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**Area officials keep eyes peeled for mountain lion**

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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Terry reported tracks that were bigger than a bobcat's. Reports of mountain lions are not that uncommon in the Texas Panhandle. Particularly in dry years, such cats have been reported in the area, especially along the Canadian River.

In 2009, Judge Phil Vanderpool reported watching one from his kitchen window on the northeast side of Pampa.

Vanderpool said he looked out the window that early October day and saw a mountain lion sauntering along a draw a couple hundred

Carson, Hutchinson and Roberts County officials were looking for a mountain lion today after a 'large cat' reportedly killed several goats this week in Skellytown and a dog in Miami.

Roberts County officials reported a dog was killed and drug off from a residence on the west side of Miami.

Several goats were killed in Skellytown, according to Carson County Sheriff Tam Terry. Although no one saw the cat, **LION** cont. on page 8

**PHS GIRLS IN CAPROCK STRONG FINISH**



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**  
 The PHS Lady Harvesters pose with the trophy they earned by winning the consolation bracket in the Caprock tournament.

**LOOKING FORWARD**



staff photo by **David Bowser**  
 As 2010 becomes 2011, Sharon Thomas looks at calendars at Hastings in Coronado Center to see what the future holds.

**Pampa sets resolutions for 2011**

**THE PAMPA NEWS**

As always around this time of year, New Year's resolutions were the talk of the town as 2010 draws to a close.

Some took vows out of guilt, some out of thoughtfulness and some in fun.

"Mine is to finish the jobs that I started this past year," said Karan Cross, looking at the stack of papers on her desk.

Rhonda Kidd said hers was to eat healthier and be a better person.

"Exercise more," said Alvin Stokes III.

Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Sheriff's Department said his was to quit chewing tobacco, 28 years after he'd originally adopted the habit.

Todd Alvey said his was to be more prepared and focused.

"To leave the wild women alone," said Kerry Hodge with a twinkle in his eye.

Cotton Hargrove said he would lose some weight and save more money.

Ronnie Terry said his resolution is to read *The Pampa News* online and be a better person. **RESOLUTIONS** cont. on page 8

**Appraisal District to have last '10 meeting**

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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The Gray County Appraisal District board of directors will meet Friday afternoon to discuss an appeal.

The board will go into closed session when they meet at 3:15 p.m. Friday in the Gray County Appraisal District conference room at 815 North Summer to discuss the appeal.

Any action they decide upon will follow in open session.

There will be no issue of *The Pampa News* on Jan. 1, 2011, because of the New Year's holiday. Normal weekend features are included in today's issue. **Have a Happy New Year!**

**OFFICER CHASE RETIRES**

**END OF AN ERA**

**Officer Beverly Chase** is presented a ring by Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing during her retirement ceremonies at City Hall.

Chase also received a number of congratulatory letters from area law enforcement agencies.

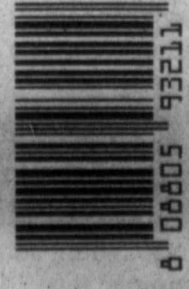


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# For the record

## Obituaries

### PAMPA FORECAST

| Saturday                                                                          | Sunday                                                                            | Monday                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| High 29<br>Low 11                                                                 | High 40<br>Low 20                                                                 | High 49<br>Low 21                                                                 |

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 9. Wind chill values between -2 and 3. North north-west wind around 10 mph.

**New Year's Day:** Sunny, with a high near 29. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday Night:** Clear, with a low around 11. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 40. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 49. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 21.

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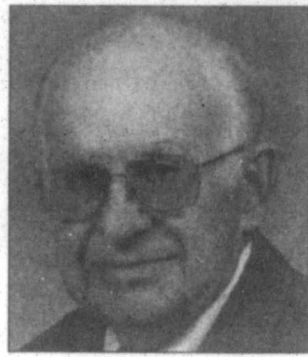
### Hansford Ousley, 89

Hansford Ousley, 89, died December 29, 2010, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, January 3, 2011, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Ave. Church of Christ of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Masonic rites courtesy Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ousley was born February 21, 1921, in Dickens County. He grew up in Spur, graduating from Spur High School. Hansford married Billie Powell on April 21, 1940, in Spur. She preceded him in death on April 4, 2006. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during World War II. He worked for over 50 years with Ideal Food Stores, Affiliated Foods, and Wright's Packing in Vernon. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge



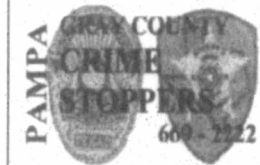
Ousley

#966 AF&AM, where in 1996, he received his 50-year pen. He was also a member of the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, the Khiva Shrine Temple, and was a longtime member of the Pampa Lions Club. He was a longtime member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. Hansford loved the outdoors where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing. He was a blessing to his family and friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Ramirez and husband Jamie of Tyrone, N.M.; a son, Bobby Ousley of Pampa; brother, Ray Ousley and wife Wanda of Dumas; brother-in-law, Gordon Anderson of Lubbock; two grandsons, Jeffrey Neuberger and wife Shawn of Dallas, and Chad Howie and wife Nikki of Las Vegas, Nev.; a granddaughter, Jennifer Castaneda and husband Jorge of Benicia, Calif.; six great-grandchildren, Taylor Howie and Lexie Howie, both of Las Vegas, Nev., Jaden Neuberger of Dallas, Ria Castaneda, Julia Castaneda and Grace Castaneda, all of Benicia, Calif.; a cousin, Hal Ousley and wife Lynette of Cedar Crest, N.M. Hansford was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Neuberger; a brother, Joe Ousley, and a sister, Jean Anderson.

Memorials may be made to Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

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a Firearm



**Leonard Jay Kane**  
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Possession of Controlled  
Substance



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39 years old/ White  
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Forgery



**Tequilla Hall**  
25 years old/ Black  
Female/5'05"/132lb/ Brown  
Eyes/Brown Hair/

**WANTED**  
Possession of Controlled  
Substance

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**Oscar Espinoza**  
30 years old/Hispanic Male/  
5'06"/220lb/Brown Eyes/  
Brown Hair

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If you have seen any of these people, please contact the Pampa/ Gray County Crime Stoppers at (806) 669-2222. Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons that commit felony crimes or drug dealing anywhere in the Pampa Gray County area. Remember, you will remain anonymous. The information contained on these fugitives was correct when published, but may no longer be current by the time it is read.

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# AFTERNOONRUSH Community colleges see enrollment boom

## Atmos ordered to pay \$31M

BROWNSVILLE, Ky. (AP) - A jury in western Kentucky has ordered a Texas-based natural gas supplier to pay \$31.35 million to a group of landowners and investors who claimed they were owed royalty payments.

The ruling against Atmos Energy came at the end of a five-week trial in Edmonson Circuit Court.

The suit was filed last year. The plaintiffs alleged the utility breached a contract that should have paid one-eighth of total royalties of its Park City gas project.

A.V. Conway, a Hartford attorney who represented the landowners, said Atmos had paid only about 1 percent of total royalties on the project.

The jury awarded about \$7.7 million to the landowners, and the rest to a company owned by Robert Thorpe, which acted as a third-party producer in the project.

An attorney for Dallas-based Atmos did not respond to a request for comment.

## Judge orders halt to waste dump

AUSTIN (AP) - A Texas judge has ordered a temporary halt to plans that could allow three dozen states to dump radioactive waste in far West Texas.

Judge Jon Wisser, siding with environmentalists, signed a temporary restraining order Thursday against the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission.

The commission was scheduled to vote Jan. 4 on rules that could expand how much waste could be processed at a dump in remote Andrews County.

The ruling preventing a vote came as environmentalists and critics on the commission accused regulators and a politically connected company of rushing the proposal past Texans who are too focused on the holidays to notice.

## Oil falls below \$90

NEW YORK (AP) - Energy prices dropped Thursday after the government said oil and natural gas supplies fell less than expected last week.

Benchmark crude for February delivery lost \$1.94 at \$89.18 per-barrel. It was the first time in a week that oil was below the \$90 mark.

Oil has been surging for most of December as U.S. petroleum consumption ticked higher and traders looked forward to 2011, when oil is expected to touch \$100 per barrel and perhaps go higher.

Rising oil prices have pushed gasoline pump prices higher. They were up again on Thursday. The national average for a gallon of regular hit \$3.07, about six cents higher than a week ago and 45 cents more than a year ago. Drivers across the country pay a range of prices at the pump. In California you'll pay about \$3.32 a gallon. In New York gas goes for around \$3.30 a gallon. The average is \$2.91 in Texas and \$2.82 in Colorado.

Some analysts think the national average will hit \$3.75 by spring.

## Houston furloughs to begin

HOUSTON (AP) - Mayor Annise Parker is ordering most Houston city workers to take six unpaid days off over the next six months as she tries to close an estimated \$30 million budget shortfall.

Parker said police, firefighters, grant-funded positions and workers making less than \$24,000 a year would be exempt. Her order, after a request for voluntary furloughs for this month, is expected to save about \$5 million.

Parker is winding up her first year of a two-year term. She said Thursday the furloughs were not a solution to the city's budget problems but a tool the narrow the deficit.

The mayor also is planning to sell some surplus property and consolidate some city departments to generate revenue.

## Court denies stay in EPA case

DALLAS (AP) - A federal appeals court has blocked Texas' effort to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from forcing states to regulate carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on Wednesday declined to issue a stay that would delay the EPA's plans as Texas' lawsuit against the federal agency moves forward. Texas is suing to stop the EPA from implementing a plan to regulate the gases that will start on Jan. 2.

The EPA took the unprecedented step this month of announcing it will directly issue permits to Texas industries after the state openly refused to comply with the regulations.

A spokeswoman for Texas Gov. Rick Perry said he was disappointed with the court's ruling but confident that the state will prevail "in the end."

## Fund admin pays for advice

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The administrator of the \$20 billion fund BP set up to compensate Gulf oil spill victims is using money from it to pay for advice from a law professor who backs his assertion that he is independent from the oil giant.

A spokeswoman for the Gulf Coast Claims Facility told The Associated Press on Thursday that fund czar Ken Feinberg has agreed to pay for advice from New York University law school professor Stephen Gillers, who produced a letter that says Feinberg is neutral and not subject to BP's control.

Some victims, lawyers and state officials unhappy with the claims process have questioned Feinberg's independence and suggested he is a pawn in a BP effort to limit its liability.

AUSTIN (AP) - Community college enrollment in Texas surged 12.2 percent from 2008 to 2009, a trend officials expect to continue even as educators worry whether funding levels during a state budget crunch can support the growth.

Citing the most recent state-certified statistics, the Austin American-Statesman reported Thursday that the enrollment increase at two-year schools was nearly three times the growth at four-year institutions. Community and technical colleges had 692,845 students compared to 532,226 at public universities, which saw an increase of 4.5 percent.

Graduation and retention rates were markedly lower at two-year schools, where nearly half the students were not ready for college-level work in one or more areas.

State budget problems could mean significant cuts and higher tuition rates for community colleges, where costs are considerably lower than four-year schools.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board expects community college enrollment to continue a rapid rise because of varied academic offerings, open admissions policies and much more palatable tuition rates. But even school leaders acknowledge that financial challenges loom.

A state budget shortfall that could reach \$20 billion is forcing agencies, including community college districts, to propose 10 percent cuts in their financial planning.

Austin Community College President Stephen Kinslow said he hopes to avoid layoffs and reductions in student-support services by cutting back on technology and capital spending. The college would need voter approval to raise property taxes and isn't planning to pursue that, he said.

"I think it's clear that tuition will have to be increased," Kinslow said. Community colleges also

face challenges in the classroom because only about 30 percent of those who enroll in two-year schools earn a degree or certificate within six years; according to state figures. The six-year graduation rate at public four-year universities in Texas is almost twice that.

Two-year schools also have a harder time keeping students for the second year. About 67 percent of community college students continue after the first year compared to 88 percent at four-year schools.

A four-year school not only offers a better statistical shot at earn-

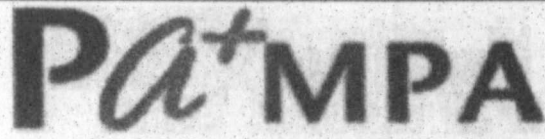
ing a degree but also the chance to absorb broader, life-enriching exposure to the arts, economic issues, global affairs and so forth, said Lisa Fielder, executive director of College Forward, an Austin-based nonprofit that helps low-income students apply to college, obtain financial aid and stay enrolled.

But David Gardner, deputy commissioner of the Higher Education Coordinating Board, said booming enrollment figures at community colleges are a good thing. He said two-year schools are attractive because of cost and access.

Moreover, community colleges serve a wide demographic, including working adults, students with families and part-time students, he said.

If budget problems persist, though, community colleges could be forced to make painful cuts to faculty and critical support services.








"We're being asked to do a great deal more with a great deal less," Austin Community College's Kinslow said. "It's not a good recipe for success and for meeting the state's goal of ensuring a qualified workforce."



## Pampa ISD Events for the Week of January 3 - January 8

Watch this space every Saturday for a weekly listing of non-athletic events from every campus in our school district.

### January 3, 2011 - School Begins

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| <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p><b>Pampa High School</b><br/>                 Jan. 5 • NHS Meeting 4:00 p.m. Commons<br/>                 Jan. 5 • Basketball Booster Meeting 6:30 p.m. Commons<br/>                 Jan. 5 • Baseball Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Ready Room<br/>                 Jan. 6 • Report Cards<br/>                 Jan. 8 • Choir Area Auditions in Abilene<br/>                 Jan. 8 • Band All State Auditions</p> <p><b>Pampa Jr. High</b><br/>                 Jan. 5 • National Junior Society 7:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m.<br/>                 Jan. 5 • Report Cards</p> <p><b>Austin Elementary</b><br/>                 Jan. 4 • Booster Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.<br/>                 Jan. 6 • Wear College Shirts<br/>                 Jan. 7 • Perfect Attendance Recognition</p> <p><b>Lamar Elementary</b><br/>                 Jan. 6 • 5th Grade Field Trip to Amarillo</p> <p><b>Travis Elementary</b><br/>                 Jan. 5 • 4th Grade Trip to Amarillo Symphony<br/>                 Jan. 6 • Report Cards<br/>                 Jan. 7 • Awards Assembly 8:15 a.m.</p> |
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Friday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2010.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 31, 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

### On this date:

In 1857, Britain's Queen Victoria decided to make Ottawa the capital of Canada.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1909, the Manhattan Bridge, spanning the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened to vehicular traffic.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1969, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was shot to death along with his wife and daughter in their Clarksville, Pa., home by hit men acting under the orders of UMWA president Tony Boyle.

In 1970, Paul McCartney filed a lawsuit in London's High Court against his fellow Beatles to officially dissolve their partnership.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1990, football coach George Allen died in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., at age 72. (Allen was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2002.)

In 1997, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado.

**Ten years ago:** President Bill Clinton authorized the United States to sign a treaty creating the world's first permanent international war crimes tribunal to bring to justice people accused of crimes against humanity.

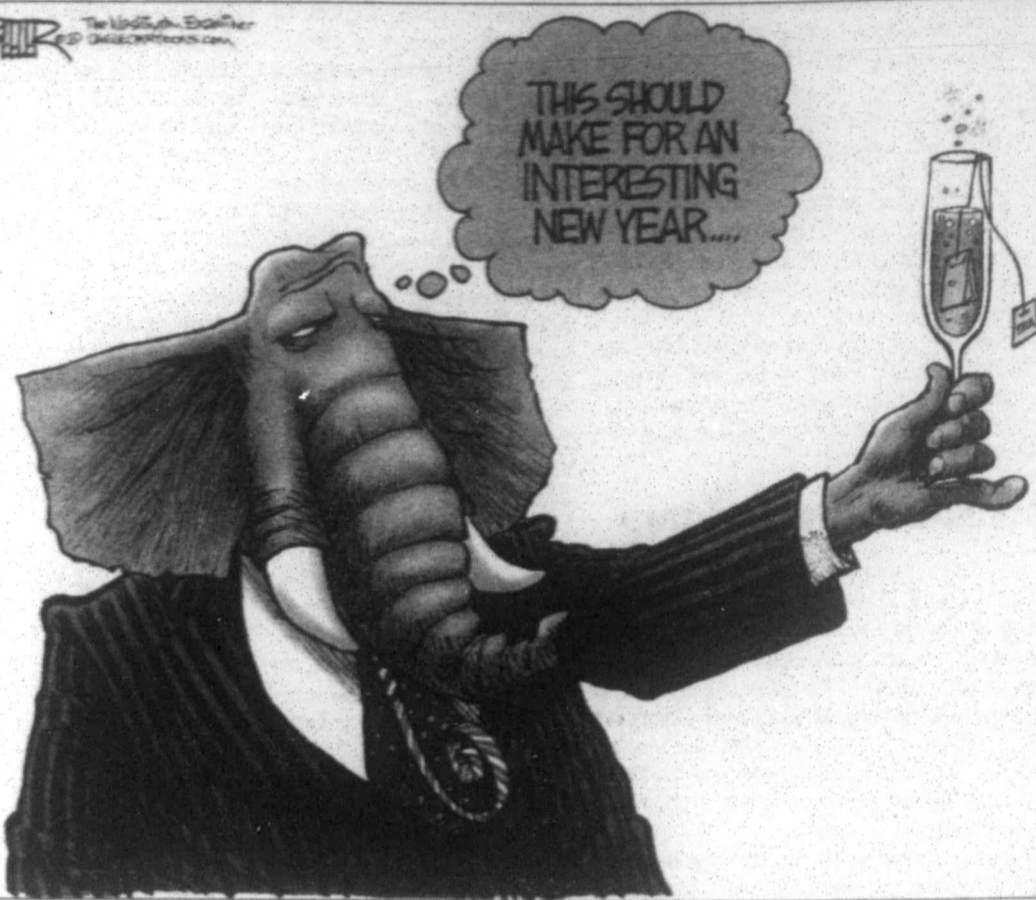
**Five years ago:** Dick Clark, in his first television appearance since his stroke in 2004, helped ring in the new year in Times Square.

**One year ago:** A lone gunman dressed in black killed five people in Espoo, Finland, four at a crowded shopping mall, before returning home and taking his own life.

**Today's Birthdays:** TV producer George Schlatter is 81. Actor Sir Anthony Hopkins is 73. Actor Tim Considine ("My Three Sons") is 70. Actress Sarah Miles is 69. Rock musician Andy Summers is 68. Actor Sir Ben Kingsley is 67. Producer-director Taylor Hackford is 66. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 64. Actor Tim Matheson is 63. Pop singer Burton Cummings (The Guess Who) is 63. Singer Donna Summer is 62. Actor Joe Dallesandro is 62. Rock musician Actor James Remar is 57. Actress Bebe Neuwirth is 52. Actor Val Kilmer is 51. Singer Paul Westerberg is 51. Actor Don Diamont is 48. Rock musician Ric Ivanisevich (Oleander) is 48. Rock musician Scott Ian (Anthrax) is 47. Actress Gong Li is 45. Author Nicholas Sparks is 45. Actor Lance Reddick is 41. Pop singer Joe McIntyre is 38. Rock musician Mikko Siren (Apocalyptica) is 35.

**Thought for Today:** "Though the past haunts me as a spirit, I do not ask to forget." - Felicia Dorothea Browne Hemans, English poet (1793-1835)

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## For New Year's: Party like it's 1999

Ah, New Year's Eve. What a great night to revisit the past year.

Though I'd rather revisit 1999.

The unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in 1999.

Dot-com stocks were still creating lots of paper millionaires.

The U.S. deficit for that year was \$1 billion -- that's right, "billion" with a "b," a far cry from the \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion it is now.

Things were going so well, we had to make up crises, such as Y2K, the Millennium Bug!

Because computerized devices used only two digits to record the date -- "99" for "1999" -- numerous glitches were expected to occur at exactly 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000, when at least some of the devices would mistake "00" for "1900."

Senators held press conferences to warn the public to prepare for the worst.

President Clinton told us to keep a lookout for terrorists, who might take advantage of the potential chaos.

Federal bureaucrats even appeared competent. They established mobile

command centers on the National Mall, where thousands of New Year's Eve revelers would celebrate.

They directed police, firemen, FBI agents and CIA operatives to crawl around our nation's capital to thwart anyone looking to pull any funny business.

They made detailed preparations -- cots, blankets, bottled water, canned goods, shelter, portable lighting -- to respond to any and every contingency.

But nothing happened. When the clock struck midnight that New Year's Eve, there were few glitches, no chaos and zero mass hysteria of any kind.

Y2K, wrote The Wall Street Journal, was, essentially, a giant hoax.

That was the downside of America then. We were at our best in preparing for crises that weren't real.

We lived in a fiction of our own creation -- fake wealth, fake security, fake spending promises at the local, state and federal levels that we'd never be able to afford.

Boy, would the realities of the next decade be a bear.

No sooner did 2000 begin than the dot-com bubble

burst, wiping out trillions in paper wealth.

In 2001, terrorists would catch us with our pants down, striking us hard.

A worried Federal Reserve would begin a series of interest-rate cuts to pump "easy money" into the economy.

That easy money, combined with bad government policies to both create (Citizens Reinvestment Act) and buy (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) bundles of risky subprime home loans, would fuel a housing bubble.

The housing bubble would burst in 2008, wiping out trillions in wealth and kicking off the worst recession since the Great Depression.

Voters would kick Republicans out of office. Democrats, controlling the presidency and both houses of Congress, would make

more fake promises we will never keep and would spend, by New Year's Eve 2010, nearly \$4 trillion more than we had.

The unemployment rate would be stuck at nearly 10 percent. State and local governments would begin to default on debt payments.

And all these woes would seem small compared to the \$100 trillion in unfunded liabilities that generous politicians saddled our country with -- liabilities we may never be able to pay for.

To be sure, our reckoning has finally arrived.

As bad as the past decade has been, the next decade will be plenty worse -- unless we embrace the difficult, painful business of getting our house in order.

So while many in the media look back at the high points of the past year -- while many neglect the sizable problems facing us -- I will escape to a happier time. This New Year's Eve, I'm going to party like it's 1999.

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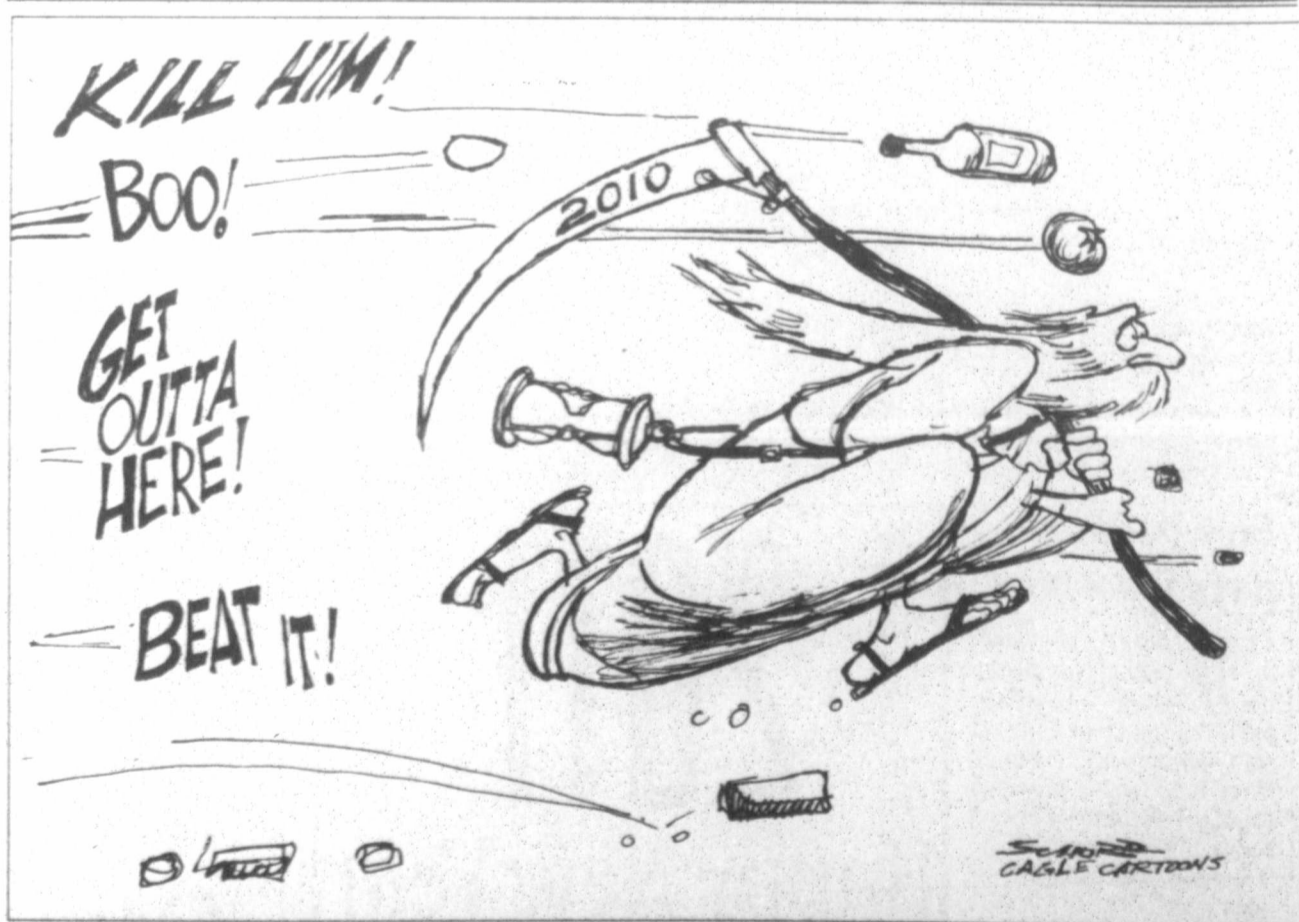
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## Saturday in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 1, the first day of 2011. There are 364 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states were free.

### On this date:

In 1511, the first Henry, Duke of Cornwall, son of King Henry VIII of England and Catherine of Aragon, was born. (However, the baby died less than two months later.)

In 1861, Mexican forces loyal to Benito Juarez recaptured Mexico City, effectively ending the Reform War.

In 1890, the first Tournament of Roses was held in Pasadena, Calif.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1911, Baseball Hall-of-Famer Hank Greenberg, considered the sport's first Jewish superstar, was born in New York.

In 1953, country singer Hank Williams Sr., 29, was discovered dead in the back seat of his car during a stop in Oak Hill, W.Va., while he was being driven to a concert date in Canton, Ohio.

In 1959, Fidel Castro and his revolutionaries overthrew Cuban leader Fulgencio Batista, who fled to the Dominican Republic.

In 1961, in the first American Football League Championship Game, the Houston Oilers defeated the Los Angeles Chargers, 24-16, at Jeppesen Stadium.

In 1984, the breakup of AT&T took place as the telecommunications giant was divested of its 22 Bell System companies under terms of an antitrust agreement.

In 1994, the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect.

**Ten years ago:** It was announced that Tyson Foods Inc. would buy beef and pork giant IBP Inc. in a deal valued at \$3.2 billion in cash and stock. (Tyson later tried to back out, but IBP sued, and a judge ordered Tyson to complete the deal.) In time for the year 2001, a mysterious black monolith, standing nine feet tall, appeared in Seattle's Magnuson Park, placed there by guerrilla artists. Actor Ray Walston died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 86.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush strongly defended his domestic spying program, calling it legal as well as vital to thwarting terrorist attacks. The Medicare prescription drug plan went into effect. American teenager Farris Hassan, who'd traveled alone to Iraq to experience the lives of its people, returned home to Florida after three weeks in the Middle East. New England's Doug Flutie converted the NFL's first successful drop kick in 64 years during a 28-26 loss to Miami.

**One year ago:** A suicide bomber detonated a truckload of explosives on a volleyball field in north-west Pakistan, killing at least 97 people.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 89. Actor Ty Hardin is 81. Documentary maker Frederick Wiseman is 81. Actor Frank Langella is 73. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 69. Writer-comedian Don Novello is 68. Actor Rick Hurst is 65. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 61. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., is 57. Rapper Grandmaster Flash is 53. Actress Ren Woods is 53. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer is 47. Actress Embeth Davidtz is 45. Country singer Brian Flynn (Flynnville Train) is 45. Actor Morris Chestnut is 42. Actor Verne Troyer is 42.

**Thought for Today:** "It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers." - James Thurber, American humorist (1894-1961).

## Sunday in History

Today is Sunday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2011. There are 363 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 2, 1811, Sen. Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, became the first member of the U.S. Senate to be censured.

### On this date:

In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1900, Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, N.J., on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty, and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched its space probe Luna 1, the first manmade object to fly past the moon, its apparent intended target.

In 1981, police in Sheffield, England, arrested Peter Sutcliffe, who confessed to being the serial killer known as the "Yorkshire Ripper" who had slain 13 women.

**Ten years ago:** President-elect George W. Bush tapped Democrat Norman Y. Mineta to be his Secretary of Transportation, Spencer Abraham to be Secretary of Energy and Linda Chavez to be Secretary of Labor. (However, Chavez ended up withdrawing after it was disclosed she had given money and shelter to an illegal immigrant who once did chores around Chavez's house.)

**Five years ago:** A methane gas explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia claimed the lives of 12 miners, but one miner, Randal McCloy, Jr., was eventually rescued.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama, in his weekly Internet and radio address, said an al-Qaida affiliate in Yemen apparently ordered the failed Christmas Day bombing plot against a U.S. airliner.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country musician Harold Bradley is 85. TV host Jack Hanna is 64. Actress Wendy Phillips is 59. Actress Gabrielle Carteris is 50. Movie director Todd Haynes is 50. Actress Tia Carrere is 44. Actor Cuba Gooding, Jr. is 43. Model Christy Turlington is 42. Actor Taye Diggs is 40. Rock musician Scott Underwood (Train) is 40. Actor Dax Shepard is 36. Actress Paz Vega is 35. Country musician Chris Hartman is 33. Rock musician Jerry DePizzo Jr. (O.A.R.) is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kelton Kessee (IMX) is 30. Actress Kate Bosworth is 28.

**Thought for Today:** "You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be." - Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801).

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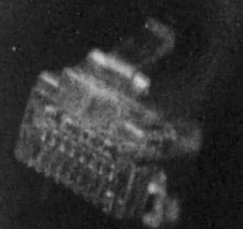
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## Benefits drop sharply

(AP) - The number of people applying for unemployment benefits fell to its lowest point in nearly two and a half years, a sign that the job market is slowly improving.

Applications dropped by 34,000 to 388,000, the fewest since July 2008, the Labor Department said Thursday. The number of applications has either fallen or remained unchanged in five of the past six weeks.

Fewer than 425,000 people seeking unemployment benefits signals modest job growth. But economists say applications need to fall consistently to 375,000 or below to bring down the unemployment rate. Applications for unemployment benefits peaked during the recession at 651,000 in March 2009.

The latest report, which covers the week with the Christmas holiday, is considered by some economists to be less reliable than most. One reason is that many state offices close for at least one day. Other seasonal factors make the report more volatile.

Still, a department analyst said there were no unusual factors affecting the report. The department takes into consideration the impact of the holiday.

Analysts said what matters most is the downward trend.

## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the three words below, change one letter to an 'R' and then rearrange the letters to spell a part of the body.

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Yesterday's Answer: PLANT, PLATE, ALTER, ORATE, ADORE, RODEO; FOCAL, CORAL, CAROB, BARON, BRAIN, BRINE

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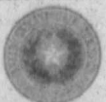
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## Resolutions

on the whole.

"For me and my son to spend more time with my grandparents," said K'Leigh Sweeney, "and to be a more positive person."

Lindzi Tice said her resolution was to be more punctual.

"To be a better example for Lindzi," said Kelly Packard, who works with Tice.

Sandra Martin, who works in the office of Gray County Judge Richard Peet, plans to stay healthy and keep the candy dish on her filing cabinet filled for itinerate newspaper reporters, she said with a smile.

Area youth and kids are getting into the New Year's

action as well. PHS junior Delaney Clendening said that her resolution is to try to have a better attitude. Five-year-old Micah Worthing (after having New Year's resolutions explained to him) pledged to help his parents put his toys away.

"That's a good resolution," chimed Brad Worthing, Micah's dad. "I'll resolve to set a good example for him. I don't know if he can stick to it. We'll see. I have faith in him."

Whatever the case, 2011 looks to be a year of self-improvement.

"Besides," laughed Brad. "There's always 2012."

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## Lion

yards away.

Area law enforcement agencies are asking residences

to keep livestock and pets penned up until they can determine the location of the mountain lion.

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## BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the words below, replace one letter with the tile after the plus sign. Then rearrange the letters to spell a type of bug.

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Yesterday's Answer: FINGER, EARDRUM, STERNUM

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Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just lost my 15-year-old sister to bullying and the school here is not doing anything about it. There have been a number of suicides due to this behavior. I want schools to realize they need to take action before someone else gets hurt.

Bullying isn't a harmless prank and it should be taken seriously. I have heard of a bullying law in some schools, but it needs to be in ALL schools. I should not have to bury my sister at such a young age.

Abby, can you please get a message out to schools and their students about bullying? Thank you. — GRIEF-STRIKEN SISTER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR GRIEF-STRIKEN SISTER: Please accept my deepest sympathy not only for the untimely loss of your sister, but also the tragic circumstances surrounding her death. Although bullying is something that has gone on for generations, in recent years school boards have only begun to realize what a serious and pervasive problem it truly is and have instituted zero tolerance policies.

In many schools where student suicides have occurred, the administration has provided grief counseling and programs to sensitize students and faculty in order to prevent it from happening. If that isn't being done in your community, the parents should be very worried.

DEAR ABBY: What do you say to a person who never stops talking? A friend does it, and I don't want to hurt her feelings. It has reached the point where I avoid her because her nonstop babbling irritates me. I have made clear to her I don't use my phone much and prefer e-mail, but it hasn't stopped her from calling anyway -- sometimes late at night. I let the machine pick up, but my sleep is still interrupted and, once again, I

am irritated.

Abby, this woman has a heart of gold. She is generous and sweet, but her incessant chatter diminishes any good feelings I have for her. Even when we're eating in a restaurant, she never stops to come up for air. How can I politely let her know her never-ending blather is getting on my nerves? — CAN'T GET A WORD IN, IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR CAN'T GET A WORD IN: Your friend is a compulsive talker. She may do it out of insecurity, or because the sound of silence makes her uncomfortable. She may do it because she thinks she's entertaining. But hogging the conversation is rude. And calling someone in the late evening, after being told that the person does not want calls after a certain hour, is also rude. Much as you might like to, I doubt anything you say politely will change her. So accept her, warts and all, or move on.

DEAR ABBY: When a man meets a woman wearing a low-cut dress or blouse, is it rude to momentarily glance down (not stare) at her cleavage? Most men find this a natural, unavoidable impulse. — DOIN' WHAT COMES NATU-RALLY

DEAR DOIN': It may be a "natural, unavoidable impulse," but gentlemen have learned to control their impulses. And that's what I recommend you do -- unless you want to offend the woman you're with or the woman you're meeting. I'm surprised you haven't heard the phrase, "My eyes are up HERE."

DEAR READERS: From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2011. And please, if you will be driving tonight, don't drink; and if you're drinking tonight, don't drive. Stay safe, everyone! — Love, ABBY

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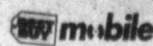
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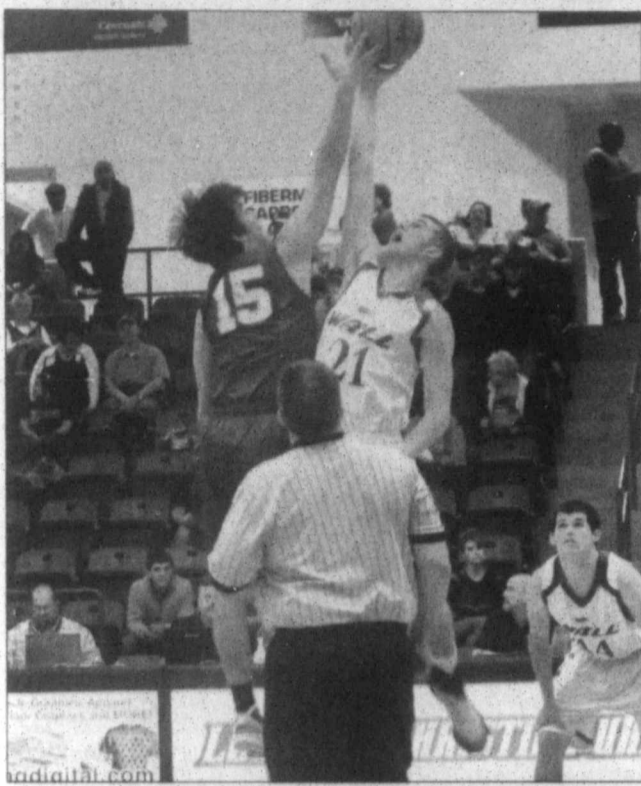


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# Sports

## Hawks' hot shooting night ends Pampa's tourney run



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**TOP:** Reid Miller tries to control the opening tip-off against Wall Thursday in the Fibermax Caprock Classic Green Division championship game. **BOTTOM:** Garrett Ericson attempts a second half jumper against White Deer.

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There are some nights where you just have to shake the opponents' hands and say, "good job." Unfortunately for the Harvesters, Thursday night's was one of those games, as they lost the championship to the Wall Hawks 93-67 at Lubbock Christian's Rip Griffin Center in the Caprock Fibermax Classic.

The Hawks made 14 of 20 three-pointers including 11 of 12 in the first half. Head coach Dustin Miller said the Hawks shot "amazing" and thought his team competed well.

"They were shooting one-foot fade shots going out of bounds and weren't hitting rim," Miller said. "We told our guys surely they can't keep this up all night. We won the second half."

Junior guard Latigo Collins said there wasn't much they could do.

"They were incredible," Collins said. "They shot better than we did at Randall. We came out and won the second half but they are a good shooting team."

Unlike the previous games of the tournament, the Harvesters got off to a slow start. Wall scored the first seven points of the game and reached 20 points before Pampa scored 10. The Hawks made three three-pointers and seven field goals. The Harvesters trailed 26-14 after the first.

Senior forward Garrett Ericson said the Harvesters came out cold.

"I couldn't hit a thing," Ericson said. "They were hot and we were cold and that's how the first half went. If we would have hit some shots maybe it would be a closer game."

In the second quarter, the Hawks continued where they left off. Wall converted eight three-pointers and had runs of eight and 10. The Hawks nearly doubled their lead within the first two minutes of the game. Jared Schooley made five three-pointers and scored 23 points in the first half. Collins led Pampa with eight points in the first half. The Harvesters were outscored 31-12 in the second and trailed 57-26 at halftime.

Pampa played evenly in the second half, outscoring the Hawks 41-36. Collins scored 13 points in the second half and senior forward Garrett Ericson scored 10.

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 17. Ericson followed with 15. Justin Walling led the team in scoring with 29 points and Schooley followed with 25.

Wall won all of their games by at least 24 points including 3A schools Andrews and Lubbock Cooper.

The Harvesters (10-6) advanced to the championship by beating White Deer 47-33 at Frenship High School earlier Thursday.

Miller said his team respected White Deer this time and knew what to expect after playing them in the

River Road Tournament earlier this month.

"I don't think we respected them the first time," Miller said. "We just looked at them as White Deer. Today we knew what to expect and played four solid quarters."

The Harvesters started strong and scored the first 10 points of the game, leading 12-4 after the first. Collins scored 8 of those points and Ericson scored four. Pampa's defense only allowed eight points in the second quarter and led 22-12 at halftime.

In the second half Pampa didn't allow the Bucks to get closer than 10.

Collins led the Harvesters in scoring with 23. Ericson followed with 17. Only four players scored for Pampa.

Seth Furgason led the Bucks in scoring with 10. Nathan Story followed with eight.

Coach Miller said overall they accomplished what they wanted to in the tournament.

"I told them it was a great playoff atmosphere," Miller said. "Hopefully, this will help down the line in district."

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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters take consolation title with clutch shots

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The Lady Harvesters entered the third quarter down by nine. Head coach Gene Valentine told his team that they weren't going to lose this game. With some clutch shooting, the Lady Harvesters won the Caprock Classic consolation championship 49-48 against the Borger Lady Bulldogs at Lubbock Trinity.

Valentine said he was hoping the game wouldn't have the intensity of a district game but was proud of his team.

"I told before the game to play like it was any other game," Valentine said. "When it got closer to the end and got tighter it turned into really wanting to win the game. They stepped up."

Junior guard Kirsten Kuhn, who hit the game-winning free throw said they were hoping to draw a foul at the end of the game.

"I realized we didn't have much time left and we needed to get a foul," Kuhn said. "I drive in and threw up a shot and luckily it went in."

The game started as a defensive struggle. Both teams were held under double digits in the first quarter. The Lady Harvesters didn't lead but had two ties at two and four. Borger led by as many as four and led 8-7 after the first.

The second quarter was back-and-forth. The Lady Bulldogs increased their lead to four at the beginning of the quarter. Pampa scored the next six points and took their first lead at 15-13. The Lady Bulldogs closed the quarter on

a 7-1 run and led 20-16 at halftime.

The Lady Bulldogs opened up their lead in the third and scored the first five points of the quarter. The Lady Harvesters didn't get closer than five points and were outscored 19-9 and trailed 39-30 after three.

The Lady Harvesters (3-14) rallied in the fourth. Kuhn hit a three to cut Borger's lead to six. Pampa trailed 46-42 with two minutes left. Sophomore Taylor Morgan hit a three-pointer and tied the game at 46. Borger led 48-46 with 13 seconds left. Kuhn dribbled up the court and with five seconds left penetrated and threw the ball up when she was fouled. The Pampa sideline erupted when the shot went in. Kuhn made the free throw easily creating more excitement on the Lady Harvester sideline.

Valentine said he didn't realize how much time was left when Kuhn made the shot.

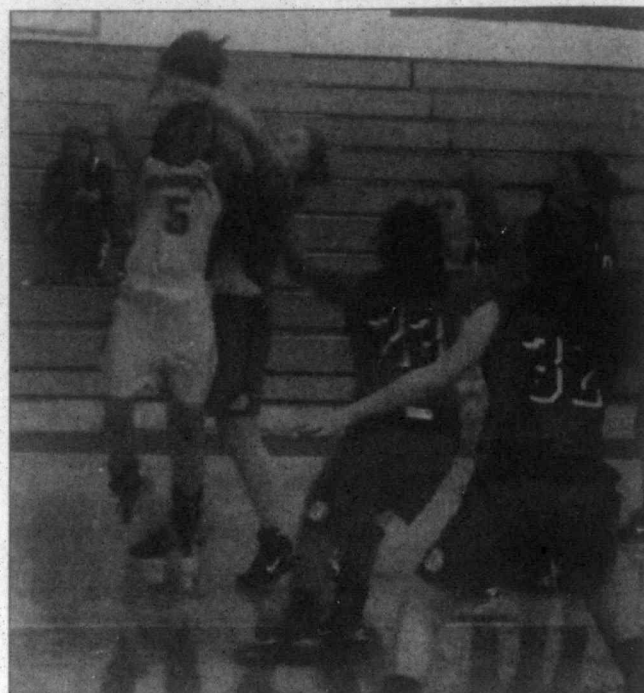
"I know how much time there was when the possession started," Valentine said. "I didn't realize there was that much time left when (Kuhn) made the free throw. She made a big free throw."

Kuhn led the Lady Harvesters in scoring with 17. Morgan followed with 11. Emma Wood led Borger in scoring with 13. J'Cece Pool followed with eight.

Valentine said they accomplished their goals in the tournament.

"We learned from Tuesday's game," Valentine said. "It helped us get together and realize we need to believe in each other. It paid off in the last two games."

The Lady Harvesters visit Bushland Tuesday.



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Courtney Ward is fouled in the first quarter. Ward made two free throws in Pampa's 49-48 victory against Borger.

## Beginning of new era for PHS football, volleyball, tennis teams

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This week, The Pampa News is taking a look back at the sports events from 2010. Pampa Harvester and Lady Harvester sports began a new era last fall, playing in 3A for the first time. Here's a look back at the 2010 volleyball, tennis and football seasons.

The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team entered the 2010 season coming off of consecutive seasons of missing the playoffs by a game. The season got off to a rough start as the Lady Harvesters were 6-6 after 12 games. Pampa would turn things around going 13-5 in the second half on non-district. In district-play, Pampa was unstoppable as they made it through undefeated on the court and won Pampa's first district title since the early 1990s. The Lady Harvesters were ranked as high as 10th in the state and advanced to the regional quarterfinals. Pampa finished the season ranked 13th.

Senior Taryn Eubank became the first Lady Harvester to earn all-state since 1964. Eubank also was selected academic all-state, won district MVP, first team all-district and won the team most valuable player. Eubank

signed to play with Hardin University in Arkansas.

Junior Kirsten Kuhn won defensive MVP, first team all-district and won the team defensive player of the year award. Junior Kailyn Troxell was selected to first team all-district and won the team offensive player of the year award. Junior Ramie Hutto was selected to first team all-district. Juniors Caitlin Sieck, Delaney Clendenning and Alanna Stephens were selected to second team all-district. Junior McKinlee Stokes was an honorable mention. Other team awards went to freshman Kylee Metts (upcoming freshman), junior Stephanie Allen (Heart Award) and Sieck (Hustling Lady Harvester).

The Pampa Harvesters football team got off to one of the roughest starts a team can. Not only did they lose their first three games but had three key players get injured in the season opener. Junior quarterback Reid Miller only missed one game, but senior linebacker Trent Carter and senior center Reid Bradley missed most of non-district. The Harvesters were able to overcome those injuries and beat Wichita Falls Hirschi, Vernon and Perryton. For the second straight season, Pampa

made the playoffs where they lost to Lubbock Cooper.

Miller was a unanimous selection for first team all-district. Senior receiver Garrett Ericson and junior receiver Latigo Collins also were selected to first team. Seniors Juan Martinez, Milo Carlson, Trent Carter and juniors Trevor Smith and Trace Carter were selected to the second team.

The Pampa Harvesters tennis team had a solid spring, finishing in the top five at four of their tournaments. Then-seniors Myles Foreman and Sammi Finney finished second in mixed doubles at district and got to compete in regionals in San Angelo.

In the fall, the Harvesters dramatically improved from last season and went 9-3, almost twice as many wins as last season. Pampa closed the fall portion of team tennis on a four-game winning streak. The Harvesters beat two of their district foes, Borger and Perryton in non-district matches. Senior Holly Gage went undefeated in singles. Junior David Moore was solid in singles. Sophomores Nick Nelson and Makayla Hampton were also tough to beat in singles. The Harvesters begin district in the spring.



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Lindsay Brown attempts a first half jumper. Brown made two three-pointers in the second half Thursday against Borger.

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**TUESDAY, Jan. 4**  
Salisbury Steak Au Jus or Teriyaki Chicken/Rice, AuGratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Beets, Northern Beans, Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jello Salad, Marble Care or Peach Cobbler or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Combread.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5**  
Roast Beef Brisket/Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Squash, Carrots, Butter Beans, Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jello Salad, Butter Pecan Cake or Coconut Cream Pie or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Combread.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 6**  
Chicken Strips or Goulash, Tator Tots, Turnip Greens, Corn, Blackeyed Peas/Snaps, Slaw, Tossed Salad, Jello Salad, Pistachio Bundt Cake or Blueberry Pie or Fruit Cup, Hot Roll or Combread.

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BBQ Meatballs, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Apricots.

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Roast, Hominy Casserole Zucchini/Tomatoes, Pineapple.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5**  
Chicken Nuggets, Baked Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Peaches.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 6**  
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**Select the proper type of rope for the job**

**Dear Pat:** I need to buy some rope for various home improvement and landscaping projects around my house. It seems like I mostly find the yellow plastic stuff. What types of rope are best for which jobs? — Kathy M.

**Dear Kathy:** People often think rope is just rope, but this is an oversimplification. There are many different types of rope, and some function significantly better for various tasks than others. Keep in mind if a rope breaks when supporting a heavy object, serious injury can occur. Also, the prices of various types of rope vary significantly.

As you noted, most rope you find at hardware and home center stores is made of three-strand twisted yellow plastic. The type of plastic is actually polypropylene. It is inexpensive, but really not the best type of rope for most applications.

Three important factors to consider when selecting the proper type of rope for a job are its relative strength, elasticity and knot-forming characteristics. No one type of rope is best in all these factors, so it is best to have several types of rope from which to select.

Yellow polypropylene rope has medium strength and low elasticity. This makes it fine for holding light loads. It is made of plastic, so it is not harmed by moisture and can be stored anywhere without concern for rot. It is commonly used on boats and around swimming pools because it is the only common type of rope that floats on water.

One drawback of polypropyl-

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ene rope is it is stiff and difficult to tie into a knot.

Polypropylene plastic is often used for lifting hinges, so it has a memory. If you try to tie it into a knot, it usually springs back and unties itself. When polypropylene rope gets old, it has an unpleasant prickly feel when handling it.

White polyester rope is better to use for supporting items because it is relatively strong and has very low elasticity. The combination of its stiffness and strength make it particularly good when lifting heavy items. It costs slightly more than \$1 per foot for typical 5/8-inch-diameter rope.

If you have to make knots with polyester rope to tie something down, select a soft-laid type, which is more flexible. For straight lifting and strength, a hard-laid type is best. Being made of plastic, it is rot resistant and can be stored and used in damp locations.

Nylon rope costs about the same as polyester rope and has similar properties. The major difference is nylon rope is much more elastic. This makes it less applicable to lifting and tying heavy loads, but much better for a safety rope. If you fall and are supported by nylon rope, its elasticity will ease and absorb some of the shock. This is also a benefit when pulling out a car that is stuck in mud.

The other two less-expensive types of rope are made from natural materials. Manila rope is mod-

erately strong and good for pulley applications because it does not stretch much and is stiff. It is often coated with oil so it resists rot. Natural sisal fiber rope is the most inexpensive and is a good general-purpose rope for packaging and bundling yard waste. It is

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**Rope**

There are many different types of ropes available. Some of the most popular types are sisal rope, manila, polypropylene and nylon rope.

**SISAL**

Natural fiber rope that is popular around the farm, home and shop.

**Positives:** Low priced, cuts easily, biodegradable, holds a knot well, durable, ability to stretch.

**Negatives:** Not recommended for areas that receive high humidity.



**MANILA**

Commonly used utility rope that is the first choice for many physical activities.

**Positives:** Low cost, ties and knots well, stretch resistance, cuts easily.

**Negatives:** Tends to unravel at the ends when cut, not UV or water resistant.



**POLYPROPYLENE**

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**Positives:** Low cost, light weight, floats on water, high visibility, will not rot due to water and is resistant to mildew.

**Negatives:** Difficult to cut, susceptible to UV damage, susceptible to friction.



**NYLON**

Nylon rope is one of the most durable ropes in common use today.

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**Negatives:** Has a low burning point, tends to unravel at the ends when cut.



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By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

- 44 Katy Perry's "I Kissed —"
- 45 Fires
- 46 Wither-spoon of "Walk the Line"
- 1 Truman's hometown
- 6 Crack up
- 11 Chilled
- 12 Like lambs
- 13 Poet Nash
- 14 Pigeon perch
- 15 Decimal base
- 16 Diluted
- 18 Yale student
- 19 Mermaid's home
- 20 Tax agcy.
- 21 Hobo attire
- 23 Antlered beasts
- 25 That girl
- 27 "What'd you say?"

**DOWN**

- 1 Blackout criminal
- 2 Frank McCourt's mother
- 3 Commo-dores album
- 4 Trick taker, often
- 5 Leases
- 6 David's foe
- 7 Chef's need
- 8 "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," for one
- 9 Ticks off
- 10 Actions
- 17 "— a Rebel"
- 22 Take in
- 24 Switz. neighbor
- 26 Chasms
- 28 Rugged range
- 29 Designer Claiborne
- 31 Edmonton team
- 32 Canoe need
- 33 Snares
- 35 French film award
- 38 Sure thing
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Pizza Dippers or Pizza, Black-Eyed Peas, Broccoli Florets, Applesauce. **Breakfast** - Biscuit, Gravy.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5**  
BBQ on a Bun or Steak Fingers, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit, Chocolate Cake. **Breakfast** - Cinnamon Pastries.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 6**  
Macaroni & Cheese or Popcorn Chicken, English Peas, Tossed Salad, Peaches. **Breakfast** - Pancake 'N Sausage on a Stick.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: COURAGE IS THE DISCOVERY THAT YOU MAY NOT WIN, AND TRYING WHEN YOU KNOW YOU CAN LOSE. — TOM KRAUSE

## Stowers among college seminar attendees

Fourteen students from colleges and universities across Oklahoma participated in the Oklahoma Scholar-Leadership Enrichment Program seminar "Predicting Politics," held Nov. 10 through 14 at the University of Central Oklahoma.

The aim of the seminar was to help students examine the development of forecasting U.S. national elections and evaluate the success of models used in recent elections, including the 2008 presidential election and the 2010 midterm congressional elections.

Among those attending was Tanna Jo Stowers, a senior at the University of Oklahoma.

She is the daughter of Dennis and Tonja Stowers of Pampa.

The seminar was led by James E. Campbell, chair of the Department of Political Science at the University at Buffalo of the State University of New York. He serves as president of Pi Sigma Alpha and the National Political Science Honor Society. In addition, he has served as an American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow and a program director at the National Science Foundation, as well as on the editorial boards of six political science journals and the executive councils of seven political science organizations. The

author of four books and more than 60 book chapters and articles, Professor Campbell's latest book is the second edition of The American Campaign: u.s. Presidential Campaigns and the National Vote (Texas A&M University Press). Prior to joining the UB faculty, he served on the faculties of the University of Georgia and Louisiana State

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**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 13 City of northern Italy
- 14 Nemo's creator
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- 37 Door holder's words

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### Yesterday's answer

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- 1 Godzilla's home
- 2 Place for a bump
- 3 Fellini's "La —"
- 4 Skirt edge
- 5 Molten flow
- 6 Blvd.'s kin
- 7 Core
- 8 Like New Year's Day
- 9 Spirited horse
- 11 Florida race site
- 17 Arthur's son
- 20 Play place
- 21 Bullfight bulls
- 23 Candidate of 1996
- 25 Game hunt
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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR READERS: Welcome to 2011! While the last year has been arduous for many of us, a new one has arrived, bringing with it our chance for a new beginning.

Today is the day we discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often requested list of New Year's Resolutions — which were adapted by my mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:

JUST FOR TODAY: I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly,

and not interrupt when someone else is talking.

Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I am overweight, I will eat healthfully — if only just for today. And not only that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY: I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share an item that was sent to me by I.J. Bhatia, a reader who lives in New Delhi, India:

DEAR ABBY: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say, "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: "where there is hatred, let me sow love, "where there is injury, pardon; "where there is doubt, faith; "where there is despair, hope; "where there is darkness, light; "and where there is sadness, joy. "O Divine Master, "grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled

as to console; "to be understood, as to understand; "to be loved, as to love; "for it is in giving that we receive, "it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, "and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life."

And so, Dear Readers, may this new year bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you. Love, ABBY

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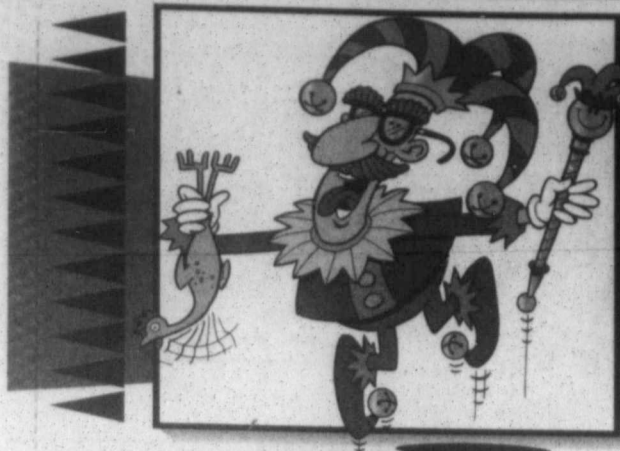
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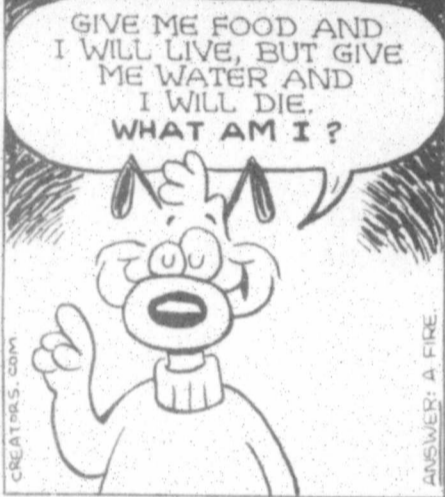
GAMES AND PUZZLES

## DRAW IT!

**DRAW A BOAT ON THE WATER...**



## SOLVE THE RIDDLE...



**WHEN RIDING A BOAT OUT ON THE LAKE - PUT ON LOTION SO YOU WON'T BAKE! UNSRAMBLE MY FRIEND, AND YOU'LL SEE EXACTLY HOW HE ANSWERED ME!**



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CONFETTI DANCING JANUARY MIDNIGHT  
NEW PARTY RESOLUTIONS YEAR

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C O N F E T T I S N E W  
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## THIS DAY IN...

**HISTORY**

- 1894: WK. DICKSON RECEIVES A PATENT FOR MOTION PICTURE FILM.
- 1927: THE FIRST TRANSATLANTIC PHONE CALL IS MADE.
- 1990: THE INTERIOR OF THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA IS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE OF SAFETY CONCERNS.

## Holiday Match

Match the symbol with the holiday to which it belongs.

- Menorah
  - Mistletoe
  - Noisemakers
  - Fireworks
- New Year's Day
  - Independence Day
  - Chanukah
  - Christmas

## New Word

**resolution**

a firm decision to do or not do something



**WORLD FACT**

IN ANCIENT TIMES, THE NEW YEAR WAS CELEBRATED ON WHAT DAY?

*How they say that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Day  
**SPANISH:** Dia  
**ITALIAN:** Giorno  
**FRENCH:** Jour  
**GERMAN:** Tag



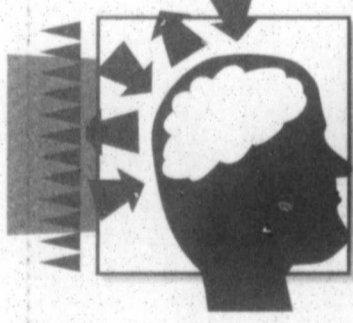
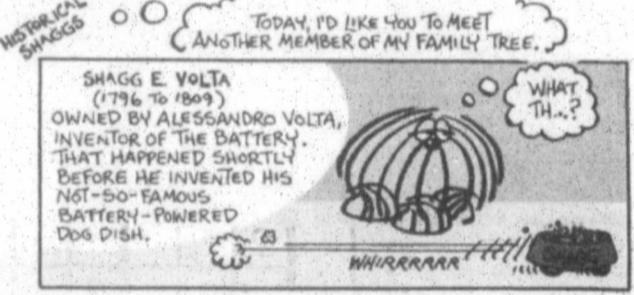
Dear Shagg, Does the yeti exist?

Paul Lusier, S. Portland, ME

IT HAS YET TO BE PROVEN THAT YETIS OR ABOMINABLE SNOWMEN ACTUALLY EXIST.

THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE 1998.

THEY'RE PROBABLY PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK, AND SOMEBODY FORGOT TO TELL THEM THAT THE GAME WAS OVER.

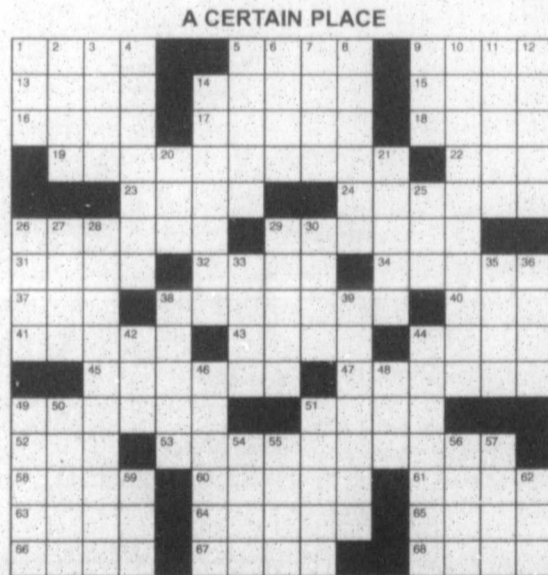


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## Word Search — Tea Time

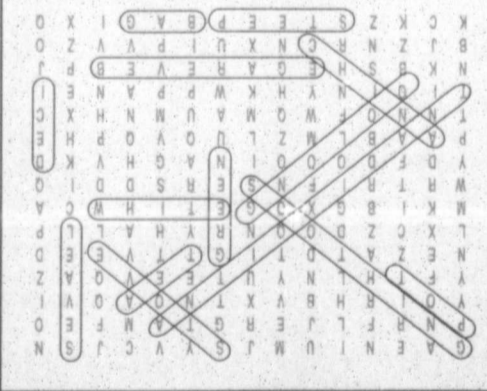
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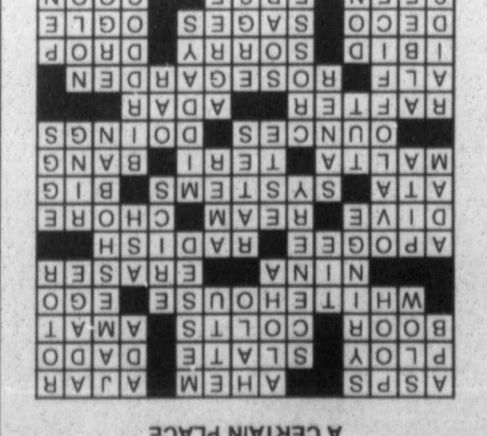


- ACROSS**
- Nile snakes
  - Attention getter
  - Partly open
  - Gambit
  - Candidate list
  - Wall decoration
  - Clod
  - Young horses
  - One of a Latin trio
  - Candidate's goal
  - Big head
  - One of Columbus' trio
  - Board cleaner
  - Top of the orbit
  - Edible red root
  - Airplane maneuver
  - Paper measure
  - Task
  - One's time
  - Orderly methods
  - Large
  - Mediterranean
  - Saint's aura
  - Island
  - Actress Garr
  - Fourth of July sound
  - Shots
  - Activities
  - White water fan
  - Hebrew month
  - TV silent
  - Beauty spot at
  - Across
  - Footnote
  - abbreviation
  - Board game
  - Tear
  - Art
  - Wise ones
  - Stare rudely
  - Viewed
  - Gaelic
  - Hired gun
- DOWN**
- Police call, for short
  - Highway advisory
  - Winnie the
  - Nurse's instrument
  - Hi hello
  - Saint's aura
  - "... Brutel"
  - Was sloppy
  - Nabokov novel
  - Designer of 19
  - Across
  - Old saw
  - Helicopter part
  - Play background
  - Even score
  - The Red, and others
  - Fire remains
  - Our father
  - Pocket bread
  - Shapely space, at 19 Across
  - Tax percentages
  - Of the US
  - Noble Italian house
  - Phone
  - Hen's pride
  - More lucid
  - Noons
  - Word of disapproval
  - Trail closely
  - La, Wis.
  - Crewman
  - Furys
  - Dramatist
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  - Work units
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## Word Search Answers



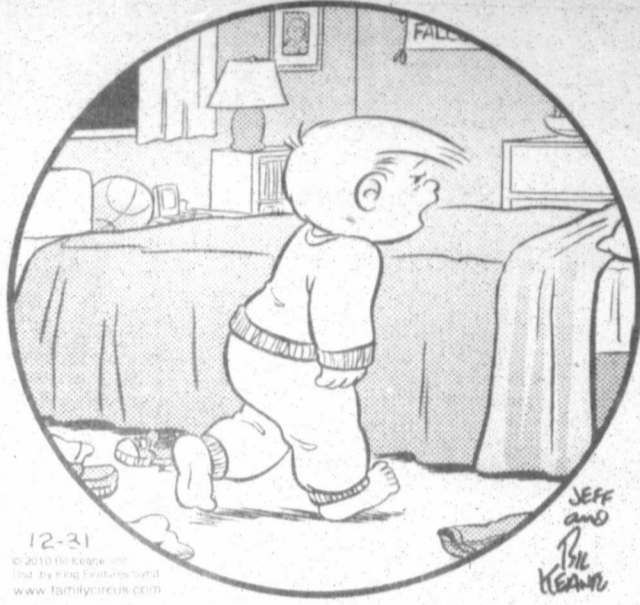
## Crossword Puzzle Answers



- Missing Ling Answers**
- PRESENT
  - NUMBER
  - DOVE
  - LIVE

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"That's it, I'm tired. I'm gonna call it a year."

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011:

This year, you could be unusually ambitious and dynamic. Communication excels, as you learn far more effective ways of exchanging ideas. You also might be buying new toys for communicating, from cell phones to cars. Just keep your budget in mind. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Summer 2011 could be unusually romantic. If you are attached, the two of you might take a course in how to relate more effectively. As a result, you will be more connected than in the past. **SAGITTARIUS** understands you better than you understand yourself.

*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)

\*\*\* There is an intuitive quality that emerges when dealing with others. Reach beyond your normal thoughts and ideas. You could be surprised by the insights you gain. Others reveal much about themselves. Use this information sensitively. Tonight: Walk in someone else's shoes.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* A friendship that starts right now or one in your life that gains in importance might play a far more enormous role than you thought possible. Be open to a partner, best friend or loved one. This person's sharing is heartfelt. Spend time with a loved one. Tonight: Forget tomorrow and resolutions. Live now.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Others continue to seek you out in an unprecedented manner. Juggling all the attention could be exhausting. In hindsight, you will often smile when thinking of this moment. You gain a strong insight into a parent or loved one. Tonight: A must appearance.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Somehow, you are always the centerpiece in making parties, situations and anything else work. You might be more involved in helping others relax. Give up the role of chief clean-up person from the recent holidays. Tonight: Just for you.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Many people seem to get your feedback. Make time for a key loved one or several loved ones. Your one-on-one time means more than you realize. Add that light, playful quality others enjoy. Help the year start correctly. Tonight: Still enjoying every

### moment

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
\*\*\*\* What you see in others, especially a key partner, could be most shocking or surprising. You simply didn't understand this person in this light. Emphasize home, family and loved ones. You don't have to go far from your home. Tonight: Make it easy.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
\*\*\*\* You will continue the New Year rituals, when many people won't today. You seem to remember everyone and have time for a conversation with them all. Your friendly ways might have you reorganizing some plans. You really don't care. Tonight: Where people are.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
\*\*\*\* You might have gone overboard last night and are continuing the theme. Your sign is prone to extremes. Perhaps looking at this moment in time as a phase might be helpful. If you are single, a double opportunity could appear on the horizon... which person will you get to know? Tonight: Let the good times roll.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Honor your sense of what you need to do. A close family member or roommate reveals a very interesting side or development. You might be surprised but also delighted. Tonight: Whatever you want seems to work.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
\*\*\* You still might feel somewhat reclusive, as if you want to hide out! No such luck. Whether by phone, e-mail or a knock on your door, people seek you out. You hear delightful but unanticipated news. Still, you feel best being quiet. Tonight: Do what works.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
\*\*\*\*\* Surround yourself with friends, and enjoy every one of them for as long as you can. Whether at a party or at a spontaneous happening, take advantage of the moment. Still, use care with your finances. However, if you feel lucky, get that lottery ticket. Tonight: With friends, of course.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
\*\*\* Others seek you out. You might wonder why you didn't throw a party if you are one of the few Pisces who did not. Others simply want to share and need your feedback. Touch base with an older friend or relative. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**BORN TODAY**  
Comedian Don Novello (1943), actor Rick Hurst, (1946), actor Verne Troyer (1969)

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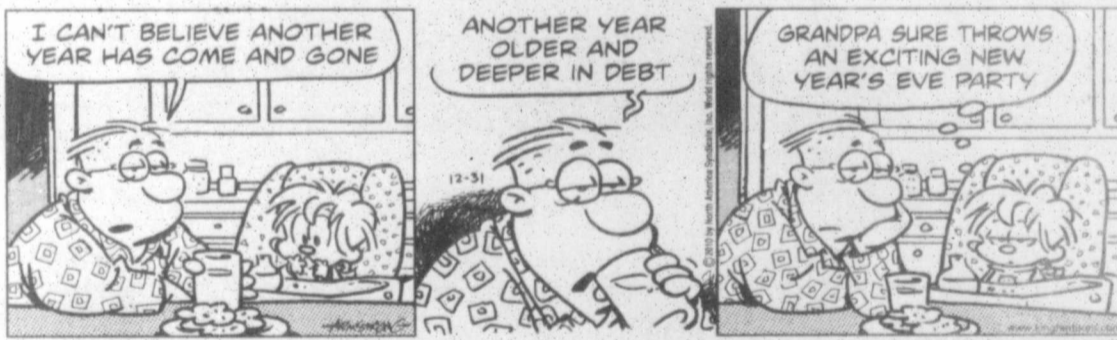
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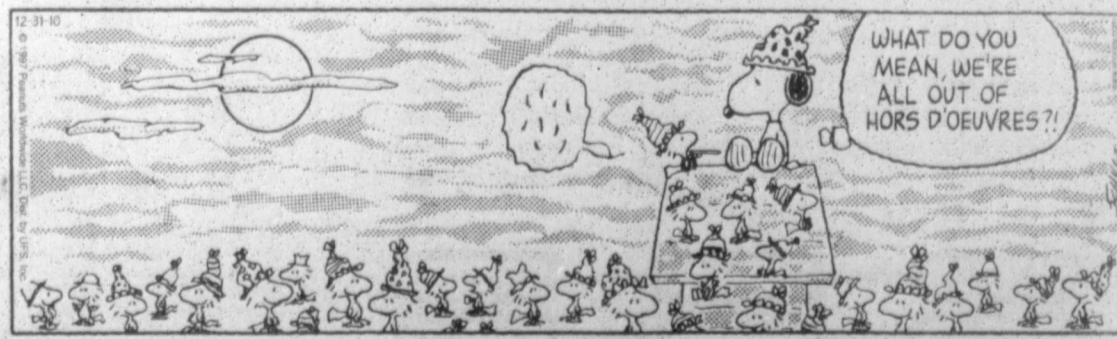
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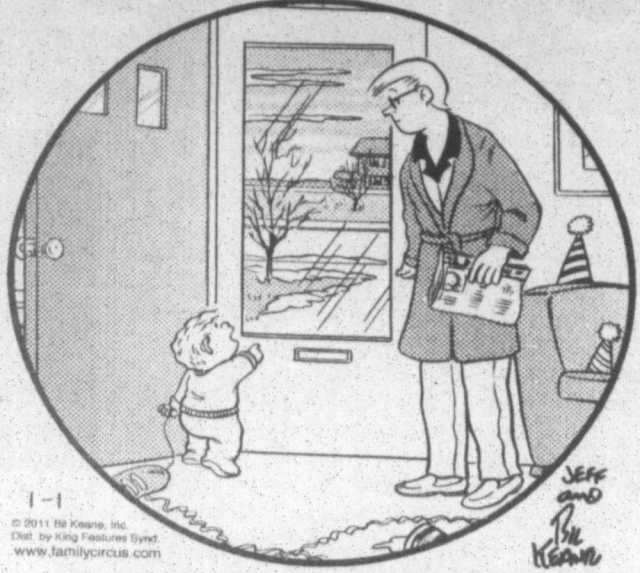


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"I thought it was gonna be a New Year? This looks just like the OLD year."

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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, Jan. 3, 2011:

This year, you decide to take a strong stand in your life. A personal decision or event encourages growth in a new direction. You might be quite delighted with the personal transformation. Many issues will dissolve. If you are single, you attract a whole new type of suitor. Life becomes very exciting. If you are attached, your sweetie will be adjusting to you. Be generous in spirit, as all these changes aren't easy, and it will take time. Know that everything is positive. CAPRICORN can push your buttons.

*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)**

★★★ Your perceptions might differ from others'. The issue might boil down to who is in charge. Maintain a strong profile and willingness to assume responsibility. Keep adapting to a changing situation. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★ Allow yourself to transform an opinion as your mental perception opens up. The more willing you are to see, the more open and content you will become. Sometimes you might find it difficult to let go of a rigid position. Tonight: Pretend you are a Vulcan -- go for a mind meld.

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

★★★★ Realize that in order to relate on an individual level, you need to consider options that revolve around a partnership. Though you most certainly are versatile, you also can benefit from others, especially if they come from a different mind-set. Tonight: Brainstorm away with a close associate.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ Defer, and you will remain content and upbeat. You might not have all the answers, and that is quite clear -- but neither do others. Don't put them on a pedestal. Think positively. Tonight: Defer to another person.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★ The time has come to get ahead of a situation, clear out a problem and deal with others directly. You might not always have the right solutions, but your energy and charisma convince others that you do. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ Your dynamic thinking draws

many people. You might wonder which way to go with a new friendship, child or creative project. What is sure is that much will change during the next few weeks. Be ready to transform! Tonight: In the whirlwind of fun!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★ Anchor in, realizing your limits and knowing what is essential to stay steady. Everyone's domestic life plays into other areas. You are no exception. In fact, you could be a bit more sensitive. Know that times are changing. You cannot stop that. Tonight: Hanging out.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★ Discuss a major change with a key associate, friend or family member. What you believe is happening might be off. Take a seat in the peanut gallery and watch the story unfold in the next few days and weeks. Tonight: Work on detachment.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★ Knowing when to put a halt to spending, overeating and other frivolous yet destructive behavior remains critical. The time has come to return to a little self-discipline. Can you do it? Yes. Do you want to do it? That is up to you. Tonight: OK, OK, one last night of being a wild thing.

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

★★★★ Didn't you make a New Year's resolution about going in a new direction after the holidays? Well, the time has come. Tomorrow's Solar Eclipse will put a punctuation mark on that wildness. Why not join forces and be empowered? Tonight: As you like.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ Knowing when to pull back is instrumental to your well-being. You could be so tired and have so much to do that you might hesitate to stop. Taking a break or easing up on yourself might improve the situation. You will re-energize given some care. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★ You know what to do and when to do it. Follow your instincts in a meeting. Not everything is as you believe. Take your time dealing with someone who might have a somewhat rogue idea. You might be revising your lists of close friends (by choice) soon enough. Tonight: Where the action is.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Mel Gibson (1956), Hall of Fame hockey player Bobby Hull (1939), pianist, humorist Victor Borge (1909)

Tundra



Shoe



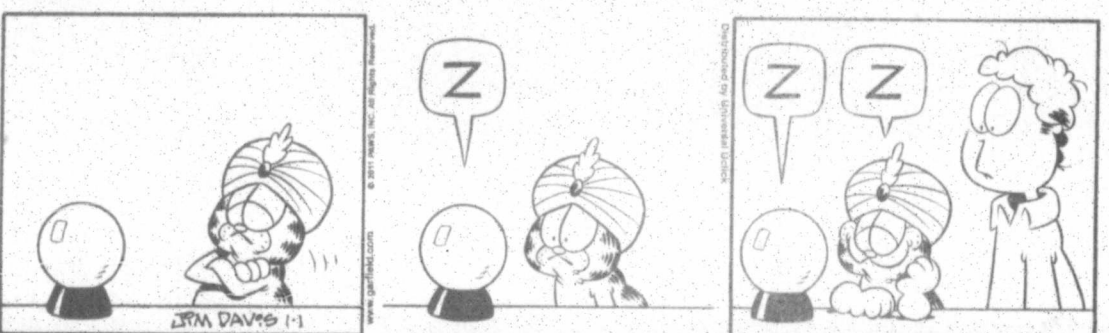
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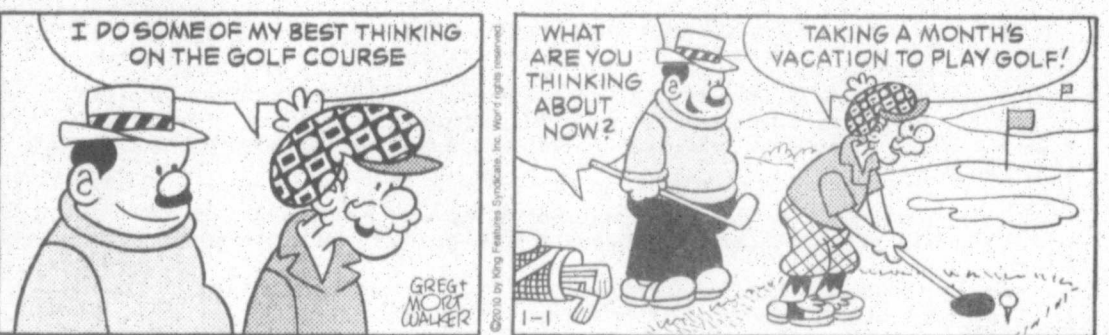
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011:

This year, many people find that you are more grounded but also more withdrawn. It is true you will tend to keep your own counsel and not be quite so verbal. You have a good sense about money and which risks to take. Listen to that inner voice. Curb a tendency to overthink things and go over the same story again and again. You will tend to make mountains out of molehills. If you are single, check out a new suitor, and date for a while to make sure that he or she is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekends away together. **SAGITTARIUS** reads you cold.

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for those at a distance who, perhaps, you have not spoken to in the past week. It is never too late to wish others a happy new year. Friends surround you, especially if you're at a game or some other type of entertainment event. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

This Week: You might feel that change is in the wind. Do your best not to create it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

\*\*\*\*\* Be sensitive to what is happening with a parent or older friend. In some cases, key people could make demands that take you aback somewhat. Be aware of where others

are coming from. Tonight: Share with a key partner.

This Week: Reach out for new information or an opportunity that allows greater mental growth. Refuse to be denied.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You could be far more of a challenge than you are aware. How you handle a changing situation could vary. Certainly there isn't only one way. Discussions prove to be enlightening, to say the least. Tonight: Follow another person's lead.

This Week: Say "yes" to an offer from a close associate. Detach if triggered.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

\*\*\* You have been putting such an enormous effort into the holidays, nurturing those who are less fortunate or less content. Perhaps the time has come to finally take a break. Go where your mind will wander. Tonight: Escape needs to be the theme.

This Week: Others dominate. Go with the flow.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

\*\*\*\*\* You might be right about letting go and simply enjoying yourself with those around you. Someone who is too serious could make you very uncomfortable. You also might be starting to get a clearer vision of another person. Tonight: Someone close knows how to surprise you!

This Week: An opportunity hits, but perhaps you don't see it immediately. Others play an unusually dominant role.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

\*\*\*\*\* Stay close to home, and honor your feelings. You might want to stop and do something just for you. A walk by water could be just what the doctor ordered. Others start demanding more attention. Tonight: Let spontaneity rule.

This Week: Your imagination could be cutting off a situation when it doesn't need to be terminated. Try another perspective.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

\*\*\*\*\* Keep talking and reaching out to others. A long conversation could be inevitable, but it is important. A neighbor has a way of unintentionally messing up your plans. Tonight: The unexpected occurs.

This Week: You cannot sit on a difficult situation anymore. Rather than blowing it off, try acknowledging the matter at hand.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

\*\*\* You have a unique quality of being able to put yourself 100 percent into what you are doing. To some, you look overindulgent. Let them think what they want. Go off and enjoy. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: You could be updating your communicating style in the near future. You might buy a car or perhaps take a seminar in how to effectively communicate your message.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

\*\*\*\*\* You are in your element. Still, you have a hurdle or two to jump, especially with a friend. Innovative thinking might help. Use your incredible sixth sense. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

This Week: Indulging has ramifications. A little less risk-taking, and you and those who put up with you will be happier.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Assume you don't have all the answers. You listen to someone you respect and discover how much you have to learn and incorporate into your thinking. What is great about you is you see that need. Tonight: Vanish while and if you can.

This Week: Though you might feel a major change isn't for the better, trust that it is.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

\*\*\*\*\* You are a sign that naturally gravitates toward friends. This Sunday demonstrates just how important your pals are. News from someone might be unclear. Don't worry. Tonight: Accept an invitation, and don't worry about the cost so much.

This Week: If you want to play the recluse, by all means, do. Wednesday, you might change your tune.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

\*\*\*\*\* You might be causing a stronger reaction than you intended. In fact, you could be pushing someone away whom you never intended to. Stop and take inventory. Look at your actions. Tonight: Could be late.

This Week: A window of opportunity opens up. No hesitation, please.

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Borger Refinery  
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  - To work in enclosed spaces, such as tanks and silos
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  - To maintain your face daily so that a respirator/face mask can seal properly (some examples include being free of facial hair and/or clean shaven)
  - To perform fire fighting duties
  - To work outside in harsh weather conditions
  - To work with petroleum products that are under high pressure and heat
  - To read technical procedures and materials in English
  - To learn computer software associated with process operations

### Yardman (Entry Level General Maintenance Position) - Job Requisition #00A9Z:

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### Welder - Job Requisition #00ABI:

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For consideration and more information on the specific qualifications for each of these positions, apply online at: [www.conocophillips.com/careers](http://www.conocophillips.com/careers) and click on "enter" in the ConocoPhillips Careers section, then on "search" in the Job Search area. You can search by job titles or job requisition numbers.

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