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Jury selection for Bolin trial begins Monday

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Jury selection will begin Monday in the trial of Mary Lee Bolin, the Pampa woman accused in her infant daughter's death in 2007.

Bolin, 30, stands accused of killing her six-week-old baby, Kenzee Renae Bolin, by shaking the baby in May, 2007.

Originally set for November



Bolin
 the attorneys led to another post-

ponement of the case to Monday. Jury selection is expected to go for a couple of days, with opening statements in the trial expected by mid-week.

The baby was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center on May 21, 2007, with breathing problems. Medical authorities said efforts to resuscitate the infant were unsuccessful.

An autopsy indicated that the baby died of blunt force trauma

to the head, according to law enforcement officers.

Bolin remains free on \$100,000 bond.

Trial in 223rd District Court were being scheduled in the district courtroom of the Gray County Courthouse around the Bolin case, which is expected to take two weeks, court authorities said today.

Officials said much of the delay **BOLIN** cont. on page 3



Ruben Ramirez digs in the alley in the 900 block between Duncan and Christine as the city continues with its new water-line project north of Central Park.
 staff photo by **David Bowser**

Complaint filed against Rep. Straus

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN (AP) - Ethics complaints have been filed against Texas House Speaker Joe Straus as the San Antonio Republican next week seeks another term leading the chamber.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday that the complaints are from a conservative watchdog group wanting Straus to lose the leadership post.

The complaints filed with the Texas Ethics Commission were brought by community activists in Walker and Montgomery counties, calling themselves the Texas Ethics Advisory Board.

The complaints allege that Straus' campaign committee, Texans for Joe Straus, failed to disclose occupations or employers for major campaign contributors and did not fully report the purpose of about 200 expenditures.

Straus is currently in the middle of a bid to defend his Texas House Speaker position from a pair of more conservative challengers, including Pampa Republican Warren Chisum. Straus, for his **STRAUS** cont. on page 3



Straus

PEDC executive session Thurs.

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With the holidays behind us, the Pampa Economic Development Corporation returns to business on Thursday, meeting in morning to go into executive session.

It will be the first official session for the PEDC in 2011.

Scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. at their offices at 106 North Cuyler, the Economic Development Corporation board will enter into a closed meeting.

The board will go into open session to announce any decisions finalized during the session.

Fenton's Smith excited for PHS promo

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Justin Smith, general manager of Fenton Motors, wants to remind area high schoolers that staying in school is important.

He's certainly giving them plenty of incentive.

Fenton Motors announced during Homecoming weekend that it will be giving away a brand new car to one lucky Pampa High School student with perfect attendance this year. The giveaway will happen at a ceremony after graduation at the end of the year.

The giveaway is particularly



Smith

special for Smith, who has always wanted to give back to the educational community.

"When I was in high school, I was part of a group like DECA (formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America) that allowed me to work while I was in school, and that let me get involved in a lot of things," Smith said.

"It eventually led me to become an entrepreneur in the automotive industry... Because of that, it's always been a goal of mine to give back one day. I've always thought, 'Boy, wouldn't it be cool to turn around and donate a vehicle to the kids in school?'"

Smith hopes that the giveaway will help motivate local kids to persevere with their educations.

"Getting a car, it's part of that Americana, you know? That freedom, that coming of age — it's a great part of high school. Unfortunately, with the economy the way it is, it's harder for kids to get that. **FENTON** cont. on page 3

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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 56 Low 25	High 45 Low 26	High 37 Low 20

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 21 and 26. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 20 and 30 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Breezy, with a southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. Breezy, with a east southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 26%.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Blustery, with a east northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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- JAMMING AT** Woody Guthrie Music Center, Fri. 6:30 p.m.

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Yesterday's Answer: DODGE PAINT BLACK EYE, HARD BUTTER, SLIME BASKET

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Intermediate

Obituaries

Gerald Louis Matthews, 77

POINT VENTURE—Gerald "Jerry" Louis Matthews, born May 3, 1933, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend was taken from us on Monday January 3, 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Preston and Viola Patton Matthews and son Gerald L. Matthews, Jr. Also brothers J.P. Matthews, Clarence Matthews, sisters Velma Elington and Reta Stewart.

Jerry was born in Mobeetie and raised in Pampa. Jerry served in the United States Army Reserves; retiring at rank of Captain. Jerry lived a very fulfilling life with three different career loves. College Bookstore Management took him from the University of Cincinnati to the University of Maine, San Jose State, UCLA, UC Davis, University of Texas, Wright State University and USC. All the while participating in the auxiliary organization - National Association of College Stores (NACS). He taught and mentored many while working diligently to improve the college store business. In 1984-85 he was honored to serve as President of NACS. Upon retirement from bookstore management, he and his wife, Leslie, returned to their home state of Texas where he started a career in real estate. In 1995 he merged his company with Highland Lakes Real Estate - where he continued to be an active force in the office and the community. He served as President of Lago Vista Rotary and was an officer with Point Venture Lions Club. Throughout his life, sports was a constant endeavor. He went to New Mexico State on a football scholarship. After graduation he became active in officiating baseball, basketball and football. He was active with football until this past September. He treasured his relationships with his officiating team. Jerry was a trusted friend and always there for all that knew him.

He leaves behind a loving wife of 24 years, Leslie, his devoted daughters, Barbara A. Matthews and Amy M. Sinclair; two grandchildren, Tera Minyard, Ryan Minyard and step-sons Michael D. Wenzel and Major Wes W. Wenzel and wife Amanda.

A special thanks to Dr. Arthur Frankel and all the staff and nurses at Scott and White Hospital and S&W Continuing Care facility.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Scott & White Cancer Research Institute, 5701 S. Airport Road, Temple, TX 76502 or Lakeside Christian Fellowship, 1918 American Dr., Lago Vista, TX 78645.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2011, at Beck Funeral Home, Cedar Park, with Rev. Rick Waters officiating.

Arrangements by Beck Funeral Home, 1700 E. Whites-tone, Cedar Park, TX, (512) 259-1610.

May Belle "Babe" Brown, 92

May Belle "Babe" Brown, 92, died Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at Shamrock.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2011, in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean with Rev. Thacker Haynes, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church in McLean, officiating.

Interment was at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean. Arrangements are under the direction Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Mrs. Brown was born May 14, 1918, in Avery, Collingsworth County, to Jesse Harris and Hester Ellen Holcomb Grogan. She had been a resident of the McLean area all of her life. She married Clyde Newton Brown in 1938, at McLean. She had worked at Marie Foundations for 25 years and then at Corrines Fashions for 15 years, prior to her retirement. She was a member of the Red Hatters, the United Methodist Women, the McLean Young at Heart Senior Citizens Association, and the First United Methodist Church in McLean.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 2000; three brothers, Hugh Grogan, Jesse "Doc" Grogan, Ross Grogan; and a sister, Mary Francis Powell. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Richard Clyde Brown and Ronald Alan Brown.

Survivors include two grandchildren, Quinton Brown and wife Michele of McLean, Robin Luna of Shamrock; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Sign our online guestbook at www.RobertsonFuneral.com.

Evelyn Winborne, 78

Evelyn Winborne, 78, died January 4, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2011, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Entombment will be at Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Winborne was born November 18, 1932 in Kingfisher, Okla. and was a 1951 graduate of Kingfisher High School. She receives an Associate's degree from Oklahoma and Mechanical College on May 19, 1953, and received a B.S. degree in education from Central State College in Edmond, Okla. on May 19, 1955. She was a Pampa resident for over 50 years. Evelyn taught typing, shorthand and business education at Pampa High School for many years before retiring in 1972. She married A.W. Winborne on September 5, 1970, in Pampa. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, A.W. Winborne of the home; four sons, Rodnie Winborne and wife Kathy



Matthews

and Danny Winborne and wife Susan, all of Pampa, Pat Prichard and wife Tami of Ransom Canyon, and Steve Prichard of Odessa; sister, Mary Beth Tyson and husband Al of Sun City, Ariz.; six grandchildren, Kelly Cambren and husband John and Lisa King, all of Pampa, Will Winborne and wife Colbi of Panhandle, Matt Winborne of Houston, Shelby Prichard of New York City, and Carson Prichard of Lubbock, and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Virgil and Lorene Phillips.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Mary Lea Garrett, 93

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Mary Lea Garrett, 93, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2010, in Pensacola, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Garrett was born April 5, 1917, in Bluejacket, Okla. She married Leo G. Garrett on Nov. 12, 1934, in Oswego, Kan. He preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 2001. Mary Lea was a resident of Pampa for 44 years before moving to Pensacola to be near her son. She was a homemaker, realtor, and an accomplished artist. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa. Mary Lea was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Sue Maher, her parents, two brothers, and a sister.

Survivors include her son, James Garrett of Fairhope, Ala.; sister, Earlene Snyder of Miami, Okla.; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981 or Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

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Garrett

Beverly S. Boone, 75

MIAMI—Beverly S. Boone, 75, died January 4, 2011, in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2011, at Indian Creek Cemetery in Mineral Wells, with Pastor Guy Weathers of Indian Creek Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Boone was born February 10, 1935, in Mineral Wells, graduating from Mineral Wells High School in 1953. She married her high school sweetheart, Herman Boone, on December 26, 1953, in Mineral Wells. She had been a resident of Miami since 1983. Beverly was a member of the Red Hat Club and was a Baptist. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Lim and the staff of Texas Oncology, as well as the nursing staff of Northwest Texas Hospital for their loving care.

Survivors include her husband, Herman Boone of the home; daughter, Kim Vanderburg and husband Joe of Spearman; son, Sam Boone and wife Margie of Wichita Falls; seven grandchildren, Brandon Vanderburg and wife Crystal of Miami, Clancy Vanderburg and wife Chelsea of Spearman, Clayton Vanderburg of Lubbock, Cleve Vanderburg of Beaumont, Britta Vanderburg of Lubbock, Kia Boone of Wichita Falls and Madison Boone of Wichita Falls; three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, 411 S. Fillmore Street, Amarillo, TX 79101.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Amanda May Parks, 92

Amanda May Parks, 92, died January 5, 2011, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 7, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery with Captain Mark Martin of the Salvation Army, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Parks was born April 4, 1918, in Atonka, Okla. She attended schools in Oklahoma, and was a longtime Gray County resident. She married Ray Parks on March 12, 1936, in Wheeler, and he preceded her in death on February 4, 1980. She was a homemaker and volunteered at the Salvation Army. She attended Salvation Army Church where she sang and played the organ. She enjoyed singing, telling stories and working crossword puzzles. She will be greatly missed by her family.

Survivors include her two sons, Raymond Parks and wife Brenda of Pampa, and Randon Parks of Amarillo; a daughter, Wendy Burnett of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Rae Woods and Emma Mastella; and a son, Jessie Parks.

Memorials may be made to Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Parks



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AFTERNOON RUSH *Straus*

GOP House: Less help for states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cut spending, raise taxes and fees, and accept billions of dollars from Congress. That's been the formula for states trying to survive the worst economy since the 1930s.

As Republicans prepare to take control of the House and exert more influence in the Senate, it's clear that option No. 3 will soon wither. States will continue to face substantial deficits over the next few years, but they will have to get by with the end of stimulus spending and less financial help from the federal government. In recent interviews, top GOP lawmakers made clear it will be much less.

"We've got to put our fiscal house in order in Washington, D.C.," said Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. "It's going to be essential that leaders at the state level roll their sleeves up, make the hard choices and put their fiscal health in order, as well."

"The states got themselves into their problem by profligate spending. They need to take care of that and not rely on the federal government to bail them out," added Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash.

Beef fat leaks into ship channel

HOUSTON (AP) The Coast Guard says a nearly one-mile stretch of the Houston Ship Channel will be closed for at least four days as workers use pitchforks and fishnets to corral, pierce and remove 15,000 gallons of beef fat.

Coast Guard spokesman Richard Brahm says shipping has not been impacted. The refinery-lined waterway is one of the busiest marine thoroughfares in the country.

On Tuesday, about 250,000 gallons of beef fat leaked from a storage tank, and some reached the waterway through a storm drain. The fat solidified when it hit the colder water.

Initially, the Coast Guard thought the channel would reopen early Thursday. But Brahm says the cleanup is taking longer than expected. By late Wednesday only 25 percent of the mess had been removed.

Stanford asks for trial delay

HOUSTON (AP) - Former Texas billionaire and financier R. Allen Stanford could learn if his trial on charges he bilked investors out of \$7 billion in a Ponzi scheme will be delayed from its scheduled start later this month.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner is set to hold a hearing Thursday in Houston federal court on whether to postpone Stanford's Jan. 24 trial. The jailed financier's attorneys are asking for at least a two-year delay. Prosecutors say Stanford's latest defense lawyers, who were appointed in October, should have additional time to prepare but argue that two years is unreasonable.

Hittner was also set to discuss claims by Stanford's attorneys that their client is not competent to stand trial. Stanford has denied any wrongdoing in the case.

Jeffs fires his new attorney

SAN ANGELO (AP) - Polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs fired his attorney Wednesday just hours after hiring him, prompting a West Texas judge to delay a trial on sexual assault charges after Jeffs said he would need more time to find a lawyer who "suits my needs."

Gerry Morris, a prominent Austin-based lawyer, told district court Judge Barbara Walther during a morning pretrial hearing that he would represent Jeffs as long as a trial on sexual assault charges set to begin Jan. 21 was pushed back to give him time to prepare.

But in a subsequent late-afternoon hearing, Morris said Jeffs had "discharged" him. He did not elaborate and said after the hearing that he could not comment.

30-year mortgage rates dip

NEW YORK (AP) - Rates on fixed mortgages dipped this week after rising steadily over the last two months.

Freddie Mac says the average rate on the 30-year mortgage dropped to 4.77 percent from 4.86 percent the previous week. It hit a 40-year low of 4.17 percent in November.

The average rate on the 15-year loan slipped to 4.13 percent from 4.20 percent. It reached 3.57 percent in November, the lowest level on records starting in 1991.

Rates have been rising since November. Investors have shifted money out of Treasuries and into stocks. Many expect the tax-cut plan will fuel economic growth and increase inflation. Yields tend to rise on inflation fears.

Mortgage rates tend to track the yield on the 10-year Treasury note. Those rates have been fluctuating in recent weeks.

Oil hovers above \$90

SINGAPORE (AP) - Oil prices hovered above \$90 a barrel Thursday in Asia after a better than expected U.S. jobs report bolstered investor optimism that crude demand will improve.

Benchmark oil for February delivery rose 1 cent to \$90.31 a barrel late afternoon Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 92 cents to settle at \$90.30 on Wednesday.

Payroll processor ADP said Wednesday that private companies added 297,000 jobs last month, nearly triple the number that economists were expecting. The Labor Department releases Friday its monthly report on total U.S. payrolls and the unemployment rate.

Judge orders gas well shutdown

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - A federal judge has partially sided with a Nebraska company that wants to condemn more than 9,100 acres of land in south-central Kansas.

U.S. District Judge Wesley Brown on Wednesday issued a preliminary injunction sought by Omaha-based Northern Natural Gas Co. to shut down gas wells operated by L.D. Drilling, Val Energy and Nash Oil & Gas.

Northern Natural Gas claims in a lawsuit that the gas produced by those wells migrated out of its Cunningham Storage Field. The wells are located in an expansion area certified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be included in its underground storage field.

The injunction requires Northern to post a \$2 million bond pending the condemnation lawsuit against landowners in Pratt, Kingman and Reno counties.

part, remains confident, touting his own support from conservatives and claiming he has more than enough votes to be elected to a second term. A message left with the speaker's office Thursday was not immediately returned to The Associated Press.

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Fenton

"I'm hoping that this will push kids to work a little harder to achieve that... I just want to send a message that if they keep their heads up and go to class, good things will happen. I'm just asking to make an effort to try to participate in school."

Smith said that the dealership has not chosen a specific vehicle to give away. Instead, they have set a budget for the promotion and will choose the nicest vehicle within that budget.

The promotion seems to be resonating within the students, said Smith.

"The people we're working with at the high school said that attendance is up,"

he said with a chuckle. "Hopefully, we're a little part of that."

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Trial

revolved around the scheduling of witness. Court observers said most of the testi-

mony in the trial is expected to revolved around expert testimony and scientific evidence.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2011. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 6, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms" - Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

On this date:

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Va.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

In 1942, the Pan American Airways Pacific Clipper arrived in New York more than a month after leaving California and following a westward route.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1982, truck driver William G. Bonin was convicted in Los Angeles of 10 of the "Freeway Killer" slayings of young men and boys. (Bonin was later convicted of four other killings; he was executed in 1996.)

Ten years ago: With the vanquished Vice President Al Gore presiding (in his capacity as president of the Senate), Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

Five years ago: Al-Qaida's No. 2 official, Ayman al-Zawahiri, said in a videotape that a recent U.S. decision to withdraw some troops from Iraq represented "the victory of Islam."

One year ago: James von Brunn, a 89-year-old white supremacist charged in a deadly shooting at Washington's Holocaust museum, died in North Carolina, where he'd been held while awaiting trial.

Today's Birthdays: Pollster Louis Harris is 90. Bluegrass performer Earl Scruggs is 87. Retired MLB All-Star Ralph Branca is 85. Author E.L. Doctorow is 80. Actress Bonnie Franklin is 67. Musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky) is 62. Former FBI director Louis Freeh is 61. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds) is 60. Singer Jett Williams is 58. Rock musician Malcolm Young (AC-DC) is 58. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson is 56. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge is 52. TV chef Nigella Lawson is 51. Movie director John Singleton is 43. TV personality Julie Chen is 41. Actor Danny Pintauro ("Who's the Boss?") is 35. Actress Rinko Kikuchi is 30. NBA player Gilbert Arenas is 29. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Simplicity is an acquired taste. Mankind, left free, instinctively complicates life." - Katharine Fullerton Gerould, American author (1879-1944)



Compromise clearly dirty word to Congress

LIZ SIDOTI
AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - There's an inherent conflict in the country's new political reality: a much more polarized Congress must answer to an increasingly powerful center of the electorate that abhors partisanship or risk its wrath in 2012.

Much like President Bill Clinton after his party's disastrous 1994 elections, President Barack Obama now has the chance to shift to the middle as leaders on Capitol Hill struggle to strike a balance between the desires of ideological purists in their ranks and the independent, centrist voters who played a significant role in electing them.

For Republicans and Democrats, that task began Wednesday when the new Congress was sworn in; Republicans assumed control of the House and padded their numbers in the Democratic-led Senate.

"There's going to be politics. That's what happens in Washington. They are going to play to their base for a certain period of time. But I'm pretty confident that they're going to recognize that our job is to govern. My hope is that John Boehner and Mitch McConnell will realize that there will be plenty of time to campaign for 2012 in 2012," Obama said this week about GOP leaders in the House and Senate, casting himself as the compromiser in chief even while maneuvering for his upcoming re-election.

The president's tone was in stark contrast to his first two years when he leveraged large Democratic majorities in Congress - and thwarted Republicans - to enact sweeping laws, including an economic stimulus measure and revamps of the health care and financial regulatory systems, that independents greeted skeptically if not

derisively. After backing him heavily in his presidential bid, they punished him in November by ending one-party rule in Washington.

Now, with no serious Democratic primary challenger emerging to siphon support from his liberal base, Obama already has begun moving to the center. As 2010 ended, he compromised with Republicans to reach bipartisan deals on tax cuts that paved the way for a rush of end of year legislation, including repealing the ban on gays openly serving in the military as well as a new nuclear treaty with Russia.

It's clear the 2012 elections are in everyone's sights with obvious objectives: Obama needs to win back middle-of-the-road voters, and Republicans need to keep them happy, or at least not anger them.

Their power was strongly felt in the last three elections. In 2006 and 2008, independents furious with Republican governance gave Democrats power in Congress and the White House. By 2010, these voters had grown disillusioned by Democratic rule and sided with the GOP.

And their sway is only growing.

Today, more Americans are identifying themselves as independent while majorities of the country view both the Democratic and Republican parties unfavorably. Disaffected Republican and Democratic operatives are forming groups to advocate on behalf of - if not organize - unaffiliated voters, indicating that momentum may be building among the center for increased political action.

So, given all that, how did the Republican and Democratic caucuses in Congress end up so much more conservative and liberal?

The two-party American political system produces

polarization in Congress. Both the Republican and the Democratic parties hold primaries to choose general election candidates. Those nominating contests are dominated by the most vocal, active party members - conservatives and liberals who tend to support like-minded people.

Last year, that situation was even more pronounced as the tea party coalition roiled GOP primaries and produced Republican nominees who were far more conservative than usual.

Now, the House Republican roster includes some seven dozen tea party-backed lawmakers and other staunch conservatives. And moderate "Blue Dog" Democrats are virtually extinct; scores lost their swing-voting districts in a coast-to-coast GOP wave.

"Compromise is a dirty word to the new members of Congress and a vital word to the people they were sent to represent," said Matt Bennett, a former Clinton aide and a vice president of the centrist Democratic group Third Way. "It's a more polarized House representing an electorate that is really seeking moderation. There's a big disconnect between their caucuses and their voters."

The Senate is arguably less polarized than the House; Democrats succeeded in limiting the number of GOP take-aways to six. Still, new Republican senators include tea party-supported Rand Paul of Kentucky and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, as well as conservatives Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania and Marco Rubio of Florida.

From the outset, it's clear that Boehner is trying to strike a balance between his constituents and his members.

"This is the people's house. This is their

Congress. It's about them, not us," Boehner said after he took the gavel as speaker.

Still, in a nod to his caucus' right flank, he scheduled a vote next week on repealing the health care law. Republicans don't expect to kill it. It makes sense for them not to; the GOP wants to run against health care in 2012 and that important constituency - GOP independents - prefer that the law be changed, not repealed. House leaders facing demands from the right to immediately cut spending also indicated they wanted to cut \$100 billion from the federal budget. But it didn't take long before GOP leaders bowed to the reality of governing and scaled back their goal.

Come February, during debate over a massive spending bill to keep the government running, the country will see how successful Boehner has been at keeping the right in line and how much Obama is willing to compromise.

The challenge for Boehner is to avoid what happened after the 1994 Republican Revolution when the GOP took control of Congress.

Back then, House Speaker Newt Gingrich failed to keep his rabble-rousing conservative warriors in line, leading to a government shutdown. Clinton came out on top, and handily won re-election in 1996.

Obama already has signaled a desire to go the route of Clinton, signaling a willingness to work with Republicans on several issues, including trade deals with Colombia and Panama as well as the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind education act.

On Day 1 of the new Congress, the fight for middle-of-the-road voters was well under way. It won't end until November 2012.

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Letters to the Editor

Water park is city's own 'stimulus'

To the Editor:
Recently, a friend of mine gave me a little different perspective on the "ever popular" discussion of why Pampa government sees fit to build a "water park", something that most folks believe should have been built by private enterprise, not tax money!
"But my ever analytical friend kept his cool and said, "Look at it this way. Look at it as a 'progressive' stimulus. By the time folks deliver

their kids to the park, the pot holes, missing bricks and speed bumps will send people straight to the front end shops and tire dealers!"

Poof — economic stimulus!
Mike Stone Sr.
Pampa

Longtime mail carrier deserves thanks

To the Editor:
Service employees usually do not

get much recognition, only criticism. We would like to sing the praises of our mail carrier, Patty McBee. She is always generous with a smile and a kind word and went out of her way to deliver the mail.

Patty retired December 31, 2010 after 30 years of service. It is difficult to replace the experience of a dedicated person such as she, one so friendly and nice.

We will miss her kindness and service to us.

Tom & Helen Burns
Pampa



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share some important information with "Don't Want to Lose Him in the U.S.A." (Nov. 10). She's the young lady who is being pressured by her boyfriend to take photos of her classmates in the girls' locker room.

The students at the high school where I teach recently attended a program on Internet and online safety. One of the things that really surprised them was learning cell phone calls don't just go from one phone to another. All text messages and calls are transmitted through cell phone towers, which route the calls or texts to the company's server. All sent messages and photos are stored on the provider's server. This means pictures deleted from the phone are never really deleted — and text messages and photos never go away. They still exist in the virtual world.

Should those pictures become the center of a court case, the information is subject to "discovery." With the right equipment, law enforcement can retrieve deleted photos from anyone's cell phone.

"Don't Want to Lose Him" needs to clearly understand she might be prosecuted for producing, distributing and possessing child pornography. — **A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN CHURCHVILLE, VA.**

DEAR TEACHER: Thank you for delivering a valuable message that may provide a wake-up call for all my readers. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Refusing to take the photos, but keeping it quiet, is not enough. I think "Don't Want to Lose Him" should make copies of your column and paste them on every locker to warn all the girls they are at risk — even when they think they have privacy. She should also tell the principal, who may be able to provide extra protection. — **SHEILA IN GIG HARBOR, WASH.**

DEAR ABBY: I think the issue of that young woman's low self-esteem should be addressed. Her boyfriend is holding her hostage to his wishes and desires, and will probably always do so if she continues to stay with him. It's important that "Don't Want to Lose Him" learns to love the principled, intelligent person she already is and continue to stand up for herself. Eventually, someone will appreciate her good qualities and she won't have to settle for less than she deserves. — **BEEN THERE IN ARIZONA**

DEAR ABBY: "Don't Want to Lose Him" should report this to a trusted adult or school counselor. At the very least, this girl needs to know she will be doing a great service if she lets the other girls know so they can be on the lookout for someone sneaking a camera or cell phone into their locker room. She could also use some support and affection that doesn't come from a manipulative, self-serving "boyfriend." — **LISA IN SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I am a mental health professional. What "Don't Want to Lose Him" is being pressed to do is called "sexting," and it is a criminal offense in almost every state in the U.S. The young lady and whoever receives and distributes those photos could be convicted of a felony, serve prison time and live the rest of their lives as registered sex offenders.

There have been cases of young people — victims of sexting — who have committed suicide over the humiliation of being exposed against their will. Once these photos go "viral," they are on the Internet forever. Parents, friends, teachers and schools need to make it a priority to talk to kids about the moral, legal and social ramifications of taking these kinds of photos of themselves and others. — **JACQUELINE IN GIBSONIA, PA.**

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Art Deco coffeepot has southwestern glaze motif

ANNE MCCOLLAM

Q: This is a photo of my coffeepot. Standing 9 inches tall, it is in mint condition. Marked on the bottom are the words: "Porcelier — Hand Dec — Vitreous China — Made in USA."

Anything you can tell me about the vintage, maker and value of my coffeepot will be greatly appreciated.

A: Founded in 1927 in East Liverpool, Ohio, Porcelier China Co. moved to South Greenberg, Pa., in 1931. They produced vitrified china teapots, coffeepots, electric coffeepots, cups, saucers, creamers and sugar bowls. Vitrified china is fired at a high temperature.

The shape of your coffeepot was inspired by Art Deco design. Their Southwestern pattern, which was a popular motif in the 1920s and 1930s, had several variations of a figure with a sombrero and a serape next to a cactus. Your coffeepot was originally part of a set that included a teapot, creamer and sugar bowl.

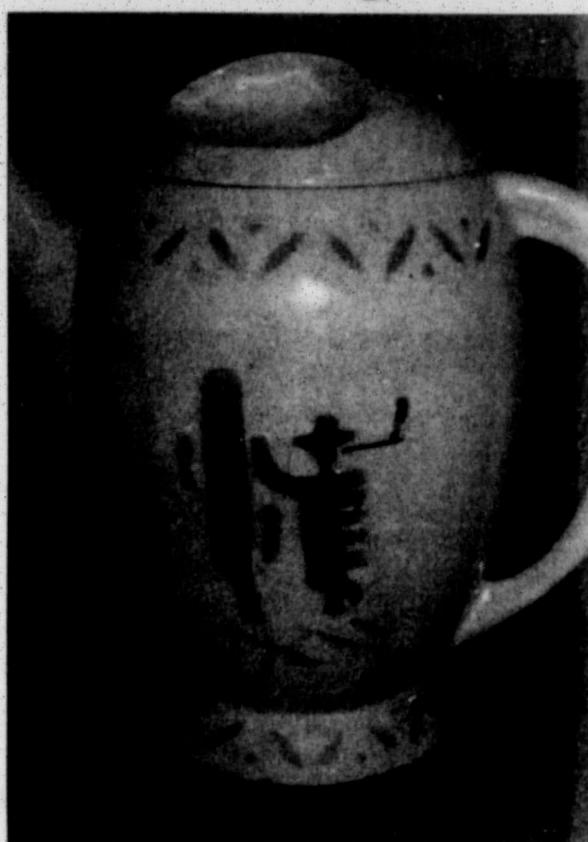
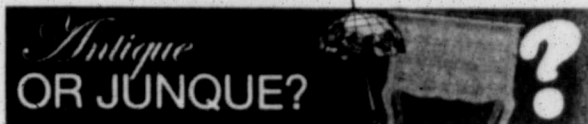
Porcelier China Co. employed around 300 people at its peak. They went out of business in 1954.

Your hand-decorated coffeepot is circa 1930 and would fetch anywhere from \$25 to \$50 in antique shops.

Q: I have a set of china that belonged to my grandmother in the 1950s. I enclosed the mark that is seen on each dish. The set is a service for 12 and includes all the serving pieces.

What can you tell me about my china and its insurance value?

A: Noritake Porcelain has been made in Japan



Porcelier China Co. was founded in East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1927

since 1904. In the mid-1950s, many U.S. military men and women serving in the East purchased dinnerware sets to be sent back to their families in the states.

"Shelburne" is the name of the pattern, and the number "5316" is the design number.



Noritake China has been open in Japan since 1904:

The insurance value of your set would probably be \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Q: Since I was 8 years old, I have had a Tom Thumb toy cash register. Still in working condition, it is around 7 inches tall with a green metal color. It was made by Western Stamping Co. in Michigan.

Does it have any value?

A: Tom Thumb toy cash registers are collectible; They were made in the 1940s and 1950s in several colors.

Those in good condition are seen selling in the range of \$20 to \$30.

If you have any antique inquiries, address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

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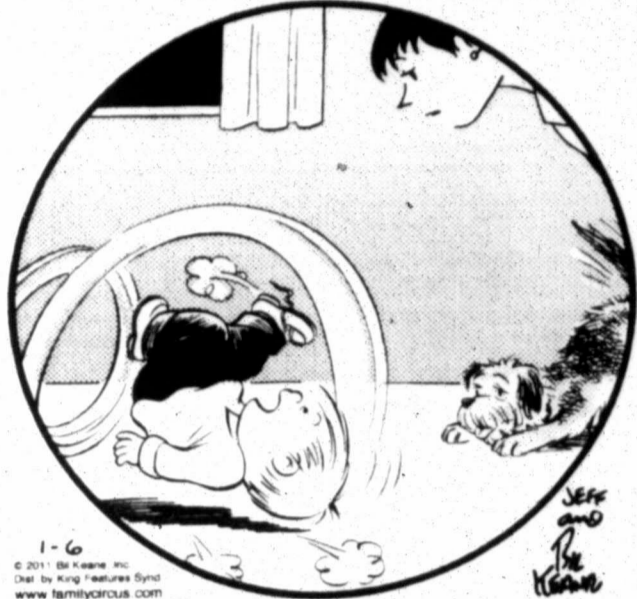
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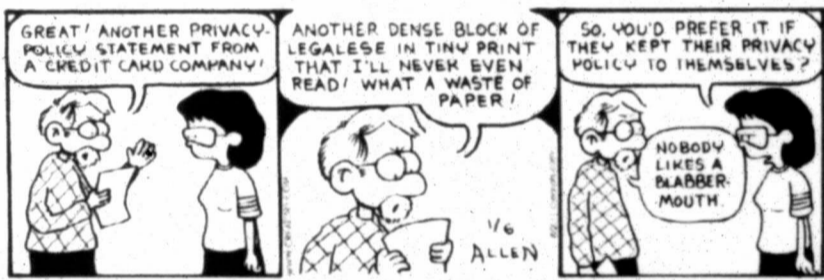
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 7, 2011:
 This year, you enhance others' ability to understand, as you find the right words to communicate. If you see a matter differently, you can find new paths. Your many assets emotionally and intellectually help point to new ground. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in your everyday travels. Be careful, as you have a tendency to pull the wool over your eyes. If you are attached, the two of you share much more, as you seem to grow and transform. Communication flourishes come summer 2011. 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)
 ★★ Think "people, friends and weekend." Has your mood changed? Your fatigue could be playing a factor in you not making a strong decision. Postpone what you can, do only what is necessary. Schedule a meeting at the end of the day. Tonight: And now the weekend begins.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Sometimes taking a stand isn't the best decision. Note the amount of divisiveness around you. Your imagination plays a role with listening to a higher-up. Count on the fact that you are distorting some information. Tonight: Could be late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★ Understand that others might not enjoy the same situations or people as you. Though these differences could be annoying right now, you could appreciate them later. An offer from a distance might have a hidden agenda. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★ Let others dominate as they would like. You feel a bit tired and pushed to the limit. A domestic matter could be coloring your thinking. Loosen up and remember that there is more to life than a certain issue. Tonight: Meet a friend, then ...

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Others appear quickly but don't have the same issues. Your objective could be very different, but soon you will be on the same page if you have patience. A discussion could be vague. Make sure you aren't wearing rose-colored shades. Tonight: Follow the leader.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Your understanding evolves. You

might feel as if there is only one way, but a discussion allows you to see otherwise. What you thought was a done deal has trailers. Watch, observe and understand. Tonight: Let another person take the driver's seat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Your ability to understand could be quite different from others' perceptions. Your creativity and thought process bypass many people. Make plans to escape the doldrums early, which might look like a late lunch or inviting an associate to join you. Tonight: Call it a night whenever you want.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Slowly move away from being closed off and keeping your thoughts to yourself. A brainstorming session feeds your imagination and allows greater give-and-take. Sometimes it is better that others understand your ideas more thoroughly -- if you want to greet success. Tonight: Toss yourself into the game of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ You say what you mean and mean what you say. Clearly others listen but don't necessarily agree. Debate, discuss and find a middle point if you feel you need agreement. Many of you will go out and forge a new path on this issue. Be open to suggestions, even if only making plans. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive ...

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Fatigue marks a decision. You decide that maybe another path is more acceptable. Your abilities go way past the obvious. Don't make what seems too good to be true a reality. Tonight: Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Notice what is happening behind the scenes. You have a remarkable ability to bypass problems by just donning your rose-colored shades. You have a sense of having done too much and need to relax. Schedule light activities toward the end of the day. Tonight: Make it OK to go in early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Being able to say "enough" means absolutely that. A partner might be closing down. Manipulation plays a significant role in events and what occurs. Let this person brood, and when he or she is ready, he or she will come out of the doldrums. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

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 Actor Nicolas Cage (1964), singer, songwriter Kenny Loggins (1948), news correspondent Katie Couric (1957)

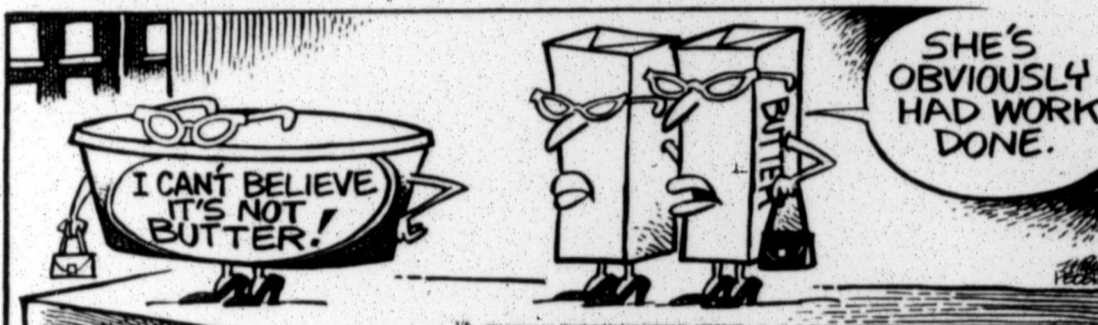
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Sports

Pirates click before district play

The Lefors Pirates basketball team got off to a rough start, but that can be expected considering they started play two weeks after football season. Now, that they are approaching district, Lefors is executing better and is poised to make a run in district.

The Pirates are running the offense better. In their opening games of the season, Lefors had an abundance of turnovers but their defense kept them in games. In their last game before Christmas break, Lefors was able to get the ball down low and got easy lay ups from the post. That was something they did successfully Tuesday. The Pirates have two solid posts in junior Taylor Ray and senior Austin Brooks. Both players can power the ball in the net and get second chance shots.

The last two games the Pirates are forcing more turnovers on defense, which is leading to some easy transition shots. This will be key for Lefors in district and help gain momentum in those games. Additionally, the Pirates have limited their opponents offensive rebounds, which limits



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keep rebounding.

One of the advantages the Pirates have in district is there is not a clear front runner. All six teams are fairly even. The next five weeks should be a good fight as six teams battle for three playoff spots. What will the Pirates have to do to clinch their third straight playoff trip?

For starters, the offense will have to be successful and consistent. Lefors needs to make smart decisions with the ball and be patient for the quality shot. The Pirates will be reliant on their post players to get inside

their scoring chances. If you limit an opponent's scoring chances, you limit the number of points they score. Odds are if you do that, you are going to win. Lefors will have a good chance in district if they can

shots. Lefors will need to develop an outside shooting game because opponents will try and take away the inside. Senior Joey Johnson has shown he can nail that shot but will need to on a consistent basis.

The Pirates will need to stay out of foul trouble, especially their big men. Post players aren't going to be much help if they are sitting on the bench. Keeping fouls down will be essential so Lefors can use their bench more effectively.

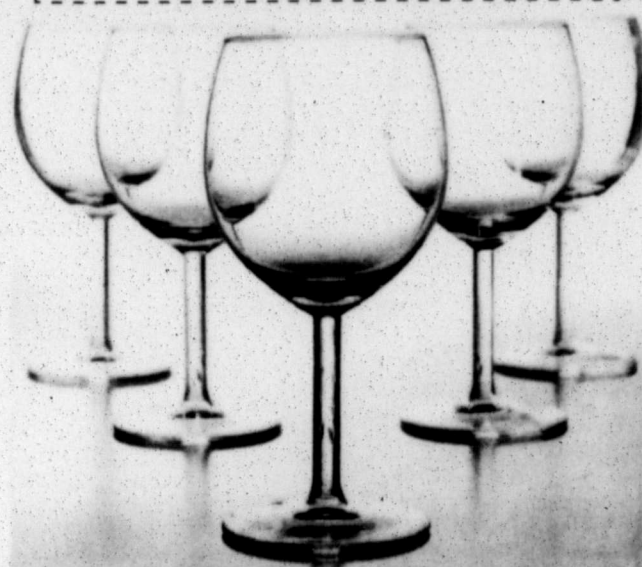
Most importantly, Lefors needs to stay healthy. Depth is great if you have it and tough if you don't. A team is usually better when it is full strength.

Where will the Pirates land in district? We will find out in the middle of February when it's all said and done. If the Pirates can keep improving, be consistent on both sides of the ball and stay clear of foul trouble and injuries, they might be playing past February 15.

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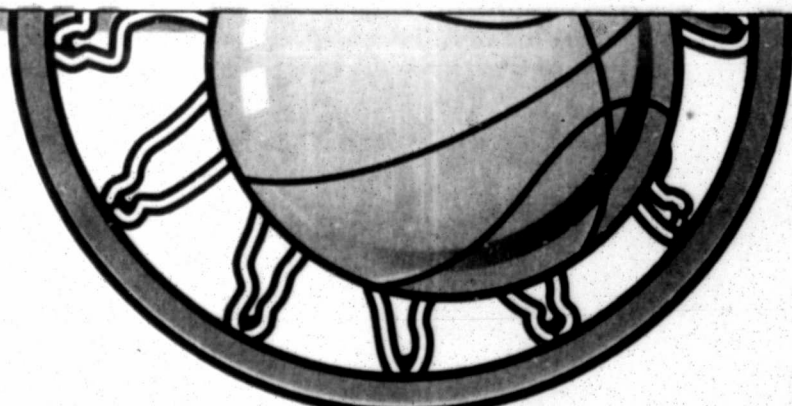
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