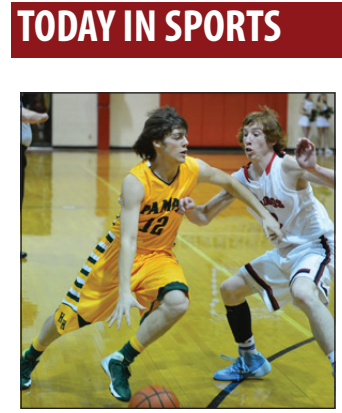


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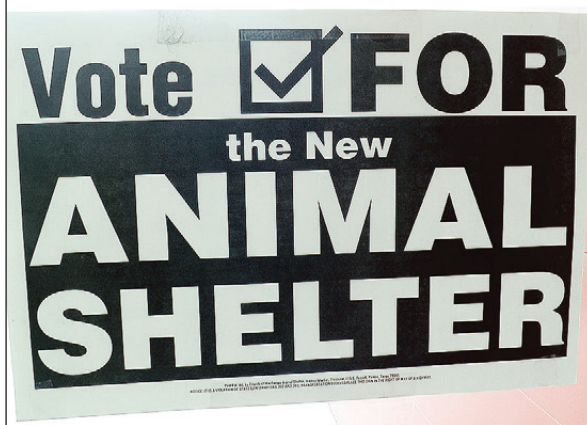


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## GIMME SHELTER



Photos by Timothy P. Howsare

An estimated 300 people on Sunday attended the open house for the Pampa Animal Shelter. The shelter officially opened in early December. "It was crazy in here for a while," said Faustina Curry, president of P.A.W.S. (Pampa Animal Welfare Society). PAWS volunteers gave tours of the new state-of-the-art facility to the public. Altrusa provided refreshments and the winners for half a pig donated by Smithfield Foods and Clint and Sons were Gary Campbell and Suni Luckey. Top photo, PAWS volunteer John Curry discusses some of the amenities at the shelter. Above left, one of the actual campaign signs used during the 2012 special election to approve bond money for the shelter. Above right, Garfield the shelter cat seems right at home in the break room chowing down on his lunch.

## City to vote on game room ordinance

STAFF REPORT

The Pampa City Commission will meet at 4 p.m. today to consider on first reading an ordinance to regulate gaming rooms. The City Commission finds that there are game rooms operating within the city which contain amusement redemption machines and which, though purporting to be open to the public, restrict access to all or portions of the game rooms. According to research by the city, game rooms often have no signage or limited signage and often obscure windows with black paint or dark materials. The City Commission believes it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Pampa to provide for reasonable regulation of game rooms, including providing for unrestricted access by city police officers to all areas of game rooms and all amusement redemption machines for inspection by city police officers, providing for transparent glass and uncovered windows and providing for the prohibition of minors and alcohol in game rooms. Officer Jason Collier, spokesman for the Pampa Police Department, said the police haven't had any major issues with gaming establishments. "With this ordinance in place it will give officers the authority to enter the establishments and verify that they are in compliance with city registration," he said. "This will mainly be handled by code enforcement. It's much like establishments that sell alcohol where a peace officer can do an inspection at any time. This will give peace officers the authority to do inspections."

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## County to hear audit report

Staff Report  
 The Gray County Court of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday to consider an external audit report for fiscal year 2013 by accounting firm Dozier, Pickens and Francis. The Commissioners will also consider and take possible action on the following items:  
 • Pay bills and salaries as approved by the County Auditor.  
 • The treasurer's report.  
 • Consider quarterly investment report.  
 • Consider County Clerk's report.  
 • Budget amendments.  
 • Taking custody of funds from Gray County History Book Committee.  
 • 2013 racial profile report from Constable Precinct 2.  
 • Annual report from Constable Precinct 2.  
 • Tax bids on letter dated Jan. 9, from Tax Assessor-Collector.  
 • Road crossing at northernmost tip of County Line Road.  
 • IT Committee recommendations for computer usage policy.  
 The Commissioners will also enter into executive session to consider a lease agreement on Gray County School Lands in Gaines County. The Commissioners reserve the right to retire  
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## DePue Brothers to perform tonight

SUBMITTED

Acclaimed fiddlers Wallace and Zachary DePue lead the "DePue Brothers" band in a wildly eclectic acoustic program at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium in Pampa at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The DePue family was decreed the "American Musical Family of the Year" in 1989 by George Bush Sr. and was the subject of a 1993 PBS documentary. Brothers Jason and Zachary were also featured in a 2005 documentary titled "Music from the Inside Out." The unique style and repertoire of the ensemble is aptly reflected in their album titles: "Classical Grass" (2003) and "Weapons of Grass Construction" (2010), drawing from material as seemingly disparate as Aaron Copland's "Hoe-down" to "Flint Hill" by Earl Scruggs. The siblings perform alongside notable musicians Don Liuzzi (Philadelphia Orchestra) Mark Cosgrove (1995 flat-picking guitar champion), Mike Munford (banjo) and Kevin MacConnell (bass). The Pampa Community Concert Association has been presenting internationally acclaimed artists to the community since 1944. This all-volunteer nonprofit organization is committed to enriching the cultural life in the Texas Panhandle through live performances. Thanks to the generosity of patrons and corporate members, these concerts can be offered at affordable, family friendly prices. Season tickets for the four concert series are \$40 for adults. Single tickets for this performance are \$20. Season



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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a low of 25. Winds west-northwest at 13 mph. Sunset at 5:54 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high of 60. Winds west-southwest at 15 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

**Wednesday night:** Clear with a low of 33. Winds west at 9 mph. Sunset at 5:54 p.m.

**Thursday:** Sunny with a high of 56. Winds north at 18 mph. Sunrise at 7:53 a.m.

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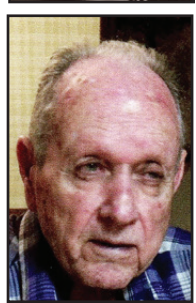
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# Obituaries

## Tommy Joe Adkins

Tommy Joe Adkins, 87, of Amarillo, died Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel in Amarillo with Dr. Larry Payne, director of spiritual care at Baptist St. Anthony's Health Services. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.



**Tommy Joe Adkins**

Mr. Adkins was born Feb. 20, 1926, in Haskell to Gladys and BT Adkins. He graduated from Pampa High School and West Texas State University. He was drafted at the age of 18 into the Navy and was proud to serve his country during World War II. He was stationed at New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Adkins started at Hopkins as a teacher in 1950 and became principal there and then superintendent. He consolidated two country schools, Hopkins and Grandview in 1972 to become Grandview-Hopkins. During his years as an educator he was an assistant Little League baseball coach for the Lefors Yankees.

He was a self-taught guitar player and music was a love. He started playing guitar professionally at the age of 15. Mr. Adkins joined the Mello-Aires of Pampa and became leader of the band in 1948. He continued to play with the Mello-Aires until 1972 when he joined the Dick Morton Orchestra.

Mr. Adkins was an avid golfer and during his career played at the Pampa Country Club.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Fran Adkins, of the home; a son, Steve Adkins and wife Norma of Houston; two daughters, Debbie Morris and husband Jock of Amarillo and Donna Ficken and husband Scot of Wichita

Falls; seven grandchildren, Tandie, Shannon, Casey, Jamie, Jarrod, Kailee and Janae; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Sign the online guestbook at [www.boxwellbrothers.com](http://www.boxwellbrothers.com).

## Michael Jack Dobbs

Michael Jack Dobbs, 36, passed away Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at Celebration Family Church in Fritch. Burial will follow in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Director of Fritch.

Michael was born Nov. 16, 1977 in Amarillo to Michael and Peggy Dobbs. He was a member of Celebration Family Church and was a machinist for Hunting Titan in Pampa.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Malcolm Nathan Dobbs, Alta Mae Carpenter, Jack Carpenter; uncle, Charlie Cowan; aunts, Delena Collins and Wanda Cowan.

Survivors include his mother, Peggy Dobbs of Fritch; father, Michael Dobbs and his wife, Judy of Fritch; children, Jade Thrasher and Micah Nathan Dobbs, both of Georgia; sister, Rachel Dobbs and her family of Denver; grandmother, Vivian Dobbs of Clarendon; uncles, Jacky Cowan of Borger, Travis Dobbs of South Texas, David Dobbs and his wife, Teri of Fritch and Thomas Dobbs and his wife, Kay of Kansas City, Kan.; aunts, Linda Alley and her husband, John of Cunningham, Kan., Joyce Chadwick and her husband, Dale of San Angelo and Laura Miser and her husband, Phillip of Clarendon and a host of extended family.

## For the record

### Pampa man arrested for drug possession, theft

#### STAFF REPORT

• Louis Alberto Lara, 22, Pampa, was arrested Friday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of marijuana, theft of property.

• Kelvin Chance Berry, 29, Sweetwater, Okla., was arrested Friday by the Department of Public Safety for failure to provide valid

identification, fugitive from justice — Oklahoma.

• Saul Manuel Montes Salcido, 30, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for driving while intoxicated, *capias pro fine* — failure to appear, *capias pro fine* — consumption of alcohol.

• James Rodriguez Lopez, 43, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by DPS for motion to revoke probation

— third or more driving while intoxicated offense.

• Ryan Jared Mattox, 17, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for aggravated assault on a public servant, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle with a previous conviction, abandonment or endangerment of a child — criminal negligence.

• Jessica Maria Vargas, 21, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for failure to provide valid identification, abandonment or

endangerment of a child — criminal negligence.

• Shaman Lee Cooper, 29, Amarillo, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• Rumaldo Gonzales, 42, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by the Pampa Police Department for assault to cause bodily injury to a family member.

• Jerry Cook, 49, Ness, Kan., was arrested Monday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

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## Group abandons plans for Amarillo railroad museum

AMARILLO (AP) — A Texas Panhandle group hoping to create a railroad museum has dropped plans amid funding, location and ownership issues.

Members of a board seeking to establish a Santa Fe Railway Historical Museum in Amarillo voted Friday to disband.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports Potter County Commissioners on Monday expected an update on an audit of the nonprofit group. The organization has received

nearly \$400,000 in county funds since 2006.

Backers say the second floor of the old Santa Fe Depot wasn't large or secure enough to showcase more than 20,000 donated items. The Amarillo City Commission in September voted to buy the depot complex for \$2.6 million.

Board officials say it should a few weeks to return about \$225,000 worth of donations or give the money to another nonprofit group.

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## Two die Saturday in Hutchinson County crash

**■ Borger woman killed Thursday near Amarillo**

STAFF REPORT

Two people died Saturday in a head-on collision one mile west of Fritch, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jack Michael Dobbs, 36, of Fritch, and Rachele Danielle Stevens, 28, of Amarillo, were both pronounced dead at the scene.

Shortly after 7 p.m., Dobbs was driving a 2000 Dodge Stratus westbound on State Highway 136 when he traveled into the eastbound lanes, DPS said. Stevens, driving a 2001 Jeep Cherokee, attempted to avoid a collision with Dobbs. The Stratus

then struck the Cherokee in a head-on collision, the report stated.

Both victims were wearing seatbelts.

On Thursday, A 48-year-old Borger woman was in a two-vehicle collision 1.2 miles northwest of Amarillo.

Sidney Kaye Phillips was pronounced dead at the scene, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Around 4:50 p.m., a Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Heather Nicole Moore, 30 of Amarillo, was westbound on Loop 335. Moore drifted off the north side of the road and over corrected, bringing the Tahoe back into the roadway.

The Tahoe then crossed into the eastbound traffic lane where it struck on the left side the GMC Terrain driven by Phillips, the report stated.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts.

## \$10,000 offered for most wanted fugitive, Amarillo gang member

SUBMITTED BY DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has added Rojelio "Roger" Reyes, 32, to the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a cash reward up to \$10,000 is now being offered for information leading to his capture.



**Rojelio Reyes**

The Tango Blast gang member has a violent criminal past and is wanted for parole violation. All tips are guaranteed to be anonymous.

Reyes' last known address was in Amarillo, and he has ties to the Dallas, San Antonio and Plainview areas. Reyes has worked in a variety of manual labor jobs. His criminal history includes unlawful possession of a firearm, robbery, evading arrest/detention and aggravated assault against a public servant.

Reyes is 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighs approximately 185 pounds. He may be using the aliases "Roger" or "Doughboy." He is also known to wear glasses and has the word "Reyes" tattooed on his upper back.

Texas Crime Stoppers, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, offers cash rewards to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of the Texas 10 Most Wanted fugitives or sex offenders.

There are four different ways to provide anonymous tips:

Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).

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You can find the current lists — with photos — on the DPS website at [www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/](http://www.dps.texas.gov/texas10mostwanted/).

## Controversy plagues school mental health screening

MIAMI (AP) — After his father was diagnosed with cancer, a 15-year-old Champaign, Ill., teen started skipping school, erupting in angry outbursts, yelling at teachers and punching holes in walls or retreating to his room paralyzed by an overwhelming sadness.

When the teen's assistant principal approached him a few months ago about seeking help for mental illness, the student initially declined, saying he didn't need it. However, eventually he did seek treatment. Diagnosed with major depressive disorder, he joined group therapy sessions at his school.

As stories about increasing school violence dominate headlines, experts say many teens are struggling with untreated mental ill-

ness. Yet, school officials around the country are themselves grappling with the best way to offer mental health services in a patchwork, underfunded system.

"We have (schools) screening for all kinds of rare infectious diseases and then we don't screen for common behavioral disorders that are costly to the individual, the family and society in terms of health care utilization, crime cost and high risk of death ... it doesn't make any sense from a public health perspective," said Mike Dennis, of Chestnut Health Systems in Normal, Ill. He teaches clinicians in 49 states how to assess and treat patients with mental illness and substance abuse.

Although the 15-year-old Illinois student was not diagnosed through a school

program, in his school-based group therapy he's learning practical tips to identify his triggers and calm them before emotions spin out of control.

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into executive session concerning any of the items listed on the regular meeting agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Law.

The Commissioners meet in the second floor court of the Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St.

\$227,515 grant by the Pampa Economic Development Corp. To CP 45(TX) LLC for construction of a street to be known as Stoney Brook Lane. The proposed location is north of Sierra and would connect Hobart Street to Northcrest Drive. The street would be approximately 3,300 lineal feet in length.

• Approving the list of disbursements dated November 2013, with total disbursements being \$1,877,007.69 and the amount after balance sheet and income accounts being \$1,143,110.98.

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

## Game

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An "amusement redemption machine" is a recreational machine that provides the user with an opportunity to receive something of value other than a right of replay.

In other action, the Commission will consider and take possible action on:

• A resolution for a \$20,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corp. to the City of Pampa for construction of golf cart paths at Hidden Hills Public Golf Course.

A resolution approving a

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### Prairie Plains Perspective

## My distaste for the United Nations

This past Thursday, Jan. 9, marked the day commemorating the United Nations opening its doors in New York City. The year was 1951. Sixty-three years ago the most powerful country in the world, fresh from saving the rest of the world from the likes of Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany, opened our arms and welcomed the multinational peace keeping body to our shores.



DENNIS PALMITIER

I will tell you right from this get go I am not a proponent of the United Nations, never have been, and certainly never will be. If one fact stands out about the UN, it is the total uselessness of the world body when it comes to enact-

ment, oh wait, I mean lack of enacting anything over the tenets of its charter. I've another reason for harboring ill thoughts towards the UN. You'll read such at the end of this essay.

Since its inception the United Nations has proven one thing. The world body is a failure of immense proportion. That failure starts with its take on terrorism. In regard to fanatical Muslim terrorism, the UN refused to condemn such acts like suicide bombings, airplane hijackings, etc. It wasn't until after 9/11 that the UN voted to outlaw terrorism, yet refuses to hold nations (Iran, Syria, Libya, etc.) accountable that support and finance terrorism.

The UN has failed in stemming the tide of nuclear proliferation. In 1970, France, the USSR, China, England and the US maintained nuclear stockpiles. Today there is North Korea, Pakistan, India, Israel, and Iran to add to the existing five. The UN's ineffectiveness in ceasing nuclear proliferation is evident when you consider the threat capabilities of North Korea, the long standing hatred between Pakistan and India and now, Iran's desirous intentions of annihilating Israel. It is naive at best to think North Korea and Iran hold peaceful intent with their nuclear capabilities, and more naive to think Israel will not defend herself.

Veto power. There are five permanent members of the UN Security Council along with 10 more that hold two year terms. When it comes to passing a resolution, such as condemning Syria over its recorded atrocities during the current civil war, one vote, regardless of the fourteen other Security Council members voting in favor, will kill any resolution. In

the case of condemning Syrian atrocities, Russia and China voted no. Go figure. Syria and Assad keep on killing, even using chemical weapons. The most reprehensible and disgusting fact about the United Nations has been its inability to cease genocide, or the more favorable politically correct term called 'ethnic cleansing'. Also, the UN has been a tad negligent in maintaining the number one tenet of its charter, world peace. Starting with post WWII, Joseph Stalin led oppression in Russia along with civil wars over the past years in Sri Lanka, Serbia, Cambodia, Sudan and other African nations, an estimated 30 million people have been murdered and millions more displaced with minimally ineffective or no action whatsoever taken by the UN. When UN action has been considered,

that old Security Council veto power rears its ugly head. So tell me, why is the United Nations still relevant?

The US has been, and still remains so, the largest financial supporter of the UN since the organization's founding in 1945. The US is currently assessed 22 percent of the UN's regular budget and 27 percent of the peacekeeping budget. The US is "assessed" in dollar terms, that is \$517 million for the UN regular budget, and more than \$2.182 billion for the peacekeeping budget. Total US contributions for the entire UN system were \$6.347 billion as of the last "accounting" recorded in 2009. Why do we continue this nonsense? Reiterating, the United States almost single handedly saved the world from Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan. Post WWII, it has been America's strength

that has maintained world peace, not the United Nations. Since its founding in 1945 and since being headquartered in the United States, the United Nations has succeeded in only one thing: For 69 years, respect for America has gone downhill. The time has long since come for the United Nations to be dissolved or if not, relocated away from America, and America to cease its membership and funding of the world body. The time has long since passed for America to put its money to good use elsewhere, like in America.

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## Disability Benefits for Widows

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

Q: My mother is 60 years old and disabled. She was a stay-at-home mom all her life, so she has no Social Security of her own. She was married to my father for 25 years but he died a long time ago. She remarried, and that marriage lasted 15 years before they got a divorce.

Her second husband is 67 years old and retired. He was a lawyer and made a good living. My mom spent many hours filling out disability forms, and has all kinds of documentation from doctors indicating she is disabled. She took them to the Social Security office to file for benefits as a disabled ex-wife of the lawyer.

They told her filling out the forms was a waste of time. They said all she is due is a widow's pension from my dad's Social Security record. He made nowhere near as much money as the lawyer, so his Social Security account is smaller.

Because they were married for over 10 years, why can't my mom get disability benefits from

her well-to-do second husband?

A: She can't get disability from her second husband because there is no Social Security coverage for a disabled wife — or ex-wife.

Given your mom's age and lack of her own Social Security coverage, the fact that your mom is disabled is not an issue for Social Security purposes. Let's review your mom's options.

She will never be eligible for any kind of Social Security on her own record, including disability benefits, because she never worked and paid into the system.

Because she was married to the lawyer (husband number two) for more than 10 years, she is potentially due benefits on his record, but not until she is at least 62 years old.

At that point, she would be due about 35 percent of his basic Social Security benefit, if that pays a higher rate than what she's due on your father's record.

Because she is 60 years old, your mother is currently due reduced widow's benefits on your father's Social Security account. The rate would



be about 70 percent of your father's basic Social Security benefit. Although a wife (or divorced wife) cannot get disability benefits, a disabled widow can. But the rate payable to her as a disabled widow on your father's record is the same (70 percent) as what she's due based solely on her age. So there is no point in filing for disability benefits.

Just remember that when she turns 62, she should check into divorced wife's benefits from husband number two.

My hunch is she will still get more money from your dad — because 70 percent of his is probably more than 35 percent of the lawyer's benefit. However, when the lawyer dies, she should apply for divorced widow's benefits on his more generous Social Security account. If she is over age 66 when that happens, she'd get 100 percent of his rate.

Q: I am 67 years old and

still working. And of course I have Medicare payroll taxes withheld from my paychecks. But I am on Social Security

and Medicare, and as such I have Medicare premiums deducted from my Social Security check. Why do I have this double withholding for Medicare?

A: The Medicare payroll tax deducted from your paycheck and the Medicare premium withheld from your Social Security check pay for two different parts of Medicare.

The payroll tax is used to fund Part A of the Medicare program. Part A generally covers inpatient hospital costs. You may have noticed that you don't pay any monthly premiums for Part A now that you're on Medicare.

The Medicare premium withheld from your Social Security check pays for the Part B section of the program. Part B generally covers visits to the doctor, lab fees and other medical expenses.

So you really weren't the victim of "double withholding." Again, each

deduction is paying for a different part of Medicare.

By the way, have you ever checked if you really need the Part B of Medicare?

As a general rule, if you are working and covered by your employer's health insurance, you don't need Medicare Part B — meaning you could be saving \$104.90 per month if you drop that coverage. And later, when you retire and lose your employer's regular insurance coverage, you can reapply for Part B and you won't pay any penalties that usually go along with delayed enrollment in the program.

Q: I get a small Social Security pension that is offset by a federal disability pension that I receive. Could you look up my records and tell me what the full amount of my Social Security would be if it were not for the fed-

eral pension?

A: No, I can't do that. Every once in a while I have to remind my readers that I do not currently work for the Social Security Administration. I retired about eight years ago following a 32-year career with SSA. And guess what? They didn't allow me to take their computer records with me!

I can answer any general questions you might have about Social Security programs and policies. But I can't work on individual cases or look up anyone's private Social Security records. To get someone to do that, you'll have to contact the Social Security Administration at (800) 772-1213.

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

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# Amarillo Symphony opens 2014 season

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AMARILLO — The Amarillo Symphony will open its 2014 season with its Intimate Evening concerts on Jan. 24 and 25 at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

Music director and conductor Jacomo Rafael Bairos takes the podium for the Amarillo Symphony's first 2014 performance to conduct an evening of drama and intimacy that will enrapture patrons.

This concert repertoire includes four works and will begin with Gabriel Fauré's Pavane. Highly acclaimed guest soprano Sarah Jane McMahon will join the orchestra to perform Samuel Barber's Knoxville: Summer of 1915 and Leonard Bernstein's "Oh What a Movie!" from Trouble in Tahiti. Johannes Brahms' poetic Symphony No. 4 is often regarded as his masterpiece with allusions to composers like Bach and Beethoven and will conclude the Intimate Evening concerts.

"Whenever I see a Brahms Symphony on the schedule, my excitement goes through the roof," said Guli Manfredi, principal horn of the Amarillo Sym-



Sarah Jane McMahon

phony. "In the classical repertoire, there are some composers who truly understand the horn and write beautiful parts. Brahms is certainly one of those composers. "It is always such a joy and privilege to sit with the orchestra and be in the presence of such a masterful composer. I am very much looking forward to performing Brahms' Symphony No. 4 under the direction of music director and conductor Jacomo Rafael Bairos. This will be my third time performing this work and each performance always uncovers something new."

The campaign to increase the accessibility of the Amarillo Symphony by decreasing ticket prices continues this season thanks to the generosity of numerous visionaries within the community. Single tickets are available for \$10, \$25 or \$40. Season subscriptions are still available and may be secured by contacting

the symphony office at 806-376-8782. Intimate Evening will be held at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, and Saturday, Jan. 25. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org) or call 806-376-8782.



The Amarillo Symphony kicks off its 2014 season featuring Brahms, Faure and Bernstein. Submitted photo

## About the Amarillo Symphony

Founded in 1924, the mission of the Amarillo Symphony is to infuse the Amarillo community with an unbridled enthusiasm for the performance and discovery of great orchestral music. The Amarillo Symphony is the only professional orchestra in the Texas

Panhandle and offers an array of successful youth educational programs in addition to regularly scheduled concerts.

The 2013 and 2014 seasons are sponsored in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts. Learn more about the Amarillo Symphony at [www.amarillosymphony.org](http://www.amarillosymphony.org).

# Southwest flight lands at wrong airport

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — A Southwest Airlines flight that was scheduled to arrive Sunday night at Branson Airport in southwest Missouri instead landed at an airport about 7 miles northeast — with a runway about half the size of the intended destination.

Southwest Airlines Flight 4013, carrying 124 passengers and five crew members, was scheduled to go from Chicago's Midway International Airport to Branson Airport, airline spokesman Brad Hawkins said Sunday in a statement. But the Boeing 737-700 landed at Taney County Airport, which is also known as M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport.

Hawkins did not have information on why the

plane went to the wrong airport. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro says the agency is investigating the incident.

"The landing was uneventful, and all customers and crew are safe," Hawkins said.

It's the second time in less than two months that a large jet has landed at the wrong airport. In November, a Boeing 747 that was supposed to deliver parts to McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kan., landed 9 miles north at Col. James Jabara Airport. That plane was flown by a two-person crew and had no passengers.

The website for M. Graham Clark Airport says its longest runway is 3,738 feet. Branson Airport's

website says its runway is 7,140 feet long.

"The landing was really abrupt and the pilot applied the brakes really strongly," Dallas attorney Scott Schieffer, who was on the flight, told WFAA-TV. "You could hear it and you could certainly feel it."

Flight tracking website Flightaware.com said the Southwest flight landed at 6:11 p.m. Sunday. It was partly cloudy and in the high 50s in Branson at that time.

"Our ground crew from the Branson airport arrived at the airport to take care of our customers and their baggage," Hawkins said.

Flight 4013 had been scheduled to go from Branson to Dallas' Love

Field. Hawkins said a plane was flown in specifically to Branson Airport around 10 p.m. to take the passengers and crew to Dallas, which flightaware.com showed landed at 11:42 p.m.

Hawkins told The Associated Press that the aircraft at M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport will be able to take off on the smaller runway, and Southwest expects to fly it out "as early as tomorrow morning."

The Taney County Sheriff's Office referred all calls to M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport. Messages left for comment from M. Graham Clark Downtown Airport were not immediately returned.

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**Breakfast- Breakfast pizza**

**TUESDAY, January 14**

Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, spinach, broccoli florets, fresh fruit  
**Breakfast- Donut, sausage patty**

**WEDNESDAY, January 15**

Spaghetti with meat sauce or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit  
**Breakfast- Waffle sticks**

**THURSDAY, January 16**

Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, fresh fruit  
**Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage patty**

**FRIDAY, January 17**

Bean & cheese burrito or hot dog, french fries, tossed salad, peaches  
**Breakfast- Cereal, toast**

### Pampa Meals on Wheels

**MONDAY, January 13**

Spaghetti/meat sauce, green beans, bread stick, salad, cookies

**TUESDAY, January 14**

Polish sausage, cheese grits, mixed greens, cake  
**WEDNESDAY, January 15**

Tater tot casserole, cabbage, black eyed peas, mixed fruit

**THURSDAY, January 16**

Hog dogs/buns, chili, onion rings, peach cobbler

**FRIDAY, January 17**

Roast, okra/tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

**MONDAY, January 13**

Chicken fried steak or chicken enchiladas, mashed potatoes, hominy casserole, spinach, pintos, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, tomato spice cake, cherry cobbler, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**TUESDAY, January 14**

Chicken salad or mock filet mignon, potatoes Au Gratin, fried okra, beets, northern beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, ugly duckling cake, butterscotch pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**WEDNESDAY, January 15**

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, butter beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, devil's food cake, cherry cream pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**THURSDAY, January 16**

Chicken strips or ham/fruit sauce, tater tots, turnip greens, corn, black eyed peas, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, lemon bundt cake, chocolate icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**FRIDAY, January 17**

Fried cod filets/hush puppies or goulash, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, brownies, apple pie, fruit cup, garlic bread stick, hot roll, cornbread

# Bear turns heads on Lake Tahoe ski slopes

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. (AP) — An unusual sight for winter turned some skiers' heads on the slopes at Lake Tahoe: a black bear.

Skiers participating in a race let the bruin amble across the slopes and dis-

appear into woods without incident at Heavenly Mountain Resort on Friday.

Nevada Department of Wildlife spokesman Chris Healy says an unusually dry, mild winter in the Sierra has made some bears either not hibernate or par-

tially hibernate.

He tells the Tahoe Daily Tribune that other bears out this time of year are what the department calls "urban interface" bears that don't hibernate if they have easy access to human food.

Cheryl Millham of Lake

Tahoe Wildlife Care agrees bears are currently not in a real deep sleep because of the weather.

The snowpack around the Tahoe Basin is roughly 25 percent of normal for this time of year.



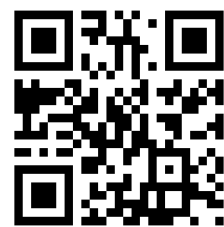
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# Crossword creator marks 100th birthday with puzzle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — What's a nine-letter word for a significant event? Try MILESTONE.

Longtime crossword constructor Bernice Gordon is marking two big ones: She turned 100 on Saturday, and The New York Times will publish another one of her puzzles on Wednesday — making her the first centenarian to have a grid printed in the newspaper.

"They make my life," Gordon said. "I couldn't live without them."

Gordon has created crosswords for decades for the Times, The Philadelphia Inquirer and others, including puzzle syndicates and brain-teaser books from Dell and Simon & Schuster. She still constructs a new grid every day.

Gordon is nearly as old as the crossword puzzle itself. The first "word-cross" appeared in the New York Sunday World on Dec. 21, 1913; it was diamond shaped and didn't even separate clues into "Across" and "Down."

The grids have evolved a lot since then, thanks in part to Gordon. She's credited with pioneering the "rebus" puzzle, which requires solvers to occasionally fill in symbols instead of letters.

Her first rebus in the Times used an ampersand to represent the letters AND, so an answer like SANDWICH ISLANDS was entered as S&WICH ISL&S.

Though now considered standard fare, such a trick was unheard of when it first appeared decades ago. Letters poured into then-crossword editor Margaret Farrar, who forwarded some to Gordon.

"She got hundreds of letters, some screaming that they never saw anything worse and it was cheating," Gordon said. "And the others (said) how wonderful it was. It's something new. It was an innovation."

Gordon was born in Philadelphia on Jan. 11, 1914. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she raised three children before working as an artist and traveling around the world. She began creating puzzles in her 30s because she liked the challenge and it offered some extra pocket money.

Farrar was not impressed with her first few attempts, and neither was Gordon's mother.

"My child if you spend as much money on cookbooks as you do on dictionaries, your family would be better off," Gordon recalled her mother

saying. Records are a bit sketchy — the Times didn't give constructors bylines until the 1990s — but it seems her first crossword was published in the early 1950s. She remembers one long answer was MAMIE EISENHOWER.

Since then, the paper has printed more than 140 of her clever grids.

The most recent appeared last summer when she teamed up with teenage constructor David Steinberg, a regular contributor to the Times. The central answer in the puzzle was AGE DIFFERENCE.

Steinberg described the crossword as a blend of Gordon's deep classical knowledge and his penchant for modern language.

"Our styles are a bit different in that way, but we still had a lot of fun collaborating," he said, calling Gordon "amazing

and also prolific." Gordon works best in the pre-dawn hours in her home office in downtown Philadelphia, surrounded by two bookcases of dictionaries, almanacs and other directories. Ideas come to her constantly, and she uses a computer to build the grids. "She'll spend hours and hours looking for the right word or the right phrase," said her youngest son, Jim Lanard, 73.

Unpublished puzzles are piled on the window sill. Her funny themes include types of "choppers" (HELICOPTERS, GUILLOTINES, WISDOM TEETH) and different kinds of "removers" (FLY SWATTER, FLEA POWDER, ROACH SPRAY).

Gordon has had many puzzles rejected, too, acknowledging that some of her references are not modern enough. She recalled an argument with Times

crossword editor Will Shortz over the words YAY and YEA: Gordon contends the former isn't a word; Shortz disagrees and allows it in his puzzles.

"She is a pistol," said Shortz, who has known her for years. "I think of her as a classy lady who also can be very down to earth."

Shortz was among dozens of well-wishers who attended Gordon's birthday party in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Though the joy of the celebration was tempered by the recent death of her eldest son, Gordon looked radiant as she greeted guests and blew out the single candle on her large cake. Lanard then led a toast.

"Already the wheels are turning," he joked about his mother's word-centric mind. "What are eight definitions that rhyme with 'birthday'?"

Surely Gordon has that puzzled out by now.

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# Tina Fey and Amy Poehler: Golden as Globes hosts

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler took the gold again.

For a second year, these funny ladies were the most-est as co-hosts of NBC's Golden Globes party.

Fey explained their return engagement by noting, "This is Hollywood, and if something kind of works they'll just keep doing it until everybody hates it."

Not these returnees, who again presided with seeming effortless sass and hardly a joke off-target. During their shared opening routine,

Fey's zinger about George Clooney and his penchant for dating younger women may have been the most riotously received wisecrack in recent awards-cast history.

While Poehler and Fey set the perfect irreverent tone for the Globes and its party-hearty tradition, the three-hour live broadcast from Beverly Hills, Calif., was remarkably well-behaved.

Emma Thompson played up the Globes' boozy reputation by arriving on stage barefoot to present the screenplay award in very non-Emmy, non-Oscar style, with her Christian Louboutin high heels in one hand, her martini in the other.

"I just want you to know, this red," she declared, pointing to the shoes' trademark red soles before tossing them over her shoulder, "it's my blood."

But her display was clearly all in fun. A few impolite words did

erupt. Winning as best actress for her miniseries "Top of the Lake," Elisabeth Moss blurted out one of them. It was efficiently bleeped.

But whoever was tending the button miscalculated big time with Jacqueline Bisset.

Accepting her trophy as best supporting actress for the miniseries "Dancing on the Edge," the clearly surprised Bisset voiced a lengthy, rambling acceptance that triggered the get-off-the-stage music.

Still talking undeterred, Bisset fired off a profanity that began with the words, "And the people who have given me ..."

Oddly, TV viewers didn't hear that first part of her statement. It was bleeped. But what did get through TV sets loud and clear was the forbidden final word.

Another minor glitch reared its head later on for co-presenters Jonah Hill and Margot Robbie.

"I'm not gonna lie to you," Hill said, grinning into the camera. "Right now, they put up the wrong stuff on the TelePrompTer."

In a flash, Robbie was handed a sheet of paper for the pair to read.

Overall, the program was fun, fast-moving and refreshingly uncluttered with the usual awards-show dress.

All due respect was paid to Woody Allen (himself predictably a no-show) by Diane Keaton in accepting his Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award. Keaton

delivered a mini-seminar on the greatness of Allen's film career, especially his skill at creating women characters.

Then she wrapped up her tribute in quirky style by saluting her friend of 45 years with a familiar children's song: "A circle is round, it has no end," she sang. "That's how long you're going to be my friend."

A comic highlight of the evening was "Mr. Golden Globes." He was introduced by Fey as "my adult son from a previous relationship" but turned out to be

Poehler done up as a fussy lad who grouched, "This is stupid! I hate being up here!"

"Don't you talk to me like that," Fey shot back. "Do you want to go live with your father?"

"I can't," was the churlish reply. "You won't tell me who it is!"

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Tina Fey



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## Challenges to Ohio lethal injection drugs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A condemned killer's attempt to stop his execution on the grounds he could experience a terrifying sensation of suffocation is the latest argument directed at whether use of a lethal drug will create an unconstitutionally cruel death.

Last year, 450-pound inmate Ronald Post argued he was so overweight he could not be put to death humanely. Double-killer Richard Cooney made a similar argument in 2004.

In 2010, serial rapist Darryl Durr argued he might be violently allergic to the state's execution drug.

Each time, U.S. District Court Judge Gregory Frost, a veteran of the state's capital punishment legal challenges, ultimately allowed the execution to proceed. In his latest ruling, he said Monday that McGuire had failed to present evidence he would suffer breathing problems alleged by his attorneys — a phenomenon known as "air hunger" — and said the risk to McGuire is within constitutional limits.

That said, Frost acknowledged the novelty of Ohio's never tried two-drug combination, calling it "an experiment in lethal injection processes."

But until a method violates the Constitution, "The law teaches that Ohio is free to innovate and to evolve its procedures for administering capital punishment," Frost said.

The state opposed any delay, presenting evidence that disputed the air hunger scenario.

McGuire, 53, is scheduled to die Thursday for the 1989 rape and fatal stabbing of Joy Stewart in Preble County in western Ohio. Attorneys haven't said if he'll appeal. He has a sepa-

rate request before the U.S. Supreme Court to delay his execution on the grounds that a jury never heard the full extent of his chaotic and abusive childhood.

Post, the overweight inmate, was spared by Gov. John Kasich because of poor legal representation at trial, not his weight. He died of natural causes in prison last year. Cooney was executed in 2008 for the rape and murder of two female University of Akron students.

Durr was executed in 2010 with no apparent complications as he died.

As long ago as the 1990s, prisoners in California argued that the state's gas chamber could also produce "air hunger" in death row inmates. In 1994, a judge found that prisoners in the gas chamber were likely to suffer excruciating pain for between 15 seconds and several minutes. The state has since adopted lethal injection but lawsuits have kept it from being used.

Frost's ruling moved McGuire one step closer to execution by the two-drug method developed after supplies of Ohio's former execution drug dried up. Kasich has rejected McGuire's plea for clemency.

Last year, Frost rejected a challenge to the two-drug method by death row inmate Ronald Phillips, who was set to become the first to die by the new method until Kasich delayed his execution to study the feasibility of Phillips' donating organs to family members. Supplies of Ohio's former execution drug, pentobarbital, dried up as its manufacturer put it off limits for executions.

Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Correction plans to use a dose of midazolam, a sedative, combined with hydromorphone, a painkiller, to put McGuire

to death.

The combination of drugs Ohio intends to use has never been used in a U.S. execution. They are included in Kentucky's backup execution method, and Florida uses midazolam as part of its three-drug injection process.

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# PampaSports

## Pampa Varsity sweeps Borger Varsity in rival district play

■ Lady Harvesters hang on in overtime, Harvesters thump Bulldogs.

BY JOHN LEE

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of what that teams' records are. The Lady Harvesters' match-up with the Lady Bulldogs amplified that cliché.

"We had a six-point lead and thought, 'We are going to be OK,' and we had some stuff happen and we told them when we started overtime, 'Just keep your heads up, relax' and stuff," Valentine said.

"We shouldn't have been in that position because we missed so many free throws, but ironically that's what

saved us in overtime."

The game started as a defensive struggle as the game was tied at 11-11 in the second quarter. Following a pair of free throws from junior Risa Rodriguez, the Lady Bulldogs tied it at 13-13 again. Borger's Tiffanie Prater hit a 2-pointer at the end of the half, though, to put the Lady Bulldogs ahead 18-15 to end the half.

"We weren't shooting well anywhere, but it was only a three-point game and I told

them that our defense was playing pretty well, only allowed 18 points at the half," Valentine said.

"(We) finally got a little bit of a rhythm and we just needed to continue to attack, continue to get the ball inside. Finally, in the fourth quarter, Hayley (Burnett) got into a little bit of a rhythm, they were attacking the boards, getting rebounds and I told them what's going to win this game were hustle plays."

The Lady Harvesters came

out at half playing very aggressively to start a third quarter where they outscored the Lady Bulldogs 19-12. During the first half, the Lady Harvesters only shot five-of-16 from the free throw line. The third quarter they shot seven-of-nine. That, paired with junior Carrigan Niccum's 2-pointer and senior Hayley Burnett's two pairs of 2 and 3-pointers, gave the Lady Harvesters the 34-30 lead heading into what they thought would be the final quarter.

The fourth quarter was a slug-out between these two rival teams. Free throw percentage was the story as the Lady Bulldogs shot 70 percent to the Lady Harvesters 36 percent. Couple that with quick scores in the waning seconds of the game, and this ball game was going into overtime.

Free throw shooting saved the Lady Harvesters in overtime as those were the only points scored by both teams. Burnett was nine-of-10 at the line, with free throws scored

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Photos courtesy of Jerry Heasley (above) and Charla Shults (below) Above, Hayley Burnett works the inside. Below, Engle flies into the net to make a 2-pointer.



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# Borger

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by both Rodriguez and Niccum.

The Lady Bulldogs only got two opportunities at a free throw, and made one of the two by Prater. This gave the Lady Harvesters the win at 56-46.

"You know early she (Burnett) got into foul trouble and we had to take her out but Reata (Collins) and Megan (Brock) took a few minutes for her and really kept us in the game by playing hard," Valentine said.

"She stepped up there late, we needed to get to the free throw line and we knew they had some girls in foul trouble and we just continued to attack and they were fouling us and we just kept making free throws."

Hayley Burnett led the team in points with 30. Junior Madison Brown had seven points and nine rebounds. Risa Rodriguez' 12 points, three off of

a 3-pointer late in the fourth, also helped the Lady Harvesters win.

**Harvesters beat Bulldogs to open district play**

The Harvesters came into Borger riding a two-game win streak with wins at Childress and Shamrock. Sophomore Cade Engle also returned to the court this week after sitting out the last several games.

"It was a good win; Borger is a rivalry game. We always want to beat Borger, we want to beat everybody, but it is especially nice to come back into their place and send a message early," Head coach Matt Embry said.

"I was proud of how our guards played early, the way we defended their big guys was phenomenal. Cory (Ponce) and Jonathan (Stevens) really owned the paint. That's the recipe for success for this team. It's good to have Brandon (Stokes), Cade (Engle) and Ryan (Powell) out there together again."

The Bulldogs and Harvesters traded three-pointers be-

tween senior Brandon Stokes, Jyuius Bumpus, senior Gabe Garcia and Ethan Felker. Junior Jonathan Stevens made his presence known inside the paint, controlling it for two points in the first quarter.

Carrying a 17-11 lead in the second quarter, Engle took command of the quarter, scoring seven unanswered points to give the Harvesters the 24-11 lead. Borger scored four points, but they were answered by points from senior Cory Ponce and Engle. Stokes ended the quarter for the Harvesters, scoring a 3-pointer and going two-for-two in free throws, giving the Harvesters the 34-21 halftime lead.

"The transition baskets we got tonight, we weren't getting near as many [as before]," Embry said.

"That's a product of having him (Engle) on the floor. He's very quick defensively. He and Stokes get a lot of deflections up top and causes a lot of run outs which lead to layups.

Just as they did the previous half, the Harvesters continued

to pile on points fast and furiously. Engle hit a 2-pointer, followed by one from Ponce and another from Engle. Following a 3-point free throw from Judd Lopez of Borger, the Harvesters went on another scoring run where Engle hit a two-pointer, Stokes hit a 3-pointer and Stevens hit a 2-pointer. Stokes hit one more 3-pointer and the third quarter ended at 53-36.

In the fourth quarter, the Harvesters protected their lead. To help, Brandon Sieck, recently added from the junior varsity, hit a 3-pointer. This all but secured the 62-48 win.

Cade Engle and Brandon Stokes had 21 and 18 points respectively. Cory Ponce and Jonathan Stevens had eight and seven points respectively. Stokes and Ponce each hit four 3-pointers. Engle, Gabe Garcia and Brandon Sieck each hit one 3-pointer. Although he only scored one point, Embry was really impressed with Blayne Troxell's performance.

"Blayne Troxell probably played the best game I have

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## EXTRA INNINGS

**NFL playoffs bring little surprise thus far.**

Once again this year in the Conference round of the NFL playoffs we have four teams that were thought to make it there before the season.

Most that predict the sport said we would see the Denver Broncos against the New England Patriots in the AFC Championship and the San Francisco 49ers against the Seattle Seahawks in the NFC Championship.

That is exactly the result we have awaiting us Sunday as those teams will square off. Some predictions had the New Orleans Saints making it to the final four, but once the Saints were unable to clinch home field, everyone knew that wasn't going to happen.

So how did we get here?

First there was one little surprise in the Saints' upset of the Philadelphia Eagles to bring the franchise their first ever road win in a playoff game.

The Indianapolis Colts were supposed to beat the Kansas City Chiefs, so the surprise there was the half-time score and the great comeback by the Colts.

The Cincinnati Bengals haven't won a playoff game since 1990, and that didn't change when they fell to the San Diego Chargers in the Wild Card game. This was somewhat of a surprise given the fact the AFC North winner fell in round one to a team that barely made the playoffs.

The 49ers' beating the Green Bay Packers was not much of a surprise. Many thought it was because of the cold weather in Wisconsin, but the 49ers are a team built to have success in the cold with a great defense and running game.

Now we move on to the Divisional Round where the Seahawks beat the Saints in Seattle. The only surprise there was such a bonehead play by Marques Colston at the end of the game. The Saints needed a miracle and he caught a pass next to the sidelines, but instead of going out of bounds to stop the clock with three seconds left to give the Saints another go, Colston tries to pull a Stanford-California play, but he throws the



Photo courtesy of Charla Shults  
Blayne Troxell (10) passes the ball to another Harvester during their win.

ball forward illegally which ended the game.

I was hoping for a surprise in the New England Patriots-Indianapolis Colts game simply because I am sick of seeing the Patriots in the AFC Championship game year in and year out. Talk about domination, the Patriots have been to the AFC Championship eight times since 2001, including five Super Bowl appearances and three Super Bowl Championships. The Colts hung around for a while but Patriots' running back Legarrette Blount finally busted a big run on the Colts and the ensuing Colts drive ended with Andrew Luck throwing an interception, so the Patriots went on to win big in that game.

I was unable to watch both games on Sunday, but I was not surprised by either outcome. I was surprised that the Broncos almost let a 17-point lead fall away but they still hung on.

Even though Carolina had a better overall record, I was not putting too much stock into the Panthers advancing far this postseason, as it was Panthers' quarterback Cam Newton's first postseason.




So that is how we have reached the Championship round of the NFL playoffs. I for one am hoping for

only one surprise and that is the 49ers knocking off the Seahawks, with the Broncos taking care of the Patriots.

Hopefully the next three games will leave us with some excitement to end the season!


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