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### Genesis Clinic's Hall: I'm not leaving Pampa

**ARNIE AURELLANO** editor@thepampanews.com

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Addressing recent rumors that he will be headed elsewhere, Dr. James Hall of the Emergency Services Foundation of Texas gave a pretty simple answer.

"I'm not leaving town," said Hall with a smile. "Me and my family live in Pampa, and we're staying in Pampa. I'm still on staff at (Pampa Regional Medical Center). I resigned as the hospitalist, but not as medical staff. I'm



Barring a decision from hospital's potential new owners, he intends to

still on medi-

cal staff. I

have no plans

of resigning

from the hos-

pital at all."

remain on staff after the facility changes hands, Hall added. Asked about accompanying

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rumors that Genesis Clinic's future may be in jeopardy, Hall said that while he may not be around full time, the clinic is in good hands.

TODAY IN SPORTS TOTAL

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"The truth of it is I have an offer from Plainview to work as a hospitalist, two weeks on and two weeks off. That will be my only income-paying job," said Hall, who volunteers his time at the Genesis Clinic and with Emergency Medical Services.

"The rest of the time, we will still have Genesis Clinic open. I will be here the other two weeks, and when I'm not here, I'll be available by phone. Stan (Lefflew) and Brenda (McCullough), the two nurse practitioners are still here seeing patients. ... They see the bulk of the patients anyway, and they are very good. The way the medical board rules work is the two nurse practitioners can continue to see patients even though I'm not here. They are providers. I just have to act in a supervisory role, and I'll continue to be able HALL cont. on page 8

## **SWCD** aiding producers

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The Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is currently assisting Gray County farmers and ranchers with the development of Water Quality Management Plans (WQMP) for their land.

A WOMP covers the entire operating unit and includes required practices applicable to the planned land use.

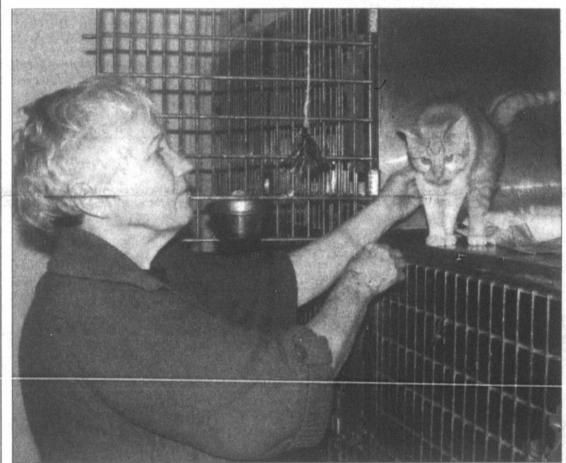
Conservation cropping sequence and residue management, for example, should be considered for cropland. For rangeland, proper grazing use must be taken into account. and various grazing systems should be examined before a sustainable system is chosen and implemented. A WQMP on pastureland or hayland would have water facility considerations.

Additionally, WQMPs also involve more technical requirements. Nutrient management must be outlined if nutrients are used in the producer's dayto-day operation. If applicable. pesticide management and animal waste management would also be components of a proper WQMP. Waste utilization will be considered when agricultural wastes are applied.

These WQMPs also have subcomponents for irrigation waters and erosion control, and are flexible enough to cater to a wide range of operation systems.

There is no cost for the development of a WQMP, although the implementation of certain practices required in a producer's WQMP may need additional funding. Through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Gray County SWCD is offering 75 percent cost-share assistance that will help cover costs that farmers and ranchers face when undertaking their plans.

For more information on the plans, interested farmers and ranchers may contact the Gray County SWCD at 806-665-6561, extension 102, or visit the office in person at 12125 East



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Margaret Haverfield of PAWS makes friends with a resident of the animal shelter. The city is beginning to put together RFQs for a new facility.

### City takes steps toward new facility

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The city is taking the first steps toward building a new shelter, as they begin to put together RFQs (Request for Qualifications) to send to architectural firms that will place bids on the future project. Shane Stokes, Assistant City

Manager, estimates that the city will get the RFOs out in the beginning of December, with a goal to get cost estimates and design plans in place by next

March. Until the building comes together, Stokes says that the city is nearing an agreement with the Pampa ISD to get a 20

ing that will go towards alleviating congestion in the shelter's current office.

"It's about twice the size of (our current building), and it's a temporary solution for office help," said Faustina Curry of Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). "It will be a blessing for us. It's going to have SHELTER cont. on page 6

### Two arrested after stop yields marijuana

foot by 40 foot portable build-

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Two men passing through Gray County were arrested just before the Thanksgiving holiday for transporting drugs through the area.

At 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper working patrol on I-40 stopped a 2012 Chevrolet Cruze traveling eastbound about nine miles east of Groom.

During the stop, the trooper was granted consent to search the vehicle. The subsequent search revealed 100 pounds of marijuana valued at \$48,000, later learned to be in transit from El Paso to Oklahoma City.

The driver, 28-year-old Jose Angel Lugo, and passenger, 17-year-old Arturo Martinez, both of El Paso, were placed under arrest and booked into the Gray County Jail.



#### Country Christmas" Parade December 3rd

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

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Wednesday







Thursday

High 42 Low 21

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 51. Wind chill values between 18 and 28 early. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 42. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with, a low around 21. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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### Perry in Texas to announce cancer center

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry left the presidential campaign trail Monday to announce the establishment of a new cancer-fighting research center in Houston.

But he kept campaigning, praising the Texas economy for fostering the creation of the center that will work to identify new cancers, develop drugs to fight them and get those drugs to people who need them more quickly.

Perry, who is seeking the Republican nomination to run against Democratic President Barack Obama, called the state economy "the envy of the nation for the past decade" and said it helped build the Institute for Applied Cancer Science at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

"I believe this state represents a unique crossroads, a place where academic research can come together with a vibrant private sector," he said.

MD Anderson is ranked as among the world's top cancer centers, and Perry called the establishment of the new research center a "substantial" announcement.

"There is no place in the country, and I will suggest to you no place in the world, that's a better place for you and your team than MD Anderson," Perry told the center's directors in front o several hundred school officials, physi cians and researchers who crowded into an auditorium. "They live and breath innovation."

The governor took no questions afte his appearance and quickly left for an out of state campaign event.

The Institute for Applied Cancer Sci ence will be led by Dr. Giulio Draetta who's been chief research business de velopment officer and deputy directo at the Harvard University-based Belfe Institute for Applied Cancer Science.

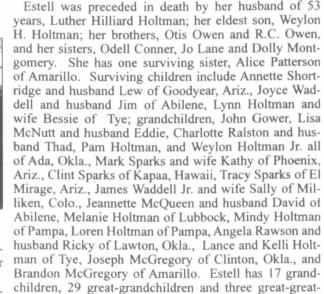
### **Obituaries**

#### Evelyn Estell Holtman, 92

Evelyn Estell Holtman, age 92, passed from this life on November 25, 2011, in Abilene. She was surrounded by her beloved family. Her long life was full of all the best that life offers, including close family and warm friendships. She was the 3rd of seven children born to Robert and Charlotte Owen. Estell was born February 11, 1919, in Cumby, and moved with Holtman her family to Cary, in 1929.

Estell married the love of her life, Luther Hilliard Holtman in 1938 and moved to Pampa, where she lived for 50 years.

Evelyn founded the Pampa Day Nursery, the first licensed daycare in Pampa. She dedicated her life to raising her children and was ever present in the lives of her grandchildren. She was formerly a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa, the Comanche Trails Church of Christ in Amarillo, and more recently a member of Westgate Church of Christ in Abilene. She enjoyed collecting antiques, singing songs of praise, playing piano, painting, gardening, and family gatherings. After the death of her husband, Estell moved to Amarillo for a few years then to Ada, Okla., to be near her ailing son, Weylon. In 2004, Estell moved to Abilene to be near her daughter. Estell was a devoted Christian and we know she is now in the House of the Lord.



A celebration of her life will be held at Beltway Park Baptist Chapel on Tuesday, November 29th at 1 p.m. Interment and a graveside service will be held in Pampa at the Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Wednesday, November 30 at 1 p.m. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene,

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Love and Care Ministries of Abilene in memory of Estell Holt-

The guestbook may be signed and condolences submitted online at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

### For the record

#### Police Department

The Pampa Police Delowing incidents for the North Faulkner. period from Thursday, Noday, November 28 at 7 a.m. Charles.

Pampa PD reported 36 traffic related incidents.

Pampa EMS, Pampa PD, the Pampa Fire Department, the Lefors Volunteer EMS and the Lefors responded to 26 medical calls.

Animal Control officers and Pampa PD reported 16 animal related incidents.

Thursday, November 24 Disorderly conduct was reported at the 900 block of tine. East Malone.

vehicle was reported at the of North Hamilton. 600 block of North Brad-

Disorderly conduct was sell. reported at the 900 block of South Wells.

Harassment occurred at the 1500 block of North Christy.

The Pampa Fire Department responded to a dumpster fire at the 2500 block

of North Fir. Disorderly conduct was reported.

Burglaries occurred at the 400 block of North Magnolia and the 700 block of East Frederic.

Thefts occurred at the 400 block of Graham and the 100 block of South

A hit and run occurred at Christy and Gwendolyn. Disorderly conduct oc-

curred at 22nd and Sumner. A prowler was reported at the 1300 block of North Duncan.

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A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1400 block of North Coffee.

An accident occurred at the 1900 block of Hilton.

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occurred at the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Saturday, November 26 A suspicious person was reported at Ripley and

Faulkner. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 100 block of

North Somerville. reported at the 800 block of

East Frederic. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block

of Purviance. Harassment occurred at the 700 block of North

Christy. Disorderly conduct was reported at the 600 block of South Reid and the 400

accident occurred An reported at the 1700 block at the 300 block of South Jean.

Harassment was reported at the 1100 block of South Farley.

A suspicious person was reported at Crawford and Love.

An accident occurred at Hobart. A suspicious vehicle was

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> South Gillespie. A structure fire occurred at the 1500 block of West

Kentucky. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of A domestic disturbance North Sumner and the 600

block of North Wells. A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

Harassment occurred at the 2400 block of North Comanche.

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> A runaway was reported at the 200 block of North Sumner.

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curred at the 400 block of Graham. A runaway was reported.

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A suspicious vehicle was reported at Christine and Mary Ellen and the 300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of South Hobart.

A burglary occurred at the 400 block of Hazel. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2300 block of North Primrose.

An assault occurred at the 700 block of East Malone.

#### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest for the period starting ednesday,

Harassment was report- November 23 and ending Monday, November 28 at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, November

Arturo Martinez, 17, was vember 24 through Mon- the 2800 block of North reported at the 2500 block arrested by DPS agents for possession of marijuana.

Jose Angel Lugo, 28, was arrested by DPS agents for

Kevin Wayne Young, 51, was arrested by deputies for assault causing bodily injury.

Jesus Manuel Santacruz, 48, was sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by deputies.

Keith Shannon Helfer, 44, was arrested by deputies for capias pro fines times three, failure to maintain financial responsibility, displaying an expired registration, expired motor vehicle insurance and failure to appear in court.

Thursday, November 24 Paul McKinley Ross, 44, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, November 26 Jessie Jimenez, 24, was arrested by DPS agents for assault causing bodily in-Shawn Lee Weatherford,

A suspicious vehicle was 40, was arrested by deputies for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Sunday, November 27

Alexis Danielle Menefield, 19, was arrested by DPS agents on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and driving while intoxicated.

Israel Martinez, 42, was arrested by deputies for public intoxication.

Zachary Shane Seymour, 18, was arrested by DPS agents on charges of public intoxication, minor in possession of alcohol and an open container in a motor vehicle.

Ramero Adian Cabrales, 19, was arrested by DPS agents on charges of minor in possession of alcohol, failure to appear in court, failure to maintain financial responsibility, speeding and not having a valid driver's license.

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#### Arpaio to campaign for Perry

PHOENIX (AP) - Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio is set to endorse Texas Governor Rick Perry for president. ABC News reports Arpaio plans to campaign with Perry in New Hampshire next week.

ABC reports Perry has spoken with Arpaio several times over the phone since entering the presidential race. Over the past few months, Arpaio has met person-

ally in Phoenix with Republican presidential candidates Michele Bachmann and Herman Cain and he has spoken over the phone with Mitt Romney. In 2008, Arpaio endorsed Romney over Arizona Sen. John McCain.

#### Pulitzer-winning TX editor dies

LUBBOCK (AP) - Oscar Griffin Jr., whose investigation of swindler Billie Sol Estes won a 1963 Pulitzer Prize for the small Texas newspaper where he worked, has died. He was 78.

Griffin was the editor and main writer at the Pecos Independent and Enterprise in West Texas when he chronicled how Estes, a one-time associate of then-Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, borrowed money to build fertilizer tanks that were never constructed.

A dozen major finance companies lost about \$24 million in the scam. The fraud investigation and Estes' prosecution garnered national attention.

The Houston Chronicle hired Griffin after Estes' arrest. He later worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation under Elizabeth Dole.

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home-Willis spokeswoman Edith Kreger said Monday that Griffin died Nov. 23 in New Waverly.

#### Okla. horse slaughter ban lifted

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A ban on slaughtering horses for meat has been lifted after a federal report showed that the prohibition had unintended consequences.

The Oklahoman reported Monday that a provision that prevented funding for horse slaughter inspections was dropped from a spending bill, opening the way for the slaughter to resume.

The ban had been in place since 2006

The General Accounting Office produced a report that says the welfare of horses has declined since 2007, with more abandoned horses and more cases of abuse and neglect.

Backers of the ban say those numbers are up because

The ban was put in place in response to American revulsion at the notion of eating horse meat.

#### African gas find largest for APC

NEW YORK (AP) - Anadarko Petroleum Corp. said Monday that a natural gas field discovered off the coast of Mozambique is the largest the company has ever found.

The Houston oil and gas company said the East African offshore field contains 15 to 30 trillion cubic feet of recoverable natural gas, up from an initial estimate of 6 trillion cubic feet. That's enough to satisfy U.S. natural gas demand for a year.

Africa's eastern coast has long been considered a peripheral player among world natural gas producers. But the Anadarko discovery, along with a similarly large find by Italian energy company Eni SpA in October, has elevated Mozambique as a potentially major gas exporter.

"This could be one of the most important natural gas fields discovered in the last 10 years," Anadarko Chairman and CEO Jim Hackett said

The company is building a facility in the region to bring the gas ashore for international export. It expects to begin production in 2018, with exports likely headed to China and Japan, according to a company spokesman.

Anadarko has a 36.5 percent interest in the field. Mitsui E&P, BPRL Ventures Mozambique B.V., Videocon Mozambique Rovuma and Cove Energy Mozambique Rovuma Offshore Ltd. also own stakes in the field.

#### High court to review fine

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court will consider throwing out an \$18 million penalty against Texasbased Southern Union Co. for illegally storing mercury at a rundown building in Rhode Island.

The justices said Monday they will hear the natural gas company's appeal of the criminal penalty that was imposed by a federal judge and upheld by an appeals court.

What makes the case unusual is that the company is challenging the size of the penalty under a line of Supreme Court cases concerning prison sentences.

Southern Union had used the building in Pawtucket to store outdated mercury-sealed gas regulators that it removed from customers' homes. The mercury was initially removed and shipped to a recycling center. But when that work stopped, the regulators and loose mercury were left to accumulate inside the building

#### Man accused of dorm break-in

LONGVIEW (AP) - A convicted sex offender has been accused of breaking into a college dormitory in East Texas and trying to take photos.

The Gregg County Sheriff's Office says 51-yearold Robert Roy Saurenmann III of Kilgore was jailed Monday on a charge of burglary of a habitation. No attorney was listed for Saurenmann, who was arrested Saturday afternoon.

The Longview News-Journal reports students at LeTourneau University in Longview helped catch the suspect. Nobody at Tyler Residence Hall was hurt.

Sgt. James Bettis says police want to know what Saurenmann ailegedly wanted to photograph. Saurenmann in 2001 was convicted of indecency with

a child and served six years in prison. Kilgore police last month arrested Saurenmann on a charge of indecent exposure. He was freed on bond.



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### Supreme Court asked to block redistricting

The Texas attorney general asked the U:S. Supreme Court on Monday to stop a federal court from implementing new, temporary maps of state legislative districts that could increase minority representation in the state House.

Attorney General Greg Abbott filed the request as candidates began to file for office under the new, court-drawn maps. A stay could shake up next year's elections and possibly even push the March primary back to May.

"Obviously, we're hoping to hear as soon as possible since the filing period opened today," said Lauren Bean, a spokeswoman for Abbott. "The sooner the better so there's ... clarity

for the voters and for candidates that are beginning to file for office."

The requests apply to maps for the Texas House and Senate. Bean said court-drawn congressional maps would be part of a separate emergency appeal.

Every state redraws its political maps after each 10-year census to try to keep districts equal in population. A panel of federal judges in San Antonio drew the latest maps after minority groups challenged the original plan passed by the Republican-led Legislature.

San The Antoniobased federal court said the Legislature's maps couldn't be implemented under the Voting Rights Act until they were cleared

by a court in Washington.

In the meantime, the maps it drew could lead to greater minority representation and give Democrats a chance to add as many as a dozen seats in the Legislature.

Abbott and other Republican leaders dispute claims the Legislature's redistricting maps would diminish minority voting power, and they want those maps to be implemented while the matter is being worked out in court. The candidate filing

period, originally scheduled to start Nov. 12, has already been delayed and condensed because of the ongoing litigation. Monday was the first day candidates could file for office.

In the request for an

emergency stay, Abbott's office suggested primary elections scheduled for March 6 be delayed to accommodate the state's appeal on the court-drawn maps. State attorneys suggested the primaries for the affected races could be held on a date in May that is already scheduled for runoff elections.

"Today's appeal emphasizes that no court has, at any time, found anything unlawful about the redistricting maps passed by the Texas Legislature," Abbott said in a statement. "It is judicial activism at its worst for judges to draw redistricting maps of their own choosing despite no finding of wrongdoing by the state of Texas.

### Food banks worry about rising peanut butter prices

COLUMBUS, (AP) - Food banks and pantries around the country say high peanut butter prices have made it harder for them to provide one of their most-requested items and a favorite among children - this holiday sea-

Peanut butter prices have gone up 30 percent or more because hot weather in states like Texas and Georgia hurt this year's peanut crop and because some farmers switched to more profitable crops, such as corn and cotton.

The increase in peanut butter prices and the cost of food overall has been a blow to family budgets, and hunger-relief groups that say they're serving more clients even as the poor economy has made it harder to get donations.

Terry Shannon, president of the Phoenixbased St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, one of the country's largest food banks, said it increased the amount of food it distributes annually by about 75 percent over the past three years, to 74 million pounds. Its cash donations have kept pace with the need so far, but Shannon said he worries the alliance won't raise enough money during the holiday season to keep including peanut butter in each of the 25,000 emergency food boxes it distributes each month.

"That's probably the item we buy most frequently ... because we don't have enough of it donated," Shannon said. "I would anticipate if the prices continue to go up, we're going to have to take a hard look at it."

Peanut butter is popular at such agencies because it's a kid-friendly source of protein that has a long shelf life, meets most reli-

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gious restrictions on food and doesn't require special storage or cooking. Lately, it's sometimes absent from shelves at places like the Broad Street Food Pantry near downtown Columbus, which started limiting the largest families to two jars instead of three if it's available.

When that happens, the clients notice, pantry manager Kathy Kelly-Long said: "Why isn't it here? Why don't you have peanut butter? We always get peanut butter.'

But with a jar of peanut butter running about \$3 or \$4 at grocery stores, food banks say they expect to receive fewer donations, buy less, pay more for what they do buy and consider offering protein alternatives such as canned tuna or chicken, which might be comparatively good deals.

Food banks get cheaper prices by buying in bulk, but the higher cost is still noticeable. The Cleveland Foodbank in Northeast Ohio bought a truckload of peanut butter in June for \$12.95 per dozen 18-ounce jars, but that rose to \$18.31 by October. If peanut butter becomes nearly as expensive as some meats, the latter might provide more nutrition at nearly the same cost, food bank president and CEO Anne Goodman said.

Christa Hendricks, a client and volunteer at a West Side Ecumenical Ministry food center in Cleveland, has two children who are both peanut-

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Thursday, December 1.

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butter eaters. But she said if there are alternatives that food banks could buy more cheaply and in larger quantities, she'd support that decision.

"If there's something that's sustainable that is half the cost of that, I'd rather have that," said Hendricks, 39.

The Houston Food Bank hopes to keep up its peanut butter distribution by working with a cannery run by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. The cannery provides the machinery, and the food bank provides the volunteers and pays for the peanuts - a cost that could double to \$36,000 for each tractortrailer load that produces about 19,000 extra-large jars of peanut butter, president Brian Greene said. The food bank hoped to increase production from about eight loads annually to 12, but higher prices could hamper that plan.

Food banks said higher food prices also have led to less peanut butter and other foods being available through U.S. Department of Agriculture commodprograms, in which the government buys surpluses of certain items to help balance supply and demand and makes them available to schools and nonprofits.

The national hunger-

relief charity Feeding America anticipates it could distribute half as many commodities this fiscal year as it did in the one that ended June 30,

The USDA did not respond to requests for comment.

spokeswoman Maura Daly

The American Peanut Council, an industry trade group, estimates the average U.S. consumer eats 6 pounds of peanut products annually and that the market is worth more than \$2 billion at the retail level. It's keeping an eye on how prices affect charities that depend on peanut butter.

"We'll probably do some work over the next year to try to get consumers to help out," said Stephanie Grunenfelder, vice president for international marketing. "It's always the poor who suffer the most when prices are high, unfortunately. Even though peanut butter is going to be more expensive, it's still a pretty economical protein source for people that are struggling to get by.'

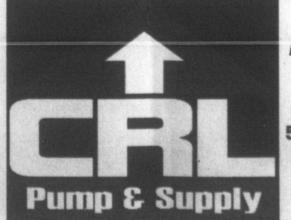


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### Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2011. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 29, 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before return-

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, onetime adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1910, British explorer Robert F. Scott's ship Terra Nova set sail from New Zealand, carrying Scott's expedition on its ultimately futile - as well as fatal - race to reach the South Pole first.

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd, pilot Bernt Balchen, radio operator Harold June and photographer Ashley McKinney made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1967, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

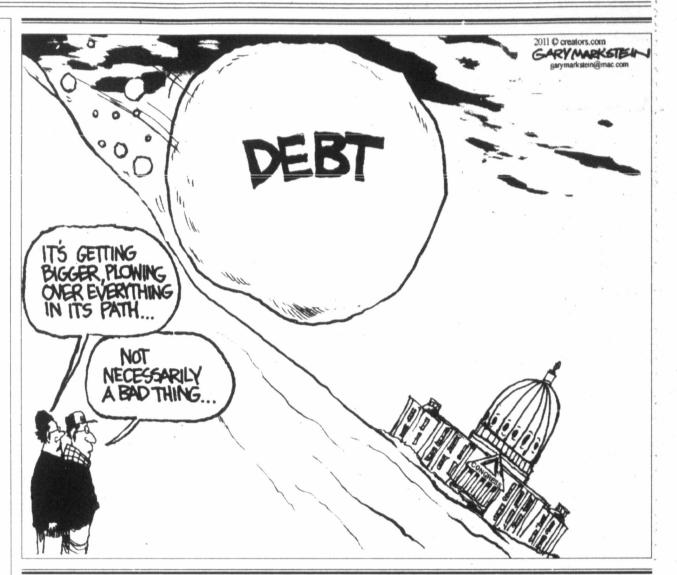
Ten years ago: George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58. The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a resolution extending the world body's humanitarian program in Iraq and setting the stage for an overhaul of U.N. sanctions against Baghdad the following year.

Five years ago: The first of two high-profile meetings in Jordan between President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was abruptly postponed amid conflicting explanations. (Bush met al-Maliki the next day.)

One year ago: Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, admitted for the first time that a computer worm had affected centrifuges in Iran's uranium enrichment program.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 78. Actress Diane Ladd is 76. Composermusician Chuck Mangione is 71. Country singer Jody Miller is 70. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 69. Comedian Garry Shandling is 62. Actor Jeff Fahey is 59. Movie director Joel Coen is 57. Actor-comedian-game show host Howie Mandel is 56. The mayor of Chicago, Rahm Emanuel, is 52. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 51. Actress Kim Delaney is 50. Actor Tom Sizemore is 50. Actor Andrew McCarthy is 49. Actor Don Cheadle is 47. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 46. Musician Wallis Buchanan is 46. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 43. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 43. Actress Jennifer Elise Cox is 42. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 41. Rock musician Frank Delgado (Deftones) is 41. Actress Paola Turbay is 41. Actress Gena Lee Nolin is 40. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 39. Actress Anna Faris is 35. Actor Julian Ovenden is 35. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 30. Actor Lucas Black is 29.

Thought for Today: "When you've seen beyond yourself, then you may find, peace of mind is waiting there." - George Harrison (1943-2001).



### Memo to the occupiers from a '1 percenter'

Listen up, you protest people! You have gone and alienated Newt Gingrich, who wants you to take a bath and get a job. Or vice-versa. And his words were greeted with applause from coast to coast. You guys should take notice.

A couple of months ago, the polls showed that many Americans sympathized with your movement. After all, who likes greed-head Wall Street folks manipulating the financial markets? They bathe, but so what? They're corrupt, and you are right to demand that the government provide oversight on them.

But that point has been largely lost because the Occupy movement is now perceived as radical and incoherent. The loons moved in, and the sincere protesters ceded the spotlight. All of a sudden, the Sons of Anarchy were getting all the camera time. Most Americans are willing to listen, but not to guys with scorpions tattooed on their necks. And then there were the ugly displays of police-baiting and mindless destruc-

The result: According to the latest NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, just 28 percent of Americans now approve of the Occupy movement, and James Carville will no longer take their calls.

But the primary reason this correspondent has turned bearish on the Occupy Wall Street movement is hypocrisy. Recently, the feds that executives at the near bankrupt

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac agencies would receive close to \$100 million in bonus money. Also, the guy who ran Solyndra into bankruptcy got a nice departure package despite the fact that the solar-panel company wasted about \$500 million

All the evidence says the protesters

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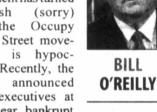
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A few weeks ago, I looked into taking a trip to Cuba, where there are no "1 percenters" because the. Castro brothers have terrorized the wealthy into leaving the island. I've been to 75 countries, but never to the socialist paradise 90 miles from the Florida Keys.

My travel agent informed me that it probably would cost me a thousand dollars a day to visit. I would be assigned a government minder and could not travel outside Havana. While in the capital city, I would be able to visit with some artists and eat dinner with a Cuban family while my bodyguard sat next to me. All of my movements would be monitored, and if I stepped out of line, "the man would come and take me away, Crosby, Stills and Nash (big Occupy) fans) once sang.

As a "1 percenter," I can afford the trip, but does that sound like fun to you? Perhaps the Occupiers might do a little reading up on socialism and its side effects. I'd be happy to send them my brochure from Cuba.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly



of taxpayer money. So where are you on those things, Occupiers? Why are you besieging a Burger King in San Diego when the real corruption is in Washington,

have no clue what they want or who the bad guys really are. They have some vague idea that the "1 percenters" are evil and, therefore, the "99 percenters" don't have enough

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### Sales of new homes up in October, but prices still down

WASHINGTON (AP) -Americans bought slightly more new homes in October, a hopeful sign for the troubled housing market. But the median sales price fell to its lowest level of the year, and the overall sales pace is trailing last year's - the worst in half a century.

The report suggests housing continues to drag on the U.S. economy and is a long way from recovering.

New-home sales increased 1.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 307,000, the Commerce Department said Monday. That's less than half the 700,000 that economists say must be sold to sustain a healthy housing

September's figures were also revised down significantly to show a weaker pace than first estimated.

Last year's 323,000 new homes sold were the fewest since the government began keeping records in 1963. This year isn't faring much better.

While new homes sales represent a fraction of to compete against cheap-

the housing market, they have an outsize impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in tax revenue, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Many builders have stopped working on new projects because they can't obtain financing. The number of new homes for sale in the United States fell in October to a record low of 162,000.

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er re-sales, even as they lower their own prices. The median sales price of a new home fell 0.4 percent in October from September, to \$212,300.

Steven Wood, chief economist at Insight Economics, said the small number of new homes for sale should help the housing market recover quicker when prices begin to rise. But he said: "A sustained rebound in new home sales appears unlikely.

For many Americans, buying a home is too big a risk more than four years after the housing bubble burst.

Home prices have tumbled, the job market remains weak and unemployment has been stuck near 9 percent for more two years. Some people who want to buy can't qualify for a loan or make the higher down payments that banks are demanding.

Sales are slumping even though mortgage rates are hovering above historic

Yet sales of previously owned homes are also dismal. They rose slightly last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.97 million units, the National Association of Realtors said last week. That's below the 6 million that economists say is consistent with sales in a healthy market and barely ahead of last year's totals, which were the fewest since 1997.

· In October, sales were uneven across the country. They increased 22.2 percent in the Midwest and 14.9 percent in the West. But they were unchanged in the Northeast and fell 9.5 percent in the South.

### Drug war sends emotionally troubled children into Texas

EL PASO (AP) — The classroom falls silent as the teacher explains that victims of violence go through specific psychological stages in the aftermath of an attack. Most of these students, though, don't need a lecture to understand the lesson. It's part of their everyday lives.

Many of the teens came to the U.S. seeking refuge from Mexico's drug war, which made violence a constant companion since childhood.

"I've been through all three stages: impact, recoil, reorganization of my life," 17-year-old Alan Garcia told the class before breaking down in tears. "My mom goes in and out of recoil stage.

As the war enters its sixth year, it's bringing a new problem to Texas schools: Thousands of students suffering from emotional troubles not unlike those endured by soldiers returning from battle. In response, some districts have started offering the type of classes and counseling more common to the military.

"What you see happening in Iraq or Afghanistan is the same that's happening here in the border. This is not a war like those, but still you have people fleeing their country," said Clara Contreras, coordinator of the Safe and Drug-Free School and Communities program at the Texas Education Agency in Edinburg, Texas.

Many of the students were mugged or witnessed a shootout. Others have had family members kidnapped, or they have been extorted by gangs that run rampant in Juarez, a city of 1.3 million directly across the Rio Grande from El Paso.

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As Garcia speaks, the class nods. Nearly all of the 17 kids with ties to Juarez have experienced the same

Kathy Ortega, director of counseling for the El Paso district, said officials do not keep track of how many students traumatized by border violence seek help, but the number includes both kids who have moved to Texas and others who still live in border cities but cross into the U.S. for school.

"Many of the families, because of the fear factor, won't reach out to us," Ortega said. Families are afraid that if their children speak with counselors, they could be identified by the people they escaped from.

Since the Mexican government launched an offensive on drug cartels in December 2006, more than 35,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence. cartels' terror tactics include hanging people from bridges, beheading enemies and dissolving victims in acid.

Over that time, teachers and counselors on the Texas border have seen scores of traumatized children and

The emotional difficulties affect them "in many areas of academic performance," said Alma Leal, professor of counseling at the University of Texas at Brownsville and coordinator for counseling and guidance of the Brownsville Independent School District. They suffer from poor discipline, lack any sense of security and fear losing loved ones.

Richard Barajas, a former chief justice for the Eighth District Court of Appeals, is director of advanced studies at Cathedral High School, where Garcia's class meets. He started teaching "Principles of Victimology" last year after two students were killed in Juarez.

The focus of the course is to teach students how to help victims, how to understand the process of victimization and how to talk about their experiences.

Mabel Avalos and other El Paso-area counselors have used skills they originally learned to help children of military personnel from nearby Fort Bliss.

Children fleeing from the cross-border violence and those whose parents have been in combat share issues

sometimes been exposed to violence or been victims themselves.

"We tackle the problem, but we are not solving it," Avalos said. "I don't see the community realizing it's a problem.

She still has difficulty talking about how she had to

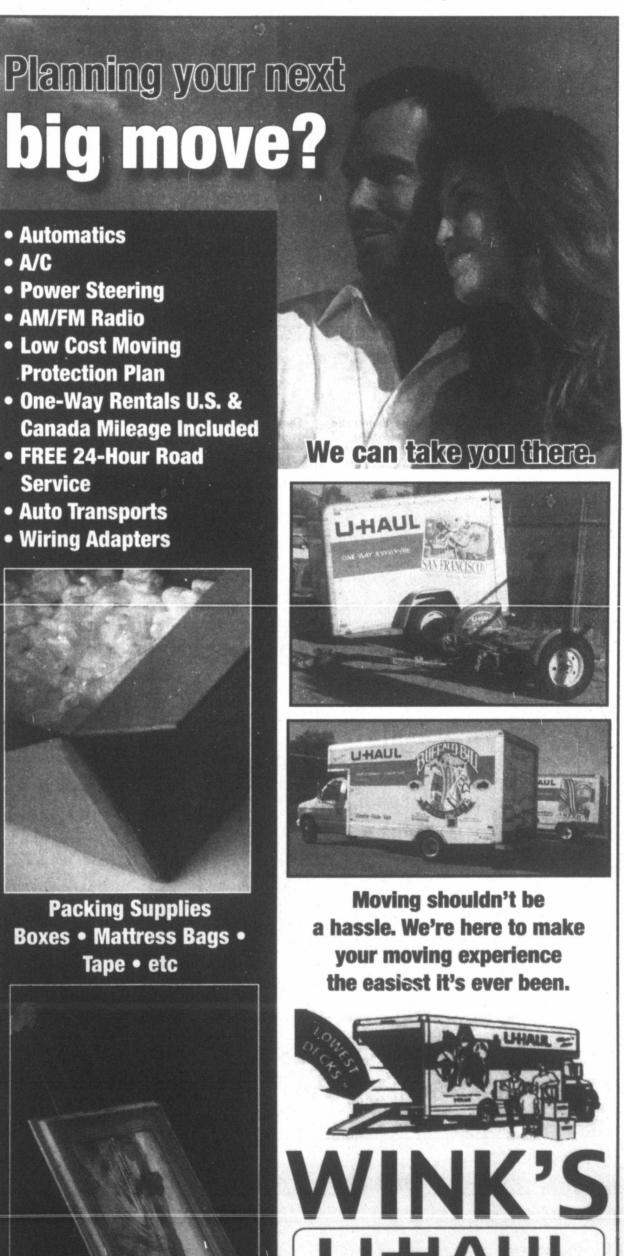
military children, those coming from Mexico have explain to two siblings who had bullets lodged inside them why doctors refused to take out the slugs and instead waited for their bodies to push them out.

In Leal's district, counselors talk about how children fear for the safety of their relatives across the border in Mexico.

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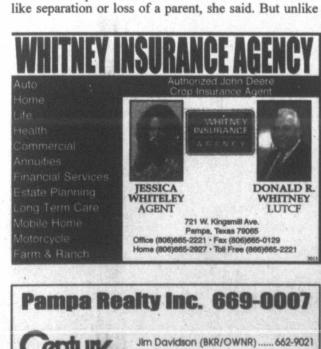


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an office for PAWS and an office for the Animal Control supervisor, and it is going to have a washer and dryer. ... There will be a reception desk where people can sit down and fill out their paperwork for adoptions, and (the current office building) is going to be used for the officers, so they can do their paperwork.'

The washer and dryer will be of particular assistance to the shelter and PAWS volunteers, who currently take blankets, bedding and towels home to launder themselves.

While the new office space will be helpful for Animal Control officers and PAWS, a new facility would streamline the shelter's operations and relieve crowding problems that the current facility faces.

"Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, they put down around fifteen to twenty dogs, because we just had no room. We have three or four dogs in several cages, and that's just too many," said Curry, who estimates that the current shelter can house 42 dogs and puppies and 15 cats. However, it isn't rare to exceed this capacity, and the facility isn't ideal for preventing the spread of diseases.

"We need a place for sick animals that is on a separate heating and air conditioning unit, so that you aren't passing back the same disease, and it needs to be six cages instead of just three," said Curry. "What we also need is a separate puppy area, because puppies come in, and you never know if they've been exposed to parvo. That's the big killer, and people, lots of times, will drop them in the cages, and they're sick, and they spread it to everyone else, so we need a separate area also for

Aside from disease prevention, sufficient space in general for the animals entering the shelter would be a priority with the new facility

"We hope that we could easily have enough runs for 60 to 70 animals. That is not inconceivably what we have every day," said Curry.

Curry attended a Texas Animal Control Association meeting earlier this month, and hopes to apply what she learned about building a new shelter to the city's plans. Building visibility with a good location was one point of discussion at the meeting.

"You need to have a visible sign so people can see where you are. If you have a better location, you can double or triple your adoptions, easy. If you're stuck somewhere that nobody knows you, it's not going to happen," she said. "The more visible you are, the better it is for the animals, and that is really our goal, to try to be much more visible.'

Funding to secure an architectural firm will come from PAWS' Fund 12 money.

"We have some foundations that have said they'll give us money for a new shelter, but they aren't going to give it until there's a plan and a (cost estimate), and until there's commitment from the city to put money towards it," said Curry, who believes community support has been a big help for PAWS and the animal

Curry reported \$500 in donations from the group's last adoption day. PAWS will host another adoption event in December at PetCo.

### Time of peace, gratitude vs. season of frenzied spending

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

The Thanksgiving weekend is over, and the holiday shopping season is upon us. And the combination is filled with enough ironies for an entire column.

The first irony is that we equate dollars being spent. Stores can the two events — stuffing our- sell a lot of "stuff" to more shopselves with turkey and then running out to shop like crazy. You'd think that those who have enough to be thankful for — including a nice holiday dinner with friends and family — would realize that these are the greatest presents of all. And those who have no one to share the holidays with, or no money to provide a Thanksgiving feast for their family, are certainly not the ones who should run out for midnight bargains.

Every year, the "shopping season" starts a bit earlier, with some retailers opening at midnight on Thursday, beating those who have started the shopping season at 4 a.m. in recent years. "Doorbusters" have incited nearriots and trampling in the rush to get the good deals. What a great irony that this season of peace and fellowship should be marked by the competitive urge to spend.

The second irony comes in the fact that the health of our economy will be measured in terms of consumer spending. With retail sales providing as much as 60 percent of some stores' revenues and profits, analysts will be closely watching to see the sales figures as they are reported over the weekend.

The National Retail Federation says its survey shows that 74 million consumers — or a third of all shoppers — say they will "definitely" shop over the Thanksgiving weekend. That's up from about 27 percent who said they planned to shop in the same survey last year.

But here's the great irony. Those

The Savage on money

will be down, sending negative signals about the economy

In fact, there are several foreday shopping season may increase only less than 3 percent in 2011. 5.2 percent year-over-year gain reported in 2010.

So, more people shopping for more bargain prices could result in disappointing overall figures truly a great irony.

And there's one final irony. This one has a name: The Paradox

Basically it says that if I advise cheer. you to be careful about staying within your budget and not get carried away with the holiday shopping spirit — which is exactly my advice — then I may be helping you but not the overall economy. This paradox says that while individuals may do what is good for themselves by being frugal, if everyone follows economy as a whole!

Nonetheless, I will repeat my annual admonition: It is not your duty to save the economy by going get a bargain. And that's The on a shopping spree. Consider the Savage Truth. following alternatives:

· Divide the shopping. Have your family agree on a "grabapproach this holiday season. Thanksgiving is the perfect time for each family member to pick a name out of a hat and shop only for that person. Set a dollar limit on each purchase.

· Or, decide that there will be great deals being offered by mer- no "adult" presents — except chants may result in lower total for kids to Mom and Dad. Then

teach your children that a present doesn't have to be storebought. A handmade card that promises an uncomplaining task, such as walking the dog or taking out the garbage, will get a lot of appreciation from Mom and Dad.

· Give children's gifts that have meaning and last a long time, such pers. But if they do it at lower as a small contribution to a colprices, then overall sales figures lege savings fund or a few shares of stock. (Read more about that in my column coming Thursday.)

· Ban all gifts that are not handcasts that sales for the entire holi- made — whether a drawing from young children to be posted on the refrigerator, handmade ornaments That would be slower than the for the tree (you'll treasure them for years), or making cookies or a favorite recipe for the coming holiday celebrations.

You'll notice that all my suggestions have a minimal impact on the retail spending statistics. Sadly, I think my advice about restraint will be muted by the overwhelming surge of holiday

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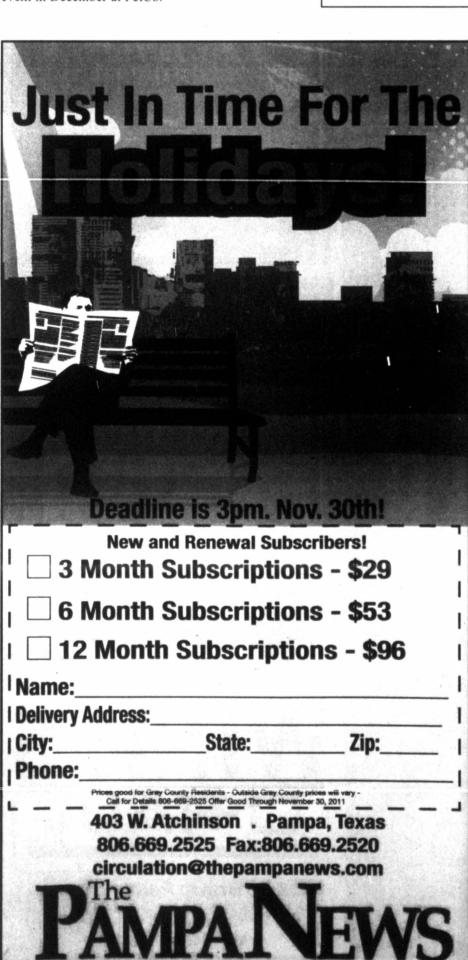
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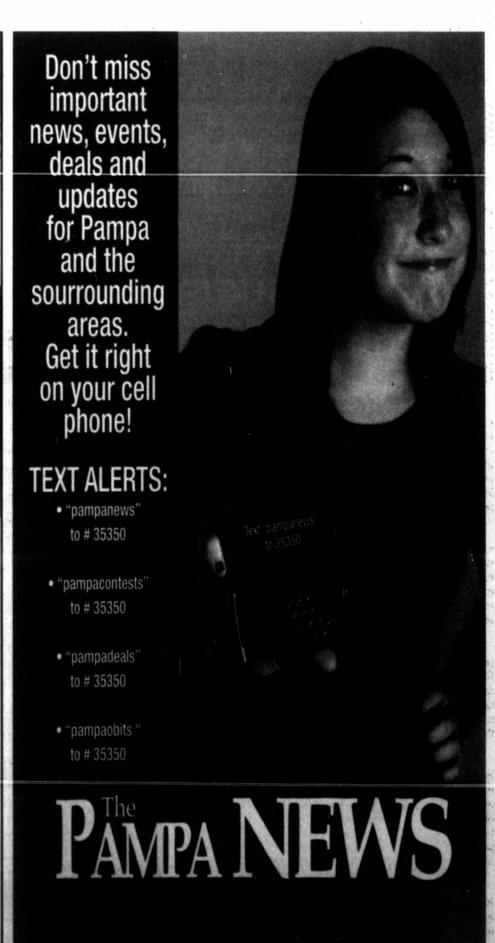
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For sure there will be some who shop wisely, but the vast majority of holiday shoppers will be facing huge credit card bills in January. That's why bankruptcies always rise in the first quarter of the year.

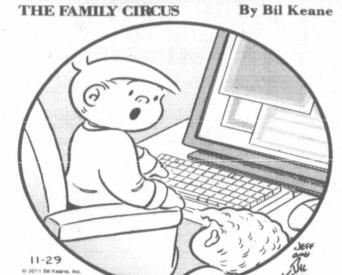
But just in case you are inclined to heed my warnings, there is a bright silver lining to the cloud of restrained consumer spending. this advice, it will be bad for the If merchants are faced with huge overstocks of unpurchased goods, there will be incredible sales in January. That's when you'll really

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You have an unusual amount of bounce Defer to others. this year. Even in difficult moments you come back strong. Knowing what you want is very important. Your resilience is admirable. How you communicate your desires could make or break a situation. If you are single, you have quite a portfolio and revolving door of admirers. With so many potential suitors, you might be quite challenged by the process of choosing. Summer Pace yourself. 2012 on could be instrumental for romance. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy your time together even more. AQUARI-Us draws you out of your shell.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* Your interactions with others might make you want to do something differently. A financial opportunity might be costly at first, but ultimately will work out perspective. A meeting provides an excelnew experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Remain on top of your game, redizing what you can and cannot change within a partnership. Taking charge could be against your nature right now, but ultimately could have implications. Understand what is needed to lock in a deal. Tonight: As long as need be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Understand what someone expects; you are likely to be able to deliver. Realize what is happening within your immediate circle. See how a situation changes radically if you relax and take some moments of solitude. Tonight: Moving through the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Your ability to move through or loved one be a bit jealous? Don't let that type of thinking have any place in a key partnership. Tonight: A discussion could be more important than you realize.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) this person. Think about the

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. more fun and creativity. A boss or authority figure could be very stubborn. Tonight:

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\* Pace yourself in order to get necessary work done. You could be very tired or exhausted. Maintain a high profile. Suddenly, you energize. A partner or someone you have an investment in could create a new perspective out of the blue. Put 110 percent into whatever you do. Tonight:

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Let your imagination open up to new potential and understanding. Your ability to grow past an immediate issue comes out. You gain through one specific partner or loved one. Communication remains instrumental. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\* Stay on top of a situation, real-

for you. Be ready to discuss the long-term izing exactly what you need. Understand what is happening with close friends. You legt platform for debate. Tonight: Go for a might not be able to persuade another person to treat a family member or key person differently. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You seem to be able to jump over a hurdle and barely notice. Others sit back and admire your natural energy and enthusiasm. A conversation with someone less upbeat inspires him or her to a new level. Follow your sixth sense with a workrelated matter. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* Be aware of what might be going on in your mind as well as in reality, especially financially. You seem to feel luckier than you have in a long time. Is a risk worth it in the long run? Tonight: Think before you offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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#### Children

"I know of a teenager that crosses every day to see if his grandparents are still alive in Matamoros," just across the border from Brownsville, she said.

Susana Jones, a counselor in the El Paso area, said students who have been exposed to violence express their anger by fighting in school and talking back to teachers.

"After my brother escaped an attempted kidnapping, he started having anger issues. He would talk back to his teachers and eventually got expelled," recalls Carlos Gallardo, who graduated from Cathedral last summer.

When the two Cathedral students were gunned down in February, the slayings brought the cost of war back to the classroom.

"One of them sat right behind me, and it felt really weird whenever I'd look back and see the empty desk," said Carlos Gomez, a student who founded a group called Hope Without Borders, which focuses on raising awareness about violence affecting children and teenagers in general.

Many of the children were already struggling with

poverty and now must confront "the overwhelming experiences of their worst nightmares and fears coming true," said Steven Marans, director of the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence

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at the Yale Child Study Center. In the long term, if the children do not get help, victims can turn into victimizers.

"If you can't concentrate, and you can't do well in school, you can't find mastery in academics, so they find mastery using their strength" upon others, Marans said.

Victims in the drug war are often stigmatized by people who believe they had something to do with the drug trade.

In reality, said Laura Olague, executive director at the Children's Grief Center in El Paso, some of them were targeted for not paying extortion or got caught

According to a study by the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, about 115,000 Mexicans have taken refuge in the United States since violence spiked in their country in 2006.

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#### Hall

to do that."

The clinic is actually in the midst of a growth process, according to Hall.

"We are actually actively going to recruit another primary care provider to be in here to help," he said. "We're not closing. We have over 1,500 patients enrolled already, and we're not going to leave the patients out there. We're going to continue to see them. We're increasing our services here. We're expanding our services, not contracting.

That expansion, Hall said, is tied into the new clinic project recently announced by the ESFT.

"There is actually no 'new' clinic," Hall said. "It's the Genesis Clinic. The question is, with the expanding services and the size of this building, would it be worth relocating and worth building a new building?

"(The new clinic) is just an expansion and possible relocation. We are not in any way competing against the hospital. That was misconstrued. We don't want to do that. We do want to make sure that there is plenty of primary

care available in Pampa." Hall said that the development of that project is still very much in its for-

mative stages. "We're still in the architectural phase," Hall said. "There is USDA money available and we're looking at the business plan. We're having a complete and formal audit done of the (ESFT). We're going to develop a formal business plan that, along with the USDA potential funding, we'll look and see the feasibility of a new clinic versus just expanding here."

Hall said that the audit should be finished within two weeks. By the end of the year, he continued, the ESFT should have a concrete understanding of whether the USDA funding will be accessible and how much of it there is. After those steps are in place, Hall said that the design and construction of any new facility would take close to a year.

The ESFT has had discussions with landowners in and around Pampa, he added, but a location for any new buildıng has not been finalized. Equipment for the time for all this, then

expanded clinic would come from the Genesis Clinic's current inventory, as well as through the acquisition of other tools that would augment the services that are currently

available locally. "We're looking to provide extra assets that won't be in competition with the hospital that can provide expanded healthcare coverage in this community," Hall said. "An example would be, the Family Medical Center has a machine called a DexaScan. It's for bone density measurements, but that stays pretty busy with the patient population. The rest of the people have to go to Amarillo to have it done. We're looking at the possibility of getting DexaScan here. There's a lot of pulmonary function testing that can be done in a clinic. There's things like that can be done that aren't done anywhere else here

"There will always be a need for Amarillo and all the specialists over there, but if we can minimize the people that have to drive over there all the

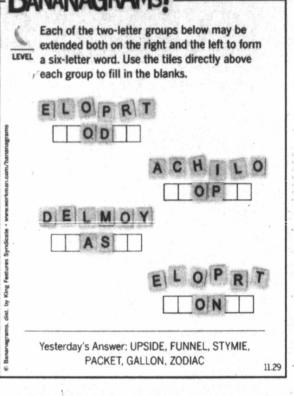
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here. "Anything we do will not be in direct competition with the hospital," reiterated Hall. "We want it to be successful, but there is room for growth

it's better for the public

in this town in clinics." As for uncovering the truth behind the ongoing rumors about the state of healthcare in Pampa, Hall suggested going right to

the source. "The main thing I want people to understand is if they have got questions, they need to ask their doctors," Hall said. "There's a lot of rumors out there that are not true. ... Don't allow the rumors on the street to get to you, because there's a lot of misinformation out there. We need calmness out there. We don't need panicking. There are people dedicated to helping here."



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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 25 years has an annoying habit that drives me crazy. When she starts a conversation with me, she'll speak in a very low voice and mumble without looking at me. I truly cannot hear or understand respond with, "Excuse me?" "Pardon me?" or "What?"

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I have created online wish asked her to please not do it, tions. I try to be polite. But Mom's feelings are always Why does she do this hurt when I'm not "thrilled" with the unwanted gifts, and it puts a damper on events that should be happy ones. I hate She's always telling me to her wasting money on things turn down the TV. - MAR- that will not be appreciated or RIED TO A MUMBLER IN used. How do I handle this?

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something you will enjoy.

DEAR ABBY: We have close friends and alternate having dinner at each other's homes. The wife has a couple of habits I find annoying.

She'll run her fingers around the outside of a serving dish and then lick her finger. After dinner, I always have a dish of candy on the table for everyone's enjoyment. But before this woman leaves, she'll say she's taking some of it home to eat later.

Am I being petty to be annoyed by her behavior? -WILLING TO SHARE, BUT

DEAR WILLING: I can see how a dinner guest running her finger around a serving dish, then licking her finger could gross you out, and we both know that rather than telling you she's taking some of your candy home with her, she should wait until you offer it.

However, you say you are close friends. Therefore I assume that on some level her positives outweigh her negatives, or you would have expressed how her behavior makes you feel which would have solved your problem because you'd be seeing a lot less of

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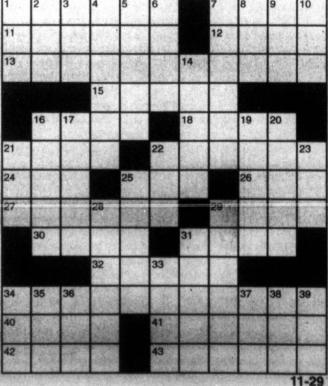
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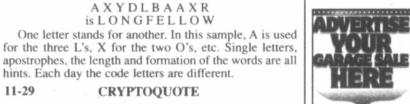
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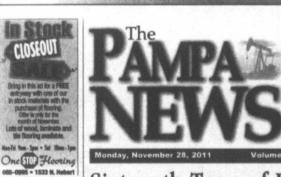
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### Lady Harvesters start week with 1A No. 10 Gruver

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters hopes their rest pays off when it visits the 1A Division 1 No. 10 Gruver Lady Greyhounds p.m. today

"We've had time to rest," head coach Gene Valentine said. "Those kids that were

in the musical have had about five days to rest. Hopefully their energy level will

Senior point guard Kirsten Kuhn said she thinks the rest helped. "That break was much-needed," Kuhn

Pampa (3-4) enters the game on a two-

game losing streak and have lost three of the last four. Valentine said the team is working on a faster offense.

'We are going to cut down on the amount of offenses that we use," Valentine said. "We are going to try to be a little more aggressive. We are going to try to see if we can penetrate a little harder.'

Junior swingman Taylor Morgan said the team needs to focus more on offense

"We have to work on getting open and moving more,' Morgan said. "We need to think about our game more and think about our The Lady Greyhounds (4-1) started



Morgan

the season 3-0. Last season, Gruver beat Pampa 58-45. Its defensive pressure was key to the victory. Valentine said he expects the Lady Greyhounds to play aggressively.

"They are not a very big team," Valentine said. "They are a lot

like Wellington and Canadian. They are quick and play aggressive."

Kuhn

Madison McClain who was a junior led the team in the scoring with 22 points. Kuhn said the team will have to play good defense against her.

"We have to make sure she is not the only player contributing to their points," Kuhn said.

The Lady Harvesters close the week competing in the River Road Tournament starting 9 a.m. Thursday against Sanford-Fritch. Valentine said he doesn't know much about Fritch.

"A lot of these small school preseason games, it's like here you are and let's see what we can do to you," Valentine said. Kuhn and Morgan thinks they should

do well at the tournament. "I think we will do better this year," Morgan said.

"As long as we play like we know how, like we played against Frenship, I think it should go good," Kuhn said. "We should keep a high level of play."

Pampa went 1-2 in last season's tournament and finished fourth. Valentine said he thinks his team will compete well.

"I told them that if we win two, we can be in the championship," Valentine said. "We can do it. It's just coming out with a good frame of mind and a good mind

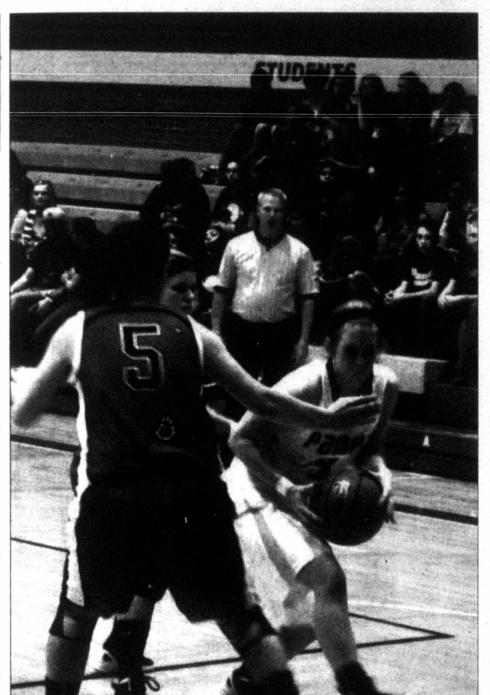
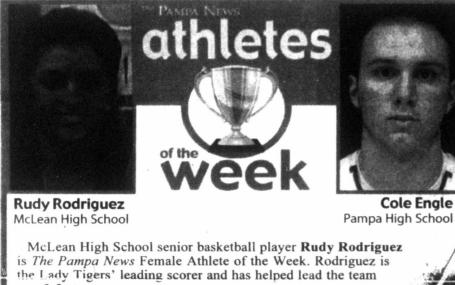


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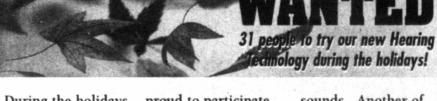
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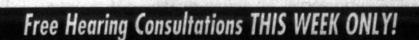
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