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PISD sets hearing for new budget, tax rate

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The Pampa Independent School District has set a public hearing on its 2011-2012 budget and tax rate for 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

The hearing will precede the school board's regular June meeting.

The district's finance director, Danny Seabourn, recommended the board not change the tax rate. The total tax rate for the district is \$1,3688 per \$100 valuation.

In other business:
• One new and one veteran school district trustee were sworn in at Thursday night's meeting and the board elected officers for their new year.
Richard Qualls and Lance DeFever were sworn in at Thursday night's regular school

board meeting.
Lee Porter was elected president to replace outgoing Derrell DeLoach.
"He has been a positive force," Porter said of DeLoach. "The district is a better place today because of Derrell."
"It has been a pleasure and an honor," DeLoach said, choking up during his farewell comments.
DeFever was elected vice president of the school board, and Dana Terry was elected secretary.
• The board approved a bid of \$416,300 for the lease of 1,000 Lenovo portable computers for the next school year.
Initially, the district had considered Dell computers, but the Lenovo ThinkPads, made by IBM, were slightly less expensive with slightly larger screens.
A computer will be issued to each Pampa High student. The **PISD** cont. on page 6

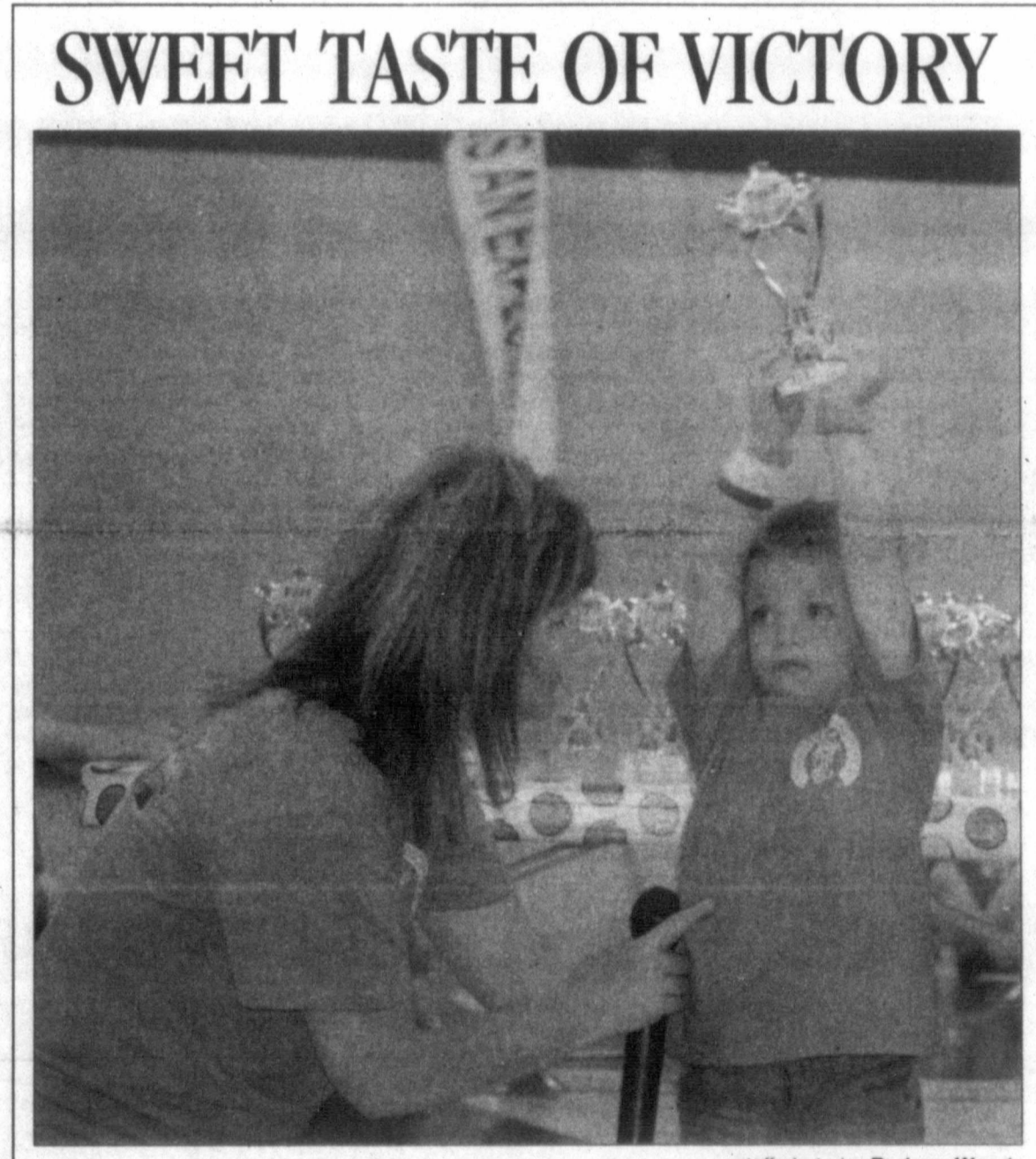
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Christi Parker congratulates Levi Reid, 3, after his win at Teams of Tomorrow Shine Time event at the PHS Dennis Cavalier Activity Center on Thursday.

Kids the best part of job for Montgomery

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HOMETOWN HEROES



One of the most important things to Gray County Deputy Joe Montgomery is dealing with kids.
"When they see you out on the street, they call you Officer Ipe and hug your neck," Montgomery said.
He said he always try to kneel down to speak to them at eye level.
That's the only way, he said, to connect with them.
"I explain that we're here to help them and no one else," Montgomery said.
That has earned him the trust of a lot of children, some of whom are now grown.
Montgomery was born June 1, 1951, in Wellington and grew up on farm.
"My Dad was a farmer," Montgomery said.
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RELAY FOR LIFE SEASON

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staff photos by **David Bowser**
LEFT: Bill Buck of the Pampa Regional Medical Center presents Christi Robinson with a check for the Relay at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon this week.

TOP: Amber Sturgess (from left), American Cancer Society staff partner; Melissa Denton, Relay co-chair; and Debbie Brame of Skellettown, Panhandle Regional Hero of Hope.

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Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Windy, with a southwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a west wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. Windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 20 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 93. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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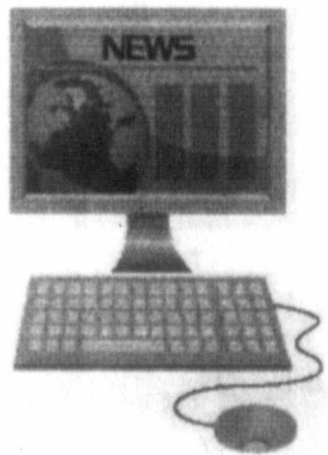
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Gas prices painful for 4 in 10 Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — As \$4 a gallon gasoline becomes commonplace, drivers have made tough choices: scaling back vacations, driving less or ditching the car altogether. And a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows the impact of sustained high prices is spreading among seniors and higher-income Americans.

According to the poll, the share of all Americans who say increases in the price of gasoline will cause serious financial hardship for them or their families in the next six months now tops 4 in 10.

Overall, 71 percent said rising prices will cause some hardship for them and their families, including 41 percent who called it a "serious" hardship. Just 29 percent said rising prices are not causing a negative impact on their finances.

While those with household incomes under \$50,000 were already feeling strained in March, the new poll shows financial pain is increasingly spreading to those with higher incomes. Among those with annual household incomes over \$50,000, 63 percent now say rising prices are causing them financial hardship, up from 55 percent in March.

For older Americans, it's worse.

The share of seniors expressing financial hardship over gas prices hit 76 percent; it was 68 percent in March.

Nettie Cash, 65, of Dallas, Ga., is cutting back on her medicine because of the cost of fueling up her Buick. Cash is still taking her heart pills but is forgoing her inhaler and ulcer medicine for now.

"It's not easy," she said. "You have to do what you have to do."

The public's coping strategies are largely unchanged from March, with 72 percent having cut back on other expenses, 66 percent saying they've reduced the amount of driving they do and 48 percent changing vacation plans.

Since January, gas prices have shot up about 90 cents, with the national average for a gallon of regular this week at \$3.96.

Financial analyst Nicole Polite in Baltimore sold her Nissan Altima recently and is taking public transportation, opting for the bus, rails and walking to get to work. Gas prices were just too high, she says, so she and her boyfriend downsized to a one-car household. She says they kept their Lexus sedan, which requires pricey premium gas.

"It's definitely a financial strain

because now you have to reassess everything," said Polite, 32. "We don't go out as much. That \$20 that we could have used to go to a movie — now that money has been absorbed by the gas tank."

But analysts say relief is coming. Fred Rozell, retail pricing director at the Oil Price Information Service, expects the price at the pump to drop as much as 40 cents in the next four weeks.

Until that happens, Ross Cobb in Boerne, Texas, will still try to keep his highway miles down. Cobb says he and his wife have been driving less and curbing trips into the city for their children's clothing and other supplies.

"We coordinate all of our trips into San Antonio," said Cobb, an associate athletic director at the University of Texas at San Antonio. "We don't ever go in anymore just for one particular errand. We wait until we've got two or three things to do."

The Associated Press-GfK Poll was conducted May 5-9 by GfK Roper Public Affairs and Corporate Communications. It involved landline and cellphone interviews with 1,001 adults nationwide and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.2 percentage points.

Netanyahu meets Obama at White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharply at odds over terms for Middle East peace, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met in the Oval Office Friday in an encounter likely to produce little more than frustrations for both men.

They spoke on the day after Obama for the first time endorsed the Palestinians' demand that their eventual state be based on borders that existed before the 1967 Six Day War in which Israel forces occupied east Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza.

Netanyahu dismissed that position as "indefensible," saying it would leave major Jewish settlements outside Israel. Then he boarded a plane for his long-scheduled visit to Washington, vowing to seek clarifications in his meeting with Obama at the White House. He arrived in Washington early Friday.

The encounter was pitting a president deeply frustrated with a peace effort in shambles against an Israeli leader confronted by a Palestinian government he says he cannot do business with.

International pressure is growing on both to answer the demands of the Palestinian people as revolts sweeping the Arab world crest against Israel itself. Palestinian protesters marched on the Jewish state's borders this week, and at least 15 people were killed.

Against that backdrop, Obama was aiming "to try to convince Netanyahu and the Israelis that there's a greater urgency in reaching agreement with the Palestinians because of the dramatic changes under way in the region and greater diplomatic pressures and efforts to isolate Israel and delegitimize its existence," said Haim Malka, deputy director of the Middle East program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Netanyahu was informed shortly before Obama's speech of its contents by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, according to U.S. officials. Netanyahu sought in vain to get the border language removed from the speech, the officials said, and was incensed when he was told it was staying in. One official described Netanyahu's reaction as "passionate." The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive diplomatic exchange.

Netanyahu's tough response to Obama's speech "expresses disappointment at the absence of central items that Israel had demanded, primarily the (Palestinian) refugees," a senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not free to discuss U.S. policy on the record, told reporters traveling with the prime minister.

The official said Netanyahu was disappointed the speech did not address the Palestinian demand to repatriate to Israel millions of Palestinians, most descendants of people who were driven from or fled homes in the war over the Jewish state's 1948 creation.

"There is a feeling that Washington does not understand the reality, Washington does not understand what we face," the official said. Netanyahu is to address the U.S. Congress on Tuesday, an invitation he sought to give him an opportunity to press Israel's case.

Obama's stance on the 1967 borders was not a major policy change, since the U.S. — along with the international community and even past Israeli governments — previously have agreed to building on the 1967 lines.

But it was the first time he'd explicitly endorsed those borders as a starting point, a position Netanyahu rejects, and raised fears among some in the Israeli government of further U.S. concessions to Palestinian demands.

Obituaries

Presiding Elder Raymond McKeever Jr., 76

Presiding Elder Raymond McKeever Jr., 76, died May 17, 2011, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at St. Mark CME Church, with Presiding Elder Andrew Nance of the Lubbock and Midland District, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2011, at the City of Lubbock Cemetery, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Elder McKeever was born December 9, 1934, in Bryan to Mary Lee Perry and Raymond McKeever, Sr. He began his ministry in Lubbock in 1962 under Monroe Woods, and he had ministered throughout the Northwest Region. He had been a resident of Pampa for the past eleven

years where he served as presiding elder and pastor of St. Mark CME Church. Raymond enjoyed working with his hands, being around people, and cooking.

Survivors include his daughter, DeAnnetta Holt-White of Rowlett; three sons, Raymond L. McKeever of Dallas, and Earl Ray White and Curtis White, both of Bryan; five grandchildren, Jonathan Mitchell, LeDarlene McKeever, Roman Holt, Kristan Holt and Kortlin Holt; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends; special friends, Presiding Elder Andrew Nance, Cynthia Lemons and Timothy Dwight Hobart, II.

Memorials may be made to St. Mark CME Church, 1129 Neel Road, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011.

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

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 18 traffic-related calls and two accidents. They also reported the service or attempted service of four warrants.

Animal Control Officers reported 12 calls.

Pampa EMS reported eight ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Thursday, May 19

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of South Barnes.

A stalker was reported to police.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Gray.

Officers checked businesses in the 2800 block of North Perryon Parkway and in the 1000 block of

North Price.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of East Campbell.

A theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Endangerment of a child was reported in the 1500 block of North Banks.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1800 block of North Williston.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

A fire investigation was launched at Kingsmill and Ward.

Thefts were reported in the 2800 block of North Charles and in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Officers performed a welfare check at Barnes and Frederic.

A hit and run was reported in the 600 block of East

Craven. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Wilcox.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1100 block of Neel.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner.

A hit and run was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Lowry and in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Officers assisted another agency at Rham and Dwight.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson.

Harassment was reported

in the 300 block of North Wells.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Friday, May 20

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Huff and in the 300 block of North Perry.

Sheriff's Office

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

Thursday, May 19

James Thomas Thompson, 44, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

AFTERNOON RUSH House OKs Medicaid funding overhaul

More Texas budget work today

AUSTIN (AP) — Education remains an issue as Texas lawmakers have barely more than a week to reach a two-year spending plan during the regular legislative session. Negotiations were expected to continue Friday. The regular session ends May 30.

Texas legislators reached an agreement Thursday on more money for public schools, but it still means schools will not get \$4 billion owed to them under current funding laws. Thousands of school jobs could be lost.

Higher education spending remains a point of contention.

Republican leaders have vowed not to raise taxes and want to limit how much they spend from the state's Rainy Day Fund, projected to have a balance of almost \$10 billion. They've instead proposed cuts to all levels of state government, including health care for the disabled, elderly and poor.

Public databases used for theft

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman has used public databases of the names of people owed money by the government to commit identity theft and steal the cash.

Prosecutors on Thursday announced Roxann Michelle Thomas pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit mail fraud and aggravated identity theft. The case involves nearly \$500,000 in Texas and Harris County funds obtained in January and February.

The investigation began in early 2010 with a tip from regulators in Indiana. TD Ameritrade Bank also advised agents that numerous tax refund checks were deposited into one account opened using a stolen identity.

Prosecutors say a Feb. 23 search of a Houston apartment used by Thomas turned up checks made out to other people and fake IDs.

Thomas faces up to 20 years in prison. Sentencing is Oct. 17.

Bill would allow 'noodling'

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who want to catch catfish using only their bare hands would be able to do so legally under legislation approved by the state Senate.

While budget negotiations were teetering on the brink of collapse Thursday, state senators took action to legalize hand fishing, called noodling, in Texas. Right now the fine is \$500 for noodling in Texas.

The bill would require "noodlers" to have a fishing license and freshwater fishing stamp.

Enduring joking questions from fellow senators, bill sponsor Sen. Bob Deuell said he's never noodled, but that the bill needed to be passed for the "noodlers of Texas."

The measure was already passed by the House and is headed for Gov. Rick Perry's desk, where his signature would make it law.

Texas retail gasoline prices drop

IRVING (AP) — Retail gasoline prices dropped sharply across Texas and the nation this week as those prices began to catch up with falling crude oil prices.

The weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Thursday shows that the average retail price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline fell by eight cents to \$3.81 across Texas and \$3.90 nationwide.

The least expensive gasoline in Texas is in Amarillo, where the average price fell by 8 cents to \$3.71. The most expensive was in Galveston, where the average price fell 7 cents to \$3.84 per gallon.

The auto club statement says crude oil is now trading around \$98 per barrel after falling from nearly \$115 earlier this month.

Texan charged in dragging case

WESTON (AP) — A North Texas man has been charged with murder after his girlfriend allegedly was dragged behind his vehicle and the rope was around her neck when officers arrived.

Collin County Jail records show 47-year-old Theron Wayne Johnson was held without bond Friday.

Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Johnson, who was arrested Thursday after leading deputies to the body near Weston, about 35 miles north of Dallas.

Sheriff's Lt. John Norton says Johnson lives on the rural property where the body was recovered.

The sheriff's office says Johnson told deputies that the woman put the rope around her neck and tied it to the bumper. Further details on the investigation were not immediately released.

Autopsy results are pending on the woman, whose name was not immediately released.

Guns on campus hits roadblock

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to allow people with concealed handgun licenses to carry guns into college classrooms has hit a roadblock.

The measure had been attached to a fiscal matters bill in the Senate. But when the bill was taken up in the House, Democratic state Rep. Mike Villarreal made a parliamentary objection.

The San Antonio lawmaker pointed out that the Texas Constitution bars any bill from taking up two different subjects. Since the bill was a fiscal matter, it could not include the gun legislation.

The House parliamentarian agreed, and now the bill goes back to the Senate where they will have to remove the guns on campus language.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House voted late Thursday to strip state funding to all hospitals and clinics that perform abortions or even "abortion-related services," endorsing an obscure amendment tacked onto an already convoluted overhaul of Medicaid funding and disbursements.

Lawmakers passed the abortion-funding amendment around the same time GOP Gov. Rick Perry was signing into law a measure passed earlier by the Republican-dominated legislature that requires all doctors to conduct a sonogram before performing an abortion.

That amendment was one of 114 pages of changes and additions attached to the Medicaid funding bill, and the legislation only got more complicated during four-plus hours of debate on the House floor Tuesday.

Plainview Republican Rep. Jim Landtroop sponsored the amendment freezing state funding for facilities that perform abortions. He amended his own amendment to exclude abortion-related services in the cases of medical emergencies, but only after strenuous objections from Democratic opponents.

"It's not my intent to punish hospitals," Landtroop said. "It's to protect the lives of unborn children."

Democrat Donna Howard responded, "I'm getting a little tired of men speaking for women's health."

Some opponents claimed getting an abortion in Texas is becoming so difficult that it could drive women

underground to have the procedure performed by unlicensed physicians. Others said the term "abortion-related services" was too vague and may be interpreted to include procedures such as sonograms.

The larger measure the amendment was attached to, Senate Bill 23, seeks to expand the privatization of Medicaid services - and makes other key changes in human services programs in an attempt to hold down Texas' costs for Medicaid and a variety of federal health programs.

It was approved by a 95-45 vote. After a final House reading Friday it will move back to the Senate, which will weigh the measure and its amendments.

Proponents say the catch-all bill will reward doctors who produce good outcomes while discouraging fraud and abuse. Those opposed warn it creates a major budgetary shortfall, ensuring the state won't be able to meet the nearly \$4.8 billion in increased demand for Medicaid expected over the next two years.

Landtroop's abortion amendment was not the bill's only point of contention. One of its chief critics was Rep. Garnet Coleman, a Houston Democrat, who was questioning some aspects of it when a 10-minute limit to debate each amendment expired and he was cut off.

Because the House session is reaching its final days, chamber rules prohibit more than 10 minutes of debate on any amendment. The speaker turned down Coleman's request for more time, so enraging

Democrats that they created still more amendments for the bill just to give Coleman more time to speak.

More warmly received was an amendment by Rep. Fred Brown, a Republican from College Station, who attached to the bill language prohibiting the state from dealing with HMOs and pharmacies that have committed fraud or breach of contract in the last five years. It also called for \$500,000 fine for pharmaceutical companies convicted of Medicaid fraud, drawing cheers on the House floor before representatives voted to adopt it.

Abortion is always a hotly debated topic in the Texas Legislature, even though Republicans can use their supermajority to approve many measures, leaving Democrats with little option but to try and stall.

Both houses passed the sonogram law - among the toughest of its kind in the nation - May 9, and Perry signed it Thursday.

It directs doctors to conduct a sonogram, provide the woman a chance to see the image and hear the fetal heartbeat. The doctor also is required to explain to the woman what he sees, including the presence of internal organs or limbs. The only exception is for victims of rape and incest or in cases where the fetus has fatal deformities.

Proponents say it will ensure women are fully informed to make a decision. Opponents say it is intended to prevent women from getting an abortion.

Perry: Too busy for talk of presidency

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry said Thursday he is too busy concentrating on the Texas Legislature to think about the presidential buzz surrounding him this week.

"I try not to be distracted by any of it," Perry said. The governor has repeatedly said he has no plans to run for president, and his top campaign consultant is currently working for Newt Gingrich, who entered the race last week.

A "Draft Perry 2012" Web site went live late Wednesday, sponsored by California Assemblyman Dan Logue, R-Linda. Five other California lawmakers are listed as sponsors. Logue led a delegation of California lawmakers that visited Austin in April to see why so many businesses from the state had moved to Texas.

"I had the opportunity to sit and meet with Governor Perry and he explained that when he was first elected he made creating jobs and building the economy of Texas his No. 1 priority. And that's the kind of vision and leadership our nation and economy so desperately needs," Logue wrote on the site.

The Washington Times reported Tuesday that a movement was under-

way to draft Perry into the 2012 presidential race. On Wednesday, conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh devoted 20 minutes of his show to extolling Perry's virtues as a presidential candidate.

"Rick Perry stands in opposition to inside the Beltway Washington elites, I don't care what party they are. And he's got great hair," Limbaugh said. "You are not going to be elected president unless you've got at least a 10-inch part in your hair."

Speaking to reporters after a speech Thursday on turning Austin into a high-tech center, Perry said he would not be distracted by the buzz.

"I'm standing where I'm standing, and we've got a legislative session that is substantially more important to the people of the state of Texas and to me to get distracted by any talk, whether it's what you would call flattering or what I would call maybe not so flattering," Perry said. "The people of the state of Texas want us to be focused on getting a budget."

Texas lawmakers have been struggling to tackle a \$27 billion budget deficit to maintain the current level of state services. The Republican-

controlled House and Senate have slashed billions, but are still trying to reach a deal on education spending.

Perry said the state must live within its means and has rejected proposals to spend more than \$3.2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund, or to raise taxes. The legislative session ends May 30.

Despite the apparent lack of interest in a presidential bid, Perry issued an unusual statement on foreign policy Thursday, criticizing President Barack Obama's speech on the Middle East.

"President Obama's speech today continues a misguided policy of alienating our traditional allies, in this case Israel, one of our strongest partners in the war on terror. As someone who has visited Israel numerous times, I know that that it is impracticable to revert to the 1967 lines," Perry said. "President Obama is asking our Israeli friends to give up too much security and territory as a prelude to a renewed peace process."

The statement was part of a chorus of criticism coming from actual and potential Republican presidential candidates.

US predicts 3 to 6 major Atlantic hurricanes

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. government forecasters announced Thursday they expect three to six major hurricanes from an above average Atlantic storm season.

No major hurricane has made a U.S. landfall in five years, but the forecasters warned U.S. coastal residents that odds are diminished that they can't expect a sixth straight year without a major landfall on either the Atlantic or Gulf coasts.

As many as 18 named tropical storms may develop during the six-month Atlantic hurricane season that begins June 1, according to forecasters at the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. Six to 10 of those storms could strengthen into hurricanes with top winds of at least 74 mph, the agency said. Three to six could become major hurricanes, with maximum winds of 111 mph and up.

Last year's hurricane season was one of the busiest on record with 19 named storms, including 12 hurricanes. The 2011 season was not expected to be as extreme, partly because ocean temperatures were only two degrees warmer than normal, instead of four degrees warmer as they were last year, said NOAA administrator Jane Lubchenco.

"We still expect that to support an above average hurricane sea-

son," Lubchenco said.

Also, a Pacific Ocean weather phenomenon known as "La Nina" was expected to dissipate early in the summer before the season's peak, typically from August to October, Lubchenco said.

La Nina is an unusual cooling of the Pacific waters near the equator. When its in effect, wind shear over the Caribbean Sea and tropical Atlantic decreases, meaning that tropical storms have a chance to develop and strengthen before being ripped apart.

Forecasters say La Nina helped make the 2010 season so active. The opposite El Nino phenomenon, which warms Pacific waters near the equator and increases wind shear over the Atlantic, helps suppress storm development.

Nevertheless, atmospheric and marine conditions indicating a high-activity era that began in 1995 continues and lingering La Nina impacts such as reduced wind shear are conducive to a busy storm season, said Gerry Bell, lead seasonal hurricane forecaster at NOAA's Climate Prediction Center in Washington.

"We don't think La Nina will be a player for much of the season, but that's really secondary," Bell said. "Conditions are already starting to be in place and we expect them to develop, and that's why we expect an active season to be likely."

No major hurricane has made a U.S. landfall since Category 3 Hurricane Wilma struck Florida in 2005, though Hurricane Ike caused extensive damage in September 2008 when it roared ashore in Galveston, Texas, as a strong

Category 2 storm with top winds around 109 mph. After peaking as a Category 4 storm near the Turks and Caicos Islands, Ike caused \$10 billion in damage in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, making it the third-costliest storm after Hurricanes Katrina in 2005 and Andrew in 1992, according to the National Hurricane Center.

Scientists said coastal residents can't expect their luck to hold.

"The US was lucky last year. Despite an above normal season we did not have significant damage from these storms on U.S. land. The winds that steer where storms go kept them away from our coastlines," Lubchenco said. "We cannot count on having the same luck this year."

Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate urged residents from Texas to Maine to develop disaster plans and determine whether they live in evacuation zones.

"Far too many people will not be prepared and will try to get ready in the last minutes when a hurricane is threatening their community and not have enough time," Fugate said.

Forecasters name tropical storms when their top winds reach 39 mph. The first named storm of the 2011 season will be Arlene.

The seasonal average is 11 named storms, six hurricanes and two major hurricanes.

In April, Colorado State University researchers predicted 16 named storms would form this season, with five strengthening into major hurricanes.

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Today in History

Today is Friday, May 20, the 140th day of 2011. There are 225 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 20, 1861, during the Civil War, the Confederate Congress resolved to move the capital of the Confederacy from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va. North Carolina voted to secede from the Union. Kentucky declared its neutrality.

On this date:

In 1506, explorer Christopher Columbus died in Spain.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. (Because of weather and equipment problems, Earhart set down in Northern Ireland instead of her intended destination, France.)

In 1939, regular trans-Atlantic mail service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Marseille, France.

In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Ap Bia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1985, the FBI arrested John A. Walker Jr., who was later convicted of heading a spy ring for the Soviet Union.

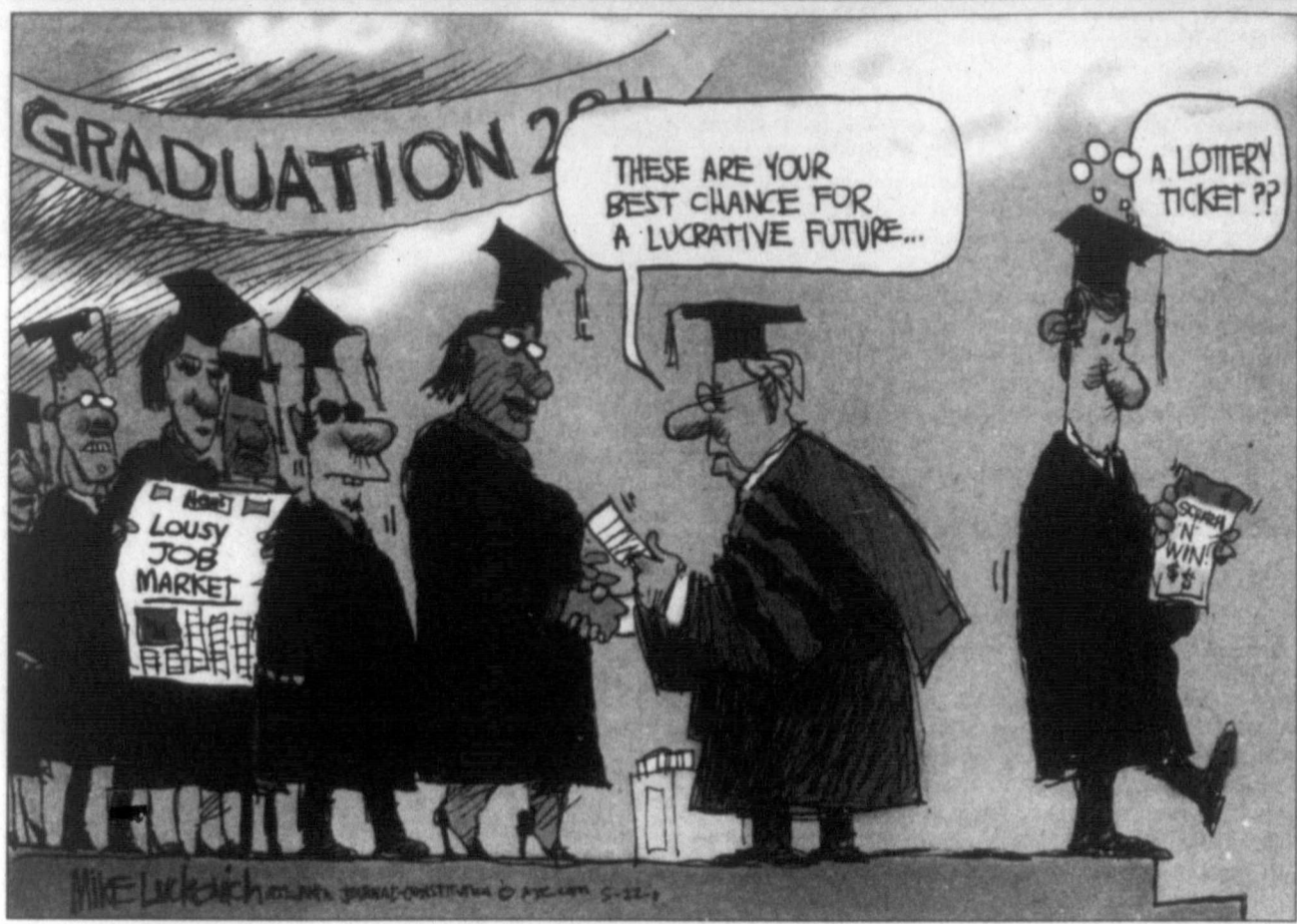
Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, in an address to graduating Notre Dame students, urged a new generation of American voters to "revive the spirit of citizenship" and carry on the work of two Democratic presidents - Lyndon Johnson's war on poverty and welfare reforms under Bill Clinton.

Five years ago: Federal agents searched the Capitol Hill office of U.S. Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., as part of a bribery investigation. (Jefferson was later convicted of taking bribes; his case is being appealed.)

One year ago: Mexican President Felipe Calderon took his opposition to a new Arizona immigration law to the U.S. Congress, telling lawmakers it ignored "a reality that cannot be erased by decree."

Today's Birthdays: Actor Anthony Zerbe is 75. Actor David Proval is 69. Singer Joe Cocker is 67. Singer-actress Cher is 65. Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 62. Actor Dean Butler is 55. TV-radio personality Ron Reagan is 53. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 53. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 52. Singer Susan Cowsill is 52. Actor John Billingsley is 51. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 51. Singer Nick Heyward is 50. TV personality Ted Allen is 46. Actress Mindy Cohn is 45. Actress Gina Ravera is 45. Actor Timothy Olyphant is 43. Rock musician Ryan Martinie is 36. Actress Angela Goethals is 34. Actress-singer Naturi Naughton is 27.

Thought for Today: "Things are not to be judged good or bad merely because the public think so." - Tacitus, Roman senator and historian (c. AD 56-c. AD 115)



This (acoustic) jam is your jam...

Acoustic Jam session 6:30 tonight at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. Whether you play or not, come on down!



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Block and load...

We are gearing up for our 2nd annual Boomtown Block Party and Business Expo, with the Top O Texas BBQ Cook-Off and there is room for YOU!

This year's event will be held at Recreation Park where there will be plenty of space for booths, fun events, entertainment, demonstrations, and what-have-you. If you represent a business, this is the perfect time and place to blow your horn. You can sell products, offer free samples, give away prizes, or just let people know who you are and what you do.

But suppose you have a business that you want to promote in some way, but it doesn't really lend itself to the carnival atmosphere, or you just don't want to go to the trouble to set up a booth. We have an answer: sponsorship! Some non-profit organizations might want to set up a fundraising booth, but the booth rental fee would severely cut into the profits. Sponsor it! If the cash-strapped Pedestrian Church of the Holy Socks wants to sell (or give away) sandals as a mean of saving soles, Dewey Cheatham and Howe Law Firm could offer to sponsor them, for a sign on the booth.

What kind of booth can you do? The sky's the limit. We are hoping for booths with activities, food, raffles, games, information, freebies—anything that's legal and moral. Balloon darts, bean bag toss, bingo, ring toss, free throw, dunking booth...the list goes on. How about food? Tacos, burritos, pizzas, homemade ice cream, snow cones, hot dogs, brats, burgers, beans, fries, Brussels sprouts, and more. (Maybe I'll take my "Magic Bullet" and

do broccoli shakes!) Can you do gymnastics, recite poetry, juggle, cheerlead, lift weights, fast draw, draw caricatures, sing, play an instrument, or hum really well? There's a place for you!

And don't forget the BBQ Cookoff --sanctioned by the Lone Star BBQ Association, with rules and everything! If you think you can cook a pretty mean brisket, here's your chance to show your stuff. BBQ entries will be judged in the afternoon, and be served to the public at 4pm (\$10 for all you can eat BBQ, beans, and drinks) so it won't interfere or compete with food booths during the main part of the block party. There will cash prizes and trophies for the winners.

But that's not all, folks. Starting at 8:00 p.m. prepare to scoot your boots to the sounds of...of...well, now that's a bit of a problem, seeing as we don't have a band lined up for the dance. Tell you what—if you play or represent a band, bring a CD by the Chamber, along with a bid (to play 3-4 hours) and a reason why we should sign you for the gig. We'll consider all applications based on that criteria.

You're probably wondering why we've called you all together... What's the point? Why are we

doing this? First, but not necessarily most important, it makes money so that Chamber can continue to promote the town, provide maps, directions, phone numbers and other information to visitors, residents, and newcomers, as well as promote Pampa's business.

Secondly, it's an opportunity to showcase our community—the businesses, the organizations, the performers, the cooks.

But most of all...

it's a chance for those in the greater Pampa area to have a good time and say "I'm glad I live here." We want this to be a huge annual event. Amarillo has Homer's Backyard Ball, Dumas has Dogie Days, Borger has...uh...they have, uh...well surely Borger has SOMETHING. We want this to be so big that not only locals but other area residents plan around it. ("But Honey, we CAN'T get married on the second weekend in July. That's the Boomtown Block Party in Pampa!") We can't do it without YOU!

I have just scratched the surface of the possibilities here. Come by the Chamber at 200 N Ballard, call 669-3241, or email admin@pampachamber.com for a form or more information.

What's in a Name?

A few days ago neighbor and friend Sue Garner told me that her maiden name was Rue. How did she get through school with a name like Rue? I can hear it now:

"You! You, Sue! Sue Rue!"
"Sue who?"
"Sue Rue!"
"You! You Sue! What's new?"
"Sue's blue."
"She has the flu."
"Sue too?"
"Who knew?"

(I wonder if she lived near Dr. Seuss?)

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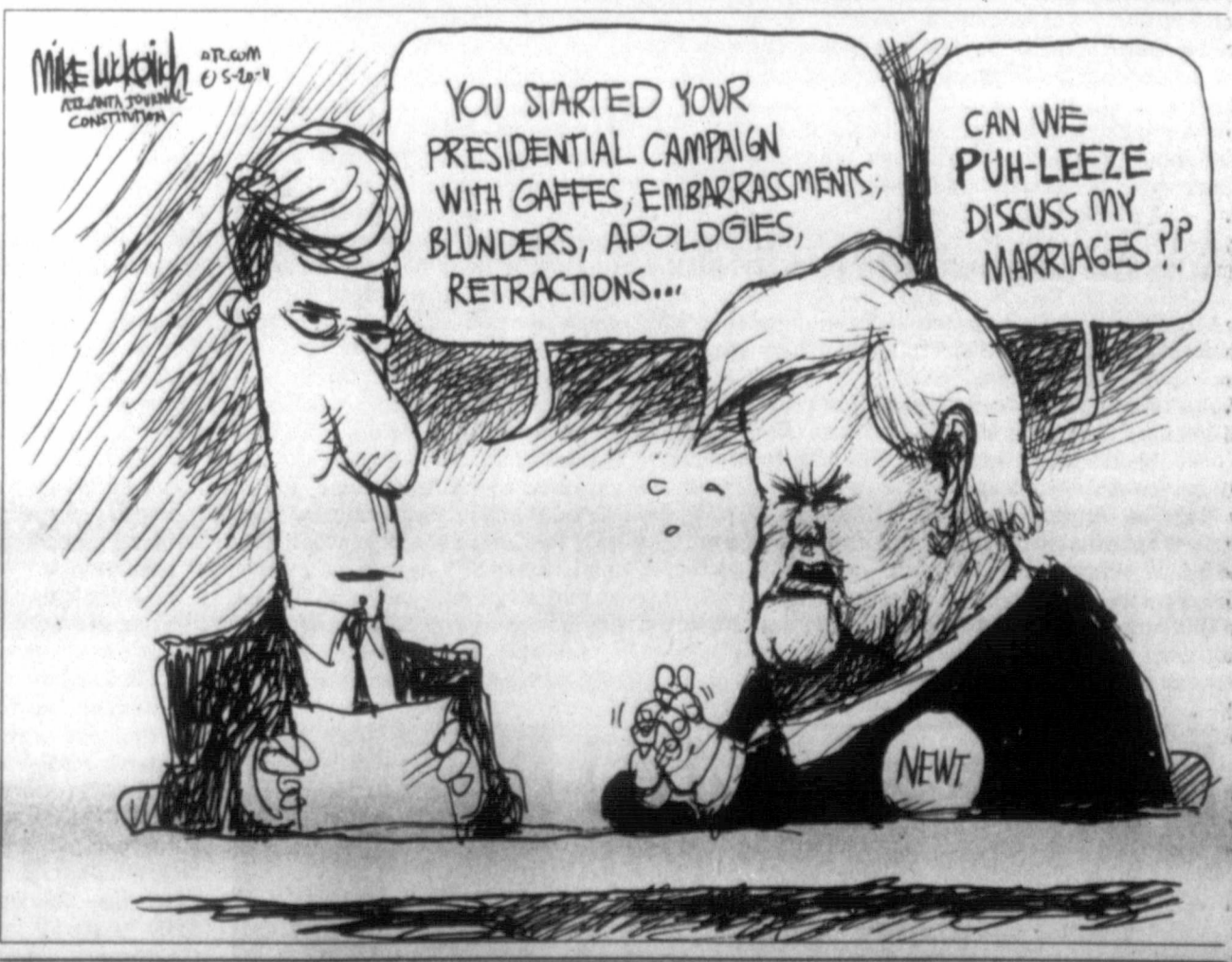
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Tips for building a concrete patio

Dear Pat: I am planning to add a concrete patio onto my house. Some of the neighbors' patios have settled and cracked. About how large should a patio be and are there any construction tips? — Caren H.

Dear Caren: A patio can be a wonderful addition to any home, and concrete is probably the most durable material to use. Decorative pavers may look a little nicer, but there is some maintenance required with them. It is possible to colorize the concrete for a more distinctive appearance.

Before discussing the proper construction techniques for a patio, you must first plan its location and size. A patio is typically located at an entry door, but this is not possible with all homes. Locating it adjacent to an existing walkway is also a good option so the patio will become part of the natural pathway.

The proper size of your patio will obviously depend on the layout of your house and the size of your lot. People often underestimate the size of patio that they really need. You can add to it later, but this ends up being much more expensive.

A size of 12 feet by 15 feet is probably the smallest patio to consider if you plan on having a standard, four-person round table on it. This might sound big, but remember, the chairs will be pushed out when people are sitting in them. You will also need some space to walk around the chairs and for another small table, grill, etc.

If your patio is being built by a door or an existing walkway, you must also consider expected paths across it: You don't want to have a table or grill situated so that you have to walk around it each time you carry something outdoors or across the yard. This may increase the size of patio that you need.

It would be a good idea, as it is with any outdoor project, to sketch a scale drawing of your proposed patio on graph paper. Pick out the patio furniture you like and include it on your drawing. An open path width of 3 feet is usually adequate.

Talk with your contractor to make sure he/she is planning to follow

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local building codes. Construction requirements may vary from area to area depending on climate and soil conditions. For example, if you live in a cold climate, frost heave will be a consideration.

Digging footers is not generally necessary, but if there has been a settling problem at other houses in your neighborhood, deep footers might be a good idea. The type of soil, especially if it is fill, may not be very stable. The last thing you want is to have the patio settle and slope

toward the house. This will result in leaks when it rains.

There are many different strengths of concrete that you can specify for the patio. A 4,500-pound-per-square-inch strength should be adequate for a 5-inch-thick patio. Adding one-half-inch steel reinforcing rods will add strength and keep the patio stable as small cracks form.

When the concrete is delivered to your home, make sure the contractor will have enough workers there to finish it quickly. Tell them not to add any additional water to make the concrete work easier. That can result in weakened cured concrete.

Send your questions to Here's How, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

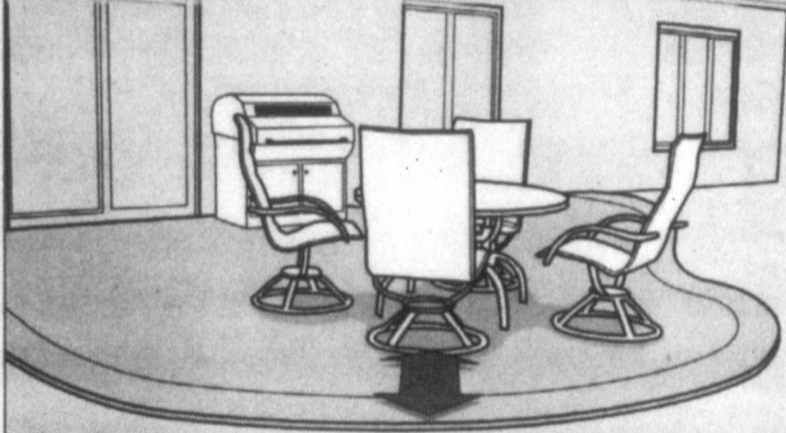
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Patio Design

With careful planning and consideration, designing a backyard patio can be simple and transforms any area, even small backyards, into a relaxing oasis.

CONSIDERATION
Walkways create interest with amenities such as focal points, seat walls, fountains, ponds, arbors, fireplaces, plantings, etc.

PATIO LOCATION
Most patios are connected to the home. With this in mind, you will need to take sun and shade that you already have into consideration.



PATIO SIZE
It is a good idea to experiment with the furniture that will be used for the patio. Place it on the grass or ground as you intend to arrange it on the finished surface. A good rule of thumb when placing furniture near the edges of the patio is to allow at least 16 inches. You also need to consider any patio accessories that you will be putting on the patio, such as an outdoor fire pit or BBQ grill.

SHAPE
The most common patio shape is a square or rectangle. While this design is not the most creative, it is often the most practical and cost effective. Designs incorporating curves and straight edges can give the patio some uniqueness and enhance the overall atmosphere.

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Mississippi River crests lower than first feared in Vicksburg

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — Eddie Simmons was relieved to hear that the Mississippi River crested slightly lower than expected north of him in Vicksburg, confident his house would survive the flooding that is plaguing many states.

Simmons, a retired logger, is recovering from hip-replacement surgery and can barely leave his bed. Despite water swamping his front yard and creeping beneath his house in Port Gibson, he has decided to ride it out.

"It's God's work. You've got to deal with him. You can run to high ground, but if God wants to come there, he can come there. You might as well stay put."

The Mississippi River crested at more than 14 feet above flood stage in Vicksburg on Thursday, slightly lower than expected, easing worries about water potentially spilling over a nearby levee and inundating thousands more acres of farmland.

Still, officials warned that the flood was by no means over. The river was expected to stay at its crest for several days before beginning a long, slow retreat. It could remain above flood stage until mid-June.

"The crest is by no means the end of it," said Col. Jeffrey R. Eckstein, commander of the Army Corps of Engineers' Vicksburg District.

This year's flooding has tested the limits of Mississippi's \$13 billion levee system as the river rose to levels not seen since the 1920s in some places.

Engineers pledged to fix any lingering problems with floodwalls, though there was little threat of any serious breaches, according to Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh, commander of the Army Corps' Mississippi Valley Division.

On Friday, Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Robert Papp toured parts of the flooded river and was briefed about efforts to control shipping traffic. He began in Natchez, Miss., where Coast Guard personnel said the river is expected to fully recede by mid-June. Officials said they plan to eventually spend at least a week re-marking the river so cargo ships and barges can safely navigate the waterway.

Trees and rooftops could be seen sticking out from flooded areas, as well as a flooded basketball court where a hoop protruded about two feet above the water.

In one of the Vicksburg's hardest-hit areas, mechanic Chris Lynn has paddled a small aluminum boat across his flooded property every day to mark the water line

on his shop. Water has crept close to his mobile home, though it has yet to go in.

"My son died in a car accident a few months ago, so this ain't nothing. But to a lot of people, it is," he said.

Authorities had been worried for days that water might spill over the Yazoo Backwater Levee north of Vicksburg. But because the water was not expected to rise any higher, they did not expect to evacuate any more people. Some 2,000 city residents have already been forced from their homes.

Also Thursday, authorities reported the first person to die in Mississippi floodwaters since the mighty river began climbing out its banks last month in the Midwest — a 69-year-old man who apparently collapsed in the high water.

At least eight deaths in Arkansas have been attributed to flooding, but all of those happened in flash floods or Mississippi tributaries.

Walter Cook was pulled from the water Tuesday by two firefighters on boat patrol in downtown Vicksburg.

David Day, who owns a restaurant near Cook's home, said Cook — a frequent customer — came in Tuesday asking for a lighter.

Day said he gave Cook a lighter and thought he was going home, but instead Cook went deeper into the water, which soon reached up to his waist. Day said he yelled a warning to Cook, but he kept going.

Soon after, Cook collapsed. He was pronounced dead Thursday at a hospital.

In Louisiana, the corps began opening the Morganza spillway over the weekend as part of a plan to protect Baton Rouge and New Orleans from the river. That move intentionally flooded part of Cajun country, including areas that rely on the fish and oil industries.

As it passes through the Morganza floodgates, the water pours down a 20-mile spillway and into the Atchafalaya River. Homes along the river above the oil-and-seafood hub of Morgan City, La., will be vulnerable to flooding for at least another week.

The Atchafalaya was not expected to crest until May 25, and National Guardsmen have been busy shoring up Morgan City's 20-foot floodwall to make sure it is protected.

Residents near the Atchafalaya basin live with the risk every year that the spillway could be opened. Many accept the potential dangers.

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Report: Al-Qaida considered oil tankers as terror targets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The terror group al-Qaida last summer considered hijacking and detonating oil tankers in non-Muslim seas to provoke an "extreme economic crisis" in the West, according to documents seized from Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, the U.S. government said.

It said there was no specific or imminent threat and that officials don't know whether al-Qaida had continued the plotting since last year.

In a confidential warning obtained by The Associated Press, the FBI and the Homeland Security Department said that al-Qaida sought information on the size and construction of oil tankers, and determined that blowing them up from the inside would be easiest due to the strength of their hulls. Al-Qaida recommended test runs of the plot.

"We are not aware of indications of any specific or imminent terrorist attack plotting against the oil and natural gas sector overseas or in the United States," DHS spokesman Matthew Chandler said in a statement Friday. "However, in 2010 there was continuing interest by members of al-Qaida in targeting oil tankers and commercial oil infrastructure at sea."

Another U.S. official, who was briefed on the bin Laden documents, described the plot as aspirational and not fully formed. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss intelligence matters.

The government warning went to federal, state and local law enforcement and companies in the oil and gas industries. The Homeland Security Department said it was not raising the nation's terror alert level.

There was no immediate effect on oil markets.

West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the benchmark for oil prices in the U.S., declined more than 2 percent early in the day.

The government encouraged companies to continue random screening, warn employees about possible threats and establish procedures for reporting suspicious activity.

The threat to oil tankers was notable because it suggested that al-Qaida was adopting the practices of Somali pirates, who have had remarkable success in recent years using small boats to race alongside and board large commercial ships off the East African coast. They hold the cargo and crew for economic ransom.

Al-Qaida attacked the USS Cole in October 2000, using a small boat loaded with explosives while the warship was docked in the port of Aden in Yemen, just across the Gulf of Aden from Somalia. Seventeen sailors were killed.

The government said al-Qaida recognized that the period from mid-spring to late summer would represent the best weather to approach oil tankers. Al-Qaida determined that sinking tankers from the outside would require too many explosive charges, and instead focused on detonating the fuel storage areas aboard tankers. Al-Qaida hoped the destruction of a tanker — presumably along with cleanup and salvage costs and market effects — would result in "extreme economic crisis" in the West.

But experts said al-Qaida probably overestimated what the loss of a single oil tanker might be on the industry. Concerns about the safety of individual oil

tankers from pirate activity or terrorism hasn't really affected oil prices, said Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates, who has been trading oil contracts since the futures market opened on the Nymex in 1983. A tanker holds about 2 million barrels. That's enough to supply world demand for only about a half hour.

"These are isolated incidents, and the actual quantity of any one tanker isn't that big of a deal," Ritterbusch said.

In 2007 the Japanese tanker the Golden Nori was hijacked carrying 40,000 tons of the highly explosive chemical benzene.

Initially, American intelligence agents worried that terrorists from Somalia's Islamic extremist insurgency could be involved and might try to crash the boat into an offshore oil platform or use it as a gigantic bomb in a Middle Eastern port. When the Japanese vessel was towed back into Somali waters and ransom demanded, the coalition was relieved to realize it was a pirate attack.

A Western diplomat said that the tanker had been closely monitored throughout the time it was held and that naval forces would have fired on the ship and blown it up rather than allow it to be sailed into a port. He asked for anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Oil markets were skittish shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, and that elevated prices slightly. But after a decade of relative safety, oil traders have started to cut back on the terrorist fear premium, Ritterbusch said.

Montgomery

He added that it didn't take him long to determine that he didn't want to do that.

"I chopped cotton in the summer, Montgomery said.

After graduating from high school, he earned a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and worked at the local bank for six years, and then went to work for General Telephone.

The telephone company transferred him north to Wheeler.

"They sold out," he said of General Telephone. "I had 29 years with them."

The company that took over the telephone company began downsizing.

But while working for General Telephone and living in Wheeler in 1988, the job of Wheeler County Constable for Precinct One opened up.

Montgomery ran for the job and was elected. He served there for 17 years while still working for the telephone company.

"That's how I got into law enforcement," he said.

Montgomery said he'd always been interested in law enforcement.

"My great grandpa, J.L. Pope, was a Texas Ranger," he said.

Montgomery added that his wife's great grandfather, Ben Andis, was Chief Deputy for Potter County in Amarillo.

Montgomery also had a cousin, John Rainey that was Sheriff of Collingsworth County in Wellington.

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"That kept me out of trouble," Montgomery said wryly.

Montgomery said that when he got downsized from the phone company, he went to work for the Brady, Tex., police department for about six months.

"I decided I wanted to come back to the Panhandle," Montgomery said.

He said working for a police department was too confining.

"I felt like I was confined to the city limits," Montgomery said.

He came back and found an opening at the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

"I'll have been here four years in August," Montgomery said.

He said he's enjoyed it.

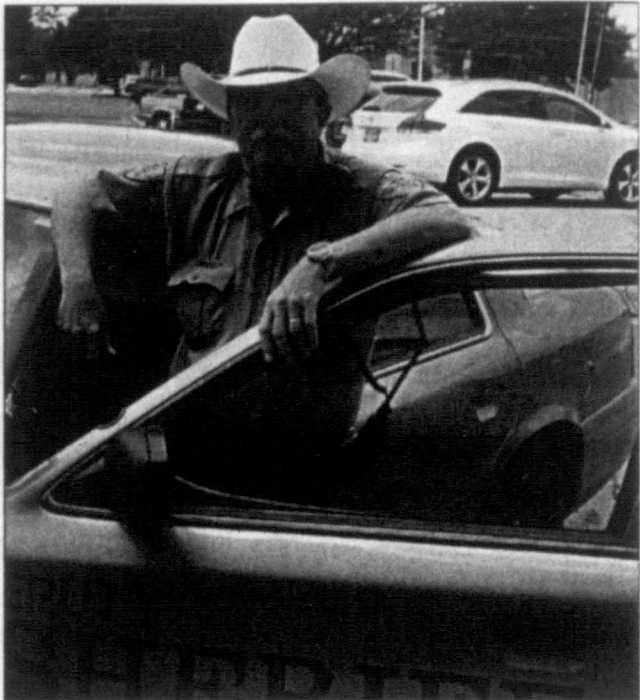
"They're a good group," he said.

Montgomery said life is more enjoyable when everybody works together.

That's the reason he said he plans to stay with the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

"I'll be here until I retire," Montgomery said.

He and his wife Cathy have three daughters and a son and seven grandchildren.



staff photo by David Bowser

Joe Montgomery is a three-year veteran of the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

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computers, which can be easily updated, will eventually replace the purchase of text books.

Part of the funding for the computers comes from a \$200,000 state Rural Technology Grant.

The board also approved \$18,000 to repair the district's \$72,000 grand piano and discussed renovations to the Pampa High School auditorium.

Superintendent Barry Haensch told the board that the high school renovations have not included the auditorium because of costs.

Renovating the auditorium was expected to cost about \$2 million.

Haensch said that the district has been able to install new carpet, paint and replace curtains in the auditorium. The board discussed the auditorium's lighting system. It's expected to cost \$47,390.

That still does not include the sound system issue, Haensch said.

The superintendent said that, in anticipating tighter budgets, the district has reduced the number of teachers in the system by 23. He said there is the possibility of cutting another eight positions.

The initial cuts, mostly through attrition, will save the district an estimated \$1,050,000. The eight additional positions would save about \$250,000, but Haensch said that the enrollment in Pampa's schools has increased the past few months.

Porter told the school board that the fence built around the front of Pampa High School by the Works Progress Administration more than 70 years ago cannot be repaired.

The board voted to have the fence torn down this summer, but left open the possibility of replacing it with a replica.

Porter said it would cost \$90,000 to build the replica and announced that the question of building a replica fence would remain open until Homecoming next fall.

The school board renewed FirstBank Southwest at the district's depository.

They also approved a suggestion by Randy Stephenson, who oversees the district's construction, that the bidding process for a wind turbine at Pampa Junior High be replaced by a design-build process because of technical issues of the project.

The district will hire an independent engineer to monitor the project.

The board approved the Big Decision Program as an abstinence-based curriculum for next year.

The program will be taught in grades 7 through 12.

Board members voted to dispose of some 115 broken student desks at the old Pampa Junior High and retain another 115 for use at other schools.

The board also hired eight new teachers for next year.

The approved contracts for Juliet Campbell at Wilson Elementary, Britten East at Pampa Junior High, Tyson Hickman at Pampa Junior High, Tammy May at Pampa Junior High, Lisa Smith at Pampa High School, Colin West at Pampa High School, Amy Steele at Lamar and Miguel Valdivia at Lamar.

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Worship

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Community garden ministry planted by First Christian

ROBBIE PEPPER
Special to The Pampa News

First Christian Church is beginning a new outreach ministry to help individuals and families that are struggling with food costs — a community garden.

The dream of a community garden began two years ago with one of FCC's members who thought a community garden would be a unique concept for Pampa. That same concept was found to be very successful in a neighborhood in Indianapolis. That neighborhood pulled together to make a garden for the young and old to benefit. Those that benefit from the garden also help maintain it.

The FCC garden is a square-foot gardening concept using raised beds. Each bed is divided into 16 one foot squares so that a larger

variety of vegetables can be planted. There will be 10 boxes to begin with this year. There is enough room to eventually have 50 boxes.

Anyone in the community is welcome to harvest what they need for their family and/or help maintain the garden. The garden is located at the intersection of 1600 N. Wells and Worrell Street.

"We would eventually like the garden to not only benefit individuals, but, also, both senior citizen centers, meals on wheels, and Tralee Crisis Center," garden coordinator Ronnie Pepper said. "We welcome other churches to help us in this endeavor in a true ecumenical project."

It is important to teach our future generations how to garden in order to eat healthy and be good stewards of what God has provided for us. Everyone needs that lesson.

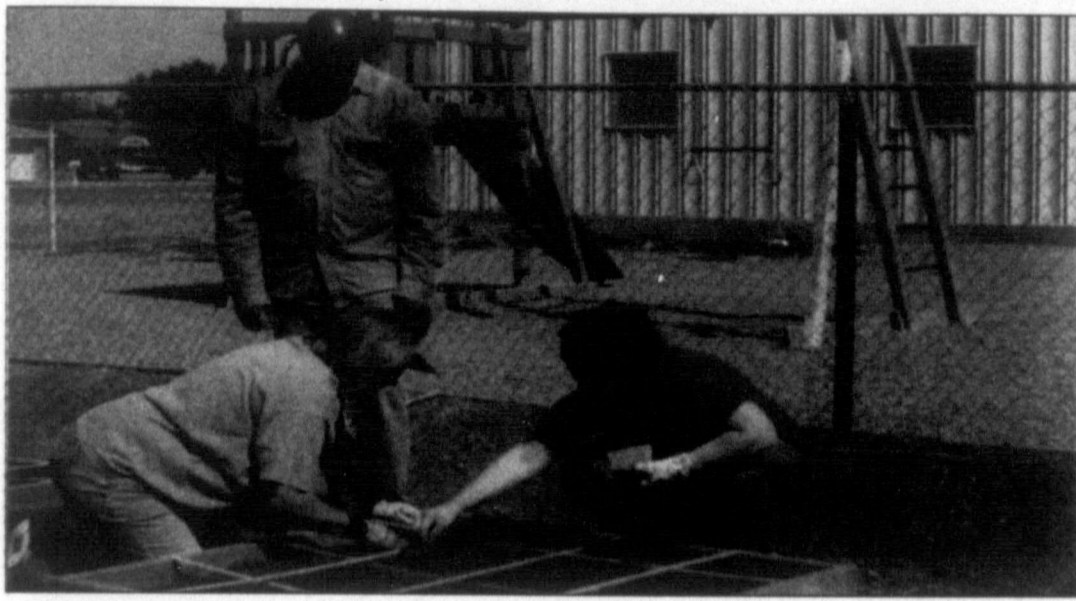


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First Christian Church members spread seed in their newly built community garden.

Be vigilant of the enemy's attack

1 Peter 5:8 warns us, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." Just across the page in chapter 4, verse 12, we read, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you."

These passages, as well as others, speak of the need of spiritual warfare. These words reveal the intent of Satan, (he seeks to devour us), as well as the certainty of his attacks, (don't think it strange as these things happen).

I fully believe that whenever the Lord is active and among those He is stirring, you will find a hotbed of enemy activity. In other words, I really believe that God is moving in a real and wonderful way in FBC Pampa, and Satan is directing his attack against us.

I've seen it happen before. The Spirit of God begins to move among a certain people. Evidences such as: renewed joy, peace, excitement and enthusiasm, heart-felt love and spiritual unity begin manifesting in the church. Satan takes note of this renewed spirit and like a roaring lion he works to arrest, confuse, and halt it. Attacks from the evil one mount. Sometimes they create confusion.



JOHNNY FUNDERBURG

the good word

Sometimes they foster doubts. But in the spiritual realm, the dynamic is quite obvious. Satan is sifting the people of God. God is allowing them to be tested.

So please beware.

God's Spirit is moving right here, in our midst. He is renewing and blessing. No one is more aware of the pouring forth of supernatural blessing than Satan. He will attack. He will try to counter what God is doing. Be strong in the Lord. Resist him. He is a born liar. Don't let him cause you to react in the flesh. Keep on trusting God. God is sovereign in all things.

For soon, after suffering a little while, the Lord Jesus will perfect us, establish, strengthen and settle us. To His Glory. Amen.

Johnny Funderburg is the pastor at First Baptist Church.

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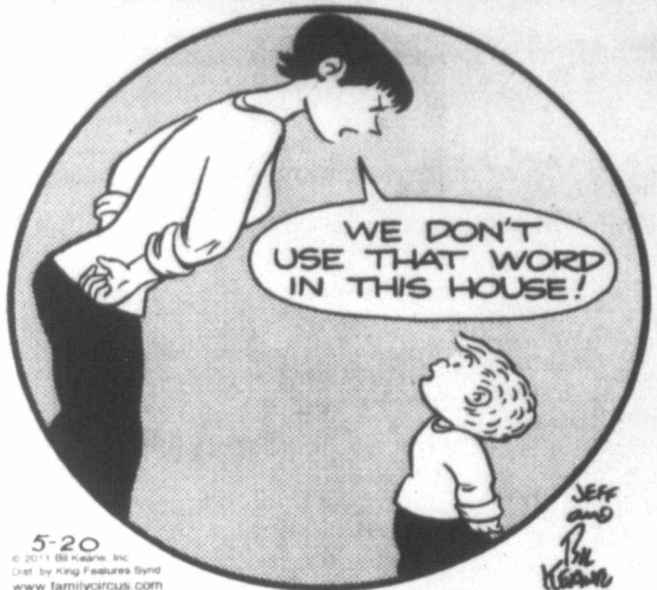
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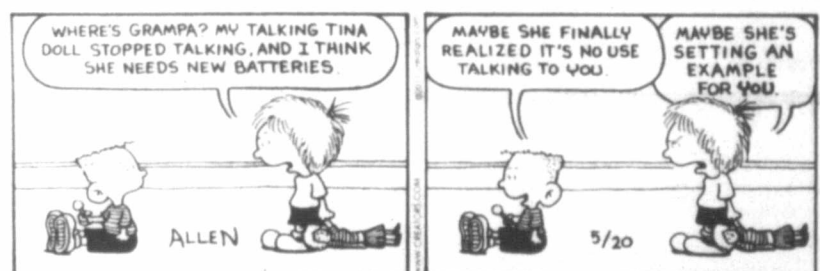
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 21, 2011.

This year, you are able to energize in a new way. Streamline and walk through the frivolous, making it more of a reality. You lack patience for anything or anyone who doesn't have depth. If you are single, check out all new potential suitors. Some might not be all they project themselves to be. If you are attached, you manifest a high level of changeability, which could irritate your sweetie. Let this person know how much you care! **AQUARIUS** helps you see the other side.

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)

★★★★ You meet a responsibility but also season your day with fun. You probably have too many choices for your own good, each one looking better than the last. Be spontaneous. Don't live in regrets, but in the now. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You simply cannot and will not stay put. You know what you want to do; make it so. Don't hesitate to take action and move a long-desired project forward. Others discover just how neat this all is. Tonight: Whether you like it or not, you're in the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Finally, you know what you want and go for it. Have that overdue discussion. Be willing to take a new slant on a situation. With this perspective, you'll have so many more options. Tonight: Just go with the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others do whatever they believe will grab your attention. Be willing to take on a personal matter, with some support from another person. Be more aware of what others expect, and you will find there could be fewer problems. Tonight: Snuggle in over dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Tackle a project early while you have the energy. Know when enough is enough and clear out. You also need a healthy balance of fun and good times. Observe some more, and you will come up with an answer to your question. Tonight: Nap first, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your very playful manner draws many people closer. You might wonder what

is going on with a key loved one who seems to be changing before your very eyes. You know what needs to happen. Evaluate each step toward the main goal. Tonight: Take it moment by moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Ponder opportunities that you had not even considered before. Someone makes new possibilities a strong likelihood. Honor who you are when dealing with a family member. The more generous of spirit you are, the better the end results will be. Isn't that what you want? Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Be willing to understand what is happening. That looks like patiently listening to a friend or loved one and helping him or her discuss an emotional topic. You both will feel more complete and clear afterward. Postpone a project. People are more important. Tonight: If you are tired, honor your feelings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Think carefully before formally committing to a purchase or a set of interactions. Check both your budget and finances before saying yes. You want to make sure you can follow through. You might go through many more changes than you anticipated. Tonight: Full of lively discussions and exchanges.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Sometimes you are on such a roll that you might not slow down and stop sufficiently. Understand that a natural limitation is there for a reason. You might need to back off and talk to a roommate or close loved one. You will get more complete answers. Tonight: The going could be expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Under the circumstances, there is nothing wrong with retreating. You might wonder exactly what is needed to make you and others feel better. Don't hesitate to ask for what is necessary. Take a nap if you are grouchy — OK? Tonight: Feeling better... now choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You could be most surprised by all the opportunities that stream in because of a newfound adaptability, especially with your friends. Honor what is going on behind the scenes later today. Tonight: Vanish with a favorite friend.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Maya" and I competed through-out high school. We shared common interests — even friends, who would blow me off to hang out with her. We were involved in speech and debate and were nominated for the girls' state team. I was deemed "too qualified," so Maya got the nomination. She ran against me for speech president and I won by a huge margin. Then the coach decided she wanted us to be "co-presidents" and announced to everyone that

the vote was tied. I was one-upped constantly.

Later, to my chagrin, I discovered we'd be going to the same college. I was told I'd probably never see her because of the large campus. Well, last semester she joined two activities I'm involved in. We rushed for a prestigious pre-law organization. She was accepted; I wasn't.

As it turns out, we both want to go to the same law school and become corporate attorneys.

Maya is pretty, popular

and charming. I am plain and by no means popular. I can't stand to lose one more thing to her. After all these coincidences, we'll probably end up in the same law firm. What can I do to stop feeling so awful about myself as Maya continues to take away all the things I care about most? — **TIREDFIRST**

DEAR TIREDFIRST: Your high school speech coach's obvious favoritism for Maya was terrible, and for that I am sorry. But you have allowed your

feelings of being constantly one-upped to become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Stop concentrating on Maya and start devoting all of your attention to yourself and your goals. While good looks and charm are powerful assets, so are being brilliant, self-assured and accomplished in one's field. Let the future take care of itself and you may be pleasantly surprised to find out that she's not in it. Or if she is, that she's no longer the focus of your obsession

and you are **BOTH** successful.

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old son, "Kyle," lives with his mother in a nearby town. I have always tried to be a good father, but despite countless phone calls, visits and vacations together we never really bonded.

Kyle is a smart, nice kid, but he has no hobbies, no friends, no girlfriends or interests that I have ever seen. He rarely leaves the house except for school. I haven't been able to get him to en-

gage in a sport or activity with me or show any type of "normal" kid behavior.

He spent part of last summer with me, and when I asked him questions about his life and wanted to take him for a doctor's exam (he's never had one!), he begged his mom to come "rescue" him, which she did. She refuses to discuss this and says Kyle's just shy.

I feel I must do something, but what? Maybe if my ex reads this she'll listen to someone else. Abby, don't you see a possible problem here? — **DADDY IN THE DARK IN TEXAS**

DEAR DADDY IN THE DARK: I certainly do. And had you intervened while your son was still a minor, there might have been some way to have had him medically and psychologically evaluated. But he's an adult now. And unless he is willing to admit there is a problem and seek help for it, there isn't a darn thing you can do at this late date. If there are other male family members Kyle trusts, you might try recruiting their assistance.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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BANANAGRAMS!

Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, the path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

CHEEKY

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Yesterday's Answer: JAGUAR, IMPEDE, MILDEW, DUPLEX, ELEVEN, EULOGY

Sudoku

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Sports

Thanks for the memories: 2010-11 Top Ten seniors

When a senior enters their final season he or she wants it to be the best. Several Pampa High School seniors did just that. Here's a look at our top seniors — and some of the ones we'll miss the most when the 2011-12 sports season rolls around.

10 Ryan Stoffle (Soccer)
Stoffle put himself in position to emerge as a scoring leader. The senior helped the Harvesters play competitive in district play.

9 Jonathan Polasek (Football, Basketball, Golf)
Polasek had a key role on the football team even though he didn't play. The senior kept track of plays and results, helping head coach Heath Parker make a game plan for the second half. In basketball, Polasek was a leader from the start of offseason. His hustle helped lead the Harvesters to a regional final appearance.

8 Reid Bradley (Football)
Bradley missed most of the non-district season with a leg injury. When he was on the field, he was a force to be reckoned with. The center helped keep quarterback Reid Miller upright and created holes for the running backs. Bradley will continue his career at West Texas A&M.

7 Tyler Malone (Baseball)
Malone helped lead the Harvesters to their first playoff appearance since 2007. On the mound, Malone was solid averaging nine strikeouts per game. The senior won four of eight decisions. At the plate, Malone hit a two-run home run against Perryton that helped put Pampa in position to grab the district title.

6 Jordan Mayhew (Softball)
Mayhew was one of the leaders in RBI this season. Mayhew was a strong power hitter, usually batting clean up. Defensively, Mayhew was solid at third posting a high

fielding percentage. Over the last four years, Mayhew was part of several playoff series wins.

5 Olin Boyd (Football)
Boyd was a strong defensive back. Against Vernon September 24, Boyd intercepted two passes with his second one sealing a 25-14 victory. In the classroom, Boyd was exceptional, as he earned valedictorian.

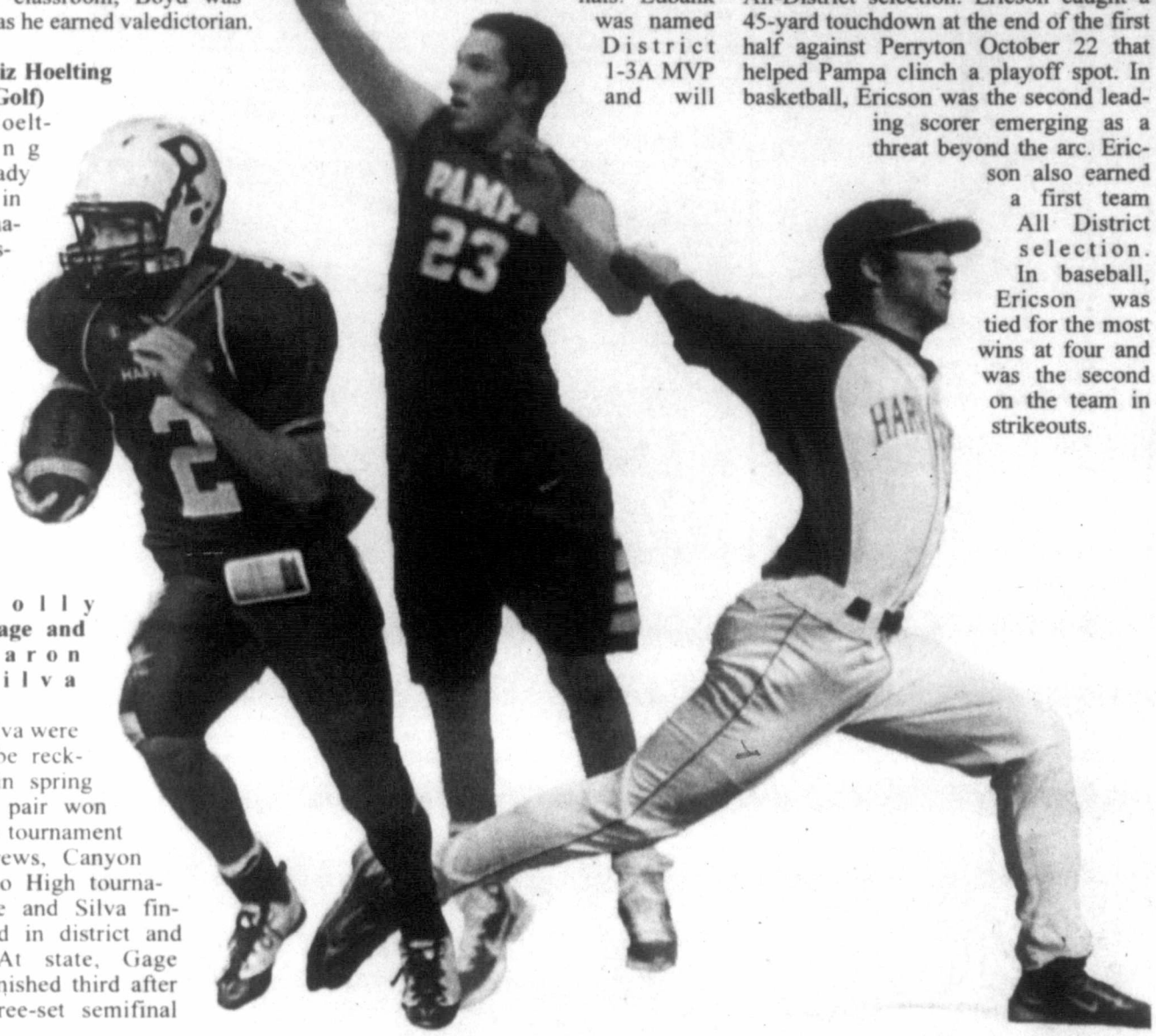
4 Liz Hoelting (Golf)
Hoelting led the Lady Harvesters in every tournament. In district, she was the second ranked individual. At regionals Hoelting led the team with 86, which was 15th overall.

3 Holly Gage and Aaron Silva (Tennis)
Gage and Silva were a force to be reckoned with in spring tennis. The pair won the Frenship tournament twice, Andrews, Canyon and Amarillo High tournaments. Gage and Silva finished second in district and regionals. At state, Gage and Silva finished third after losing a three-set semifinal match.

2 Taryn Eubank (Volleyball)
Eubank led the team in assists every game. Against Perryton October 23, Eubank served 13 consecutive points to help the Lady Harvesters to a district title. Eubank played on varsity all four years and led the Lady Harvesters to the regional quarterfinals. Eubank was named District 1-3A MVP and will

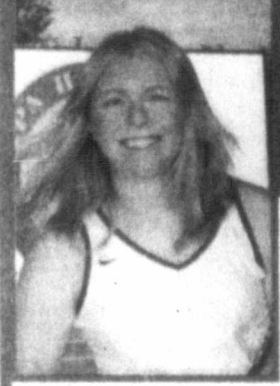
continue her career at Harding University.

1 Garrett Ericson (Football, Basketball, Baseball)
It's amazing enough that Ericson played three sports, much less be a leader in all three. Ericson was one of the leading receivers on the football team earning a first team All-District selection. Ericson caught a 45-yard touchdown at the end of the first half against Perryton October 22 that helped Pampa clinch a playoff spot. In basketball, Ericson was the second leading scorer emerging as a threat beyond the arc. Ericson also earned a first team All District selection. In baseball, Ericson was tied for the most wins at four and was the second on the team in strikeouts.




Garrett Ericson was our top senior by virtue of his performances in football, basketball and baseball.

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Holly Gage
Pampa High School

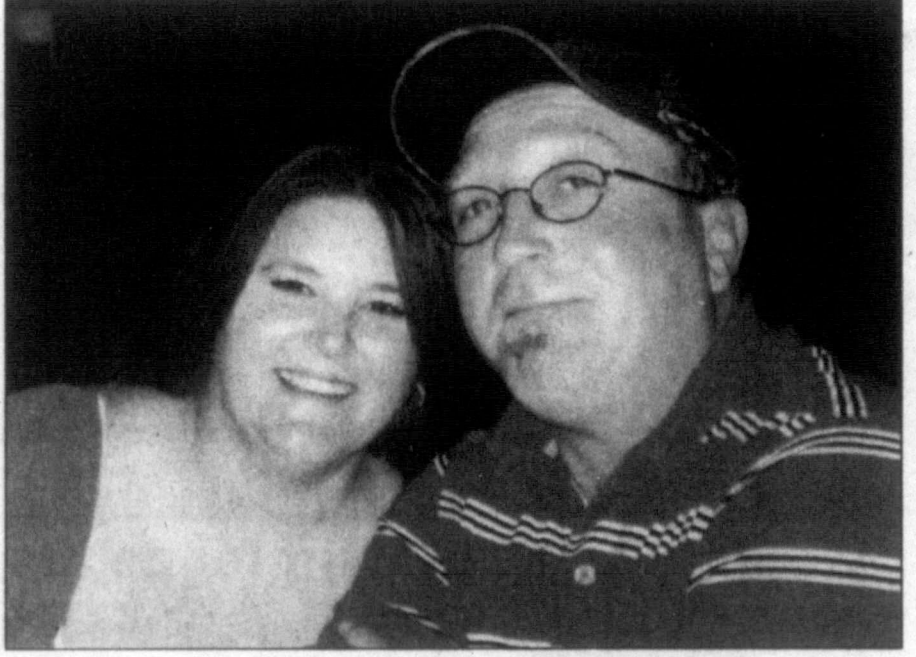


Aaron Silva
Pampa High School

Pampa High School senior tennis players **Holly Gage and Aaron Silva** are *The Pampa News* Female and Male Athletes of the Week. Gage and Silva won their state quarterfinal match in three sets but fell in the state semifinals in three sets May 9. The seniors were Pampa's first state qualifiers in at least five years. Gage and Silva won five tournaments in the spring. Head coach Sarah Corse said Gage and Silva played well.

"They gave me everything they had," Corse said.

PAID ANNOUNCEMENT



Alexis Gayle Posey and Joshua Lee Shelton

Posey, Shelton to wed

Alexis Gayle Posey and Joshua Lee Shelton of Pampa, would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on May 26, 2011, in their home. Father of the bride is Les Posey. Mother of the groom is Teresa Heckman. His grandparents are CoraLee and Lowell Heckman. Les Posey and daughter of the bride and groom, Whitney Lynn, will be giving Alexis away at the ceremony.

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