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Free Press: We Were Wrong



The City of Manhattan has taken over the Indoor Sports Complex that was started last year by a private group. The photo is of the Lawrence complex that has 16 basketball courts, 4 soccer fields and many other areas.

It Isn't Every Day That The Free Press Gets The Story Wrong, But Here We Did

Editorial
By Jon A. Brake

You will not see this very often, but the Manhattan Free Press has been wrong about the Riley County Commission forming a Building Commission.

If a Building Commission is started it can not be stopped or very unlikely it can be stopped. We have been telling readers for the past 10 to 12 months that if the County Commission passed a Building Commission the City of Manhattan would use it to get around voters to spend \$30 to \$50 million to build and Indoor Sports Complex. Lawrence has one that has 16 basketball courts, 4 soccer fields and many other sporting areas.

But, we were WRONG. The City of Manhattan will not use the Riley County Building Commission to get around the voters.

The City of Manhattan will use their own

Building Commission to build anything they want without a vote of the people.

The City has had a Building Commission for more than 25-years. It was passed about the time the Manhattan Town Center was being constructed. The Free Press was not started until January 1991 and we do not know why the Building Commission for formed.

We do know that some (or all) of the old City Commissioners and some of the newly elected Commissioners know of the Building Commission.

A group called Our Manhattan has been keeping one eye open to watch the County Commissioners and petition to take any Building Project to a vote of the people.

Now, Our Manhattan had better keep both eyes open, one on Riley County and one on the City of Manhattan.

We did get it wrong, didn't we?

Eric Reid Named Assistant Superintendent

MANHATTAN, KS – Eric Reid has been named the Assistant Superintendent for Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. Reid currently serves as the Superintendent of USD 327 Ellsworth/Kanopolis/Genesco in Ellsworth, KS. He has served in that position since 2011. Prior to that, he was an elementary principal in USD 327

Ellsworth/Kanopolis/Genesco and a preK – grade 12 principal in Haviland. He began his career as a social studies teacher in Cocker, Missouri and Fowler, Kansas. He has a B.S. in Secondary Education from Kansas State University and a M.S. in Educational Administration from Fort Hays State University.

"I am excited to return to the Manhattan-Ogden area to serve



Eric Reid

USD 383," states Reid. "During my interview process, I was impressed by the continuing themes of community and the incredible people already in

place. I look forward to serving the district in this capacity, and I will embrace the opportunities to learn from some tremendous people."

"I am pleased to announce that Eric Reid will be joining the Manhattan-Ogden staff as Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services in July," comments Superintendent Robert Shannon. "Eric brings a teaching and leadership background in classroom instruction, activities and athletics, school building administration and district-level administration as a superintendent that will benefit our school district."

Reid will begin his new position on July 1, 2015. He replaces Associate Superintendent Dr. Robert Seymour who is retiring.

K-State trying to answer QB question headed into spring game

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)

The race to replace one of the most prolific passers in Kansas State history may boil down to a junior who never started at game at quarterback in high school and a sophomore who was born more than six years after Bill Snyder took over the program.

Joe Hubener was the primary backup to Jake Waters last season, a former walk-on who played wide receiver and defensive back in high school. But based on his experience in 2014, he may have the slight edge for the No. 1 spot heading into Saturday's spring game, which has been moved to Sporting Park in Kansas City because of construction to Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

Meanwhile, Jesse Ertz is the relative newcomer. He threw for more than 7,300 yards as a prep player in Iowa, breaking the state's career record with 98 touchdown passes.

"Joe and Jesse probably have been the two that have moved forward over most of the rest," Snyder said recently. "One is getting better in game management. Another one is better in handling the accuracy of pure throwing the football. One of them is a little better at running. As far as putting all the skills together, it is hard to assess right now who has all the skill sets to the highest degree."

Waters certainly had all those skill sets.

After transferring from Iowa Western Community College, he led the Wildcats to bowl games each of the last two seasons. And along with graduated wide receiver Tyler Lockett, Waters helped to form one of the most dangerous pass-catch combinations in school history.

"There are lot of key components we have to replace," Hubener said. "We definitely have younger guys that can

step up and narrow that gap. Obviously the returning players will be crucial as well."

Hubener and Ertz aren't the only ones who hope to turn heads Saturday, though.

Alex Delton is on campus after graduating from Hays (Kansas) High School in the fall, and the 6-foot, 195-pound quarterback may have the most upside of anybody competing for the job. In fact, as reluctant as Snyder is to discuss freshmen, Delton has already caught his eye.

"I think he is going to be in the mix," Snyder said, without even using Delton's name.

Finding a replacement for a Division I starter is no easy task, but it especially tough at Kansas State. Not only is Snyder's offense extremely complex, what he demands of the quarterback has grown over the years to encompass a little bit of everything.

Why George W. Bush Let a Soldier's Mom Yell at Him

Watchdog

News of America's military men and women were wounded and killed in Iraq and Afghanistan almost overwhelmed me on some days. I may have sounded strong when I was talking to the press, but sometimes I had to push my feelings way down in order to get any words out of my mouth to make statements and answer questions.

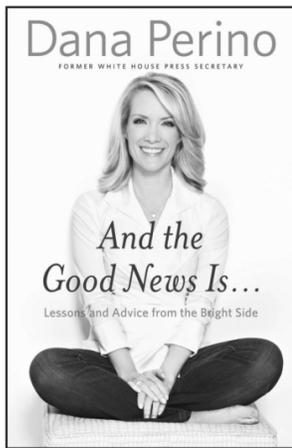
The hardest days were when President Bush went to visit the wounded or families of the fallen. If it was tough for me, you can only imagine what it was like for the families and for a president who knew that his decisions led his troops into battles where they fought valiantly but were severely injured or lost their lives.

He regularly visited patients at Walter Reed military hospital near the White House. These stops were unannounced because of security concerns and hassles for the hospital staff that come with a full blown presidential visit.

One morning in 2005, Scott McClellan sent me in his place to visit the wounded warriors. It was my first time for that particular assignment, and I was nervous about how the visits would go.

The president was scheduled to see twenty-five patients at Walter Reed. Many of them had traumatic brain injuries and were in very serious, sometimes critical, condition. Despite getting the best treatment available in the world, we knew that some would not survive.

We started in the intensive care unit. The Chief Naval Officer (CNO) briefed the president on our way into



the hospital about the first patient we'd see. He was a young Marine who had been injured when his Humvee was hit by a roadside bomb. After his rescue, he was flown to Landstuhl U.S. Air Force Base in Kaiserslautern, Germany. At his bedside were his parents, wife, and five-year-old son.

"What's his prognosis?" the president asked.

The military aide presented the Marine with the award for a second time. The president had tears dripping from his eyes onto the Marine's face.

"Well, we don't know sir, because he's not opened his eyes since he arrived, so we haven't been able to communicate with him. But no matter what, Mr. President, he has a long road

ahead of him," said the CNO.

We had to wear masks because of the risk of infection to the patient. I watched carefully to see how the family would react to President Bush, and I was worried that they might be mad at him and blame him for their loved one's situation. But I was wrong.

The family was so excited the president had come. They gave him big hugs and thanked him over and over. Then they wanted to get a photo. So he gathered them all in front of Eric Draper, the White House photographer.

President Bush asked, "Is everybody smiling?" But they all had ICU masks on. A light chuckle ran through the room as everyone got the joke.

The soldier was intubated. The president talked quietly with the family at the foot of the patient's bed. I looked up at the ceiling so that I could hold back tears.

After he visited with them for a bit, the president turned to the military aide and said, "Okay, let's do the presentation." The wounded soldier was being awarded the Purple Heart, given to troops that suffer wounds in combat.

Everyone stood silently while the military aide in a low and steady voice presented the award. At the end of it, the Marine's little boy tugged on the president's jacket and asked, "What's a Purple Heart?"

The president got down on one knee and pulled the little boy closer to him. He said, "It's an award for your dad, because he is very brave and courageous, and because he loves his country so much. And I hope you know

how much he loves you and your mom, too."

As he hugged the boy, there was a commotion from the medical staff as they moved toward the bed.

The Marine had just opened his eyes. I could see him from where I stood.

The CNO held the medical team back and said, "Hold on, guys. I think he wants the president."

The president said, "That mama sure was mad at me." Then he turned to look out the window of the helicopter. "And I don't blame her a bit."

The president jumped up and rushed over to the side of the bed. He cupped the Marine's face in his hands. They locked eyes, and after a couple of moments the president, without breaking eye contact, said to the military aide, "Read it again."

So we stood silently as the military aide presented the Marine with the award for a second time. The president had tears dripping from his eyes onto the Marine's face. As the presentation ended, the president rested his forehead on the Marine's for a moment.

Now everyone was crying, and for so many reasons: the sacrifice; the pain and suffering; the love of country; the belief in the mission; and the witnessing of a relationship between a soldier and his Commander in Chief that the rest of us could never fully grasp. (In writing this book, I contacted several military aides who helped me track down the name of the Marine. I hoped for news that he had survived. He did not. He died during surgery six days after the president's visit. He is buried at Arlington

Cemetery and is survived by his wife and their three children.)

And that was just the first patient we saw. For the rest of the visit to the hospital that day, almost every family had the same reaction of joy when they saw the president.

But there were exceptions. One mom and dad of a dying soldier from the Caribbean were devastated, the mom beside herself with grief. She yelled at the president, wanting to know why it was her child and not his who lay in that hospital bed.

Her husband tried to calm her and I noticed the president wasn't in a hurry to leave—he tried offering comfort but then just stood and took it, like he expected and needed to hear the anguish, to try to soak up some of her suffering if he could.

Later as we rode back on Marine One to the White House, no one spoke.

But as the helicopter took off, the president looked at me and said, "That mama sure was mad at me." Then he turned to look out the window of the helicopter. "And I don't blame her a bit."

One tear slipped out the side of his eye and down his face. He didn't wipe it away, and we flew back to the White House.

This is an excerpt from "And the Good News Is...: Lessons and Advice from the Bright Side" by Dana Perino. Reprinted by permission of Twelve Books (c) 2015.

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Insiders Detail Culture of Secrecy at California's Obamacare Exchange

Aiden Hill's introduction to the secretive culture at Covered California came in his first days on the job. He had just been hired to head up the agency's \$120 million call center effort when he emailed a superior April 18, 2013, and got a text message in reply:

Please refrain from writing a lot of draft contract language in government email ... And don't clarify via email ... No email.

Later, concerned about contractor performance, Hill conducted an Internet search for "best practices" information to forward a superior. Afterward he got this text:

Aiden—Please stop using government email for your searches.

Hill saw the text messages as a deliberate effort to avoid a paper trail subject to public disclosure. And he says some higher-ups grew increasingly upset by his efforts to flag alleged incompetence and waste.

"They stuck their head in the sand and pretended the contractors could fix things by the launch date, which they couldn't and didn't," says a former Covered California call center manager who worked under Hill and asked not to be named to protect his status at a different state job. "It was always say that everything was fine and we're going to make it through the process."

The officials allege it was conflicts of interest that led some executives to tolerate "egregious taxpayer waste."

"None of us wants to see ... pockets lined of contractors that didn't do what they were supposed to do but got paid every dime," says a third Covered California official who still works at the agency.

An Associated Press report in 2013 found that millions in no-bid Covered California contracts went to firms with professional ties to agency Executive Director Peter Lee. At the time, a spokesman told AP that Covered California

"was under pressure to move fast" to meet tight federal deadlines and "needed specialized skills." Covered California would not answer our questions about potential conflicts of interest.

AP also found Covered California uniquely positioned to keep its spending details secret—"the most restrictive" among the 16 state exchanges with "authority to conceal spending on contractors performing most of its functions ... potentially shielding the public from seeing how hundreds of millions of dollars are spent."

After Hill escalated his concerns about contractors, Covered California abruptly terminated his contract in August 2013. He left determined to expose the dysfunction, and did so during an unusual presentation at a public board meeting.

"I'm here to tell the board and the public that Covered California executives have been engaging in a cover up," declared Hill at the Feb. 20, 2014, meeting, speaking from the audience during a question-and-answer period.

"They knew back in August of 2013 that there were serious readiness issues with Covered California. ... When I and others persisted in challenging these contractor performance issues, our own contracts were prematurely terminated and we were threatened with legal action if we spoke out."

After that public display, Covered California hired a law firm to conduct an independent investigation into allegations that management "engaged in a cover-up" and "knowingly allowed two contractors to engage in waste, fraud and abuse."

The firm conducted 45 interviews with 25 witnesses. Last December, Covered California notified Hill that the independent probe concluded "the evidence did not support" any of his claims.

Hill calls the inquiry a sham and says investigators failed to interview key witnesses he suggested. Covered California declined to answer our questions on this topic, or any other.

Kevin Knauss is a certified Covered California insurance agent and Affordable Care Act supporter. In spring of 2013, he says he was "jazzed" about the promise of Obamacare and began blogging "happy stuff."

Since then, he has seen many success stories. One is a San Francisco graduate student with AIDS who had trouble getting insured until Obamacare. In December 2013, he not only was able to get a policy on the Covered California exchange, but he also got a tax dollar subsidy to help buy it. The very first week the policy took effect, he ended up with a two-week emergency hospital stay.

"He still had to pay the deductible, but he would have ended up owing a lot more money without insurance," says Knauss. "And San Francisco General Hospital got paid."

But Knauss has also seen a flip side. He's been shocked by the amount of time he's spent helping weary Covered California consumers.

"Early on, it wasn't unusual to spend four hours during the day on hold with Covered California just trying to resolve minor issues," he says.

Today, there's less hold time but daily examples of confusion.

"I've got one family ... their Covered California account shows three different effective dates." In another case, "I found out a woman's plan had been terminated, but they couldn't tell me why."

Knauss' once-cheerful blog has turned into a consumer chronicle of Covered California's tribulations. He

says the agency is masking its shortfalls because it is, in essence, a sales organization.

"I know their enrollment numbers aren't right. They're marketing themselves [to] generate fees."

To some degree, state health insurance exchanges are forced to market themselves. After starting up using over a billion federal tax dollars, the law requires them to be self-supporting this year. To do so, Covered California collects commissions.

The agency wouldn't answer questions on this topic, but previously indicated it planned to charge a 3 percent fee on premiums in 2014 and later hoped to reduce that to 2 percent. Because too few people enrolled, published reports say Covered California could not reduce its 2015 fee, and maintained it at \$13.95 per person each month.

"I didn't think it would turn into as much of a marketing machine and corporate entity. I thought there would be more transparency," says Knauss.

Computer Bugs

Marketing Covered California can be tricky considering formidable obstacles still dragging it down.

Design flaws involving the \$454 million computer system are responsible for giant backlogs, misinformation and poor interface with California's version of Medicaid coverage for the poor.

Computer glitches forced a delay in adult family dental plans and caused a confounding flurry of mail. One family reportedly received 18 notices in one day; 14 said they were covered and four said they were not. Consumer advocates found a customer who got 40 notices in less than a month.

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Riley County Minutes Cost Taxpayers \$700 Per Month

Riley County Commission Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2015
8:30 AM Call to Order

MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

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Univ Park Capital Project
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Hunters Island Water Dist
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Deep Creek Sewer
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Valleywood Operations
292.78
Terra Heights Sewer
864.92
Konza Water Operations
2,575.81
Lakeside Heights Sewer
13.64

Review Tentative Agenda

7. Tentative Agenda

Press Conference Topics

8. Discuss Press Conference

Pat Collins-Rural Fire Activity

Rich Vargo-USD 383 LOB Mail Ballot Election

Stephanie Watts-MPO Open House

TOTAL \$549,580.52

9:00 AM Bob Isaac, Planner

9. Amend Section 16 of the Riley County Sexually Oriented Business Code

Isaac presented the text amendment for section 16 of the Riley County Sexually Oriented Business Code.

Motion to sign Resolution No. 041615-10 A resolution adopting amendments to the Riley County sexually oriented business code, as incorporated by Resolution No. 072904-29, Adopted July 29, 2004 that provides for the management of sexually oriented business within the unincorporated area of Riley County.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

9:15 AM Debbie Register, Register of Deeds

10. Year-to-Date Revenue

Register presented the year to date revenue update.

9:30 AM Clancy Holeman, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

11. Administrative Work Session

Holeman reported there is a public meeting tonight for the University Park residents at 7:00 p.m. at the Randolph Senior Center to discuss the temporary construction easements necessary for the sewer line improvement project.

9:50 AM Brad Schoen, Riley County Police Department Director

12. RCPD update

Schoen stated soon there will be a request to replace the control boards on the original jail facility. Schoen said it will need to be replaced by next year, possibly this year.

Shepek said the project is in the non-funded CIP list for 2015, but stated it is being moved to 2017.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Public Comments

Business Meeting

3. 2015 LEPC Membership List

Harrison presented the 2015 LEPC Membership List request.

Move to sign the letter addressed to CEPR for updating Riley County LEPC Membership list.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

4. 2015 Asphalt Program Contract

Shepek stated one of the projects on the list of asphalt project is a 1/2 cent sales tax project.

Move to approve the contract for the 2015 Asphalt Program with Shilling Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,094,841.90.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

5. Approve payroll/accounts payables (when completed)

Move to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$282,087.52 and the following warrant vouchers for April 17, 2015:

2015 Budget
County General
\$231,393.57
Health Department
50,197.62
JJA Prevention St Formula
2,967.75
Court Technology
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Riley Co Juvenile Service
4,457.34
Motor Vehicle Operations
3,499.27
Special Alcohol
4,420.00
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727.46
Riley Co Adult Services
5,634.90
Capital Improvements Fund
28,448.87
Emergency 911
5,755.74
Solid Waste
153,957.22
County Building
7,591.01
Road & Bridge Cap Project
15,156.37
RCPD Levy/Op
15,095.97
Landfill Closure
617.36
Riley Co Fire Dist #1
8,861.92
University Park W&S

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

6. Board of Riley County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - Apr 13, 2015 8:30 AM

Move to approve the minutes.

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Robert Boyd, County Commissioner
SECONDER: Ben Wilson, County Commissioner
AYES: Boyd, Wells, Wilson

Medical marijuana activist in US could face charges

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — A medical marijuana advocate has lost custody of her 11-year-old son at least temporarily and could face possible charges following comments the boy made during a drug education program at school.

The case of Shona Banda, 37, was forwarded Monday to the district attorney's office for a decision about charges, Police Capt. Randy Ralston said. Possible charges include possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia and child endangerment, the department said in a news release.

No arrests have been made.

The divorced mother said she did not get custody of her son back following a hearing Monday, after Kansas authorities had placed the boy into

protective custody.

"That's OK — I am not giving up," Banda said. "I will, I will get him and I am not going to stop until I do."

Banda, a motivational speaker and author on the medical marijuana issue, has been at the center of a social media storm after she went public with her story. Several supporters rallied Monday at a park near the courthouse.

Banda is the author of a book "Live Free or Die: Reclaim your Life . . . Reclaim your Country!" that recounts her use of a concentrated cannabis oil to treat Crohn's Disease.

A gag order has since been issued in the custody case, Banda said. Her attorney, Sarah Swain, did not respond to a phone message left at her

office.

Banda's legal problems began March 24 when police were called to her son's school for a child welfare check following a drug and alcohol presentation. Investigators allege the boy told school officials that his mother and other adults in his home were avid drug users and that there was a lot of drug use occurring at the home.

Banda refused to allow officers to search the home, and police stayed at the scene and denied her entry to it until they could obtain a search warrant. A search subsequently found about marijuana and a lab for manufacturing cannabis oil on the kitchen table and counters, drug paraphernalia and other related items, police said. Authorities said the items were within easy reach of the child.

Help Wanted

Part time cook at the Riley County Seniors' Services Center four (4) hours M-F. Benefits are sick leave, holidays, paid vacation. Application and job description at the Senior Center, 301 N 4th St., Manhattan, KS or send resume to 401 Houston, Manhattan KS 66502 Call 1-800-432-2703 for information. EOE/AA

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Rails and Reauthorization: The Inequity of Federal Transit Funding

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Federal transportation aid programs often create perverse incentives for states and metropolitan areas. The worst incentives are created by discretionary funds that encourage state and local governments to adopt wasteful programs in order to get the largest possible share of those funds.

For example, instead of encouraging cities and transit agencies to spend funds efficiently, the New Starts capital grants program encourages them to build the most expensive projects. By building a wildly expensive rail transit system, for example, Salt Lake City has collected \$2.17 in federal funds per transit rider over the last 22 years. In comparison, by focusing exclusively on buses, Milwaukee has collected only 26 cents per transit rider.

Nearly all of this variation is due to the New Starts and other discretionary funds, while formula funds are more equitably distributed. New Starts is inequitable in other ways, as well. Over the last three sessions of Congress, having a Democrat on the House

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has given states "bonuses" in transit funding of \$120 million to \$160 million per year. Having a Republican on the committee produced much smaller bonuses, and even produced a penalty during the 111th Congress.

To get as much New Starts money as possible, transit agencies have planned increasingly expensive rail projects. While the average light-rail project in the 1980s cost about \$25 million per mile (in 2013 dollars), by 1997 the average cost was more than twice that much, and light rail projects in the 2016 New Starts report cost nearly \$200 million per mile.

Such expensive projects not only waste federal transportation dollars, they impose huge burdens on local taxpayers. As a result, far from promoting urban growth, regions that build rail transit end up growing slower than ones that don't.

To fix these problems, Congress should convert the New Starts and other discretionary funds to formula funds. To encourage states and regions to build transportation systems that respond to user needs, Congress should incorporate user fees into the formulas.

FBI, Justice pledge review after flawed hair analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department and FBI on Monday pledged an independent review of FBI laboratory protocols and procedures following the discovery of flawed forensics testimony in hundreds of older criminal cases.

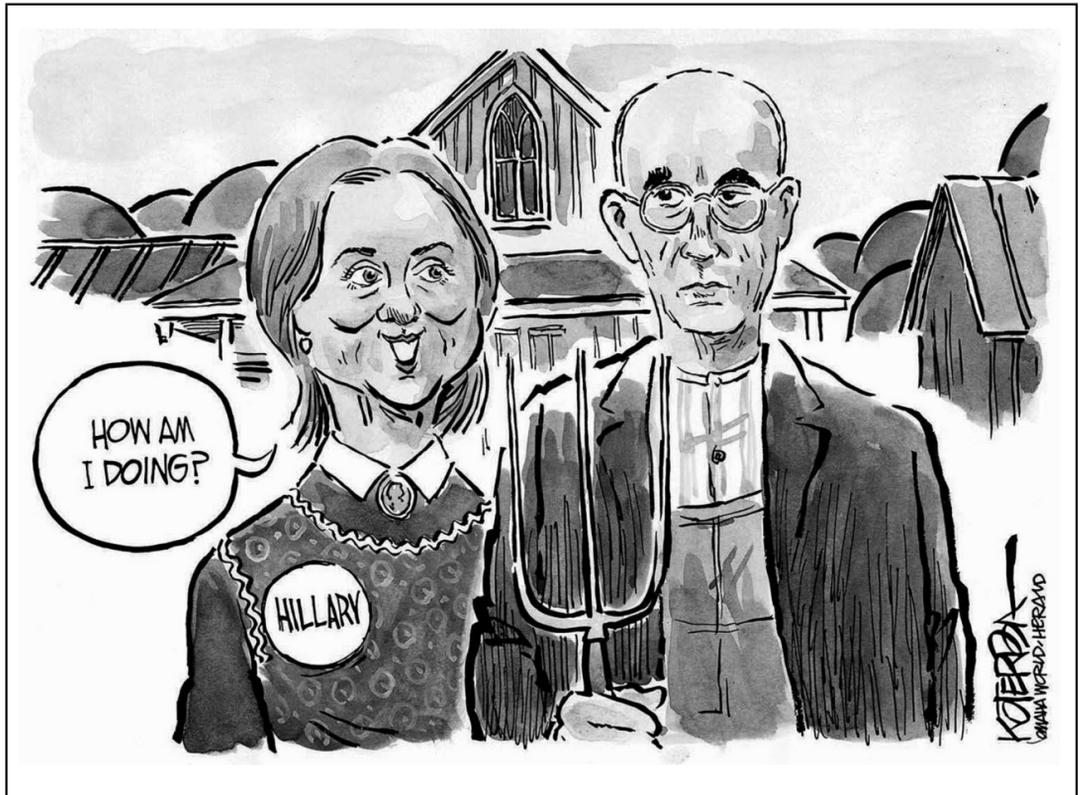
The investigation will look at how the scientific problem occurred and "why it was allowed to continue for so

long," the Justice Department said. Law enforcement officials also said they would move forward with reviewing hundreds of additional cases in which scientifically invalid testimony concerning microscopic hair analysis may have been given, and would encourage states whose examiners were trained by the FBI to conduct their own reviews.

The steps, outlined in a joint statement with the Innocence Project and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, follow revelations of flawed testimony by specialized FBI examiners in criminal prosecutions dating back decades. Errors in hair analysis have been found in most cases that have been examined so far during an ongoing review, officials said.

The FBI and the Justice Department agreed to review criminal cases where microscopic hair analysis helped connect a defendant to a crime

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following the exoneration of three men in which the evidence was used. The investigation covers cases prior to 2000, when more accurate DNA analysis of hair became routine for the FBI.

Of the 268 trials that were reviewed as of last month in which hair evidence was used against a defendant, more than 95 percent contained flawed testimony by specialized examiners. In addition, 26 of 28 FBI specialists provided flawed statements at trial or produced lab reports with errors, the FBI

said. The Justice Department and FBI are "committed to ensuring the accuracy of future hair analysis testimony, as well as the application of all disciplines of forensic science," Amy Hess, executive assistant director of the FBI's science and technology branch, said in a statement. "The Department and FBI have devoted considerable resources to this effort and will continue to do so until all of the identified hair cases are addressed."

The errors in testimony do

not necessarily establish a defendant's innocence, but the legal groups say they're working with the Justice Department to make sure defendants in affected cases have an avenue to challenge convictions. The Justice Department has also said it won't raise procedural objections in federal cases in which defendants seek a new trial.

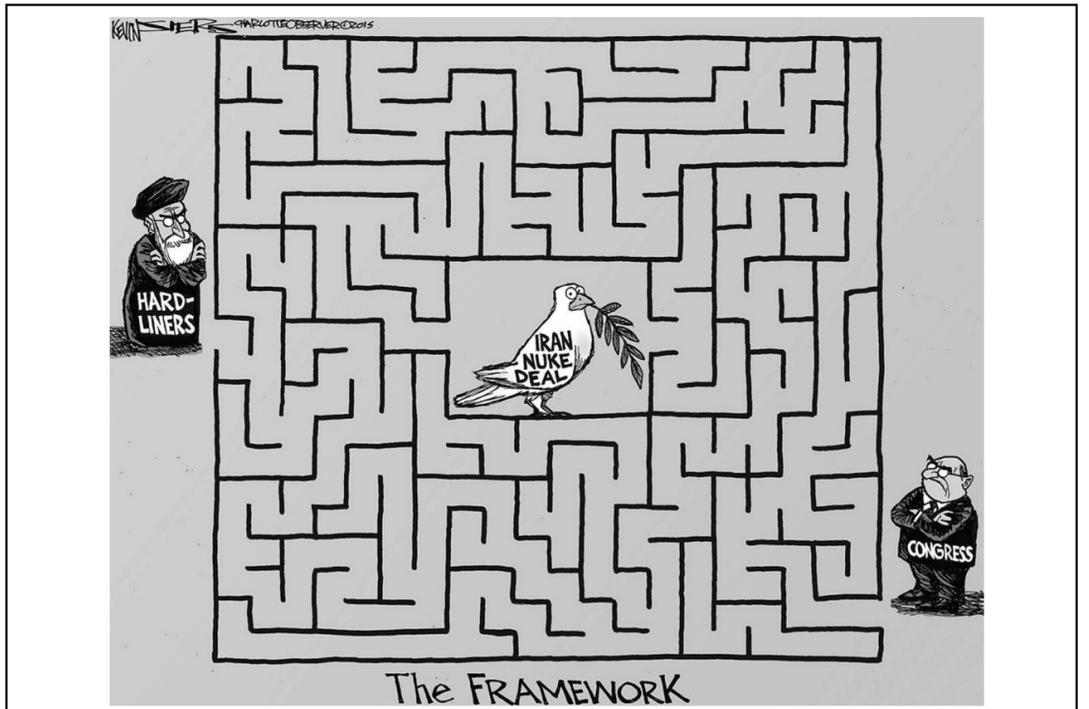
The majority of affected cases are state prosecutions. The FBI has trained hundreds of state hair examiners in annual training courses.

Peter Neufeld, co-director of the Innocence Project, said the FBI microscopic hair analysts had "committed widespread, systematic error" that had the effect of strengthening the cases of prosecutors. Though he praised the Justice Department for trying to fix the problem, he also said in the statement that "this epic miscarriage of justice calls for a rigorous review to determine how this started almost four decades ago and why it took so long to come to light."

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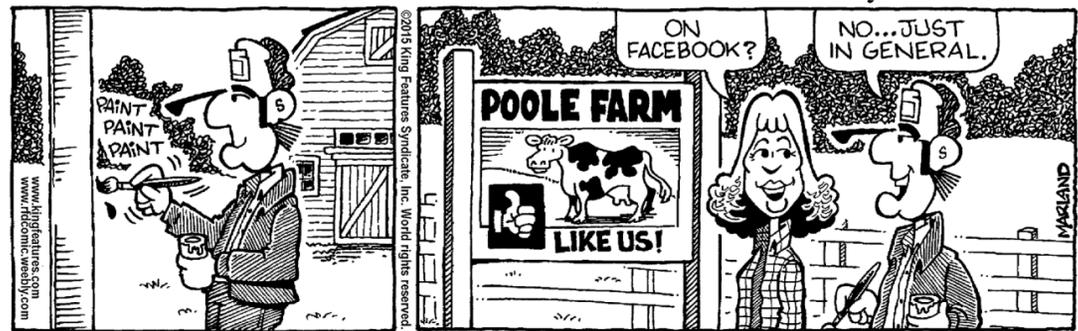
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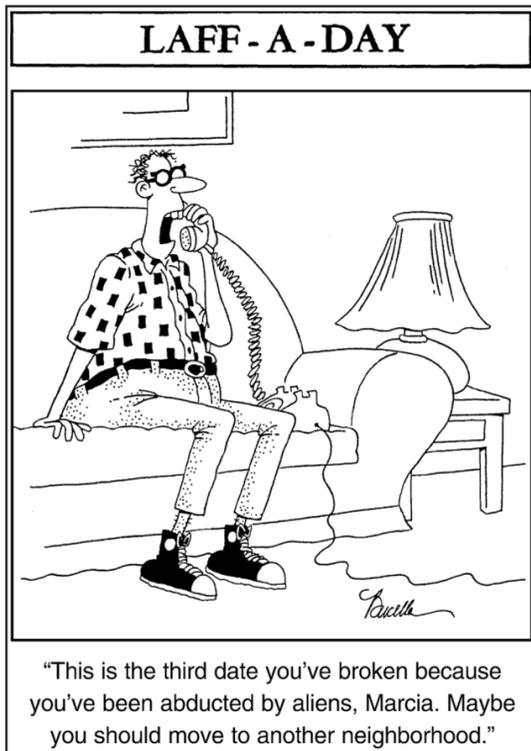
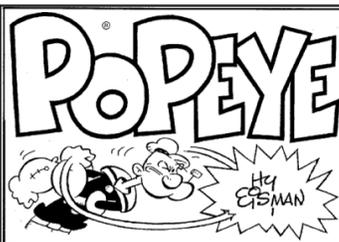
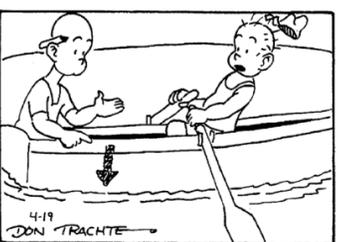
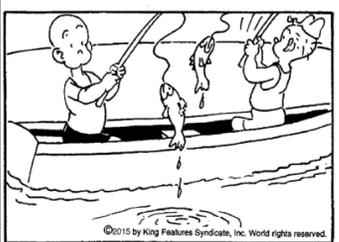
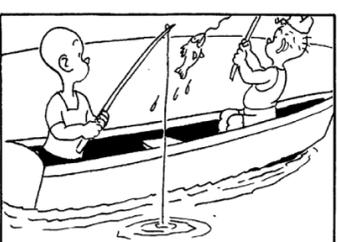
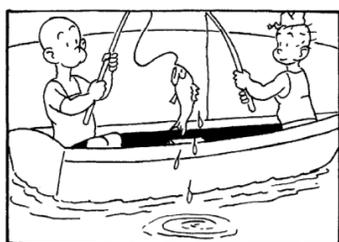
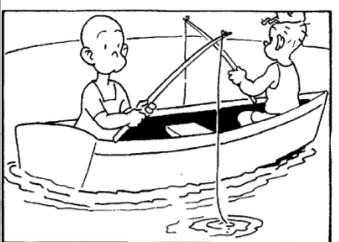
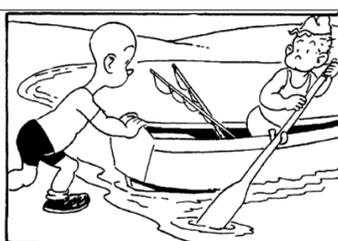
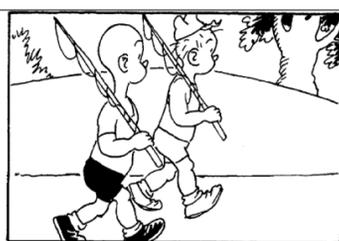
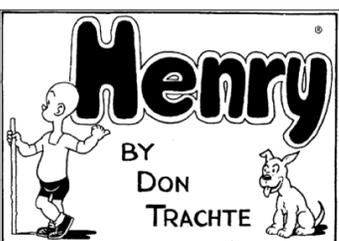
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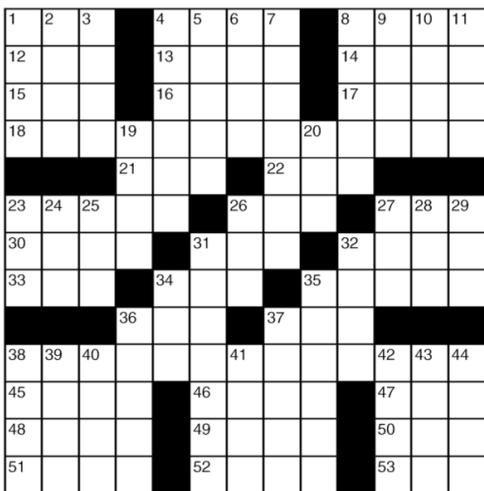
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Sweet Potato Beef Pasta

Adding sweet potatoes gives delicious color and flavor to this favorite, easy-to-make one pot meal.

Ingredients

- 1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 2/3 cups milk
- 1 box (5.5 oz) Hamburger Helper™ beef pasta
- 1 cup diced and peeled sweet potato

Directions

- 1 In 10-inch skillet, cook beef over medium-high heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until thoroughly cooked; drain.
- 2 Stir in hot water, milk, sweet potato, uncooked pasta and sauce mix (from Hamburger Helper box). Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally.
- 3 Reduce heat; cover and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; uncover (sauce will thicken as it stands). Stir before serving.

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