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Pingel, Holmes win; Ward 1 to have runoff

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The results are in: Brad Pingel will be the next mayor of Pampa, and Becky Holmes will keep her seat as the successor to the late Bill Allison as Ward 2 Commissioner.

The outcome of election for the commissionership of Ward 1, however, is a bit more muddled. John Studebaker brought home 362 of the 932 votes for the post, good for 38.84 percent. However, said Gray County Election Administrator Linda Lewis, according to the city charter and state guidelines, a candidate must garner 51 percent of the vote to win the election outright.

That means there will be a runoff election between Studebaker and Cleo Meaker, who came in second with 296 votes, or 31.76 percent. Gary L. Winton came in third with 274 votes (29.4 percent).

Pingel won the mayoral seat by an overwhelming margin, defeating opponent Joy Combs 80.23 percent to 19.77 percent. Pingel received 767 votes to Combs' 189.

Rebecca Holmes took 52.51 percent (482 votes) of the Ward

2 total, just ahead of the 51 percent cutoff. Other candidates Ed Copeland and Mike Price received 277 (30.17 percent) and 159 (17.32 percent) votes respectively.

Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon, whose position was also up for election, was unopposed.

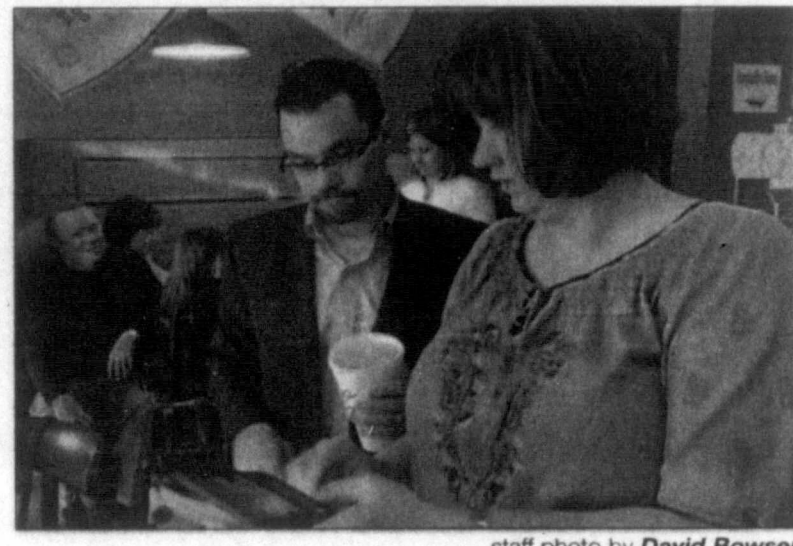
Lewis said she was satisfied with the voter turnout.

"Considering early voting, we actually had a pretty good turnout," she said. "It was a respectable vote... Election numbers were slightly down a bit, but they were still pretty good."

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Final Election Tallies

Mayor	
Pingel	80.23%
Combs	19.77%
Ward 1	
Studebaker	38.84%
Meaker	31.76%
Winton	29.40%
Ward 2	
Holmes	52.51%
Copeland	30.17%
Price	17.32%



Mayor-elect Brad Pingel (left) goes over results of Saturday's election with Michelle Tapp during Pingel's victory party at The Coffee Shop Saturday night.

Pingel eager to get started

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Brad Pingel learned at about 7:30 p.m. last night that he was going to be the next mayor of Pampa.

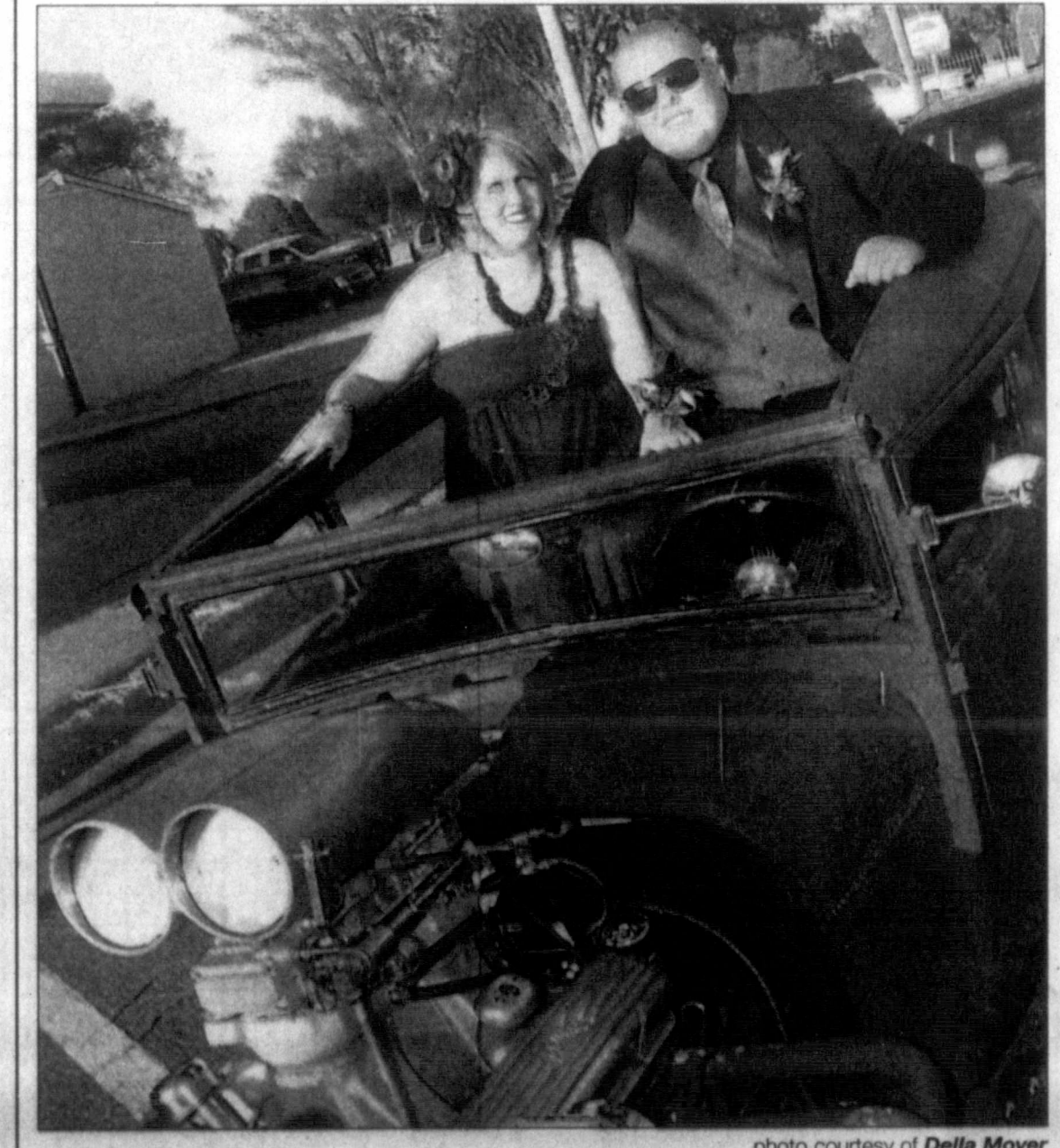
He doesn't take the oath of

office until tomorrow, but he said that he's already raring to go.

"I'm ready to get started," Pingel said. "I'm really excited about it. I think Pampa is headed in the right direction, and I'm

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ARRIVING IN STYLE



Reid Bradley and Samantha Pearson roll into Pampa High School in a classic ride, one of the many unique arrivals at Saturday's prom. A full prom album will be in tomorrow's *The Pampa News*.

County OK's AC repairs, landscaping

DAVID BOWSER
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In anticipation of hot times in the Gray County Courthouse this summer, the County Commission today approved air conditioning repairs.

The commission approved the repair of the number two chiller unit at the courthouse and repair of the chilled water pump. The commission approved \$8,861 for both repairs.

It also approved spending \$9,516 to replace a 10-ton 50-year-old heating and air-conditioning unit at the Lovett Building which houses the offices of Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman and the probation offices.

In other business:

- Commissioners also addressed landscaping around the courthouse grounds.
- County Auditor Elaine Morris indicated that the plants involved in the landscaping during the renovation of the courthouse have not done well. The commission voted to move forward with the flower beds this spring and wait until next fall for tree replacements.
- The commission also voted to contract with URS Utility Audit Services on the counties utilities bill. Under the contract, the auditing service will receive 50 percent of any savings they provide the county.

Gray County Judge Richard

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Chamber Luncheon
 Tuesday, May 17 • Noon • \$10/person
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 Program and meal sponsored by Relay for Life
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PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
High 79 Low 55	High 88 Low 55	High 81 Low 52

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Very windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. Very windy, with a southwest wind 30 to 35 mph decreasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

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Mayor

honored to be a part of that.
"I'm glad to be done with campaigning, and I'm ready to move forward."
The first step to transitioning into his new role, Pingel said, was learning.
"Just stepping into a new role in the leadership of Pampa," he said when asked what topped his to-do list as the new mayor. "Sitting in, learning the ropes, getting acquainted with our new city commissioners. I'm looking forward to getting in there and learning and leading the city."
Pingel said that he appreciated the opportunity to help steer Pampa into the future.
"I was hoping for a bigger voter turnout," he said, "but aside from that, truly it's a big honor for me to be chosen by the community to be a part of this city's

leadership."
Joy Combs, who lost to Pingel in the mayoral race, echoed his concerns about the voter turnout.
"My campaign now is I'm going to talk to people everywhere I go and tell people to vote," the ever-ebullient Combs said. "Let's get people motivated and let's get people to be a part of the city."
Combs said that though she didn't win, the campaign and election were a good experience.
"I had a lot of fun and I learned a lot, and I would do it all over again," Combs said. "Who knows if you're going to win or lose... but I gained a lot of knowledge about our city government."
Combs said that she had no solid political plans from here, although she said that running for a city commissioner post in the future was "a great possibility."

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Obituaries

Ruth Pauline Hudson, 78

Ruth Pauline Hudson, 78, died Saturday, May 14, 2011, in Pampa.
Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Brother Paul Nachtigall, Chaplin of Interim Hospice, officiating. Mrs. Hudson will not be available for viewing. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
Ruth was born March 24, 1933, in Kinsley, Kan. She married E.L. "Shorty" Hudson on May 30, 1953 in Larned, Kan. Ruth has been a resident of Pampa since 1964 where she was a homemaker. She was a member

of the St. Mathews Episcopal Church and was a former President of the Pampa Garden Club.
Survivors include her husband, Shorty, of the home; one son, Dustin Hudson of Lefors; one daughter, Gisele Hays and husband Barry of Borger; four grandchildren, Jessica Hays of Roswell, N.M., Jason Hays and wife Lauren, Evan Hays all of Borger and Marissa Hudson of Amarillo; one great-granddaughter, Bryn Hudson of Borger; one brother, John Reed of Lawrence, Kan.; two sisters, Rosland Jorn of Plattsburg, Mo. and Enid Nesbit of Olathe, Kan.
Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.
Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Would you please explain to me why today's brides still take formal bridal portraits?
To me, the "W-E" in "wedding" signifies a bride and groom sharing equally in earning a living, raising children and performing household functions. Shouldn't a wedding portrait be of the two people together? — SHIRLEY IN HOUSTON

Superstition may have something to do with it. It's supposed to be bad luck for the groom to see the bride's dress before the wedding, which is when the bridal portrait is usually taken. In years past, couples would pose together for their engagement picture, which was then published in the newspaper with their engagement announcement. In the early 20th century, couples did have their wedding portrait taken together. I have a copy of

my maternal grandparents' wedding picture in which my grandfather is sitting (formally dressed) and my grandmother is standing next to him in her wedding dress.
After receiving your question, I called celebrity photographer Harry Langdon, and we had an interesting discussion. He explained that the rules for wedding photography are constantly evolving, reflecting the time in which they are taken and the culture of

the couple involved.
He went on to describe a memorable photo shoot in which he was taking wedding pictures for a royal family. Not understanding the culture, Harry posed the bride standing in front of the groom, thinking it would symbolize the man's "power and protection of his wife." A security guard promptly pulled Harry aside and pointed out that in their country, women do not stand in front of the men -- they stand behind them.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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| 12 Encouraged | 4 Poems about country life |
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| 14 Without stop | 6 Meeting numbers |
| 15 Eye drop | 7 Ornate vase |
| 17 Pig's place | 8 A long time |
| 18 Grabs with a fluid motion | 9 Lane's co-worker |
| 22 Twosome | 10 Whirlpool |
| 23 Applies, as finger paint | 16 Cart puller |
| 27 Narnia lion | 18 Relaxing places |
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| 32 Salsa legend | |
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Saturday's answer

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| 25 Some rodents | 40 Museum stuff |
| 26 Location | 42 Sold-out show |
| 28 Pine leaves | 43 Road goo |
| 31 Calendar box | 44 Wedding words |

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BANANAGRAMS!

For each bunch below, rearrange the letters to form two intersecting words that fit into the corresponding grid.

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Yesterday's Answer: SQUIRREL, GORILLA, PORPOISE

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.

5-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

WYU'M PLK TYL Z FZU EVY'X
IOTM KYR MVO UOHM YUO
FZK TZII TYL KYRL XFCIO

— FZO EOXM
Saturday's Cryptoquote: WHEN YOU WERE BORN, YOU CRIED AND THE WORLD REJOICED; LIVE YOUR LIFE SO THAT WHEN YOU DIE, THE WORLD CRIES AND YOU REJOICE.
— CHEROKEE SAYING

Sudoku

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Coast Guard recovers body

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Searchers have recovered the body of a 12-year-old Central Texas boy who went under while swimming near Corpus Christi.

The Coast Guard on Monday announced the body was located after an aerial search covering about 800 square miles off the Packery Channel.

A Nueces County coroner has identified the boy as Kacey Hendrix of Cedar Creek.

Emergency personnel were notified Saturday afternoon that the boy apparently was caught in the undertow while swimming with his father, who was unable to save the child.

Counselors were available Monday in the Bastrop Independent School District, where Hendrix had attended sixth grade.

Galveston to fund 'safe room'

GALVESTON (AP) — Galveston leaders will consider designs for a \$24 million "safe room" to protect emergency responders staying behind if another storm like Hurricane Ike hits.

Landry's Restaurants Inc. owns a hotel where officials and first responders usually stay. Mayor Joe Jaworski says the city can't rely on a hotel complex in a big storm.

City council members May 26 are expected to consider a design for a concrete structure to house about 600 personnel.

The Galveston County Daily News reported Monday that the design cost is nearly \$3 million. A state grant would pay 75 percent. The University of Texas Medical Branch and the city would pay the rest. Other costs, including annual operating funds, would be paid in part by federal grants.

Ike caused \$29 billion in damage in 2008.

Death row appeals refused

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused appeals from three condemned Texas inmates, two of them convicted of killing children.

The high court Monday rejected appeals from 46-year-old Guadalupe Esparza, condemned for abducting a 7-year-old girl in San Antonio, sexually assaulting and strangling her in 1999. Also turned down was 32-year-old Richard Vasquez, convicted of fatally beating his girlfriend's 4-year-old daughter in 1998 in Corpus Christi.

The third inmate to lose at the court Monday is 31-year-old Steven Woods, convicted of robbing and killing a man and woman in Denton County, near Dallas, in 2001.

None of the three has an execution date yet.

Highway update begins

DALLAS (AP) — Drivers in the Dallas area can expect delays for years as part of a \$2.7 billion interstate highway improvement project known as LBJ Express.

Monday was the first regular workday for the road closures, in preparation for upgrades to 17 miles of I-635 and I-35 East that should be finished in five years.

The initial closures involve high-occupancy vehicle lanes, or HOV, used by drivers accompanied by at least one passenger.

Workers on Sunday shut down five miles of HOV lanes on I-635, known as LBJ Freeway, named for President Lyndon B. Johnson.

LBJ Freeway was built more than 40 years ago.

Denton student fares announced

DENTON (AP) — University students and staff in North Texas will soon have another option to get to and from classes.

The Denton County Transportation Authority has approved student and faculty fees to use a new 21-mile passenger rail line or to connect to Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Fort Worth Transportation services.

The so-called A-train line, between Denton and the Dallas suburb of Carrollton, is scheduled to open June 20.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported Monday that students would pay \$175 for a semester of local service or \$250 per semester for the expanded regional service. Faculty and staff would pay \$250 a semester of local service, or \$340 per semester of regional service.

Arson tried at Houston mosque

HOUSTON (AP) — Security video of two masked young men is being reviewed by arson investigators after a mosque in Houston suffered fire damage.

The Texas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations on Monday issued a statement asking that the incident being investigated as a possible hate crime.

No one has been arrested over the break-in early Saturday at Madrasah Islamiah in which carpets were damaged by a small fire. Prayer services went on as scheduled Sunday night.

County

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

What part of 'estimate' don't you understand?

Social Security and you

Q: I am 65 years old and want to know exactly how much I'm going to get in Social Security benefits when I retire. I am thinking of delaying my benefits until maybe age 68. I went to my local Social Security office three times, talked to three different people, and have received three different estimates.

I've also gone to the Social Security Administration's website and used information posted there to figure out my own benefit. And I came up with an even different number. Including my own, the estimates range from \$2,710 per month to \$2,771. Can you explain this?

A: Here is the most important message you should take away from my reply: Every estimate you get before you retire is just that, an "estimate" — and it's based on lots of variables. And just a slight glitch in any one of those variables can lead to the different benefit projections you are getting. It certainly can lead to a difference of about \$61, which is what you're experiencing. But once you actually file for Social Security and get an official "award letter," your benefit will be calculated accurately based on all the current information that's entered into the system at the time you file.

I can think of a few reasons why you've gotten different estimates from different SSA sources. I'm sure that most SSA representatives who are giving you these estimates are doing so by entering information into their computers. One of the variables they must enter into the computer is "date of entitlement." That's means the month you want your Social Security checks to begin. And since you haven't filed yet, a change of a month or two in that date will change your Social Security benefit projection.

The estimate process would be further complicated if you con-

tinue to work or indicate that you are contemplating working after retirement. In that case, the SSA rep might have input your projected work months and earnings, yet another variable entry that will change your Social Security benefit.

And because you plan to work beyond age 66, you also have the issue of "delayed retirement credits" to factor into your equation. (DRCs are the little bonus a person gets for waiting until sometime after age 66 to file for Social Security.) Some of the estimates you got may have forgotten to add them into your calculation.

I'm sure you've heard that old computer adage: "garbage in, garbage out." When it comes to Social Security benefit estimates, it's not so much a matter of garbage but of variances. So, the Social Security adage might be: "variable data in, variable benefit estimates out." But when you actually file a Social Security claim, a final set of numbers will go to the big, magic Social Security computer in the sky, and you will get exactly what's coming to you!

Q: I've read a recent news story indicating that the Social Security Administration will stop sending out the yearly statements that provide benefit estimates to Americans. What do you know about this?

A: I don't know much, other than I've read the same news story. Government agencies are under an awful lot of pressure to cut expenses, and mailing out those statements costs SSA about \$60 million every year. I understand they would like to make the statements available online. But there

are several huge privacy hurdles they would have to overcome to make that happen.

Personally, I think the paper statements are a valuable financial planning tool that help millions of Americans prepare for their retirement years. And \$60 million is a modest price to pay to offer that kind of service to the public. On the other hand, people seem to be clamoring for smaller government and fewer taxes. And in that kind of political atmosphere, these are the kinds of services we will apparently have to do without.

Q: My annual Social Security statement shows a breakdown of my earnings. It shows two columns: "Social Security Earnings" and "Medicare Earnings." But the numbers in both columns are the same. So, why are there two separate columns?

A: In most cases, a person's Social Security taxable earnings and Medicare taxable earnings will be the same. But I can think of two situations in which they will be different.

The first applies to more well-to-do workers. There is a limit to the amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax. It's currently about \$106,000. But there is no limit to the amount of income subject to the Medicare tax. So, anyone making more than \$106,000 per year will have a higher earnings total in the Medicare column than in the Social Security column of their annual statement from Social Security.

The second situation involves those workers who do not pay into Social Security but are covered by Medicare. (That applies to about 10 percent of the population.) Statements sent to them will show "zero" in the Social Security column, but it will show their full earnings in the Medicare column.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Election

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City Secretary Karen Price said that the election went smoothly and that she was excited about what the new officials will bring to their positions.

"(The election) was good," said Price. "No problems. It went smooth. I'm looking forward to getting started."

"We always appreciate when we have something like (new elected officials) going on."

Pingel and Holmes will take their oaths of office at a special City Commission meeting tomorrow at 4 p.m. Dixon, who is excused from the meeting, when the Commission convenes next.

The runoff election for Ward 1 is scheduled for June 25 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at a location to be officially announced. Lewis said that she hopes that the Pampa community turns out to make its voice heard during the runoff.

"Typically, our runoffs don't get a lot of new votes," Lewis said. "I'm hoping people turn out and get someone a decisive victory."

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Peet told commissioners it would cost the county nothing and may help the county save money.

The commission also voted to pay Lefors Volunteer Fire Department \$2,000 for providing ambulance service to McLean since March, provided that Lefors bills the City of McLean for ambulance service.

At issue are non-emergency ambulance calls involving McLean. Gray County Emergency Coordinator Joe Millican indicated that other providers would continue to provide emergency coverage along Interstate 40.

Last year, the county commission voted to increase the amount they paid the McLean Ambulance service to \$2,000 a month, but the ambulance service shut down the first of the year. The money the county will pay Lefors ambulance service will come from the unused money appropriated but not spent for McLean ambulance service.

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department told the commission that it would no longer provide ambulance service to McLean as of 5 p.m. today.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 16, the 136th day of 2011. There are 229 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 16, 1811, an American frigate, the USS President, pursued and engaged a British sloop-of-war, the HMS Little Belt, off North Carolina after initially mistaking it for the HMS Guerriere, which had seized and impressed an American sailor. (The more seriously damaged Little Belt lost 11 crew members; both sides claimed the other had fired first.)

On this date:

In 1770, Marie Antoinette, age 14, married the future King Louis XVI of France, who was 15.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on the eleven articles of impeachment against him.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV.

In 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1939, the government began its first food stamp program in Rochester, N.Y.

In 1961, Gen. Park Chung-hee seized power in South Korea in a military coup.

In 1975, Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

In 1991, Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the United States Congress.

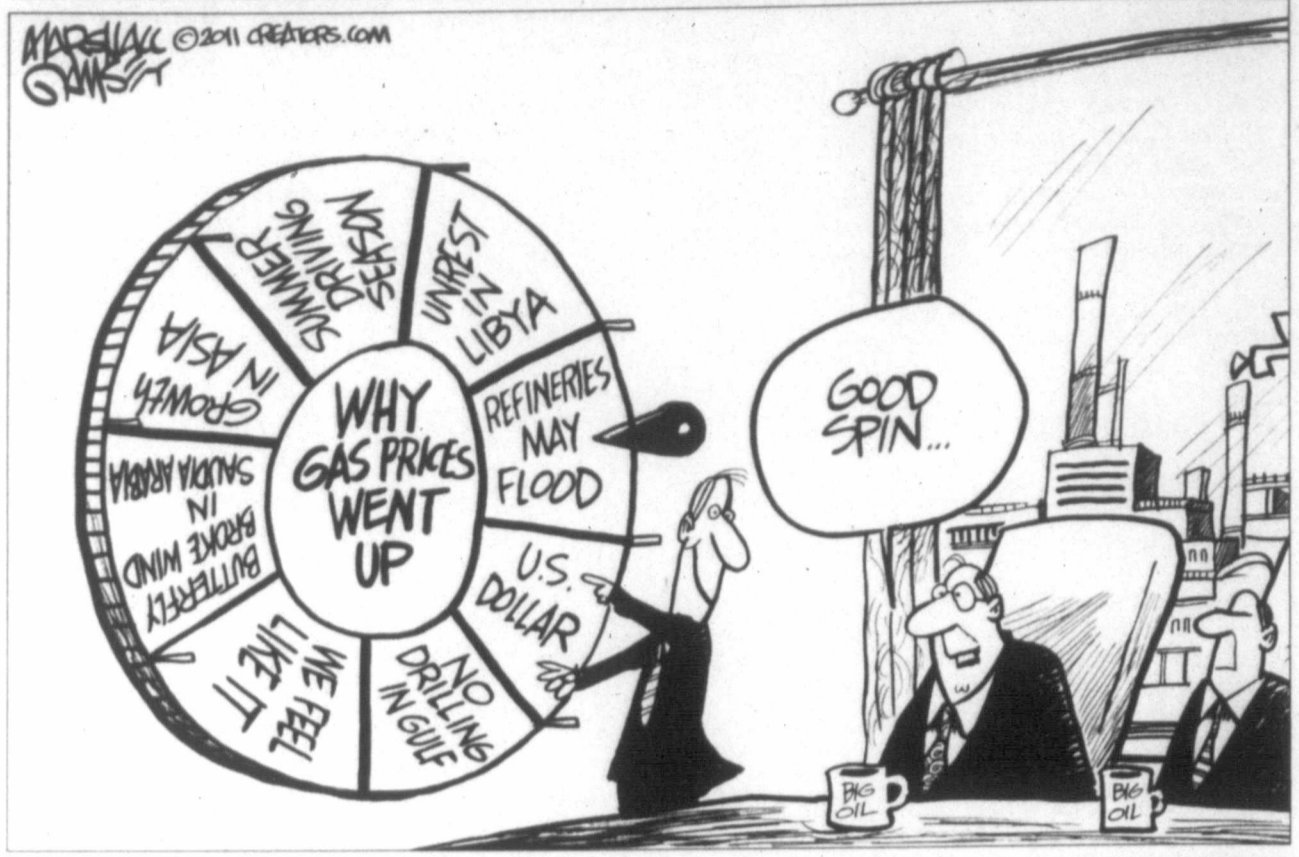
Ten years ago: Former FBI agent Robert Hanssen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow. (Hanssen later pleaded guilty to 15 counts of espionage and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Five years ago: The Pentagon released the first video images of American Airlines Flight 77 crashing into the military headquarters and killing 189 people on 9/11.

One year ago: BP crews finally succeeded in keeping some of the oil rushing from a blown well out of the Gulf of Mexico by hooking up a mile-long tube to funnel the crude into a tanker ship.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Gaynes is 94. Actor Harry Carey Jr. is 90. Jazz musician Billy Cobham is 67. Actor Bill Smitrovich is 64. Actor Pierce Brosnan is 58. Actress Debra Winger is 56. Olympic gold medal gymnast Olga Korbut is 56. Actress Mare Winningham is 52. Rock musician Boyd Tinsley (The Dave Matthews Band) is 47. Rock musician Krist Novoselic is 46. Singer Janet Jackson is 45. Country singer Scott Reeves (Blue Country) is 45. Actor Brian F. O'Byrne is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tresvant (New Edition) is 43. Actor David Boreanaz is 42. Political correspondent Tucker Carlson is 42. Actress Tracey Gold is 42. Tennis player Gabriela Sabatini is 41. Country singer Rick Trevino is 40. Musician Simon Katz is 40. Actress Tori Spelling is 38. Actress Melanie Lynskey is 34. Actress Megan Fox is 25. Actor Jacob Zachar is 25. Actor Marc John Jefferies is 21. Actor Miles Heizer is 17.

Thought for Today: "The enemy of the conventional wisdom is not ideas but the march of events." — John Kenneth Galbraith, American economist, diplomat and author (1908-2006)



Our success depends on good civil servants

Over the last 12 years, the good people at the Gallup Poll have at eight different times asked the same question: "Who do you regard as the greatest United States president?" Each time, one of three presidents -- Abraham Lincoln, John Kennedy or Ronald Reagan -- has finished first.

While the Gipper and JFK were both Irish-American contemporaries (Reagan was six years older) -- each with a love of language, an infectious optimism and mastery of self-effacing humor -- they were poles apart in their appraisals of the federal government and of those who chose to work for it.

Contrast the following presidential statements: "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government, and I'm here to help.'" Plus: "The best minds are not in government. If any were, business would hire them away." -- Reagan

"Let the public service be a proud and lively career. And let every man and woman who works in any area of our national government, in any branch, at any level, be able to say with pride and with honor in future years: 'I served the United States government in that hour of our nation's need.'" -- Kennedy

Make no mistake about the dominant rhetorical perspective today. Reagan's "Government is not a solution to our

problem, government is the problem," and, "When you go to bed with the federal government, you get more than a good night's sleep," is more widely popular and accepted than is the disconcerting Kennedy challenge to view and to choose public service as a truly noble pursuit or JFK's now-dated summons to "ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

You know the drill. The vaunted private sector is efficient and competitive and tough, while the disparaged public sector has become a political pinata.

So how do we explain the near-universally praised and admired courage of Navy SEAL Team 6, which went on the most dangerous of missions in the dead of night halfway around the world into an armed enemy stronghold? These men and all their comrades are exceptional professionals and proven patriots. But every Navy SEAL, every Marine squad leader, every combat medic, every helicopter pilot is also a public servant. That's right, a public employee.

Next time, you hear your local



MARK SHIELDS

know-nothing mouthing off about how people on a public payroll just couldn't make it in the private sector, please interrupt and ask him exactly which men and women in uniform in which God-forgotten valley of death in Afghanistan are in it for the paycheck.

Why hasn't business lured away such exceptionally courageous and talented individuals with signing bonuses or unlimited expense accounts? Don't tell me U.S. companies do not need individuals with the unique combinations of discipline, leadership, fortitude and intelligence. Could it be instead that these are Americans who truly do care more about what they can do for their country than for what the Fortune 500 could do for their personal net worth?

Let us understand that the effectiveness of our government and, to a considerable degree, the success of our nation depends upon the quality and the commitment of our citizens who determine to make public service -- military or civilian -- and the common good larger than their own self-interest. Aren't you glad that the heroes of Navy SEAL Team 6 were "from the government" and were there "to help"?

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Obama's hypocritical rhetoric on immigration reform

Barack Obama's immigration speech in El Paso May 10 was an exercise in electioneering and hypocrisy. Hypocrisy because while Obama complained about "politicians" blocking comprehensive immigration bills, he was one of them himself.

In 2007, when such a bill was backed by a lame duck Republican president and had bipartisan backing from Senate heavyweights Edward Kennedy and Jon Kyl, Sen. Obama voted for union-backed amendments that Kennedy and Kyl opposed as bill-killers.

In 2009 and 2010, President Obama acquiesced in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's decision to pass cap-and-trade and bypass immigration and in Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's decision not to bring an immigration bill to the floor.

Both times the votes were probably there to pass a bill. Obama did not lift a finger to help.

But that did not stop the president who is constantly calling for civility to heap scorn on those who seek stronger enforcement. "They'll want a higher fence. Maybe they'll need a moat," he said to laughter from the largely Latino audience. "Maybe they'll want alligators in the moat. They'll never be satisfied."

Was that on the teleprompter, or was it ad-libbed? In either case, Obama was showing his contempt for those who bitterly cling to the idea that the law should be enforced.

That's no way to assemble the bipartisan coalition necessary to pass an immigration bill.

It's obvious that nothing like the legalization (opponents say "amnesty") provisions considered in 2007 can pass in this Congress. They can never pass the Republican House, where Judiciary Chairman Lamar Smith is a longstanding opponent and Speaker John Boehner will not schedule a bill not approved in committee.

Nor will this Congress pass the most attractive proposal Obama mentioned, the Dream Act, providing a path to legalization for those brought in illegally as children who enroll in college

or serve in the military. That failed last December in a more Democratic Senate and won't pass now.

Some new approach is needed, and Obama did little to point the way. One idea, advanced by a bipartisan Brookings Institution panel, is a bill that would strengthen enforcement and would shift the U.S. away from low-skill and toward high-skill immigration.

Canada and Australia have done this to their great benefit. And with a sluggish economy it makes little sense, as current law does, to give preference to low-skill siblings of minimum wage workers rather than to engineering and science Ph.D.s. We need more job creators, not more job seekers.

The problem here is that the lobbying forces backing comprehensive legislation don't favor such an approach. Latino groups and lobbies representing employers of low-skill workers are interested in legalizing the low-skill Latinos who make up the majority of the 11 million illegal immigrants.

High-tech firms seek more H-1B visas for high-skill graduates, but these tie immigrants to particular employers. They don't have an interest in provisions allowing these people to work for anyone they don't like or to start their own businesses, as they can in Canada and Australia.

In the absence of significant lobbying support, the only way to provide



MICHAEL BARONE

support for Brookings-style legislation is a bold presidential initiative advertising it as a clean break from past proposals.

Obama didn't come close to doing that in El Paso. He included a few words about letting in more high-skill folks, but didn't suggest any reduction in low-skill immigration.

And he said only a few words about workplace enforcement on which his administration has developed a valuable new tool.

That's a refinement of the E-Verify electronic system now available in which employers can verify the Social Security numbers of new employees.

The Department of Homeland Security has been ironing out glitches in E-Verify and, as former National Security Agency general counsel Stewart Baker reports, DHS now allows job-seekers in some states to use E-Verify before applying for a job not only to check their status but also to protect against identity theft.

The administration has been attacking state laws requiring employers to use E-Verify. If Obama were serious about enforcement, he would be calling for mandatory E-Verify. That would be a more effective tool against illegal immigration than even the strongest border enforcement.

But as Obama's record makes clear, he's not really interested in passing a law. He knows his support has been slipping among Latino voters, and he wants to goose it back up. El Paso was all about election 2012, not serious immigration reform.

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Chamber

Entry forms for upcoming block party, barbecue events

The Pampa Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo and the Top O' Texas Barbecue Cook-off are both coming up on July 9 at Recreation Park. Registration forms for the two events are below:

Pampa's Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo
at Recreation Park/Rodeo Grounds
July 9, 2011
11am-11pm

BBQ Cook-off at 4pm
Dance starts at 8pm

Pampa's Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo registration Form. (Please Print)
(BBQ Cook-off Registration form is separate and can be picked up at the Chamber)

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Limited electricity, please contact the Chamber at 669-3241 to reserve your spot.

For more information contact Lori. Please return your registration form to the Chamber at 200 N. Ballard or fax to 669-3244.
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May 17th – Chamber Luncheon, sponsored by Relay for Life, with guest speaker, Debbie Brame, this year's Regional Hero of Hope.

May 17th – Todd Chisnell from KFDA News Channel 10 will be at the Chamber at 2:00 to meet to discuss advertising for Summer Celebration.

July 9th – Top O' Texas BBQ Cook-off at the Rodeo Grounds/Recreation Park

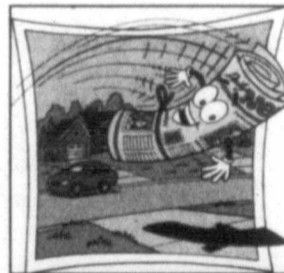
July 9th – Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo at the Rodeo Grounds/Recreation Park

July 18th – Summer Celebration with KFDA News Channel 10

• If you are interested in have a booth at either the Block Party or Summer Celebration contact the Chamber at 669-3241 or email at harvest@pampachamber.com

• **Calling all BBQ cooks:** If you have the best bbq – come show your stuff at the Top O' Texas BBQ cook-off. Registration forms are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

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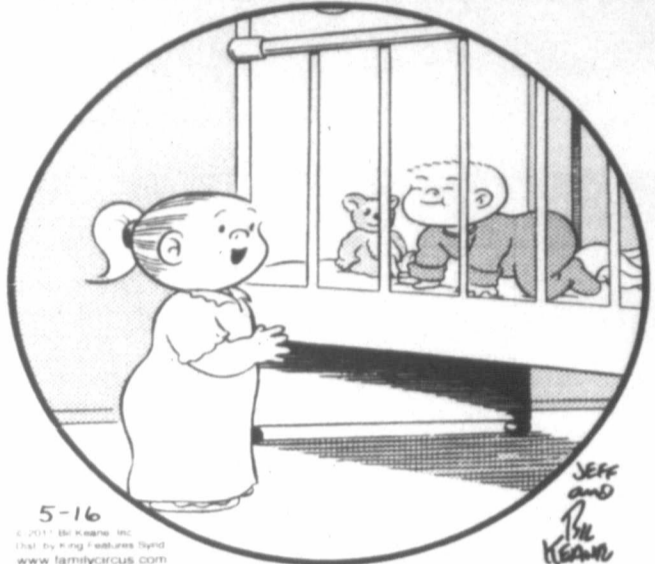
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

This year, you will make a difficult situation work or you will walk away from it. During 2011, you enter a new life cycle in which you need to release what isn't working. New opportunities will come forward. Relating and how much to give could be key issues, but also areas of tremendous growth. If you are single, you might date several different people until you find the right one. If you are attached, the two of you might take a workshop or class to improve your bond and interactions. SAGITTARIUS often pulls you in very close.

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)

★★★★ Look for an original idea or solution. In the process, you could be so distracted that you get nothing done! Reality hits like a bolt of lightning. Tonight: Now allow your mind to roam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ After as much uproar as you have experienced lately, a partner might be justified in seizing control. Be honest about that fact. Actually, you might like getting off the hot seat for a while. Tonight: Accept an invitation for a chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Whatever interrupts your sleep — be it a dream or an actual event — could set you off on the wrong foot this morning. By the afternoon, you'll see a solution. Allow others to handle the issues. They always want to anyway. Tonight: Just go along with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Moving from an emotional plane to a more intellectual one needs to happen soon. You cannot count on detaching and seeing the big picture otherwise. You know there is a hot issue brewing. Avoid a confrontation. Tonight: Remain nurturing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Pressure might be rather intense in the morning, but it changes radically once you are on track. Creativity, brainstorming and being open to unusual ideas all lead to your ability to move past a situation. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Today's Full Moon shoves you into the limelight. How effective is your method of dealing with many demands? You will find out today. If you are to accomplish anything, you will need to isolate yourself, to a degree. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Be aware of your finances when making choices today. Sometimes what looks like it's free could carry a far heavier but less obvious cost. Several conversations have a unique and exciting tone. Explore a different idea or approach. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Events highlight you. Whether you want to move on or do something different, you could trip yourself up financially. You might take on an unexpected side job or accept a one-time project offer. Wanting to build on your security is normal. Tonight: Buy a token of affection or a card for a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You weigh the pros and cons of a situation in the morning. You might not want to discuss it. You bloom in the afternoon, perhaps feeling better than you have in a long time. Realize what is happening with a dear friend or loved one. Pitch in. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Use the morning to the max. Zero in on a goal. A meeting could bring unusual or surprising information forward. Pull back and think about what has occurred in the afternoon. Spontaneity draws a great deal of excitement. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

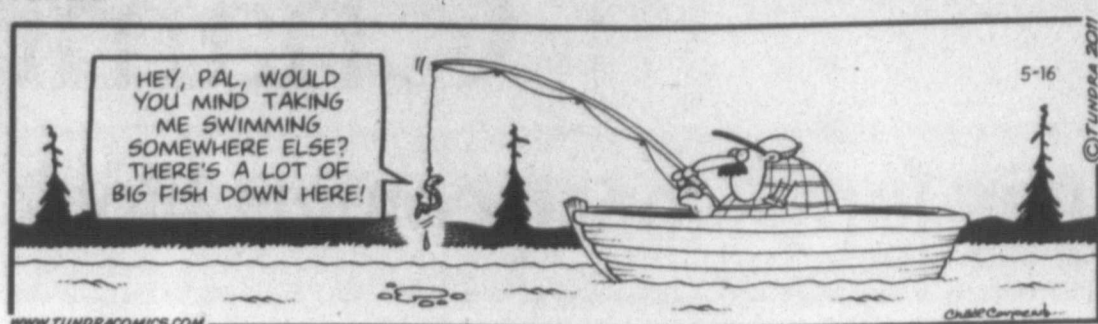
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your style and approach could be very different than anticipated. Pressure from others could force a review of what has happened. You are heading in a new direction, possibly a more successful one. Tonight: Express what you are thinking and feeling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ New information comes forward that might be unanticipated. Listen well. You might opt to go on a fact-finding mission and take a strong stand if information supports it. Take charge in the afternoon. Tonight: In the limelight.

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1811 Lynn	\$139,900	3/1.75/2	1824 SF/GCAD
1509 Dwight	\$130,000	4/2/2	1468 SF/GCAD
901 Terry	\$108,000	4/1.75/2	2281 SF/GCAD
1904 Lynn	\$94,000	3/1.75/2	1753 SF/GCAD
977 Cinderella	\$92,000	4/1.75/2	1553 SF/GCAD
1921 Zimmers	\$90,500	3/2/2	1345 SF/GCAD
1801 Dwight	\$81,500	3/2.75/3	1980 SF/GCAD
1821 Coffee	\$68,000	3/1.75/1	1349 SF/GCAD
1000 Terry	\$50,000	3/1.75/1	1817 SF/GCAD
2218 Christy	\$49,900	3/1.5/1	1226 SF/GCAD

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445 Juniper	\$89,500	3/1.75/2	1723 SF/GCAD
420 Russell	\$45,000	3/1/1	1344 SF/GCAD
914 Twiford	\$40,000	2/1/0	872 SF/GCAD
732 Bradley	\$36,000	3/2/1	1253 SF/GCAD
1324 Starkweather	\$29,900	2/1/1	954 SF/GCAD
332 Miami St.	\$15,000	2/1/1	924 SF/GCAD

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854 S Hobart	\$175,000		4 lots + 10' on North end Comm.
1421 N Hobart	\$175,000		Smoke House - 1816 SF/GCAD
804-805 W. Jackson Av. WD	\$150,000		4/2/2- 2536 SF/CCAD duplex
200 N. Hoynes, Fritch	\$87,500		3/2/1 - 1368 SF/HCAD
600 W 3rd Ave. WD	\$67,500		3/1/1 - 1100 SF/CCAD
1331 Potter, Borger	\$58,900		2/1/1 - 1095 SF/HCAD
220 E Francis	\$57,500		1/1 - 745 SF/GCAD comm.
500 FM 2699 Rd. Miami	\$50,000		3/1.75/2 - 1622 SF/RCAD + 1 Acre
201, 205, 207 Swift	\$50,000		Church & 2 houses
507 Ware Ave. Groom	\$49,500		3/1/1 - 1924 SF/CCAD
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Sports

Reliving the exciting moments of the 2010-11 season

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With the 2010-11 sports season in the books, there were several exciting moments, as most of the Harvester and Lady Harvester teams saw postseason. Here's a look at some of the best.

10 Just in the Nick of Time (Girls Basketball)
Pampa Lady Harvesters 49 Borger 48 December 30, 2010, Lubbock Trinity High School

This game was just to improve the win percentages of both schools but had the excitement of a district game. The Lady Harvesters entered the fourth quarter down by nine. Three-pointers by Kirsten Kuhn and Taylor Morgan helped cut the deficit. Kuhn made the play of the game when she hit a layup and made the game-winning free throw with 0.1 seconds left.

9 There's No Place Like Home (Football)
Pampa Harvesters 30 Wichita Falls Hirschi 22 September 17, 2010 Harvester Field

The Harvesters entered the game not having a home win since 2008. The Huskies looked like they were going to extend the streak as they took a 13-0 lead. The Harvesters rallied back. Junior Quarterback Reid Miller scored three rushes.

ing touchdowns and threw for one as Pampa pulled out a homecoming victory and started a new home winning streak.

8 Working Overtime (Softball)
Pampa Lady Harvesters 3 Amarillo Tascosa Lady Rebels 2, 8 innings, March 19, 2011, Lady Harvester Field

Facing a 5A school at home, the Lady Harvesters fell behind 2-0 early. In the sixth inning they rallied for two runs and tied the game at two. In the bottom of the eighth, sophomore Martecia Alexander hit a RBI single to left scoring sophomore Tiffany Britton to win the game. The victory started a 14-game winning streak.

7 High Scoring Affair (Football)
Pampa Harvesters 57 Perryton Rangers 35 October 22, 2010, Harvester Field

Playoffs were on the line when the Harvesters met the Rangers on Pampa's senior day. The game was back-and-forth until the end of the first half. Junior Trace

Carter caught a 33-yard touchdown pass to put Pampa in front 27-21. Instead of taking a knee, Miller threw to Ericson for a 45-yard touchdown and the Harvesters led 34-21 at halftime. Miller sealed the game and playoff berth with an eight-yard touchdown run.

6 Extra Thriller (Baseball)
Pampa Harvesters 4 Perryton Rangers 3, 8 innings, April 19, 2011 Harvester Field

A tiebreaker was on the line when the Harvesters met the Rangers. Perryton jumped out to 2-0 lead. In the later innings, Pampa rallied back. In his final at bat, senior Tyler Malone hit a game tying two-run home run. In the bottom of the eighth, junior Collin Killgo hit a walk off single to give Pampa the tiebreaker over Perryton.

5 Senior Domination (Volleyball)
Pampa Lady Harvesters defeat Perryton Rangerettes 25-16, 25-21 and 25-9, October 23, 2010, McNeely Fieldhouse

The Lady Harvesters entered the game needing a victory to clinch district. Pampa did so in dominating fashion. After pulling out a close victory in the second set, senior Taryn Eubank closed the door on the Rangerettes. With Eubank serving, Pampa went on a 13-0 run to coast to their first district title since the early 1990s.

4 Ride That Mustang (Volleyball)
Pampa Lady Harvesters defeat Andrews Lady Mustangs (25-17, 25-20, 23-25, 25-21, November 6, 2010, Plainview

Playing in their first playoff game since 1999, the Lady Harvesters took the first two sets. The Lady Mustangs delayed the celebration pulling out a close third set. With the fourth set tied at 20, Pampa pulled away earning their second trophy of the season. The volleyball team only won three trophies before 2010.

3 Roaring Twenty (Boys Basketball)
Pampa Harvesters 55 Wichita Falls Hirschi 51, March 4, 2011, United Spirit Arena

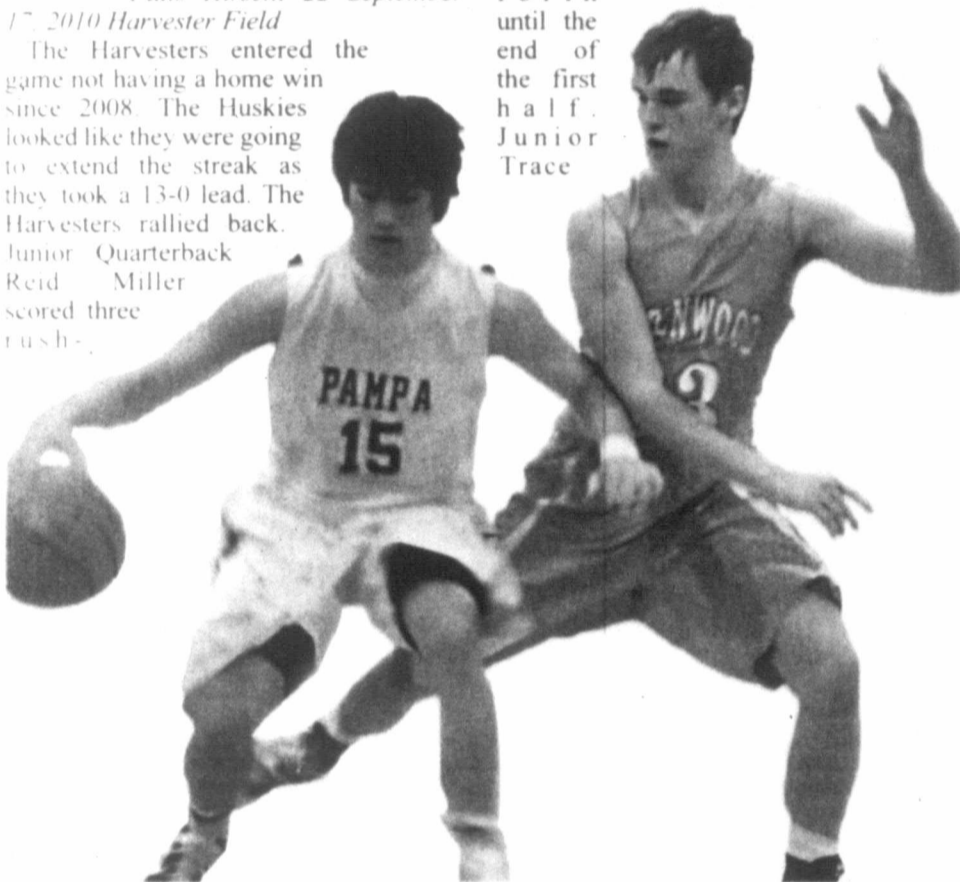
The Harvesters pulled out two close games to reach the regional semifinals for the first time since 1996. This game was no different. Pampa jumped out to a seven-point first quarter lead only to see Hirschi cut it to two at halftime. The Harvesters pulled out to a seven-point fourth quarter lead but the Huskies cut it to one. Pampa had to stave off three attempts by Hirschi to tie the game in the final seconds. The victory gave Pampa their 20th of the season.

2 Dynamic Duo (Tennis)
Aaron Silva and Holly Gage defeat Nathan Sandel and Kim Sonecny 2-6, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5, May 9, 2011, Austin

Silva and Gage had to win a play-back match to qualify for state, and their matches at state weren't easy either. Their backs were against the wall after dropping the first set but rallied in the second. In the third set they had to pull out a close one to advance to the state semifinals. Gage and Silva finished third.

1 Photo Finish
Pampa Harvesters 54 Midland Greenwood Rangers 51, February 25, 2011, Frenship High School

The Harvesters started strong in their first 3A playoff game and jumped out to a 31-17 halftime lead. In the second half, Pampa wouldn't have it that easy. The Rangers, motivated by their coach's halftime speech, rallied back and tied the game at 51. Greenwood had the ball in the last 15 seconds of the game and were in position to take the lead, when Reid Miller blocked a shot and threw cross court to Latigo Collins, who made up layup as time expired. The victory started a playoff run that led the Harvesters to the regional finals.



Pampa's victory over Midland Greenwood in the area round was our top moment of the year.

Thunder oust Grizzlies, advance

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kevin Durant followed his worst playoff performance with one of his best, taking the Oklahoma City Thunder from the brink of elimination to the Western Conference finals.

Durant scored 39 points for his best offensive outing of the series. Russell Westbrook became the fifth NBA player to record a triple-double in a Game 7 and the Thunder closed out the Memphis Grizzlies with a 105-90 win on Sunday.

"Durant came back after a sub-par game and showed the heart of a champion," Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. "And Westbrook just played outstanding."

Durant was a shell of himself in Game 6, the lowest-scoring game of his two postseason appearances. He routinely settled for jumpers, taking nine of his 14 shots from 3-point range, and had just one basket over the final 45 minutes during an 11-point outing.

"That wasn't me at all in Game 6. I was so upset with myself that I kind of let my guys down by not playing my game," Durant

said. "No matter what, if I was shooting bad in Game 6, as long as I was aggressive. I wasn't aggressive at

all. This game, that's what I told myself: 'Come in aggressive, start the game off aggressive.'"

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