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## Lions Club tourney returns for seventh year

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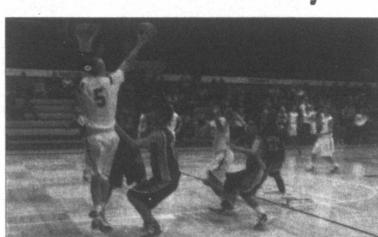
Like a little hoops with your turkey?

If you do, the Pampa Lions Club has you covered. For the seventh straight year, the group will be holding its Thanksgiving holiday high school basketball invitational, which tips off at 3 p.m. on Friday at McNeely

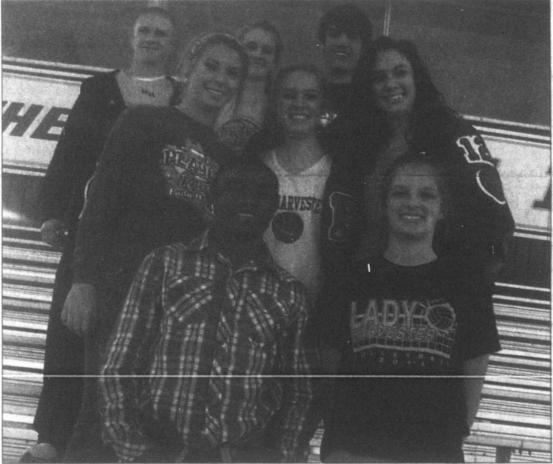
Fieldhouse. Five teams from around the Panhandle will join the hometown Pampa Harvesters, as well as a team from El Paso and one from Lawton, Okla.

The teams will embark on a two-day tournament, with each school guaranteed to play three games. Last year's winners, Richland, and runners-up, San Angelo Central, are not in this LIONS cont. on page 6

Pampa finished sixth in last year's Lions Club Invitational This year's tournament starts at 3 p.m. on Friday. ➤



## ELITE EIGHT



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Six Lady Harvester volleyball players and four Harvester football players earned first team All-District honors. Pictured are (back row, from left) seniors Latigo Collins (unanimous selection), Kailyn Troxell (district volleyball MVP) and Reid Miller (unanimous selection); (second row, from left) seniors Ramie Hutto, Kirsten Kuhn and Caitlin Sieck; and (front row, from left) juniors Samuel Smith and Maddie Fatheree (Setter of the Year). Not pictured were seniors Alanna Stephens (volleyball Offensive Player of the Year) and senior Colten Adams. See the rest of the honorees from Football and volleyball in SPORTS, Page 8.

## A Road Less **Traveled** plays Pampa

MOLLIE BRYANT mbryant@thepampanews.com

Pamela Whinery wanted to have Christian band A Road Less Traveled play at her sixteenth birthday party.

From there, she decided to include all of the youth groups in Pampa in the concert, which took place Saturday night at Trinity Fellowship Church.

"It started out with just my friends, and I talked with my youth pastor, and (we thought) it would be awesome if people would come, and then, if they weren't a Christian, they're doing an alter call at the end. It's a chance for everyone to go in if they haven't been to Christ," said Whinery, who attends both Highland Christian Church and Trinity.

A Road Less Traveled, made up of Zach Dietz, Michael Murry, Chris Brown, Shawn Anglin, Kuhrt Cowan and Mark Morgan, is based in Lubbock, but most of the band is originally from Borger. This Christian rock band says their music is inspired by a lot of sources, including Switchfoot, Muse, Skillet and Coldplay.

A Road Less Traveled plays at venues from churches to bars, hoping to share the message behind

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### Upcoming drive to honor ailing Marx

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

The Pampa community is no stranger to blood drives, and neither is local blood council member Bob Marx. Still, Marx is quick to admit that next week's drive, set for 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at Clarendon College Pampa Center, is closer to his heart

than most. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is honoring Marx's wife, Johnnie, who is currently recovering at Kindred Hospital in Amarillo after suffering a stroke on Nov. 7.

Suzanne Talley, Julie Ontiveros and Monica Herrera of Coffee approached Marx with the idea to dedicate

the blood drive to Johnnie a couple of weeks ago. Marx said that he was humbled that his colleagues DRIVE cont. on page 6

Parade

Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber office Deadline for entry is Nov. 30

## TEA TIME



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Halee Adams (left) and Channing Reed share a table at Tea with Mrs. Potts (from the PHS production of "Beauty and the Beast") at First Baptist Church on Saturday.



December 3rd

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Tuesday

Wednesday





High 44 Low 38



Low 33 Low 39

Today: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after noon. Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 44. Wind chill values between 29 and 39. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 30 and 40 early. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear, with a low around 33. North northwest wind around 5 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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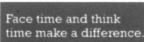
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### Debt committee poised to admit failure

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special deficit-reduction supercommittee appears likely to admit failure on Monday, unable or unwilling to compromise on a mix of spending cuts and tax increases required to meet its assignment of saving taxpayers at least \$1.2 trillion over the coming decade.

The panel is sputtering to a close after two months of talks in which the members were never able to get close to bridging a fundamental divide over how much to raise taxes to address a budget deficit that forced the government to borrow 36 cents of every dollar it spent last year.

Members of the bipartisan panel, formed during the summer crisis over raising the government's borrowing limit, spent their time on Sunday in testy performances on television talk shows, blaming each other for the impasse.

In a series of television interviews, not a single panelist seemed optimistic about any last-minute breakthrough. And it was clear that the two sides had never gotten particularly close, at least in the official exchanges of offers that were leaked to the media.

Aides said any remaining talks had broken off.

"There is one sticking divide. And that's the issue of what I call shared sacrifice," said panel co-chair Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., on CNN's "State of the Union."

"The wealthiest Americans who earn over a million a year

have to share too. And that line in the sand, we haven't seen Republicans willing to cross yet," she said

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Republicans said Democrats' demands on taxes were simply too great and weren't accompanied by large enough proposals to curb the explosive growth of so-called entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid.

"If you look at the Democrats' position it was 'We have to raise taxes. We have to pass this jobs bill, which is another almost half-trillion dollars. And we're not excited about entitlement reform," "countered Republican Jon Kyl of Arizona on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Under the committee's rules, any plan would have to be unveiled Monday, but it appeared that Murray and co-chair Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas would instead issue a statement declaring the panel's work at a close, aides said.

"Put a bow on it. It's done," said an aide to a supercommit-

Failure by the panel would trigger about \$1 trillion over nine years in automatic across-the-board spending cuts to a wide range of domestic programs and the Pentagon budget, starting in 2013, according to the Congressional Budget Office. This action, called a "sequester," would also generate \$169 billion in savings from lower interest costs on the na-

### **COMMUNITY** calendar

Monday, Nov. 21

 Pampa Retired Teachers lunch and meeting, Senior Citizens Center,

Wednesday, Nov. 23

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

Thursday, Nov. 24 THANKSGIVING DAY Friday, Nov. 25

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at

the M.K Brown Room of the Chamber office.

ber office. Thursday, Dec. 1

 Lions Club meets, noon at the First United Methodist Church.

Friday, Dec. 2

•Pampa Kiwanis Club meets, noon in the basement of the First Methodist Church. Saturday, Dec. 3

•Pampa Chamber of Commerce "Country Christmas" parade, 2 p.m. ·Altrusa's "Soup with Mrs. Claus," Knights of Columbus hall. Wednesday, Dec. 7

•Pampa Rotary Club meets, noon at

the M.K Brown Room of the Cham-

Saturday, Dec. 10 ·Optimist Club's "Christmas Shop-

ping Tour."

If your nonprofit or community organization has an upcoming meeting or event, submit it to The Pampa News Community Calendar at least one week in advance by e-mailing to rpribble@thepampanews.com. Submissions should include only the date, time, location and contact number for the event. The Pampa News reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Items will be considered for the calendar solely at the discretion of the newspaper.

## **Public Meeting Agendas**

**City Commission** Nov. 22, 2011 Call to Order Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance **Public Comments** 

Recognition: Code Enforcement Department - Donny

Discussion: Animal Shelter - Shane Stokes Authorizations by City Commission:

1. Consider approving the minutes of the Nov. 8, 2011 Regular Clty Commission Meeting as presented.

2. Consider approving on second and final reading Resolution No. R11-018, a resolution of the Clty of Pampa approving a grant in the amount of \$300,000 from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to Gray County for the construction of the Pampa Area Airport Aviation Administrative Building.

3. Consider approving on first reading Ordinance No. 1560, an ordinance of the City of Pampa prohibiting the drilling of water wells in the corporate limits.

4. Consider award of bid in the amount of \$850 from Lillie Davis for delinquent tax property located at Lot 13, Block 2, Finley Banks Addition, commonly known as 865 S. Faulkner.

5. Consider award of bid in the amount of \$850 from Lillie Davis for delinquent tax property lcoated at E60' of Lot 7, Block 26, Original Town Addition, commonly known as 320 E. Francis.

6. Consider award of bid in the amount of \$300 from Rachel Villareal for delinquent tax property located at Lots 21 through 24, Block 16, Wilcox Addition, commonly known as 840 E. Gordon. 7. Consider approving the List of Disbursements dat-

ed Oct. 31, 2011.

Adjournment

## bituaries

#### Bobby Gene Blakeney, 80

Bobby Gene Blakeney, 80, dued November 20, 2011 in Amarillo.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 22 at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Mr. Zeb Sailors, Church of Christ minister officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetry under the direction of Carmichael-

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Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Blakeney was born



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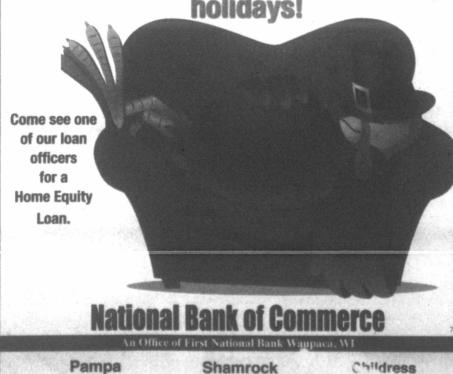
August 27, 1931 in Wichita Falls. He was raised in Spring Creek. He graduated from Borger High School. Mr. Blakeney married Charlene Thomas on September 4, 1955 in Stinnett. She preceded her in death in November com.

7, 2010. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy serving during the Korean Conflict. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1960. He attended Texas Tech University and graduated from West Texas State University. He retired from the Texas Railroad Commission as District Director after 33 years of service. Mr. Blakeney was a founding member of A.P.I, American Petroleum Institute. He was a member of the JC's and was a Pampa Hospital Volunteer. He showed his family how to balance love, hard work and family devotion. Mr. Blakney was preceded in death by his parents: William O. and Sybil Prior Blakeney and a brother: Billy Blakeney.

Survivors include three daughters, Kerry Barrett and husband Vernon Don of Alvord, Sherry Denece Blakeney of Pampa and Sabrina Ruena Stratford of Brownfield; 2 grandsons: Blakeney Ray Barrett of Alvord and Cole Ryan Hosselkus of Greeley, Colorado; 4 nieces and 5 nephews.

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### For the record The Pampa Police De-

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November 18 at 7 a.m. Criminal mischief occurred at the 800 block of East Scott.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of East Foster.

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Friday, November 18 at 7 a.m.

Thursday, November

Carl Allen Hinds, 28, was arrested by police for not having a driver's license and insurance.

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 40, was arrested by deputies for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Albert Lee Tambunga, 52, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

### **MORNING***RUSH*

#### Woman confesses to son's murder

AUSTIN (AP) - A Hays County woman has been arrested for the murder of her son.

Police say officers were responding to a report of shots fired in Kyle. They arrived at the home early Saturday morning and found Anne Flash cradling her 19-year-old

Police say Michael Flash died at the scene.

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Detectives say Anne Flash, 47, confessed to shooting her son. She told police there was a struggle between the two involving a handgun. The handgun discharged and

Anne Flash was arrested for murder and was booked into the Hays County Jail. She was released Saturday on

The jail did not have attorney information for Flash.

#### El Paso denies nuke waste project

EL PASO (AP) — Community opposition has deterred an Austin company from building a nuclear material storage site in Hudspeth County.

AFCI Texas had planned to use land near Fort Hancock for temporary storage of used nuclear fuel rods.

But, according to a story in Sunday's editions of the El Paso Times, the company decided not to use the site after county officials told them residents would oppose the project.

The company's managing partner, Bill Jones, says officials from the state General Land office suggested the company explore state-owned land in Hudspeth County because it is far from heavily populated areas and underground aquifers.

Jones says (http://bit.ly/sBjMAs) the company planned to store the rods aboveground and to extract reusable uranium from the material on state-owned land.

#### Two dead in apartment shooting

HOUSTON (AP) — Two men were killed and another was critically injured when a suspect entered a Clear Lake apartment and opened fire.

The Houston Chronicle reports (http://bit.ly/vYpYRu ) the injured man ran to a nearby apartment complex, where police were called. He is undergoing surgery at a nearby hospital.

KHOU says the three men were playing video games inside an apartment early Sunday when someone they knew walked in and shot them.

Police would not provide details about the incident or information about a possible suspect.

#### Rosary ban draws scrutiny

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union of Texas is checking into a new rule at Brownsville schools against displaying rosaries and

Lisa Graybill, legal director for the ACLU of Texas, says she has filed open records requests to examine the

She says students' right to wear articles of faith in school is "indisputably protected" by the U.S. Constitution and

School officials in Brownsville tell the San Antonio Express-News (http://bit.ly/uWh1sL) there is no written policy, but they've asked students to tuck the items under their clothes after receiving a warning from school police.

District Police Chief Oscar Garcia says a handful of students had been wearing handmade rosaries around their heads and waists as an indication of affiliation with

#### Man robbed bank with fake bomb

LA MARQUE (AP) — Authorities say a suspect is in custody after using a fake bomb in a bank robbery.

Police said a man went through the drive-through at the Regions Bank in La Marque Saturday and placed something that looked like a bomb in the transfer tube. He demanded the teller send him as much money as possible in 15 minutes. KHOU-TV reports that, after receiving the money, the suspect drove away (http://bit.ly/rWFPIB).

Authorities, who received a description of the vehicle, stopped an SUV on Gulf Freeway and noticed a large amount of money in the passenger seat. The man was taken into custody

The bomb squad was notified and eventually determined the device was no threat.

Charges were pending.

La Marque is about 38 miles south of Houston.

#### Students can get free vaccine

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials have made a policy change that allows college students to receive a mandated meningitis vaccine for free.

After the Austin American-Statesman raised questions, state officials said Friday that they have notified local health departments and clinics that students are eligible to get the new vaccine for free if they cannot afford it (http://bit.ly/uMR6qo). College administrators said the \$100 to \$200 price for the vaccine was proving costprohibitive for some students.

Students who live on campus have been required since 2009 to get the meningitis vaccine. Earlier this year, the Legislature extended the requirement to all incoming stu-

dents under age 30, including those who live off-campus. The newspaper reports that Texas is the first state in the nation with such a broad mandate.

#### Man pleads guilty to child porn

FORT WORTH (AP) - A Fort Worth man awaiting trial in state court has pleaded guilty to federal charges of receiving child pornography over the Internet

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that 39-year-old Michael Sean Starowicz pleaded guilty Friday to two counts of receipt of visual depiction of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct (http://bit.ly/tZ1TPk). He faces up to 20 years in prison and fines. He will be sentenced March 2.

Starowicz was initially arrested after a 10-year-old girl told her parents she had seen a camera atop a pole in front of a bathroom window as she showered. In March, a Tarrant County grand jury indicted Starowicz on charges of improper photo/visual recording and procuring a sexual performance of a child under age 14. Those cases have not gone to trial.

### Not your grandfather's Social Security office

TOM MARGENAU Creator's Syndicate

Q: I would like you to comment on the attached email. In it, you'll see a photo that shows a waiting room in a typical Social Security office. I've seen similar scenes in my own local office. No wonder Social Security is in trouble if these kinds of people are ripping off the

A: Who are "these kinds of people"? To answer the question, let me describe the photo for the rest of my readers. Labeled "Our tax dollars at work: Social Security office waiting room -- Austin, Texas," the image shows a room full of chairs. Sitting in those chairs is a collection of mostly young to middleaged people. Almost everyone in the picture is African-American or Hispanic. Above the picture is this question: "Do you see any gray or white haired retired folks?

And this bit of vitriolic text accompanies the picture:

My friend went to his Social Security office to get a Medicare card. He took a picture of the waiting room. Please tell me if you can find a retired person in the place!!!! It's called "disability" insurance!!!! You no longer have to wonder why Social Security is broke!!! These people do not pay into the system, nor are they disabled!!! Please spread this picture to everyone you know. Our country is going broke on this fraud!!! Please also go down to your Social Security office and take a picture and post it on the Internet. It just might wake up the country as to what is going on!!!

Gosh. Where and how do I begin to deal with this pile of Internet excrement? There's so much I could point out that is absolutely idiotic.

Let's start with one obvious point: I hope you realize how racist and xenophobic it is. The uninformed fool who posted this picture and text on the web never came out and said it, but instead of wondering where the gray-haired people were, he might as well have asked,

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"Do you see any white folks?"

And how about this whopper: "These people do not pay into the system, nor are they disabled!" How in the world can you tell all of that from looking at the picture? How can you tell that they haven't worked and paid Social Security taxes? I guess it's because they are "those people" -- black and Hispanic. What other reason would the email sender have for saying

And how do we know they aren't disabled? What do disabled people look like? Do they have to be wrapped head-to-toe in a body cast? Should they be lying on a hospital gurney? Or, once again, I have to wonder if maybe - just maybe – the email sender thinks they have to be white (and possibly using canes)!

And then there's the implication that people get disability benefits without paying into the system. That's simply not true. To qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must work and pay Social Security taxes, usually for a minimum of 10 years. Also, people who really know how the system works understand that it's very difficult to qualify for Social Security disability benefits. In other words, you must be severely disabled before you receive monthly Social Security disability payments.

By the way, I know that last comment will elicit responses from hundreds of folks who will accuse me of being too naive. They'll tell me about their neighbor, who's on disability but is really "as healthy as a horse." They'll tell me about their second cousin on their mother's side who was seen last week up on a ladder cleaning gutters even though he's getting a Social Security disability check. They'll tell me about their brother-in-law, who's using his disability funds to

Sending me those emails will do. no good. If you're not just spreading rumors or blowing off steam and you really do know someone

who's ripping off the system, then call Social Security's fraud hotline at 800-269-0271, or report the fraudulent activity online at SocialSecurity.gov.

I know from years of experience that most accusers won't do that, though. They simply enjoy thinking the system is rife with fraud. They don't want to do anything about it.

As I point out so often in this column, the Social Security Administration does manage a federal welfare program called Supplemental Security Income, or SSI. SSI is not a Social Security benefit and is not paid for out of Social Security taxes. To qualify for SSI, you must be over 65 or severely disabled, and you must be poor. So I guess there's a chance that some of the folks in the picture are there to file for SSI benefits.

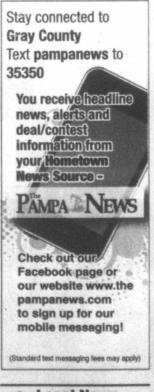
But I can tell you that most of the young and middle-aged people you see sitting in that waiting room in the picture are not there to file for Social Security or SSI disability benefits. They are there to replace a lost or missing Social Security card. How do I know? Because internal SSA studies show that about 80 percent of the people who come into a Social Security office are there to do just that. That's the primary reason why you don't see any "white-haired folks" in a Social Security waiting room.

So where are the old folks who need to do business with Social Security? They are sitting at home on the phone or at their computer. Most people who file for Social Security retirement benefits do so either online or by making an appointment for a phone interview. They rarely, if ever, have a need to visit a Social Security office.

Shame on the people who are spreading this vicious email!

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









# Viewpoints

### Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2011. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn

in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. In 1931, the Universal horror film "Frankenstein," starring Boris Karloff as the monster and Colin Clive

as his creator, was first released. In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the

first such rejection since 1930. In 1974, bombs exploded at a pair of pubs in Birmingham, England, killing 21 people. (Six suspects were convicted of the attack, but the convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" were over-

turned in 1991.) In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM

Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. In 1991, the U.N. Security Council chose Boutros

Boutros-Ghali of Egypt to be Secretary-General. Ten years ago: Ottilie Lundgren, a 94-year-old resident of Oxford, Conn., died of inhalation anthrax; she was the apparent last victim of a series of anthrax attacks carried out through the mail system.

Five years ago: Kathryn Johnston, 92, was killed in a shootout with Atlanta police during a botched "no-knock" drug raid. Lebanon's industry minister, Pierre Gemayel, scion of Lebanon's most prominent Christian family, was assassinated in a brazen daytime hit.

One year ago: Debt-struck Ireland formally applied for a massive EU-IMF loan to stem the flight of capital from its banks, joining Greece in a step unthinkable only a few years earlier when Ireland was a booming Celtic Tiger and the economic envy of Europe.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Stan Musial is 91. Actor Joseph Campanella is 84. Country singer Jean Shepard is 78. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 77. Actress Marlo Thomas is 74. Actor Rick Lenz is 72. Singer Dr. John is 71. Actress Juliet Mills is 70. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 67. Comedian-director Harold Ramis is 67. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 67. Actress Goldie Hawn is 66. Movie director Andrew Davis is 65. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 63. Singer Livingston Taylor is 61. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 59. Actress Cherry Jones is 55. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 51. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 49. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 48. Singer-actress Bjork (byork) is 46. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 43. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 43. MLB All-Star player Ken Griffey Jr. is 42. TV personality Rib Hillis is 41. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 40. Actor and former football player Michael Strahan is 40. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 37. Singer-actress Lindsey Haun is 27. Actress Jena Malone is 27.

Thought for Today: "Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed be doing at that moment." — Robert Benchley, American humorist (born 1889, died this date in

### THERE WASN'T ENOUGH HOT AIR TO FILL THE OTHER BALLOONS ... New 'mature' Newt just same old Newt Very few politicians have providand 2007. private sector to be competi-

ed as much villainous entertainment over the years as Newt Gingrich, who now assures everyone that he has "matured" since his brief and tumultuous reign on Capitol Hill.

While the former speaker may at last have settled into a third marriage, there is no sign of improvement in his character. He is rising in current polls because Mitt Romney repels many Republicans and he is the last alternative. But Gingrich's most recent debate performance revealed the same brazen dissembler whose flaws proved ruinous to him and — were he to win the nomination — would be disastrous for his party. On Nov. 9, with millions watching, he uttered a bald lie that revived memories of his most embarrassing moments in Washington.

The moment of truth — or more accurately, falsehood - came when CNBC's John Harwood noted that back in 2006, Gingrich was paid \$300,000 by Freddie Mac, the gigantic federally backed housing financier. "What did you do for that money?" asked Harwood, while attempting to suggest that Gingrich sought to "fend off" stricter regulation of Freddie Mac and its sister company, Fannie Mae, by officials in the Bush administration and the Federal Reserve worried about the firms' inflated \$5 trillion in mortgage securities.

"I offered them advice on precisely what they didn't do," replied Gingrich, who went on to claim that "as a historian," he had warned the Freddie Mac officials who hired him that their lending practices were causing "a bubble" that was "insane" and "impossible." He was not a lobbyist, he proclaimed, but a prophet: "It turned out, unfortunately, that I was right. ... And I think it's a good case for breaking up Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and getting much smaller institutions back into the

tive and to be responsible for their behavior." The transcript shows that after Gingrich pro-

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**JOE** CONASON

"responsible" applauded.

All politicians lie, but Gingrich specializes in this brand of selfpuffing fantasy. The actual history of his employment by Freddie Mac, as excavated first by reporters at the Associated Press and more recently at Bloomberg News, is far less flattering to the former speaker than his own dramatic account. According to stories published by both news services since the debate, Freddie Mac hired Gingrich precisely to head off stronger regulation by arguing to Republicans that the mortgage firm had demonstrated the benefits of private-public partnerships.

The executives who dealt with Gingrich remember no brisk lectures from the former history professor about their risky "bubble." Instead, he attended strategy sessions at Freddie Mac's Washington offices and failed to live up to their hope that he would provide useful advice or written materials defending their business. As a congressman from Georgia, he promoted the same lending to low- and moderate-income homeowners that he now denounces so bitterly, and got on the Freddie Mac sugar teat in 1999, within a year after resigning his congressional seat in disgrace. Indeed, today Bloomberg reports that Gingrich stuffed his bulging pockets with as much as \$1.8 million in Freddie Mac consulting fees between 1999

Confronted with the Freddie Mac denials this week, a Gingrich spokesman had the gall to cite a 'confidentiality clause" in his 2006 contract that prohibits him from discussing his work for them. Evidently that clause only forbids him from telling the truth about the consulting deal, while leaving him free to invent a version that portrays him as prescient and honest.

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Gingrich's conduct may not trouble the pork-choppers in the Republican hierarchy, who punted him as speaker only when he became a political liability after the Bill Clinton impeachment fiasco. But it ought to infuriate the tea party faction, which supposedly despises Washington insiders feeding off the public-private teat, as Gingrich obviously did. He says that every contract he has signed since leaving Congress stipulates that he isn't a lobbyist — but many more questions might now be asked about the specifics of his "non-lobbying" business as an agent of influence for those who could pay his exorbitant fee.

As Salon.com's Joan Walsh so wittily put it, even Newt's baggage has baggage. His crude mistreatment of his first two wives makes Herman Cain look chivalrous; his flip-flopping on climate change and health care makes Mitt Romney look consistent; his anti-Muslim extremism (almost) makes Michele Bachmann sound tolerant; and his record as the first and only speaker ever to be punished by the House Ethics nmittee makes Rick Perry appear

uous. That momentary lead in primary polls may make Democrats wishful and hopeful, but this sequel to his failed career is more likely to end in farce — just like the original.

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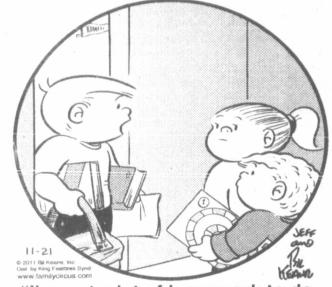


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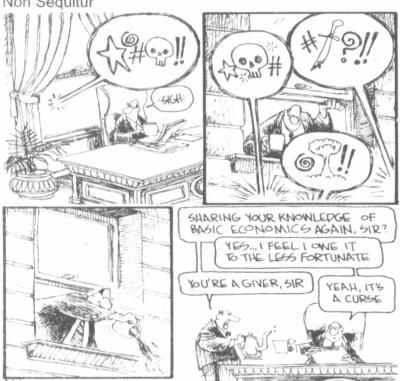
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. cre right now. Any risking financially 21,2011:

This year others might feel that you are giving mixed messages. You are changing on a profound level, especially in how you communicate. During this process, communication might be in flux. Be willing to talk through problems. If you are single, you could meet someone seemingly special. Check this person out. He or she might not be all you think he or she is. If you are attached, you as a couple need more one-

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Face facts: Some Mondays are more difficult than others. Greet the difficult. You or someone else -- or maybe both of you - will need to make an adjustment. Do avoid a power play at any cost. Others want more control. Let them have it! To-

night: Out and about. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your work, routine and daily life seem to take their toll. You would prefer to be somewhere else. Try to funnel some of your creativity into the area of your life in which you have an issue. Change what no feel-good activity.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** 

\*\*\*\* You move in a new direction because you remain open to ideas and directions. Stay optimistic and positive. Don't worry about others right now -- only what is on your plate. A partner might not realize that he or she is a major distraction.

Tonight: Now the fun starts. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might want to close your door or cocoon somewhere. But the best action is to stay present and fulfill your obligations. Ask yourself what type of change would work for you with this person. Weigh the pros and cons. Approach the other party, but not today! Tonight: Home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Parcel out your energy. You cannot count on getting a second wind. You might need to do as much as possible on the phone, from your office and/or on the computer. You cannot count on your energy and others not interfering. Tonight: Chat with a friend over dinner.

VIRGO (A. g. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\* Curb your need to add to your lu-

could backfire. Be the conservative, steady Virgo for now. A relationship could be going through profound changes. Someone you meet could mean a lot more than you thought possible. Tonight: Don't feel pres-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Despite flak from someone you care about, you need to let it go and focus on what you want. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with others. You'll on-one time. LIBRA understands you very also gain a better perspective away from home. You can push almost any idea that is important. Tonight: As you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ See what is going on behind the scenes. You might be picking up a lot of information that doesn't coincide with your knowledge. Become your own PI as you sleuth through what is real and what isn't. Your questions carry a great deal of impact.

Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\* Zero in on your priorities. Not everything is as you might like. A financial matter feels as if you've stepped into quicksand. It really isn't that bad. Explore longer works for you. Tonight: Choose a your options with your eye on what honestly works for you. A meeting proves to be significant. Tonight: Surrounded by

people. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Tension runs high, as you don't see eye to eye with an authority figure. Passions runs high, and you open up to new possibilities. Honor someone's ideas and try them out. You might be sure they won't work, but you are not in charge. Tonight:

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* If you can take in a bigger perspective, do. The more you understand, the more you push judgment aside. Your openness is ultimately a very positive quality, making your life and the lives of those around you easier. Let go of rigidity. Tonight: Let your mind choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Where your friends are is where you want to be. Schedule a lunch with a pal, mixing in a little business. Your tendency to sprinkle in socializing pays off, as you feel more satisfied. Business every day, all day long doesn't always work. Tonight: Share with a special person.

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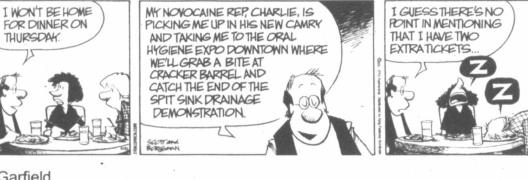
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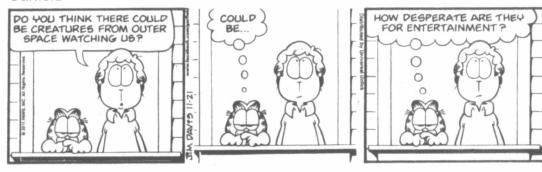
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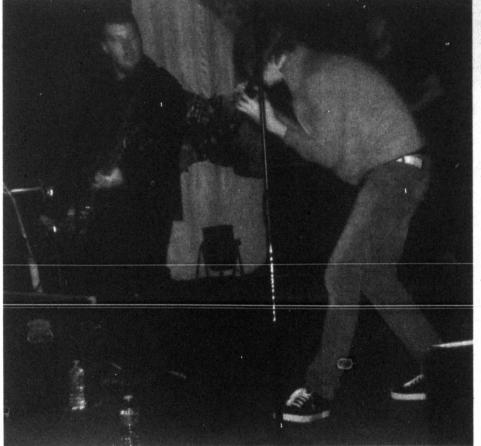


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their music.

"I think the music is what God has called us to right now, and we know our main goal is to write music that God gives us, and (we) hope it ministers to people. Our main goal is just to write good music that people want to listen to," said Zach Dietz, lead vocalist for the band. "But it is a ministry, for sure. I think our off stage (time), getting to hang out with our fans, is our biggest ministry, more than being on stage, actually. We get to know people a lot better that way.'



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

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### Drive

would use the drive to show their support for his family.

"I just think that it's wonderful that when you have family that's been afflicted with something like this, you see the outpouring of prayers and everything for

her in the community," Marx said. "The fact of how important it is to give blood, maybe this will hopefully solidify people's minds about how much we need to help others in this life. I know how much it's meant to me, so to me, this is such a great idea."

Johnnie, Marx said, is recuperating well.

"We said we'd get a picture of George Strait in her room," he laughed. "She smiled. ... If we could get actual George Strait to show up, she'd be in hog

heaven."

You must be 17 years old to donate blood, and a photo ID or donor card is required to donate. For appointments, call Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 806-331-8800 or 1-877-574-8800.

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### Lions

year's field, assuring that a new team will hoist the 2011 championship trophy.

Tickets for the tournament are \$5 per day for adults and students, with children under 10 free. All proceeds will benefit the Texas Lions Camp, a getaway for physically handicapped children.

"Texas Lions Camp is a place for disabled children to get to go to a weeklong camp down in Kerrville, said Pampa Mayor Brad Pingel, who organizes the tournament for the Lions Club each year. "It's no charge to the campers, and it's the only camp like it in

Pingel said that the tournament owes its long-running success to the Pampa businesses that support it year after year.

"That's who helps us make this thing come together, the businesses who support our local tournament," Pingel said. Without them, this wouldn't be possible. I'd like to make sure to thank them for what they do for

With seven teams coming into town and bringing along supporters who eat at Pampa restaurants and use local lodging, the tournament provides a small fall boon for Gray County commerce.

"The Lions Club Tournament is quite a big event," said Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes. "It brings teams from out of town during the holiday weekend. The fans follow. It puts money back into the city.'

"These teams come, they bring their parents, they cont. from page 1

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over the holiday weekend," echoed Pingel. "They

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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: What is a wife to do? My husband occasionally pitches in to help me prepare holiday meals. He prides himself on his dishwashing skills, but when he's done I have to rewash most of the pots and pans because he doesn't check his work. If I ask him to redo them, he reacts as though it's a criticism and has an over-the-top fit.

At times like Thanksgiving I'm stressed out cooking for the family and would love his help, but it's more trouble than it's worth. Discussing it with him hasn't been successful, and friends have told me they have the same problem. Can you provide a strategy that can keep us humming along happily with our husbands in the kitchen? -DREADING THANKSGIV-

ING IN L.A. **DREADING:** DEAR Perhaps you should soak the pots and pans immediately after you're done cooking, so when the meal is done your husband will have an easier job of washing them. If any food is still hard to remove, offer to help him by filling the utensils with water and placing them on the stove; let them boil a while, and then wash them again with detergent and a brush. That should

solve your problem.

wanted a baby for a long time. Now that I'm 31, my desire is growing stronger. My boyfriend of 11 years, "Chad," is 35. His daughter lives with us has a "place in her heart" and I have raised her like she

was mine. Chad and I discussed having a baby and even went to mance. a fertility clinic to make sure we're healthy and would have no complications trying to conceive. Now, almost a year later and still no baby, he says he has a successful business, loves his life and doesn't want any more kids! "Maybe down the road" he "might" change

his mind. I hate him for this. I had two abortions for him five ME years into our relationship because he felt we weren't ready. He was starting his business and I was still in my last year of college.

Abby, please help me. I am furious with him, and I'm starting to pull away from him and his daughter. -CHEATED IN NEW YORK

DEAR CHEATED: I'm sorry, but your signature indicates you have a firm grasp of your situation. It appears you will never have what you want if you stay with Chad, so pack your bags and get on with your

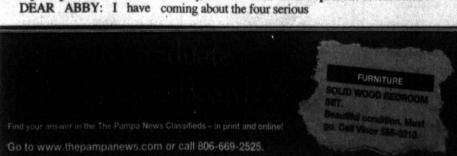
DEAR ABBY: My wife of 15 years has been forth-

relationships (two marriages included), she had before we were married. Recently, however, she mentioned she still and always will - for her first boyfriend. They had a three-year high school ro-

I find this really disturbing. It's like I will never get 100 percent of her heart, no matter what. It also bothers me that he was just a boyfriend. I could almost accept feelings for an ex-husband because of the nature of the relationship — but a boyfriend? Come on! Please advise. - SHE HAS ALL OF

DEAR ALL OF ME: Your wife's first love will always have a place in her heart (and many women would concur) because the relationship has been idealized. They didn't experience the ups and downs of daily living, budget problems, child problems, illnesses and other realities that living with someone on a daily

basis can present. You HAVE all of her, including the fact that she tends to romanticize the past. However, your marriage will be better served if, when the subject of the past is raised, you turn it to the present or the future.



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# Sports

## District champion Lady Harvesters land three MVPs

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Two years ago, then-sophomores Kailyn Troxell and Alanna Stephens got to see their older sisters Emilie and Kara earn district honors. Now, Kailyn and Alanna completed their senior year winning honors they witnessed their siblings get as they were named District MVP and Offensive Player of the Year respectively.

Kailyn gave credit to her teammates and said it was neat to follow in her sister's

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Troxell said. "It's cool to win awards that I saw my sister got."

Alanna said it's a great way to top off

her volleyball career and make her own legacy.

"I wanted to finish my senior year ' Alanna said. strong,' "I've been told to make my own shoes. Winning the award lets me separate myself from my sis-



Pampa got a third Player of Year as junior Maddie Fatheree won setter of the year. Fatheree said it was neat to win after her first season on varsity.

"It's an honor," Fatheree said. "Coach (Libby) Garza told me at the beginning



Stephens

of the year, to do my best and what's best for the team.'

Fatheree succeeds Taryn Eubank. The junior said she learned a lot from the 2011 graduate.

"I got to spend two years with Taryn," Fatheree said. "She taught me a lot. When you have to step into someone's shoes

legacy.' Seniors Ramie Hutto, Caitlin Sieck and Kirsten Kuhn won first team honors. Seniors McKinlee Stokes and Stephanie

like that, you want to make your own



**Fatheree** 

Allen earned second team selections. Head coach Libby Garza said she is proud of her girls.

"I think its great," Garza said. "I think everyone who got an honor deserved it. I'm extremely proud of those girls who received an honor. I

think that we had the best team throughout district and us getting those awards proved it.' The Lady Harvesters finished the sea-

son 30-10 and won its second consecutive

### PHS football lands four on first team, five on second team

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The Pampa Harvesters may not have cashed in a third consecutive trip to the playoffs, but they did earn five spots on the first and five on the second team

All-District. Senior quarterback Reid Miller for the second consecutive season earned a unanimous selection as first team quarterback. Also, Miller was unanimously named first team punter. Miller said it's a huge honor and was glad for his



Miller

teammates support. "I'm happy I had guys that help put me in situations to succeed," Miller said. "Much thanks to the coaches."

Miller said the honor was a nice way to end his high school football career.

"It's a great way to go out with a great group of guys," Miller said.



**Collins** 

Latigo Senior Collins won first team wide receiver for the second consecutive season. Collins said he is grateful for the people that helped him get the award.

"I'm just glad I had the coaches and the players that put me in that situation," Collins said. "It

was a fun year." Collins said it was a good way for him to end his football career.

"It means quite a bit," Collins said. "I mean, I got it my sophomore and junior year. Probably wouldn't be the same getting it then and not your senior year." Collins was a second team defensive back in 2009.

Senior kicker Colten Adams earned a first team selection. Adams said it was nice to get it after getting injured in 2010.

"Last year I got injured it kind of messed things up," Adams said. "It

feels good to get it my senior year. Adams said it's

nice to see his work get recognized "I'm glad my hard

work paid off," Adams said. Samuel Junior Smith earned first

team All-District **Adams** running back in his first varsity season. Smith said he was excited when he heard he got selected.

"I didn't know how to act," Smith said. "I was just thankful for receiving something.

Smith said he just gave his best

"I tried as hard as I could," Smith said. "I gave it my all every week."



Smith

Other Harvesters earning honors junior included Kyler Allen, who earned second All-District team offensive tackle. Sophomore Andrew Jimenez earned second team All-District center.

Seniors Sam Cain and Ryne Richardson earned second team All-District defensive end. Junior Chris Rivera earned second team All-District linebacker.

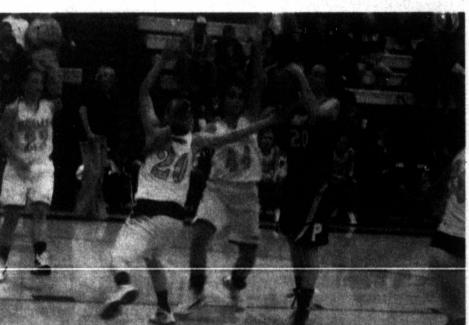
Borger earned 15 first and second team selections, Dalhart gained 13 and Perryton earned 18.

The Harvesters finished 4-6 and 1-2

### DOUBLE TEAMED







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Senior Delaney Clendenina is double teamed by Bushland's Toree Gerber (20) and Reagan Gillette (44) Tuesday.



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