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Amusement business robbed at gunpoint

STAFF REPORT
 Fun Times, a local slot amusement building in Pampa, was robbed on Monday morning. The Pampa Police Department responded to a call in the 600 block of West Foster at around 11 a.m. on Monday morning. Authorities say that a white male entered Fun Times and presented a weapon. The suspect demanded money and left the establishment quickly with an undisclosed amount of cash, said PPD spokesman Jason Collier. The suspect left in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a white male wearing a white button-up shirt, blue jeans and a white flat-billed hat. There were no injuries during the incident and there were no other details at time of publish.



Image from Google Earth
 This is an older photo of the establishment that was robbed.

City Commission meets today

STAFF REPORT
 After its regular meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, the Pampa City Commission will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. to consider a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 8.19 percent. Individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.621027 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$284.01. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the public hearing and express their views. A copy of the 2013-14 proposed budget is on file in the office of the city secretary, at Lovett Memorial Library and at www.cityofpampa.org for public review. During its regular meeting, the commission will honor Danny M. Martin as All American Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and consider the following:
 • The approval of the minutes of the Aug. 27, regular City Commission Meeting as presented.
 • Excusing the absence of Commissioner Karen McLain from the August 20, special City Commission Meeting.
 • The authorization for the city manager to execute Change Order No. 4 for Animal Facility construction.
 • The awarding of a bid in the amount of \$300 from Irene Jemenez for delinquent tax property

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Gray County Commissioners approve budget

BY LINDSEY TOMASCHIK
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 The Gray County Commissioners called a special meeting on Monday in order to adopt the budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2014. The meeting was short and only commissioner, Jeff Haley, was opposed to adopting the \$13,828,695 budget. This year's budget is a \$550,000 increase from last year's. Judge Richard Peet also brought to the attention of the court that this number does not cover unexpected yet necessary costs. He made an example of the air conditioner at the jail that went out recently, which cost \$15,000 to fix. The tax rate for fiscal 2014, however, went down from last year, but Judge Peet recognized that the rate, down to 0.489381% from 0.4973% in 2013, must still be viewed as an increase due to the fact that the number is still above the effective rate. The final item on the meeting's agenda was considering the permanent school land. Although there was a rumor the land was going to be sold, the court quickly dispelled that notion, stating that they have merely considered leasing it at the benefit of the school district. Commissioner Gary Willoughby departed early from the meeting, while Tanner Hess, mayor of McLean brought forward some concerns about the money the county budgets for his town. He stated that the county focuses more funds on the area just outside of city limits than on the other towns in the county, and used the analogy of taking your neighbor out to dinner and getting steak for yourself and chicken for your neighbor. Peet acknowledged his concerns and pointed out that there were no budget cuts for McLean included in the 2014 budget. The next Gray County Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 16 in the Gray County Courtroom, 205 N. Russell St.

GETTING READY TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST THE DUMAS DEMONS



Photo by Charla Shults
 The Pampa Harvester defense will take the field this Friday at 7:30 against the Dumas Demons. The Harvesters fell to the Canyon Eagles last week.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare
 Jana Gregory, center, Pampa United Way executive administrator, passes out information packets to the loan executives.

United Way holds loan executive lunch

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE
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 The Pampa United Way held a lunch at Happy State Bank Monday for its loan executives and representatives from the 17 agencies that receive funding from the organization. Loan executives are employees of local companies who are loaned to the United Way on a part-time basis by their employers to serve our community and help reach its goal. Donny Hooper, vice chair for the 2013 campaign, showed a 10-minute video that featured representatives from various agencies speaking on how the United Way benefits them. Steve Pair, executive director of the American Red Cross Texas Panhandle, said before the presentation the United Way provides critical help

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 87 Low 62	High 84 Low 62	High 90 Low 61

Today: Mostly sunny with a high of 87. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south-southwest at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:23 a.m.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low of 62. Chance of rain: 10 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunset at 7:58 p.m.

Wednesday: Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 84. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:24 a.m.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 62. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds south at 7 mph. Sunset at 7:56 p.m.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 90. Winds south at 10 mph. Sunrise at 7:25 a.m.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low of 61. Winds south-southeast at 8 mph. Sunset at 7:55 p.m.

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Obituaries

J.A. "Shorty" Winfield

J.A. "Shorty" Winfield, 92, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013 in McLean.



J.A. Winfield

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013, at Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors with Gene Gee, minister of Lefors Church of Christ, officiating. Military honors are courtesy of the U. S. Navy. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Winfield was born April 23, 1921 in Polk County, Ark. He married Maudine Rhodes on April 12, 1941 in an Oklahoma corn field. She passed away on Oct. 26, 2003. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II. Shorty was a carpenter for many years before he be-

gan preaching in 1968. He and Maudine served as missionaries to Swaziland in South Africa from 1968-1971 and 1974. He was a Church of Christ minister serving in New Mexico, Texas and Arkansas. Shorty had lived in Lefors since 2002 and moved to the McLean Care Center in 2010. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandy Hill, and by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Joy Fulton and husband Joe of McLean, Emily Plumlee and husband George of Jean, and Janice Parsons and husband James of Mesquite; two sons, Jim Winfield and wife Shannon of Estancia, Nm. and Tim Winfield of Dothan, Ala.; a brother, Junior Winfield of Ruidoso, N.M.; a sister, Juanita Krebs and husband Charles of Hatfield, Ark.; 15 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

For the record

Several arrested on alcohol charges over the weekend

STAFF REPORT

- Patricia Jobelle Holt, 37, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Pampa Police Department for two charges of contempt of court.
- Parker Rae Kerlee, 33, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Oscar Benito Lopez, 36, Wheeler, was arrested Friday by GCSO for violation of probation — third or more driving while intoxicated offense.
- Nicholas Gutierrez Lopez, 34, Pampa, was arrested Friday by PPD for assault with intent to cause bodily injury to a family member.
- Ashley Jo Fleetwood, 30, Pampa, was arrested Friday by GCSO for two charges of theft by check.
- Steven Ray O'Neal, 25, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.
- Joseph Lee Remington Jr., 38, Lefors, was arrested Saturday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.
- Bobby Glen Davis, 35, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated.
- Luke Edward Hughes, 25, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — assault by threat, capias pro fine — failure to appear.
- Nicholas Clyde Nelson, 28, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for capias pro fine — no driver's license, capias pro fine — failure to appear.
- Charles Edmond Williams III, 31, Manfield,

- La., was arrested Saturday by GCSO for insufficient bond — possession of a controlled substance.
- Tabitha Evette Williams, 27, Oklahoma City, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for burglary of a habitation.
- Daniel Quilmaco, 40, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by DPS for failure to appear, possession of a controlled substance, manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, failure to present valid identification, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Kaylee Holland, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for minor in consumption of alcohol.
- Ashtin Sackett, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for minor in consumption of alcohol.
- Nisha Diamond, 20, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for no driver's license.
- Tiara Gagliardo, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for possession of marijuana in a drug free zone, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Brandon Orr, 33, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for no valid driver's license.
- Dayton Portillo, 17, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for failure to identify giving false or fictitious information, possession of marijuana, no valid driver's license, failure to appear.
- Tiffany Williams, 37, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for no driver's license, failure to appear.

Texas school reopens after deadly knife fight

SPRING (AP) — Children returned to classes Monday at a suburban Houston high school amid tightened security following a knife fight that left one student dead and three injured.

Students lined up for security screening before entering the Spring High School, where portable metal detectors and hand-held wand security devices would be used all week, said Karen Garrison, a school spokeswoman. The security equipment — installed following the fight last Wednesday that left 17-year-old Joshua Devon Broussard dead — has been used sporadically at the school in the past.

Uniformed law enforcement officers and patrol vehicles surrounded the facility in Spring, which had been closed since Broussard's death. Harris County sheriff's deputies have arrested another 17-year-old student, Luis Alonzo Alfaro in the attack. Alfaro was being held Monday in the Harris County jail on a murder charge, with bond set at \$140,000.

Sheriff's investigators blame gang rivalry for the fight. Spring is about 20 miles north of Houston.

"School got off to a great start this morning, it went very smoothly," Garrison said. "It's really important that we get our kids back to school and we start having normal school days for our children."

Some students released balloons Monday to remember the victim, and several prayer groups gathered. Principal Donna Ullrich said parents and school officials would meet this week to discuss school safety and security.

"We are part of the Spring community, and we need your help to make our school the safest and best school possible," Ullrich said in a letter Sunday to parents.

A memorial service for Broussard was disrupted Sunday night when shots were fired outside Spring Baptist Church. No injuries were reported and nobody was arrested, said Christina Garza, a sheriff's department spokeswoman.

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Albertson's to buy United Supermarkets



File photo

The United Supermarkets store in Pampa at 1420 N. Hobart St.

STAFF REPORT

Lubbock-based United Supermarkets announced Monday that it has agreed to be acquired by Albertson's LLC, which currently operates more than 600 locations in 16 states. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

United has been family-owned since its founding in 1916 and retains deep community roots in Lubbock, where it is based, as well as the 29 other communities it serves, including Pampa.

When contacted by The Pampa News, store manager Troy Newton referred questions about the sale to the company's corporate office in Lubbock. Phone messages left at the corporate office were not immediately returned.

United currently operates 50 traditional, specialty and Hispanic grocery stores under its United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos banners, and seven convenience stores and 26 fuel centers under its United Express banner. United also operates two divisions, R.C. Taylor Distributing and Praters, and one wholly owned subsidiary, Llano Logistics, which operates the company's two distribution centers in Lubbock and Roanoke.

Matt Bumstead, United co-president and ownership family member, said, "We are grateful for and humbled by the 97 years we have had to be a part of

United's mission of service. With this ownership transition, we see a chance for United's impact and legacy to grow for decades to come. With the strength and stability they (Albertson's) have to offer our team members, we believe that this new ownership, working with our world-class team, can take United's vision and mission to places and levels previously beyond our reach. Our deepest thanks go out to all who have supported United and our family throughout the years. We believe United's best days are all ahead."

Upon completion of the transaction, United will operate as a separate business unit under Albertson's LLC. Robert Taylor, United's CEO, will continue to lead the company as president of the United subsidiary, reporting directly to Bob Miller, CEO of Albertson's LLC.

"Over the past 97 years, the United family and leadership team have done a tremendous job in establishing and perpetuating a remarkable culture of service and commitment to fresh, quality foods throughout their stores," Miller said. "Their commitment to community is unparalleled. Our team feels there is an exceptional opportunity to invest in and grow their brands."

The transaction is expected to be complete by the end of October, subject to customary government approvals.

United Way

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for the Red Cross to carry on its mission. He said the Panhandle Red Cross receives funding from United Ways in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger and Froina.

In his job, Pair travels throughout the Panhandle and is in Pampa at least once a week, he said.

The fundraising goal for 2013 is \$337,000. Campaign Chairman Brad Morse said that 98 per-

cent of the money raised in Pampa stays in Pampa. "I wouldn't be involved with an organization unless the money stayed here. If you look into the United Way, it touches everyone of us," he said.

He then challenged the crowd to raise more money than Borger, which is a smaller city than Pampa but usually raises more in its campaigns.

Pampa and Borger play together in football on Oct. 25, and Morse said a challenge was put forth to the teachers at the two high schools to get on the field for a brief show-

down. Though they "chicken out" to actually play football, Morse said there will be a field goal kicking challenge and money donated during the challenge will go to Pampa and vice versa for the Borger teachers. The game is scheduled Oct. 25 in Borger.

Denise Daves, surgical director at Pampa Regional Medical Center, is one of the loan executives for the 2013 campaign.

Daves said she has been involved with Pampa United Way for 10 years, serving for two of those years as ex-

ecutive director. Representatives from many of the agencies the United Way supports will be present.

Bring the whole family, because there will be food, a dunking booth, a bounce house and other fun and games.

City

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located at Lots 25 and 26, Block 11, Wilcox Addition, commonly known as 847 Gordon.

- The reappointment of Lynn Allison to the Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors as the City of Pampa's representative for a two year term, with term beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

- Adopting a resolution of the City of Pampa recognizing Sept. 2013 as National Preparedness Month.

- Adopting on second

and final reading, an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending Section 3 of Ordinance 690 by rezoning from SF-3 Residential to Commercial, Lots 1 through 6, Block 2, Sawyer Addition, commonly known as 1405 Alcock.

- The approval on first reading an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending the monthly rates to be charged for water within and outside the corporate limits of the City of Pampa.

- The approval on first reading an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending the monthly rates to be charged for sewer service within and outside the cor-

porate limits of the City of Pampa.

- The approval on first reading an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending rates for solid waste disposal for residential and other customers within and outside the corporate limits of the City of Pampa.

- The approval on first reading an ordinance of the City of Pampa amending tonnage fees to be charged at the city's sanitary landfill.

The City Commission meets in its chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill Ave.

Stork detained as spy in Egypt found dead

CAIRO (AP) — A stork once detained by Egyptian authorities on suspicion of being a winged spy has been found dead.

Mahmoud Hassib, the head of Egypt's southern protected areas, said Saturday that local residents found the dead bird on an island in the Nile, south of the ancient city of Aswan.

In August, a local resident found the stork in Egypt's Qena governorate, some 450 kilometers (280 miles) southeast of Cairo. Both he and police were suspicious of the European wildlife tracker found on it.

Correction

An article about Tom A. Koskoska, an attorney recently hired by the Warner Law Firm, should have stated that John Warner has served as county attorney, not district attorney.

Men dressed as Batman, Capt. America rescue cat

MILTON, W.Va. (AP) — Who says superheroes aren't real?

When a West Virginia home caught fire, trapping a kitten inside, it was Batman and Captain America who came to the rescue.

John Buckland, dressed as Batman, and Troy Marcum, dressed as Captain America, saw smoke at a house nearby when they were entertaining children as part of their business. They ran to the house along with another bystander, kicked in the door and broke out a window so some smoke could escape.

Buckland, a former firefighter, says he crawled into the front room and felt something furry. He grabbed the animal, ran outside and gave it mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

No one was hurt in the fire, including the rescuers — though Buckland says the cat hissed and swatted at him when it regained consciousness.

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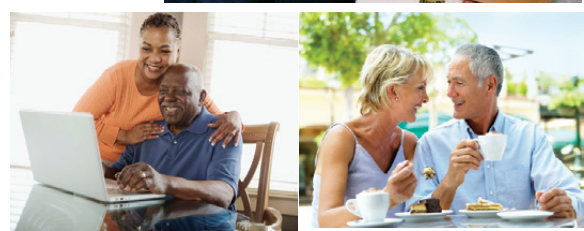
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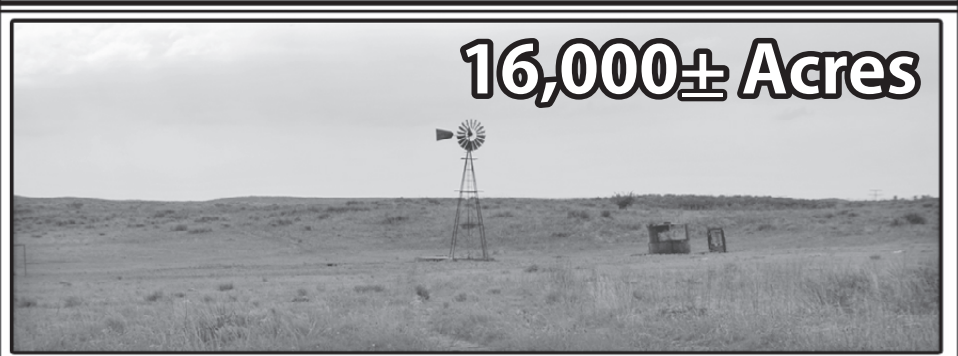
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How to bring a gator hunter to tears: propose

CANTON, Miss. (AP) — How do you bring an alligator hunter to tears? Drop down on one knee and ask her, "Will you marry me?" Jimmy Greer of Madison proposed to Elizabeth Ratcliffe of Canton during preparations for her family's annual alligator hunt. Titan, their dog, helped. Around Titan's neck was a sign reading, "Will You Marry My Daddy?" "I started crying. I was shocked," Ratcliffe told

The Clarion-Ledger. She said the two had been discussing marriage, but she thought he might propose on the opening weekend of archery season. "That's what we do, we hunt," Ratcliffe said. "I figured that was the only time

when both of the families would be there. Gator hunts are her family's thing, though Greer has been joining them for about five years. His parents were at Ratcliffe's parents' house to take photos of the pro-

posal. So, as Ratcliffe and her mother and sister were making sandwiches and getting things together for the hunt, Greer and her father took a brief break from prepping the boat and loading gear. Ratcliffe's father told

everyone to come outside, then told his daughter to close her eyes and take his hand. She didn't know what was going on. "I thought, 'Maybe he'd gotten me a new car or a new bow,'" Ratcliffe said. When the two stopped,

her father told her to open her eyes on the count of three. She opened them to see Greer, his parents and the decorated dog. The wedding will be in October, Ratcliffe said. "We want to go on a bow hunt for our honeymoon."

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Bay Bridge in Calif gets good luck charm

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A final piece of safety hardware — a bearded, spindly legged troll — has been installed in the new eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The troll is meant to be a protector and good luck charm, modeled after a similar statue placed surreptitiously by a steelworker on the old span after the 1989

Loma Prieta earthquake. The new statue forged by an unknown artist was installed at an undisclosed location, Bay Area Toll Authority spokesman John Goodwin told the San Francisco Chronicle in a weekend story.

The original troll was removed from its perch on Labor Day in preparation for the demolition of the

old bridge and will likely be housed in a museum or park, but plans were still being finalized.

The new, \$6.4 billion portion of the Bay Bridge opened to traffic on Labor Day, nearly 24 years after the Loma Prieta earthquake damaged the old span.

Construction was years behind schedule and billions of dollars over budget

amid political fights over its design and engineering challenges.

Goodwin said the new troll, with a hammer in one hand and an axe in the other, is somewhere inside the new bridge but its whereabouts will be kept secret.

“A new troll appeared, as these things happen, on Labor Day, under the cover of darkness,” Goodwin said.

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Social Security facts and figures

TOM MARGENAU
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The Social Security Administration recently redesigned its website: www.socialsecurity.gov. I think the new version is cleaner and more professional looking. The most popular services are now very easy to find. I'm talking about things like the retirement benefit estimators — calculators you can use to figure out what to expect from Social Security when you retire. And when you are ready to sign on the bottom line, you are just one click away from filing for benefits online.

find it by pulling down the “Our Agency” menu and then clicking on “Research, Statistics and Policy Analysis.” Believe it or not, it's really a fun book filled with so many interesting and useful tidbits about Social Security. I'm going to share some of that data with you today.

In 2012, Social Security took in \$840 billion in revenues. Those revenues came from three sources:

- 83.8 percent came in the form of payroll and self employment taxes
 - 13 percent of the total came from interest earned on treasury notes in the Social Security trust funds
 - 3.2 percent came from the taxation of Social Security benefits
- So how was that money spent? As you might guess, the vast majority of Social Security revenue goes to pay monthly benefits. Here is the breakdown of expenses:
- 92.2 percent was used to pay monthly benefits
 - 6.5 percent stayed in the trust funds
 - 0.8 percent went to administrative expenses
 - 0.5 percent went to the Railroad Retirement Board. (Many railroad workers

spend part of their careers at Social Security covered jobs and are paid their Social Security benefits through the RRB.)

As of December 2012, there were 56,759,000 people getting Social Security benefits. The beneficiary pool can be broken down this way:

- 36,720,000 retired workers — 65 percent of the total
 - 2,893,000 dependents (spouses and children) of retired workers — 5 percent
 - 8,827,000 disabled workers — 15 percent
 - 2,063,000 dependents of disabled workers — 4 percent
 - 6,256,000 survivors (widows, widowers and children) — 11 percent
- Here is the age breakdown of Social Security beneficiaries:
- 10 percent were 85 and older
 - 22 percent were 75 to 84
 - 38 percent were 65 to 74
 - 9 percent were 62 to 64
 - 15 percent were 18 to 61
 - 6 percent were under 18

Of all adults receiving Social Security benefits, 55 percent are women and 45 percent are men.

Here is a breakdown of the kinds of benefits received by men:

- 79 percent of men received retirement benefits

—20 percent of men received disability benefits

—1 percent of men received dependent husband or widower's benefits

And here is a breakdown of the kinds of benefits received by women:

- 63 percent of women received retirement benefits
- 15 percent of women received disability benefits
- 15 percent received widow's benefits
- 7 percent received dependent wife's benefits

Finally, here are some statistics about kids and Social Security.

I've heard complaints about the number of children of retirees getting benefits. But they make up just a fraction of the total. There are 3.4 million children getting Social Security benefits. Here is the breakdown:

- 1.7 million children of disabled workers — 50 percent
- 1.5 million children of deceased workers — 49 percent
- 342,000 children of retirement workers — 1 percent

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

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But I think some of the most fascinating parts of the website are not the services provided, but rather the wealth of news, information and statistics that are offered. I've mentioned before in this column that if you want to find helpful information about Social Security programs and benefits in relatively simple-to-understand language, click the “Publications” link near the middle of the homepage.

SSA produces more than 100 pamphlets and fact sheets covering all the different Social Security programs.

For those of you who are number crunchers and/or are just curious about the history and financing of Social Security, the Social Security Actuary's portion of the website is just for you. At the top of the homepage, pull down the menu under “Our Agency” and then click on “Actuarial Resources.”

I was perusing the website today and came across an online version of a booklet that used to be one of my favorite resources. It is chock-full of research and statistics about many different facets of Social Security. The booklet is called, “Fast Facts and Figures About Social Security.” You can

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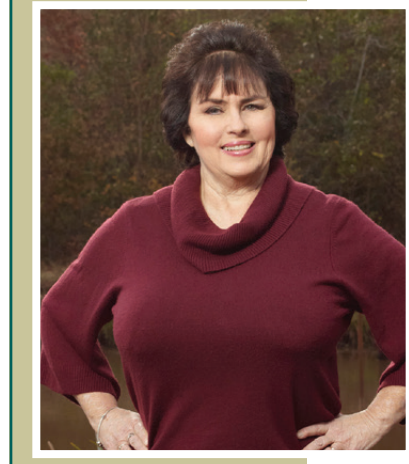
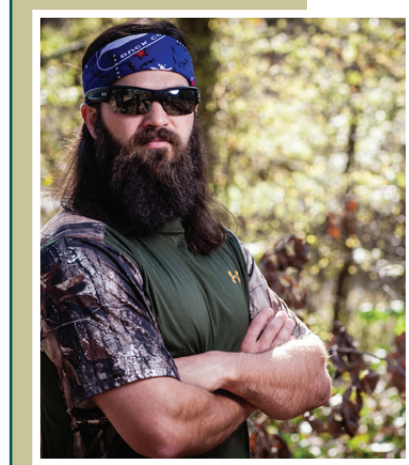
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No fear of flying for Stan and Fred

A cardinal rule for everyone to follow while piloting your particular endeavor, be it any chosen field, is the ability to be able to laugh while doing your work. To me, if you cannot have fun while working your job, what good is the job? I'm not talking

DENNIS PALMITIER

about fun and games that take you away from the core mission of your job, I'm talking about having a good time while doing your work that makes the day go by better. Succinctly, if there is no humor present in your particular field, in my way of thinking, what a drag that job would be.

I have a part time job that aids me financially in my retirement, and I am blessed while performing the duties this job requires because there is not a day that goes by that I am not getting a good laugh. In that aspect I enjoy going to work, for every day doing such I anticipate and look forward to getting a good dose of humor.

This is a tale about two barnstorming pilots, one whom is my arborist employer, the other a close personal friend of my employer and a fellow employee.

Motoring down Price Road returning from a job one afternoon, Stan points a finger toward a high wire crossing the road and says, "See that splice in the wire. I did that before I crashed into the field. Shut down electricity to most of Pampa!" There is indeed a splice in the electrical line. If you turn north onto Price Road off 23rd Avenue, drive perhaps a hundreds yards, you'll see

the splice. Stan severed the line one day with his plane while crop dusting that particular field adjacent to Price Road, thereby plummeting into Terra Firma, crunching up a good airplane upon impact while crunching up his body parts during the impact and in due process, winding up in a hospital bed. Upon hearing of Stan's crash, his wife faints, presents herself with a mild concussion, is transported herself to the hospital and is placed in the adjacent bed next to Stan. A friend told me after learning of Stan's plight she went to visit him in the hospital. Upon entering Stan's room, all other friends' attentions were directed to his wife's bedside while Stan was ignored.

You see, with many barnstorming crop dusters, there isn't just one plane crash, but many. Folks were so used to Stan crashing airplanes, attention therefore was directed his wife's way. Another day, Stan and I are returning to Pampa on the Bowers City Highway and I hear, "See that splice in the wire..."

Stan and I are returning from Canadian one day. We're trucking down the farm to market road that goes to Miami from State Highway 70 north of Pampa. Just as we're negotiating a curve in the road I hear, "See that electrical line there (Oh God I thought, not another), it didn't snap when Fred flew into it. Rather, it just tore the tail off the crop duster causing the plane to nose dive out of control and crash into that field."

"I was spotting for him, thought he was dead, but after a few weeks in the hospital he came out all right. Ruined a good airplane, he did." Returning from San Antonio one afternoon, a friend asks

me if I would like to hear about Fred's "oh s---" moment. Needing a lift from the 600 mile drive I said, "Of course." Fred was flying an ultra-light, you know, one of those kit planes put together using Elmer's glue and crepe paper.

Fred was flying out Celanese way when he saw a friend on the ground and decided to make a low pass over the person, kind of a pilot's way of saying hello. In the process of making his low pass, Fred didn't notice a dust devil, which any Panhandle person knows is nothing but a mini tornado, and flew directly into the thing. An ultra light airplane is, well, ultra light. Fred immediately found himself flying up and up in a circular motion inside the dust devil with nary enough power to fly out of the phenom. Flying round and round in a dust devil wasn't the problem, Fred's fuel supply was. The ultra-light's gas tank was positioned directly behind Fred.

There was no fuel gauge on the aircraft forcing Fred to employ a mirror to look over his shoulder as a means of checking the plane's fuel level. With no power to fly out of the dust devil and with the mirror watching his fuel tank run dry, Fred experienced his oh s--- moment. Fortunately, Fred was able to get out of the dust devil, but was forced to land in a field north of Celanese, find a phone to make a call and wait till his wife could bring him some fuel.

To this day, Fred and Stan still fly airplanes. In fact, this very day both are performing maintenance on their planes to insure their sky worthiness. Stan asked me the other day that once his plane was ready, would I like to go flying with him. I

didn't hesitate to say, "Of course!" I mean, what are the odds. I figured they'd be pretty good considering crashes survived and the fact crop dusting was not part of the equation. Ahem. I also was recalling one of Stan's flying motto's he once uttered my direction. It goes something like, "When it comes to flying, if something goes wrong, I'd rather be on the ground wishing I was up there than up there and something goes wrong, wishing I was on the ground." Stan, and Fred should know. Stan and Fred with their stories and escapades I never tire of hearing. I go to work wondering what new and hilarious tale I will hear next.

Pampa resident Dennis Palmitier is a regular contributor to the opinion page on issues that affect Pampa and Gray County. He can be reached at denpalm1949@yahoo.com. Anyone wishing to respond to Palmitier's viewpoints in the form of a letter to the editor can email editor Timothy P. Howsare at thowsare@thepampanews.com.

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Insects spend the winter in various life stages: egg, nymph, larvae, pupae, or adult. Many overwinter as eggs. Aphid eggs can be found in the bud scales of woody plants. Bagworms hang out as eggs inside this year's bags. Tent caterpillars spend the winter as egg masses on branches. Turf feeding grubs overwinter deep in the soil as beetle larvae. Certain moths and butterflies overwinter as pupae in cocoons or chrysalis.

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The PAMPA NEWS Community Calendar

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The Pampa City Commission meets at 4 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held on the third floor of City Hall.

School board meetings

The Pampa Independent School District board meets at 5:45 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Check The Pampa News for meeting locations.

Immunization clinic 3 times a month

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) hosts an immunization clinic in Pampa three times a month. The clinics are held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of each month. The first 10 people in line for the morning and first 10 in the afternoon will always receive shots. However, if there are more than 10, they still may be able to accommodate the patients, or ask them to come back at another time. For more information, call 665-4752 or 806-874-3211. The clinic is located at 736 S. Cuyler St.

PAWS meets first Tuesdays

Pampa Animal Welfare Society meets the first Tuesday of each month in the north meeting room at the Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings are at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

There is a desperate need for more members, especially when the new shelter opens. PAWS members are needed to work at the shelter from 3 to 5:30 p.m. each day and to work adoption days or take animals to the vets when needed, but mostly people are needed to love and work with the animals where they will be more adoptable.

For more information, call the shelter after 3 p.m. at 669-5775 and ask for the

PAWS volunteer.

County Commission meetings

The Gray County Commission meets at 9 a.m. on the first and 15th of each month. If the date falls on a Saturday, the meeting will be held on Friday. If the date falls on a Sunday, the meeting will be held on Monday. The meetings are held on the second floor of the Gray County Courthouse.

TOT Republican Women's Club

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club meets at noon on the third Wednesday of every month at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis St. For more information call 806-669-1990.

Jam sessions every Friday night

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Meredith House, an assisted-living facility at 812 W. 25th Ave., has a band performing at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Saturday night. Join them for Western music, gospel and the classics. For more information, call 806-665-5668.

Monday night dance club

The Monday night dance club meets from 7 to 9 p.m., each Monday, in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of Ballard and Kingsmill. Admission is \$3.50. Cold drinks and coffee are offered. The club plays country music. For more information, call Della at 806-665-2858.

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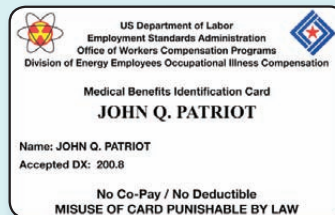
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PampaSports

Harvesters will look for positives from Saturday's rout

BY JOHN LEE
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While Friday's game may have been a blowout against the Canyon Eagles, the beauty about all sports is you can take a positive from all horrible games. In the case for Friday, the offensive line played well, only giving up one sack and few hits on junior quarterback Ty Hooper. "I thought that Canyon had a great forcing unit

coming into this game," head coach Heath Parker said. "I think it is one of the best front sevens that we have played in a while. They have a highly recruitable mic'd linebacker, their defensive ends are as good as anybody, and their defensive tackles are good at getting penetration. "For the most part we were able to operate without a lot of the stress, so obviously, without looking at the film, that would

mean that has to be that the offensive line did a pretty good job. The other thing is that they like to disguise their stunts and come late, and that can always cause a team, early in the year, lots of problems. "I can't remember a free, un-evaded rusher coming from the linebacker area, coming to the quarterback at any point of the game, which means we picked those (disguised rushers) up pretty well."

Also on offense, the receivers did well in getting into the open field and stretching the defense. Junior wide receiver Zack Gates had five catches for

38 yards; and on his one reception for seven yards, sophomore receiver Joseph Radke shed several tackles. "I thought Zach Gates came in and gave us a real spark offensively," Parker said. "His explosiveness, and (has) foot speed and he made some little rou-

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Above, the Harvesters take the field on Friday night. Below, senior defensive back Tim Smith takes down a Canyon player.



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NFL Sunday round-up

(AP) - The NFL came back in a big way on opening day, with long plays highlighting games from coast to coast.

No one was more dynamic Sunday than Anquan Boldin, who made that transcontinental trip this year, leaving Super Bowl winner Baltimore as a free agent to join NFC champion San Francisco. Boldin was unstoppable in his debut as a 49ers receiver, making 13 catches for 208 yards and scoring once in a 34-28 victory over Green Bay.

Lions 34, Vikings 24

At Detroit, Bush did exactly what the Lions signed him for: to break open a game.

Bush turned a short pass into a 77-yard touchdown in the third quarter and finished with 191 yards of offense.

"We love his talent, but he's here because of the way he complements Calvin and the way Calvin complements him," Detroit coach Jim Schwartz said, referring to All-Pro receiver Calvin Johnson.

Joiqe Bell rushed for two TDs for Detroit.

Adrian Peterson ran for a 78-yard TD on his first carry and scored on a 4-yard run to give Minnesota a 14-6 lead in the second. He ended up with 93 yards rushing.

Saints 23, Falcons 17

Sean Payton's coaching return after a one-year league suspension for the Saints' bounties was a tight affair, but a successful one for host New Orleans.

Drew Brees passed for 357 yards and two scores, and Roman Harper secured the win when he intercepted a tipped fourth-down pass in the end zone with under a minute left.

"It was just important to get the first win," Payton said. "You try to compartmentalize each week, each game, and we played a good team. ... We fought hard, especially late."

Brees connected with Marques Colston for a 25-yard touchdown pass during which the receiver also set a franchise mark for catches with 533. Brees also hit tight end Jimmy Graham for a 7-yard score in the third quarter.

Matt Ryan passed for 304 yards and scoring passes to Tony Gonzalez and Julio Jones. He also drove Atlanta to the Saints 3 in the final minute before falling just short.

Rams 27, Cardinals 24

At St. Louis, Zuerlein kicked his fourth field goal, a 48-yarder with 40 seconds left.

"Basically, I stay calm, swing like I know how and the rest takes care of itself," Zuerlein said. "There's no better feeling."

"I don't even know the distances when I go out there to be honest, I just go out there and try to do my job."

And Quinn was a force. "It's a great way to start the season, of course," he said.

Jared Cook had two touchdown catches in his Rams debut. The tight end fumbled a potential third TD, a 55-yarder that would have opened the scoring, when rookie

Tyrann Mathieu punched the ball free at the 8 and the play resulted in a touchback. But St. Louis rallied from an 11-point hole to win.

Cowboys 36, Giants 31

Brandon Carr returned an interception 49 yards for a clinching touchdown, and the Cowboys beat Eli Manning and the Giants for the first time at their fancy \$1.2 billion stadium with six take-aways.

Manning threw three touchdown passes to Victor Cruz and had New York in position for a comeback victory despite the flurry of mistakes. Manning was picked off three times and running back David Wilson lost two fumbles, one of which was run back 27 yards for a TD by Barry Church.

Tony Romo shook off a hit to the ribs that knocked him out for the final Dallas play of the first half and threw a pair of touchdown passes to Jason Witten.

Patriots 23, Bills 21

Stephen Gostkowski's 35-yard field goal with 5 seconds left gave visiting New England its 10th straight opening win. The Patriots needed to rally, and Tom Brady turned in his 36th career victory in which the Patriots were tied or trailed in the fourth quarter. Brady finished 29 of 52 for 288 yards and two touchdowns.

Bears 24, Bengals 21

At Chicago, Jay Cutler passed to Brandon Marshall for a 19-yard touchdown to make Marc Trestman's coaching debut with the

Bears a success. The Bengals led by 11 in the third quarter and were NFL cont. on page 3



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Japanese-directed 'Yojimbo' a five-star gem

"Yojimbo," translated from Japanese, means "bodyguard." "Samurai" are sword-wielding warriors and a "ronin" is an unemployed samurai. Sometimes ronin would hire out as yojimbos.

Okay, are we clear on that? Great, because one of the greatest movies of all time, "Yojimbo" (1961), produced and directed by the brilliant Japanese director Akira Kurosawa, tells the story of a ronin in 1860s Japan named Sanjuro played, with dark comedic grace, by Toshiro Mifune. Sanjuro drifts into a small town torn by two warlords who continually fight each other for dominance of the crime trade.

Both bosses want Sanjuro to be their yojimbo. Too bad for them that the roamin' ronin possesses two things of which they are unaware: 1) a plan to scam them for as much money as possible, and 2) a flicker of conscience.

Sanjuro gets himself hired by one crime gang by killing three warriors on the other side. Then at a strategic time he allows himself to be hired away by the other side but, he is always working both



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There's plenty of money to be made in prolonging the problem", and profit he does.

The yojimbo then discovers a farmer's wife kept in one of the two houses. The beautiful woman is traded as ransom and forced to be a concubine. Sanjuro is moved by her crying child who wants to touch his mother but is forbidden to do so by the warlord keeping her against her will. At this point the yojimbo's focus changes from running the con to something unexpected and noble.

"Yojimbo" has been remade several times. The most famous being the iconic Sergio Leone spaghetti western "A Fistful of Dollars" starring Clint Eastwood. In fact, the Eastwood character, the man-

sides towards the middle. When the two warlords manage an uneasy truce Sanjuro sabotages it, proving the old adage, "If you're not part of the solution,

with-no-name, is a nod to the ronin Sanjuro. In both "Yojimbo" (1961) and the movie "Sanjuro" (1962) when asked his name, Toshiro Mifune's character is gazing off into a field and makes up a name on the spot. "Sanjuro" translates to mean "30-year-old man."

In "Yojimbo" he calls himself "Kuwabatake Sanjuro", or translated, "mulberry field, 30-year-old man." Less well known remakes are "The Warrior and the Sorceress" (1984) starring David Carradine and an officially authorized remake in 1996 "Last Man Standing" starring Bruce Willis. What seems to be largely forgotten is that "Yojimbo" was, more or less, a remake of a film noir classic "The Glass Key" (1942) which was based on Dashiell Hammett's 1931 novel of the same name. Kurosawa changed it up by adding some major plot points from a second Hammett novel "Red Harvest" and the movie is the better for it.

I asked 10 filmmaker and actor friends to rate "Yojimbo" on the five-star scale. It was unanimous; five stars. I also asked ten non-actor

friends and family members to rate the movie. They averaged it at four out of five stars. I heard two complaints from younger people: 1) it was in black & white, and 2) they had to read subtitles. Hmmm, OK.

I was introduced to Akira Kurosawa films in my first year of film school, back in the day, and for good reason. Each and every shot, block and camera angle in this movie is textbook. Mifune's character, although not the same we see as samurai No. seven in the earlier "Seven Samurai" (1954), has some personality elements that echo back, in a good way. The characters are real, believable and brilliant. I, with no reservation, join with my filmmaker/actor friends and give "Yojimbo" five out of five stars.

My name is Dan Harville but, my friends call me Spike. I'm an actor, writer and filmmaker. I do weekly "Vintage Movie Reviews", a weekly piece called "Tinseltown Trivia" for reasons I hope are obvious and an occasional opinion piece "My Friends Call Me Spike" where I look at the history of film and how it touches our culture, or anything else that catches my fancy.

NFL

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up 21-17 early in the fourth when Tim Jennings jared the ball from Mohamed Sanu following a reception and made the recovery. That led to the winning score.

Seahawks 12, Panthers 7

Seattle's stellar defense was on display at Charlotte as Cam Newton was held to 125 yards passing and one touchdown. Meanwhile, Russell Wilson threw for 320 yards, including a 43-yard touchdown pass to Jermaine

Kearse in the fourth quarter.

The Panthers held Marshawn Lynch to 43 yards rushing, but Wilson picked up the slack by completing 25 of 33 passes.

Jets 18, Buccaneers 17

Bucs linebacker Lavonte David handed this one to the Jets in the final seconds.

With the host Jets trailing 17-15 and time running out, rookie quarterback Geno Smith scrambled for 10 yards — and was shoved while he was out of bounds by David.

Titans 16, Steelers 9

At Pittsburgh, the Titans began the game inauspiciously, then dominated,

sacking Ben Roethlisberger five times.

Colts 21, Raiders 17

At Indianapolis, Andrew Luck's legs were decisive. The QB ran 19 yards for the winning touchdown. He also was 18 of 23 for 178 yards with two touchdown passes.

Oakland started Terrelle Pryor at quarterback and he made some plays in going 19 of 29 for 217 yards and one TD. He also broke the Raiders' rushing record for a quarterback with 13 carries for 112 yards, but threw two interceptions in the red zone, the second coming with 25 seconds left.

Chiefs 28, Jaguars 2

At Jacksonville, Andy Reid won his first game as Chiefs coach.

Alex Smith threw two early touchdown passes, Jamaal Charles ran for 77 yards and a touchdown before leaving the game with a quadriceps injury, and Jacksonville advanced past its 36-year line once.

Dolphins 23, Browns 10

At Cleveland, Ryan Tannehill passed for 272 yards and a touchdown, and the Browns fell to 1-14 in Week 1 since 1999. Tannehill, who was given more offensive weapons for his second NFL season, threw a 34-yard TD pass to Brian Hartline in the third quarter and drove the Dolphins to a clinching TD in the fourth.

Cameron Wake had 2½ sacks as the Dolphins sacked Brandon Weeden six times. Weeden threw three interceptions and the Browns never got anything going in coach Rob Chudzinski's debut.

Harvesters

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time plays that don't seem like much but they stretched the defense and then all of a sudden the linebackers were kind of hanging and we were able to get some run game going just because of his threat.

"I was really pleased with what Zach did. Joseph is a sophomore, I thought he ran great routes and got open and Ty (Hooper) got him the ball. As the year progresses he will catch the ball."

Junior running back Brycen McClendon had 64 yards on 16 carries. He had a late touchdown and feels like the Harvesters will get better as they gel throughout the sea-

son.

"It (getting the touchdown) felt pretty good, but we still didn't win the game," McClendon said. "We've got to come together strong and just do what we know how to do. I feel like we are staying together and getting closer bonds. We are just going to get better from here, much better."

Radke feels like he has a great relationship with Hooper, and is ready to take on more challenges.

"He (Ty Hooper) and I are good friends outside of football, we have a good relationship," Radke said. "Just more of everything, not getting your head down."

Even in a loss, Coach Parker says the most important thing is for the Harvesters to stay "all in."

"It is crucial for all of our district, Perryton, Borger and Pampa all have kind of the same issues," Parker said. "The people we are playing right now are really good. We are all going to take our lumps. Borger got beat by a similar score last night to Caprock. The important thing is that our motto stays true. We are 'all in', stay in together, we get better and we keep working together. Doesn't mean any of us have to like it (losing to Canyon). We know we need to be better than we were tonight, but the only way to get better is to show up tomorrow morning ready to go to work."

District scores:

Bushland 35, Perryton 21
Dumas 28, Dalhart 34
Childress 46, River Road 7
Caprock 54, Borger 22

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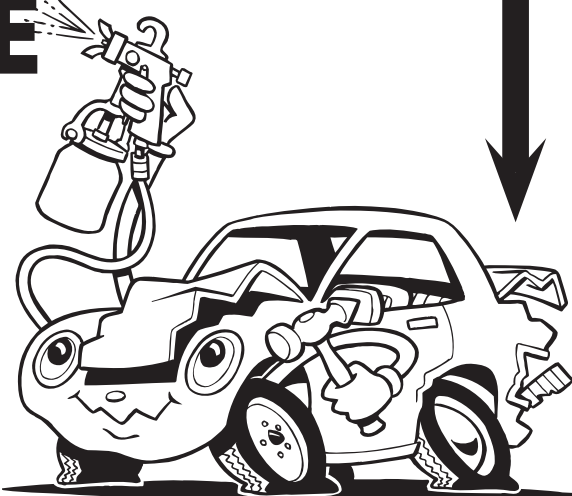
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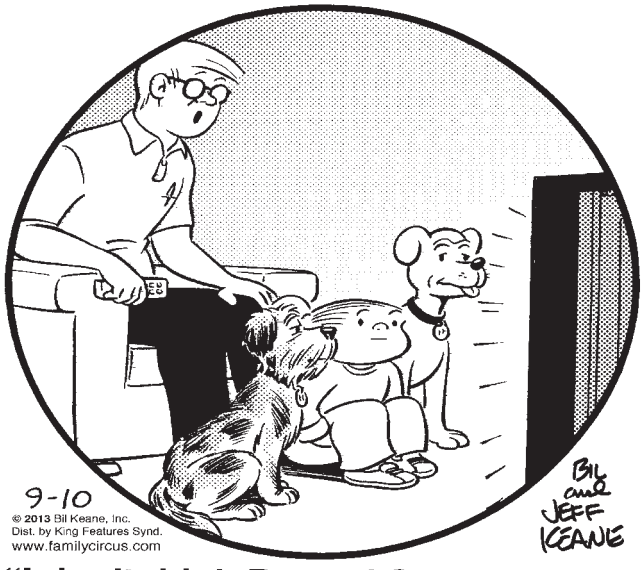
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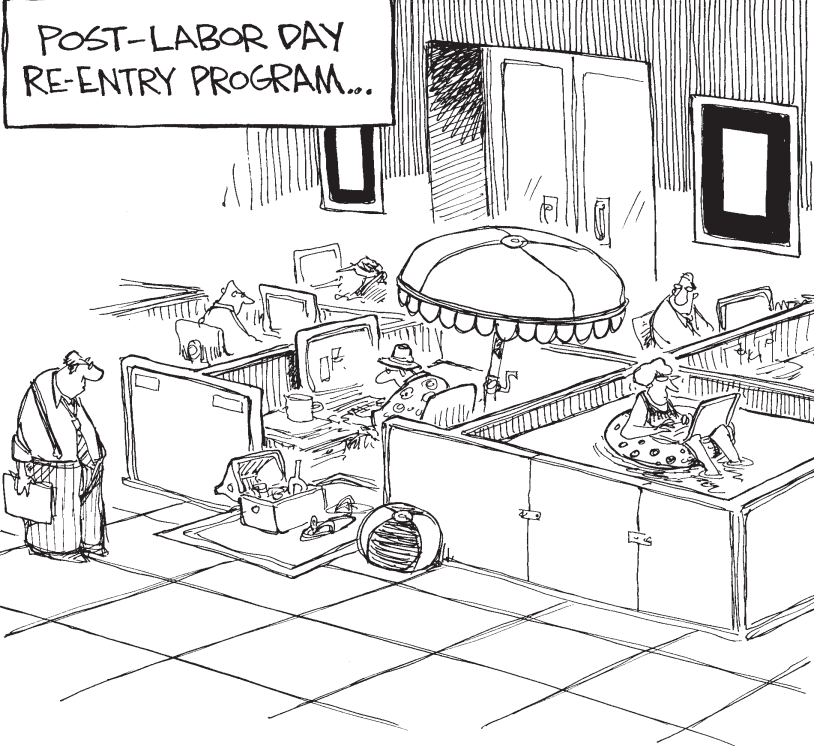


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"I don't think Bo and Sunny Obama will be at the president's press conference."

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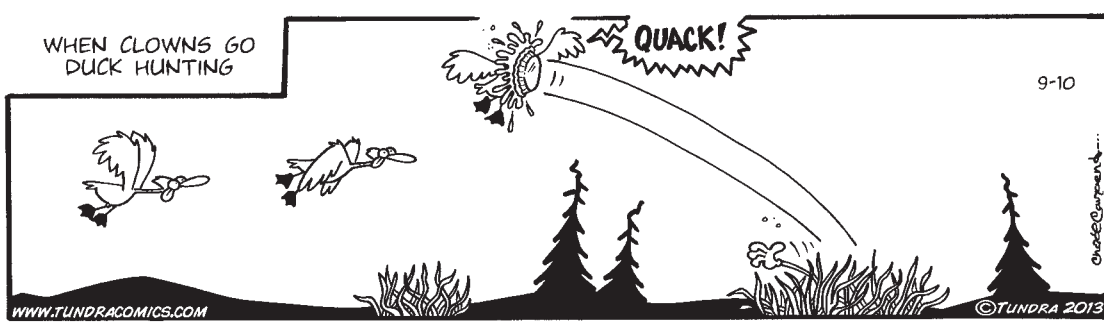
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013:
This year you move in a new direction, and you'll be more open to being approached. As you gain an inner sense of well-being, you will become more trusting. If you are single, you don't need to work on meeting someone -- it will happen naturally. You might need to discern whether a potential suitor is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from spending a lot of time together. Plan at least one special vacation for just the two of you. **SAGITTARIUS** is a daredevil.
The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A partner seems to go from being remote to being friendly, and you'll like the transformation. Communication will open up and create good feelings. Be aware that your actions often surprise others, and they might need time to adjust. Tonight: Be entertained.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might think that others are taking charm pills, as they are so agreeable and easygoing. You also could find that certain key people are more attractive and interesting than usual. Know that the positive energy is coming from you. Tonight: Go with someone else's choice.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Defer to others, and they will show their appreciation in a way that pleases you. Your high energy often is a draw, yet some people might find it difficult not to feel drained. You are full of fun around a close friend. This person appreciates this quality in you. Tonight: Where people are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to your inner voice when dealing with someone whom you see daily. Follow through, because this person might need a special "hello." Be aware of the importance of the role of this person in your life. Tonight: Off to the gym, or get some other form of exercise.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You beam, and others can't help but respond. As a result, both your personal and professional interactions will gain intensity. A conversation could provide an opening for you to ask for a raise or some kind of similar benefit. Tonight: Why not celebrate the moment?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Honor your feelings rather than do what you should. As a result, you might prevent a problem from occurring. Obligations can be a problem, especially if your feelings are pointing you in a different direction. Your self-discipline is admirable. Tonight: Happy at home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You naturally offer good conversation, give sage advice and enjoy being around others. Today, your people skills will break down a barrier that has existed for too long. You might be surprised by the other party's reaction. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Hang out.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ When it comes to shopping and spending, it would appear that you have on rose-colored glasses that prevent you from seeing the consequences of your actions. Something's value might not be enough of a reason to purchase it. Tonight: In the mood to indulge a little.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have reason to be upbeat: The winds of good fortune are blowing in your direction. A partner could be very challenging at this point, but you will choose to take his or her focus in a positive way and simply respond. How smart! Tonight: Beam in what you want.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to reassess your involvement with someone who is very difficult to access and who could have many problems. In this case, think long and hard before making a decision. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend or family member, even if it is just through Skype!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might see past the obvious yet choose to say little. You could feel so challenged by a situation that you'll think it is best not to reveal your vulnerability. Test out your thoughts on someone else before deciding on their merit. Tonight: Join your friends. Do not be alone.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Some of the tension you feel now could be the result of you trying to please someone who has no interest in being pleased right now. This person might prefer to be critical and difficult. Do not play into his or her games. Just relax, and avoid going overboard. Tonight: Up late.

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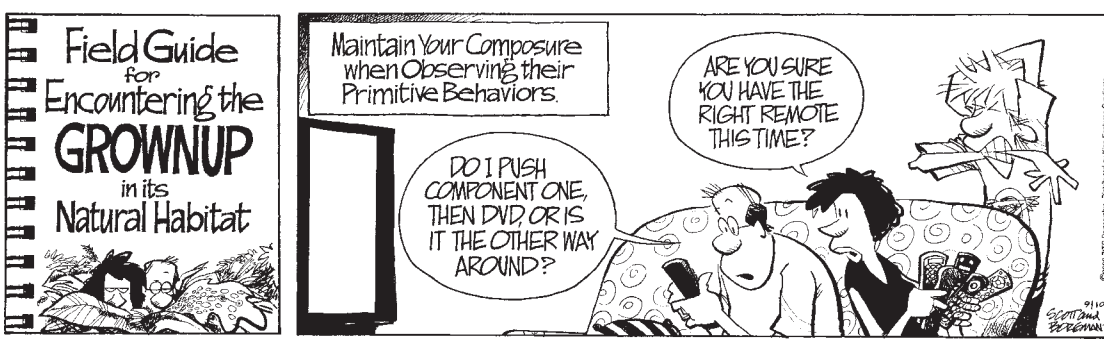
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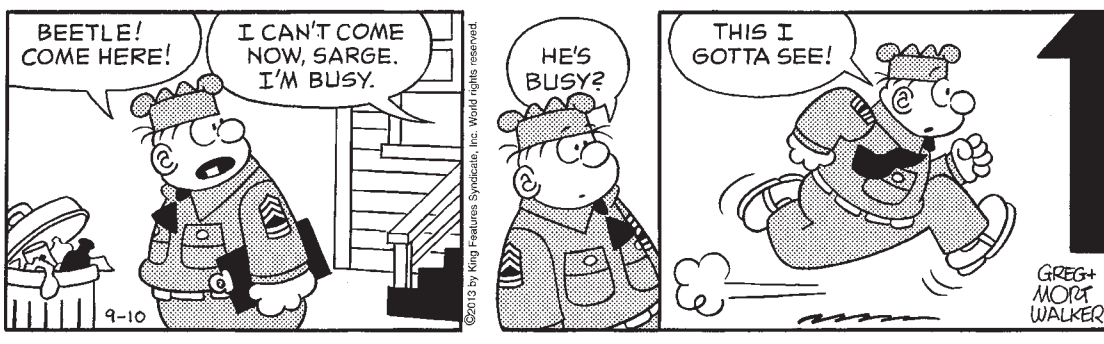
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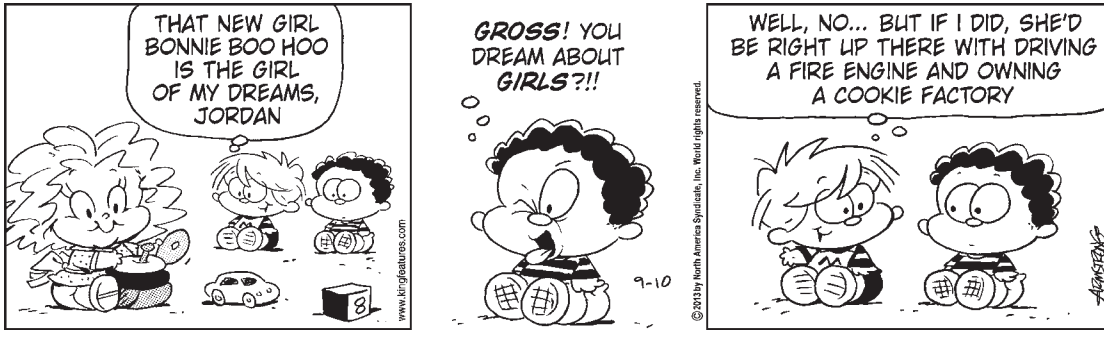
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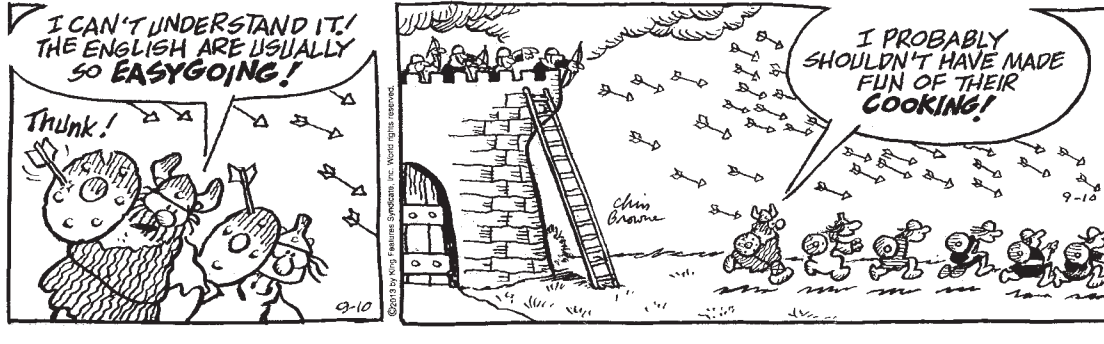
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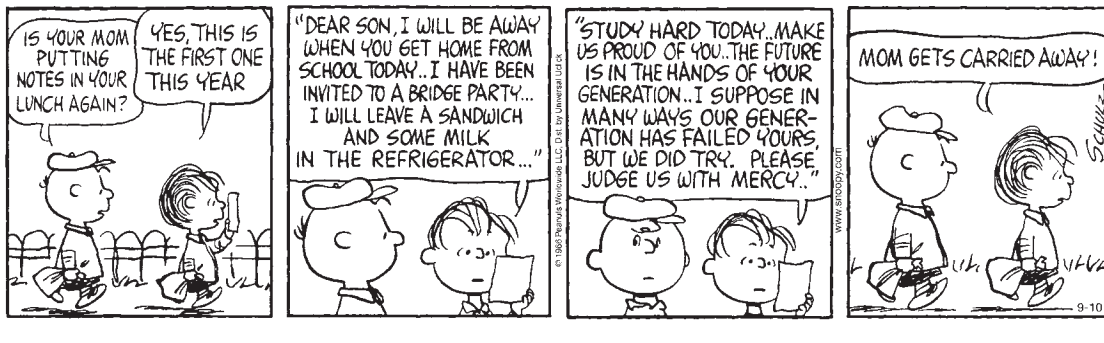
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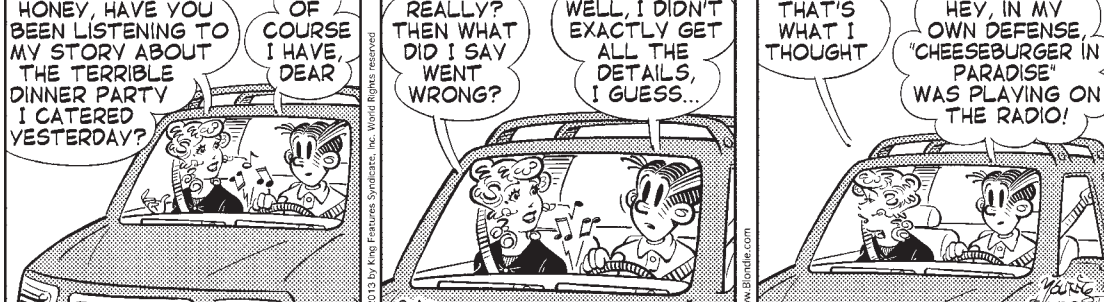
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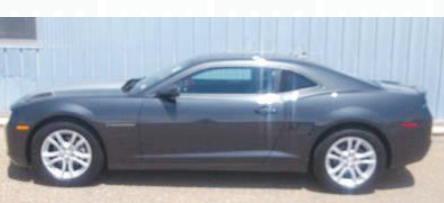


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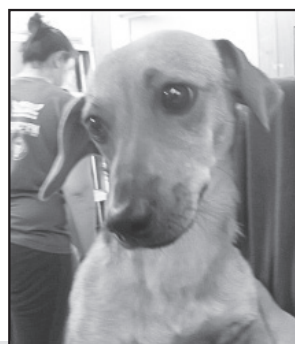
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#10139

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 75-year-old man who lives in a gated community. For the last eight months I have been seeing a woman who lives nearby. We are starting to fall in love.

Our problem is her 95-year-old mother, who lives with her. Her mom is pretty healthy and has some money, but she's scared to be left alone. Because of this, my lady and I have difficulty finding private time.

We get out for short periods, but we'd like to go away for a weekend together. If we suggest it, Mom makes a stink and gets nasty with her daughter. We have tried talking with her about it, but she refuses, sulks and won't talk for days.

She's suffering from slight dementia, but gets around OK with a walker. Mom claims she doesn't

want or need a "grandma sitter." She wants only her daughter to take care of her and be with her. Any help would be appreciated. — **COURTING TROUBLE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR COURTING: If your lady friend wants to have any life of her own, she will have to stiffen her spine and deal with Mama. This includes not allowing her mother's sulking to prevent the two of you from having an occasional weekend together.

She should contact assisted-living facilities in the area and find out if they will accept guests for short stays of only a few days or a week. If the answer is yes, Mama should be offered a choice: Either someone comes to stay with her while you're gone, a friend perhaps, or

she will have to stay elsewhere because being alone is not an option.

DEAR ABBY: My brother died earlier this year due to an overdose. His wife and one of my sisters lived with him. They also gave him the drugs that caused his death.

Abby, they are treating Mom, my husband and me like dirt. Mom had no say in the funeral at all. You would think that since she was the mother, the wife would have included her. They have been having parties ever since the funeral and spending the money left and right, while not paying the mortgage on the house.

They have turned my other sister against us, blocked us on social media and cut us off completely. They also turned another part of the family against us. I know it involves drug abuse on the part of all of them. We didn't do anything to them other than bring forth evidence of what they did and confront them.

I have no idea how to trust or to build a relationship with them again if they ever decide to come back into our lives. It's painful to deal with a death, and then more trials on top of that. Any advice? — **BROKENHEARTED IN TAMPA, FLA.**

D E A R BROKENHEARTED: I'm sorry for your loss, but please recognize that when relatives are as dysfunctional as yours, it's safer for you, your husband and your mother to **MOVE ON.** And if they do decide to come back into your lives, for the sake of your sanity, run the other way.

DEAR ABBY: Are there any letters or topics you won't touch with a 10-foot pole? — **JUST WONDERING**

DEAR WONDERING: None come to mind. At one point or another, this column has addressed darn near everything and may have offended almost everyone.

A XYDLB A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-10 CRYPTOQUOTE

Q A N M G T Z Q K P T P M R P P H

O P M Q J S F N K O Q P W S Y N Q A N

Z P W I D N U S I I N S F Q P E N

O K W I D N . — R F S H X E P P Z A

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYONE THINKS OF CHANGING THE WORLD, BUT NO ONE THINKS OF CHANGING HIMSELF. — LEO TOLSTOY

BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL

A C O F T J N Y
I O A B N V W

BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of vehicle.

BANANA BITE: One word is a body of water.

Yesterday's Answer: GARBAGE, AVERAGE, RAMPAGE, GATEWAY, GETAWAY, WEBPAGE

BANANAGRAMS!

Each of the words below can be turned into another word on the list by changing one letter and then rearranging them all to form a new word. For example, REGIMENT can be turned into STEERING by changing the M to an S, so they would be a pair.

LEVEL

1. E B O N Y
2. G R O I N
3. U N T I L
4. B I N G O
5. D I T C H
6. B U I L T
7. B E A N O
8. C I T E D

Yesterday's Answer:

J I N V A I N
C O W B O Y
T

F I N A N
W A V Y
J O I N

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

8	4	3	2	7	9	6	1	5
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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

40 Over again
1 Turn to liquid
5 Dance move
9 Bravery
10 Does a kitchen chore
12 Chilled
13 Quartz variety
14 Croquet hoop
16 Carpenter's tool
17 Yale students
18 Travel stops
21 Back muscle, for short
22 Muscle makeup
23 Walked back and forth
24 Like bad beer
26 Visibility lessener
29 Car-washing aid
30 "Smooth Operator" singer
31 Cochlea setting
32 Box office buy
34 Tire feature
37 Scarlett's love
38 Play place
39 Friendship

DOWN

1 Folder type
2 Draw out
3 Burglar deterrents
4 Spruce or sequoia
5 Masseur's workplace
6 Luggage ID
7 Pencil end
8 Potpourri bits
9 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
11 Uses a needle
15 Dense group of bushes
19 Follow, as orders
20 TV's Danson
22 Viper feature
23 Groan inducer
24 Ancient Greek city
25 Seoul man
26 Improvise
27 "Swan Lake" character
28 Oil magnate J. Paul
29 Hardens
30 Doofus
33 Turkey neighbor
35 Candle count
36 Grass coater

Saturday's answer

S	W	I	G		A	T	B	A	T
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Extreme diets
6 "The Planets" composer
11 Mis-behave
12 Hawaiian hello
13 Move on a PC, in a way
15 Filming site
16 Rock's — Leppard
17 Buck's mate
18 Costume
20 Pop's — Brothers
23 Sherpa's home
27 Has debts
28 Refer to
29 Censor's sound
31 Like liquor and cigarettes
32 Squad car sound
34 TV plugs
37 Objective
38 Inquire
41 Move on a PC, in a way
44 Boise's state
45 Like bar beer
46 "The Rehearsal" painter
47 Derisive sound

DOWN

1 Passing crazes
2 Land unit
3 RBI or ERA
4 Gentle pull
5 Black suit
6 Enjoyed oneself
7 Ancient
8 Manor head
9 "Scram!"
10 Gift-wrapping need
14 Volleyball need
18 Neon and helium
19 Praline nut
20 Occupation
21 Night flier
22 Maiden name
23 Free (of)
24 Corrosive stuff
25 Slacker address
26 Without a date
28 Regarding
29 Flag feature
30 Retained
32 Cry of insight
33 — Arbor

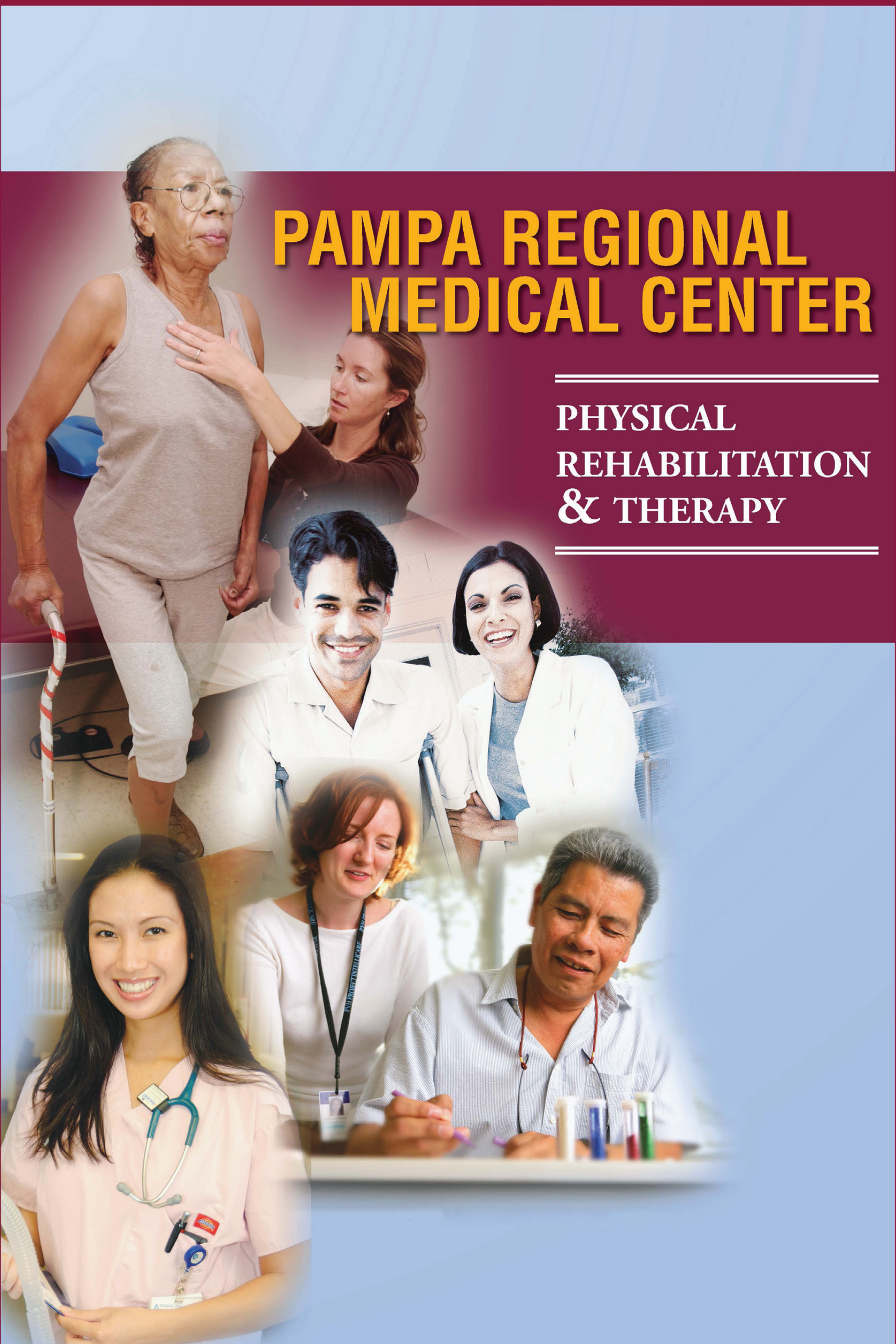
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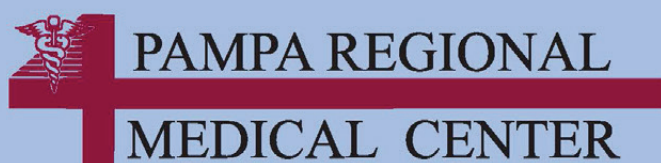
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