

Stained glass holds appeal



Eighteen people attended a Studio Friday appearance in the Colby Community College Art Room by stained-glass artist Greg Nichols, who also happens to be vice president of academic affairs the college.

Nichols demonstrated some of his techniques and each participant completed a small project using materials provided by art instructor Rebel Jay.

Because several people indicated interest in continuing to work on their projects, the college will make the studio available to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday evenings. Participants must bring their own supplies, tools and glass, however.

"I will not be teaching during these Friday evening sessions," said Jay. "However, an individual will be supervising the room. Many people indicated they would like to have an area to continue working on stained glass, and the college is pleased to provide a work space."

Jay invites guest artists to demonstrate and talk about their work from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. the first Friday of each month. Citizens, plus area high school and college students, are invited to participate in the free event.

"We try to feature a different type of artist each month," said Jay. "Please call me at the college with suggestions."

Jay can be reached at 460-5459 or (785) 269-7065.

Greg Nichols (top) gave Vickie Oard some advice for completing her stained glass project in Rebel Jay's art room Oct. 3 during Studio Friday at Colby Community College. Neva Epard (above) worked on her project, wrapping copper foil around each piece of glass. The stained glass event was a big enough success that Jay said the college will have space available on Friday evenings for those needing a place to work. While showing the group how to cut each piece, Nichols - who is the vice president of academic affairs at for the college - arranged the class into the shape of the college's Trojan logo (right).

SAM DIETER/Colby Free Press



City Hall to install generator

By Sam Dieter

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The Colby City Council voted to move forward with a project to install a generator at City Hall to run the city computers if the power goes out.

Plans have been drawn up to install the generator in the building so that city computers will not be without power during an outage. The lack of power for the computers has been a problem for the government for a long time, along with the electrical wiring in the building, City Manger Tyson McGreer told the council. After some consideration, he came to the conclusion that installing the new generator was the best of several possible courses of action.

Most city functions go down when there is a power outage, he said, because the entire server stack for the city shuts down.

Only the public works building can keep fully operating.

Right now, the building only has a small generator to use during outages Technology Director Mike Albers said which is kept in a separate room and which he has to wheel into place on a cart whenever there is an outage. This generator runs the city servers and switch gears, as well as air conditioning and lighting in one room. But it cannot run the whole city computer system, or lighting, heating or cooling for the whole building.

In a memo the council before the meeting, McGreer said the city is negotiating the price of a used generator from Central Detroit Diesel-Allison Inc. Jim's Electric has spent hours designing a project to install the generator at City Hall for \$39,420.

McGreer said he wants to let

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Salt dumped on county road

Drivers illegally dumping salt water from oil and gas wells onto Thomas County roads are being warned to stop the practice or face criminal charges, the sheriff's office says.

Undersheriff Marc Finley asked the county commissioners at their meeting Monday how they feel about the dumping. He said he recently arrested one driver for dumping salt water onto a county

road.

The salt water, a common by-product of oil and gas production, must be disposed of properly under government regulations. Typically, this means pumping it back into the ground through an approved disposal well.

Commissioner Paul Steele said he had previously seen drivers

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Power shutoff early on Friday

Power will go down in Colby for about three hours Friday as the city repairs one of its substations.

Starting at 2 a.m. Friday, the city will shut down the power for the town north of College Drive while the public works

department repairs one of the three city substations. Public Works Director Omar Weber said the city needs to work on some of the switch gears and conductors at the station. This is expected to take 2 1/2 to three hours.

'No accident' says senator of deadlock

By Steve Haynes

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U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran said he arrived at his new job three years ago only to find that the U.S. Senate didn't do anything - and it didn't plan to do anything.

In that time, he told about 70 people at a public forum in Oberlin last Tuesday, the Republican-controlled House has sent more than 400 bills to the Senate, many with widespread approval from Democrats, but with a handful of exceptions, none has been acted on the floor or in committee. And that's no accident, he added.

The first time he chatted on the floor with Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, Sen. Moran said, the majority leader told him as much: "We're not going to do

anything until after the next election."

At one point, he said, he got 26 Democrats and 25 Republicans to sign on to a bill he was pushing, but the majority leader wouldn't allow a vote on it.

The senator had lunch with the Oberlin Rotary Club before the public meeting, and the club arranged for the "listening tour" forum in the Morgan Theater of The Gateway after that. The crowd included townspeople and nearly 30 senior government students from Decatur Community High.

"I don't really like politics anymore," Moran said. "The only opportunity I have to get things done is to have somebody other than Harry Reid telling me we're not going to do anything by having a Republican majority in the Senate."

"And then, I'm going to have to work to see that the Republicans do better than we did last time..."

Moran is chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee, which raises money to back candidates in races nationwide, so he has had a lot

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Champion cornhuskers turn out



KATHRYN BALLARD/Colby Free Press

This cart filled up with corn Saturday in Oakley at the State Cornhusking Championships. Huskers from across Kansas came to Oakley to compete Friday and Saturday.



Weather



National Weather Service
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west after midnight.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 76. Breezy, with a north wind 10 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. North wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North wind around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44.
Monday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Monday: High, 64; Low 33
Tuesday: High, 70; Low 33
Precip: Monday None
Tuesday None
Month: 0.48 inches
Year: 16.79 inches
Normal: 19.29 inches
(K-State Experiment Station)
Sunrise and Sunset
Thursday 7:55 a.m. 7:04 p.m.
Moon: waning, 41 percent
(U.S. Naval Observatory)

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of say in the effort to win a majority.
"The question is," he said, "will we behave differently than last time. Last time, we spent too much money, borrowed too much, made the government bigger."

While Moran was in the House when the Republicans controlled both it and the Senate, he often differed with the Bush administration and its backers, who pushed many big-government bills.

"I voted against No Child Left Behind. That's a terrible intrusion into local schools. And Homeland Security, I was one of, I think, six (out of 435 in the House) to vote against it."

Sen. Moran said his father worked in the oil fields and he grew up in Plainville, graduating from high school there. He attended Fort Hays State University and graduated from the University of Kansas with a business degree. He was a banker for a time, then went back to KU for a law degree.

"There was nothing to suggest that I'd ever run for Congress," he said.

Later, he served in the state Senate, seven terms in the U.S. House and then was elected to the U.S. Senate when Sam Brownback stepped down to run for governor. He said his focus since first going to Washington has been on protecting the small-town way of life, or "How do we keep what we have out here?"

Farmers and stockmen are a key to the rural economy, he said.

"There is not a community in our state that is not impacted when farmers and ranchers are doing well," he said, "or when they are not."

"Your ability to live in your town depends on having doctors and a hospital, schools, Main Street and businesses. I tell people in Washington that out here, economic development may be whether or not the town can keep a grocery store."

"And they don't understand what we're talking about."

Asked about money for education, he replied that he wanted to see rural schools free to make their own decisions, not be run from Washington.

"I plan to continue to pay attention to what gives communities a shot at success," he said, adding that he thinks the nation also faces some serious challenges.

"I think ISIS is a real threat," he said. "These are people who want to kill Americans."

"We ought not be downsizing our military. We ought to be supporting our military and building it up."

He said the federal effort to list the lesser prairie chicken as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act is another intrusion into state and private affairs.

"What we need to protect wildlife and endangered species," he said, "is if it would rain out here, we'd have habitat."

He noted that the House passed a bill to cut the budget for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enforce the listing, but the Senate was not allowed to vote on it.

Pharmacist Rusty Adleman asked what Moran was doing to get Medicare reimbursement restored for rural hospitals.

The senator noted that he's been to all 127 Kansas hospitals and heard their problems. Reimbursement was cut under the president's health-care bill, he noted.

"If you lose your hospital, trying to get young families to come here, or trying to get seniors to stay here, won't work," Moran said.

In closing, he invited the students to apply for internships in his offices or appointment to one of the military academies.

After the meeting, he stopped by the Decatur County Hospital, where Administrator Johnathan Owens told him about proposed new federal regulations that could threaten the status of many rural hospitals. Sen. Moran asked Owens to provide details to his staff and promised they would look into it.

The administrator said the Department of Health and Human Services plans to change the rules on distances allowed between small hospitals that get preferred treatment on cost reimbursement, known now as "critical access" hospitals. Many could be forced to close, he said.

"I don't know if these hospitals understand what is coming," Mr. Owens added.

Lisa Votapka, dietary manager, asked about a bill being pushed by the Association of Nutrition and Food Service Professionals, of which she is president of the Kansas unit. She said the Safe Food for Seniors Act would require that a certified dietary manager be employed at a skilled nursing home where there is no full-time dietician.

Kansas already requires that, she said, but many states do not. The change shouldn't cost taxpayers anything, she added.

The senator told her, unfortunately, that it's not likely that bill or any other will pass before the elections this fall.

After a brief stay, the senator and an aide were off for another forum in Hoxie.

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Jim's Electric design the project because he cannot justify spending money on an engineer. Working on the project, he got a quote for \$35,000 just to hire an engineer, almost as much as the whole price tag of the project without the generator.

McGreer pointed out to the council that several additions have been made to the original 1936 building over the years. A lot of problems with the electrical wiring in the building should be fixed as the generator is installed. Separating and rewiring

the different electrical circuits in the building would cost at least as much as adding the generator if not more, he said.

The lack of a generator at City Hall has been discussed numerous times in previous meetings, and McGreer has been considering the scope of the project should be for "the better part of year." He added that he saw no reason to go ahead with the project if the council would not agree to buy a generator.

In other business, the council:

• Voted to allow Colby Walmart to keep shipping containers on its property for storage during the holidays.

• Voted to ask for a utility rate analysis from MGT of America - reviewing the city's electric, sewer and water rates and suggesting what fees to charge for these services. For \$8,000, the company plans to calculate rates for each of these three utilities, and present the analysis at another meeting. McGreer said the city could save some money in the area of rates, especially in the electric and sewer billing, and that the analysis would be a good way for the city to be proactive on the rate structures for the three departments. The city

hopes to get a suggestion for new rates in January or February, McGreer said.

• Agreed the city should switch to using the state-backed vendor KanPay Counter as the new supplier of credit card and check readers. The council will vote at a later meeting when a contract is given to the city. Albers has done a lot of research on the issue, McGreer said, and found the new state-supported vendor would be better to keep the city payment card industry data security standards.

Illegal salt dumping happening on county roads

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with leaking tanks and assumed the leaking was an accident, though it might not have been.

Finley said the drivers are "doing it on purpose," avoiding the expense of properly dumping the water by pouring it onto the road as they drive. He said he arrested this particular driver after the dumping had already occurred, but he would have impounded his truck as well if he had caught him in the act.

Steele questioned whether disposal re-

quired a permit, and Commissioner Mike Baughn said he thought there was a disposal well somewhere in the Showalter Hills area west of Colby.

Steele said he favored making the state regulators aware of the dumping so "somebody's permit can be put at risk."

Later research by the county clerk's office indicated the drillers can make their own dumping arrangements and do not necessarily need a permit.

Finley asked the commissioners whether they have a list of well operators operating in the county, which they did

not. The undersheriff said he would like to send a letter out to warn them that they risk having their trucks impounded if they are dumping improperly.

Finley said he had Emergency Management Director Autumn Arasmith look at the dumped liquid. She said it was just salt water, but such dumping sterilizes the ground.

The dumping often occurs at night, Finley said, and farmers are telling him they see the remnants of it in the morning.

Road Supervisor Clair Schrock said he

thinks most of the drivers live in Colby and drive for companies operating in the area.

Commissioner Byron Sowers said he had been told salt water could help harden the roads. Schrock said it used to be used for that "way back when," but that regulators no longer permit that.

Anyone with information about illegal dumping can call the sheriff's office at 460-4570.

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.

Commodities given out here Monday

U.S. Department of Agriculture commodities will be distributed from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office in the Senior Progress Center at Fike Park. Distribution is first come, first-served, but you may send a signed permission slip with another person. Bring a sack or box. Expected commodities include orange juice, vegetable soup, raisins, peanut butter, applesauce, potato flakes, grape juice and dried cranberries. For questions, call the office at 462-6744.

Economic Development board to meet Thursday

The Thomas County Economic Development Alliance board will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday at 350 s. Range, Suite 12. For questions call Kayla Faus at 460-4511.

Christmas greenery orders due by Nov. 2

The Colby Presbyterian Women are selling fresh Christmas greenery - wreaths, garlands and centerpieces - to raise money for mission projects. Orders are due by Sunday, Nov. 2. For prices, information or to orders, contact the church at 462-6342 or JoAnne Sunderman at 460-2476. Delivery will be the first week in December.

Advance voting open at county courthouse

Early voting began this afternoon at the Thomas County clerk's office. Regular hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday until the day before election day. Advance voting must be shut down by 4:30 every day to upload a count to the secretary of state's office. For information, call the clerk's office at 460-4500.

History to haunt 'Boolah' Cemetery

The Prairie Museum is holding a "Haunted History" event at "Boolah" Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Tour the older part of the cemetery at Country Club and Pine as actors portray people from Thomas County's past. Cookies and cider will be served. Call the museum at 460-4590 to reserve a spot in the tour.

Older drivers' class next Wednesday

Make reservations by Friday for the AARP Drivers Safety Course from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Wednesday at the Colby United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Contact Carolyn May at to reserve a spot and receive a book. Cost is \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members.

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OCTOBER 17, 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 (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, ION, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, FAMILY, FOOD, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NICK, SPIKE, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, WGN, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

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Babies

Ryder Michael Fanders

Ryder Michael Fanders, son of Kelsey Chvatal and Dayne Fanders of Atwood, was born Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and

measured 20.75 inches. Grandparents are Mike and Becky Chvatal, Jeff and Linda Glad and Mike and Debbie Fanders, all of Atwood.

Kyndal Marie Harter

Kyndal Marie Harter, daughter of Nate and Diane Harter of Colby, was born Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measured 19 3/4 inches.

Grandparents are Lowell and Sue Harter, of Brule, Neb., and Leland and Roxy Wilson, of Colby. Evelyn Regier of Colby is her great-grandmother.

Titus Cade Johnson

Titus Cade Johnson, son of Clay and Lou Johnson of Colby, was born Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 10 pounds, 7 ounces, and measured 21.5 inches.

Grandparents are Dwayne and Demis Johnson of Atwood, the late Leslie Smith Jr. of Atwood and the late Marcia Smith of Goodland.

Lettie Jean Mackley

Lettie Jean Mackley, daughter of Preston and Breann Mackley of Colby, was born Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 17 1/4 inches.

Sisters Rilan and Tatum Mackley welcomed her home. Grandparents are Bob and Tracee Mackley of Colby, Janice Jacobs and Steve Scheetz of Hays, and Brett and Kim Hart of Derby.

Kamden Douglas Runnalls

Kamden Douglas Runnalls, son of Bethany Baalman and Kyle Runnalls, was born Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Roger and Charlotte Baalman and Brian and Deb Runnalls, all of Oakley, and Dawn and Jeff Kurtz of Lindsay, Neb.

Sullivan and Everly Smith

Sullivan James Smith and Everly Jo Smith, son and daughter of Garrett and Amanda Smith of Goodland, were born Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Grandparents are Kevin and Chelli Smith of Goodland and Phill and Kelley Kuss of Plattsmouth, Neb.

Lila Jane Terranova

Lila Jane Terranova, daughter of James and Selena Terranova of Colby, was born Friday, Oct. 10, 2014, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Kathy Sims, Cabool Mo., Randy Pool, Cabool and Sandy Roberts, Metropolis, Ill.

Math relays scheduled at university

About 600 high school students from 50 different schools will compete in the 36th annual Kansas High School Math Relays at Fort Hays State University from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Memorial Union.

Each test has a 20-minute time limit. Participants can enter individually or in teams of three. Teams perform in a relay format.

Students will compete in a series of six tests: algebra, geometry, number sense, applications,

trigonometry and calculators. The top three places for the individual and team categories for each grade and subject will receive an award. The three schools with the most total points will also

As cost of long-term care goes up, cost of insurance coverage increases

Insurance regulators at the Kansas Insurance Department have a mission to protect Kansas consumers when it comes to insurance products. We also oversee companies who do business in the state by making sure they have sufficient money in reserve and by tracking how stable their market is.



Sandy Praeger
• Kansas Ins. Commissioner

With health insurance, and especially in long-term care insurance, it is challenging to balance those objectives. Long-term care insurance is perhaps been the most difficult to address.

cant free care-giving before care was needed from professionals.

Many long-term care insurance companies across the country have lost a lot of money on this product, and some have chosen to stop writing new long-term care business. According to 2013 figures, \$7.5 billion in claims were paid to more than 273,000 people with long-term care policies. In all, 8.1 million Americans have long-term care insurance. By the way, the first long-term care policy in Kansas was approved Dec. 23, 1987.

The number of people expected to drop their policies before receiving benefits has been a great deal lower than expected (companies thought 4 to 6 percent of policyholders would drop coverage each year, but in fact only about 1 percent of them drop their coverage annually).

The average annual cost for a semi-private nursing home stay in Kansas is \$58,400 per year (2014 figure). For a private room, it is \$63,875. Nationally, nursing home costs average \$77,380 for a semi-private room and \$87,600 for a private room.

Longer life expectancies and average stays in care facilities increase the amount of payments that insurers must make on long-term care claims.

Nationwide, of every 1,000 males age 65 and married, 302 will need long-term care services. For women age 65 and married, 555 will need care.

The end results of all these factors for the companies: Much higher claims to be paid and much lower investment earnings to help pay them.

With those figures in mind, companies selling long-term care policies have been hit with an almost "perfect storm" of negative situations from the experience they expected to have with these products. Here are some of the reasons:

Most companies, in response, have offered options that reduce policy benefits to minimize the impact of rate increases on policyholders. But, in some cases, premiums have been increased on policies multiple times.

• For the past several years, companies have had greatly reduced investment income because of low interest rates.

What can we as regulators do? We certainly want the companies to compete for the Kansas market, but we want Kansans to be able to afford those long-term care products too.

• Family dynamics have now changed. In the past family members provided for signifi-

The Kansas Insurance Department took active steps to find a balance between the legitimate concerns of both consumers and companies. These steps center on the twin concepts of cost-sharing and disclosure.

Long-term care policy language generally permits the insurer to adjust the premiums periodically. From the above description, con-

ditions have often justified long-term care premium increases to counteract company losses. However, the key question is, Should the entire cost of this "storm" of negative experience be borne by long-term care policyholders, or should it be shared between the insurer and the policyholders?

We believe this cost should not be carried entirely by either party but should be shared by both.

Kansas Insurance Department developed a set of principles for reviewing insurers' long-term care premium increase requests. These principles provide for approving justified long-term care rate increases, shared roughly 50-50 between company and consumer. In some cases, much more than 50 percent is borne by the company.

These principles also provide for clear disclosure of any rate increase and available policyholder options. They also stipulate that sound company reserves be set aside by the company to pay future claims.

Providing for the long-term care of loved ones is an important consideration for families as they prepare for the future. The full cost of providing long-term care services has been significantly higher than originally expected, but the value of such services for family members is widely recognized.

A healthy long-term care insurance market in Kansas assures the availability of coverage, and if increased costs dictate premium increases, these increased costs will be shared by the insurance company and not carried completely by the consumer.

Continue to watch for more information from our department on long-term care insurance, and I urge you to continue becoming more informed about the products that companies offer. We need to work together to ensure that good care is available in the future for some of our most vulnerable citizens.

Lawns go in face of drought

By Amy Taxin
Associated Press

to save money and at the same time, kind of beautify my landscape," said the 51-year-old medical sales director.

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Rick Blankenship was tired of an insatiable lawn he couldn't keep green, no matter how he watered it, so he decided to tear it out.

As California faces an historic drought, more residents are following in Blankenship's footsteps and tearing out thirsty lawns to cut down on water use. Water agencies across the state have been encouraging the change by offering thousands of dollars in rebates to help homeowners make the switch

Three years later, he brims with pride at his new front yard in Long Beach, Calif., carpeted with natural sage- and emerald green-colored ground covers and shaded by flowering magnolia and peppermint willow trees.

"It just sounded like a great way

to a drought-friendly landscape with better odds of surviving dry spells common to the local climate.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which covers 19 million people, received requests to remove 2.5 million square feet in residential lawns in July, up from 99,000 in January, said Bill McDonnell, the consortium's water efficiency manager.

Markets

Quotes as of close of previous business day	
Hi-Plains Co-op	
Wheat (bushel)	\$5.45
Corn (bushel)	\$3.42
Milo (hundredweight)	\$6.11
Soybeans (bushel)	\$8.69

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.

Phyllis Bryan Elliott

Phyllis Bryan Elliott died October 12, 2014 at the age of 96. Phyllis was born to Arthur A. and Jesse (Miller) Bryan on March 25, 1918 in San Antonio, Texas. At the age of 2, her father gave up the hard farming life there and moved the family to Ames, IA where he worked the rest of his life in corn genetics research. Always a good student, Phyllis went on after high school to attend Iowa State College in Ames. She lost her father during college. She earned a degree in Home Economics, graduating in June 1940.



During the next year, while living and working in Marshalltown, Phyllis met George Elliott. She married George on June 19, 1941, in a lovely early morning ceremony in the Rose Garden on the campus of the University. George and Phyllis celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary three years ago here in Colby.

The next three years George served with army units in several locations in the south. Nancy, the first daughter, was born in Louisiana. When George was deployed to Europe, Phyllis and the baby returned to Ames where she taught at the college. In 1947, with George returned from occupied Germany, she followed him to various homes in Newton, IA, Denver, CO, Columbia, MO, and finally in Albuquerque, NM where they settled until 1975 in the home George built.

Above all, Phyllis was a homemaker and mother to her three daughters. She kept an immaculate house, sewed and tailored clothes for every member of the family, kept the girls in hand-knit sweaters, hosted parties for friends, helped in the various hobbies George took on, including running a picture-framing business and refinishing many antique spool chests and clocks she and George collected.

In 1975, she and George moved to Colby, KS for "retirement." Of course, neither George nor Phyllis actually retired for many more years. She worked as a Librarian at the Colby Community College until 1984. She also assisted in the interior finishing and furnishing of the solar home they build at 955 Prairie View Dr. Phyllis was active in the Western Plains Art Association, serving a president for two years. She also loved Shakespeare Club, claiming near perfect attendance for many years. She was also active in the Methodist Women group in town.

Phyllis lived only another six months after the George's death. She'd fulfilled her long-lived purpose to take care of husband, home and family, and passed peacefully on to join him in their next adventure.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy LePell of Colby, KS, Susan Elliott-Bryan of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Georgia Newkirk of Lake Dallas, TX; there are 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Colby United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 18 at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations can be made to Colby United Methodist Church or the American Cancer Society.

The City of Colby needs to make necessary repairs to a substation that will require a temporary power outage at approximately 2:00 a.m. Friday, October 17, 2014. This repair should take approximately 2½ to 3 hours. This will affect the area north of College Drive. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes. If you have any questions, please call 460-4420.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to the Brewster Community for making the town feel like home for so many years and for making my retirement extra special.

Tina Hansen

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Other Viewpoints

Painkiller rules not abuse's answer

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has issued new, tighter rules governing prescriptions for a few powerful pain-killing drugs, hoping to stem the epidemic of abuse these drugs have spawned across the nation.

The agency claims 7 million Americans abuse these painkillers containing hydrocodone combined with other drugs, including acetaminophen, or Tylenol, which is blamed for many accidental overdose deaths. The numbers probably are low.

The feds hope to reduce the 100,000 reported deaths each year, but the new rules probably won't work as intended. The epidemic is real, but tightening regulations – requiring an actual, written prescription in hand instead of a fax or phone call, limiting users to a 30-day supply and generally making the drugs harder to get – mostly will punish legitimate users.

The black market is an economic creature. When government makes something illegal, criminals respond by providing it and make outrageous profits. When the supply gets tighter, prices go up. Demand does not go down. Putting people in jail does not slow the process, though it fills up the jails.

But, patient advocates say, people with cancer, back pain and other conditions that require hydrocodone, a strong but addictive synthetic narcotic, will find it much harder to get, especially those in nursing homes and in rural areas. In effect, these patients will pay the price for those who abuse the drugs.

The same thing happened when states decided to crack down on drugs used to make methamphetamine, notably the antihistamine agent pseudoephedrine, or Sudafed. Tight regulations did shut down many local meth labs, but Mexican drug cartels rushed to fill the void. The result: thousands of deaths in Mexico from drug wars, difficulty here for allergy sufferers, but no reduction in meth use.

The epidemic is real, and the problem continues to grow among young and old. The government is not really doing anything about it, however. To curb the epidemic, it will have to treat the root causes of addiction, which means helping people avoid or kick their habit. Many of them would rather just keep popping pills, despite the expense and the damage it can do to a person's life.

But because any black market is an economic situation, laws and regulations do little to solve the problem. The answer lies not in stricter rules, but in treating addicts and helping them become productive citizens again.

It's one more facet of the failed "War on Drugs." The government keeps doing that which does not work, wasting millions on enforcement which could be better spent helping people, teaching kids the dangers of drugs and alcohol, curing addicts and helping them return to society.

Until we learn to focus on what works, not what feels good or seems right, our society will be cursed with failure in this war. Pain pills are just one more side of the coin. — Steve Haynes



"THE IGNITION SWITCH?"

'Book of Tigger' preserves the memories

He stepped out of the carrier, laid on the floor and started purring.

He purred his way into our lives and our hearts 16 years ago, and he's still there.

Tigger, *The Oberlin Herald's* office cat, died last week.

Age and infection finally made his life a burden, and when he started having trouble walking from his bed to his water bowl and didn't eat at all, we knew it was time.

It was still a hard decision, and Pat was the brave one to take him to the vet for the last time.

She said it was a three-hour trip. She stayed with him to the end, then cried for 2 1/2 hours. We all shed a few tears at the passing of our old friend.

Over the years, we've taken so many pictures of him, we started "The Book of Tigger." In it are his collection of rabies tags and dozens of photos.

Those bring back a lot of memories. There is a picture of him sitting in the flower box out front.

He didn't do that often, but he did love to go outside when it was nice. He would stand at the front door until some unsuspecting customer opened it, then he would dart out.

After the first couple of years, his path



Cynthia Haynes

• Open Season

didn't vary much. He headed south along the sidewalk, keeping close to the buildings until he got to the courthouse lawn. There, he would roll in grass and nibble the blades – which would end up on the carpet as soon as he returned.

Sometimes, if the opportunity arose, he would saunter into either Ray Jewelry next door or Goldt's Home Planning Center, one shop down. He didn't cause trouble; he just looked around until the owners called *The Herald* to come retrieve their errant cat – or just brought him back themselves.

In the past few years, one of us has just taken him over to the courthouse lawn once in awhile for a short outing.

There are also photos of him on the top of the makeup table, an acrobatic feat he hadn't tried for a long time now. He also loved to sleep on the top of our old computer monitors.

I remember he was really annoyed when we switched over to the thin screens and he fell off a couple of times trying to get on top.

There are pictures of him lying on the copier with a hand-lettered sign, "Cat tanning 5 cents." I was never sure if someone found him there and put up the sign or put both him and the sign there, but since it was a warm surface, it was probably the former.

I guess our favorites are of him sprawled in the middle of a paper that society editor Mary Lou Olson was trying to read and of him curled up on a low newsstand rack with *The Oberlin Herald* logo under his paws. That's the photo that you can find in an ad in the Decatur Community High yearbook for the last several years.

We will all miss him – employees, former employees and visitors.

Come in and look through "The Book of Tigger" and share a smile or a memory with us.

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Political corruption needs broader view

Earlier this year, veteran political writer Thomas Edsall reported an eyebrow-raising fact about Americans' views toward government. Polling by Gallup, he noted, found that the proportion of Americans who believed that corruption is "widespread" in government had risen from 59 percent in 2006 to 79 percent in 2013. "In other words," Edsall wrote, "we were cynical already, but now we're in overdrive."

Given the blanket coverage devoted to public officials charged with selling their influence, this shouldn't be surprising. Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife were convicted last month of violating public corruption laws. Former mayors Ray Nagin of New Orleans and Kwame Kilpatrick of Detroit were good for months of headlines. So were Republican Rep. Rick Renzi, convicted last year on influence-peddling charges, and Democratic Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr., who pled guilty to charges of misusing campaign funds.

If you add state and local officials who cross the line, it might seem that we're awash in corruption. Yet as political scientist Larry Sabato told *The New York Times*, that's more perception than reality. "I've studied American political corruption throughout the 19th and 20th centuries," he said, "and, if anything, corruption was much more common in much of those centuries than today."

Nor have the numbers over the past couple of decades risen. In 1994, according to the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, 1,165 people were charged in public-corruption cases, of whom 969 were convicted. Last year, 1,134 were charged, of whom 1,037 were convicted.

Corruption is hardly a negligible issue. Americans rightly have very little tolerance for public officials who are on the take. Officials who violate the law in this regard should face criminal prosecution and incarceration.

But what's notable about our corruption

Other Opinions

• Lee Hamilton
Center on Congress

laws is how narrow they've become. This point is driven home by Fordham Law School Professor Zephyr Teachout in her new book, "Corruption in America."

"As a matter of federal constitutional law," she writes, "corruption now means only 'quid pro quo' corruption." Prosecutors today have to prove an intentional exchange between "briber" and public official, in which the official receives a benefit for taking action.

Teachout argues that our Founders were quite resistant to public behavior promoting private interest. She quotes George Mason, for instance, arguing against giving the president the power to appoint key officials: "By the sole power of appointing the increased officers of government," Mason insisted, "corruption pervades every town and village in the kingdom."

As late as the second half of the 1800s, American society was alarmed by the notion that private individuals might seek to influence government on their own or others' behalf. "If any of the great corporations of the country were to hire adventurers ... to procure the passage of a general law with a view to the promotion of their private interests, the moral sense of every right-minded man would instinctively denounce the employer and the employed as steeped in corruption," the Supreme Court declared in 1874.

We have another word for "adventurers" these days. We call them lobbyists.

Americans remain uncomfortable with "cor-

ruption" as our forebears viewed it. A hefty majority believe that government is run on behalf of a few big interests. And Congress, whose ethics committees have not been rigorous in looking for misconduct that brings discredit on their chambers, has contributed to that view.

I would hardly contend that all who seek to promote their private interests are corrupt. But I do think the Founders had a valuable insight when they saw that a focus on private concerns could lead to neglect of the common good.

I have the uneasy feeling that too many politicians are self-absorbed, failing to put the country first, and using their office to promote their private interests. Our Founders had very firm ideas about the importance to the nation of "virtue" in a public official – and they were thinking expansively about the basic standards of public accountability.

Maybe it's time we looked to them for guidance, and not think of corruption only in the narrow sense of violations of specific laws or precepts, but more broadly in terms of failing to pursue the common good.

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Mallard Fillmore

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On the Beat

COLBY POLICE
Oct. 2

12:10 a.m. – Domestic disturbance report filed.
5:10 a.m. – Report filed for harassment by telephone.
10:10 a.m. – Child in need of care report filed.
12:32 p.m. – Caller reported attempted burglary.
2:35 p.m. – Identity theft report filed.
4:10 p.m. – Caller reported theft.
4:47 p.m. – Caller reported subject failed to return item. Report filed.
7:34 p.m. – Provided directions.
8:10 p.m. – Caller reported barking dog. Notice to appear issued.
9:26 p.m. – Caller reported subjects seen speeding acting suspiciously. Not found.
9:40 p.m. – Stalled semi all OK; subject got semi moving.

Oct. 3

6:29 a.m. – House checks OK.
8:30 a.m. – Caller reported theft of flag. Report filed.
1:06 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
1:53 p.m. – Caller reported theft of flag. Report filed.
2:15 p.m. – Provided blocks for parade.
2:19 p.m. – Caller reported theft of flag. Report filed.
4:10 p.m. – Accident earlier in parking lot.
4:16 p.m. – Lost wallet report filed.
9:20 p.m. – Officer caught a dog at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

Oct. 4

2:10 a.m. – Assisted sheriff's office.
8:49 a.m. – Caller reported theft of flag. Report filed.
9:28 a.m. – Theft of flag; report filed.
12:15 p.m. – Subject came to station about lost wallet. Report filed.
2:41 p.m. – Caller reported verbal domestic; wanting subject removed from apartment.
4:10 p.m. – Subject reported two transients with sign. Subjects were checked earlier OK.
4:20 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked on private property. Located owner, vehicle was moved.
4:43 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle: van parked all day with four or five people inside; appeared OK.
4:45 p.m. – Caller reported theft. Reports filed.
5:38 p.m. – Subject came to station about problems with landlord. Spoke to reporting party, report filed.
5:46 p.m. – Responded to subject locked out of house.

Oct. 5

12:16 a.m. – Helped sheriff's office unit with a fight.
2:20 a.m. – Driving under the influence report filed on traffic stop.
2:34 a.m. – Clerk advised of subjects disturbing customers. Everything OK, spoke to several subjects.
12:10 p.m. – Made contact with subjects panhandling.
12:43 p.m. – Suspicious vehicle.
4:58 p.m. – 911 caller advised of stolen bicycle.
6:56 p.m. – Caller reported theft.
10:10 p.m. – Caller reported

suspicious person. Not found, spoke with reporting party.

10:08 p.m. – K-9 deployment report filed.
11:15 p.m. – Report filed on subject calling about suspicious incidents.

Oct. 6

10:22 a.m. – Subject came to station, advised of theft. Report filed.
10:55 a.m. – Spoke to subject on phone about driving violations.
11:21 a.m. – Caller reported vehicle parked, no tag. Located owner, vehicle not to move without proper registration.
3:39 p.m. – Caller reported theft of flag. Report filed.
7:45 p.m. – 911 callers reported assault. Report filed.
9:54 p.m. – Caller reported fireworks. Spoke with subjects.

Oct. 7

10:59 a.m. – Caller reported accident in Law Enforcement Training Center parking lot.
11:12 a.m. – Walk through at the museum.
3:53 p.m. – Traffic control reference school zone construction.
3:50 p.m. – Caller reported a missing juvenile. Juvenile was at home.
4:36 p.m. – Non-injury accident at Pine and Range.
6:57 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious item in the ditch. Report filed for recovered property.
7:17 p.m. – Caller reported a dog being hit. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
8:04 p.m. – Caller wanted to talk to an officer.
8:18 p.m. – Caller reported subject asking for money. Unable to locate.
8:51 p.m. – Caller reported a domestic dispute. No report.
8:55 p.m. – Caller reported a pickup parked on the grass. Unable to locate.
10:53 p.m. – Security check at the museum.

Last Wednesday

1:50 p.m. – Two narcotics violation reports filed.
1:50 p.m. – K-9 deployment report filed.
2:45 p.m. – Caller reported dead opossum in roadway. Removed.
4:24 p.m. – Report filed for recovered property.

Thursday

12:15 a.m. – Caller reported a domestic disturbance.
7:02 a.m. – Subject found bag full of flags. Will have supplements to various cases.
11:22 a.m. – Caller reported subject out of control. All OK.
12:12 p.m. – Accident.
1:27 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious incident. All OK.
1:39 p.m. – Caller reported possible drunk driver.

Friday

12:52 a.m. – Party complaint. Not found.
10:03 a.m. – Caller reported subject driving while revoked. Spoke to subjects.
3:12 p.m. – Caller reported dog bite. Report filed.
5:39 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
Oct. 2

12:36 a.m. – Booked Tommy Stickel.
8:30 a.m. – Caller reported two horses out just west of Colby on U.S. 24. Reporting party found owner.

1:03 p.m. – Caller reported cows out on U.S. 83 at mile 158.

3:17 p.m. – Helped Highway Patrol trooper on traffic stop at eastbound I-70 mile 48.
4:14 p.m. – Released Kenneth James Mott.
6:29 p.m. – Booked Oscar J. Marufo-Cisneros.
6:55 p.m. – Booked Kasra Lorine Finley.
7:02 p.m. – Released Finley.
7:45 p.m. – All OK; subjects trying to catch their dog on traffic stop in the 1200 block of E. Fourth.
10:37 p.m. – Kansas Information Center hit from Kearny County on Marufo-Cisneros.
11:45 p.m. – Released Nicole Blackburn.
11:56 p.m. – Released Charles Mack.

Oct. 4

2:04 a.m. – Caller reported he was followed by a deputy on E. Willow, spoke to subject, all OK.
3:27 p.m. – House check.
4:07 p.m. – Caller reported subject violating probation at 525 Main, Brewster. Verbal arrest detain order given by Court Services Officer Sharon Gray; report filed; prisoner taken to Sherman County.
4:26 p.m. – Traveler's assistance at 12:55.
6:27 p.m. – Caller reported horses out on K-25 at the Mingo Road. Contacted the owner.
7:17 p.m. – Helped motorist at I-70 exit 26.
7:17 p.m. – Traveler's assistance.

Oct. 5

12:16 a.m. – 911 caller reported fight outside of City Limits with a gun involved.
2:54 a.m. – Booked Justin L. McKinney.
4 a.m. – Booked Cody S. Lilly
4:20 a.m. – Released Lilly.
10:26 a.m. – Helped Highway Patrol at I-70 mile 50 eastbound.
11:48 a.m. – Booked Michael Sykes.
12:04 p.m. – Released Sykes.
12:12 p.m. – Booked Dillon Frank Burnette.
12:24 p.m. – Released Burnette.
4:55 p.m. – Released Zakiry Cade Cable.
6:45 p.m. – House check.
6:58 p.m. – Released Kyle Kendall Hernez.
8:49 p.m. – Walk through at college.

10:11 p.m. – Caller reported suspicious person leaving property. Report filed.

Oct. 6

9:37 a.m. – Conspiracy to commit murder report filed.
10:34 a.m. – Released Raven Storm Sporing.
5:10 p.m. – Warrant served on Justin McKinney
5:50 p.m. – Subject reported violation of Protection from Abuse order.
7:45 p.m. – Helped police on call in the 1200 block of W. Fifth.
8:27 p.m. – Booked Michael Joe Hillis.
9:57 p.m. – Open door at Lutheran Church in Brewster; key holder contacted.
10:26 p.m. – Open door at Ag Sun in Brewster.
10:55 p.m. – Open door at Bartlett Grain.

Oct. 7

10:28 a.m. – Vehicle identification number inspection at MC Auto.
10:38 a.m. – Brought prisoner from Sherman County to Colby.

11:03 a.m. – Vehicle identification number inspection at Colby Dodge.

1:37 p.m. – Took prisoner from Colby to Atwood.
3:35 p.m. – 911 hang-ups from the 1700 block of W. Fifth. Everything OK.
5:12 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on traffic stop at Murray Roofing – vehicle left at scene.
5:45 p.m. – Booked Charles D. Headley.
6 p.m. – Released Headley.
9:19 p.m. – Caller reported a big bovine out in the 1700 block of U.S. 83 – owner contacted.
10:44 p.m. – Security check at Colby Wrecking.

Last Wednesday

6:07 a.m. – Released William Shank.
10:19 a.m. – Booked Steven Jean-Philippe.
11:09 a.m. – Released Jean-Philippe.
11:16 a.m. – Released Walter Ray Gariffo.
2:33 p.m. – Booked Zachary Dalton Legleiter.
2:40 p.m. – Released Legleiter.
2:54 p.m. – Booked Cirilo Gonzalez-Cibrian.
4:07 p.m. – Released Kyle Shelby.
5:10 p.m. – Arrest warrant served on Michael Hillis.
11:31 p.m. – Booked Michael E. McEwen.
11:52 p.m. – Released McEwen.

Thursday

12:22 p.m. – Booked Christopher Franco.

Friday

12:19 a.m. – Minor in possession report filed on traffic stop at Dillons at 11:46 on Thursday.
12:43 a.m. – Booked Brett Wallace.
1:13 a.m. – Released Wallace.
1:32 a.m. – Booked Nickolas Silva.
2 a.m. – Released Silva.
9:25 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Christopher Franco.
9:25 a.m. – Served arrest warrant on Cirilo Antonio Gonzalez-Cibrian.
10:50 a.m. – Vehicle Identification Number Inspection for Colby Dodge.
11:04 a.m. – Vehicle Identification Number Inspection for Tubbs and Sons Ford Sales.
12:23 p.m. – Report filed on incident at SPH Farms.
3:18 p.m. – Released Justin Lee McKinney.
6:05 p.m. – Booked James Allen House.
7:07 p.m. – Booked Shane Caleb Ohlrogge.
9:13 p.m. – Released Gonzalez-Cibrian.

Parrot flies away from home, learns Spanish

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) – A pet parrot that spoke with a British accent when it disappeared from its home four years ago has been reunited with its owner – and the bird now speaks Spanish.

The reunion was brought about by a Southern California veterinarian who mistook Nigel, an African gray parrot, for her own missing bird, the *Daily Breeze* reported Sunday (bit.ly/1qU5dU3).

Teresa Micco tracked Nigel's microchip to Darren Chick, a Brit who lives in Torrance.

"I introduced myself and said, 'Have you lost a bird?'" Micco told the newspaper. "He initially said, 'No.' But he thought I meant recently."

When she verified Chick's name and said she had his African grey parrot, "He looked at me like I was crazy."

He said his bird went missing four years earlier.

Little is known about Nigel's whereabouts the past four years, but Chick says the bird's British accent is gone, and it now chatters in Spanish.

Chick says last week's reunion brought tears of joy to his eyes – despite the fact that Nigel bit him when he first tried to pick him up.

Micco said the behavior was not unusual and that Nigel would settle back in soon enough.

"He's doing perfect," Chick told the newspaper by the week's end. "It's really weird. I knew it was him from the minute I saw him."

It's the fifth parrot reunion facilitated by Micco, who has been running ads for her own missing bird for nine months. That parrot, Benjamin, flew the coop in February when it darted out a door that was left open.

Julissa Sperling found Nigel outside her home and brought him to Micco after seeing one of her ads.

But first, she took Nigel to her dog-grooming business.

"He was the happiest bird. He was singing and talking without control," Sperling said. "He was barking like the dogs. I'm from Panama and he was saying, 'What happened?' in Spanish."

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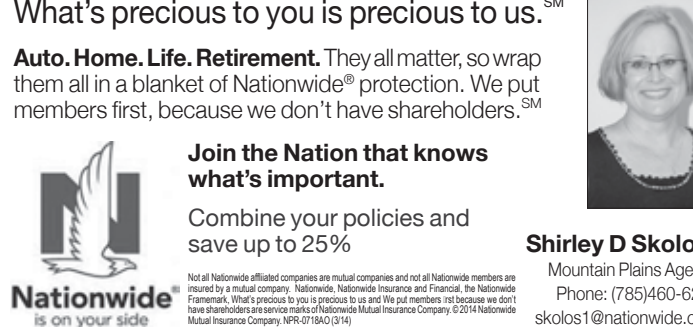
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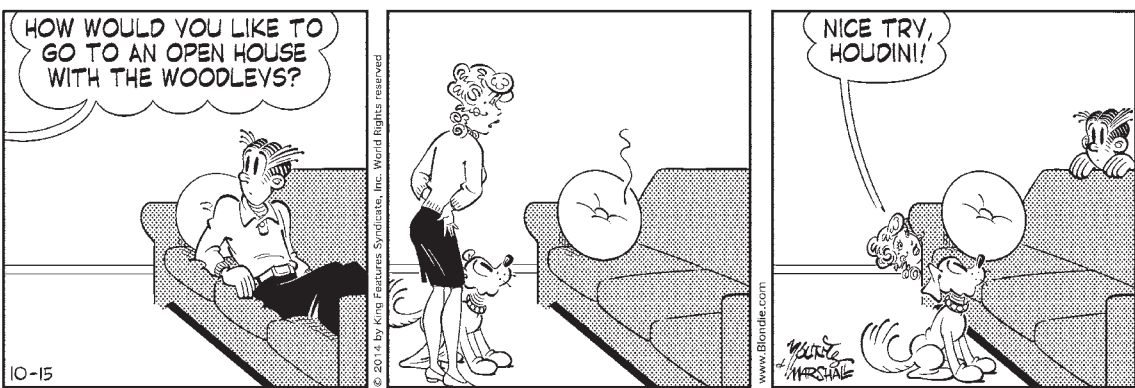
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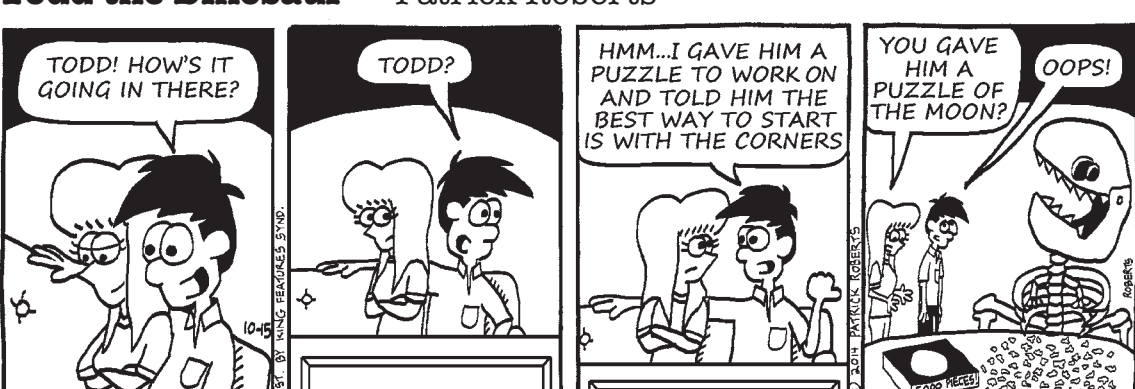
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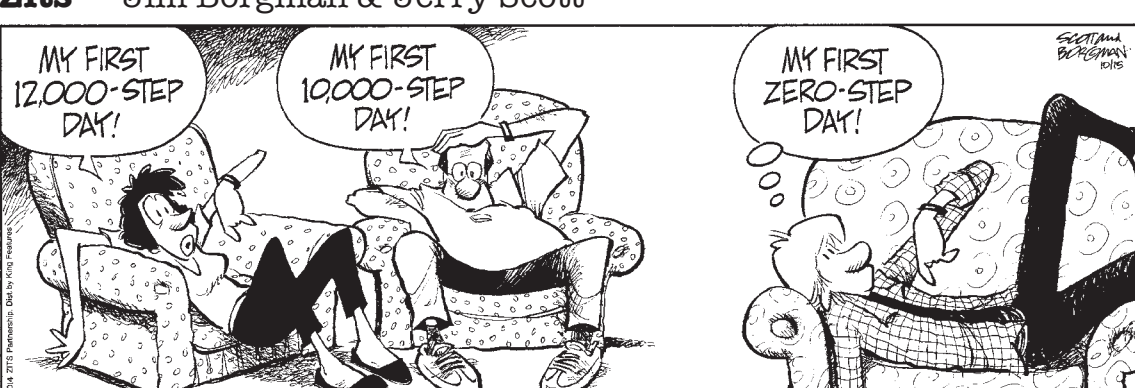
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Heloise

- Hints from Heloise

Kitchen mishap worth a chuckle

Dear Heloise: As a newlywed, my husband and I had recently moved to Texas. There was a roadside stand selling Fredericksburg peaches, so I pulled over and bought some gorgeous ones, excited to make my husband's favorite dessert, peach cobbler.

Well, I had never made this dessert before. I found a recipe, followed it and was so proud of the beautiful cobbler I made. I couldn't wait for my husband to try it. He took the first bite, looked at me and said, "I love you, but you do know you are supposed to peel the peaches first." I had no idea! The recipe said to use canned peaches. We still laugh about that cooking disaster 23 years later! — Lauren W., via email

Well, we've all been there. How sweet that your husband said it that way! Folks, want to fess up to your kitchen "mistake or mishap and tell the world? Write to me and spill the beans. No full names printed, if you want. — Heloise

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FREEZING BUTTERMILK

Dear Heloise: I have a problem. When I have a recipe that calls for ingredients I don't have in the cupboard or refrigerator, I have to buy it. Buttermilk usually is in a quart carton. Once it is in my refrigerator, my dear husband worries about it having gone bad. What can I do with the surplus? Can it be frozen? — Arline R., via email

How do you tell if buttermilk has gone bad? I'm really not sure! But tell your husband not to worry, because buttermilk can be frozen. Be sure to thaw it in the refrigerator. You will need to remix it after thawing, because the fat will separate from the rest of the milk. — Heloise

P.S.: They do sell powdered buttermilk.

KNOWING GNOCCHI

Dear Readers: Gnocchi: What is it? They are "little dumplings" that usually are made with potatoes. These Italian dumplings are light, airy and can be made with other foods such as pumpkin, whole wheat — you name it! Shaped into bite-size pieces, they are steamed or boiled, not fried. Oh, they are yummy with your favorite marinara or butter and garlic sauce. — Heloise

FROSTING CAKES

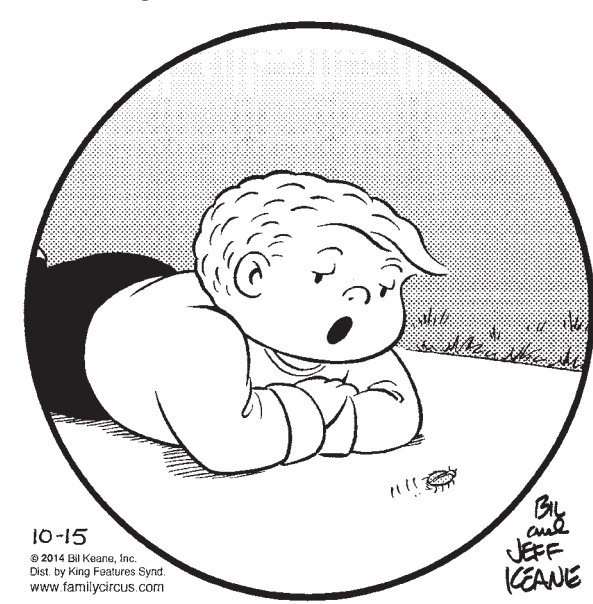
Dear Heloise: When frosting a two- or three-layer cake, after I put frosting on each layer, I insert three wooden skewers to keep the layers from sliding until the cake is completely frosted. Let the cake sit for about 20 minutes, then gently remove the skewers and, with a frosting tool, smooth the frosting over the holes. I end up with a perfectly stacked cake. — Nina C., via email

THINLY SLICED

Dear Heloise: Some chicken recipes call for the chicken to be pounded into thin pieces. This is my hint: Partially frozen chicken easily can be sliced into very thin pieces. — Betty D. in Texas

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Conceptis Sudoku • Dave Green

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10/15

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.

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT FAMOUS WOMAN LIKED TO BREAK UP WITH HER BOYFRIENDS. I'D SAY SHE HAD A SPLIT PERSONALITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

Crossword • Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 10-15

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R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High junior Miranda Kern was focused on this tee shot during a Meadow Lake home tournament earlier this season. Kern earned her third 4A state tournament trip on Tuesday.

Colby golfer returns to state

By R.B. Headley
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Colby High senior Kelly Sloan finished just two strokes from a second state tournament spot.

Team falls short of return trip

Western Kansans know all about wild wind whether it's hot air or freezing cold. Monday was beyond belief even for a veteran of many breezy golf tournaments. "It's disappointing that all of our hard work came down to how well you survive the worst day for golf that I have ever seen," Colby High girls coach Rick Williams said about the 4A regional state-qualifying tournament in Larned. "The conditions were very brutal with extremely high winds," he added. "We battled well and showed a lot of toughness, but the

team came up a little short." The Eagles took fifth among eight Larned teams, yet needed to be two spots higher for a repeat of last year's entire lineup qualifying. Hays High (393 score), Goodland (449) and Hays Thomas More Prep (467) claimed those top three spots with Larned taking fourth (462), five strokes lower than Colby (467). However, the Eagles will be represented in Kansas City for Monday's 4A state tournament at Dub's Dread Golf Club. Junior Miranda Kern fought through the winds to earn a 12th-

place regional finish (110 score) and her third consecutive 4A state trip. The top 15 region individuals advance to state along with those three full teams. Larned's Madison Gleason claimed that final state spot. Colby senior Kelly Sloan was only two strokes behind while junior Elissa Zerr finished four strokes back, Williams reported. "This team accomplished a lot and came a long way," the coach concluded. Watch for more details about Kern entering the state tourney later this week.

Eagles blast Bluejays in second half

By R.B. Headley
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No Norton daylight could be found after halftime of Colby High's 36-14 junior varsity football win Monday evening.

Dominant Eagle defense was a blanketing, smothering force behind a 22-0 second half.

Norton used a trick-play half-back pass to catch Colby, 14-14, entering intermission — but no Bluejay could match freshman Shevin Martin's three touchdowns or that ensuing three-TD Eagle barrage.

Quarterback Zach Hart's 39-yard run broke this final deadlock, and his ensuing two-point conversion put Colby ahead 22-14.

Sophomore Travis Finley rumbled two yards for the most breathing room either team had enjoyed all day.

However, Colby fans could really relax when Martin broke free to gallop 66 yards on his final six-point delivery.

Martin knows all about winning Dennen Field races as he swept all the Great West Activities middle school track sprint championships last spring.

He earlier zoomed 30 and 47 yards to pigskin paradise on Monday which forged the 14-14 deadlock.

Another pair of two-point conversions completed Colby's impressive victory. Sophomore Rex



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Colby High sophomore Travis Finley (22) followed a teammate's block and gained good yardage against Norton during the junior varsity game at Dennen Field on Monday. Finley scored one touchdown during the dominating 36-14 Colby Eagles victory.

Branum fired a pass to junior Andrew Voss following Martin's second score.

Sophomore Keegan Lopez ran for two points after that third Martin touchdown.

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Colby spikers capture wins over Quinter, Red Devils

By R.B. Headley
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With power hitter Hannah Strange resting an injured ankle, other Colby High volleyball seniors stepped up to lead two big wins at Tuesday's Quinter Triangular.

Senior Danielle Foster delivered the final clinching point during a dominating 25-18, 25-12 triumph over home-team Quinter.

The Oberlin Red Devils provided more of a challenge in Tuesday's second match.

However, senior Courtney Reilly stepped into a key role and sent several points past Red Devil

defenders. The Eagles shook off a second-set defeat en route to their 25-15, 21-25, 25-11 victory.

"Courtney came in and did a fine job. She's a very quality player," coach Jerry McKee proclaimed as the Eagles have now eight of their last 10 matches during these past 11 days. "She had the opportunity tonight and really came through for us."

Oberlin grabbed momentum while forcing that decisive third set. The Red Devils traded early points with Colby, even taking a 4-3 lead until senior Brooklyn Bange served an Eagle ace.

Junior Brenly Terrell's blast made it 6-5 — only to see those

Devils move ahead one more time at 7-6.

Yet sophomore Courtney Van Eaton's stuff block made sure Oberlin would never lead again. Moments later, senior Hailey Schindler's cross-court kill put Colby ahead to stay at 8-7.

The Eagles would soar with seven more unanswered points. Reilly contributed two kills during this surge.

One memorable pass-set-kill featured Bange delivering the ball to setter Brielle McKee, who put that ball perfectly for Reilly to rip.

Colby cruised from there and now can prepare for this weekend's Great West Activities Conference tourney in Scott City.

Broken rule ends tennis team's season

from catchitkansas.com

Tuesday was a tough pill to swallow for five seniors on the Russell High girls' tennis team.

They were told they will not get a chance to compete at the state tournament. The Broncos competed in too many matches during the regular season and therefore were disqualified from regional competition.

According to Kansas State High School Activities Association rules, tennis teams are only allowed to compete in eight regular season competitions. When the Broncos turned in their results today to the regional host, their official count was nine.

KSHSAA assistant executive director Cheryl Gleason said the results were disclosed to the team.

Senior Carolyn Patrick and her doubles partner were going to be seeded third in the bracket. The top six qualifiers made it to state. But they were disqualified for having an extra JV tournament on their schedule due to a simple mis-

understanding.

"My team and I worked very hard this entire season, from running a mile every day, to doing military workouts," Patrick said. "We were ready for regionals and were confident that several of us would qualify for state."

When Coach Blehm approached the team with the bad news, Patrick said it was a feeling she's never felt before.

"This was our last year to go out with a bang," she said. "I myself believe this was my best year of tennis. When our coach told us, all of us started bawling. Our emotions were everywhere. From anger, depression, confusion, to where we didn't even know how to feel."

Despite the adversity and in the face of what could have been, Patrick says the resilience of this team is unmatched.

"All of us have become so close this year than ever before," she said. "We all did such an amazing job throughout the entire season, and I wouldn't trade it."

Eagles compete at region

Colby High coach Wendy Weishaar provided this report about her varsity tennis team's finish at the regional tennis tournament last weekend in Pratt.

"So close but close only counts in horseshoes, not tennis.

Senior No. 2 singles player Bridget Bickner made it into the placement round on Sunday but lost out on a spot in the state tournament when she dropped her third-round match to Towanda Circle 6-3, 6-4.

They split sets and for the third set they played a 'Super Tiebreak' It took a lot out of her physically.

In her second match on Saturday she faced the regional No. 1 seed from Winfield, Emily Sarnacki.

Her score against Sarnacki of 6-1, 6-0 was not telling of Bridget's play.

More than 75 percent of their games went to deuce but Sarnacki pulled out the big points when she needed. That's why she was the number one seed, her great ability to finish off the point when she needed to win each game."

Junior Julie Schroeder faced Savannah Williams from Wichita Trinity in her first round match. Julie lost 7-5, 6-4.

Williams ended up placing in the top four of the tournament and Schroeder had the most games on her of any opponent in the regional.

The No. 2 doubles team (senior Olivia Wetter, junior Rachel Browne) lost in straight sets in a feeder round.

The No. 1 doubles team (seniors Tresta Urban, Morgan Sanguineti) lost to Towanda Circle in the first round 6-0, 6-3.



Colby High School

Colby High senior Bridget Bickner unleashed another strong serve during the 4A regional tennis tournament in Pratt last weekend. Bickner was close to a state spot at No. 2 singles.

The potential for next season is exciting to think about. We have two returning varsity players in Julie Schroeder and Rachel Browne. There are several sophomores and freshmen who are aiming for varsity spots.

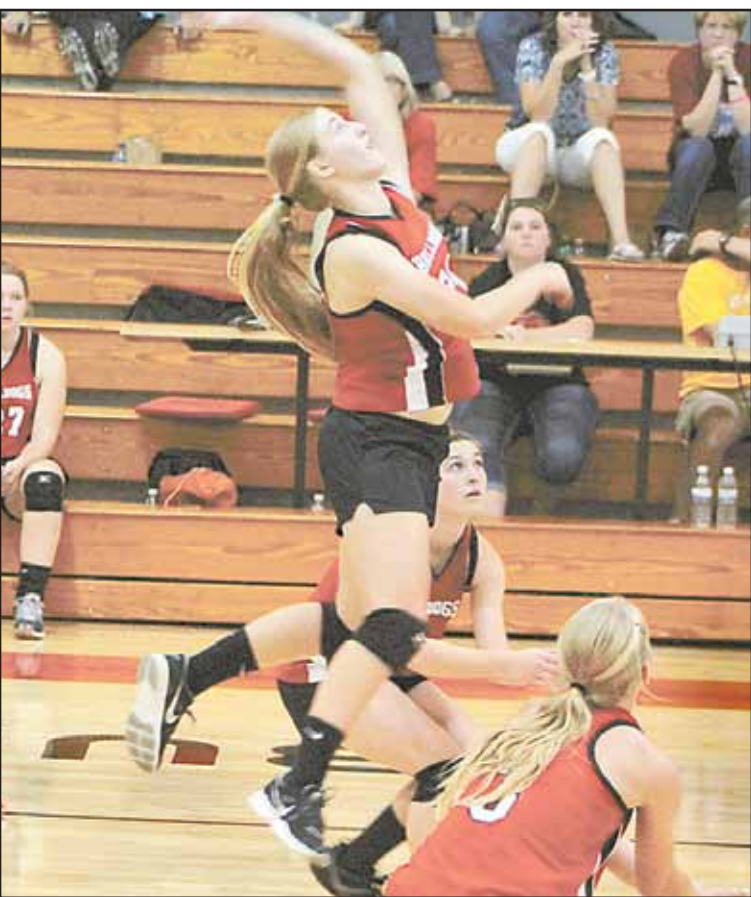
Everyone's work in the off-season will be an important factor in the team's potential next season". Tennis camp is only eight months away!"

A glance at other sports action this week:

Today
College volleyball: Butler County at Colby, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
Cross country: Colby in GWAC meet at Holcomb, 4 p.m.

Cross country: Brewster in Grainfield Invite at Wheatland, 3 p.m. Watch for results from these meets on Thursday.



JUDY ROGERS/Golden Plains High School

What a rush! Junior Kynndra Rush and the Golden Plains Bulldogs rose to their final home challenge vs. Triplains-Brewster.

Bulldogs top Titans

By Judy Rogers
Golden Plains High School

The Golden Plains Bulldogs played their final home matches of the season on Oct. 7 as Northern Valley and Triplains-Brewster came to town.

This was the first time the Bulldogs had faced the Huskies from Almena.

Both teams stepped onto the court with a 12-7 record. The girls kept the first set close throughout most of the game, but the Lady Huskies claimed 25-17, 25-128 wins.

Familiar foes Golden Plains and Triplains-Brewster had faced off twice before with the Titans claiming the first win and Bulldogs the second.

"After we lost to Northern Valley, we really wanted to show our home crowd what we are capable of," junior Kynndra Rush said.

The Bulldogs were on fire as they extended their lead during set one en route to a 25-20 win.

The fierce battle continued into the second set. Golden Plains again jumped to an early lead. Triplains-Brewster rallied to bring the game to within one at 12-11.

Maddy Walz stepped behind the line and spread the game out.

A kill from Rush gave the Bulldogs an advantage and Kami Miller served out a few more points for the Bulldogs.

The Titans continued to fight, tying the game up at 20 and keeping the spectators on their feet. The girls were hitting on all cylinders as they battled it out to the end.

Freshman Jennifer Esparza served the final points to give Golden Plains the 25-22 win.

"We worked well together and communicated well on the court," Rush said.

Brewster boys rule Hoxie race

By R.B. Headley
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Earning nearly half of the Top 10 Hoxie Invitational places added up to a championship for Brewster High's cross country team on Oct. 7.

Senior Leyton Werth's record-setting effort led the champion Bulldogs again. He also extended his streak of race victories that started with Brewster's season debut at Leoti more than a month ago.

Werth finished the course with

a time of 17:21, 15 seconds faster than any runner in Hoxie Invite race history.

Yet the key to Brewster (30 points) claiming a 19-point win over top contender Oberlin (49) was three other top 10 medalists: junior Takoda Turner (sixth, 19:43), freshman Jacob Benham (seventh, 19:46) and freshman Adrian Mercado (10th, 20:13).

Oberlin featured only two top 10 placers, while no other team featured more than one.

"Leyton had another good race, but our other runners did an outstanding job as well," coach Shea

Rothchild confirmed. "Adrian had his season-best time on a fairly difficult Hoxie course."

Junior Quinn Clymer claimed 15th place (20:46) and junior Nate Brown took 24th (23:01) to complete the Brewster contingent.

Palco (69 points) placed third overall while Quinter finished fourth (77).

The Bulldogs were ready to run in Saturday's large Lakin Invitational, but rainy conditions apparently made it Lake-in instead and forced a cancellation. Brewster's next scheduled competition is the Grainfield Invitational at 3 p.m.



MICHELLE WERTH

Brewster senior Leyton Werth broke the Hoxie Invitational record by 15 seconds.

Rooster fight hurts Crusaders

By R.B. Headley
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The foundation of truly great fight often involves second chances.

Yet second, third, fourth and fifth chances on the volleyball floor can begin to feel paganistic.

Especially when Heartland Christian played three excellent sets against Palco Tuesday afternoon and reached set point in all three at Colby's Community Building.

Freshman Carrie Myers crushed more crucial tie-breaking missiles than most fans could count.

Classmate Abby Schmeiser smartly sent several more tips past the Palco defense, while senior Cayla Carter was ready with her powerful ace serves.

However, the Palco girls played up their school's Rooster nickname. They fought off Heartland Christian's 25th clinching point again and again while pecking away at their deficits.

The efforts finally paid off as Palco scored a stunning 24-26, 26-24, 26-24 victory to begin this Heartland Christian home triangular.

A young Crusader squad featuring five freshmen and sophomores



R.B. HEADLEY/Colby Free Press

Heartland Christian senior Cayla Carter handled a tough serve-receive while freshman Carrie Myers (right) is ready to assist on this play against the Palco Roosters Tuesday afternoon.

among its seven players lost its second match of the evening to an excellent Ellis team.

Ellis also defeated Palco in two sets.

Heartland Christian plays two home matches next Tuesday in the Colby Community Building, including one against area foe Triplains-Brewster.

Royals need one more win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) —Mike Moustakas had his eye on the ball from the moment it left Adam Jones' bat, tracking it against the bright lights of Kauffman Stadium.

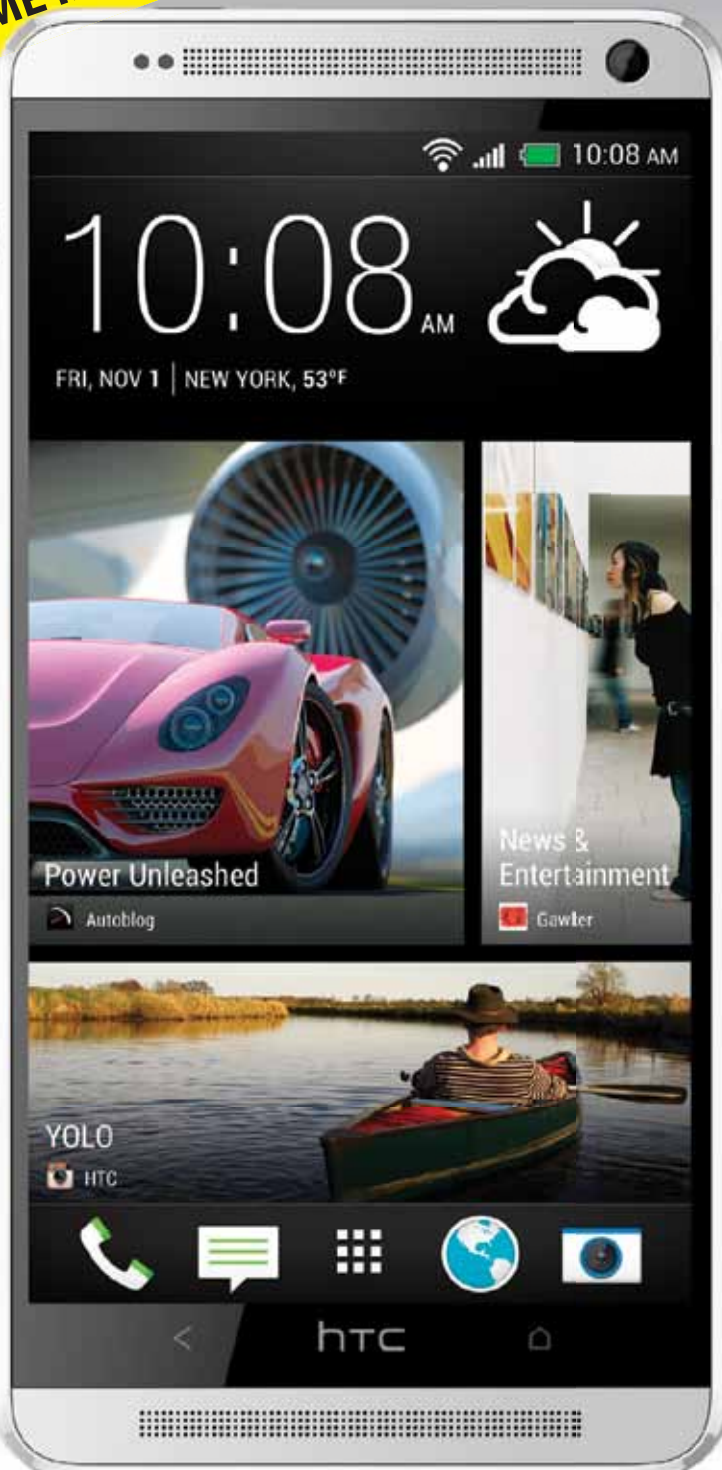
When it settled into his glove and he tumbled into a dugout suite, a dozen fans were waiting to pick him right back up.

Just like Moustakas has picked up his team during its perfect post-season.

The third baseman with the four playoff homers dazzled with his glove Tuesday night.

And when Billy Butler drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, the long-downtrodden Kansas City Royals were on their way to a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles and a commanding 3-0 lead in their American League Championship Series. The Royals can clinch today in a 3 p.m. game.

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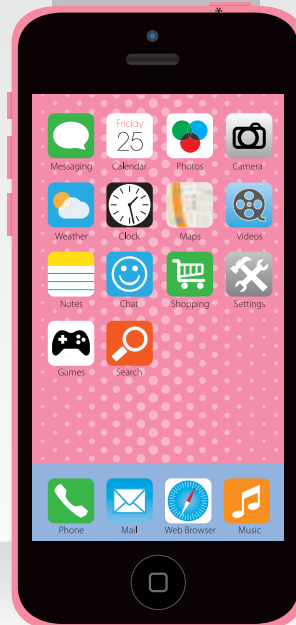
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