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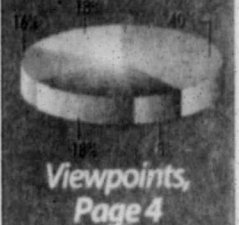
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## Front yard parking ban goes into effect

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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Keep off the grass: Ordinance No. 1523, also known as the front yard parking ordinance, goes into effect this week.

The Pampa City Commission passed the ordinance, which bars vehicles from being parked in visible front yard areas, last summer. The amnesty period in the ordinance has expired and the

ordinance goes into effect with the new year, according to Pampa Director of Public Works Donny Hooper.

Hooper said that vehicles now must be parked on an approved surface or risk a citation. Vehicles defined under the ordinance's regulation include "any automobile, bus, truck, tractor, motor home, farm machinery, boats, fifth wheel trailers, campers, camper shells, wheeled towing

frames, semi-tractor trailers and truck beds mounted on chassis."

Approved surfaces, as interpreted by the ordinance, must be at least as large as the vehicle parked upon it and constructed of concrete, asphalt, paving stones, porous pavers or "other porous comparable materials." The ordinance applies to all residential single family, duplex or townhouse lots in Pampa.

A violation of the ordinance

would be classified as a Class C misdemeanor, carrying a maximum fine of \$500. Each day of the violation will constitute a separate offense.

The ordinance primarily affects "front yard areas," defined as grass covered areas visible from the street. On most lots, that means the part of the lawn between the front of the primary residence and the street.

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## SWORN INTO SERVICE



Gray County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 Mary Ann Carpenter takes the oath of office from County Judge Richard Peet during the Gray County Commissioners Court meeting on Friday. Other county officials were sworn in on Saturday, Jan. 1.

## Chisum hopes to draw on GOP pressure

**JAY ROOT**  
 Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Conservative activists are pressuring Republican Texas lawmakers to dump one of their most powerful elected officials, House Speaker Joe Straus, with a week to go before the start of the Legislature's 2011 session.



It's a push that Pampa's Warren Chisum hopes to be able to ride to victory. Chisum is one of two conservative Republicans, along with Ken Paxton of McKinney, vying to replace Straus as Speaker.

The Texas Eagle Forum, which advocates for socially conservative positions on issues such as gay rights and abortion, sent out a letter Monday calling on lawmakers to vote against Straus when the Legislature reconvenes Jan. 11. Eagle Forum President Pat Carlson said Straus is too moderate for the lopsided GOP majorities in the Legislature.

She also said the group will keep close track of how legislators vote in the speaker's race.

"Unfortunately, Speaker Straus **CHISUM** cont. on page 3

## City, Pickens help PAWS toward spay/neuter program

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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The Pampa Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) is getting some financial backing from a very influential animal lover.

Madeleine Pickens, wife of Roberts County rancher and Dallas entrepreneur T. Boone Pickens, offered the group a \$2,500 matching grant to help with animal welfare in late 2010. PAWS approached the City of Pampa for assistance, and the city commission in December came up with \$2,500 of their own to match Pickens' contribution.

"I got an e-mail from her," PAWS President Faustina Curry said of Pickens, "saying, 'Where do I send the check?'"

The volunteers of PAWS, a non-profit organization, have made it a focus during the group's formative months to establish a program helping low income residents spray and neuter their pets.



**Curry**  
 The \$5,000 from Mrs. Pickens and the City of Pampa will go a long way toward funding that program, Curry said.

While PAWS has helped with the adoption of animals from the shelter, Curry said that the flow of unwanted puppies and kittens into the shelter is greater than the adoption out of the shelter.

PAWS officials at the end of September said Pampa's Animal Shelter had the highest kill rate in the state. Ninety-five out of every

**"I got an e-mail from her saying, 'Where do I send the check?'"**  
 — PAWS President Faustina Curry on Madeleine Pickens' support of local animal welfare

100 animals in the shelter were euthanized. That comes to about 250 pets a month that have to be killed. Since then, PAWS has been working to spay and neuter animals at the shelter and see that they are adopted out or moved to no-kill shelters.

Curry said that Mrs. Pickens was instrumental in getting some animals moved to such a shelter in Oklahoma.

"She's an animal lover," Curry said.

Curry also praised Pampa veterinarians **PAWS** cont. on page 2

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST



**Wednesday** High 50 Low 20  
**Thursday** High 56 Low 27  
**Friday** High 53 Low 25

**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 8 and 18. Blustery, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 50. Wind chill values between 7 and 17 early. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 20. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph.

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. West northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 27. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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**BANANAGRAMS!**  
 Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. The BANANA BITES provide hints to help you solve each grid. Reuse the 15 tiles in the bunch for each grid.

O L C D O L O S  
 D R O O N O Y

**BANANA BITE:** One word means "those who give."  
**BANANA BITE:** One word is a kind of portal.

Yesterday's Answer: COLOR/LYRIC NOTCH/HANDY, DWELL/WEDGE

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## Obituaries

### Mary Meathenia Coombes, 61

Mary Meathenia Coombes, 61, went home to be with her Savior on January 3, 2011, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Coombes was born March 31, 1949, in Pampa where she had been a life-long resident, graduating from Pampa High School in 1967. She received her LVN degree from Frank Phillips College and received her Registered Nurse's degree from Amarillo College. She worked for Rural Metro Ambulance during her school years, and later, she was a nurse at Pampa Regional Medical Center for over 20 years. She was a member of First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include a son, Terry Coombes of Lefors; sister, Rita Ellis and husband Keldon of Pampa; three grandchildren, Tad Coombes and wife Jonelle, Tory Coombes and wife Tabitha, and Brittney Coombes and Kegan Furgerson, all of Lefors; two great-grandchildren, Trace Coombes and Aiden Furgerson, both of Lefors; special friend, Mina Towery of the home. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, L.A. and Viola Meathenia; a brother and a sister.



Coombes

Memorials may be made to Lefors Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 362, Lefors, TX 79054, or First Pentecostal Holiness Church, P.O. Box 1472, Pampa, TX 79066-1472.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

### Agnes Atchley, 75

Agnes Atchley, 75, died January 1, 2011, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Rev. Willard Kiper, Freewill Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Atchley was born April 28, 1935, in Pahaska, Okla. She married Charles Atchley on November 15, 1952, in Davis, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1962. Agnes was a member of First Freewill Baptist Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, C. R. Atchley of the home; two sons, Arley Atchley and wife Mary of Effingham, S.C., and Allen Atchley of Venezuela; five grandchildren. Agnes was preceded in death by a daughter, Angela June Atchley in 1963; and a son, Anthony Atchley in 1996.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

continued from Mon.

### Sheriff's Office

Jason Duane Norwood, 37, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

**Saturday, Jan. 1**  
 Lauren Elizabeth Haynes, 26, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check.

Jacob Lynn West, 24, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Barbara Ann Taylor, 46, was arrested by police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Monday, Jan. 3**  
 Yesenia Dominguez Flores, 20, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

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

**Monday, Jan. 3**  
 Hernan Rosales Domin-

guez, 49, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a valid driver's license, not having proof of financial responsibility and having an expired motor vehicle inspection sticker.

Billy Bob Stowers, 24, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of evading arrest.

Richard Martinez, 38, was arrested by police on a Tarrant County warrant charging him with nonpayment of child support.

Mark Allen Haynes, 42, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear and burglary of a motor vehicle.

**Tuesday, Jan. 4**  
 Simeon Xavier Dunn, 41, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with a possession of a controlled substance conviction.

Scotty Calvillos, 17, was arrested by police on charges of criminal trespass.

### Police Department

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

Police reported nine traffic-related calls and three accidents.

Animal Control Officers reported 10 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS, reported

13 ambulance calls. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

**Monday, Jan. 3**  
 Criminal trespass was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson and the 2200 block of North Christy.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Lea.

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of East Foster.

A burglary was reported to police. Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of East Lefors.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at Kentucky and Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Doyle.

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

A power line was reported down at 23rd and Price.

A theft was reported in the 400 block of North Carr.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell.

A suicide attempt was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

continued on Wed.

## PAWS

Ron Easley and Brian Gordzelik for their work in spaying and neutering animals at the shelter so the animals can be adopted out.

She said that she will meet with the veterinarians, Pampa Animal Control officials and the PAWS board to finalized a low and fixed income spay and neutering program later this month.

"As I see it," Curry said, "this is the only way to reduce the amount of puppies and kittens brought to the shelter, and thereby reduce the euthanasia rate."

While PAWS is working to save as many animals as possible, Curry said their long-range goal also includes building a new, larger shelter better suited for adoption.

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	3	5	4	6	8	2	9	1
4	9	1	2	7	3	5	8	6
8	6	2	9	1	5	7	3	4
5	7	3	8	2	1	4	6	9
2	8	4	5	9	6	1	7	3
9	1	6	7	3	4	8	5	2
6	4	9	1	5	7	3	2	8
3	5	8	6	4	2	9	1	7
1	2	7	3	8	9	6	4	5

5	9	1	3					
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	9			5			3	7
	6		3			8		9

Level: Beginner

AXYDLBAAXR  
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

1-4 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

VGM RQIUMW TL VGM YQAV  
 JQA VGQV XMI CMPQXM  
 AKQEMA VGM RQIUMW TL  
 VGM LOVOWM FA VGQV XQI  
 XQN CMPTXM WTCTVA

— MWFPGLWTTX  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE GOAL ISN'T TO LIVE FOREVER; THE GOAL IS TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT WILL. — CHUCK PALAHNIUK

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# AFTERNOONRUSH *Parking*

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## Wildfires burn 8,000 acres

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Weekend wildfires burned at least 8,000 acres, including part of the sprawling King Ranch, and one home in South Texas.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Tuesday that the Texas Forest Service is moving more firefighting resources into the region as dry conditions linger.

James Barrie with the Texas Forest Service says heavy equipment can dig up grassy areas to block fires. He says aircraft probably will be staged in Alice.

The largest fire scorched about 3,200 acres in Jim Wells and Kleberg counties. King Ranch general manager Dave Delaney says nobody was hurt and no structures or animals were harmed. Ben Bolt Fire Chief Patrick Thomas says the blaze was started by children playing with fireworks.

Authorities say a fire that destroyed a home in Loyola Beach apparently began with trash burning.

## Brownsville bans plastic bags

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Brownsville effort at going greener begins this week with a ban on most plastic shopping bags commonly handed out to customers by retailers.

The ban takes effect Wednesday.

A voluntary ban has been in effect since the Brownsville City Commission on Jan. 5, 2010, approved the measure.

Commissioner Edward Camarillo says the goal is fighting pollution and reducing litter.

Plastic bags of a certain thickness, meant for reuse, are allowed. Also allowed are single-use plastic bags meant to prevent contamination from meat, fish and poultry.

Shoppers can pay \$1 to have their items placed in remaining single-use bags that a store might have.

Lone Star public benefits cards cannot be used to pay the surcharge.

## DNA links felon to slaying

DALLAS (AP) — Police say an inmate's DNA has linked him to the December 2009 slaying of a 97-year-old Dallas woman.

A story last week by The Dallas Morning News about the unsolved beating and strangling of Inez Skelton led to a capital murder warrant for 30-year-old Jorge Ypina. He apparently lived near her.

Dallas police say the attacker ate chicken at Skelton's house. A bone yielded DNA.

Ypina's DNA was not in a national database at the time of the slaying. He was later convicted burglary and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and is serving 10 years.

After the story was published, a Texas Ranger investigating attacks on elderly women contacted police, who ran the Skelton case DNA evidence through the database again.

Electronic prison records had no listing of an attorney for Ypina.

## Vote expected on nuke dump

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental groups failed to sway a federal judge in Austin who refused to block a vote on a plan to allow three dozen states to dump low-level radioactive waste in West Texas.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission was scheduled to meet Tuesday in Andrews and vote on the proposal.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks on Monday dismissed a lawsuit by environmentalists and last week's ruling by a state district judge that put the measure on hold. Sparks noted that the commission had received about 5,000 comments on the measure.

The dump in Andrews County is owned by Dallas-based Waste Control Specialists. The site currently only accepts waste from Texas, Vermont and the federal government.

The company has said the facility is safe and secure, proving a permanent disposal option.

## Dell buys data security company

ROUND ROCK (AP) — Dell Inc. has a deal to buy the data security firm SecureWorks Inc., the company said Tuesday, another acquisition aimed at taking Dell beyond the personal computer market.

The company has been looking to expand into lines of business that promise bigger profits, a trend led by tech peers including Hewlett-Packard Co. and IBM Corp.

The deal for SecureWorks taps into the growing need of large businesses and other organizations to protect sensitive information on their networks. HP made a similar deal in September when it paid \$1.5 billion for network security provider ArcSight Inc.

Dell's latest acquisition is also consistent with the shift to delivering technology and services over the Web rather than licensing software that is hosted on a customer's own servers.

Dell did not say how much it is paying for SecureWorks, which is privately held and based in Atlanta. It said the company has 700 employees and 2,900 customers in 70 countries. SecureWorks had revenue of more than \$120 million in fiscal 2010, Dell said.

## Not guilty plea in standoff

ODESSA (AP) — A reclusive Odessa man suspected of shooting three law officers and an energy company worker during a 22-hour standoff has pleaded not guilty.

Victor White was in the Midland County Jail on Tuesday with bond set at \$2 million.

The 55-year-old White pleaded not guilty Monday to three counts of attempted capital murder of a peace officer, attempted capital murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Defense attorney David Zavoda told the Odessa American that the proceedings "went smooth, the way it should have gone."

White is accused of opening fire Sept. 17 in an alleged dispute over access to a well on his property.

Corner lots, which adjoin two streets, effectively have two such "front yard" areas. Essentially, the front yard, the side yard adjacent to the street and the rear yard all would require improved surfaces for parking. The rear yard is included because any vehicles parked there are

visible from a public right-of-way.

Parking within fenced-in rear yards would be permitted if the parked vehicles are "screened from the public view by a screening wall or visual barrier" that would obscure the vehicles from the view of the street.

## Chisum

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is not a conservative," Carlson said. "Anyone who says otherwise was not paying attention during the last legislative session or has not looked at Speaker Straus' political associations and background or both."

Chisum said many Republicans he has tried to peel away indeed tell him they plan to vote for Straus. But Chisum said many rank-and-file GOP activists want a more conservative leader in the chamber.

"I know a lot of them have just said they're going to stick by and vote for Straus," Chisum said. "But there still is a lot of hometown pressure going on and I don't see it quitting anytime soon."

Republicans control all statewide

offices in Texas and in November the GOP fielded its largest majority ever in the Texas House of Representatives. After the election, two Democrats — Allan Ritter in East Texas and Aaron Pena in deep South Texas — defected and joined the Republican Party. That gave the GOP a 101-49 majority, enough votes to transact legislative business in the House even if the Democrats don't show up.

Both Democrats and Republicans cast votes for speaker on the opening day of the session, and Straus was elected two years ago with a lot of Democratic votes.

As in 2009, there could be some drama before the session convenes. Many Republicans want the legislators they elected in November to

pick a favored speaker candidate when the Republican caucus meets on Jan. 10, a day before the session begins. Straus opponents are hoping the caucus will produce a more conservative alternative at that meeting.

Asked for comment, Straus spokeswoman Tracy Young issued a statement saying Straus "is focused on the upcoming session and tackling the important issues, including passing a 'no new taxes' budget and cutting spending, that voters expect the Legislature to address."

Straus has touted his own support from conservatives and says he has more than enough votes to be re-elected to a second term at the helm of the Texas House.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2011. There are 361 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 4, 1951, during the Korean War, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces recaptured the city of Seoul.

### On this date:

In 1861, Alabama seized a federal arsenal at Mount Vernon near Mobile.

In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

In 1904, the Supreme Court, in *Gonzalez v. Williams*, ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

In 1948, Burma (now called Myanmar) became independent of British rule.

In 1960, Algerian-born French author and philosopher Albert Camus died in an automobile accident in Villeblevin, France at age 46.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson outlined the goals of his "Great Society" in his State of the Union Address. Poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 2007, Nancy Pelosi was elected the first female speaker of the House as Democrats took control of Congress.

**Ten years ago:** It was announced that George, the politics and lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy, Jr., would fold. Orchestra leader Les Brown, known for his "Band of Renown," died at age 88.

**Five years ago:** Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon suffered a significant stroke; his official powers were transferred to his deputy, Ehud Olmert. (Sharon remains in a coma.)

**One year ago:** Dubai opened the world's tallest skyscraper, and in a surprise move renamed the 2,717-foot gleaming glass-and-metal tower Burj Khalifa in a nod to the leader of neighboring Abu Dhabi - the oil-rich sheikdom which had come to its financial rescue.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Barbara Rush is 84. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 81. Actress Dyan Cannon is 74. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 74. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 68. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 56. Actress Ann Magnuson is 55. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 55. Country singer Patty Loveless is 54. Rock singer Michael Stipe (R.E.M.) is 51. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 49. Actor Dave Foley is 48. Actor Rick Hearst is 46. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 46. Actress Julia Ormond is 46. Tennis player Guy Forget is 46. Country singer Deana Carter is 45. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 44. Actor Jeremy Licht is 40. Actress-singer Jill Marie Jones is 36. Alt-country singer Justin Townes Earle is 29. Christian rock singer Spencer Chamberlain (Underoath) is 28. Comedian-actress Charlyne Yi is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "Lie down and listen to the crabgrass grow, the faucet leak, and learn to leave them so." - Marya Mannes, American author-journalist (1904-1990)



## The greatest impact of the last decade

How glum are we Americans? When asked by the NBC News-Wall Street Journal poll how we compared the past 10 years to other decades, 55 percent of respondents answered either "a very bad decade" or "one of the worst decades in American history."

But it was the answer to the very next question in the same survey that explained to me the nation's current melancholy: "Thinking about the first 10 years of the 21st century -- which of these events had the greatest effect on you personally." The list included the terrorists' attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the federal budget deficit, Hurricane Katrina, the BP oil spill in the Gulf and the economic recession.

Not surprisingly, a full one out of three -- 33 percent -- named 9/11, the date and events of which have changed our own lives and our nation's. From the way we travel, work, shop and live, nothing has been the same

since that day of terror and death. Another 11 percent answered that their lives had been most influenced by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the event of the past decade that has had the greatest impact upon Americans -- chosen by two out of five of us (39 percent) has been and continues to be the economic recession.

It is both national and personal. Between the end of 1999 all the way to 2010 -- while the nation's population was growing by more than 27 million -- there was no net increase in private-sector jobs. We have lived through a lost decade. Median-income American households made less last year, when adjusted for inflation, than they did 10 years ago. More than 15 million of us are still unemployed this Christmas season, more than 40 percent of whom have now been out of work for more than six months. Millions more are now classified as "involuntary part-time workers" because their hours have

been cut back or they have been unable to find full-time employment.

### MARK SHIELDS

Employers, even when they do need additional help, have resisted hiring full-time permanent workers. According to The New York Times, after the mild recession at the beginning of the decade, just 7.1 percent of the new workers were temporary hires. But this year, that share of part-time, temporary hires has nearly quadrupled, to 26.1 percent.

Workers, whose own self confidence and cohesiveness have been frequent casualties to actual layoffs and the corporations' implicit threat to ship their jobs off-shore, now accept wages and working conditions that, less than a generation ago, would have been unacceptable or even grounds for a strike vote.

Add to all this the losses of the value -- including, sadly, too often the ownership, as well -- of Americans' homes, of their pension and retirement funds, and their investments and savings, and you can understand why Americans' traditional optimism -- the same spirit that settled the frontier and built a national society that has been truly the envy of the world -- is today in such perilously short supply.

The iron rule of U.S. politics remains: When the economy is bad, the economy is the only issue; when the economy is good, other issues -- as important as saving the environment or as trivial as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance -- can gain voters' attention.

In the winter of 2010-11, in this uncharacteristically gloomy land of ours, the economy is, indeed bad. And jobs and the economy remain the only issue!

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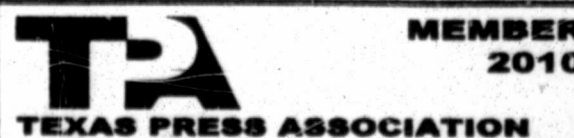
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## Forest Service says wildfire danger ahead

Over the New Year holiday wildfires burned more than 5,200 acres of Texas land. Texas faces extreme wildfire danger this winter. Experts say high winds and dry conditions are setting the stage for massive and destructive fires -- many predicted to occur within two miles of urban areas. In the last five years, ten such firestorms have destroyed 1,065 structures and killed 22 people. An estimated 90 percent of all

Texas wildfires are caused by human activity. Texans can help prevent wildfires if they follow simple precautions, like:

- Be careful when pulling off a road or driving into a field. Hot catalytic converters can ignite vegetation.
- If smoking in your car, extinguish cigarettes in vehicle ashtrays. Never toss a cigarette out of a car window, and don't put cigarettes out on the

ground. IH-35 and IH-20 are especially prone to fire danger this year.

• Avoid burning trash. The greatest single cause of wildfire is sparks or burning trash blown into the air because debris is not properly contained. Even a barrel covered with a screen can allow a spark to escape, igniting nearby vegetation.

• Keep a fire extinguisher and water handy when working outdoors with

equipment that gets hot, or involves sparks, such as welding equipment. Water down outdoor work areas in advance if possible.

• Don't use fireworks. Do respect burn bans when your county officials declare them.

For more information on fire danger and advisories, see: <http://www.texasfirestorm.org> and the Texas Forest Service website at: <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu>.

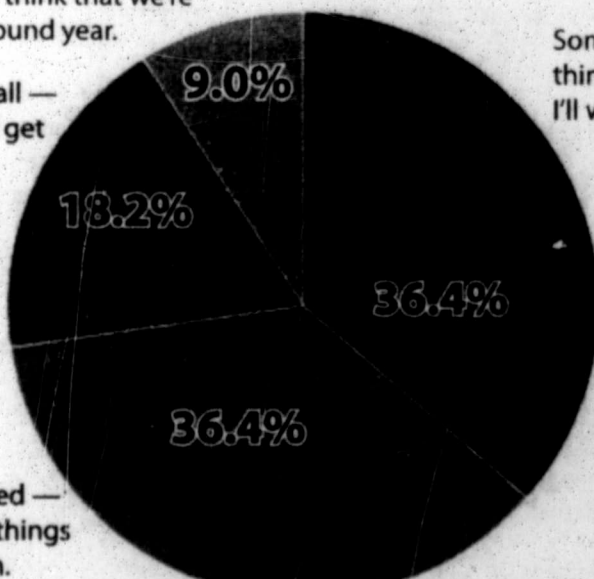
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Last week: From an economic standpoint, how optimistic are you about 2011?

Very optimistic — I think that we're bound for a turnaround year.

Not optimistic at all — in fact, things will get worse.

Not very encouraged — it doesn't look like things will get better soon.



Somewhat optimistic — things will get better, but I'll wait and see.

**This week:** What do you think is the biggest issue facing Pampa and Gray County in 2011?

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** How does one live peacefully and get along with one's in-laws? I understand that everyone has different ideas, morals, etc., and I feel we should all try to respect one another's differences. However, my in-laws make it extremely difficult to spend time with them.

How does one eat at the same table with people who eat with their faces an inch from their plates and chew with their mouths open? How does one tolerate their complaining about everything and everyone? How does one coexist with people who think they're perfect and the rest of the world is flawed?

I thought about giving them an etiquette book as a gift, but my spouse told me not to waste the money. — BITING MY TONGUE IN ST. PAUL, MINN.

**DEAR BITING:** An etiquette book would help only people who recognize they needed to consult one. The way to deal with your in-laws is, first, to remember they did one thing right: They produced your husband.

Because their table manners offend you, visit with them after mealtime whenever possible. If you can't avoid it, keep your eyes on your own plate. When

they complain, respond with something positive or tactfully redirect the conversation to another subject. When they present themselves as perfect, never disagree — and see them as infrequently as possible.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend of two years, "Bobby," is still technically married to — and living with — his wife and child. He says he "has" to stay there because his son has learning difficulties and needs his support.

Bobby wants to wait until his son is older and more stable. His wife is a shrew who is just there as a roommate. She knows all about our affair, but she wants to stay married. She says she still loves Bobby even though he no longer loves her.

This triangle is stressful for me and Bobby. Don't you think his wife should wake up and smell the coffee? Bobby and I want to get on with our life together without all of this baggage constantly interfering with your plans. What should we do? — HIS TRUE LOVE

**DEAR TRUE LOVE:** The person who should be smelling the coffee isn't Bobby's wife — it's you. You have invested two years of your life in a man who is as married as one can get. Bobby isn't going any where, and the sooner

you accept that fact the sooner you can find an eligible man to spend your life with. This may seem hard to accept, but if you don't believe me, just give your "true love" an ultimatum.

**DEAR ABBY:** Does a woman consider a man's invitation to lunch as the next thing to his asking her to sleep with him? And what do others think about this invitation if the female mentions it to her husband or friends?

One etiquette book said, in effect, "If the lunch is not about business, it's about sex." Pretty severe, I think.

I asked a female co-worker to lunch for purely social reasons, but I have gotten reactions of derision from others about it. Can't a man ask a female to lunch without some sort of negative social reaction? — LET'S DO LUNCH, MISSOULA, MONT.

**DEAR LET'S DO LUNCH:** In my book he can. And many do. To ask someone to lunch in the bright sunlight of high noon in a casual restaurant is hardly what I'd call a proposition. And I've never seen an etiquette book that implied that it is. It appears the "others" you have been telling have dirty minds and enjoy razzing you.

## Today's economic negativity can turn into future promise

**TERRY SAVAGE**  
Creator's Syndicate

What will happen to the economy and the stock market and interest rates in 2011? This is the season for forecasts and prognostications. But that's not what most people are thinking about when they wonder what's in their economic future for the year ahead.

The one economic question on most people's minds is whether the United States will grow again, and whether their lives will ever be materially better, and most of all — whether their children will have a better life than they do.

A Facebook poll taken a few months ago revealed that many had worked hard all their lives, lost significant ground in the recession — and were not at all optimistic that their children or grandchildren would have a higher standard of living.

Sure, the stock market is starting the year at, or near, a new high since this terrible financial convulsion first started in 2008. And the official measure of economic growth — gross domestic product — is showing that the economy is moving ahead, leaving the official definition of recession behind us. And yes, the unemployment numbers have made some progress, though hardly a dent in the massive numbers of people searching for work.

But that's the stuff that economists consider. What matters to most people is the dramatic decline of hope that things will get much better. It's a generational worry that has many Americans ready to believe that our best times are behind us. Most of us are willing to sacrifice for a good cause — and the best cause for many of us is our children's future. Right now, it seems cloudy.

Those feelings of

despair remind me of accounts of life in the Depression years. It must have been overwhelming to live in such continuing misery. The drought and dustbowl destroyed America's farm economy, even as the Depression destroyed jobs. Few parents then could anticipate their children would live in a world of jet-age global travel and economic growth.

Today's negative outlook also reminds me of the 1970s, when the effort to fight a war and create a "great society" at the same time resulted in a frightening inflation, then a devastating recession. The stock market had hovered around 700 for a decade, the prime rate went to 20.5 percent, and unemployment hit double digits.

At the depths of the economic recession in 1980-82, few would have forecast that within 20 years the Dow would hit 12,000, and interest rates would be in the low single digits, and that an unexpected technology revolution would create unprecedented productivity and economic growth.

Yet, that's exactly what the American economy delivered — an economic boom that created jobs and prosperity and hope for the future. And it created wealth.

That's what we should all be rooting for in 2011: wealth creation.

The politics of envy has never achieved economic growth because it has at its core a desire to redistribute the existing wealth, instead of creating incentives to create growth that can lift an entire society.

We are told that there are too many "rich" people. Instead, we should think that there are not enough rich people. Because only wealthy people can pay the taxes that will fill in our budget deficits.

In 2008, the last year for which hard data is available, the top 1

percent of the nation's adjusted gross income earners earned 20 percent of the total national income. Those are the truly wealthy. And, they paid 38 percent of the nation's taxes.

That year, the top 10 percent of the nation's AGI earners earned 45.8 percent of the income, but they paid in 69.6 percent of the total taxes paid that year.

In fact, the top 50 percent of the nation's AGI earners earned 87.25 percent of the total income but they paid in 97.30 percent of the total income taxes. (This analysis comes from the Tax Foundation, based on IRS data.)

Think how much good our country could do for its own citizens, and for others around the world, if we had a growing economy, with more people working — and paying taxes.

It's easy to forget the incredible possibilities that our economy offers — if we all work together to reward ingenuity and create incentives for progress. That applies to bosses as well as workers, to bankers as well as borrowers, to government as well as business.

In the midst of the Depression, our President Franklin Roosevelt told us, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Those are words to remember as we enter a new year, filled with concerns about our future and the future we will leave to our children and grandchildren. No one ever won a bet against the long-term success of America. And that's the Savage Truth.

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Gosh — that corner looks really lonely now."

### Non Sequitur



### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011:

This year, a lot is happening that causes you to revise your thinking. You are more upbeat than you have been in years because of a willingness to let go and try new situations. You are more optimistic and lucky than you have been in a long time. If you are single, romance bubbles up in the summer. You could meet someone special. If you are attached, the heat of the summer adds to the temperature of the relationship between you. AQUARIUS helps you make money.

*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)

Listen to news — the unexpected runs not. Lean on your sixth sense and trust it. You could discover another perspective if you give up being too rational. Zero in on what is important, and nothing less. Your softer side emerges with a loved one. Tonight: Follow the gang.

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

You might wonder which way to go. Honor what is happening, and stay open to possibilities. A friend keeps blowing in with wild suggestions. Others try many different ways to manipulate the situation. Observe rather than respond. Tonight: A must appearance.

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

Reach out for more information. Trust your ability to visualize and manifest. After the past few days, you discover the power of sugar over vinegar. Remember, you are responsible for the end results. Tonight: Detach and relax.

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

Work with individuals rather than groups. Your style appeals to many different people. Seek out different opinions as you open up a brainstorming session. You could be surprised to know that there is more information coming. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

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

Continue to allow others to run the show. You need some clarity as to who does what. Others will be able to see the end results far more easily if you remove yourself from the mix. An element of instability yet good will exists with a loved one. Tonight: Know when you are tired.

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

Thinking about work all the time and what you must do could be a drag.

Events involving your immediate circle of friends push you away from this need to be efficient. Kick back. Make some calls to those you haven't chatted with in a while. Tonight: Exercise.

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

The unexpected occurs. Focus on incorporating the excitement into your life, allowing for greater give-and-take with those in your office. Be careful about going overboard, whether you're just eating a meal, expressing your feelings or making a purchase. The holidays are over! Tonight: Where the fun is.

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

Your inevitable creativity plays out in a conversation with a child. If you are doing a crossword puzzle or working on an artistic project, you leave your unique fingerprint. Others respond to your innate charisma and ingenuity. Tonight: Let the fun begin. Dump negativity.

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

Listen to your instincts and follow through on a personal matter. Some of you might be checking out a real estate investment. If you focus on security too much, you might not be able to see a wonderful opportunity. Tonight: Order in.

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

Stop and become more aware of what you have to offer to a situation. You will see much more than you think. Living in a materialistic world, we forget and often think in terms of money alone. Say what you feel, but don't be surprised by someone's reaction. Tonight: You don't need to break the bank in order to enjoy yourself.

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

Allow greater give-and-take. How you deal with certain people could change as a result of what could happen. Be aware that not everyone responds to the same normally well-received style. The same word conjures up different images for different people. Tonight: Live it up as only you can.

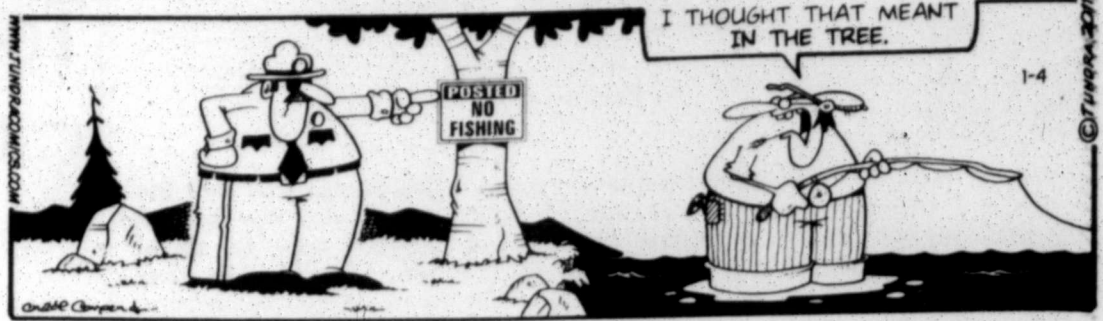
#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Sometimes you might be more mellow than other times. Right now you go through moods very quickly, making it difficult to predict what will happen. Others step back rather than get involved in a difficult situation. They never know what is coming next. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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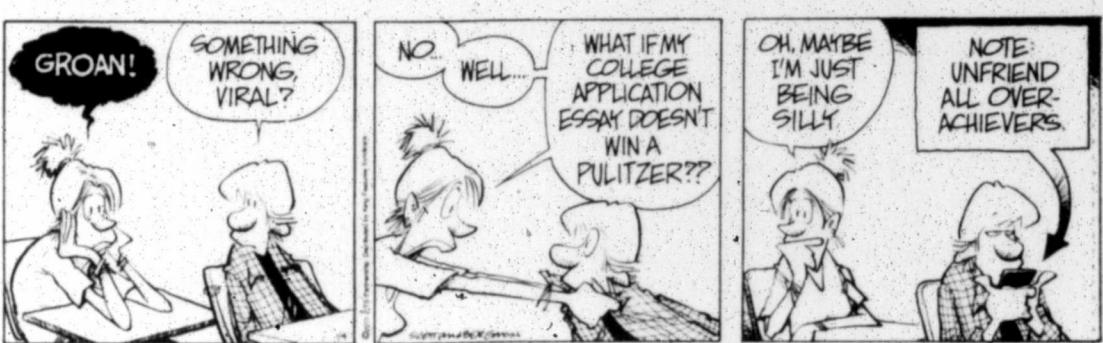
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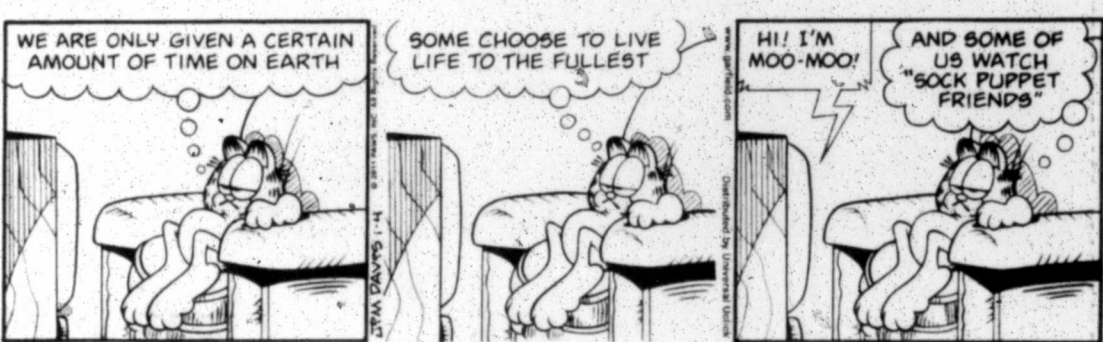
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- High school diploma or GED equivalent
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- Willingness to perform/comply with the following:
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  - To work overtime
  - To work in enclosed spaces, such as tanks and silos
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  - To climb up to 250 feet in height
  - To lift a minimum of 50 pounds
  - To work around chemicals, including acids and bases
  - To wear fire retardant clothing and personal protective equipment (such as steel-toe shoes, ear and eye protection)
  - 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

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### Instrument Technician (Craftsman) - Job Requisition #00A84:

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### Welder - Job Requisition #00ABI:

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# Sports

## Rebounding struggles plague PHS freshman boys

**ANDREW GLOVER**  
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The freshman boys basketball team struggled to get defensive rebounds in the third quarter and lost to the Panhandle Panthers 54-46 Monday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center.

The first quarter was evenly matched. Panhandle led by four early but Pampa came back and took a one point lead in the second half of the quarter. The Harvesters were tied at 10 after one. Pampa led by as many as two in the second quarter. The Panthers took over the game midway through the second and outscored Pampa 12-5 to take a 24-19 lead. Panhandle led 24-21 at halftime.

In the second half, the Panthers quickly made it a nine-point game. The Harvesters didn't get closer than five and were out-

scored 16-9. Panhandle led 40-30 after three. Freshman coach Forrest Harding said they struggled boxing out.

"Blocking out in a zone is tough for freshmen to get sometimes," Harding said. "You got to do it every time. They turn and look and chase the ball."

The Harvesters won the fourth quarter 16-14. Pampa trailed by as many as 14 and didn't get closer than six. Ryan Powell led the team in scoring with 21. Kenneth Hair followed with 11 and Josh Hernandez scored 10.

Pampa competes in the Perryton Tournament Thursday through Saturday. Harding said he hopes they can gain momentum heading into district.

"We will get things fixed in that tournament and get ready to win a district championship," Harding said.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**  
**Josh Hernandez attempts** a first half jumper against Panhandle Monday at the Dennis Cavalier Activity Center. Hernandez scored 10 in a 54-46 loss.

### The Pampa News Fantasy Football Results and Final Placement

Team of PreDestiny (Kenny Rigoulot) 110, Masked Riders (Andrew Glover) 47 gardenweasles (Bob Cummings) 87, The Editor (Arnie Aurellano) 81 The Supermen (Travis Tidmore) 96, Samuel-son (Sam Steen) 81 Hard2Kill (Greg Collins) 119, Pampa Team 2 (Jonathan Polasek) 41 Choir Boys (Cullen Allen) 52, Pampa Team 1 (Garrett Ericson) 27

#### Earlier Start Times

The Lady Harvesters tip-off at Bushland at 5:30 p.m. The Harvesters will follow at 7 p.m.

#### Final Standings

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1st-Team of PreDestiny | Kenny Rigoulot   |
| 2nd-Masked Riders      | Andrew Glover    |
| 3rd-gardenweasles      | Bob Cummings     |
| 4th-The Editor         | Arnie Aurellano  |
| 5th-The Supermen       | Travis Tidmore   |
| 6th-Samuel-son         | Sam Steen        |
| 7th-Hard2Kill          | Greg Collins     |
| 8th-Pampa Team 2       | Jonathan Polasek |
| 9th-Choir Boys         | Cullen Allen     |
| 10th-Pampa Team 1      | Garrett Ericson  |

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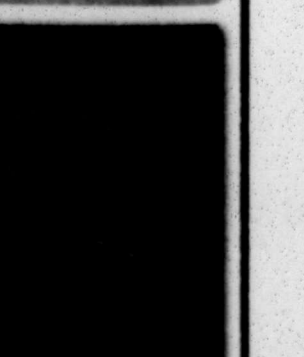
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