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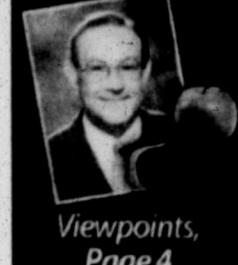
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**Bolin murder trial restarts with jury selection**

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Bolin

More than 500 prospective jurors were called for the trial of a Pampa woman accused of killing her baby almost four years ago. Jury selection in the death of six-week-old Kenzee Renae Bolin began today. It is expected to last through mid-week. The baby's mother, Mary Lee Bolin, 30, is accused in

the shaking death of the infant. She is charged with one count of capital murder. Today's examination of the jury pool is the third attempt to get the Bolin trial started. The original proceedings, set for November 2007 in the 31st District Court of Judge Steven Emmert, was delayed due to scheduling conflicts with expert witnesses, according to court officials. It was delayed again last summer, when one of the attorneys suffered apparent heart problems during jury selection. Charges were filed against Bolin in 2007, after the baby

died at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Bolin had taken the infant to the hospital with breathing problems, according to law enforcement officers. Medical authorities said they were unable to resuscitate the baby. An autopsy indicated that the child died of blunt force trauma to the head. The trial is expected to take **BOLIN** cont. on page 5

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**COLD CALLING**

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**Slick streets** and a gusting of snow greeted Pampa residents this morning as an arctic front moved through the Panhandle overnight. Temperatures were expected to drop from the 20 degree range this morning to the teens by this afternoon. Area roads were open, but slick.

**First 2011 City meeting tomorrow**

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The City of Pampa will formally swear in a new team member and say farewell to an old one at tomorrow's regular City Commission meeting, set for 4 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at City Hall.



Holmes

City Secretary Karen Price will administer the oath of office to Rebecca Holmes, who will be serving out the remainder of the late Bill Allison's term as Ward 2 Commissioner. She was chosen to succeed Allison at a Dec. 14 session of the City Commission. The Commission will also recognize Sheila Dallas for her service to the City of Pampa. Dallas, who retired as Information Technology Coordinator on Jan. 1, had been working for the city for the last 30 years. **CITY** cont. on page 5

**McLean's Ingersoll lauded for aid at accident scene**

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Ingersoll

It was just a couple of days before Christmas when McLean's Alecia Ingersoll was driving south of Wellington and came upon a wreck scene. Ingersoll, a registered nurse with Shepard's Crook Home Health Care, was northbound on U.S. Highway 83 when she came upon two pickups that had collided at U.S. 83 and U.S. 62 in Childress County. Five people had been injured in the collision, Ingersoll said. Three from one pickup and two in the other. One man was trapped in his pickup, Ingersoll said. He was the most seriously hurt of the five. Ingersoll helped the man trapped in the pickup until emergency

crews were able to cut him out of the vehicle. Emergency medical crews and firefighters from Childress and Wellington worked to free the man and the other nurse from a Wellington nursing home concentrated their care on the man trapped in the pickup. All five people injured in the crash were rushed to the Childress hospital. Ingersoll said that a number of **INGERSOLL** cont. on page 5

**ARIZONA SHOOTINGS IN MEMORIAM**



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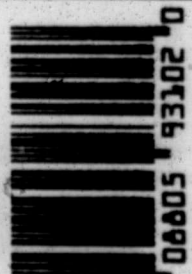
**Doug Kidwell** struggles with the frozen lines on the flag poles at Gray County Courthouse this morning as he lowered the flags to half staff in honor of federal officials killed in the shooting rampage in Tucson, Ariz., over the weekend.

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# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday



High 23  
Low 8



High 29  
Low 14



High 42  
Low 22

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 3. Wind chill values between -4 and -12. Windy, with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 23. Wind chill values between -2 and -12. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 8. Wind chill values between -2 and 3. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 29. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. South southwest wind between 5- and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 42. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

#### Friday, Jan. 7

Christopher Duane Rose, 38, was arrested by deputies on violation of probation charges in connection with theft over \$50 but under \$500.

Terry Lee Ragan, 38, was arrested by police on charges of criminal mischief over \$50 but under \$500.

April Leann Herrera, 30, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated.

#### Saturday, Jan. 8

Nathan Paul Peercy, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitation.

Gaspar Antonio Olivas, 22, was arrested by deputies on charges of injury to a child, possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, evading arrest with a vehicle, having an expired motor vehicle

inspection sticker and failure to appear.

Christian Edward Bruce, 31, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to control speed, displaying an expired registration and not having a valid driver's license.

Adam Wayne Barker, 27, of McLean, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

#### Monday, Jan. 9

James Lewis Coleman, 35, was arrested by police on charges of driving while intoxicated - third offense.

Jesus Jose Ortega, 23, of Lubbock, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

Lauren Elizabeth Haynes, 26, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram and a warrant charging her with theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

## Obituaries

### Alice "Nanny" Hassler, 67

Alice "Nanny" Hassler, 67, died Saturday, January 8, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Rector Funeral Home with Rev. Jed Humphrey, minister of worship at South Georgia Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be at Llano Cemetery.

Alice was born November 25, 1943, in Pampa, to David F. and Minnie Mae Tice. She married Jim Hassler December 14, 1961, in Pampa. Mrs. Hassler was a child care provider for several years. She was a member of the Bowling Association for many years and enjoyed bowling every week.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Woodrow, Bennie and Milton Tice; two sisters, Gladys Griffin and Lorene Tice.

Survivors include her husband, Jim; two sons, Lewis and wife Diane, J.D. and wife Diane, of Amarillo; one daughter, Sonia of Madisonville, La.; three grandchildren, Eric Benson, Josh and Lesli Hassler, and a special child Ashley Norton, all of Amarillo; one brother, Ralph Tice and wife Barbara of Skellytown; one sister Pauline Ware of Amarillo; a special and lifelong friend, Wanda Fern Wright of Pampa; and many family and friends and a host of special children that she kept all those years, she loved every one of them.

The family suggest memorials to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12-A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, at the funeral home.



Hassler

-Sacred Heart Catholic Church/P.O. Box 427/White Deer, TX 79097

-St. Ann's Nursing Home/P.O. Box 1179/Panhandle, TX 79068

-Alzheimer's Association/P. O. Box 96011/Washington, D.C. 20090-6011 or online: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

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

### Pablo Cabrales, 76

Pablo Cabrales, 76, died January 8, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cabrales was born February 14, 1934, in Durango, Mexico to Francisco and Maria del Refugio Cabrales. He married Maria del Carmen Soto on May 17, 1962. Pablo moved to Chicago, Illinois, in the early 1970s, later moving to Pampa where he resided until the time of his death. He worked for Fish Company in Borger and Larry Echols for many years. He felt really accomplished when he was able to bring his wife and children to Pampa. Pablo was very proud when he became a U. S. citizen. He will always be remembered as a great husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Survivors include his wife, Maria del Carmen Cabrales of the home; five sons, Tello Cabrales and wife Patricia, Chente Cabrales and wife Estella, Pablo Cabrales, Jr., and wife Dolores, Jose Cabrales and wife Rosa, all of Pampa, and Lupe Cabrales and wife Cecilia of Durango, Mexico; three daughters, Lucy Renteria and husband Alfredo and Lola Quezada and husband Hugo, all of Pampa, and Carmen Lara and husband Carlos of Dallas; four sisters, Ramona Cabrales of Waco, Teresa Cabrales, Anna Cabrales and Salome Cabrales, all of Mexico; 26 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jorge Cabrales; and two sisters, Sofia Cabrales and Chila Cabrales.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Cabrales

### Micaela "Mickey" Martinez, 92

WHITE DEER—Micaela "Mickey" Martinez, 92, died Sunday, January 9, 2011, in Panhandle.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Martinez was born March 1, 1918, in Woodward, Oklahoma. She married the love of her life, Jose Silva Martinez, on June 25, 1938. They raised their family in White Deer since 1946. Jose preceded her in death on May 5, 1978. From an early age, her love for singing developed into a deep devotion to her faith. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer, where she sang with the choir and was a member of the Altar Society. This kind, gentle and loving soul never met a stranger and she was deeply loved by all who knew her. Considered the "heart" of her family, Mickey inspired them to be more giving, thankful and loving to all. For that, her family is truly blessed and is dedicated to seeing that her amazing legacy lives on.

Survivors include three sons, Joe J. Martinez and wife Gloria of Austin, Laurence F. Martinez and wife Mary of Amarillo, and Jesse G. Martinez and wife Margaret Ann of White Deer; three daughters, Delfina Vigil and husband Sonny of White Deer, Carolina Castro and husband Juan of Plainview and Vicky Velez and husband Rudy of Pampa; 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Mickey was preceded in death by her parents; Maximiano and Maria Mancillas; two sons, Jaime Juan Martinez and Vicente James Martinez; a grandson, Matthew Paul Velez and a great-granddaughter, Cambri Jade Jenkins.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to one of the following:



Martinez

### Janice Hyatt, 83

AMARILLO—Janice Hyatt, 83, died January 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

### Damien Alexander Pierce and Jackson Lee Pierce

Damien Alexander Pierce and Jackson Lee Pierce, died January 5, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2011, at Fairview Cemetery, with Mary Ann Perry, the twins great-aunt, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Damien and Jackson were born January 5, 2011, in Amarillo to Dillon Pierce and Victoria Carrillo.

Survivors include parents, Dillon Pierce and Victoria Carrillo, both of Pampa; maternal grandmother, Diana Drigger of Pampa; paternal grandfather, Billy Pierce; paternal great-grandparents, Clenton and Diane Pierce, and Marsha Favor, all of Amarillo; paternal great-great-grandparents, Wilma Snelson and Bobbie Lehman, both of Amarillo; many aunts and uncles.

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## Ariz. Congresswoman stable after shooting

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Doctors said Monday that Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' brain remains swollen, but the pressure isn't increasing — a good sign for the congresswoman's recovery.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Michael LeMole of Tucson's University Medical Center, said Giffords' condition is stable.

"That's why we are much more optimistic and we can breathe a collective sigh of relief after about the third day," he told reporters.

LeMole said Giffords is still responding to commands to squeeze hands and move her toes.

LeMole said there are other good signs: "Not only are those centers of the brain working but they're communicating with one another."

Of those injured in the deadly shooting Saturday in Tucson, eight are still hospitalized. Giffords is in critical condition, five are in serious condition, and two are in good condition.

Recovering from a gunshot wound to the head depends on the bullet's path, and while doctors are optimistic Giffords' odds, it can take weeks to months to tell the damage.

Doctors say the bullet traveled the length of the left side of the Arizona congresswoman's brain, entering the back of the skull and exiting the front.

Fortunately, it stayed on one side of her brain, not hitting the so-called "eloquent areas" in the brain's center where such wounds almost always prove fatal.

Importantly, Giffords was responding nonverbally Sunday to simple commands in the emergency room — things like "squeeze my hand."

That implies "a very high level of functioning in the brain," said Lemole, Giffords' neurosurgeon.

Now, her biggest threat is brain swelling. Surgeons removed half of her skull to give the tissues room to expand without additional bruising, Lemole said.

That bone is being preserved and can be reimplanted once the swelling abates, a technique the military uses with war injuries, added his colleague and trauma surgeon Dr. Peter Rhee.

Adding to Giffords' good prospects is that paramedics got her to the operating room in 38 minutes, her doctors said. Now she is being kept in a medically induced coma, deep sedation that rests her brain. It requires a ventilator, meaning she cannot speak. Doctors periodically lift her sedation to do tests and said she continues to respond well to commands.

The brain's left side does control speech abilities and the movement

and sensation of the body's right side, Lemole noted. But he wouldn't speculate on lasting damage, saying, "we've seen the full gamut" in such trauma.

That's the mystery of brain injury: There's no way to predict just how much disability a wound that traverses multiple regions will leave, because our neural connections are so individual.

"The same injury in me and you could have different effects," said Dr. Bizhan Aarabi, chief of neurotrauma at the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center, who has long studied penetrating brain injuries.

"The belief is if you get shot in the head, you're dead, but it isn't like that," agreed the University of Miami's Dr. Ross Bullock, chief of neurotrauma at Jackson Memorial Hospital. He cared for a man shot in the head with an AK-47 who two years later is back to work full-time and "a normal person."

"Every patient is an individual and more so with a gunshot than anything else," he said.

There are few statistics, but doctors agree that well over 90 percent of gunshot wounds to the head are fatal. Aarabi cited his own study of 600 Maryland cases that found 95 percent were dead before arriving at the hospital.



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## AFTERNOON RUSH

### DeLay hearing delayed

AUSTIN (AP) — Prosecutors abruptly concluded presenting their case in the sentencing hearing of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, convicted last year on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The prosecution's presentation of evidence against DeLay was cut short on Monday by Senior Judge Pat Priest, who declined to hear the testimony of the state's only witness, a Southeast Texas businessman who claimed DeLay had urged him in 1996 to evade campaign finance laws in a separate case.

Priest, who is sentencing DeLay, said prosecutors couldn't prove the businessman's claims beyond a reasonable doubt.

The judge delayed the hearing until later Monday morning so DeLay's attorneys can begin presenting their witnesses.

The former Houston-area congressman faces up to life in prison. His attorneys are asking for probation.

### Weather closes Dallas schools

DALLAS (AP) — Dozens of schools north and east of Dallas closed or planned to start late as a winter storm moved out of North Texas.

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth said a winter weather advisory was in effect until 9 a.m. Monday.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith says about 140 flights from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were canceled Sunday, but only about a dozen flights from the carrier's main hub were canceled Monday.

Airport spokesman David Magana says 20 flights to Atlanta and two flights to Memphis, Tenn., were canceled Monday.

In the Corpus Christi area, storms with high winds Sunday tore the roof off a gymnasium at Robstown High School. No injuries were reported. Officials say more than a dozen homes in the Portland and Robstown areas were damaged.

### First female governor in Okla.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Mary Fallin will cap her historic bid for governor when she takes the oath of office on Monday.

Fallin is scheduled to take the oath of office at noon on the south steps of the state Capitol in Oklahoma City.

She was elected Oklahoma's first female governor after beating Lt. Gov. Jari Askins in the Nov. 2 election.

Monday's ceremony comes after several days of buildup, including two pre-inaugural balls, a family event at Science Museum Oklahoma and an inaugural prayer service.

An inaugural ball is set for 7 p.m. at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

### Texans want Perry to stay put

AUSTIN (AP) — Most Texans approve of Gov. Rick Perry's work as the nation's longest-serving governor, but even more don't want him to leave the state and run for president, according to a poll released Monday.

Perry has said he isn't interested in White House, but with a new book out and as the new leader of the Republican Governor's Association, his national profile is rising. Tea party activists in particular praise his brand of conservatism.

The poll found 51 percent of Texans approve of his job performance, and nearly two-thirds think he should not run for president. The poll was commissioned by *The Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *San Antonio Express-News*, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Austin American-Statesman*.

### NM pol seeks name restrictions

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An Albuquerque legislator wants to halt the naming of public buildings after elected officials while they remain in office.

Republican Sen. Mark Boitano said he will introduce the proposal during the upcoming 60-day session of the Legislature.

Boitano said that having the names of elected officials on a publicly financed building is the equivalent of providing them with free advertising while they're still in office.

# January is often the best month to file Social Security benefits

TOM MARGENAU  
Creator's Syndicate

## Social Security and you



Every January, I write a column similar to this one. But I don't mind plagiarizing myself because it contains a very important message for people planning to retire in 2011.

January is a critical month for the hundreds of thousands of potential Social Security beneficiaries who are reaching their so-called full retirement age in 2011. The important message: All of them should at least consider the possibility of filing for their benefits this month, even though they may not be reaching their retirement age until later in the year.

The reason for this early filing time frame has to do with some quirky and complicated features of Social Security's earnings penalty provisions. Those provisions generally keep seniors who are still working off of Social Security's rolls until they reach that magic "full retirement age." For most people reading this column, your full retirement age is probably 66. Check out the Social Security Administration's website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) for a chart listing the various full retirement ages.

The law essentially says if you are working full time, are older than 62 and are under your full retirement age, you are not eligible for Social Security. Specifically, the rules require that the SSA deduct \$1 from any retirement benefits you might be due for every \$2 you earn over \$14,160 in 2011.

However, the rules say that once you reach your full retirement age, you are due full Social Security benefits, even if you are still working. And it doesn't matter how

much money you are making.

Let's follow an example. Let's say Ed was born in July 1945, which means he'll reach his full retirement age of 66 in July 2011. And let's further say Ed generally makes about \$60,000 per year and plans to continue working indefinitely. Based on the earnings penalty rules I briefly outlined above, Ed figures he must wait until July (his full retirement age) to begin collecting his Social Security benefits. As I said, at that magical point, the earnings penalty rules no longer apply and he can get his Social Security. And prior to that, he's making way more than the \$14,160 income threshold.

But here is why Ed should check into applying for Social Security in January. Congress set up a more lenient earnings threshold for the year that you reach your full retirement age. Specifically, it says you can earn up to \$37,680 between January and the month you reach your full retirement age. Plus, you will still get Social Security benefits. And even if you earn more than \$37,680, you lose only \$1 from your benefits for every \$3 you exceed that threshold.

Ed is going to make \$30,000 between January and June (i.e. before he reaches the magic age of 66). And that's under the \$37,680 threshold for 2011, which means Ed is due benefits beginning in January. He does NOT have to wait until July to apply for his

Social Security checks.

There is a bit of a catch. By starting his benefits in January, Ed will be accepting a slightly reduced amount. Benefits are reduced roughly one-half of 1 percent for each month they are taken before full retirement age. If Ed's Social Security benefit at full retirement age is \$2,000 per month, let's look at his options.

Ed's first option is to wait until July (his full retirement age) to start his Social Security benefits. He'll get \$2,000 per month for six months or \$12,000 for the year 2011.

Ed's second option is to file for Social Security in January. Starting his benefits slightly early, his monthly rate is reduced to \$1,940. That comes out to \$23,280 in total benefits for the year 2011. The downside to option No. 2 is his ongoing monthly benefit rate will be \$1,940 -- \$60 less than what he would have been getting in option No. 1. But because he'd be getting about \$11,000 less in total 2011 benefits in option No. 1, it would take Ed a long time to make up that loss with his extra \$60 per month in ongoing benefits. If I were Ed, I'd choose the second option.

I know these rules are complicated and the math in the above examples can be difficult to follow. But my overall message is easy to follow: If you're reaching age 66 in 2011, talk to a Social Security representative sometime this month to find out if it's to your advantage to file for those benefits in January.

*If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at [thomas.margenau@comcast.net](mailto:thomas.margenau@comcast.net).*

# Texas faces with \$15 billion shortfall

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawmakers will have \$72.2 billion for general purpose spending over the next two years, a \$7.8 billion drop from the last state budget, according to figures released Monday by state Comptroller Susan Combs.

But when lawmakers take into account some \$7 billion in federal stimulus money that will not be available them this year, the shortfall is at least \$15 billion.

The deficit also does not include expected increases in people on Medicaid rolls and demand for education, issues the Texas Legislature will begin to deal with when the session opens on Tuesday. The numbers released Monday cover the 2012-2013 budget, and do include a \$4.3 billion deficit in the current state budget.

"The recent recession has had its impact on the state revenue outlook as major revenue sources such as the sales tax generated less money in the last couple of years," Combs told reporters. "While we have turned the corner to an economic recovery, the revenue estimate I'm releasing today is for moderate growth."

Dick Lavine, an analyst for the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, said the true shortfall is closer to \$28 billion if lawmakers intend to maintain spending at current levels and taking into account enrollment growth, cost increases and other variables that would be required to keep services at their current levels.

The estimate, which gives the Legislature a roadmap as they embark

on the budget-writing process, has for months been the topic of election-year rhetoric with Republican incumbents trying to downplay the severity of the budget mess.

The Texas constitution requires that the budget be balanced and the new supermajority of conservative legislators elected in November have vowed not to raise taxes.

Because of the recession, state tax receipts for the 2010 budget year fell behind projections by about \$2 billion and are expected to be down even more at the end of the current fiscal year. The state is also on the hook to fill a hole of about \$11 billion left by federal stimulus money and other state savings that were used last year but are no longer available. Added cost pressures from

increased enrollment in public schools and health care programs for the poor and disabled, and spikes in health care costs will compound the massive hole.

The shortfall will be the driving force behind almost every decision the Legislature makes when it convenes in Tuesday. From state parks and highways to health care programs for the poor and disabled, state agencies are bracing for the hatchet to fall. But with more than half of the state budget dedicated to education and health care services, those areas are likely to sustain the most severe cuts.

Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who is in the middle of a fight to retain his post, has raised the specter of unpaid furloughs for state employees.

# Can't have it both ways: Texans oppose raising taxes, budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas residents don't want to pay more in taxes, but they also want lawmakers to avoid big cuts to state services, according to a poll released Sunday.

Residents' desire to have it all when the state is facing a massive budget deficit doesn't bode well for elected officials, who will have to make some tough choices to address the state's financial problems when the legislative session begins Tuesday. The only area where the poll found people were comfortable with cuts was higher education.

The poll commissioned by the *Dallas Morning News*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *San Antonio Express-News*, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and the *Austin American-Statesman* questioned 819 adults. It was done between Dec. 28 and Jan. 5 by Blum and Weprin Associates Inc. and had

a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

Experts estimate Texas could face a budget shortfall of up to \$25 billion over the next two years, which is roughly equal to 25 percent of the state's discretionary spending. Republican representatives, who have a 101-49 supermajority in the Texas House, have promised not to raise taxes and to cut state spending instead.

More than 62 percent of poll respondents opposed any cuts to state health care programs and more than half opposed cutting spending on public education. Those are the state's two largest programs and the most likely targets for spending cuts.

The poll split along party lines, with 78 percent of Democrats opposing health care cuts compared to 48 percent of Republicans. More than half of those

polled rejected raising the cigarette tax, and there was almost no support for raising any other tax.

"They obviously don't want sales taxes, income taxes, gasoline taxes — the taxes that will raise the most money and affect the most people," pollster Mickey Blum told the *Dallas Morning News*. "And the areas where Texas spends the most, people don't want to cut."

Instead of raising taxes to make up the shortfall, the poll found 60 percent of Texans favored expanding gambling, either with casinos, slot machines or both. The state comptroller, however, has estimated gambling would only

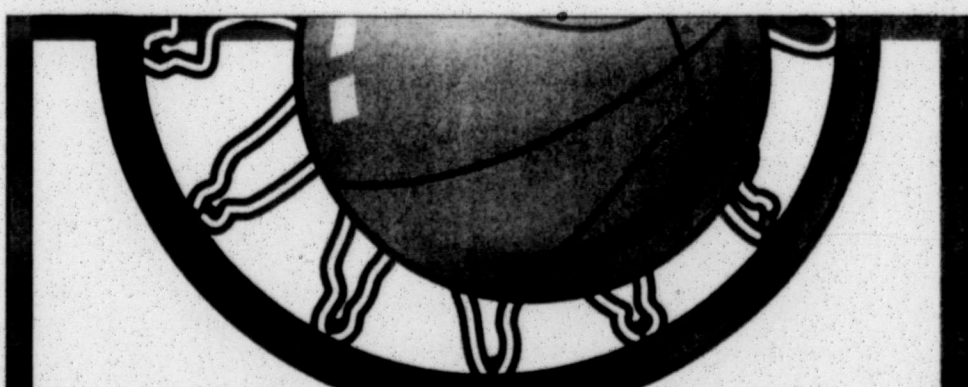
add \$1 billion to the budget and could take years to get up to speed.

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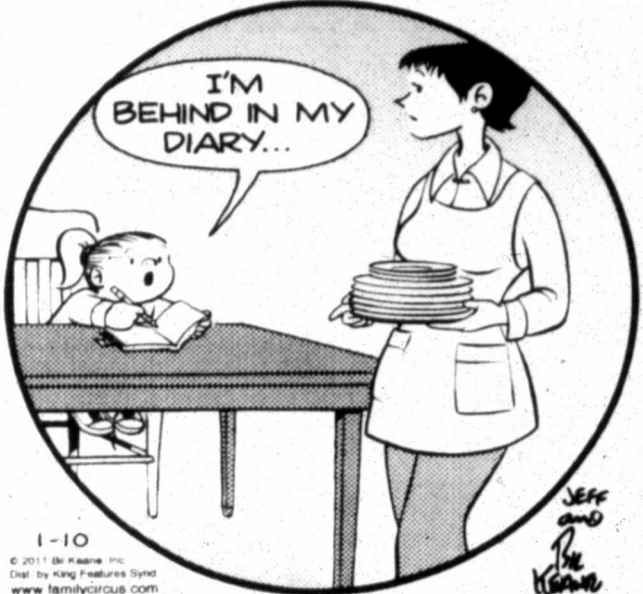




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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"...What have I been doing since January 1st?"

## Non Sequiter



## Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011:

This year spotlights your home and personal life. You will want to spend more time enjoying the good parts of living life rather than being mucked up in the doldrums of making a living. This change in stance reflects a new you. Don't allow a feeling of being worn thin to impact your career or work. If you are single, you could meet someone while just being you. When the time is right, it will happen. Summer 2011 looks unusually exciting for both unmarried and married Goats. Recognize that if you are married, you're making waves in your sweetie's life. Don't be surprised if you get a reaction. ARIES can trigger your ire!

**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)**  
 \*\*\*\* Though normally you would be on cruise control, right now events and people trip you up. You can try to avoid a collision, but you won't be able to. Roll with the moment. Let go of a difficult associate. Tonight: Do what you want.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 \*\* Others might be more contrary than you are willing to acknowledge. Sometimes by stating your perception properly, the other party can look at his or her behavior. Take your time figuring out what works. Stay level. Tonight: Call it an early night.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Zero in on your priorities. In some fashion, you could be overwhelmed. Know that you can handle nearly anything, if you so choose. A child or a new friend could be negative or difficult, influencing how you feel. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* A take-charge attitude generally works, but right now it could fall flat. Others keep coming in with new ideas or facts, making the just-reached idea or solution moot. Frustration could build. Let go of your expectations, and all will flow well. Tonight: A must appearance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for answers or solutions beyond your normal constraints. Everyone subconsciously has mental filters. Be willing to brainstorm with someone who looks at the world completely differently from you. Tonight: Don't push.

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

\*\*\*\* Relate directly to an individual. Even if you are a manager, don't go through anyone. You will find that success heads in with this personal touch. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Use care with what you offer. Someone could take advantage of you. Tonight: Dinner for two.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\* Others come toward you. At first you might be overwhelmed, wishing you could clone yourself! Finally, you establish limits in your mind as to what you can do. You are only human. Tonight: Choose the invitation you prefer most.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\*\* Pace yourself, as you have much to get done, and your resources are limited. Pick and choose what seems to be urgent or enticing. Be careful about taking on too much. Take a walk during a break to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Make it early.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\* No one can deny that you have an enterprising spirit, though sometimes you do get scattered. Several different types of issues will demand your focused creativity. Someone seems intent on being the voice of negativity. Let it go. Tonight: Stay in the light.

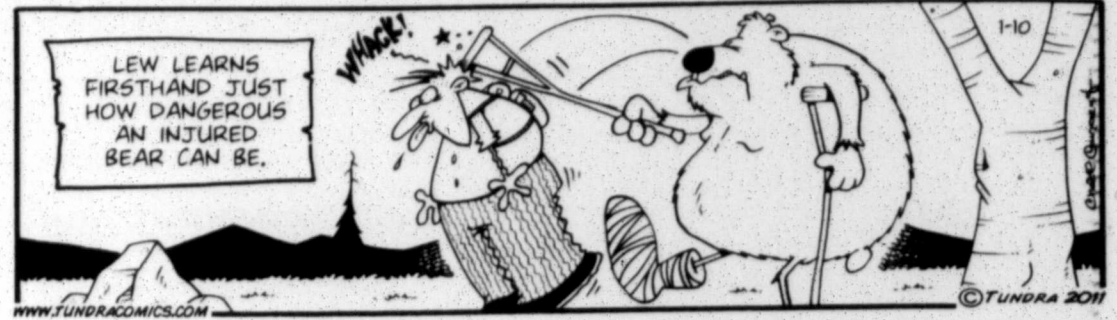
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You understand a lot more than you realize, but acknowledging that fact could be difficult. Communication could bury you as you attempt to clear an open period for a personal matter. Go with the flow and a little less structure. That will work. Tonight: As late as need be.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You seem to clear out many hassles of the day. You will communicate, and you will let others know what you have in mind. Follow your instincts with money, and don't be lavish. News from a distance could be difficult to hear. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

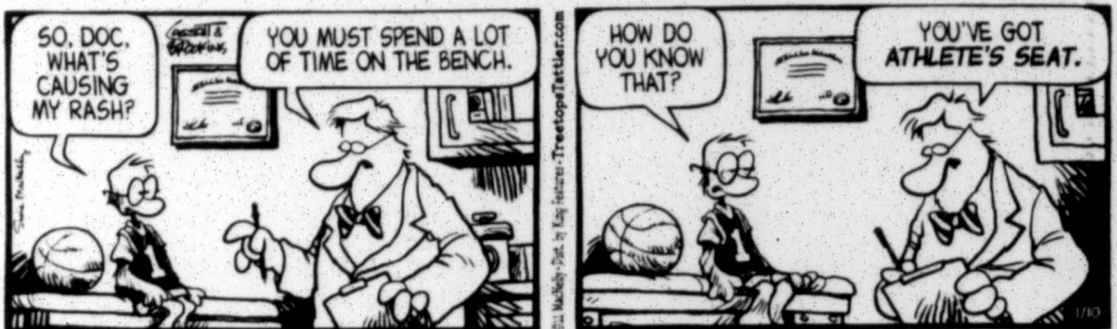
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might want to do something very differently but have yet to get going. Avoid being locked into the material side of your life. Open up to more dynamic thinking. You have the wherewithal to create more of what you desire. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

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# Sports

## JV Boys basketball takes two of three in Perryton

ANDREW GLOVER  
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The Pampa Harvesters junior varsity basketball team gained some momentum at the end of non-district with a pair of victories in the Perryton Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Pampa lost to Perryton 47-46, beat Canadian 55-29 and beat Berger 47-44. Coach Matt Embry said the team are playing better on defense.

"We are finally starting to click on defense," Embry said. "We are getting transition baskets off deflections and hustle plays."

The junior varsity (4-8) ended a five-game losing streak and have one more non-district game against Farwell 5 p.m. Tuesday. Embry said it's nice to gain momentum before their district opener.

"That's the plan," Embry said. "Dalhart is the best JV team in our district right now, so we better have our game faces on."

Pampa opens district January 18 in Dalhart.



Embry



staff photo by Andrew Glover  
Tyler Powell attempts a shot in a Dec. 13 game at Randall. The junior varsity competed in the Perryton Tournament Friday and Saturday and won two of three. Pampa hosts Farwell 5 p.m. Tuesday.

## Defense won't rest in BCS Title Game

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — It's almost unheard of — a quarterback cranking out a string of 13 straight games with never an off day. But Auburn's Cam Newton spent the 2010 season redefining what's possible at that position.

Every bit as rare: an offense that can't be stopped. But Oregon, led by running back Michael James, has scored 37 or more points 11 times in an equally impressive undefeated season.

These are the reasons people are envisioning scores like 60-55 and 55-53 for the BCS title game Monday in nearby Glendale, a reason the matchup has turned into such a red-hot ticket.

No. 1 Auburn and No. 2 Oregon, a pair of newcomers to the championship scene, both have offenses that almost never take a break. The Tigers (13-0) have Newton, the Heisman Trophy winner who led the Southeastern Conference in rushing, passer efficiency and scoring. The Ducks (12-0) have James, the key to an offense that likes to snap the ball 9 to 11 seconds after the end of the previous play, and one that scores a nation-high 49.1 points a game.

"They've got a lot of fast guys and they play fast," Auburn defensive coordinator Ted Roof said. "But so far, we've been fast enough to win 13 games, too."

This pair of exciting, point-a-minute teams are coached by Gene Chizik and Chip Kelly — quite possibly the most obscure coaching duo to pace the sideline in a championship game since the BCS began in 1999.

Both are in their second seasons as head coach at their schools. Chizik is a former defensive coordinator at Auburn and Texas who came back to the Plains despite a 5-19 record at his first head-coaching job at Iowa State. Kelly was hand-picked by his predecessor, Mike Bellotti. After his first game as Oregon's head coach, a 19-8 loss to Boise State to start 2009, Kelly famously cut a check to reimburse a season-ticket holder who wrote him to complain about the performance.

Hard to imagine anyone's complaining now. "We stand for three things: playing fast, playing hard and finishing. We've done it with our 12 opportunities," Kelly said. "Our vision has not to do with championships. Our vision has nothing to do with getting a crystal ball or rings. It is all about playing the game. That's what we've done all along and that's what our vision is."

Auburn has been pummeled all season with questions about Newton's status, the result of a meandering investigation into allegations that his father was involved in a failed pay-for-play scheme during Newton's recruitment to Mississippi State.

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# athletes

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**Khori Lott**  
Lefors High School

Lefors High School freshman basketball player **Khori Lott** is *The Pampa News* Female Athlete of the Week. Lott scored 12 in the Lady Pirates 51-38 victory over Higgins Tuesday. Head coach Tory Peet said he has no problem putting Lott on the floor.

"If I have to move Taylor (Overstreet) around, I have no problem with Khori bringing the ball up and controlling things," Peet said. "It's great when you have a freshman play like that for this year and years to come."

Lefors High School sophomore basketball player **Gaitlin Reagan** is *The Pampa News* Male Athlete of the Week. Reagan recorded a double-double against Higgins Tuesday with 16 points and 14 rebounds. Head coach Joey Czubinski said Reagan is turning into a solid player.

"He's confident in his game and doesn't do anything he can't do," Czubinski said. "I hope he stays with it because I want to see how good he's going to be as a senior."

**Gaitlin Reagan**  
Lefors High School

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