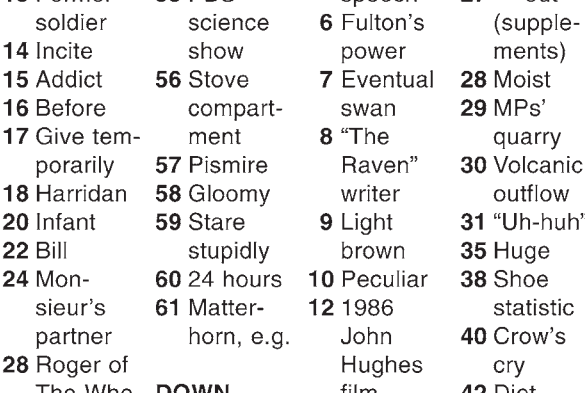
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS BLOKE IS A WORDPLAY PRO, BUT HE REALLY NEEDS TO TAKE A SHOWER. HE'S A PUNGENT PUN GENT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals F

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
1 Opposite of "post-"
4 Hosp. hookups with
7 Busy
11 Node
13 Former soldier
14 Incite
15 Addict
16 Before
17 Give temporarily
18 Harridan
20 Infant
22 Bill
24 Mon-sieur's partner
28 Roger of The Who
32 Impresario Sol
33 Vacationing
34 Name
36 Bear's home
37 Film
39 Big Mac ingredients
41 "—, Trains & Automobiles"
- DOWN**
23 Foundation
25 Caspian feeder
26 Re-locate
27 — out (supplements)
6 Fulton's power
7 Eventual swan
8 "The Raven" writer
9 Light brown
10 Peculiar
12 1986 John Hughes film
19 Series of battles
21 "Hum-bug!"
23 Founda-tion
25 Caspian feeder
26 Re-locate
27 — out (supple-ments)
28 Moist
29 MPs'
30 Volcanic outflow
31 "Uh-huh"
35 Huge
38 Shoe
40 Crow's cry
42 Diet lunch
45 Hawaiian resort area
47 Nickel-odeon's explorer
48 Satanic
49 Free-way access
50 Trot
51 Eggs
52 Fresh
54 Pigen



Saturday's answer 5-19

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11			12			13			14
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