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## Reinvestment zone approved

■ Commissioners green light first step for possible Cielo wind farm.

BY TIMOTHY P. HOWSARE  
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After a lengthy discussion Friday with Robert Peña, a representative from Cielo Wind Services, the Gray County Court of Commissioners approved a resolution to create a reinvestment zone in Gray County.

Local governments set up reinvestment zones as a way to encourage development of business through tax abatements. A resolution is adopted at an open

meeting, and then the governing body, in this case the Commissioners Court, will determine guidelines and criteria that must be met before a business or industry can receive a tax abatement, which is a temporary reduction or elimination of taxes.

Cielo is based in Austin and recently provided a \$75,000 grant to Clarendon College for its program to train and certify wind turbine technicians.

The commissioners approved on Friday the creation of the zone, called the Salt Fork Reinvestment Zone, but did not establish criteria for the zone.

Further, the commissioners at this time did not offer

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Photo by Timothy P. Howsare  
 Pictured is the wind farm near White Deer. Cielo Wind Power is in discussions with the Commissioners Court to possibly build a wind farm in Gray County.

## Nine constitutional amendments on Tuesday's ballot

STAFF REPORT

When Texans cast ballots for today's election, they will consider nine proposed constitutional amendments.

Polis open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Gray County voters in Lefors can vote at the Community Center at 103 N. Court. In McLean, voters can vote at the McLean branch of the Lovett Memorial Library at 302 N. Main St. In Pampa, voters in the 2nd Precinct can vote at the Pampa branch of the Lovett Memorial Library, located at 111 N. Houston St. In 5th Precinct, voters can vote at First Christian Church at 1633 N. Nelson St. Those in the 6th Precinct may vote at Zion Lutheran Church located at 1200 N. Duncan St. In the 7th Precinct, citizens may vote at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium at 1000 N. Sumner St. (3rd Precinct also votes at M.K. Brown.)

The Texas Legislature has proposed 656 amendments since 1876, and voters have approved 474 of those submitted to them, according to the Legislative Reference Library.

Each of the amendments on the November ballot have been approved by two-thirds of the House and Senate and will require majority approval from voters to take effect.

The amendments are as follows:

- HJR 62, which would authorize the Legislature to provide a property tax exemption for the spouses of veterans. This amendment specifically authorizes a tax exemption for all or part of the market value of the resi-

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## COOL CARS ON A WARM DAY



Photo by Lindsey Tomaschik

About a dozen classic cars were on display at the M&S Automotive Center, which held a Customer Appreciation Day and a Show and Shine Car Show on Saturday. It was a gorgeous day, with temperatures in the 60s and not a cloud in the sky. Pictured is Jerry Heasley talking to a passersby about his rare 1965 Shelby Cobra.

## NEWS Briefs

### Chamber sponsors November food drive

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is hosting a fall food drive through November.

Donations can be dropped off at the chamber office at 200 N. Ballard St., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There also will be a collection Saturday during the Veterans Day parade.

Canned goods and nonperishable items are needed. (No frozen or refrigerated foods.)

All donated items will be given to the Good Samaritans Food Bank.

Help make the holidays special for someone in need.



Photo by Timothy P. Howsare

On Saturday, Nov. 16, a group of citizens will begin cutting down dead trees at Alameda Park. The project begins at 8 a.m. and anyone who wants firewood is encouraged to show up.

## Volunteers sought to cut down dead trees

■ Individuals wanting firewood encouraged to show up with chainsaws.

STAFF REPORT

A community project now is being organized by several civic groups to cut down and remove many of the dead trees in city parks in Pampa and along major thoroughfares.

If there is enough community support, similar projects could be scheduled in the near future.

The goal is to bring citizens from all walks of life together to help beautify the city.

The project will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at Alameda Park on Duncan Street across from Austin Elementary School.

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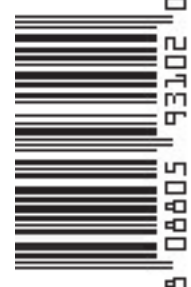
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**Zone**

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Cielo a tax abatement if the company builds a wind farm in Gray County.

A topographical map of the zone shows it beginning with a two one-square mile sectors along the Gray and Donley county line and then extending north and then east in one-mile sectors.

Some of the commissioners, Jeff Haley in particular, expressed concern that Cielo was requesting the reinvestment zone and the subsequent tax abate-

ment while providing little information to the county on how many wind towers it plans to build.

Peña agreed to bring more details to the Commissioners at the Nov. 15 meeting.

Haley asked Peña why other industries, such as oil and gas, don't need tax abatements to do business in the county.

Peña answered that by state law some industries can receive tax abatements while others can't. He said wind energy producers such as Cielo are eligible because of state legislation to promote the growth of renewable energy.

Judge Richard Peet,

who oversees the court, stressed that the criteria for the reinvestment zone be written to fairly treat all industries who might come to the Commissioners to request a tax abatement.

During the public comment before that preceded the Commissioners' discussion with Peña, a citizen who works in the local oil and gas industry said it would create an uneven playing field for the county to give a tax break to a wind energy company, while oil and gas producers, ranchers and farmers and required to pay their share of property taxes.

**Trees**

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then Highland Park at Hobart and Somerville. As time permits other dead trees in the area can be cut for firewood or removal.

Anyone who wants to volunteer should show up at Alameda at 8 a.m. Individuals as well as groups from churches, schools and clubs are encouraged to participate. Children can come with their parents to help pick up litter in the parks.

Anyone wishing to cut

up the dead trees for firewood is encouraged to show up and bring chain saws. Trees not cut up for firewood will be hauled away to the city's landfill.

For more information, call Pampa Regional Medical Center administration at 806-663-5500.

**Ballot**

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idences of spouses of military members who are killed in action.

• HJR 79, which would eliminate a requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund.

• HJR 133, which would extend the tax exemption period on storing aircraft parts in the state and would provide more tax relief to aerospace manufacturers.

• HJR 24, which would follow and authorize the Legislature to give a partial property tax exemption on charity-donated

residences to disabled veterans or their surviving spouses. The amendment would strike the current requirement that qualifying residents be "100 percent" disabled.

• SJR 18, which would allow homeowners age 62 or older to use reverse mortgages to purchase residences.

• SJR 1, which would create two funds to help finance key projects in the state water plan by pulling about \$2 billion from the Texas Economic Stabilization Fund.

• HJR 87, which would authorize home-rule municipalities to choose how to fill city council vacancies if the positions have less than 12 months remaining in a three- or four-

year term. The amendment would remove the requirement to hold a mandatory special election for those positions.

• HJR 147, which would repeal a constitutional provision authorizing the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

• SJR 42, which would authorize the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to use additional disciplinary actions — including public admonition, warning, reprimand, or required additional training or education — against judges or justices after a hearing.

Anyone with questions should call the Gray County Elections Office at 806-669-8068.

**Gov't easing the way for disabled air passengers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disabled travelers should find it easier to access airline websites under a new set of rules the government issued on Monday.

Airline website pages which have core travel information and services must be accessible to the disabled within two years, the Department of Transportation said, and all pages on airline websites must within three years be readily available to people with disabilities.

The new regulations also require airline ticket agents to disclose — and offer — web-based discount fares to customers unable to use their sites due to a disability. Airlines already are required to provide equivalent service for consumers who are unable to use inaccessible websites.

Airlines and airports will also have to make accessible to the disabled automated kiosks providing boarding passes and baggage, as they purchase new equipment. If no kiosks are installed, 25 percent of the

kiosks currently at each airport location must be accessible within 10 years.

Another new rule gives airlines more flexibility in how they transport manual, folding wheelchairs on-board, making it possible for them to carry up to two wheelchairs in the cabin, the department said. In addition to being able to stow a wheelchair in a closet, airlines will also be allowed to strap a second chair across a row of seats.

Closets also must have signs saying wheelchairs have priority over other baggage.

At the same time, the department announced that it has fined US Airways \$1.2 million for failing to provide adequate wheelchair access to passengers in Philadelphia and Charlotte, N.C. It's one of the largest penalties of its kind ever assessed by the agency in a disability case.

Under the department's rules, airlines are required to provide free, prompt wheelchair assistance, upon

request, to passengers with disabilities. The department said this includes helping passengers to move between gates and make connections to other flights.

The department said that US Airways' use of a combination of electric carts and wheelchairs to transport passengers between gates required frequent transfers and led to long delays. It said that some passengers missed connections because of the delays, or were left unattended for long periods of time.

The department examined some 300 complaints that passengers filed with US Airways and the government relating to alleged hardship incidents in 2011 and 2012 at Philadelphia International Airport and at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. That was only a sample of the total number of complaints.

US Airways may allocate up to \$500,000 of the fine for improvements that go beyond the DOT's requirements, the department said.

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Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 64 Low 32	High 52 Low 29	High 62 Low 37

**Today:** Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 64. Chance of rain: 30 percent. Winds south at 17 mph. Sunrise at 7:10 a.m.

**Tonight:** Scattered thunderstorms with a low of 32. Chance of rain: 60 percent. Winds north-northwest at 21 mph. Sunset at 5:45 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Morning clouds with a high of 52. Chance of rain: 20 percent. Winds north at 13 mph. Sunrise at 7:11 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear with a low of 29. Winds southwest at 5 mph. Sunset at 5:44 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 62. Winds south-southwest at 11 mph. Sunrise at 7:12 a.m.

**Thursday night:** Clear with a low of 37. Winds south at 15 mph. Sunset at 5:43 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Larry Duane McMillan

Larry Duane McMillan, 65, died Oct. 29, 2013 in Amarillo.

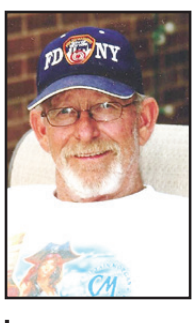
The funeral service was held 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at Victory Church with Pastor Don Weemes officiating.

Burial was held at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa

Larry was born on Dec. 30, 1947 in Pampa to C.O. "Mc" and Eunice McMillan. He was an Eagle Scout and was honorably awarded the God and country award. Larry graduated from Pampa High School in 1966 before attending West Texas A&M where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Business. Larry worked as a banker at Texas American Bank

for close to 15 years. He then taught grade school at several Amarillo grade schools. He then began his employment at AT&T where he worked as a repairman until his retirement in 2012. He enjoyed playing the guitar as well as hot rod cars, specifically Corvettes. Most importantly, Larry was a devoted family man. He was known to be extremely intelligent, patient and compassionate. He was a wonderful daddy who unconditionally loved his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren immensely. They will always remember how he loved to dance and shared many of those dances with them. His grandchildren and great grandchildren will always cherish their "papa la-la."

Mr. McMillan is survived wife, Dana McMillan of Amarillo; mother, Eunice McMillan of Pampa; four sons, Kelly Thrasher of Amarillo, Brian McMillan and wife Debbie of Amarillo, Charles Thrasher and wife Misty of Amarillo and Keith McMillan and wife Becky of Holcomb, Kan.;



Larry McMillan

daughter, Kim Lynch and husband Robert of Ardmore, Okla.; 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his father, C.O. "Mc" McMillan in May 2003.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.coxfuneral-homeamarillo.com](http://www.coxfuneral-homeamarillo.com).

## Iris Jean Parks

Iris Jean Parks, 77, died Oct. 30, 2013 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Jim Sinyard, pastor of the Carpenters Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Parks was born Sept. 12, 1936 in McCamey. She married Frank M. Parks on Aug. 7, 1952 in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1994. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1954, moving from Anson. Iris was a cook for the Black Gold Restaurant for many years. She was the housekeeping supervisor at Pampa Nursing Center and sold Avon for many years. Iris was a Baptist and was a former member of the Moose Lodge, as well as serving as a Brownie leader. She was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Whitmarsh, and two brothers, Jeff Hawthorne and Leroy Hawthorne.

Survivors include a daughter, Angela Simmons and husband Pete Garcia of Pampa, three sons, John Parks and wife Donna Hood of Skellytown, Tommy Parks and wife Sherry of Pampa, and Timothy Parks of Amarillo and wife Dawn Stevens of Pampa, 12 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and her sister, Mary Lawler and husband J. D. of Amarillo.

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## For the record

### Several arrested on drug charges over the weekend

#### STAFF REPORT

- Chad Murphy, 30, Norman, Okla., was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- Evelyn Mae Stokes, 31, Sayre, Okla., was arrested Saturday by the Pampa Police Department for failure to appear, no valid driver's license, failure to maintain car insur-

ance.

- Carl Allen Hinds, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Estevan Manuel Portillo, 31, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for two charges of capias pro fine.
- Valerie Vigil, 27, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for bond surrender — failure to present identification.
- Robert Parks, 35, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Keith Shannon Helfer, 46, White Deer, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for violation of probation — four possession of controlled substance offenses.
- Anastasia Sanchez, 30,

Skellytown, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

- James Michael Martin, 31, Fargo, Okla., was arrested Sunday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a prohibited weapon, possession of marijuana, driving while license is invalid, failure to yield at an open intersection.
- Jesus Torres, 27, Pampa, was arrested Monday by PPD for bond surrender — possession of a dangerous drug, bond surrender — evading arrest or detention, bond surrender — criminal trespassing, capias pro fine — theft, capias pro fine — possession of drug paraphernalia.

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## Prairie Plains Perspective

# A pigeon plague of epic proportion

Along the Little Pigeon River in Tennessee is the city of Pigeon Forge. If the Volunteer State did not have a city named



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such, safe to say Dolly Parton's rep might not be as prominent. I retract that statement. Ms. Parton's rep will always be, prominent. Associated evidently with Mensa types, we have what in mathematics is called the pigeonhole principle, a method used to determine the outcome of counting arguments. I recall my father often asking my artist mother why she pigeonholed so much stuff. Dad was always taken aback by her accumulation of stuff and always ready to rid the house of such. Mother

dearest never uttered an answer, but always in return my father received, the look. In my teens there was Steve "Orange Head" Williams, an amazingly coordinated Pampa High School basketball guard who was so pigeon toed that while running and dribbling a basketball, he could literally do a ninety degree turn, leaving his defender splayed out on the court. It was said "Orange Head" had the perfect pigeon toedness. And, I shall never forget the great character actor, Walter Pidgeon.

Why the pigeon trivia? I don't like pigeons, and in that dislike I'm always looking in disgust toward the sky at Pampa's teeming population of nasty sky rats. There are so many pigeons in this town that no matter what part I'm in doing my thing, I cannot but help envisioning Alfred

Hitchcock's movie "The Birds," cued in on the scene with Tippi Hedren trapped in the phone booth.

There are so many pigeons plaguing Pampa that city and county fathers along with local business owners must get their collective noggins together, come to an agreement of some sorts and commence with a pigeon eradication program.

Monies expended repairing the continual damage resulting from these fowl has to be a tidy sum, that is, if business owners actually care about the damage and opt for repairs? Pigeon feces, feathers, and carcasses clog up rainwater drainage systems. Pigeons are strong enough to lift roofing tiles (Post Office) in order to get under them to roost or nest, thereby causing another means of access for water damage

ing a building. Prolific reproducers able to coexist quite comfortably with we humans, pigeons will fledge four to six clutches a year! You cannot tell me these birds have not wrecked havoc on Pampa's commercial buildings, for I have seen such up close and personal. Now they are darkening downtown's sky to the extent no pedestrian or car under them is safe!

Pigeon feces carry any number of potential health hazards to human beings. Dried pigeon poop and feathers can bring about the likes of paratyphoid, salmonella, listeriosis, histoplasmosis, blastomycosis, encephalitis, meningitis, trichomoniasis and ricketts, just to name a few... Yes, I wrote ricketts. Look one or all the afflictions up in a medical journal. Once you do some reading, you'll understand how

hordes of pigeons can present a crisis to commercial buildings, and one's physical well being. In other words, you might not want to stand around and breathe where there are dried piles of pigeon poop. Did I mention parasitic mites and fleas?

There are folks in the business of pigeon removal. I believe the closest resides in Lubbock. Let's see, in one hand I have piles of pigeon poop and feathers along with a stack of associated repair bills, while in the other hand I've got a pigeon exterminator. This isn't rocket science. Still don't want to spend the money? How about tossing some poisoned seeds atop any number of the flat roofed buildings around the city the birds use for roosts? Why sure, there will be a tad of pigeon carcasses to clean up, but that's minuscule compared to the

costs associated with the damage and health issues the sky rats present! What else could the poisoned seeds harm, a bunch of starlings, sparrows, or a possible thousand or so squirrels? Bother you, my thought over poisoning this blight on the avian and human world? Then, how about closing off downtown for a day or so and let's have a good ole pigeon shoot! For a fact many a shootist will come! No, I don't like pigeons. Pampa indeed has a pigeon plague, and something needs to be done to rid our town of this blight.

*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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**BY WADE A. MITCHELL**  
Guest columnist

Bruno Baltodano's article appearing in this newspaper Friday, Nov. 1 betrays a serious misunderstanding of what government is and also what opponents of government really believe.

All of us, even those of us who are opposed to government, voluntarily participate in governments all the time. Our homeowners associations are a form of government. Our churches have a governing board. Every club and organization that exists has a governing board of some sort. Since we voluntarily participate in these organizations,

we do not have a fundamental disagreement with government at all. It is just when government uses coercion and force or threat of force if it does not get its way, which the libertarian minded among us get our feathers ruffled.

Mr. Baltodano gave a few examples of when established governments were toppled and into this vacuum ran all sorts of unscrupulous groups. He would have us believe that without government, chaos would reign.

I'd like to present an admittedly anecdotal example of where government and private property owners operate right along side each other and

see where chaos really exists. If you ever find yourself visiting the city of Houston please take the time to tour the tunnel system underneath downtown Houston. These tunnels are privately owned and the public is welcome and even encouraged to use them. Economists call this type of arrangement a "privately owned public good."

Inside these tunnels, the 250,000 or so people who work in downtown Houston can travel from building to building in air-conditioned comfort. You will see no graffiti, trash, derelicts, pimps, prostitutes, panhandlers or troublemakers. This property is privately owned and the owners of this property have every incentive to keep the peace so people will feel safe to traverse this labyrinth in safety. No governmental agency is in charge down there and there are lots of people safely going about their business every day.

Now, lets turn our attention to one story above... on the streets of downtown Houston. This is where government is in control and it can sometimes be very chaotic indeed. Out here you will see all sorts of vandalism, trash, bums, panhandlers, drug addicts etc.

The anecdotal examples provided by Mr. Baltodano have very little to do with the people here in the United States. We

enjoy a tradition of social cooperation, division of labor, capital accumulation and investment. None of the countries mentioned in his article had this historical background.

I would suggest reading Frederick Bastiat's short book "The Law." We all have a right and a responsibility to protect our life, liberty and property using whatever force is necessary, including the use of deadly force to accomplish this end. Legitimate government has no more authority than each individual.

Also good readings are the writings of Murray Rothbard, Ludwig von Mises, Fredrick Hayek, Llewellyn Rockwell, Henry Hazlitt and others who teach economics from an Austrian perspective that fits in with a libertarian mindset. The Ludwig von Mises Institute is also a very good reference and can be found at www.mises.org. This organization is actively involved in teaching young college teachers so that they do not mislead their students.

As John Stossel wrote in his most recent book: "Learning to think economically — and to resist the pro-central planning impulse — is our only hope of rescuing America from a diminished future."

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# French science fiction?



**SPIKE HARVILLE**

French science fiction; who knew there was such a thing? (It's kind of like Polish chicken and waffles. Hmm, I don't see why not, but...)

"Lockout" (2012) is a French sci-fi action thriller shot in Serbia with English speaking actors posing as American CIA agents fighting Scottish bad guys in space while mostly using green-screen instead of practical sets. It cost \$20 million to make and made \$32,204,030 at the box office.

We've all seen good French films. I gave "The Artist" 5 out of 5-stars, as you may remember. There are the splendid and odd Jaques Tati comedy films of the late 1950s like "Mon Oncle" and I am going to soon review a French romance about a Chocolatier. It's just when I think of sci-fi, I think of U.S. films; maaaaaybe Japanese films in secondnd place and the Brits coming in a distant third.

In the year 2079 Marion Snow (Guy Pearce) is a CIA agent accused of killing another agent, a friend, who gave him a briefcase full of proof about some bad guys selling secrets. There's all sorts of circumstantial evidence that implicates Snow in the murder, and now the briefcase has gone missing.

Snow is about to be sent to MS-1, an outer-space prison where you are put into a deep-freeze sleep for your prison term. His buddy who hid the briefcase of evidence is already frozen there. The President of the United States' daughter (played by Maggie Grace) is on the prison spaceship to determine if the prisoners are being abused. What could possibly go wrong with one beautiful leggy blonde girl on a prison ship with 600 violent male inmates?

After she is taken hostage, a deal is cut with Snow. To earn his freedom he must rescue her, by himself.

Guy Pierce does a fine job as leading man and has a great sense of comic timing, physical prowess and solid acting chops. Maggie Grace, as the President's daughter, is adequate as an actress and real easy to look at.

The cast is full of strong actors, most of whom you have seen and will recognize.

I asked 10 actor/film-maker types to rate the movie on the 5-star scale. I asked 10 normal people to do the same. Moviemakers gave it 3 stars. Normal folks gave it 1 1/2 stars.

You should really try my niece's cake. It'll knock your socks off. I, too, can get the same exact ingredients and make a cake. Did I mention how good my niece's cakes are?

This movie has all the ingredients needed to make a great movie. Such as; a handsome, strong and funny leading man, a bombshell blue-eyed tall leggy blonde leading lady, a tried-and-true storyline, some solid supporting actors, a budget that allowed for some great computer driven graphics, plenty of action and more. Sadly it's more like a cake that I, rather than my niece, would bake.

Luc Besson produced this film and, to continue the cake analogy, he knows how to make a cake. Other films he has made include "Le Femme Nikita," "Leon; The Professional," "Wasabi," "Fifth Element," "Transporter," "District B13" and "Taken." (Some of these are on my "You gotta see this one" list.)

I guess Mr. Besson just had a bad day in the kitchen. I give "Lockout" two stars.

Please leave an "Odd Comment" on my site: [MyFriendsCallMeSpike.com](http://MyFriendsCallMeSpike.com) and let me know what you think about "Lockout" or French movies.

# Suspending belief over the 'suspense file'

**TOM MARGENAU**  
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Recently, several readers sent me yet another in the long line of damnable lies that are being spread in cyberspace about Social Security. I'll just summarize the salacious email. It reads, in part:

"Once again the government has shown it can't do anything right. The Social Security Administration reports that it has hundreds of billions of dollars in unspent funds sitting around in something called the 'suspense file.' This is further proof that we can't let the bas—— in Washington raise our taxes by one nickel until they get rid of all the waste fraud and mismanagement of the tax money they already collect from us!"

The email goes on to accuse the President Obama of "instituting the corrupt policies that lead to all this waste." I will use this column to give you the facts about the so-called "suspense file" that the Social Security Administration maintains.

The suspense file, which has been around since the 1930s (before President Obama was even born) doesn't contain even one nickel in funds. It simply contains paper and electronic records of unreportable income. Let me explain.

When people work at a job, their employer withholds Social Security taxes (and matches that tax payment with an equal amount of money). Those withheld funds are sent directly to the U.S. treasury department — about \$2.5 billion deposited to the Treasury every day in Social Security tax collections. The government instantly spends that money for whatever the federal government spends money

on — everything from VA hospitals to National Park Service employee salaries to NASA rockets to air traffic control computers, etc. At the same time, the Treasury Department deposits a U.S. treasury note into the Social Security trust funds for the money received. (Social Security currently has over \$1 trillion in treasury notes in its funds). Social Security checks are paid three times a month. So three times each month, SSA redeems enough Treasury bonds to cover the billions of dollars worth of Social Security checks it is sending out that day. The Treasury Department credits the Social Security funds for those bonds — with interest. Social Security has been working this way for about 80 years now.

BUT, none of this has anything to do with the suspense file. So why did I bring it up? Well, you have to go back to that employer sending the tax collections to the Treasury. At the same time they send the money to the Treasury Department, they send a paper or electronic report to SSA listing the names of all their employees, their Social Security numbers and the total earnings reported to that person and SSN. So it is simply a paper or electronic report that goes to SSA. The agency takes these reports and posts earnings to the Social Security record for everyone listed on the employer's report. That is a big part of their job — to maintain earnings records for all Americans while they

are working and to pay benefits based on those records when they retire. Over 95 percent of the time, there is no problem. These earnings are posted to the proper record, and all is right with the world.

But, occasionally, there is a glitch. The name and/or SSN reported by the employer does not match the name and/or SSN in Social Security records. SSA makes some attempts to resolve the problem. They first apply tolerances to fix the issue. For example, if they see wages reported for "Tom Margenau" and Social Security records show "Thomas Margenau" — assuming all other information matches, they will make the logical assumption that "Tom Margenau" and "Thomas Margenau" is the same person.

Or if they see wages reported for Steve Jackson with SSN 123-45-6789 but Social Security records show his SSN as 123-45-6798, they will simply presume (again, assuming all other information matches) that the last digits were transposed in processing, and they will post the income to Steve's Social Security record.

If these tolerances don't work, they will contact the employer to attempt to resolve the discrepancy. Or they will attempt to contact individual employees.

If these and other procedures don't work, then SSA doesn't know whose record should be posted with the proper earnings, so then these reports go into the suspense file. (Think of it as if the reports are being "suspended" until the discrepancy can be resolved.)

Again, there is no money in that file. The tax collections long ago were deposited into the Treasury department. It's just the paper earnings report that is in suspense.

Many of these discrepant reports are eventually straightened out, properly posted to the correct SSN record and removed from the suspense file.

However, because we are talking about millions of paper reports coming in every day, over the 80-year history of the Social Security system, unresolved reports have built up to the tune of tens of millions of records representing hundreds of billions of dollars in unreportable wages. (I can't emphasize enough — not billions of dollars in money, but billions of dollars in paper reports of unreportable wages.)

Obviously, there are certain classes of workers who contribute most to the suspense file. The biggest one is kids — teenagers getting their first jobs at McDonalds for whom their SSN means almost nothing. So they frequently give their employer faulty data. Another big contributor to the suspense file are new brides who change their names and report those new names to their employers but forget to tell the government — Social Security still has the old name. Seasonal and migrant workers — like those doing agricultural, landscaping or construction jobs — are big contributors to the file, too.

One final point: If you wonder if some of your earnings were not properly reported to your Social Security record, it is a simple matter to go to [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) and check your earnings files.

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# Many health woes in teens seeking obesity surgery

CHICAGO (AP) — U.S. teens seeking weight-loss surgery have a startling number of health problems that used to be seen only in adults, according to a major government-funded study.

Half the teens had at least four major illnesses linked with their excess weight. Three out of four had cholesterol problems; almost half had high blood pressure or joint pain; and many had diseased livers or kidneys.

These kids weighed three times more than what is considered healthy, they weren't just teens "who want to fit into that cheer-leading outfit better," said Dr. Thomas Inge, the study's lead researcher and

a surgeon at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The study offers reassuring evidence that obesity surgery is generally safe for teens, echoing previous short-term research. While it is a drastic, last-ditch option, major complications including accidental injury to internal organs occurred in just 8 percent of teens. Less serious complications including bleeding and dehydration affected 15 percent of kids during the first month after surgery.

The study involved 242 teens who had surgery at five U.S. centers from 2007 through 2011. Results for the first month after surgery were released online Mon-

day in the journal JAMA Pediatrics. The National Institutes of Health paid for the study.

In a recent scientific statement, the American Heart Association said obesity surgery may be the most effective treatment for what it called "severe obesity" in teens, a condition it said affects about 5 percent of U.S. children and is increasing nationwide. The group's threshold for severe obesity is a body mass index of at least 35; the average BMI in the study was 51.

Because lifestyle changes and medication rarely work for such obese teens, the statement says obesity surgery should be consid-

ered for those with related health problems who are psychologically mature enough to handle it.

The new results bolster evidence from smaller studies in teens and also suggest teens may do better, at least initially, than adults. Earlier 30-day research in adults found a few deaths after obesity surgery, although the risk was no greater than for other major operations. There were no deaths in the teen study.

A three-year follow-up report on more than 2,000 patients in the adult study was also published online Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. It showed adults generally had fewer obe-

sity-related illnesses than in the teen study, and most weight loss occurred within the first year after surgery. Gastric bypass surgery, the most common operation in the U.S., resulted in more weight loss and more improvement in related illnesses than stomach banding, as other studies have shown. Three-year death rates were low, and similar for both procedures, but band patients had many more repeat surgeries.

In the teen study, whether obesity surgery resulted in lasting weight loss and better health remains to be seen; the researchers are still following the participants and calculating data.

But anecdotal reports from the teens suggest they're doing pretty well.

Chelsea Hale of Cincinnati has shrunk from 314 to 170 pounds — almost half her previous size — since having surgery three years ago at age 17 at Cincinnati Children's. Before surgery, Hale had a hormonal problem, heart blockage and sleep apnea — all linked with obesity and all have since subsided.

"I feel good, I can pretty much physically do anything," said Hale, now in nursing school.

Like 28 percent of the teens studied, she had gastric sleeve surgery, which involves removing part of the stomach and creating a smaller tube or sleeve-shaped stomach. She has to be careful about eating only small portions of foods, to avoid getting sick, but said otherwise she has no food restrictions.

Some teens in the study say they can no longer tolerate certain foods, including sugar, meat or dairy products.

Most teens had gastric bypass or stomach stapling, which creates a small pouch in the stomach and attaches it to the intestines. A handful had gastric band operations, in which surgeons position an adjustable band around the top of the stomach, and inflate it to shrink the stomach. This operation has not been approved for U.S. teens.

Inge, a pioneer in obesity surgery in teens, says he does about 30 to 40 operations each year at Cincinnati Children's and the numbers have increased slightly in recent years.

Kids must be severely obese to qualify. But many are so large that even when surgery results in substantial weight loss and better health, they can't shrink their BMI to below the obese range, Inge said. That underscores the need to find ways to prevent severe obesity, he said.

University of Colorado heart specialist Dr. Robert Eckel, an American Heart Association spokesman, said the study shows obesity surgery should be considered a reasonable approach for kids, but that the study results may represent a best-case scenario, since surgeons involved were all highly experienced.

Parents seeking obesity surgery for their teens should have them evaluated in centers that do lots of these operations, he said.



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# US fire officials see danger in paper sky lanterns

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Thin paper sky lanterns, lit from inside by candles that send them floating aloft, have been popular for centuries at Asian festivals, but U.S. fire officials want them banned.

The National Association of State Fire Marshals calls them uncontrolled fire hazards, because the wind decides where to deposit the lanterns, said association president and New Hampshire Fire Marshal Bill Degnan.

Lanterns have ended up in trees and on tents at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, which draws tens of thousands of fans to two NASCAR races each year, he said. A fire blamed on a sky lantern at a plastic recycling plant in Britain in July caused \$9 million in damage.

"You have no control over where it lands," he said.

A sky lantern is essentially a small hot air balloon made of paper with an opening at the bottom where a small fire is suspended. Invented in China, the lanterns were first used as signals during wars. They are launched at Asian festivals for good luck and to send wishes skyward.

They also are popular at weddings and remembrance ceremonies. Last year, sky lanterns were released into the night sky over Dover High School's football field in memory of a New Hampshire combat veteran who died in a North Carolina motorcycle crash.

Rob Laughton, part owner of an online re-

tailer selling the lanterns, argues they should be regulated, not banned. He says his Dallas-based company, Wish Lanterns, has been responsive to the public and recently substituted bamboo for wire in the frame to make the lanterns biodegradable and no threat to animals who might try to eat them after they fall.

The lanterns come with instructions on how to safely release them and customers are advised to use common sense, such as to not release them within five miles of an airport or in a wooded area, he said.

"The lantern can only come down once the wick has gone out," he said. "The lantern will come back without any burning parts."

But Degnan and other fire marshals around the country don't believe their safety can be guaranteed.

In August, the U.S. fire marshals association adopted a resolution urging states to ban the sale and use of sky lanterns. At least two dozen states and many local jurisdictions have either banned them by law or by regulation, according to Degnan.

State Sen. Nancy Stiles filed a bill to add New Hampshire to the list of states with sales bans.

In December, Degnan used his authority to ban the lanterns' release in New Hampshire under a code governing recreational fires, but he wants to block their sale as well. His order allows people to light the lanterns if they are tethered, but he fears the lanterns could break

loose or that the requirement will be ignored.

"Even if you tell (people) to tether them, will they?" he said.

Stiles, a Hampton Republican, filed her bill at the request of Rye Fire Chief Skip Sullivan. Sullivan said people have lit the lanterns at the beach out to sea only to have them blow inland. One

landed in a selectman's yard, but burned out and did no damage, he said.

Sullivan said fire officials want a law "primarily for the fact that when you light these and send them off, it is an open fire you're sending off."

He added, "When these things come down, are these people going to clean up the mess they leave behind?"

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# PampaSports

## Marrufo finishes 15th of 167 runners, Soria high-finisher for girls at regional meet

By **BARB AMRHEIM**  
For the Pampa News

The Pampa boys' and girls' cross country teams both qualified for Saturday's UIL Region I-3A Cross Country Championships in Lubbock Saturday. The girls' team finished 12th in the 24 team field and the boys placed 20th.

Alex Marufo was the top individual Pampa finisher in 15th place in the 167 runner boys field missing a state berth by just five places in his third and final try.

"I just couldn't get up (closer to the lead)," Marufo said. "I got boxed in."

Marufo covered the three-mile course in 16 minutes 42 seconds and was followed by teammates Jose Hernandez (82), Nate Furgason (102), Tyler Whitson (126), Juan Perez (142), Alex Garcia

(146) and Jimmy Townson (151) for a team that struggled to find just five runners only one year ago.

"I think this is the first time we sent a boys team to regional in about 20 years," coach Mark Elms said.

The young girls team, without any seniors on the team, finished in 12th place with 333 points.

Junior Yesenia Soria clocked in at 13:13 over the two-mile course to lead the Lady Harvesters in 51st place and was followed closely across the finish line by sophomore Reata Collins in 53rd place in a time of 13:15.01.

Karoley Villarreal finished in 72nd with freshman Alexis Munguia finishing in 13:42 for 85th. Shiann Regaldo (86), Madison Young (114) and Vanessa Ontiveras (134) rounded out the Lady

Harvester competitors.

The Pampa teams both finished third in district 3-4A to earn the chance to run Saturday.

"I think this is the first time (in school history) we've qualified both teams to regional," Elms said.

The district did have one team, the Dalhart girls, qualify for the state meet Saturday in Round Rock with a second place finish.

Results: Boys qualifying teams: 1. Alvarado 76; 2. Clint 117 3. Andrews 135. District 3-4A teams: 5. Dalhart 181; 7. Perryton 233; 20. Pampa 450.

Individual winner: 1. Kody Anderson, Burkburnett 15:23.90.

Girls qualifying teams: 1. Liberty Hill 58; 2. Dalhart 89; 3. Brownwood 147. District 3-4A teams: 10. Perryton 241; 12. Pampa 333.



Photo by Barb Amrhein

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters cross country team. Front row, from left, Yesenia Soria, Karoley Villarreal, Madison Young, Alexis Mungolia, Shiann Regalado and Vanessa Outiveroz. Back, Luis Hernandez, Nathan Ferguson, Alex Marufo, Jose Hernandez, Juan Perez, Alex Garcia, Tyler Whitson and Jimmy Townson.

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## Regional Sports

### Groom 9-0 with district win

**STAFF REPORT**

Groom continued to roll with a 62-13 win over Hedley.

Groom started in the first quarter, scoring 18 straight points off of two touchdown runs over Trenton Fields, followed by a 27-yard pass from Zach Holloway to Hayden Ritter.

Hedley finally got on the board after a 15-yard Klaiton Moore run.

Groom answered the score with a 51-yard pass



Hayden Ritter

from nine, 17 and 35 yards out, making the score 42-7 Groom. Holloway connected with Nick Bohr on a 69

yard touchdown. Hedley tried to hang in there scoring a 30-yard touchdown pass from Moore to Denver Chamness, closing the gap some at 42-13.

But Groom scored a rushing touchdown from Nick Bohr, and finished the game with a 22-yard pass from Holloway to Ritter, their second of the game.

Groom had a total of 448 yards of offense, compared to Hedley's 110.

### LEFORS CROSS COUNTRY



Photo by Barb Amrhein

Lefors runners, from left, Brandtley Swires, Jason Solis, Austin Tapp, Zack Dahl and Irwin Solis ran in th Region I-1A UIL Cross Country Championships at Mae Simmons Park Saturday. The Pirates were not among the top 19 teams, but official results for 20th through 24th were not released.

### Golf Thought of the Week

**■ Growing the game of golf.**

Three is a big deal in golf. There's an argument that the game has grown in history whenever there has been a

triumvirate of golfers who have captured the public's imagination.

Byron Nelson, Sam Snead and Ben Hogan set of a huge increase in both the number of golfers and, in the United States, the number of golf

courses. Interestingly, all three were born in 1912 and Nelson and Hogan started out at the same caddie's yard at the same golf club in Fort Worth, Texas within two weeks of each other, when they were boys.

These three went on, despite their humble backgrounds, to dominate golf around the world and inspired America to take up golf. Then, and probably familiar to more of you, there was Arnold



TIM STADLER

Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, who took up the baton and they also inspired a generation.

So, looking around now, are there three golfers who can rise to the top and create an exciting rivalry that will capture the imagination of new generations?

If there isn't, maybe each of us needs to make our own contribution to the growth of the game of golf? Why don't you think of the three golfers you most enjoy playing with? If you, or they, haven't played in a while, then that doesn't matter. What matters is that I'd like you to take action now and book a round of golf with those three golfers.

Come on, let's all take responsibility for playing an additional round of golf, in the next month, with three other golfers. And, most importantly, make sure you have fun!

Regards,  
Tim

Tim Stadler is the PGA Golf Professional at Pampa Country Club. He can be reached at 806-665-8431.

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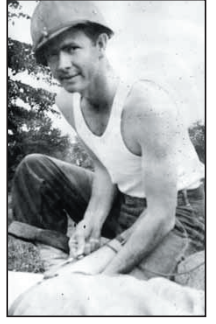
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## Texans coach hospitalized after collapsing at game

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans coach Gary Kubiak was hospitalized in stable condition Monday, one day after collapsing on the field at halftime of Houston's 27-24 loss to Indianapolis.

The reeling Texans, losers of six straight, were left to worry about their coach and wonder when he'll return to the team. The Texans have not disclosed what's wrong with the 52-year-old Kubiak, saying only that he did not

have a heart attack. "There was a lot of unknown," said defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, who coached the team after halftime. "Everything was unknown as to what was going on and what happened to Kube."

Kubiak hunched over and dropped to his knees at the 24-yard line and he was immediately surrounded by medical personnel. He was taken off the field on a stretcher and put in an ambulance.

The Texans said Kubiak was conscious and with his family as he was taken to the hospital.

"He had an episode; he was light-headed and dizzy," Houston general manager Rick Smith told NBC following the game. "He was evaluated by a number of specialists ... he is awake and coherent. We have to assess ... obviously, there's a lot of info. Hopefully, Gary will be back with us tomorrow (Monday)."

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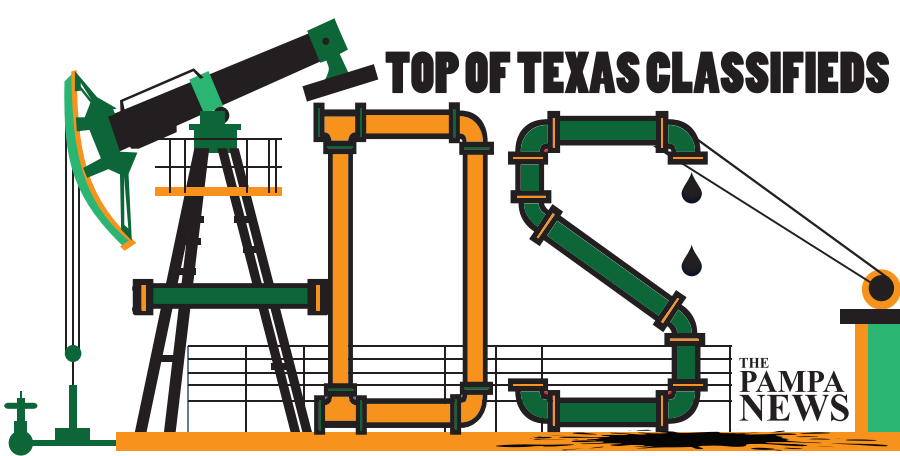
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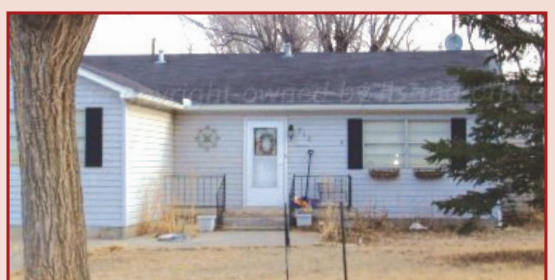
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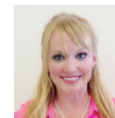
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was picked on and bullied as a child. I was very insecure and dealt with low self-esteem. Through counseling I was able to overcome these issues to become a successful wife and mother. My question is, how do I prevent this from happening to my children without being an over-protective "bear" of a mom? — MAMA BEAR IN NEW YORK

DEAR MAMA BEAR: Children with high self-esteem are less likely to be the targets of bullies. More often it's the child whose self-esteem is fragile to begin with who becomes the victim.

Children learn self-esteem from the way their parents treat them. Tell your children you love them, talk to them, read to them, listen to them and give them your undivided attention. And when they do something right, praise them.

If you teach your children respect for others and how to

be independent, they will be less likely to be bullied. When they are old enough to have unsupervised access to their cellphones and online activities, you should also monitor them for any indication that they are being harassed or harassing another child.

DEAR ABBY: I invited my sister "Alina" and her husband from out of town for Thanksgiving because they had no plans. I then extended an invitation to my other sister, "Marilyn," and her husband if they had no plans. Marilyn told me later that her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren will be coming in from out of town, so I assumed they'd be celebrating Thanksgiving at her house.

When Marilyn asked me if they were included I said no, that the invitation was for her and her husband if they had no plans. Now she is furious with me and won't talk to me. I already have my children com-

ing over and that will be 10 guests, which is as many as I can accommodate. Who is right here? — THANKSGIVING HOSTESS

DEAR HOSTESS: You are. Your sister should not have assumed that because you invited her and her husband for Thanksgiving that you were automatically obligated to entertain the rest of her family. It is your right to control your guest list, not hers.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had a beautiful wedding and were blessed with the presence of many family members and friends. I am embarrassed to admit that we unfortunately did not send out thank-you cards to our guests.

Three years have passed, and we still feel guilty for not expressing our genuine gratitude. We are expecting our first child in a few months — another milestone we hope to share with our loved ones. Would it be OK to take this as an opportunity to finally thank them and share the news of our family? — MOM-TO-BE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MOM-TO-BE: It would be in better taste to

deliver these messages separately — first, your belated thank-you for your wedding gifts, and then, in a month or so when they have recovered from the shock, the news of your pregnancy and PERHAPS an invitation to your baby shower, which should be sent by whoever will be hosting it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband gave me a lovely necklace for my birthday. The problem is it's made of stainless steel and I'm allergic to it. He did this before, and that time I asked him to return it. However, he never got around to it and eventually it went to charity.

What do I do this time? Tell him and risk hurting his feelings? Or shove it in a drawer forever? — THANKS, BUT ... IN AUSTRIA

DEAR THANKS, BUT ...: Say something like this to your husband: "Honey, the necklace is beautiful. You have wonderful taste. But remember? I'm allergic to stainless steel. Why don't we return it together and pick out something I'll be able to wear? Would Saturday be OK?"

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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. **11-5 CRYPTOQUOTE**

MN FDIL IDGMNKJ MN MQL KDFQM, TNM VPNNRJ VAPPLME, VAM ULZGLHAP VZPPNME NTPJ, ZKL TLGLEEZKJ.

— ZVKZQZB PDTGNPT  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquote:** FAR AND AWAY THE BEST PRIZE THAT LIFE HAS TO OFFER IS THE CHANCE TO WORK HARD AT WORK WORTH DOING. — THEODORE ROOSEVELT

## BANANAGRAMS!

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed. The BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

LEVEL  
A O I P U S T  
F E S T K R W U  
BANANA BITE: Drinking container opening  
BANANA BITE: Baseball grounds

Yesterday's Answer: CLIMBER, VEHICLE, CHEWIER, CLIPPER, CRIPPLE, PREVIEW

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two one-word movie titles. For example, RACY WOKS can be rearranged to spell ROCKY, SAW. The first letter of each word is placed to get you started.

LEVEL  
H O L Y I N S P A C E  
A P  
A S H O R T L I L A C  
L C

Yesterday's Answer: TUFT, WISPER, SPOUT, WISE, TURFS, WISPER, ARK, WISE

# SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

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Level: Beginner

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS  
39 AI and Tipper  
1 Shut with a bang  
5 Speedy  
9 Japanese cartoon art  
10 Supple  
12 Eternal City resident  
13 Place in order  
14 Takes care of the final details  
16 Need to pay  
17 — out (barely makes)  
18 Put on the line  
21 Performed  
22 Threw a party  
23 Answer  
24 Unrefined  
26 Kanye's music  
29 Attention-getting call  
30 Convoy truck  
31 Commercials  
32 Appears unexpectedly  
34 Explosive stuff  
37 Baggy  
38 Prepare for prayer
- DOWN  
1 "Jersey Shore" star  
2 Walked unsteadily  
3 Stockpile  
4 List of choices  
5 Ga.  
6 Ventilate  
7 Painter's motion  
8 Melted  
9 Ready for battle  
11 Looked over  
15 Braces  
19 Land in the sea  
20 Pig's place  
22 Valiant one  
23 Beam of light  
24 Giving up  
25 Pearl producer  
26 Vacation spot  
27 Entertains  
28 Voice, in slang  
29 Singer  
30 Coffee stirrer  
33 Gymnast  
35 Stephen of "The Crying Game"  
36 Antique

BLEW COEDS  
LAMER LIMITE  
OXIDE ALIVE  
GIG CAD NIP  
STRAIN TENS  
YETTOCOME  
LEDON  
READYTOGO  
BUNS NEWELS  
ANT PER LIP  
SLIDE IGAVE  
KOREA EATEN  
SWEET PORT

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS  
2 Mowing site  
1 Nurse  
Barton  
6 Mine section  
11 Hammerin' Hank  
12 Spirit  
13 Target of campaign ads  
15 Last part  
16 Zodiac sign  
17 Give permission to  
18 Comb parts  
20 Light lunch  
23 Like a greenhouse  
27 Wildly eager  
28 Zilch  
29 Fix code  
31 Ohio city  
32 Music's Faith  
34 Boxing poke  
37 Negative link  
38 Glacier makeup  
41 Campaign's finish line  
44 Filch  
45 Figure out  
46 Rich dessert  
47 Spirited horse
- DOWN  
1 Job for Sherlock

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# comics PAGE

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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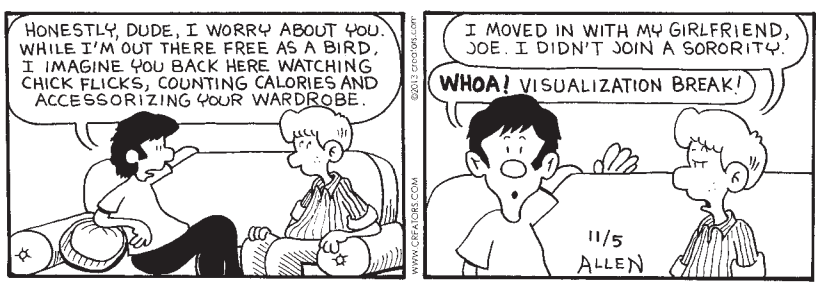
"So what should be our choice this time, Mommy? Paper or plastic?"

### Non Sequitur



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### Nest Heads

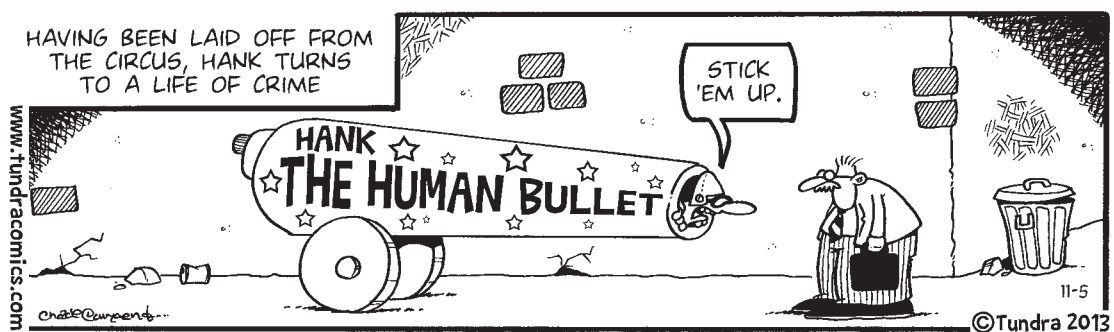


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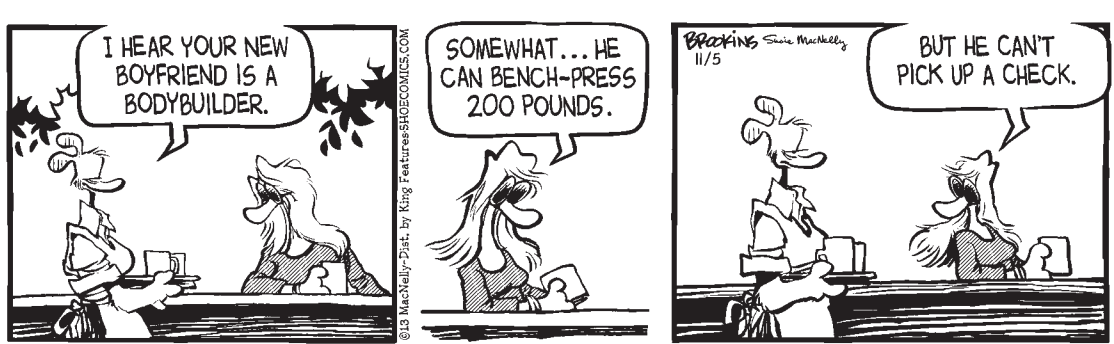
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013:  
This year you might develop a more serious tone than you have had in past years. You are determined to achieve your goals. Woe to anyone who might decide to interfere with your path. You know where you are going, and you will not be sidetracked. If you are single, you might attract someone who is equally as determined as you are. Working out a relationship will take a lot of mutual respect. If you are attached, the two of you will head in a new direction after years of discussion. You will be thrilled to enter a new phase of your life together. **CAPRICORN** is as stubborn as you are!  
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)  
★★★★ Be direct in your dealings. Know that change is very possible if you share what your objective is with others. A partner or loved one will understand what is going on. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: A friend needs to share more with you.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You could be dealing with a loved one far differently from how you had intended because of a vagueness that surrounds this person. Until you are a little surer of yourself, hold off on making a decision. Tonight: A close encounter.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You could be more in sync with someone than you might realize. You'll need to think through an offer longer than you might have anticipated. Investigate alternatives before you commit to one course of action over another. Tonight: Togetherness works.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Someone around you could be very controlling and serious. You know that this person has good intentions, despite all the flak you are receiving. Understand what is happening. He or she might want more control, and is unlikely to admit it. Tonight: All smiles.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Pace yourself; you have a lot of ground to cover. You might want to revise your schedule, and approach a situation with more sensitivity and direction. You'll see a personal matter differently after a conversation with a partner. To-

night: Chat over a relaxed dinner.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Allow your creativity to emerge in your dealings with a fun, child-like person. A partner could add some magic to your day. This person might be unusually romantic and/or sentimental. Enjoy this phase, for it won't last forever. Tonight: Time for a midweek break.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You might feel out of sync with a personal issue, and you could be viewing your finances with an eye to costs. You might not be able to talk sense into someone else right now. This person can see only what his or her rose-colored glasses permit. Tonight: Head home early.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Say what you think, as others might not understand where you are coming from otherwise. Be direct, and drop all manipulation. Understand your choices and explain your logic. Others will agree or disagree; you have no control here. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You express yourself through your body language and expressions. Without intending to, you could be building your personal life on rocky foundations. Even in a talk, you might not choose to reveal your thoughts. Tonight: Buy a few necessities on the way home.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ You know what to say, but you might prefer to say nothing right now. You rarely reveal your more emotional side. Others are drawn to you; they can't seem to stay away. Don't be shy. Discuss what you think is a great idea. Tonight: Where the fun is.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You might not be comfortable with a project, a key person and/or yourself. You'll need to take some time to sort through what is bothering you. Follow through, and take care of yourself first. Only then will you be able to be helpful to others. Tonight: Make it early.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ A meeting might prove to be more important than you initially thought. You might want to bring others together to get the ball rolling. Don't hesitate to take better care of yourself first. You often do too much for others and not enough for yourself. Tonight: Find your friends.

### Tundra



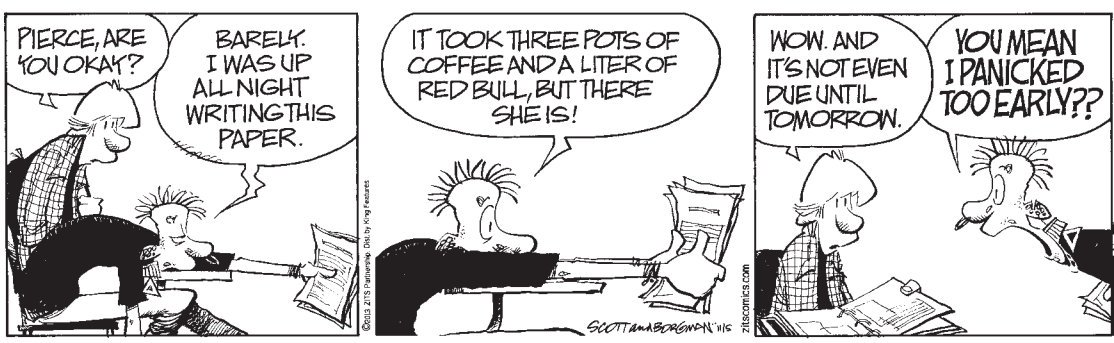
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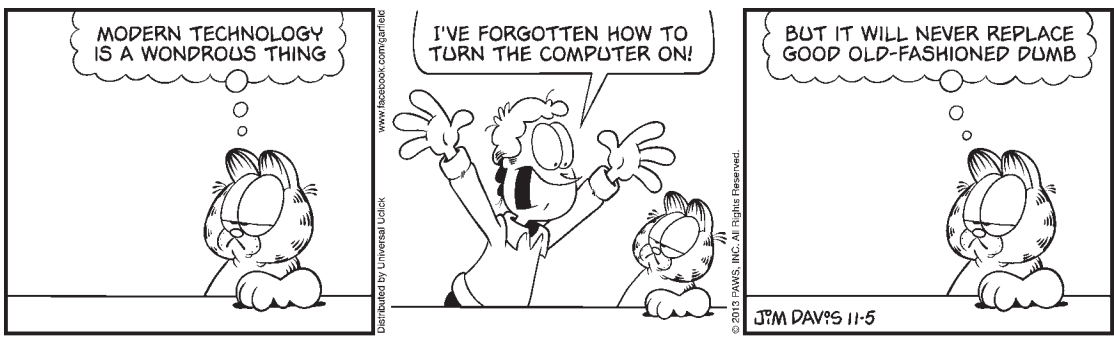
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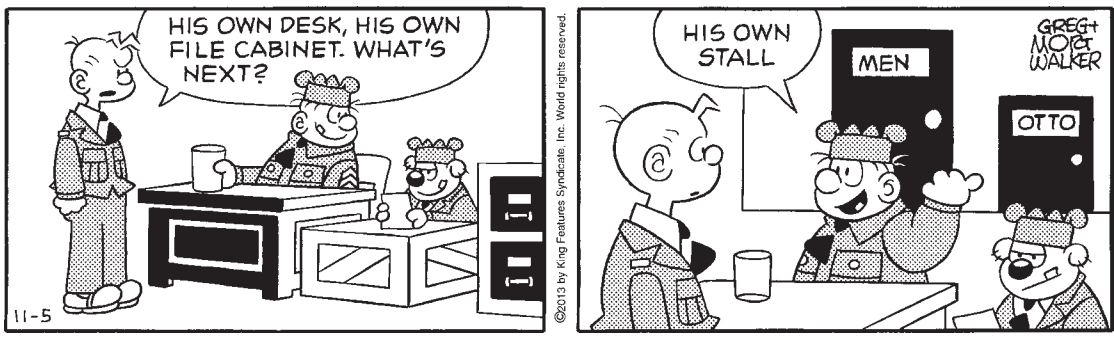
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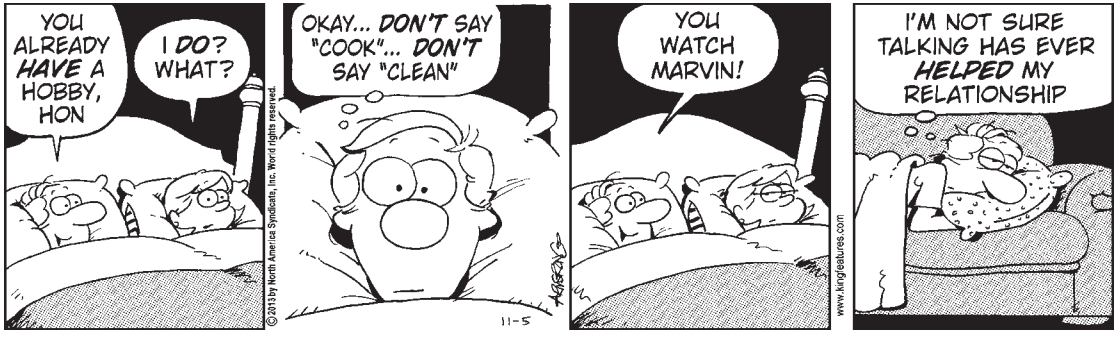
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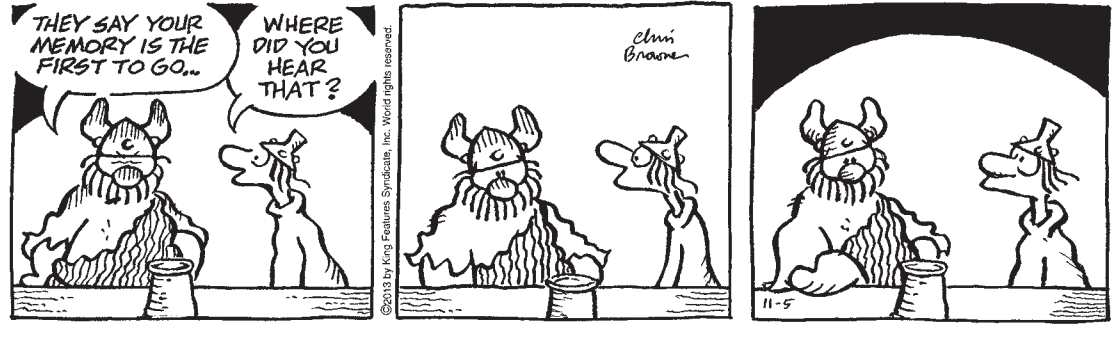
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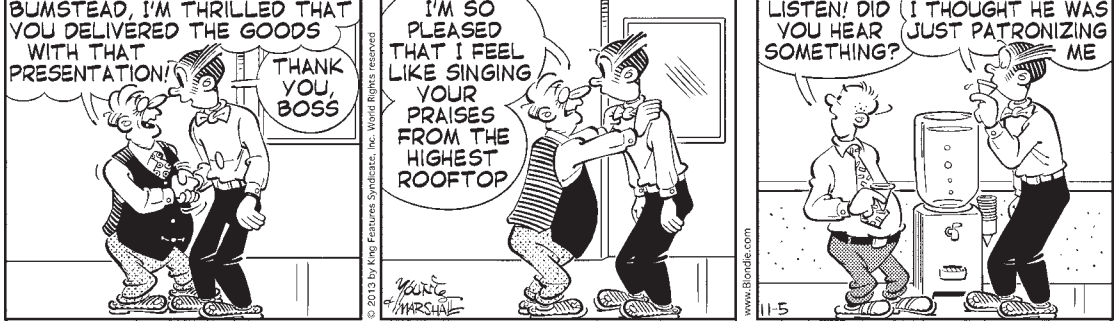
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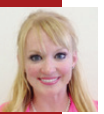
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