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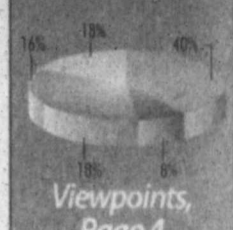
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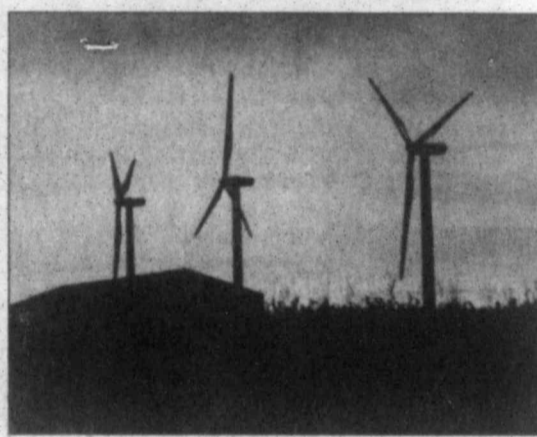


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**2010: The Year In News**

## THE TEN OF '10



The Pampa News file photos; staff photos by David Bowser and Arnie Aurellano

The opening of the new junior high (clockwise from left), the vandalism at the Super Playground and the continued development of the energy industry make up the middle of our Top Ten.

### Our Top 10 stories countdown: #6 to #4

Gray County residents may look back at 2010 as the year when a lot of things began. We spent a lot of time talking about prairie chickens and electric lines and how the two could co-exist. We spent a lot of time talking about what to do with old government-owned buildings and watching new ones being built. We spent a lot of time watching the ups and downs of local athletes. It's likely we will spend more time this year talking about the very same things. We've selected ten things which we think make up the

"Top Ten Stories of 2010" in Gray County. Here are a few more:

**6 Vandal scandals**  
*Vandalism woes plague Pampa*  
 Vandalism is always a niggling issue for any decently sized community, but when it strikes the area's kids and youth, it becomes especially poignant. The Super Playground was hit a couple of times over the course of the year. A substantial

incident in August left the area landmark in particularly rough shape, with pickets knocked out of playground fences, as well as damage to stairway boards, a post, the backhoe toy and one of the dice games. More damage to the playground was found in September, sending the repair bill to over \$1,000 — an amount suitable for felony prosecution. The repeated incidents were enough for Pampa Director of Public Works Donny Hooper to pursue the installation of security cameras on the property. **TEN** cont. on page 2

### County Commission to meet on Friday

**DAVID BOWSER**  
 dbowser@thepampanews.com  
 The Gray County Commission will end its calendar year with their final meeting Friday morning. Scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. in the county courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse, commissioners will consider an oil and gas lease on county school land in Gaines County. The Commission will also consider a group of line item transfers and budget amendments, among other housekeeping details. They will also consider a contract with Panhandle Employment Services for drug testing services. The Commission will consider a donation from Legett Foundation for heavy equipment in Gray County Precincts 1 and 4. With dry weather extending across the Panhandle, the Commission will also consider instituting a countywide burn ban. They will also consider bonds for various elected officials.

### ROAD REPAIRS WINTRY WORK



staff photo by David Bowser  
**Ben Ponce** (center) fills cracks in the pavement with hot tar while **Peter Solorzario** (left) and **Zach Stillwell** smooths it out in an effort to repair Pampa streets before the next winter front blows down from the north.

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# For the record

## Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police reported 18 traffic-related incidents and one accident.

Animal Control Officers reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported one ambulance call.

#### Monday, Dec. 27

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks.

A theft was reported to police.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 2200

of North Dwight and in the 1100 block of Sirrico.

Officers had escort duty in the 600 block of North Ward.

Found property was reported to police.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

An assault was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A burglary was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of North Dean.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block

of North Crane.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Huff.

Water was shut off in the 1900 block of North Wells.

A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Wilks.

#### Tuesday, Dec. 28

An open door was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Water was shut off in the 700 block of East Albert.

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

#### Monday, Dec. 27

Carrie Sue Earhart, 39, was arrested by deputies on violation of probation for criminal mischief greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Jerry Lynn Rhoton, 56, was arrested by deputies on warrants charging him with theft of cable, driving without a valid license, displaying an expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and parking in a handicapped zone.

## PAMPA FORECAST

### Wednesday



High 59  
Low 36

### Thursday



High 59  
Low 19

### Friday



High 27  
Low 9

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Breezy, with a south wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Windy, with a southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Very windy, with a southwest wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

**Friday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 27. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 9. Blustery, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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12-28      **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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## Ten

The school system also caught the brunt of 2010's spate of vandals. In early September, Harvester Field was defaced with the initials "BB#1" (a reference to the Borger Bulldogs) in red spray paint at midfield, and a stuffed harvester was hung in effigy under the scoreboard.

Most recently, a storage area housing the set of the PHS choir's musical, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," was broken into and the scenery torn apart. The set damages were found to be the work of four middle school students who were apprehended by local police and held by juvenile authorities.

Many choir parents who were involved in the assembly of the sets feared that the production would not be able to go on as scheduled due to the extent of the damage.

Fortunately, however, this particular story went from tragic to touching, as a strong community volunteer effort joined the parents in rebuilding the sets. The scenery was finished in time for the show and described as better than the originals, turning a thoughtless prank into possibly 2010's feel-good story of the year.

— Arnie Aurellano

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Winds of change

CTT begins work on transmission lines; E-on announces plans

2010 was the foundation year for wind power in the Texas Panhandle.

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC (CTT), the company selected by the state to construct electric transmission lines in the Gray County area, continued series of public hearings on the project during the first part of the year. The lines are some of the many new planned transmission facilities in the Panhandle as part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) initiative.

CTT is the company selected by the Texas Public Utility Commission to construct, operate and maintain over 200 miles of double circuit 345-kV transmission lines and associated equipment in the Texas Panhandle.

During a public meeting in March, CTT's Cameron Fredkin said the company would propose some 700 routes. From those proposed routes, the Public Utility Commission of Texas would pick one to carry electricity to metropolitan areas downstate.

During the first week of May, the company filed its proposed and preferred routes for the first leg of power lines that would take wind-generated electricity from Gray County to downstate markets. The filing included 42 different routes composed of many different links. The proposed routes stretched from

the substation southwest of Lefors to Kirkland, just east of Childress.

However, the Texas Public Service Commission (PUC), the state agency overseeing the project, had other ideas.

On Aug. 9, the PUC, CTT, and landowners agreed on a route running east out of Gray County, southeast through Wheeler County toward Shamrock and south from near Shamrock to Childress County.

The PUC approved the line in September. The approved proposal will be approximately 109 miles and will cross four counties, branching eastward from the Gray County substation and into Wheeler County before turning south, bisecting Collingsworth and Childress Counties and finally terminating at the Tesla substation southeast of Childress.

The "preconstruction phase" of the project has begun, during which CTT will be acquiring real estate easements from landowners along the route, as well as completing surveying and engineering work.

In October, CTT's Fredkin said construction would be under way from fall 2011 through spring 2013. The facility should be placed into service in March 2013.

This month, E-on Climate and Renewables, headquartered in Düsseldorf, Germany, announced plans for at least a 600-megawatt wind farm on more than 165,000 acres from west of Pampa to south of Interstate 40. The company said the property was already under lease.

And what of T. Boone Pickens' announced intention to make Pampa "the wind capital of the world?"

His "Pickens Plan" now emphasizes natural gas over wind power. According to Forbes Magazine, his proposed Texas Panhandle wind farm will likely be constructed in Canada instead, "where renewable energy standards make wind a more attractive investment."

— Randy Pribble

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New school beat

New junior high building brings upgrades, issues

As 2010 dawned, work was well underway on the new Pampa Junior High School building.

It was completed as summer began and the movement of books and equipment began. With the onset of the fall semester, students began arriving and have spent their first semester in the new Pampa Junior High School. An upgraded facility means a high quality of education for Pampa kids.

But controversy, unfortunately, also came with the new school year.

Actually, there are several controversies surrounding the new junior

high and the old junior high.

The initial plan called for a new junior high school building. The old Pampa Junior High School building was to be renovated and used as the school district's administration building.

A problem, however, arose because of the asbestos in the old building. It was in the walls, ceilings and tile flooring.

Asbestos abatement in the old building would push the renovation costs far beyond what the district had budgeted.

For a while, there was interest in selling the old building for use as an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center, but some residents in the neighborhood objected.

Faced with increasing estimates for asbestos abatement and objections by neighbors, the people wanting to locate an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center in the old junior high withdrew their offer to buy the building.

The question of what to do with the old junior high remains a difficult dilemma for the Pampa school board as 2010 draws to a close.

At the new junior high building, traffic problems became apparent as classes started.

With only one street into the school and the same street out, the first few days of the school year were chaotic as students, teachers, buses and parents tried to figure out the traffic patterns.

While the traffic jams of those first few hectic days have subsided, they still remain.

Attempts to ease the traffic by adding an additional entrance or exit to the campus have been rebuffed by neighboring landowners.

Eventually, the traffic problem may work out as a new housing addition surrounding the school is developed, but for now, traffic remains a continuing concern.

While finger-pointing remains among the school board, administration, architects, contractors and voters who approved the project, the answer may lie only in time and an improving economy.

In the meantime, the asbestos problem has reached to other long vacant school buildings and the amount of unused land and buildings that the school district owns.

While plans are being explored to build a new administration building on school district property or to use a renovated existing building, the frustration of the school board and administration is evident at their monthly meetings.

A resolution to the multiple problems the district faces with the two junior high school buildings will not be easily solved this year.

It may not be easily solved in the New Year, either.

— David Bowser

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## AFTERNOONRUSH

### Killer loses federal court appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A Dallas man condemned for a slaying during a shooting spree he blamed on anger at people of Middle Eastern descent in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks has lost a federal court appeal of his capital murder conviction.

The ruling posted Tuesday by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals moves 41-year-old Mark Stroman a step closer to execution for the October 2001 fatal shooting of Vasudev Patel, who worked at a gas station in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite.

Patel was identified as one of three people shot by Stroman — two of them fatally. Stroman told his lawyers he was a white supremacist and testified the federal government hadn't done its job after the terrorist attacks so he was going to do it for them.

### Pastor says she's not a thief

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas pastor caught by police with a laptop and fur coats says she was protecting the valuables, not stealing them from the home of a parishioner.

Sandy McGriff, cofounder of the Church of the Living God, told *The Dallas Morning News* on Monday that she used poor judgment when she entered a church member's home through a broken window and removed valuable property.

McGriff faces charges of burglary of habitation and resisting arrest. She posted a \$26,000 bond Saturday and was released from the Dallas County Jail.

McGriff says she saw two men on the side of the home and decided to check it out. That's when she says she found the broken window.

A neighbor called police, who found McGriff carrying two fur coats out of the home.

### Plant emissions killing trees?

BASTROP (AP) — Plant experts, scientists, environmentalists and ranchers believe sulfur dioxide pollution from coal-fired power plants is slowly killing vegetation across Texas.

Sulfur dioxide has been known to kill vegetation in other parts of the country. In Texas, the deaths of pecan trees, oaks, elms and willows have been documented.

In Central Texas, not far from a power plant operated by the Lower Colorado River Authority, pecan growers say thousands of trees have died and nut production has steadily decreased since the plant began operating in 1979. After consulting experts, the growers believe the plant's sulfur dioxide emissions are to blame.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has toured some of the farms and is reviewing the data.

The plant says there is no scientific evidence the emissions killed the trees.

### Car driven into police lobby

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Police say a man was arrested on a charge of felony criminal mischief after driving his car into the lobby of the Port Arthur Police Department.

The 53-year-old man drove into the lobby of the department in downtown Port Arthur on Sunday night. Before being booked on the charge, the man was taken to the hospital.

Sgt. Steve Davis tells the Port Arthur News, "At the hospital is when he told us he was hoping to harm himself and he drove through there intentionally."

The damage in the lobby extended into the front desk area.

### 28% of OK homes single parent

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — U.S. Census Bureau figures indicate that 28 percent of Oklahoma homes now are led by a single parent.

The Tulsa World reports that in Tulsa County, that figure is close to one in three families and in some rural counties more than 40 percent of homes have a single parent.

Linda Terrell, the executive director of the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, says the two-parent household in which the mother stays at home with children "is not reality now."

Census data shows Oklahoma ranks 36th in the nation for percentage of single parents. The figures are based on Census averages from the years 2005 to 2009.

Hughes County has Oklahoma's highest single-parent rate at 45.5 percent, with Seminole County second at 44 percent and Blaine County third at 43.5 percent.

### 900 acres destroyed in wildfire

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a wildfire burned about 900 acres of West Texas grasslands before firefighters were able to contain it.

The fire was under control by Monday afternoon in Amarillo. Dozens of firefighters battled the blaze for more than three hours.

No injuries were reported. Two homes were threatened but not burned.

Oldham County Sheriff David Medlin says wind gusts of up to 30 mph fanned the flames and helped the fire quickly spread across pasture land in Oldham and Deaf Smith counties.

### Pardon favored for Billy the Kid

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — More people say they favor a pardon for Billy the Kid than oppose the idea after Gov. Bill Richardson's office set up a website and e-mail address to take comments on a possible posthumous pardon for one of New Mexico's most famous Old West outlaws.

Richardson's office received 809 e-mails and letters in the survey that ended Sunday. Some 430 argued for a pardon and 379 opposed it.

The website was created in mid-December after Albuquerque attorney Randi McGinn petitioned for a pardon, contending New Mexico Territorial Gov. Lew Wallace promised one in return for the Kid's testimony in a murder case against three men.

Richardson term ends Dec. 31, leaving him only a few days to decide whether to pardon the Kid in the 1878 killing of Lincoln County Sheriff William Brady.

"I might not pardon him. But then I might," Richardson told *The Associated Press* last week.

## Tax cuts let you boost retirement savings

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You'll have more money in every paycheck next year as part of the year-end tax deal. Don't spend it! That was money that should have gone to Social Security, but everyone knows that's a fiction.

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Social Security was scheduled to take a 7.65 percent bite out of income up to \$106,800. But the actual Social Security percentage (without the Medicare tax) was 6.2 percent. Now, under the new tax bill, that will be reduced to only a 4.2 percent deduction for 2010.

So with the help of the Tax Institute at H&R Block, let's see what could happen to the tax cut money if you invest it instead of spending it!

Consider what happens to Susan, who has a salary of \$65,000, and to Jessica, who has a salary of \$125,000. Each is in line to see more money in her paycheck.

The FICA "savings" will be \$1,300 for Susan, and \$2,136 for Jessica. (Remember, FICA stops at \$106,800 — so the "savings" stops at that point.) That's how much more money they'll see in their paychecks this year.

It's tempting to use that money in any number of ways. But wait. You're used to seeing that money deducted from your paycheck. Maybe you should redirect it to your retirement plan.

Here's what happens if each woman invests the money in the company 401(k) plan, where each gets a 50 percent match

from her employer. That means more money is going to work for each of them.

And let's say that the retirement account grows and compounds at the Ibbotson historic (75 year) average rate of growth for large-company American stocks (with dividends reinvested) of 9.8 percent annually.

Susan's FICA savings for this year could be worth \$32,218 at retirement in 30 years!

Jessica's FICA savings for this year would be worth \$52,937 in 30 years.

That's all possible because they exercised a little discipline right now — and told the HR department to take the entire 2 percent FICA savings and redirect it to the retirement plan.

By the way, if they didn't have a company retirement plan with a 50 percent match, but instead opened an Individual Retirement Account, Susan's savings would be worth \$21,479 — and Jessica's account would be worth \$35,292, even without the employer's matching contribution. That's still a significant amount of retirement savings.

(Hint: Fidelity will let you open an IRA in any of their funds with only \$200 to start, if you agree to an automatic additional contribution of \$200 every month. Call 800-FIDELITY to get started!)

And one more point, just so you see the possibilities.

What if Susan and Jessica became so hooked on saving that they continued making the same investment every year for the next 30 years — even though the FICA cut disappeared next

year? Susan puts away \$1,300 every year and receives the employer match. Jessica continues to put away \$2,136 every year, and continues to receive the match.

Of course, the first years of contributions had a lot more time to grow than the later contributions as they near the 30-year mark until retirement. But compound growth is a very powerful factor.

If Susan and Jessica each stick with their plan over 30 years, contributing annually and earning the market's historic average annual returns:

Susan's account would be worth \$339,130.

Jessica's account would be worth \$557,217.

And to think it all started with a 2 percent cut in FICA!

Yes, I know the FICA cut is meant to be a stimulus for the economy. But it can also be a stimulus for your personal retirement plan.

By the way, you remember what the initials FICA stand for? It's Federal Insurance Contributions Act. When they deduct FICA from your paycheck, you're making a "contribution" to a plan that is unlikely to give you much real return on your money if it all.

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### Lawmaker in crash that kills Texan

CHANNING (AP) — The son and grandsons of Colorado state Sen. Suzanne Williams were hospitalized after a vehicle she was driving collided with another on a Texas highway, killing a pregnant woman, authorities said.

Williams, of Aurora, Colo., was treated at Northwest Texas Hospital and released, said Trooper Gabriel Medrano of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

He said the woman who died was 30-year-old Brianna Michelle Gomez, of Amarillo, Texas, and her baby boy was in critical condition after being delivered via cesarean section.

Medrano said the 65-year-old senator was driving a 2010 Honda CRV northbound on U.S. 385 in Hartley County when she veered into southbound traffic "for an unknown reason" and collided with a 2003 GMC Yukon in which Gomez was riding.

Three occupants in Williams' vehicle were hospitalized — Todd Edward Williams, 41, and Tyler Williams, 7 — both of whom were ejected — and Tristan Williams, 3. Williams' husband, Ed, told the Aurora Sentinel that they are his son and grandchildren.

Authorities said Williams was wearing a seat belt but her son and grandsons weren't. Everyone in the Yukon were wearing seat belts.

Williams has been a strong advocate for tougher seat belt laws in the Legislature.

Medrano said the driver of the SUV that Williams collided with, Eric James Gomez, 30, also from Amarillo, was treated and released from Northwest Texas Hospital. Two children in the car, Mali Elise Gomez, 6, and Eleri Kate Gomez, 4, were also released from that hospital.

Eric Gomez veered to try to avoid the collision with Williams but the cars crashed head-on in the center of the road, Medrano said.

It was not immediately known whether charges would be filed for the crash.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 28, the 362nd day of 2010. There are three days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down because of differences with President Andrew Jackson.

### On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after more than five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

In 1897, the play "Cyrano de Bergerac," by Edmond Rostand, premiered in Paris.

In 1908, a major earthquake followed by a tsunami devastated the Italian city of Messina, killing at least 70,000 people.

In 1917, the New York Evening Mail published "A Neglected Anniversary," a facetious, as well as fictitious, essay by H.L. Mencken recounting the history of bathtubs in America.

In 1944, the musical "On the Town," with music by Leonard Bernstein and book and lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green, opened on Broadway.

In 1945, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1973, Alexander Solzhenitsyn published "Gulag Archipelago," an expose of the Soviet prison system.

In 1989, Alexander Dubcek, the former Czechoslovak Communist leader who was deposed in a Soviet-led Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968, was named president of the country's parliament.

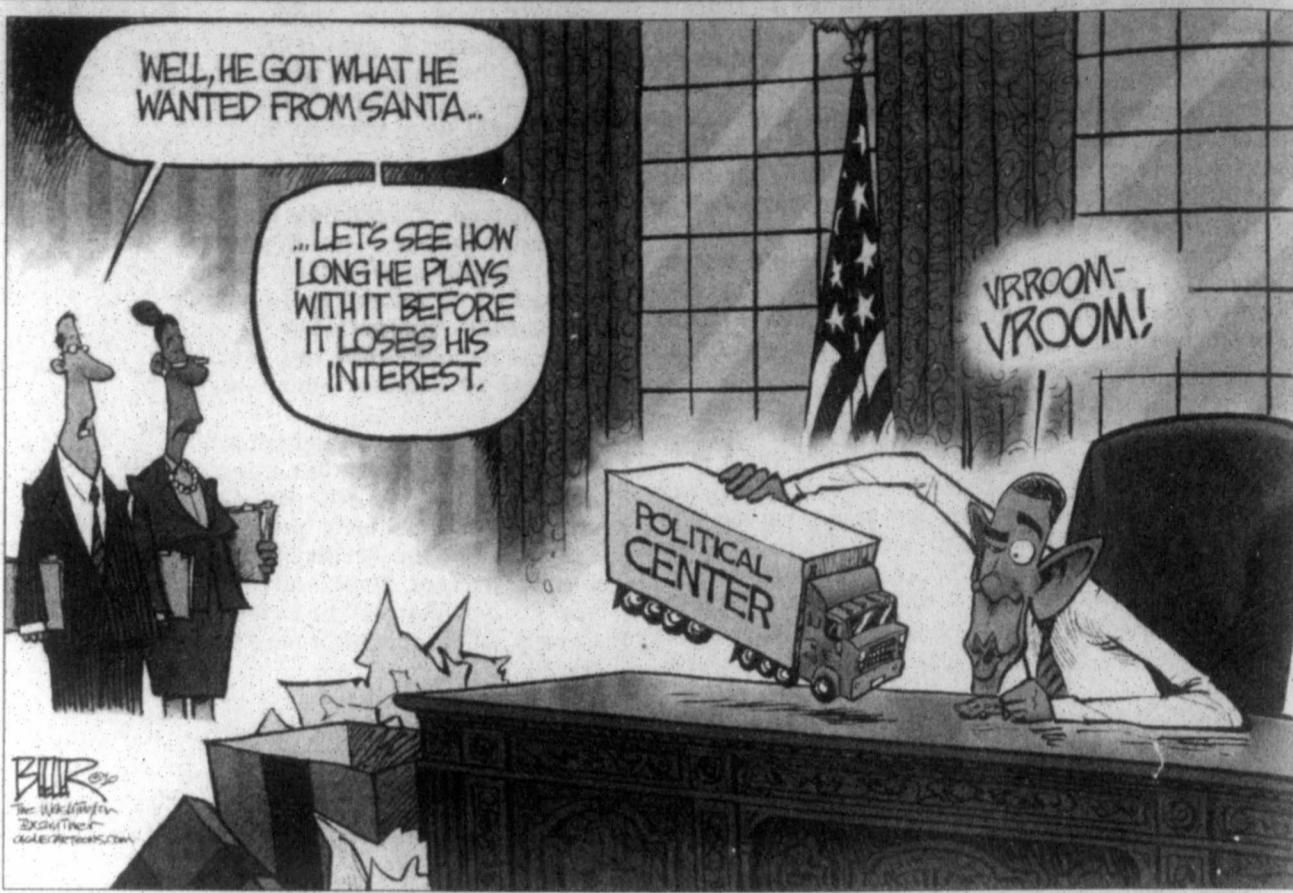
**Ten years ago:** The Census Bureau released its first numbers from the 2000 national count; they showed that America's population had risen to 281,421,906, up 13.2 percent from 1990.

**Five years ago:** Former top Enron Corp. accountant Richard Causey pleaded guilty to securities fraud and agreed to help pursue convictions against Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling. (Causey was later sentenced to 5 1/2 years in prison.)

**One year ago:** Al-Qaida in Yemen claimed responsibility for an attempt to blow up a U.S.-bound airliner. A bomb blast killed at least 44 people in a Shiite procession in the southern Pakistan city of Karachi. In Argentina, two men turned away from Buenos Aires were wed in Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, in Latin America's first gay marriage.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comic book creator Stan Lee is 88. Former United Auto Workers union president Owen Bieber is 81. Actor Martin Milner is 79. Actress Nichelle Nichols is 78. Actress Dame Maggie Smith is 76. Rock singer-musician Charles Neville is 72. Rock singer-musician Edgar Winter is 64. Actor Denzel Washington is 56. Country singer Joe Diffie is 52. Country musician Mike McGuire (Shenandoah) is 52. Actor Chad McQueen is 50. Country singer-musician Marty Roe (Diamond Rio) is 50. Actor Malcolm Gets is 46. Actor Mauricio Mendoza is 41. Comedian Seth Meyers is 37. Actor Brendan Hines is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer John Legend is 32. Actress Sienna Miller is 29. Actor Thomas Dekker is 23. Actress Mackenzie Rosman is 21. Pop singer David Archuleta is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "Let no one underestimate the need of pity. We live in a stony universe whose hard, brilliant forces rage fiercely." - Theodore Dreiser, American author (born 1871, died this date in 1945).



## Jobs still overseas for many companies

PALLAVI GOGOI  
AP Business Writer

Corporate profits are up. Stock prices are up. So why isn't anyone hiring?

Actually, many American companies are - just maybe not in your town. They're hiring overseas, where sales are surging and the pipeline of orders is fat.

More than half of the 15,000 people that Caterpillar Inc. has hired this year were outside the U.S. UPS is also hiring at a faster clip overseas. For both companies, sales in international markets are growing at least twice as fast as domestically.

The trend helps explain why unemployment remains high in the United States, edging up to 9.8 percent last month, even though companies are performing well: All but 4 percent of the top 500 U.S. corporations reported profits this year, and the stock market is close to its highest point since the 2008 financial meltdown.

But the jobs are going elsewhere. The Economic Policy Institute, a Washington think tank, says American companies have created 1.4 million jobs overseas this year, compared with less than 1 million in the U.S. The additional 1.4 million jobs would have lowered the U.S. unemployment rate to 8.9 percent, says Robert Scott, the institute's senior international economist.

"There's a huge difference between what is good for American companies versus what is good for the American economy," says Scott.

American jobs have been moving overseas for more than two decades. In recent years, though, those jobs have become more sophisticated - think semiconductors and software, not toys and clothes.

And now many of the products being made overseas aren't coming back to the United States. Demand has grown dramatically this year in emerging markets like India, China and Brazil.

Meanwhile, consumer demand in the U.S. has been subdued. Despite a strong holiday shopping season, Americans are still spending 3 percent less than before the recession on essential items like clothing and more than 10 percent less on jewelry, furniture, electronics, and big appliances, according to MasterCard's SpendingPulse.

"Companies will go where there are

fast-growing markets and big profits," says Jeffrey Sachs, globalization expert and economist at Columbia University. "What's changed is that companies today are getting top talent in emerging economies, and the U.S. has to really watch out."

With the future looking brighter overseas, companies are building there, too. Caterpillar, maker of the signature yellow bulldozers and tractors, has invested in three new plants in China in just the last two months to design and manufacture equipment. The decision is based on demand: Asia-Pacific sales soared 38 percent in the first nine months of the year, compared with 16 percent in the U.S. Caterpillar stock is up 65 percent this year.

"There is a shift in economic power that's going on and will continue. China just became the world's second-largest economy," says David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's, who notes that half of the revenue for companies in the S&P 500 in the last couple of years has come from outside the U.S.

Take the example of DuPont, which wowed the world in 1938 with nylon stockings. Known as one of the most innovative American companies of the 20th century, DuPont now sells less than a third of its products in the U.S. In the first nine months of this year, sales to the Asia-Pacific region grew 50 percent, triple the U.S. rate. Its stock is up 47 percent this year.

DuPont's work force reflects the shift in its growth: In a presentation on emerging markets, the company said its number of employees in the U.S. shrank by 9 percent between January 2005 and October 2009. In the same period, its work force grew 54 percent in the Asia-Pacific countries.

"We are a global player out to succeed in any geography where we participate in," says Thomas M. Connelly, chief innovation officer at DuPont. "We want our resources close to where our customers are, to tailor products to their needs."

While most of DuPont's research labs are still stateside, Connelly says he's impressed with the company's overseas talent. The company opened a large research facility in Hyderabad, India, in 2008.

A key factor behind this runaway international growth is the rise of the middle class in these emerging coun-

tries. By 2015, for the first time, the number of consumers in Asia's middle class will equal those in Europe and North America combined.

"All of the growth over the next 10 years is happening in Asia," says Homi Kharas, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institute and formerly the World Bank's chief economist for East Asia and the Pacific.

Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent often points out that a billion consumers will enter the middle class during the coming decade, mostly in Africa, China and India. He is aggressively targeting those markets. Of Coke's 93,000 global employees, less than 13 percent were in the U.S. in 2009, down from 19 percent five years ago.

The company would not say how many new U.S. hires it has made in 2010. But its latest new investments are overseas, including \$240 million for three bottling plants in Inner Mongolia as part of a three-year, \$2 billion investment in China. The three plants will create 2,000 new jobs in the area. In September, Coca-Cola pledged \$1 billion to the Philippines over five years.

The strategy isn't restricted to just the largest American companies. Entrepreneurs, whether in technology, retail or in manufacturing, today hire globally from the start.

Consider Vast.com, which powers the search engines of sites like Yahoo Travel and AOL Autos. The company was founded in 2005 with employees based in San Francisco and Serbia.

Harvard Business School Dean Nitin Nohria worries that the trend could be dangerous. In an article in the November issue of the Harvard Business Review, he says that if U.S. businesses keep prospering while Americans are struggling, business leaders will lose legitimacy in society. He exhorted business leaders to find a way to link growth with job creation at home.

Other economists, like Columbia University's Sachs, say multinational corporations have no choice, especially now that the quality of the global work force has improved. Sachs points out that the U.S. is falling in most global rankings for higher education while others are rising.

"We are not fulfilling the educational needs of our young people," says Sachs. "In a globalized world, there are serious consequences to that."

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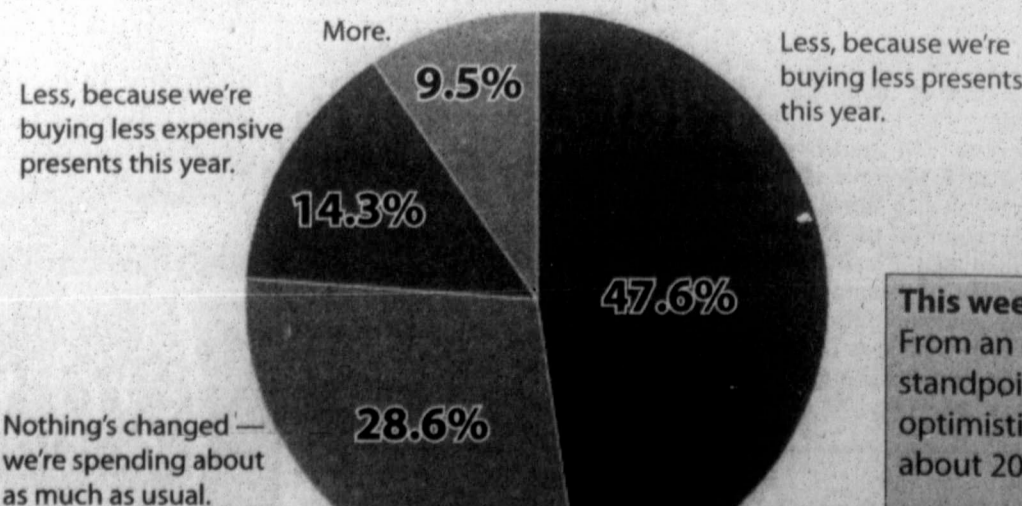
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# Police fatalities up 37 percent in 2010

ATLANTA (AP) — Two officers in a remote Alaska town were ambushed as they chatted on a street. A California officer and deputy were killed by an arson suspect with a high-powered rifle as they tried to serve a warrant. Two other officers doing anti-drug work were gunned down by men along a busy Arkansas highway.

These so-called cluster killings of more than one officer helped make 2010 a particularly deadly year for law enforcement. Deaths in the line of duty jumped 37 percent to about 160 from 117 the year before, according to numbers as of Tuesday compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit that tracks police deaths.

There also was a spike in shooting deaths. Fifty-nine federal, state and local officers were killed by gunfire in 2010, a 20 percent jump from last year's figures, when 49 were killed. The total does not include the death of a Georgia State Patrol trooper shot twice in the face Monday night in Atlanta as he tried to make a traffic stop.

And 73 officers died in traffic incidents, a rise from the 51 killed in 2009, according to the data.

Craig Floyd, director of the Washington-based fund, said the rise in fatalities could be an aftershock of the nation's economic troubles as officers in some communities cope with slashed budgets.

"We're asking our officers to do more with less. We're asking them to fight conventional crime, and we're asking them to serve on the front lines in the war against terror," he said.

Last year's toll of 117 officers killed was a 50-year low that encouraged police groups. But this year's total is more the norm than an anomaly: The number of police deaths has topped 160 five times since 2000, including 240 in 2001. The annual toll routinely topped 200 in the 1970s and before that in the 1920s.

The deaths were spread across more than 30 states and Puerto Rico — with the most killings reported in Texas, California, Illinois, Florida and Georgia. The two law enforcement agencies with the most deaths were the California Highway Patrol and the Chicago Police Department, each with five.

Ten of the shooting deaths came from five tragedies in which several officers were shot and killed in groups.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Single Still in Little Rock" (Nov. 6), the 34-year-old woman who is anxious about whether she'll ever marry. I married for the first time at 67. After retiring from a 45-year career in nursing, I met a wonderful, caring and interesting man who had lost his first wife years earlier. Neither "Sam" nor I was looking for a spouse at the time. (Truthfully, I had given up.) We were introduced by a mutual friend at church and soon knew we were meant to be together.

My advice to "Single" is to continue living a full and productive life, remain open to making new friends, look for a man who had a happy first marriage and don't give in to your anxieties. My husband and I know our time together is limited. We strive to make the most of every day, overlooking small and unimportant differences, and focusing on making each other happy. I am an integral part of Sam's family, including his sons and their offspring. It's a wonderful life, and I'm grateful I was able to endure some loneliness when I was younger for all that I have now. — ROSE IN TUCSON

DEAR ROSE: Your letter is inspiring. "Single Still" requested that I ask readers for their success stories in finding love "later in life," and true to form you responded in huge numbers. Bless you all! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: For many years I desperately wanted to be married. Therefore, I measured everyone who asked me out as a possible husband and either scared them away or allowed myself to be used. Finally, after living in a number of large cities, my career moved me to a tiny rural town. By then I had lost hope of finding Mr. Right, so I quit looking.

Best thing I ever did! I learned to enjoy life for what it offered each day, not pine for a mate. I found myself enjoying friendships with men because I saw them as friends, not potential husbands. Out of the blue, some pals arranged a blind date with "the only eligible bachelor" left in town. We were mar-

ried less than six months later. — at ages 34 and 38 — and just celebrated our 21st anniversary. — LOVING MY LIFE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: I consider my "failed" relationships opportunities to learn something. The main lesson is I must love who I am first and be less concerned about where a relationship is going. When you're happy, pursuing your own interests and developing yourself as a person, someone with a similar perspective will come along. Instead of bemoaning my single status, I'm on Internet dating sites — a great platform for meeting people who share my interests. — SONDRRA IN TENNESSEE

DEAR ABBY: I held off on marrying until my career was stable. My wife and I married when we were 35. For years we have traveled without worrying about baby sitters or being home by a certain time. We have formed friendships with other childless couples and share "family" holidays. We dote on our nieces and nephews. If "Single" still wants children and is concerned about the health aspects of pregnancy at an older age, adoption is available. — MARRIED MAN IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: At age 30, with the help of a therapist, I realized I was approaching this thing all wrong. Instead of dating men who were looking at me, I was running after every gorgeous guy I saw. It didn't work, so I stopped chasing and let myself be chased. I was married in five years. Love isn't always "at first sight." — BEEN THERE IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I used my single status in service to others — volunteering on "date nights," involving myself in local politics, being active in church and having a stellar career. I have no regrets, and am sad for the women I know who are lonely in their marriages. "Single" should count her blessings that she hasn't said "I do" to "Mr. Wrong." — SINGLE AND NOT SORRY IN FLORIDA

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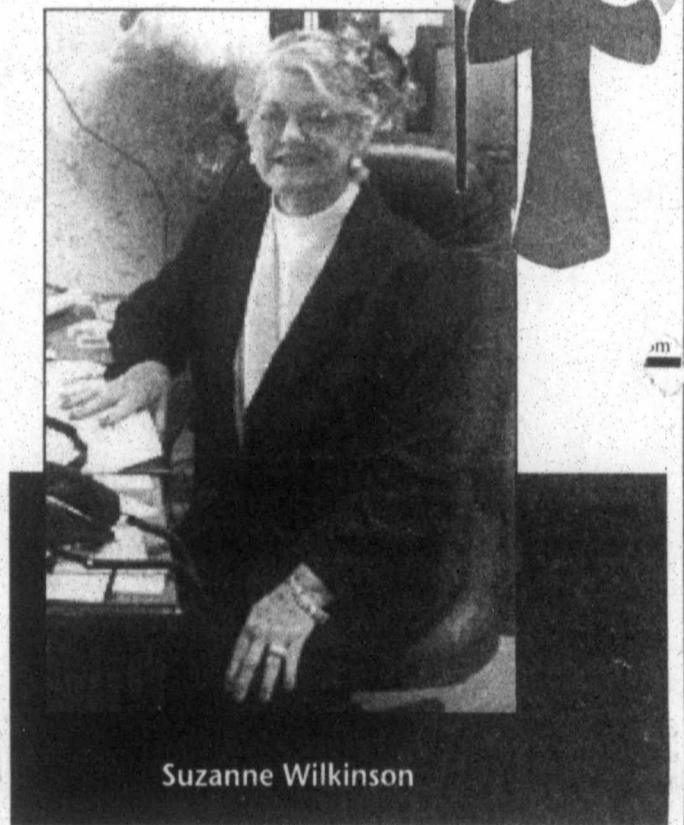
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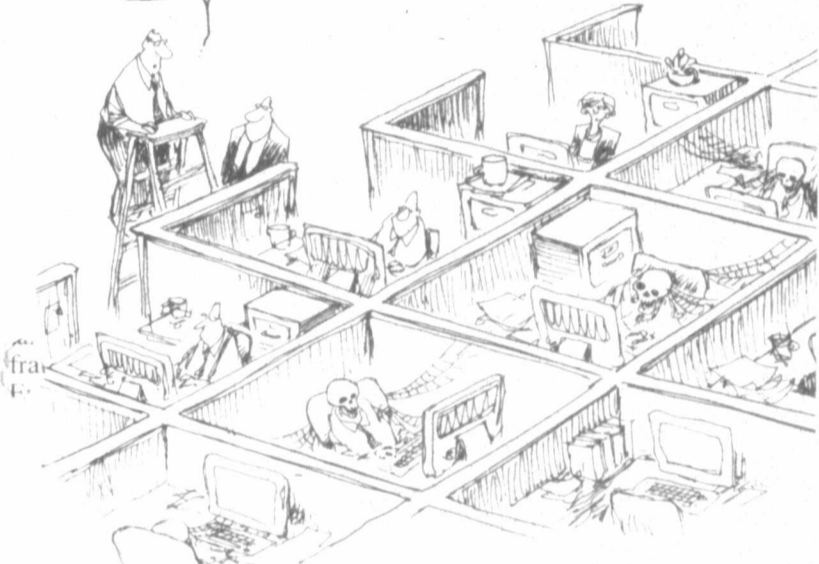
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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010:

This year, you often juggle your personal desires with a need to lead. This conflict remains resolvable. To see the path, you will need to detach. If you are single, you meet someone through friends, or a friendship could evolve into more. If you are attached, take on a joint life goal together. You will become much closer. SCORPIO can be insightful and a good friend.

**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)

★★★ Challenges surround you. The real issue remains how to handle them. You cannot go to battle over every issue or problem. Some of you might be at the point where all you want to do is hand the problem to someone else! Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Accomplish as much as you can. Prioritizing is the only way to go. A partner or associate can relate to your sense of direction. Schedule a discussion with someone who comes from a different point of view. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

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

★★★★ Tap into your creativity. A child or loved one might not intend to create a roadblock. Work with this person without forcing the issue. Clear out as much as you can in the afternoon -- errands, work or whatever is necessary. Tonight: Exercise time!

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

★★★ Leaving home takes talent. You have been getting used to being close to the pad. Your creativity surges midday, helping create more reasons to stick close to home. If you are single, you also do need to go out. You are more likely to meet someone while out and about. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

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

★★★★ Someone is impervious to your messages. Try as you might, you cannot break through. Instead of trying or triggering, just forget it. This person will not relate until he or she is ready. This afternoon, clear your desk and finish a project. You are unusually efficient. Tonight: Head home.

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

★★★★ A financial matter might get the best of you, perhaps creating a lot of nega-

tivity. You wonder what to do. Focus on communication; speak about what is bothering you. Others might have suggestions that open up your creativity. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Visit with friends -- on the phone, in person or in a chat room.

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

★★★★ Someone finds you to be very difficult at this moment. As a result, this person could blow up as you rarely have seen. Know that it is not just him or her; it takes two to cause such an explosion. If you are handling your finances, trust your judgment in this area. Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

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

★★★★ Refuse to take someone's words personally. You could become very angry if you do. Defer the whole comment; deal with it in a few days. The afternoon sees you energized and magnetic. Discussions become quite animated. Tonight: Whatever knocks the Scorp's socks off!

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

★★★★ Zero in on your priorities this morning. You still could hit a snafu. Give yourself a day or so before trying to dislodge the issue. Use the afternoon for quiet work or for where your intuition is needed. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

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

★★★★ Assume the lead once more, but also know that eventually you will step down and relax. Let others know this, too. Use this afternoon for getting together with others. Note where and with whom you feel the most comfortable. Tonight: Where the fun is, of course.

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

★★★★ Take an overview. Detach or imagine what it is like to be the other person. This afternoon, clear out some must-do's. Check in with a boss and/or older relative or friend. Tonight: Know that, without question, you are leader of the gang.

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

★★★ A partner or someone key to your life could be very difficult. Let go. You also don't have support from as many people as you might like. Detach in the afternoon. Pretend you are someone else. You might see life quite differently. Tonight: Follow the music.

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Actor Jude Law (1972), actress Mary Tyler Moore (1936), actor Jon Voight (1938)

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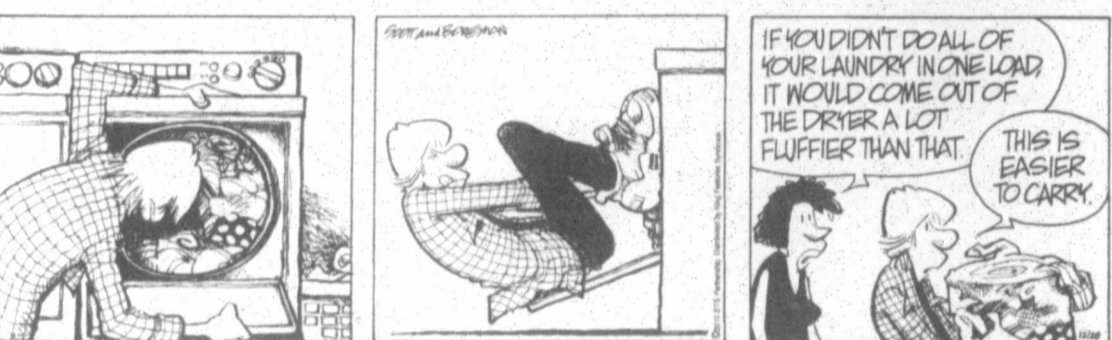
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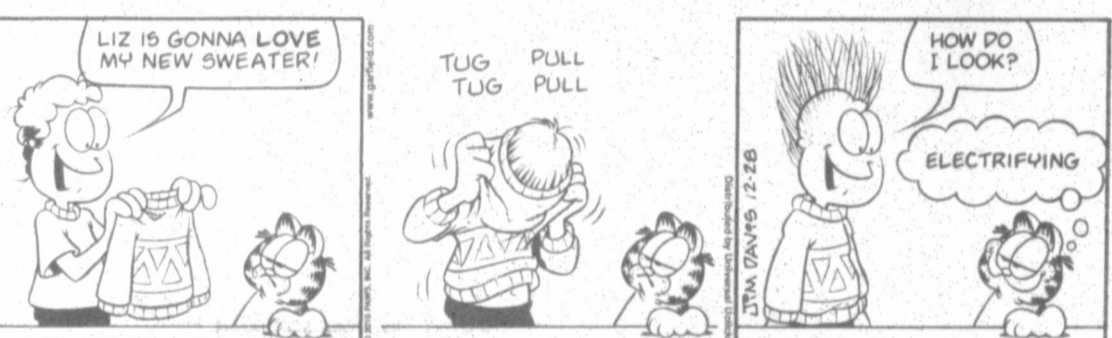
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# Sports

## Lady Harvesters beat the odds

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*This week, The Pampa News will take a look back at the sports events from 2010. This will be the first part of a four part series. This story will take a look back at the 2009-10 basketball season for Pampa and Lefors.*

The Pampa Lady Harvesters in the 2009-10 season were predicted to finish last in district 3-4A, but the hometown team proved the experts wrong.

The season got off to a rough start with Pampa 5-13 heading into the bulk of their district schedule. The Lady Harvesters went 6-6 in district and clinched the last playoff spot. Pampa was eliminated by Plainview in the bi-district round.

Then-Senior Shelbie Watson earned first team all-district, was selected to play in the Golden Spread All-Star game and won the Hustling Lady Harvester Award. Then-junior Taryn Eubank won the Most Valuable Player, second team all-district, Rebound Award, and Offensive Player of the Year Award. Then-senior Emilie Troxell won the Fighting Heart Award, academic all-state team and all-district honorable mention. Then-senior Andi Hutto won the Fighting Heart Award and all-district honorable mention. Then-sophomore Kirsten Kuhn won the Defensive Player of the Year Award and was an all-district honorable mention. Then-junior Cori Cook won the Buzzer Beater Clutch Shot Award for her baskets against Perryton and Caprock. Then-junior Ashlee Holland won the Brave Heart Award for fighting through injuries. Then-junior Liz Hoelting also won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Then-junior Kayla Hughes won the Sixth Person Award.

The Pampa Harvesters didn't quite accomplish what they wanted to in 2009-10. The Harvesters were 8-8 in non-district, but went 2-10 in district and lost two in overtime.

Pampa finished second to last in district.

Then-senior Alex Clendening was selected to first team all-district and won the Assist, Rebound, Offensive Player of the Year, and most valuable player. Then-junior Garrett Ericson won the Free Throw Award. Then-sophomore Reid Miller won the Charge Award. Cole Engle and Zach Murray won the Most Improved Player Award. Then-senior Nathan Webb won the Iron Man Award. Then-seniors Ryan Jimenez and Travis Hagerman won the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Then-sophomore Latigo Collins also won the Offensive Player of the Year Award and was an honorable mention for the all-district team. Then-junior Jonathan Polasek won the Hustlin' Harvester Award.

The Lefors Pirates are known for being a good football team, but they

weren't too bad on the basketball court. The Pirates went 10-8 and finished second in their district. Lefors made the playoffs a second straight season and were eliminated by the Fort Elliott Cougars in bi-district.

Then-senior Keenan Lott won the team MVP and was first-team all-district. Then-senior Trevor Czubinski also made first team all-district.

The Lefors Lady Pirates were in a learning stage in their second season under head coach Tory Peet. Lefors went 3-17 and went 0-8 in district. The Lady Pirates suffered 11 losses of 25 or more points. Then-junior Taylor Overstreet won MVP and was an honorable mention for all-district. Then-senior Shayley Morris won the Sixth Woman Award. Then-sophomore Kaitlyne Porter won the Defensive Most Valuable Player as she led the Lady Pirates in rebounds. Then-sophomore Story Pairsh won the Offensive MVP. Porter and Pairsh were also honorable mention all-district.



**ABOVE:** Alex Clendening attempts a layup in a January 19 game against Randall



**LEFT -** Shelbie Watson attempts a layup in a February 1 game against Dumas.

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