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City OK's one-way by school

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At the suggestion of the Colby School District, the Colby City Council agreed Tuesday to make part of Third Street one-way to make it safer to drop off and pick up kids by the elementary and middle schools.

City Manager Tyson McGreer said the city will need to draft an ordinance to make Third east-bound-only from Range Avenue to Grant, one of several changes to traffic flow that the school board requested last month. The council discussed the proposal at its own meeting a week later and decided to consult with Penco Engineering, which frequently does street engineering work for the city.

On Tuesday, the city decided to drop most of the school board's requested changes. These included making Lincoln – now a north-

bound street – one way south-bound between Third and Fourth streets, and making Cleveland Avenue south of the middle school one way northbound from Webster behind the old Colby Medical Services building to Second, where it turns west at the middle school.

The school board suggested making much of Third an unloading zone with no parking between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in front of the schools. The board also considered changing other parking rules at its June meeting, but did not vote on them.

Superintendent Terrel Harrison talked about the traffic situation with McGreer, city Public Works Director Omar Weber, who serves on the school board, and police officers.

After the council meeting July 1, the city submitted the changes

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Department planning move

TOPEKA (AP) – Kansas Department of Revenue employees will be moving to a new building next year as the state moves forward with plans to leave the 1950s-era Docking State Office Building and eventually tear it down.

The Department for Children and Families also will be moving out of the Docking building by July 2015, said Todd Fertig, a spokesman for the Department of

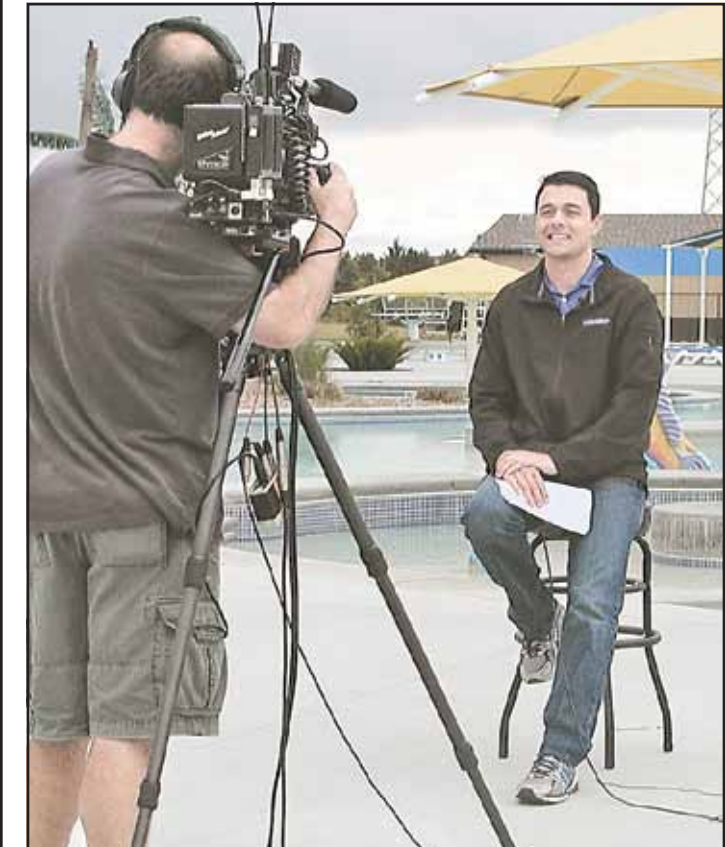
Administration.

Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan told employees in an email earlier this month that the Administration Department had closed a request for public bids to lease office space to the Revenue Department, *The Topeka Capital-Journal* (<http://bit.ly/1rmlDuc>) reported.

"Ideally, I would like to keep all of us together in one building but

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Home town on camera



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Brian Gordon filmed Colby native Michael Schwanke Thursday afternoon at the Colby Aquatic Park, during a series of segments Schwanke did about his hometown. A graduate of Colby High, he now works at KWCH news station in Wichita, where the news anchors are doing stories about their hometowns. "We just wanted to find a way to find positive news," Schwanke said of the series, called "Kansas Proud." The crew went to the pool around 2 p.m., where Mayor Gary Adrian gave Schwanke a framed copy of the proclamation making Thursday "Michael Schwanke Day" in Colby. The crew produced live shows at 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 p.m. Thursday, and station reporter Lauren Seabrooke came here earlier to profile local resident Lana Johnson.



Pickin' fun tunes in fast

Pickin' On the Plains had toes tapping and people humming even before tonight's opening concert. There were two jam sessions going at once Thursday night in the 4-H building, starting with this group (above), who set up where the food had been served. Larry Booth (left) drew his own circle as he sang in the big main room. Players started picking after the traditional potluck that opened this year's Pickin' On the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival. Though the jam session sometimes moves outside, the threat of rain this year encouraged musicians and listeners alike to stay under cover. The forecast for the rest of the weekend is more promising for the festival.

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Colby shooter makes state meet

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A Colby 4-H member won statewide recognition last weekend for his shooting prowess, as part of a team that represented Thomas County.

Keegan Morgan won first overall when he qualified for the state shotgun championship at a regional 4-H event Saturday in Dodge City. Team member Jay Ziegelmeier placed third overall, and all six shooters on the Thomas County 4-H team qualified. They were among about 45 kids from six counties shooting in trap.

His goal is to be the state champion trap shooter, said his mom, Carol Morgan. The

championship will be in September at the Ark Valley Gun Club.

Qualifying for state followed an even more interesting achievement, she added, when Keegan was picked to represent Kansas at the national 4-H shooting invitational from June 24 to 29 in Grand Island, Neb.

"My sporting clays, I should have done better," he said, adding that he was happy with his placing in the other two events.

Kansas placed eighth out of 24 teams, she said. That makes Keegan Morgan part of the highest-placing team from Kansas in the history of the event, and the first team from this state to place in the top 10.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "It was a once in a lifetime chance, pretty much. It was

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Keegan Morgan shot skeet at the national 4-H shooting invitational last month in Grand Island, Neb. He helped represent the best team from Kansas ever to compete at the event.



Other Viewpoints

Retirement system growing more solid

Depending on who you talk to these days, either the state government's finances are in good shape overall despite having hit some rough spots, or they're in an uncontrolled free fall without a parachute.

The truth, as is often the case, probably lies somewhere in the middle, and if problems are on the horizon, they likely can be fixed if our elected officials are willing.

A point in case is the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, which a few short years ago was among Kansas' biggest financial hot spots. Now, a report, "The High Cost of Big Labor: Understanding Public Pension Debt," indicates changes are moving the system to sounder, if not rock solid, footing.

That should be welcome news to every pension participant and every Kansas taxpayer. A lot of Kansans depend on the system to meet their financial needs when they quit working, and nothing is more important than ensuring money is in hand to meet the call for benefits as public employees reach retirement age.

Different reports and studies that rank state pension systems according to their unfunded liabilities have Kansas in the middle of the pack or as high as 14th, among the worst. That might not sound good, but the experts seem to agree Kansas has taken responsible steps to get its system back on track.

Xosius Hogan, a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, which published the report, says the Kansas retirement system was rated in the middle of the pack for years but slipped between 2009 and 2012. The state deserves some kudos, Hogan says, for taking action when it did.

That's not to suggest everything is rosy. The unfunded liability once was estimated at \$10 billion, and that represents a lot of retirement checks.

Alan Conroy, chief executive of the program, said at the end of 2012, the system's funding level had fallen to 56.4 percent of projected needs. When more current information is released this week, Conroy said, he expects it to show the level has risen to 60 percent due to higher contributions by the state and its employees and investment returns. Hogan says 60 percent is somewhat of a floor for solvency and that a pension system is considered well-funded at 80 percent or above.

Clearly the state is doing better with these reforms, including the increased level of employer and employee contributions, enacted by the 2012 Legislature, but there still is much work to do.

Any movement in the right direction is worth hailing, but state and system officers must ensure that the fund keeps making gains and doesn't move again in the wrong direction.

Hitting the 60 percent mark would be an accomplishment. Eventually hitting at least 80 percent apparently is essential. It's not out of reach if those in charge are determined to make it happen.

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

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Savor the fruits of your labor

Now that gardens across Kansas are bearing vegetables, it's time to taste, enjoy and appreciate the fruits or our labor.

It seems like just a few short weeks ago that folks walked to the machine shop, shed or garage, plucked a spade out of one of the dark corners and headed for the garden plot. Now that our home-grown produce is ready, it's a real treat to pick armloads of radishes, potatoes, tomatoes and cucumbers.

The tomatoes my mother grew remain the best I've ever eaten. Hot days coupled with cool nights, low humidity and 180 degrees of sunlight ensured these tomatoes tasted terrific. The wonderful, rich sandy loam soil of northwestern Kansas where I grew up played a part as well.

Every winter, Mom started each tomato plant using seeds from her mother's garden — talk about heirloom tomatoes. And talk about flavor.

While texture, variety and acidity are all paramount, for me the litmus test of a terrific tomato is the amount of juice within. It's also the amount of juice left in the serving bowl once the tomatoes are gone. As kids, we'd wrestle every meal to see who drank the juice out of the bowl.

In the late 1950s and '60s, fresh produce wasn't as plentiful as today. Families grew



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many of the foods they ate. Some couldn't afford to go to the store and buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

Today, while most people can afford to buy all their produce, some of us would still rather grow their own.

One of the main reason people choose to do so is because home-grown fruits and vegetables taste better when picked fresh off the vine. There's also nothing more satisfying than to walk out to your own garden, gather a handful of onions or radishes and head for the kitchen.

Another thing folks are discovering is how good a lot of foods taste raw. If you don't believe me, just bite into a fresh carrot, radish or slice up a cool, refreshing cucumber and slip it into your mouth. The proof is in the tasting.

Some of us were born with a sweet tooth. I'm one.

Fresh fruit, ice cream and chocolates are my favorites. If you've ever picked strawber-

ries, and sprinkled them on a heaping bowl of vanilla ice cream, you know what I'm talking about. Sometime popping a few fresh strawberries ripe from the vine into your mouth is even better.

When I was a kid, Dad always planted sweet corn. We called them roasting ears. Corn pulled fresh from the stalk, steamed or grilled and spread thick with butter — hey, someone bring me a napkin please, I'm drooling.

For those of us concerned about saving energy, eating our fruits and vegetables fresh out of the garden could be another alternative. Once you acquire a taste for fresh produce, it's nearly impossible to go back to cooking the bejesus out of your fruits and veggies.

So the next time you're out working in your garden this summer and sweat begins to drip down your face, remember all those wonderful, fresh berries, peppers, radishes and tomatoes you'll soon eat on your own table. Harvesting the fruits of your own labor will be worth it.

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.

Research trumps teaching now in places

In education, the road to disaster is usually paved with good intentions. In the mid-1990s, China's Ministry of Education decided to use the American research university criteria for faculty promotion. While teaching universities such as Pittsburg State, Fort Hays and Emporia State universities judge faculty on three criteria — teaching, research and service — Carnegie research universities such as the University of Kansas and Kansas State University judge and tenure faculty on research, research and research. And this is the reward system that China imposed on all of its universities.

China's professors are paid very poorly so they use additional bonus pay to "motivate" professors to work extra. And the bonus to a Chinese professor for publishing in a high-ranked Western journal is handsome indeed. An author of such papers can bring in the rough equivalent of \$10,000.

This strategy has been successful in propelling the People's Republic to the lead in major research journals in many fields. There are two supreme international science journals — *Science* and *Nature* — that publish breakthrough science. This latter publication counts authors by nationality. According to their Nature Publishing Index, "the fastest growth in high-quality research is now coming from other countries — in particular China and Singapore." In 2012, the number of Chinese authors in the journal *Nature* had soared 35 percent over the previous year and was just short of bypassing the number of United States science authors.

But if turning Chinese universities into intensive research factories has succeeded in driving China's presence in science to the number one spot by numbers, it has been a disaster when it comes to teaching.

Across China, university professors run to class, plug in their PowerPoint, and read the slides with minimal elaboration. At the end of class, they ask their students "Any questions?"

No Asian student will ever admit to having



John Richard Schrock

• Education Frontlines

a question. Throughout school, they have sat passively in classes where the complete burden for learning is on them. To ask a question about some concept that the teacher presented but you did not understand is to confess that you did not read the book beforehand or prepare yourself for class. And in classes that have a minimum of 60 students, why should one student waste all of the other students' time by having the teacher back up and explain something again.

No, there will be no questions asked at the end of class. So the professor races back to his office and lab to work-work-work on getting out that publication that will perhaps bring in more income than his annual salary. No time is wasted on daily quizzes or mid-term tests either. Time taken to write and grade tests is time not available to conduct research and publish.

Placing all of the students' eggs in one final test basket is common practice in China. That is what students have become accustomed to in their frantic studies to pass the middle school zhong kao test to enter senior high school, and then to pass the life-determining gao kao test to enter college. Since there is only one final test in most classes, many students learn to be lazy for the first three-fourths of the course, sometimes skipping class and not reading daily assignments. Then comes the last month of classes and they cram like no Western student has ever crammed. It is a terrible way to "teach" and learn.

I gained no friends when I taught a semester in China and told my students they would have

a quiz at the end of class every day, just as I do here in Kansas. My students hardly believed me until they began taking them. Some faculty were not happy either, lest they be pressured to copy me. When I pointed out that I could detect when most students failed to grasp a concept, and I could teach it again at the beginning of my next class, their response was "Why? It is the students' responsibility to learn it. Why waste time repeating?"

But new young professors returning from training in the West, are not all happy with China's failure to value good teaching. The problem China's Ministry faces is how to objectively evaluate and reward good teaching? Western education school rubrics are a farce; teaching is an art and they try to assign numbers to Picasso or Rembrandt. But the extensive Chinese network of mutual obligations, called "guanxi" makes it difficult to ensure objective teaching evaluation.

China's emphasis on university research is shortchanging Chinese students. It is a uniquely Chinese educational problem and they will eventually have to find a Chinese solution.

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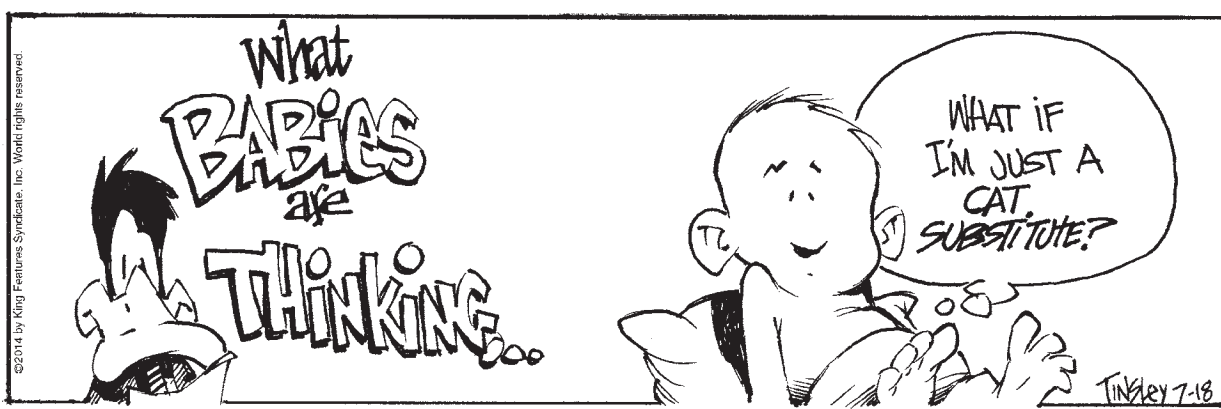
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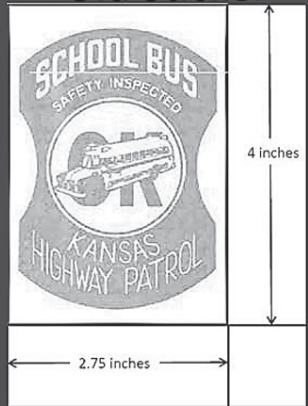
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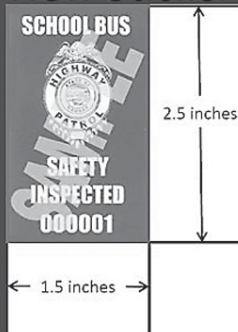




Old Sticker



New Sticker



Kansas Highway Patrol

The old bus inspection stickers were larger than the new ones are.

Patrol makes sure school buses are safe

The Kansas Highway Patrol is charged annually with ensuring school buses are in proper working order before being put on the road.

This month and next, as parents are purchasing their kids' school supplies, teachers are prepping their classrooms, and students are looking forward to seeing their friends again, the Highway Patrol will be working to ensure these students are kept safe on their travels to and from school. Every July and August, troopers, in conjunction with school districts across the state, check all school buses to ensure they are all in good working order.

Troopers will check the buses from the middle of July until the beginning of the school session to make sure the vehicles will load, transport, and unload students safely. Buses and other vehicles throughout the state are also inspected for compliance with safety regulations. A few of the things troopers will be checking are the lights, emergency exits, tires, windshield wipers, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and emergency spill kits.

"Our children are our future. We owe it to the family members, and their children alike, to make sure these kids arrive to and from their destinations safely," said Lt. Joshua Kellerman, public information officer. "By partnering with these school districts across Kansas, we can assure that we are taking the proper steps to keep our children safe."

Thousands of school vehicles' equipment and mechanical conditions will be checked as troopers visit each school district. The inspection stickers have been updated this year, as a joint effort

between the Highway Patrol and the Kansas State Department of Education. For any bus or school vehicle passing inspection from June 1 through May 31, 2015, a blue sticker will be displayed in the lower driver's side corner of the windshield. Vehicles that do not comply with safety regulations cannot be used to transport students until all defects are corrected and a trooper rechecks the vehicle.

In 2013, the Patrol inspected 11,215 buses and other school vehicles for defects. Over the last 10 years, the Patrol has inspected 95,237 school vehicles that transport students.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE July 6

12:47 a.m. - Caller wanted information on protection order.
 6 p.m. - Locksmith contacted for subjects who had locked keys in vehicle.
 7:52 p.m. - Caller reported ref child custody issues. Provided information; civil matter.
 8:40 p.m. - Traffic control for stalled vehicle.
 9:15 p.m. - Helped look for erratic driver. Not found.
 9:54 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driver. Followed vehicle; driving was fine.
 11:53 p.m. - Helped Sheriff's Office unit.
 11:54 p.m. - Caller reported a dog charging at her. Report filed for vicious animal.

July 8

12:09 a.m. - Open door : checked and secured building.
 2:01 a.m. - Security check to residences.
 2:06 a.m. - Open door, building secured.
 8:25 a.m. - Narcotics violation report filed.
 10:48 a.m. - Theft: manager advised of quick change artist on June 27. Report filed.
 11:20 a.m. - Dog at large; unable to catch.
 11:45 a.m. - Provided directions for motorist.
 11:50 a.m. - Report filed for theft on July 6.
 4:37 p.m. - Caller reported vehicle driving erratically on westbound I-70 since Oakley; now parked. Spoke to driver; all OK.
 7:53 p.m. - Caller reported subject driving on an expired driver's license. Someone else will drive home.
 8:58 p.m. - Back doors on trailer open. All OK.

9:42 p.m. - Walk through at Colby Cinemas
 10:13 p.m. - Transients in parking lot sent to the Law Enforcement Center for aid.
 10:17 p.m. - Caller reported barking dogs in pen in back yard. Spoke to owner.
 10:48 p.m. - Walk through at Wal-Mart.
 10:55 p.m. - Criminal damage to property report filed for incident.

July 9

3:35 a.m. - Provided directions to motorist.
 3:56 a.m. - Security check at the elementary school.
 12:07 p.m. - Criminal damage reported.
 3:49 p.m. - Caller reported hit and run. No damage. Suspect vehicle not found.
 8:11 p.m. - Clerk called about vehicle parked in delivery area of business.
 8:57 p.m. - Caller reported people shooting off fireworks. Not found.
 9:35 p.m. - Provided information to subject on phone about tagging vehicles out of state.

July 10

1:48 a.m. - Security check at Wal-Mart.
 10:10 a.m. - Caller advised of counterfeit bill. Report filed.
 1:57 p.m. - Hit and run accident with fence.
 3:29 p.m. - Subject brought wallet to station found at Fourth and Grant. Contacted owner to pick it up.
 8:39 p.m. - Helped ambulance crew.
 10:50 p.m. - Caller reported of being kicked out of motel. Spoke with subject.

Last Friday

4:25 a.m. - Caller reported possible drunk subject in the parking lot. Not found.
 10:40 a.m. - Funeral block for Kersenbrock's Funeral Chapel to westbound I-70 on-ramp mile 54.

1:07 p.m. - Subjects had posted a homeless sign. Spoke to subjects; all OK.
 3:34 p.m. - Spoke to subj on phone about loaning vehicle and subject didn't return it; no report at this time.
 5:59 p.m. - Caller reported juvenile shooting gun. Spoke to subject.
 6:01 p.m. - Caller reported dog left in vehicle. Vehicle was gone when officer arrived.
 6:57 p.m. - Caller reported drunk subject sitting in vehicle. Made contact.
 7:10 p.m. - Spoke to subject on phone about officer's watching her; explained we were checking another vehicle.
 7:10 p.m. - Vehicle taking up three or four parking spaces. Located vehicle owner, vehicle was moved.
 7:59 p.m. - Provided traffic block at Fourth and Range for Midwest Energy.
 9:09 p.m. - Injured kitten. Located kitten, removed.
 9:37 p.m. - Assisted Highway Patrol trooper.

Saturday

12:09 a.m. - Injury accident report filed.

12:09 a.m. - Driving under the influence report filed.
 7:50 a.m. - Two dogs at large. Owner located and ticketed.
 9:26 a.m. - 911 caller advised of domestic battery. Report filed.
 9:39 a.m. - Caller reported possible abandoned vehicle.
 11:19 a.m. - Highway Patrol dispatcher advised of subject possibly following woman. Report filed.
 1:57 p.m. - Provided traffic control for Legion Riders from east city limits to the American Legion, then Oasis Travel Center.
 3:24 p.m. - Civil standby.
 3:53 p.m. - Recovered property report filed on items left at business.
 4:50 p.m. - Battery report filed for incident at 9:26 a.m.
 4:50 p.m. - Possession report filed on traffic stop.
 5:01 p.m. - Welfare check on dog. Dog was fine.
 9:51 p.m. - Caller reported snake in grass. It was a bull snake.
 11:30 p.m. - Narcotics violation report filed on incident.
 11:16 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Ferguson Park. Unable to locate.

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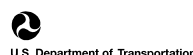


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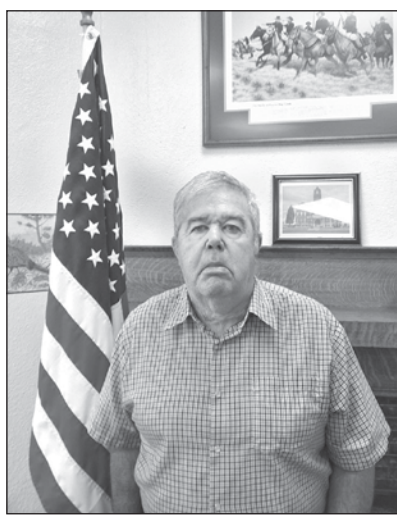
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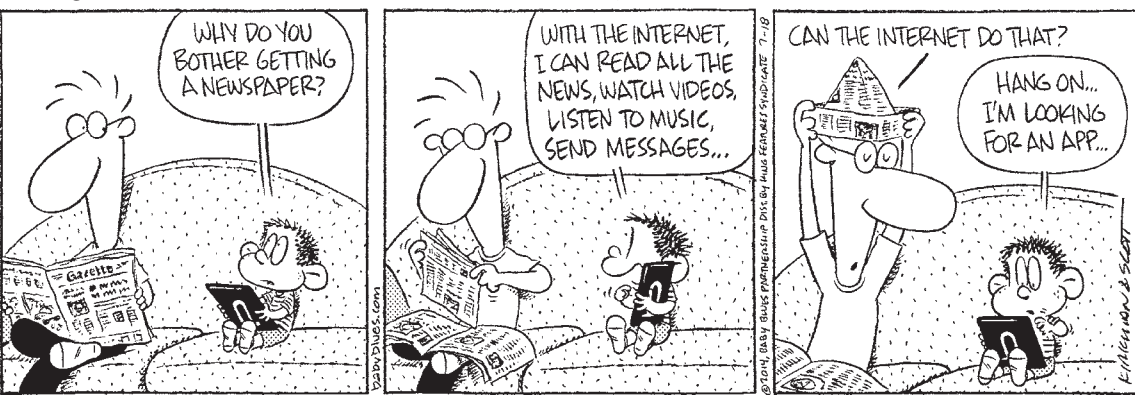
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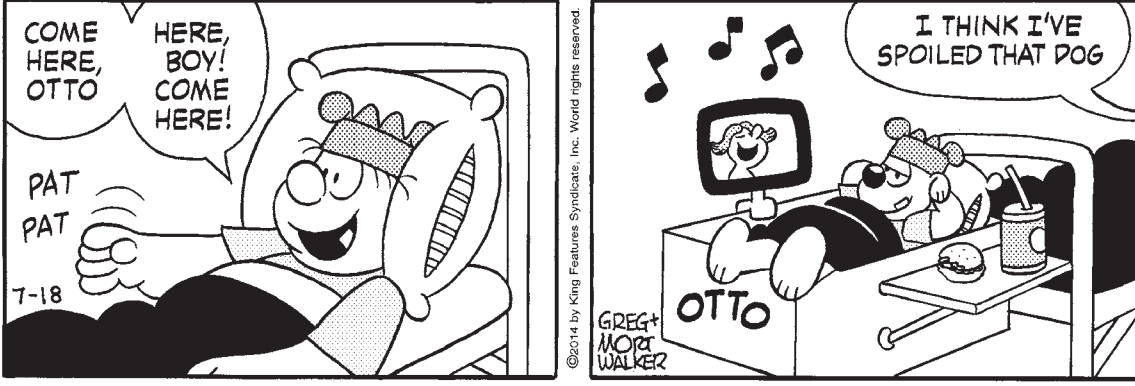
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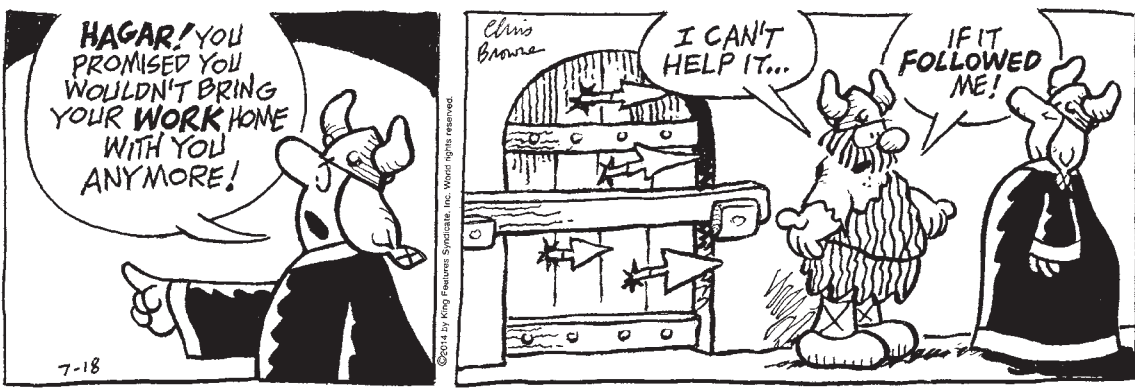
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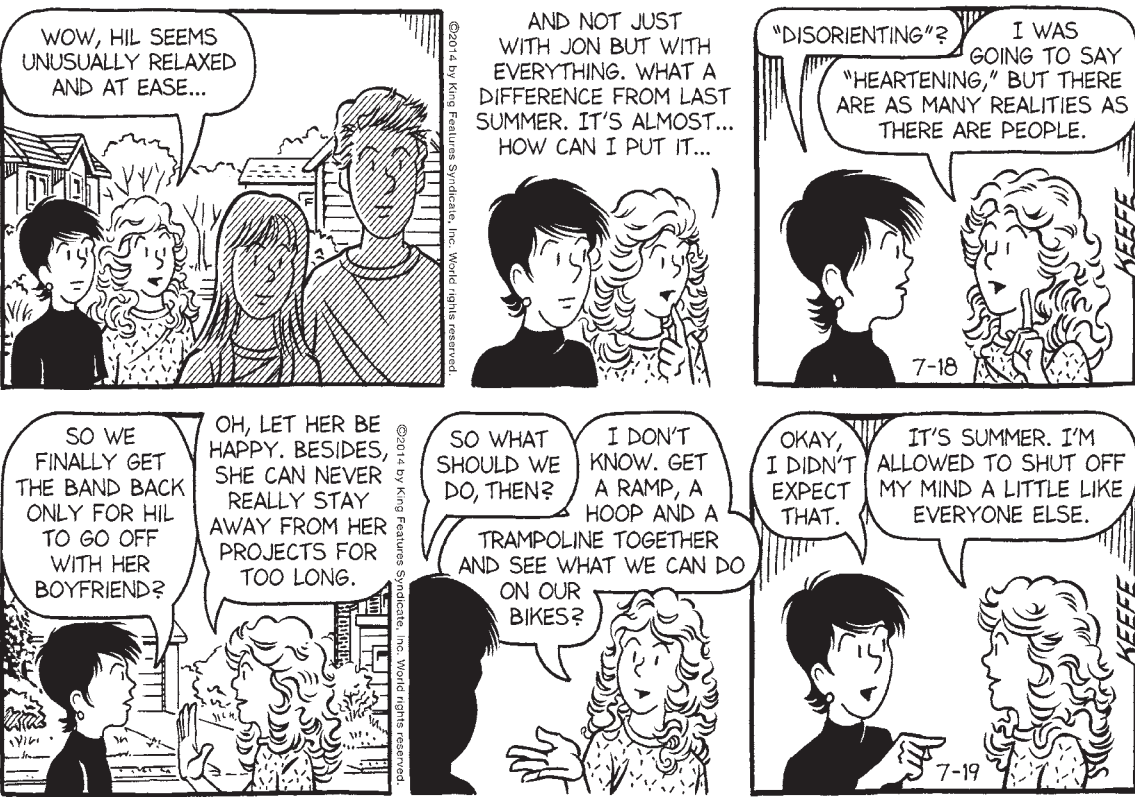
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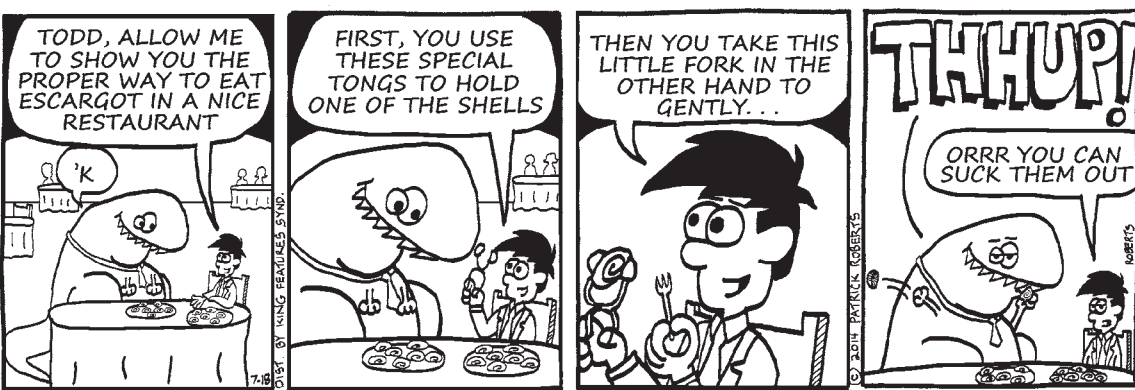
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Iron candle wax right off the wall

Dear Heloise: I blew a candle out too hard the other day and got wax on a wallpapered wall. How can I remove the wax without ruining the wallpaper? – Sylvia in Florida
I have a hint that might help: Using your fingernail, a plastic credit card or another blunt object, carefully scrape off as much of the cold wax as you can. You will then need an iron and facial tissues. Turn your iron on a low setting, and place about six tissues on the wall over the wax. Gently put the iron on the tissues, and you should start to see the wax coming through the tissues. Replace the tissues with clean ones as needed, until no more wax comes off. This should remove all of the wax from the wall. Be careful to iron only the tissues; that way, if the iron scorches, it scorches the tissues and not the wall. – Heloise

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TRAVEL HINT FOLLOW-UP

Dear Heloise: After reading your packing tips, I would like to add my tip: I use newspaper sleeves to hold my underwear and socks or stockings before sliding them into my shoes. This helps me to insert and remove them easily, as well as keep drawers organized if I choose to unpack during the trip. – A Reader, via email

NAILED IT

Dear Heloise: Whenever I am hanging pictures and I have to hammer, I inevitably end up hitting one of my fingers in the process. I came up with a solution. I had some thin foam lying around from another project. I stick the nail into the foam and hold the foam up to the wall. If my hammer slips, it hits the foam and not my finger. And once the nail is where it's needed, I can carefully tear away the foam. – Steve in Montana

WALK ABOUT

Dear Heloise: I take a daily walk around the neighborhood. I always bring baggies to pick up after my dog, but I started bringing a larger bag with me, and I pick up any trash I find. I like knowing that I am helping to keep my neighborhood looking nice and clean. – Teddy in Texas

SOCK ICE PACKS

Dear Heloise: I save lone socks and use them when a family member needs an ice pack. I place the ice in a zippered plastic bag and then slip it into a sock. Then the person gets the benefits of the ice pack without it being too cold. When he or she is done, the ice can be put back into the freezer and used again. – Kelly in Kentucky

PATCH REMEMBRANCE

Dear Heloise: I wear a medication patch. I do not have to change it daily, and I often forget which day I put it on. To help keep track, I use a black permanent marker and write the date on the patch. Now all it takes is a quick glance, and I can remember when I put it on. – Y.W., via email

Bridge • Steve Becker

You are South and hold this hand in each of the following three problems:

- ♠ AQ94 ♥ AQ65 ♦ KQJ83 ♣ —

1. The bidding has been:

Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. South: 1♦, 2♥, 3♣, ?; West: Pass, Pass, Pass; North: 2♣, 3♠, 3 NT; East: Pass, Pass, Pass.

What would you bid now?

2. West bids One Club, your partner passes, and East raises to Two Clubs. What would you bid now?

3. The bidding has been:

Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. South: 1♦, 2♥, 3♣, ?; West: Pass, Pass, Pass; North: 1♥, 2 NT, 3 NT; East: Pass, Pass, Pass.

What would you bid now?

Bidding Quiz

1. Pass. You've told your story, and there's nothing more to add. Certainly this is a fine hand and, on the face of it, suggests a potential slam. But partner is obviously not of the same mind. True, his two-club bid was constructive and showed reasonable values, but his reaction thereafter was all negative. He wants out, and there's no good reason to overrule him. He probably has something like:

♠ 852 ♥ K3 ♦ 74 ♣ AQJ872, in which case three notrump is just about your limit.

2. Three clubs. You could make a takeout double instead, but that would not describe your hand nearly as well as an immediate cuebid. On the bidding to date, your partner can't have much, but opposite your hand, he really doesn't need much to produce a game. Thus, he could have as little as:

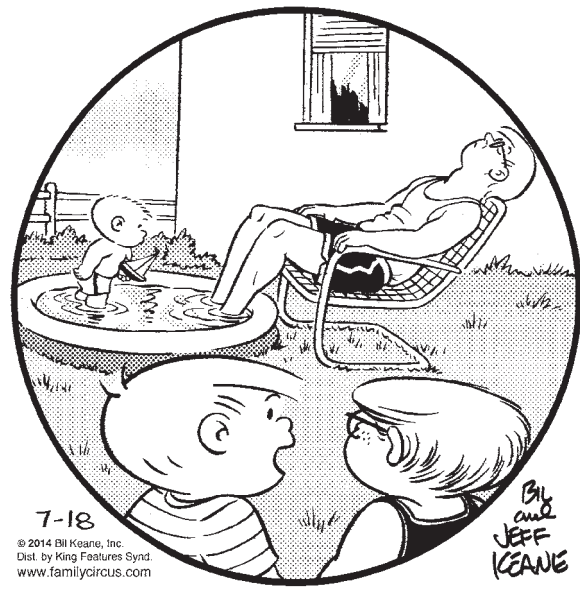
♠ 106 ♥ K10742 ♦ 95 ♣ 9863 and have a good shot for 10 tricks in hearts. The immediate cuebid, implying a powerhouse with a likely void in clubs, will enable partner to appreciate even these slender values.

3. Four hearts. It would be dangerous to venture beyond four hearts, since partner is turning an absolutely deaf ear to your powerful bidding. He is probably looking at something like:

♠ 865 ♥ J983 ♦ 74 ♣ AQ92 and is trying to get out from under. Your eyes tell you that you have an excellent hand with an enormous potential for slam, but your ears should tell you that partner is not interested in going further. Bridge is a partnership game, and if North says he has the wrong hand facing yours, you should trust him by giving up on a slam.

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"My dad started jogging again. His head likes it but his feet don't."

Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

7/18

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.

Completed 9x9 Sudoku grid.

Cryptoquip

XNBJH ATKA B ZPLRCJ'A

GLXCLN ATPGN ZPJGAYBZABJH

GNYVNJAG, B CNZBCNC AP

RNA VOATPJG XN VOATPJG.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M SO DEEPLY WORRIED WHILE MAKING THIS GOULASH. I SUPPOSE I'LL KEEP STEWING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals T

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Scratch, 4 Applaud, 8 Ban-shee's sound, 12 "Little Teapot", 13 Sitarist's rendition, 14 Wheel-base terminus, 15 San Francisco carrier, 17 Touched, 18 Relaxed, 19 Time of your life?, 21 "Monty Python" opener, 22 Passengers' pub, 26 Cereal choices, 29 Crafty, 30 Position, 31 Leisurely pace, 32 Pirouette pivot, 33 Put together, 34 Honest politician, 35 Bashful, 36 Like forks usually filled with freight, 39 Pistol, 40 Ostrich's cousin, 41 Soap ingredient, 45 Frenzied, 48 Cops' transport brand, 50 Furniture brand, 51 Swerve, 52 Former space-craft, 53 Paraphernalia, 54 Faction, 55 Golfer Ernie, 1 Singlass, 2 He loves, to Livy, 3 Playwright David, 4 Peaks, 5 Shoe-strings, 6 Khan title, 7 Biblical tale, 8 Item for mass consumption?, 9 Tin Man's prop, 10 Poorly, 11 Allow, 16 Frankie or Cleo, 20 Festive, 23 Family Staffer, 25 Oboe insert, 26 Spill the beans, 27 Sci-fi prefix, 28 Pinnacle, 29 Sauce source, 32 Fencing moves, 33 Went for the gold?, 35 Muppet eagle, 36 The Green Wave, 38 Scented wood, 39 Pumpkin or cucumber, 42 Wile E.'s provider, 43 Peacock's pride, 44 Blunders, 45 Peruke, 46 Eisenhower, 47 Meadow, 49 Who (Fr.)

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Yesterday's answer 7-18

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Sharks make last big splash at league

Sharks were everywhere when it came to checking the final results of top placers at last weekend's league swim club championships.

No Colby Shark was more dangerous than age 13-14 girl Tayler Bieberle, who helped her team claim three event victories.

Bieberle won the 100-breaststroke in addition two swimming for champion 200-medley and 200-freestyle relays.

Madisyn Lemman, Alexandra Quattlebaum, Paige Schroer and Desiree Foster also helped lead those relays to league titles.

Kory Finley truly made a clean sweep of top five places as he finished first, second, third and fourth in five 13-14 boys events. Finley's 83 points led the Colby male Sharks this season and earned him one of eight league trophies mentioned on Thursday's sports page.

Cade Lanning delivered another title for Colby, winning the 11-12 boys' individual medley. Lanning finished 1-2-3 during his three races.

The Sharks took fourth place overall among eight teams. They scored 172 points which edged Burlington (170).

Goodland's huge swim team tallied 420 points for first place.

Remaining Colby Sharks results from the league meet that weren't included in Thursday's Free Press.

All Colby swimmers age 10 or younger had their results featured on Thursday's sports page.

Age 11-12 girls

Carissa Brogan placed eighth in 50-butterfly, 40.55; ninth in 100-freestyle, 1:26.11; 13th in 50-breaststroke, 36.37; 16th in 50-backstroke, 45.63; and 19th in 100-individual medley, 1:40.11. **Meghann Elling** placed 13th in 50-butterfly, 48.45; 21st in 50-freestyle, 39.66; 22nd in 50-backstroke, 49.93; 23rd in 100-individual medley, 1:45.1; and 27th in 100-freestyle, 1:37.43.

Kourtney Finley placed third in 100-freestyle, 1:13.39; fourth in 50-butterfly, 37.87; fourth in 100-individual medley, 1:24.67; fifth in 50-breaststroke, 44.47; and eighth in 50-freestyle, 32.99. **Emeline Hutton** placed fifth in 50-freestyle, 32.5; fifth in 200-freestyle, 2:57.22; sixth in 100-freestyle, 1:18.02; sixth in 50-breaststroke, 44.55; and 10th in 100-individual medley, 1:28.11. **Mandy Summers** placed 26th in



SONDRA FINLEY

Kourtney Finley (above) was a force for the Colby Sharks all weekend as she took home five Top 10 places during this league championship meet in Wray, Colo. Finley competed against age 11-12 girls. The Sharks took on seven other top swim club teams including champion Goodland (420 points), Oberlin, Oakley, Burlington, Holyoke, Colo.; and Wray. Other Colby swimmers such as Gabriel Schriener (right) made sure the Sharks scored points in older divisions like 15-18 boys. Schriener earned a trio of top five places.



100-freestyle, 1:37.16; and 27th in 100-individual medley, 1:50.22.

Relays: Colby Swim Club A 200-freestyle of Finley, Elling, Brogan and Hutton placed fourth, 2:30.24; and 200-medley of Brogan, Hutton, Finley and Elling placed fourth, 2:57.04.

Age 11-12 boys

Brysen Barton placed third in 50-freestyle, 32.3; fourth in 200-freestyle, 2:48.08; fourth in 50-backstroke, 43.4; fourth in 50-butterfly, 43.23; and fifth in 100-individual medley, 1:33.08. **Cade Lanning won 100-individual medley, 1:24.23;** placed second in 100-freestyle, 1:11.71; and third in 200-freestyle, 2:43.13. **Wade Rush** placed sixth in 50-backstroke, 44.82; seventh in 50-breaststroke, 52.5; ninth in 100-individual medley, 1:43.01; 10th in 50-butterfly, 52.21; and 11th in 200-freestyle, 3:23.22. **Joseph Yanez** placed 12th in 50-breaststroke, 1:06.24; 14th in 50-backstroke, 1:08.77; and 21st in 50-freestyle, 51.09.

Age 13-14 girls

Tayler Bieberle won 100-breaststroke, 1:22.21; placed second in 200-individual medley, 2:48.67; third in 50-freestyle, 30.8; third in 100-freestyle, 1:09.1; and third in 100-backstroke, 1:21.52. **Lynnsey Elling** placed seventh in 400-freestyle, 6:35.29; 13th in 200-freestyle, 3:10.25; 14th in 100-breaststroke, 1:45.09; 21st in 100-freestyle, 1:26.54; and 24th in 50-freestyle, 36.0. **Desiree Foster** placed ninth in 100-backstroke, 1:35.82; 11th in 200-freestyle, 3:08.28; 15th in 50-freestyle, 33.95; 16th in 100-freestyle, 1:21.31; and 17th in 100-breaststroke, 1:50.93. **Madisyn Lemman** placed second in 200-freestyle, 2:41.91; second in 400-freestyle, 5:42.53; third in 100-butterfly, 1:25.35; fifth in 100-freestyle, 1:11.05; and sixth in 50-freestyle, 31.93. **Jayln Mettlen** placed 12th in 100-breaststroke, 1:42.28; and 20th in 50-freestyle, 34.95. **Natalie Oren** placed 12th in 100-backstroke,

1:45.65; 20th in 100-freestyle, 1:24.16; and 26th in 50-freestyle, 37.06. **Alexandra Quattlebaum** placed eighth in 100-butterfly, 1:42.05; 10th in 200-individual medley, 3:22.74; 13th in 100-breaststroke, 1:44.3; 15th in 100-freestyle, 1:20.76; and 17th in 50-freestyle, 34.41. **Paige Schroer** placed sixth in 100-backstroke, 1:31.79; seventh in 100-breaststroke, 1:37.12; eighth in 200-individual medley, 3:16.48; ninth in 50-freestyle, 32.85; and 10th in 100-freestyle, 1:17.09.

Relays: Colby Swim Club A 200-freestyle of Lemman, Quattleman, Schroer and Bieberle won league, 2:11.96; 200-medley of Foster, Bieberle, Lemman and Schroer won league, 2:33.42; 200-freestyle of Elling, Mettlen, Quattlebaum and Oren placed fourth, 2:59.25. Swim Club B 200-freestyle of Mettlen, Oren, Elling and Foster placed fifth, 2:27.4.

Age 13-14 boys

Kory Finley won 400-free-

style, 5:34.14; placed second in 200-freestyle, 2:35.74; third in 200-individual medley, 3:07.91; fourth in 100-breaststroke, 1:33.16; and fifth in 100-butterfly, 1:35.66. **Lander Niblock** placed fifth in 200-freestyle, 3:11.75; fifth in 400-freestyle, 6:43.57; fifth in 100-breaststroke, 1:45.68; ninth in 50-freestyle, 32.73; and 11th in 100-freestyle, 1:21.29.

Relays: Colby Swim Club A 200-freestyle of Barton, Yanez, Rush and Niblock placed second, 2:42.33.

Age 15-18 girls

Quinlee Niblock placed seventh in 100-backstroke, 1:30.9; seventh in 100-breaststroke, 1:34.62; eighth in 200-individual medley, 3:11.04; 10th in 100-freestyle, 1:19.51; and 12th in 50-freestyle, 34.78.

Kyndra Rush placed sixth in 100-backstroke, 1:29.14; sixth in 100-butterfly, 1:48.46; eighth in 100-breaststroke, 1:34.77; 12th in 100-freestyle, 1:20.93; and 12th in 200-individual medley, 3:21.49. **Savanna Sullivant** placed eighth in 100-backstroke, 1:32.18; and 14th in 50-freestyle, 35.79.

Age 15-18 boys

Michael Quattlebaum placed sixth in 400-freestyle, 5:53.51; sixth in 200-individual medley, 3:12.51; seventh in 50-freestyle, 27.99; eighth in 100-backstroke, 1:24.05; and 10th in 200-freestyle, 27.99. **Gabriel Schriener** placed third in 400-freestyle, 5:21.45; third in 200-individual medley, 2:45.06; fourth in 100-backstroke, 1:14.53; eighth in 50-freestyle, 28.89; and eighth in 200-freestyle, 2:32.32. **Shawn Sullivant** placed second in 100-freestyle, 57.83; third in 50-freestyle, 25.63; fourth in 200-freestyle, 2:21.06; and fourth in 100-butterfly, 1:19.05.

Mixed relays: Colby Swim Club A 200-freestyle of Schriener, Quinlee Niblock, Quattlebaum and Shawn Sullivant placed fifth, 1:59.75; 200-medley of Schriener, Rush, Quattlebaum and Shawn Sullivant placed fifth, 2:25.34. Swim Club B 200-medley of Savanna Sullivant, Quinlee Niblock, Finley and Lander Niblock placed ninth, 2:47.18.



Colby native Danny Mainus will aim for his third professional Mixed Martial Arts win in Broomfield, Colo., next week.

Colby man set to fight

By R.B. Headley

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Welcome to the professional world, Ian Connelly, which will surely be a big punch in your face if Danny Mainus has his way.

Colby native Mainus will be aiming a lot of punches at Connelly when these two Mixed Martial Arts pros collide on Friday, July 25, in Broomfield, Colo.

Mainus has agreed to be Connelly's first pro foe during the Resurrection Fighting Alliance 16 at Broomfield's 1stBank Center.

Connelly's a 36-year-old pro "rookie" who has won four of his six amateur bouts representing the Nebraska Panhandle MMA. He is listed two two inches (5'9") than Mainus (5'7") and 11 pounds heavier (146 to 135).

Mainus has the experience edge from five professional MMA bouts (2-3 record). His pro debut featured a 46-second technical knockout of Kyle Carver in 2011.

However, the Colby High alum will be seeking his first victory since 2013. Mainus' last two fights have been split-decision defeats. Tickets can be purchased through cagetix.com.

Will Cavs trade No. 1 pick from Kansas?

from espn.com

The Cleveland Cavaliers are now offering No. 1 overall pick Andrew Wiggins in attempts to trade for Minnesota Timberwolves All-Star forward Kevin Love, league sources have con-

firmed.

The availability of Wiggins could lead to a blockbuster trade that could shift the balance of power in the Eastern Conference and the league as a whole.

The two clubs have been engaged in trade discussions since

LeBron James announced he was returning to Cleveland last Friday.

But talks stalled due to the Cavaliers' refusal to include the 19-year-old Wiggins in any trade, as sources said the Timberwolves were unwilling to send Love to Cleveland without receiving the

former star Kansas guard in return.

The Cavaliers and new coach David Blatt have stated privately and publicly that they would not deal Wiggins.

"That's why they call them rumors," Blatt said.

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Teams decide rec titles

The winning effort started with Colby Recreation workers getting all diamonds ready despite a week of drizzly, rainy weather.

Colby Rec players and coaches took over from there as they played four memorable post-season tournaments in two nights.

Purple power always prevails among Kansas State fans, but it also held true during two of these tournaments. All were single-elimination, win or start watching formats.

No team's won at tourney time more than coach Cris Koeperich and Paul Bange's Purple team during these past two seasons.

No. 1-seed Purple repeated its Bambino Girls title Tuesday night by defeating Lime Green for the title. Lime Green had reached the final showdown with an earlier victory over Light Blue.

Purple also ruled the Rookie Boys tourney on Thursday. Mike Kersenbrock and Fred Britt teamed to coach these champions, who topped Orange in the title game.

Orange was too tart for Lime Green during the semifinals, while Purple prevailed over Red.

Purple also outscored Orange, 13-8, in a regular-season meeting.

Other colors captured the two remaining tournaments.



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press
Colby Recreation baseball and softball teams finished their summer seasons with Thursday's tournaments.

Pink was too tough to handle for either Lime Green or Light Blue in the Rookie Girls tournament.

Brenda Platt and Natalie Miller coached champion Pink.

Light Blue put a bruising on Purple to reach the final showdown with Pink.

Orange and Light Blue saw too much Red during the Bambino Boys tourney. Red beat the Blues and then Orange to claim that championship.

Coach Lance Krannawitter directed the triumphant Red team.

Orange ousted Lime Green in the other Bambino Boys semifinal.

The *Free Press* sports editor thanks Colby Recreation Department leaders for supplying scores throughout this season. Meanwhile, adults take over the playing duties for this weekend's Colby Co-Ed Softball Tournament.

Mud can't bog down champs

Nathan Armbruster and Shawn Slaubaugh won six of the seven divisions during Saturday's Northwest Kansas Mudbog in Colby.

Drivers raced each other through a pair of mud-filled ditches created at the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

Armbruster won the open class and three different tire divisions. Slaubaugh won both the 2-Wheel Drive and 4-Wheel Drive competitions.

Open: 1. Nathan Armbruster, 2. Cole Thompson, 3. Josh Eisenbart.

39-plus: 1. Armbruster, 2. Eisenbart, 3. Rodney Merritt.

35-38: 1. Armbruster, 2. Eisenbart, 3. Merritt.

34 and under: 1. Armbruster, 2. John Morgan, 3. Michael Bohme, 4. Layla Schlageck.

4-Wheel Drive: 1. Shawn Slaubaugh, 2. Trenton Akers, 3. Shane Slaubaugh.

2-Wheel Drive: 1. Shawn Slaubaugh, 2. Akers, 3. Shane Slaubaugh.

Street Stocks: 1. Thomas Francis, 2. Mark Pinalto, 3. Clint Krizenk.



SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press
The Northwest Kansas Mud Bog drew some big, tough trucks to the Thomas County Fairgrounds on Saturday. Several classes competed from four wheelers to vehicles with over 39-inch tires.

Will Royals really be fun in second half?

from MLB.com
All winter and spring, Kansas City was a trendy choice as either a division winner or a very strong contender.

Despite a brief turn in first place, the Royals have not fulfilled the promise engendered by those expectations. The Royals have just 68 games left to shed their streakiness and become a consistent force in the AL Central.

Three key factors:
3. Buyers at the trade dead-

line. The July 31 trade deadline is fast approaching, but the ambitious Royals figure as buyers, not sellers. Free agent-to-be pitcher James Shields can't fulfill his Kansas City destiny if he's traded away. The idea will be to add help for the stretch run, not subtract. The 12 games before the deadline could alter things, of course, but adding vets Raul Ibanez and Scott Downs is an indication the Royals are all in for a run at it.

4. Jason Vargas' future
Left-hander Jason Vargas has been a huge part of the rotation's success and his appendectomy last week was a real punch in the gut for the club. The team is hoping he can return in about three weeks. How effectively Vargas can pitch, however, is anybody's guess.

5. Royals await offensive leader
Every successful run for the postseason needs some everyday leaders in the lineup. Some power bats have to get hot and, yes, show some of that power. So who will take off in the stretch run? Gordon? Hosmer? Perez? Butler? Moustakas? Or will a new name be imported for the last two months? Stay tuned.

R.B. Headley's opinion
Free Press sports editor believes Royals might make wildcard game, but don't count on much else. Detroit is just too tough no matter how often Royals broadcasters say: "Tigers hear Kansas City coming." Until the Royals do something besides talk potential, no top team has any reason to worry.

One win sends Colby K-18 to state

Colby K-18's state tournament fate will be determined Saturday morning against Hoisington in the West regional at Hays.

The top four region placers advance to state in this weekend's single-elimination format featuring eight Legion baseball teams.

Colby earned a No. 2 seed based on its 15-3 Jayhawk League re-

cord. The boys face Hoisington in a 9 a.m. regional opener at Hays' Dusty Glassman Ball Park.

A glance at the complete region schedule with Sunday afternoon's finals.

The field includes defending K-18 state champion Victoria, which topped Colby in last year's title game.

Saturday
First round: Colby vs. Hoisington, 9 a.m.; Ellis vs. Phillipsburg, 11 a.m.; Goodland vs. Victoria, 1 p.m.; Norton vs. WaKeeney-Quinter, 3 p.m.

Sunday
Semifinals: Norton/WaKeeney winner vs. Goodland/Victoria winner, 9 a.m.; Colby/Hoisington

winner vs. Ellis/Phillipsburg winner, 11 a.m.

Third-place game, 1 p.m. with championship set for 3 p.m.

K-18 state tournament starts on Friday, July 25 at Lucas and continues through Tuesday, July 29.

The East Regional tourney at Osborne this weekend will also qualify four teams for state.

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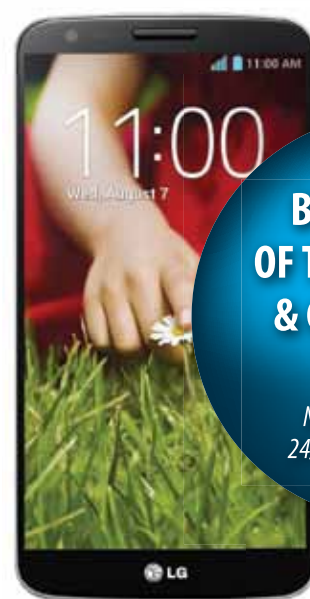
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