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David Ayers, CEO of Nueterra Healthcare, addresses the sale of Pampa Regional Medical Center during a news conference on Monday.

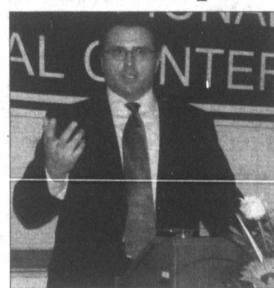
Nueterra, Progressive to run hospital

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Signature Hospital Corporation, the parent any of Pampa Regional Medical (PRMC), has entered into a letter of intent regarding the sale of the hospital to Nueterra Healthcare and Progressive Acute Care. When the deal closes around the first quarter of the next year, the facility will become a joint venture between the two for-profit medical companies.

Through the efforts of a great medical staff (and) a great group of employees, this hospital has continued to provide quality medical care to Pampa and to the entire Panhandle," said Steven Peterson, Senior Vice President and CFO of Signature. "We looked at finding new owners of this hospital who were committed to high quality medical care, enhancing services and adding new services."

Nueterra, based in Leawood, Kansas, is a 15 year old company that owns 70 facilities in 30 states, including 10 hospitals. The company comes from an ambulatory background, but has PRMC cont. on page 3



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Steve Peterson, CFO of Signature Hospital Corporation, praised the staff of PRMC for continuing to serve the community while the search for a new owner was in process.

Larkin: PHS laptops so far a success

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The first semester of the student laptop program at Pampa High School is drawing near an end, and PHS principal Tanya Larkin reports a hugely successful integration of the technology.



Larkin

"Engagement in the classroom been has exponentially impacted. Students are doing amazing projects using software they couldn't

access before," said Larkin. "The program has ramped up the quality of work and engagement with students using videos, graphics, animation and a variety of free software.'

Despite projections of 20 to 30 disciplinary problems related to the new technology each month, PHS has actually had less than 12 incidents during each six

weeks period. "It's really no different than issues we've had before. We worked hard to train the students to become digital citizens, because some kids get into bad things on accident. We have a wonderful filtering system that flags to an admin when things go wrong," said Larkin.

The school had also expected 10 to 15 percent of the laptops to need repairs, but has seen a fraction of that.

"All of our stats are so much more successful than anticipated. We have less damage and less discipline problems than we expected. We still have lots of kinks to work out, but I'm proud of our students and teachers," said Larkin.

Burton: Women's CHL classes a good choice

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Dennis Burton, a police officer at Hale Center and former assistant chief at Pampa Police Department, teaches Concealed Handgun License classes, and some of these classes are specifically geared towards women only.

It takes a minimum of 10 hours to complete the course, which he teaches at Clarendon College and the Pampa Rifle and Pistol Club.

"I enjoy teaching on the side. People want to protect themselves and loved ones. Hopefully they'll never have to use a gun, but if they do, they'll have the knowledge," said Burton.

Burton says that he leads discussion and encourages students to share their input.

"We talk about statutes where people have the right to use deadly force, consequences and the differences between theft, robbery and burglary. We talk about 'what if' situations, gun safety and storage of guns,

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SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED



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Trevor Carver (left) and Cameron Esqueda of Rod Bowers Construction in Amarillo unload the steel that will soon become the heliport building.

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Wednesday, Sunny, with a high near 66. Breezy, with a southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night, Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Breezy, with a south southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20

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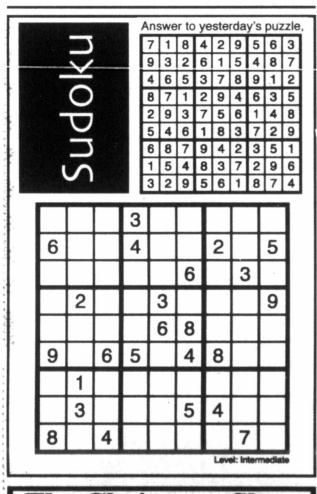
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Police officers found dead in border city

PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Mexico (AP) — Assailants kidnapped and killed three police officers in the Mexican border city of Acuna, authorities said Monday.

Acuna Public Safety Department said in a statement that the three were on patrol in the same unit when gunmen kidnapped them early Monday.

The officer's bodies were found an hour later in a residential area of Acuna, which is across the border from Del Rio, Texas. They had been shot and their hands were handcuffed, the police department said.

Authorities say the Zetas and the Sinaloa drug cartels are fighting each other to control smuggling routes in the state of Coahuila, where Acuna is located.

Last week, gunmen killed a federal prosecutor for the state of Coahuila when he was about to leave his home in the city of

A day earlier, gunmen set a fire at the office of the Torreon newspaper El Siglo and fired shots at it. No injuries were reported.

Authorities in the neighboring

state of Durango said soldiers dug up the remains of seven people from a pit.

Durango state prosecutors said troops found the remains in the town of San Juan del Rio, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of the state capital, the city of Durango. They gave no other details.

More than 400 bodies have been found in a series of clandestine graves in Tamaulipas and Durango states since April. They are believed to be a result of turf battles between drug cartels.

In Hidalgo, the home state of Zetas leader Heriberto Lazcano, state police chief Damian Canales said authorities detained eight local police officers for allegedly working for the Zetas.

Canales said six of those detained were officers for the town of Actopan and two for the state capital of Pachuca. He said they were detained after the arrest of the former police chief in the town of Arenal, who authorities allege was in charge of recruiting police officers to work for the

Canales said the Pachuca city

police officers told investigators the Zetas paid them about \$360 a month.

Also on Monday, military authorities said soldiers in the border state of Chihuahua detained two police chiefs while they were meeting with an alleged drug traf-

Soldiers detained the police chief and a police officer for the town of Gran Morelos and the police chief for the town of Belisario Dominguez while they met with a boss for La Linea, a gang of hit men for the Juarez Cartel, the Defense Department said in a statement.

It said an anonymous phone call led the troops to the meeting in the town of Belisario Dominguez. Soldiers arrested two other men and seized three handguns and four automatic rifles, the statement added

President Felipe Calderon has been pushing to clean up local and state police forces, whose officers are often corrupt or are coerced by threats into helping drug gangs.

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especially around children," he said. "We discuss the types of guns people should have. Women usually have smaller hands than men, and need a gun that they can get a good grip on."

Teaching a women only course has been a change

"Women tend to be less experienced with guns, so there are some challenges, and the gun club helped me do some coaching on how to hold guns, and on how to improve safety and gunmanship," he said. "I encourage couples, fathers and sons, and fathers and daughters to take the course together. Carrying a gun gives you a sense of security, and when you use it properly, that's even better. It's not about teaching someone how to kill, but how to protect themselves.

The object is not to kill, but to stop someone." Burton places a strong emphasis on gun safety which encouraging people to protect themselves.

"The Second Amendment gives us the right to bear arms. I'm not a big gun nut. I just believe people have the right to protect themselves," he said.

After going through the class, people who want their Concealed Handgun License will still need to fill out an application with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Anyone interested in taking the course can reach Burton at 806-898-5300, or check out mylicense-2carry.com for more information on upcoming classes.

Obituaries

Ruth Seitler Transue, 80

GREENWOOD, S.C.—Ruth Seitler Transue, 80, of 124 Kingston Road, wife of Wayne Transue, died Saturday, November 19, 2011.

Born in Smethport, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Frederick and Grace Earhart Seitler. She attended First Assembly of God Church.

Julie Beck and her husband, Don, of Pampa; a son, Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. David Transue of the home; a sister, Betty Muhitch Richard Seitler and his wife, Phyllis, of Vermont; grandchildren, Amy Hansen (Rob) of Wichita, Kan., Justin Transue of Columbia, S.C., Matthew Murray (Kendall) of Mansfield, Mark Murray (Erin) and Jonathan Murray, all of Lubbock, and Matt Beck (Stephanic) of Houston; great grandchildren, Aidan Transue of Leesville, S.C., Sierra Beck, Angel Beck and Dustin Beck, all of Houston, and Madison Hansen of Wichita, Kan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, at First Assembly of God, Greenwood, S.C. with burial following in Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God building fund, 607 Highway 72 ByPass NW, Greenwood, SC 29649.

Harley Funeral Home and Crematory (www.har- ley.com.

leyfuneralhome.com) is in charge of arrangements.

Teresa Jo Neal, 58

Teresa Jo Neal, 58, died October 6, 2011, in Pam-

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at Trinity Fellowship. Crema-Surviving is her husband of the home; a daughter, tion and arrangements were under the direction of

Mrs. Neal was born November 23, 1952, in Hobbs, and her husband, Fred, of DuBois, Fa.; a brother, N.M. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1961, graduating from Pampa High School in 1970. She married Dennis Neal on March 17, 1972. She was a sales associate with Walmart, retiring after 14 years of service. She was a loving wife and mother and was a devoted grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Neal of the home; daughter, Stacy Landers and husband Shelby of Pampa; son, David Neal of Austin; two sisters, Edna Raye Thompson and husband Dave of Amarillo, and Sheri Jarvis and husband Danny of Rogers, Ark.; three grandchildren, Raven Landers, Shelby Lynn Landers and Chase Landers, all of Pampa. Teresa was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Edna Avon; and her stepfather, Vince Marker.

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, November 21 at 7 a.m.

Friday, November 18 Tommy Dale Hester, 65, was arrested by police for assault causing bodily injury.

Jesse Steven Chilton, 35, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Felix Fernando Gonzalez, 41, was arrested by deputies for violation of a protective order.

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Saturday, November

46, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated. Julio Lopez Soto, 52,

was arrested by deputies on a sentence regarding ure to appear in court. driving while intoxicat-

son, 27, was arrested by ties on warrants regarddeputies on charges of ing indecency with a child involving sexual tion with a vehicle, dis- contact and insufficient bond pertaining to an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge.

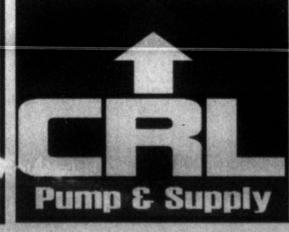
Steven Douglas McAlpine, 43, was arrested by deputies on a warrant for driving while intoxicated Lloyd Ernest Poland, with a child under 15 years of age.

46, was arrested by police for not having a valid driver's license and fail-Julio Cesar Salas, 27,

was arrested by police Adam Ross Slater, 29, on warrants of posses-

Andrew Shane John- was arrested by depu- sion of drug paraphernalia, expired registration, driving with an expired license, failure to appear in court and failure to identify or giving false information.

Sunday, November 20 Kacie Virginia Ferguson, 21, was arrested by police on warrants possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams and less Peter Joseph Garcia, than 200 grams, possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and capias pro fines regarding theft.



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WASHINGTON (AP) - Three former top military officials slammed the Republican presidential field ahead of Tuesday night's GOP debate on foreign policy. The Democratic-leaning former officials said the entire Republican field has been all over the map but focused on GOP front-runner Mitt Romney.

'My concern would be that he might not be credibly decisive," Richard Danzig, who served as Navy secretary under President Bill Clinton, said of Romney on Monday. "There's too much of a track record here of moving between positions."

Danzig said President Barack Obama has shown the required decisiveness throughout his presidency.

Danzig, retired Gen. Wesley Clark and retired Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton critiqued the Republican field at a news conference organized by the Democratic National Committee.

Without naming Romney, Clark swiped at the former Massachusetts governor for comments downplaying the importance of capturing or killing Osama Bin Laden.

"One candidate said of Osama bin Laden, 'It's not worth moving heaven and earth and spending billions of dollars just trying to catch one person," Clark said, referring to Romney. "But like all of us, he cheered his

Andrea Saul, a Romney spokeswoman, responded by assailing Obama's foreign policy but did not directly respond to the officials' criticism of Romney.

"President Obama's feckless foreign policy has emboldened our adversaries, weakened our allies, and threatens to break faith with our military," she said.

Suspect dead in Houston shootout

HOUSTON (AP) — A drug-trafficking suspect is dead and an undercover deputy is hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the leg after an undercover drug operation ended in a shootout near Houston.

Harris County sheriff's spokeswoman Christina Garza says the 1:30 p.m. Monday shootout capped an undercover surveillance of a tanker truck in the northwestern Houston suburbs. Garza says other vehicles drove up and persons inside opened fire. Several suspects were arrested, but Garza had no specific number.

No identities have been released, but Garza says the deputy was expected to recover.

Meanwhile, a school bus struck two vehicles, including a car driven by a deputy racing to the wounded undercover officer's assistance. Deputy Thomas Gilliland says the deputy and two other drivers were treated for minor injuries. The bus driver was alone.

Murder suspect freed after mistake

RICHMOND (AP) — A suburban Houston murder suspect is being freed because the prosecutor's office forgot to file proper charges within the 90-day limit after the man's arrest.

State District Judge Pedro Ruiz ordered Richard Mendoza's release Monday on bond equivalent to personal recognizance. However, he also ordered Mendoza to wear an electronic monitor to track his whereabouts.

Fort Bend County District Attorney John Healey says his office made the mistake and he takes full responsibility for it. Healey says prosecutors didn't file additional required paperwork because they were awaiting results of DNA tests on bones believed to be the victim's.

The 26-year-old suspect from Fresno, Texas, was arrested in August and accused of the November 2002 shooting death of a 17-year-old friend whom authorities believe became romantically involved with Mendoza's then-girlfriend.

Freeway pedestrian struck, killed

HOUSTON (AP) — Police say a suspect is sought after fleeing the scene after a pedestrian was struck and killed while trying to run across a Houston free-

Houston police say the male pedestrian, who was in his 30s, died at the scene of the 1:30 a.m. Monday accident on U.S. 290 in northwest Houston. His name is being withheld until the Harris County medical examiner's office can confirm his identity.

Police say the vehicle that hit the man as he ran across the northbound lanes of the highway kept on going. However, the man's body was struck several times more by other vehicles that did stop at the scene.

Man guilty in ex-judge's scheme

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The alleged middleman in a former Texas judge's bribery scheme has pleaded guilty to four of the five counts against him in federal court in Brownsville

Jose Manuel Longoria, who is described as an associate of former state District Judge Abel C. Limas in court papers, pleaded not guilty in May to charges including extortion, wire fraud and conspiracy to possess and distribute cocaine.

On Monday, court records show the 52-year-old Longoria pleaded guilty to all but the drug charge. U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen set sentencing for Feb. 27.

Longoria allegedly secured payments from parties looking for favorable rulings in Limas' court. Longoria's attorney did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press seeking comment Monday.

Limas pleaded guilty in March to racketeering and is awaiting sentencing.

Sorority rapist details released

DALLAS (AP) - Police racing to find a Dallas-area rapist who appears to be preying on members of a national black sorority have released a written timeline of the attacks and additional details about a surveillance video.

Police say the video, which was previously released, is of a man who called one of the Plano victims from a convenience store payphone in Mesquite to inquire about her welfare after the April attack.

Plano police spokeswoman Heather Bowden says the victim doesn't know him; "we want to talk to this guy pretty bad."

Detectives have a definite DNA profile of the suspect. Police in Plano, Coppell and Corinth are investigating at least four sexual assaults, all involving black women in their mid-50s to mid-60s who are Delta Sigma Theta members.

Nation's debt crisis still not resolved

Creator's Syndicate

Before you start thinking of Thanksgiving turkey or holiday shopping, there's one big hurdle to surmount. It's the Nov. 23 deadline for the "supercommittee" of the U.S. Congress to come up with at least \$1.2 trillion in cuts to the federal budget deficit over the next

If they don't work out a deal, automatic budget cuts will take effect, as ordered by last summer's debt ceiling agreement. While we've all been busy watching Greece and Italy, this small group of legislators has been quietly working on a deal.

It's an unusual situation in Washington - no leaks, no reports, not one word to let the media know what's going on. And that's what gives me so much hope. Several past negotiating teams, notably the "Gang of Six," have been able to come close to agreement. But then the news leaks and the frenzy begins. No one wants their side to give in.

But if there isn't some give and take now, the consequences could be draconian cuts in everything from the military budget to all kinds of social programs. Not to mention that the stock market could once again sink dramatically if lack of agreecredit rating.

Of course, there are other possibilities. The committee could ask for a deadline extension. The goal

The Savage on money

is to have the Congressional Budget Office "score" the savings in time for Congress to pass the package. But with computers, you'd think that process shouldn't take four weeks.

Or the committee could simply deadlock — leaving it back in the hands of Congress as it rushes home for the holidays. This would be one sack of coal to leave in citizens' stockings! Failure to agree, and then failure to pass cuts could lead us to the brink of Italy and Greece.

And then there's the brighter possibility. Maybe they'll come to agree on even deeper cuts than the minimum. That could set America on the right course for the next generation. It wouldn't be appreciated by the voters now. But maybe we can all get past the short-term and think about the future as it will impact our children and grandchildren.

Although I ordinarily counsel against reacting to news events, the results that come out of the supercommittee will create a significant turning point for the economy. So ment leads to a cut in America's you might want to be prepared to adjust your long-term investment allocations. Just don't jump before thinking out the consequences.

Gold. If the supercommittee and

Congress can't come to an effective resolution, gold will surely soar to new highs. The market will be thinking that inevitably the Fed will be forced to print money to pay off our debts.

· Interest rates. The fear of money printing — inflation — (or debt default) will eventually push interest rates much higher. Just look at what happened in Italy.

· The stock market. The immediate reaction would be downward, as market participants fear uncertainty. But don't get caught offguard. Stocks have historically been a good hedge against inflation, so think twice before selling stocks in

a panic. Do we want to live the turmoil that is happening in Europe today? Do we want to force our grandchildren to work to pay our retirement benefits instead of saving for their own? Do we want to lose our place as the global leader in defense of peace?

That's what's on the line with these 12 members of Congress. Let's hope they can make a deal before we see our future dwindle away. And that's The Savage Truth!

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PRMC

recently begun expansions into community hospitals, including joint venture projects with Methodist this together." Health System in Dallas.

Progressive Acute Care, based in Mandeville, Louisiana, currently operates three hospitals in Louisiana, but this will be the company's first joint venture. "It's a real, live test for

Nueterra and Progressive to come together, and synergize our research, talents (and) our treasury, and I think we can then bring to a wonderful asset like Pampa all of the combined assets and strength that we might not otherwise bring, either with that degree of speed or that degree of intensity," said Daniel Rissing, Chairman and **CEO** of Progressive Acute Care. "So we like the concept of joint venture, and we like the relationship with Nueterra. I think in many ways we're symbiotic, and in many ways we compliment each other very nicely."

David Ayers, CEO of Healthcare, Nueterra believes joint ventures are one method for a facility to receive the support it needs in order to operate.

"What's changed a lot since Obamacare is there are a lot of smaller hospitals that are being sold, and the reason for that is many, but most of it is because they need bigger infrastructure support than what they can do on their own. So from our perspective, as we begin to get into bigger and bigger hospitals in the acquisition mode, having a marriage of some kind, or a joint venture, just makes a lot of sense," said Ayers. "We can go out and do these kinds of things with a company like (Progressive Acute Care), or we can hire them internally, but we both just happened to be bidding on the same

project, knew each other, and thought this would be a good place to try and do

PRMC has been under the ownership of Signature for six years, and the company announced that the facility was up for sale in January, as it began to wind down its operations. The announcement of this deal comes amid community concerns, as several physicians have announced relocating to practices outside of Pampa.

"The doctors, the nurses and the overall (medical) staff that we have here in Pampa are fantastic, and I want the citizens of Pampa to begin to take that same concept about what we have here to offer," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "One of the things you have to overcome as new owners is the perception that people have about the service at the Pampa hospital, that we've lost a lot of people to Amarillo, or (they're) going somewhere else. We want those people to come back to Pampa.

Pampa "Obviously Regional Medical Center is so important to our community, being one of our major employers, so (for) this hospital to continue to operate is so important to our community," said Brad Pingel, mayor of Pampa. "I think it's important for our citizens to know that there's still going to be health care in Pampa."

Ayers and Rissing both say that physician recruitment is a priority for their companies.

"I really have seen so much damage done in the past if you short cycle the recruitment, if you move a physician, ostensibly with a family, to a community, and we didn't do a good job of informing them of the assets and lia-

bilities of the community, and they leave after 12 or 24 months. I think more harm is done in that short cycling, as I call it, than if they had not come, so we put a tremendous amount of effort into recruiting the right physician, in the right way, at the right time," said Rissing.

"I've been a little disappointed about the recent turnover recently in the medical staff (at PRMC), but I think those are all opportunities that we can work on and fix," he

"Bringing physicians to rural America is always a challenge," said Ayers. "The nice thing about Pampa is you're close to Amarillo. You're close to several medical centers in the Dallas marketplace. Our successes in the past have been using profes-



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Ayers said word of mouth and drawing from the company's network of physicians also aid in the recruitment process "It's an effort of every-

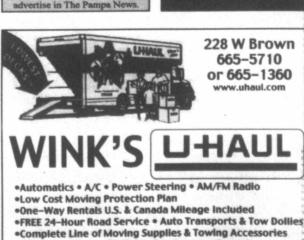
one to try to make that work, but most of all, you have to have a community that's willing to support those physicians," he said. "We want to have a facil-

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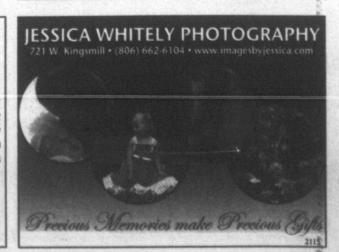
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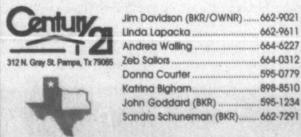




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On this date:

In 1928, "Bolero" by Maurice Ravel was first performed, in Paris.

In 1930, listeners of the British Broadcasting Corp. heard, for the first time, radio coverage of an American college football game as Harvard defeated Yale, 13-0.

In 1935, a flying boat, the China Clipper, took off from Alameda, Calif., carrying more than 100,000 pieces of mail on the first trans-Pacific airmail flight. In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British

Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek met in Cairo to discuss measures for defeating Japan. Lyricist Lorenz Hart died in New York at age 48.

In 1967, the U.N. Security Council approved Resolution 242, which called for Israel to withdraw from territories it had captured the previous June, and implicitly called on adversaries to recognize Israel's right to exist.

In 1975, Juan Carlos was proclaimed King of Spain. In 1990, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, having failed to win re-election of the Conservative Party leadership on the first ballot, announced her resignation.

Ten years ago: With a tap on a laptop, Pope John Paul II for the first time sent out his official word over the Internet, apologizing for missionary abuses against indigenous peoples of the South Pacific. A huge landslide swept over gold miners illegally digging into the side of a mountain in western Colombia, killing 47 people.

Five years ago: A chemical factory explosion in Danvers, Mass., destroyed the surrounding neighborhood but caused no deaths or serious injuries.

One year ago: Thousands of people stampeded during a festival in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh, leaving more than 350 dead and hundreds injured in what the prime minister called the country's biggest tragedy since the 1970s reign of terror by the Khmer Rouge.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Arthur Hiller is 88. Actor Robert Vaughn is 79. Actor Michael Callan is 76. Actor Allen Garfield is 72. Animator and movie director Terry Gilliam is 71. Actor Tom Conti is 70. Singer Jesse Colin Young is 70. Astronaut Guion Bluford is 69. International Tennis Hall of Famer Billie Jean King is 68. Rock musician-actor Steve Van Zandt (a.k.a. Little Steven) is 61. Rock musician Tina Weymouth (The Heads; Talking Heads; The Tom Tom Club) is 61. Retired MLB All-Star Greg Luzinski is 61. Rock musician Lawrence Gowan is 55. Actor Richard Kind is 55. Actress Jamie Lee Curtis is 53. Actress Mariel Hemingway is 50. Actor Winsor Harmon is 48. Actor-turned-producer Brian Robbins is 48. Actor Stephen Geoffreys is 47. Rock musician Charlie Colin is 45. Actor Nicholas Rowe is 45. Actor Mark Ruffalo is 44. International Tennis Hall of Famer Boris Becker is 44. Actor Josh Cooke is 32. Actress Scarlett Johansson is 27

Thought for Today: "A man does what he must in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures -- and that is the basis of all human morality." - President John F. Kennedy



Yes, Mr. President, Americans can be lazy

For all of our talk of Americans being straight shooters who don't mince words and have the freedom of speech to say exactly what's on our minds, we sure punk out when it comes to elected officials speaking the truth.

Case in point: President Barack Obama describing American corporations as being "lazy" in competing globally.

Now, if you hear that word by itself, you would think, "Man, that's horrible that our president said such a thing." But here is exactly what he said during a conversation with Boeing's CEO as they discussed American businesses selling more products overseas and attracting foreign investment to the U.S.:

"You know, we've been a little bit lazy. I think, over the last couple of decades. We've kind of taken for granted, well, people will want to come here, and we aren't out there hungry, selling America and trying to attract new businesses into America?

That's it. Was President Obama talking about workers turning out cars in Detroit? Nope. Was he dissing manufacturing workers in North Carolina? Not at all. He was talking about Americans being far more aggressive in trying to sell our wares

That's it. Simple. Easy. And on-

abroad.

Then, all of a sudden, Texas Gov. Rick Perry used the word in an ad, not even bothering with the context. Fox Anchor Martha MacCallum said Obama was "scolding" Americans. Sean Hannity, never one to let facts get in the way of a good lie, said Obama "attacked" Americans. And the king of taking everything out of context, Rush Limbaugh, said the president "insults the people who make this country work.

Seriously, please pass the cup so that these folks can take a drug test.

They're hallucinating. This is the problem with the stubborn belief in American exceptionalism: It assumes that no matter the issue, Americans are the best in the world and can't be topped or beaten.

There's another word for that: arrogance.

Yes, it's true. Americans can be absolutely arrogant when it comes to competing with the rest of the world.

A few months ago, I read a story about how American college students were dismayed that they had to apply for jobs overseas. Well, if that's where multinational corporations are hiring, then we might have to learn to get a passport, hop on the plane, and learn how to Skype in order to talk to family members. Are we so arrogant as to think that the rest of the world is desperate to come here and that we may not have to go to other countries?

We can't continue to act like our stuff doesn't stink. There are many areas in which Americans are indeed lazy, and in the words President George W. Bush, we must end "the soft bigotry of low expectations."

Maybe this comes from our view of sports. It used to be that on the national sporting stage,

America's attitude in gymnastics; boxing; track and field; basketball; and numerous other competitions was that we could just wake up, walk into a stadium with the American flag on our chest and watch everyone else faint. Then we would win.

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Well, that ain't gonna cut it. And when we lose, Americans totally freak out, wondering how we got beat. Easy: H-A-R-D W-O-R-K.

We desperately need a dose of reality at times to remind us that in order to be the best, you must have the work ethic to make it happen.

According to the Broad Education

• 68 percent of American 8th graders can't read at grade level and

won't catch up. · American students rank 21st in science compared to students in 30 industrialized countries.

 America's top math students rank 25th out of 30 countries.

• In 2000, the last time the World Health Organization ranked the top health systems in the world, the U.S. was 37th, behind France (first); Oman (eighth); and Chile (33rd).

Maybe part of the problem is that the American culture rewards weakness. If America wants to be the absolute best, we must stop telling our children that they're so exceptional when they're not. If your kid can't shoot, pass, dribble or rebound, guess what? He's terrible at basketball and should find a new sport. If it's just about the enjoyment, fine. But if it's about winning, he just can't cut it.

I was talking to a CNN colleague whose mother is a teacher, and she said that her mom can't grade papers in red ink anymore because it's considered too aggressive. Really? Has America become so weak that we can't even handle a school paper graded in red?

I'm sick of us giving awards at schools just because we don't want a kid to feel bad. Guess what? Suck it up. First, second and third is fine with me. You finished eighth? Tough. No ribbon for you. No apologies.

Notre Dame's Brian Kelly and Nebraska's Bo Pelini had to apologize because folks complained about them yelling and shouting at their players on the sidelines. Thank God Vince Lombardi and Knute Rockne are dead. We would run them out of

In Walter Isaacson's excellent book, "Steve Jobs," the Apple cofounder is blasted by some for histreatment of workers and competitors: Was some of Jobs' stuff over the top? Sure. But what was he trying to do? Create a world-class company that could withstand the test of time, and wasn't filled with a bunch of B-rate players. He wanted excellence in every spot, and would rather fire a B- or C-rate player on the spot rather than accept shoddy work.

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Hey, I'm down with the philosophy of Jobs. His is the kind of company I've worked for in the past, and I was taught that if you want to win at something, you'd better be the best. Heck, even Jobs wasn't above criticizing President Obama, saying that one of the reasons he was on his way to a one-term presidency was that "he's having trouble leading because he's reluctant to offend people or piss them off."

Yes, that's not a problem I ever had," Isaacson quotes Jobs as say-

Now that's some real talk.

I know some colleagues who are so sensitive that if you slightly raise your voice, they'll scurry off to human resources to complain about a hostile work environment. I'll guarantee you this: Weak and lazy corporate bosses allow weak and lazy employees to stick around. And weak and lazy employees tend to turn out a weak and sorry product at nobody wants. And weak and v people accept mediocrity with

America, it's time to suck it up. If we love the harsh and in-yourface "American Idol"/"X Factor" judging of Simon Cowell, then we should accept it in the real world. This nation needs a swift kick in the behind, and there's nothing wrong when President Obama says it. If House Speaker John Boehner said the same, I would be hollering, "Amen!"

If America wants to maintain its position as a great nation, then we're going to have to roll up our sleeves and out-think, out-learn, out-hustle and out-work everyone else.

So, Gov. Perry, instead of spending time taking President Obama out of context in an ad, you need to work harder in debates. Herman Cain, you don't like the president using the word "lazy"? Then bone up on foreign affairs. Republicans and Democrats unhappy with President Obama challenging our corporate leaders: Stop kicking the can down the road on the tough budget stuff and make a principled - not partisan — call.

We have been better and can be better. So let's do better. Today.

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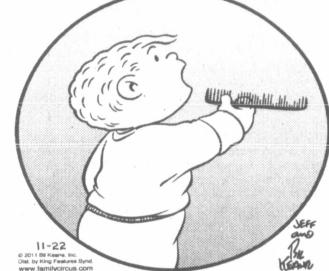


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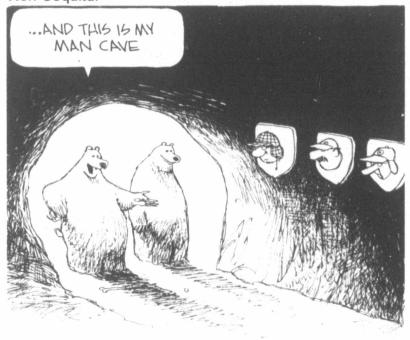
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By Bil Keane



"How long will it take for my comb's teeth to grow back?

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011:

Just when you believe you've got it together, surprise! You keep adjusting, growing and changing. Therein lies stability. Count on change this year. If you are single, the person you meet today you might abhor in a few months. Don't commit. If you are attached, understand how very changeable you are and how your feelings will change, too. Don't judge your relationship; appreciate your sweetie for swinging with the ups and downs. SCORPIO understands you too well!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You can keep a secret, and you will. Be wary of any sharing on your part. Somehow the information is not complete, with a strong indication of more information coming in. Someone who cares enormously, perhaps as a friend, touches base with you. Tonight: Let your imagina-

tion decide TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* ★ ★ Others dominate. You would like to do more of what you want. You can, but at what cost? You might keep pushing people away. Prioritize, and at that point you'll have answers. Try not to buck the

trends. Tonight: Work as a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You must bend. You have a lot to do and get through, and you will succeed. Someone you deal with could be overly serious and more open. Keep special news to yourself. Know that you can respond without letting others know.

Tonight: All smiles. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Tap into your creativity, yet honor the fact that you have had enough. How to juggle your needs with others' remains an issue. Let go of insecurity. You might have a chance to do something you haven't done in a while. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Keep conversations open. Share more of your feelings once you get past a moment of negativity. Your creativity emerges when sharing with others. Opportunities arrive out of the blue, perhaps within a partnership. Tonight: Head home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** You might need to pull back and

understand. Sometimes new beginnings happen after a difficult situation. Increase your knowledge and bounce back with a stronger sense of well-being. Late today, your willingness to share emerges. Tonight: Out and about

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Use the daytime to the max. Do note that you take situations more seriously than necessary. Loosen up a little, and you'll draw a stronger response. Let your imagination lead. Look at what comes up. Tonight: Buy yourself a treat. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ You don't want to buy into negativity. You could be overwhelmed and feel powerless. Not so; it is simply a mood, which can change in several hours. Postpone important decisions until later today.

Act then, too. Tonight: As you like. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** The Sun moves into your sign today and energizes you. You feel like you can tackle any problems that you recently mulled over. A friend involved with a key project or goal proves to be disappointing. Let go and take some of the pressure off.

Tonight: Be with a favorite person. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You are in the limelight and on top of your game. Others seem to go along with an idea you like. The sense of having an impact and agreement makes you very happy. Timing is working with you. Start putting out other ideas. You finally find support late today. Tonight: A discussion could lead to dinner.

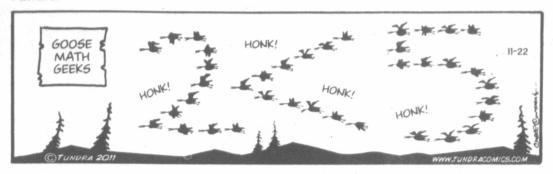
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who seems to close you off more often. Try not to take this person's behavior personally, and listen to what is being shared. Wonder what is happening with this person. Later today, good news follows you. Tonight: Celebrate at home

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Read Aquarius before coming to a decision. There is a lot going on behind the scenes and within a partnership. Let go of judgment, and empathize. Walk in this person's shoes. You'll gain understanding when you least expect it. Tonight: Try a

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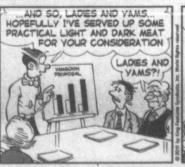
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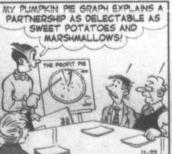






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Miller wins 100th as Harvesters down Elks, start 2-0

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Pampa basketball means a lot to head coach Dustin Miller, ever since he donned the uniform in the late 80s. For him to clinch 100 wins with the school he cherishes was extra special for him.

"It makes you think about all the great kids I have had the honor of coaching," Miller said. "It's very cool for me to do it at Pampa. Harvester basketball means the world to me, so that makes it even more special."

The Harvesters defeated the Stratford Elk 64-49 Monday in Stratford.

Pampa, which started sluggish in its opener Friday against Dumas, started fast, scoring the first 11 points of the game. The Harvesters out-



D. Miller

and expanded their lead to 27-19 at halftime. Pampa put the game away in the third, outscoring Stratford 20-10. Miller said his team did well rebounding and ran the offense better.

"We did a decent job on the boards all night," Miller said. "We did a little better moving the ball and finishing at the rim. Still have a long ways to go to be where we want. The good news is we are winning games not playing our best."

Senior Latigo Collins led the team scored the Elks 11-6 in the first quarter in scoring with 20. Senior Cole Engle scored 14, junior Derrek Pollard scored 12 and senior Reid Miller scored eight. The coach said Pollard and Miller played strong inside.

"They altered many shots," Miller said. "Both probably and four or five blocks

The Harvesters (2-0) return home for the Lions Club Tournament at McNeely Fieldhouse and take on the Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Lady Harvesters ready to battle Caprock

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When the Pampa Lady Harvesters and the Caprock Lady Longhorns have played the last two seasons, the games came down to the end. This season Pampa hopes to avenge last season's loss when they meet the Lady Longhorns 6:30 p.m. at Caprock today

Head coach Gene Valentine said Caprock plays similiar to his team.

"We play man defense," Valentine said. "We have the kids play hard and aggressive. Obviously it's always harder to play over there than here. It's always a pretty good game.

Senior Delaney Clendening anticipates a fairly evenly matched game. "I think it will be close again," Clendening said.

Senior Kailyn Troxell said the game will be a good test.

"If we play hard, we will be fine,"

Troxell said. "We just got to play together."

Troxell said Caprock returns a few good players.

better defense.

'They returned about five or six probably," Troxell said.

The Lady Longhorns enter the game with a 3-0 record and haven't allowed more than 45 points. Last season, Caprock beat Pampa 39-31 and 48-43. Pampa enters the game averaging 47 points and allowing 44. Troxell said the team has to player

"We have to make sure our defense is there," Troxell said. "We have to defend their good shooters. We have to run our offense.

Clendening said defense will be key to winning the game.

'We have to play good defense or they will shoot on us all day long," Clendening said.

Valentine said his team has to get off to a good start.

"If we can get in a rhythm early

we will be fine," Valentine said. "I iust don't want to have to play from behind. If we can get our nerves under control we will be fine. I told them it's the same kids we have played the last three or four years."

After today, Pampa doesn't have a game until Tuesday, when it visits Gruver, which is ranked eighth in 1A Division I. Clendening said she is looking forward to the rest.

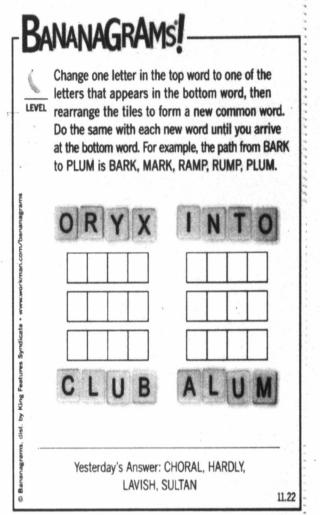
"We're tired," Clendening said. "It's much-needed."

Valentine said his girls need a break, especially with some of his players performing in the high school's production of "Beauty and the Beast.

"I got some that are finishing the play tonight," Valentine said. "They need some rest. We are probably going to take off until Saturday. We want to give them three to four days off. Let them rest and recoup and hopefully they come back refreshed."

> Junior Taylor Morgan launches a three against Wellington Friday. Pampa plays Caprock today.

> > photo courtesy of Joe Murray



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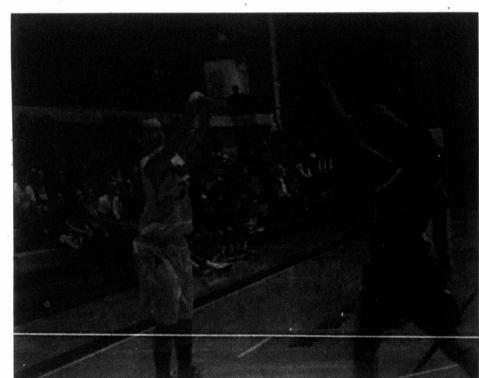
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

of things in the letter from thorities. "Uneasy in Indiana" (Oct. 21) can be red flags for sex abuse. I have worked in child welfare for 35 years. Abusers often start with "playful touching," comment about "cute" body parts, continue after being asked to stop, and make power statements that they can touch the child if

they want. If the incident was innocent, why didn't he recognize that it made his daughter uneasy and immediately stop when asked? "Uneasy" already fears he may accuse her of being a paranoid former victim. Abusers, when confronted, often accuse the other parent of "misunderstanding" or "being crazy." They may also accuse the child of misunderstanding the touches or being provocative.

That "Uneasy" and her husband don't have sex is also of concern — it can mean her husband finds children, not adult women, sexually desir-

Even if "Uneasy" isn't sure, she should stop leaving the child alone with him. Take her with her to class, leave her with a friend's parhusband know the touching and comments stop NOW no excuses — and if there's

The time to protect a child is BEFORE something hap-

pens. Afterward is too late. Children often tell only one time. If no action is taken, the child won't tell again! -SEEN IT ALL IN TEXAS

DEAR SEEN IT ALL: My thanks to you and the others who wrote to support my advice to "Uneasy in Indiana." My readers comment:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a clinical social worker who works with sex offenders in a prison. I'm distressed that the husband "truly believed it was OK and didn't mean ..." Yes, he DID mean to touch his daughter inappropriately. He has begun to groom her for his own sick pleasure.

The key statement in that letter is the girl asked him to stop and he negated her feelings by telling her she "belonged" to him. HUGE red flag! So many offenders I see

are infatuated with preteens. "Uneasy" needs to get him to counseling ASAP and never leave her daughter alone with Dad. - UNEASY THERA-

PIST IN ILLINOIS DEAR ABBY: That husents or a safe relative. Let the band is playing with fire. I know. After my wife died I playfully spanked and patted my daughter's cute little anything else of this nature butt. Her school counselor

DEAR ABBY: A number she will report it to the au-found out, called child protective services, who called the police, and I was arrested. I wound up serving 2 1/2 years in prison. I'm now on parole and will be on the federal Sex Offender Registry for the next 20 years. That man needs to rethink his actions and get professional help before it's too late for him or his daughter. - C.R.H. IN KEN-

> DEAR ABBY: "Uneasy's" letter made me sick to my stomach, having endured the same treatment from my father. If it's not stopped immediately, it will most likely escalate into incest. The issue is boundaries. Every girl needs them in order to maintain her self-worth, control over her own body and her ability to say "no" without being afraid of offending some guy who wants to treat her like a sex object.

> It took years of therapy and work to repair the damage my father caused. This father's problem should be addressed immediately by a professional therapist. "Uneasy" needs to put her foot down and let him know his behavior will not be tolerated. The daughter needs her mother's full support. She has a right to feel safe in her own home. - DISTURBED IN

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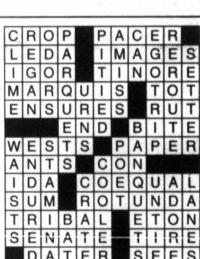
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