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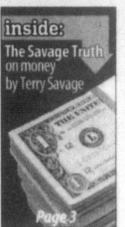


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Happy accident brings Leasure to Pampa EMS job

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Perhaps fittingly, it was an accident. "A sheer accident," Brandon Leasure said of his career in medicine.

The 29-year-old paramedic with Pampa Emergency Medical Services said he had planned to be a firefighter.

While he was at the Fire Academy at Amarillo College, he took the basic EMT course.

"It stuck," he laughed. "For better or for worse."

Leasure said he didn't want a desk job at the time, and he liked being out,

"I liked being outside," said Leasure, who grew up in Amarillo.

He said the variety of work as a paramedic keeps life interesting. On any given day, he may be dispatched to car wrecks to falls to fires.

"I like the autonomy," he said. "You



get to do your own thing without somebody looking over your shoulder."

He admitted that critical care is

demanding. Leasure first became an EMT in 2001.

He's been a paramedic since 2003.

He said he is enjoying his career, but he's still going to school.

"I'm enrolled in nursing school," Leasure said, "but I don't know if that's in concrete.

He admitted that being involved in the medical community can lead to long and stressful hours.

"But I enjoy it," Leasure said. LEASURE cont, on page 5



staff photo by David Bowser

Brandon Leasure didn't want a desk job - and ended up with Pampa EMS.

Boomtown Block Party & Business Expo and Top O' Texas BBQ Cook-off

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Wednesday





Thursday

Friday

Low 63

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. Windy, with a south southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Low 66

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low

around 66. Windy, with a south wind around 25

mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25

mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and

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Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend. Officers reported 76 traffic-related incidents and

four accidents. Animal control officers Kingsmill. reported 41 animal-related incidents

The Pampa Fire Department responded to three grass fires, five investigations, 11 medical calls, two vehicle fires, two structure

fires and one accident. Pampa EMS responded to 30 ambulance calls

Lefors Volunteer EMS reported two ambulance calls. Lefors VFD responded to two calls and one grass fire. Friday, May 2

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 600 block of W. Foster

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of E. Brunow. Criminal mischief was re-

ported in the 1000 block of

S. Nelson. A hit and run was reported at Price and Kentucky

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100

block of N. Houston. A follow-up investigation was reported in the 400 block of S. Gillespie.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of

E. Randy Matson Ave. A follow-up investiga-

tion was reported in the 700 block of N. Dwight. A gas drive-off was re-

ported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather.

An information call was reported in the 400 block of

Doyle. A narcotics violation was

reported in the 500 block of N. Lefors A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 800 block of N. Nelson.

An information call was reported in the 400 block of

Doyle. A runaway was reported

in the 1000 block of S. Banks.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 600 block of N. Hobart.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of N. Nelson.

An escort was provided in the 1800 block of N. Ho-

A welfare check was reported in the 1900 block of N Coffee

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of W.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1900 block of N. Coffee.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1100 block of E. Harvester.

Warrant service was reported in the 700 block of E. Albert.

Theft was reported in the 1700 block of N. Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block

of N. Duncan. An information call was reported in the 200 block of

W. Kingsmill. An attempt to serve was reported in the 500 block of

N. Starkweather An attempt to serve was

reported in the 1100 block of N Russell

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of E. Sunset Dr.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1600 block

of N. Russell Water was shut off in the

900 block of E. Albert. Water was shut off in the 1300 block of N. Duncan.

Water was shut off in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 2200 block

of N. Duncan. An attempt to serve was reported in the 1700 block

of N. Hamilton. An alarm was reported in

the 1000 block of Sirroco

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of E. Craven

A sexual assault was reported in the 1200 block of

N. Mary Ellen. Theft was reported in the

2500 block of N. Hobart. A DWI was reported in

the 1000 block of N. Ho-A theft was reported in the

1300 block of N. Hobart. An open door was report-

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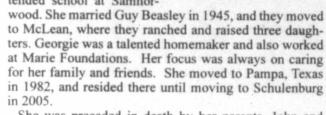
Obituaries

Georgie M. Beasley, 85

SCHULENBURG-Georgie M. Beasley, 85, died May 28, 2011, in Schulenburg.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pam-

Mrs. Beasley was born March 8, 1926, to John and Minnie Van Huss in Tishomingo, Okla. The family soon moved to the Texas Panhandle where she attended school at Samnor-



Beasley

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie Van Huss; husband, Guy Beasley; sisters, Goldie Van Huss, Geraldine White, Pauline Smith; brother, John Calvin Van Huss; and nephew, Jimmy White.

She is survived by daughters, Joyce Beasley of Austin, Dorothy Weiser and husband Tom of Las Cruces, N.M., and Martha Skelton of Schulenburg; four grandchildren, Guy Skelton, James Zachary Skelton, Edgar Weiser and Allison Weiser Cito; and five great-grandchildren, Zackery, Danielle, Guy Wesley, Joshua, and Samantha Skelton. She is also survived by nieces, Wanda Reynolds and Arlene Erickson and nephews, John Herron, Jesse C. White, Bobby White, Tommy White, J.B. Van Huss, and Johnny Van Huss. Extended family also includes Gary Joe Skelton, Cherie and Gary Jones, and John and Jay

The family requests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association or the charity of your choice.

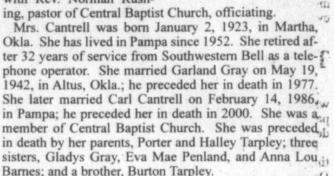
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Vaneta Faye Gray Cantrell, 88

Faye Gray Cantrell, 88, died May 28, 2011, in Amarillo

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Altus Cemetery in Altus, Okla. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 2011, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel Cantrell with Rev. Norman Rush-



Survivors include her son, Ron Gray and wife Jean of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Melody Fisher and husband Danny of Loveland, Colo. and Melissa Haney and, husband Kris of Amarillo; four great-grandchildren, Ben, Fisher, Noah Fisher, Bailey Haney, and Zack Haney; and a nephew, Ennis Penland and wife Lisa of Amarillo. Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church,

513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.

For the record

reported in the 700 block of N. Dwight.

A special assignment was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester. A sexual assault was re-

ported in the 100 block of A suspicious person was

reported in the 200 block of W. Brown A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block

of W. Wilks. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block

of E. Brown. Disorderly conduct was reported at Williston and

Kentucky. Saturday, May 28 A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1700 block N. Hobart. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block

of Hampton Ln. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200

block of E. Kingsmill. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block

of S. Prairie Dr. A burglary was reported

in the 1000 block of S. A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart. A suspicious person was

reported at Kentucky and

An alarm was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 900 block of N. Mary Ellen. A special assignment was

reported in the 100 block of E. Randy Matson.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of N. Nelson.

A runaway was reported in the 1300 block of W.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles.

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1200 block of N. Garland.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Water was shut off in the 1000 block of N. Frost. A follow-up investiga-

tion was reported in the 1300 block of W. 22nd. An information call was reported in the 2100 block

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 1300 block of W. 22nd.

of N. Nelson.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of N. Sum-Theft was reported in the

A follow-up investigation was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. An information call was

reported in the 200 block of W. KIngsmill. Theft was reported in the

300 block of N. Sumner. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of W. Carter. A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1300 block of N. Hobart. An attempt to serve was reported in the 1100 block

of N. Russell. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra Dr.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1600 block of N. Russell.

Criminal trespass was re-

ported in the 200 block of N. Sumner Public intoxication was reported in the 400 block

of Ballard. Burglary was reported in the 200 block of N. Sum-

A missing person was reported in the 1100 block of N. Juniper

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of E. Francis.

A business check was reported in the 100 block of E. Craven. A business check was re-

ported in the 400 block of W. Foster Sunday, May 29

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 300 block of N. West.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1100 block of E. Francis. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 100 block of Hampton Ln. An agency assist was re-

ported in the 2300 block of W. Alcock

Disorderly conduct was reported at Denver and Reid.

A suspicious person was reported at Tyng and Starkweather. A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60. A prowler was reported in the 200 block of N. Nel-

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An agency assist was reported in the 1500 block of N. Price Rd.

A business check was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart. A suspicious person was

reported in the 800 block of N. Hobart. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of N. Faulkner.

A business check was reported in the 1300 block of N. Hobart. A burglary was reported

in the 1000 block of S. Sumner. An open door was reported in the 1400 block of N.

A structure fire was reported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky. An alarm was reported in

Hobart.

the 400 block of N. Jupiter. Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of S. Tignor. Criminal trespass was re-

ported in the 800 block of An attempt to serve was reported in the 1700 block of N. Hamilton.

Abandoned

were reported in the 300 block of W. Texas and the 800 block of N. Frost. An alarm was reported in

the 2700 block of N. Duncan. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 100

block of S. Starkweather. An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of N. Wells. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100

block of S. Sumner. An offense against family and children was reported in the 500 block of N. Frost.

An information call was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. A structure fire was re-

ported in the 1300 block of W. Kentucky. A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1000 block of Deer Pl. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of S. Reid.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood Ln.

A missing person was re-128 ported in the 1000 block of N Duncan. Criminal mischief was b

reported in the 400 block of N. Doyle. An information call was

reported in the 400 block 10 of S. Hughes. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block"

of S. Huff Rd. Endangering children or the elderly was reported in the 200 block of W. Kings

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of S.H. Christy. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1000 block of S. Banks. A suspicious person was [1] reported in the 700 block of! vehicles

E. Frederic.

Banks.

A business check was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester. Monday, May 30

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A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of E. Hwy. 60. A suspicious person was"

reported in the 900 block of "

N. Frost. A welfare check was re-iii ported at Browning and Frost. A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1000 block? of S. Russell. Disorderly conduct was reported twice in the 1600 block of W. Somer-L

ville. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block⁵¹ of W Somerville.

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Gov. Clements burial Thursday

DALLAS (AP)- Funeral services for former Texas Gov. Bill Clements will be Thursday in Dallas.

Clements, who in 1979 became the first Republican elected governor in Texas since Reconstruction, died Sunday. The 94-year-old had been ill for several months and grieving the death of his son, who was shot by a neighbor last year in East Texas.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas. A private burial will be held prior to the service.

Clements served two terms as governor despite losing his first re-election bid. The oilman ran Texas under the belief that state government should operate like a big

Gov. Rick Perry called Clements the father of the modern-day Texas Republican Party, which now holds every elected statewide office.

Texting ban heads to Perry's desk

AUSTIN (AP) - Sending or reading text messages while driving would be outlawed in Texas under a bill passed by legislature and headed for Gov. Rick Perry's desk.

Lawmakers late Sunday approved the ban on texting while driving as a midnight deadline approached. Drivers caught texting or emailing on their phones can be fined upward of \$200.

Republican Rep. Tom Craddick sold the proposal as a public-safety measure, but the bill triggered more than a half-hour of debate on the House floor. Opponents said the bill would amount to criminalizing drivers simply for receiving a text message while driving.

San Antonio and El Paso already have laws forbidding texting while driving, and at least 30 other states have enacted similar statewide bans.

TX Senate begins special session

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Senate has started a special session to work out a new school finance law and consider Medicaid reforms.

The regular session adjourned Monday, but Gov. Rick Perry recalled lawmakers because they failed to pass a bill that would have slashed \$4 billion from public schools by a Monday deadline.

Without that bill, the 2012-13 budget wouldn't balance as required by the Texas Constitution. The Legislature also failed to pass a bill that would save the state money on Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor.

Perry could add more items to the agenda for the special session that started Tuesday. He can also call another special session to consider other legislation.

Colonel is in the house

AUSTIN (AP) - If it's a game of chicken the Texas fees on plaintiffs and House is playing, Republicans on the last day of session have Colonel Sanders on their side.

Rep. Ken Legler on Monday arrived on the House floor wearing a cream white suit, string tie and carrying a cane and a KFC bucket of chicken. He walked through the lower chamber doors greeted with a robust, "Please welcome Colonel Sanders."

The Pasadena Republican called it his "summer suit" - perhaps fitting since Gov. Rick Perry is expected to call lawmakers back for a special session as early as

Legler said he'd been planning to wear the getup on

the last day to liven things up.

Killer set to die tomorrow

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - With his back turned and writing on a piece of paper, security guard Brian Williams never saw Gayland Bradford come up behind him at a Dallas grocery store.

As seen on a surveillance video, Bradford pulls a pistol, says nothing and without warning shoots the 29-year-old Williams in the back. He fires three more times at the mortally wounded Williams, then yells for a companion who joins him in trying to take cash from a register. They left with \$7 taken from Williams, who died about an hour later.

Bradford is set for lethal injection Wednesday evening in Huntsville for the December 1988 slaying. The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to reconsider his appeals, clearing the way for him to become the fourth Texas inmate executed this year.

12 homes burn near Amarillo

AMARILLO (AP) - Two wildfires that destroyed at least a dozen homes on the outskirts of Amarillo were fully contained by Monday night, and a cooler weather was expected to move in overnight, state officials said.

The two fires began burning early Sunday evening amid low humidity, temperatures in the 100s and winds from about 40 to 50 mph, all favorable conditions for wildfires, Texas Forest Service spokesman Marq Webb

'A cold front was expected to move through overnight and bring cooler temperatures and lighter winds to parts of the state Tuesday, he said. Since November, wildfires have charred about 2.8 million acres across Texas.

'We feel like we're going to get a break tomorrow," Webb said Monday. But the cold front could also bring thunderstorms to

parts of West Texas and the Panhandle, meaning light-

ning could hit the area, he said. A fire of about 100 acres on the southern edge of Amarillo destroyed five homes and damaged four others, though its cause wasn't yet known. A 1,243-acre fire, ignited when a vehicle caught fire, destroyed seven homes in the northwestern part of the city, according to the forest service.

"They were fighting fires on both sides of town last night," said April Phillips, another Texas Forest Service

Phillips said two people suffered smoke inhalation and a firefighter had an eye injury, though all three were treated and released.

AFTERNOONRUSH Rising prices a symptom of inflation

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Q: This sounds like a simple question, but we have argued over it for weeks: What is inflation? The dictionary says it is rising prices, but I think it has something to do with all our debt.

A: Well, you're both close. Rising prices are a symptom of inflation - the visible way we measure the impact of inflation. And lately, our debt has become a cause of potential inflation because of the way we're dealing with it. Let me give you a fuller explanation. Technically, inflation is just the creation of too much money. That makes it a phenomenon created by the Federal Reserve, our central bank, which is in charge of our money supply.

Think of it as a giant game of Monopoly, with the "banker" passing out money. Remember those \$500 bills in the old Monopoly board game? Well, suppose the banker wanted to get the game moving and decided to pass out more money. And suppose, like in real life, when you landed on a property, everyone could bid for it.

If you had been saving one of those \$500 bills to buy Boardwalk or Park Place, suddenly with more money in the game, your savings would have less value. And the price of those two prime properties would be bid higher, not because of any inherent change in their value, but simply because there's more money in the game. That's inflation!

These days, money creation has become an electronic process, not just a matter of running the presses and printing currency.

To create "money," the Fed

The Savage on money

simply goes into the marketplace and buys securities ranging from government bonds to mortgages paying for those purchases with a credit on the books of the banks and other institutional sellers. In an instant, that credit means new money is created and pushed into the system.

The Fed has been creating new money (credit) at an unprecedented rate. They even have a name for the process: QE-2, which stands for the current round of "quantitative easing." That plan is expected to end in June, raising some fears the economy will slow down.

Given that huge round of money creation, it's amazing that we haven't seen rising prices already - except in commodities that are traded globally. Perhaps it's because that newly created credit is sitting on the books of banks that are afraid to lend or businesses that are afraid to expand.

One aspect of inflation is the "creation" of money. Another aspect is the "velocity" of money -- how quickly it is moving through the system. Despite the Fed's unprecedented rate of money creation, velocity has been very sluggish. That credit isn't being pushed into the economy through loans and business expansion. And so our economy sits in a continuing quagmire of slow economic growth and high unemployment.

But like a buildup of natural gas, that money sits waiting for the spark of inflation to ignite. And that spark might come from the world using dollars as a pricing standard - in globally traded commodities, such as oil.

The Fed's attempts to create economic growth through money creation wouldn't be so much of a problem if we didn't have such a huge national debt -- \$14 trillion. But that growing debt means we have to borrow money, much of it from foreigners. China and Japan hold nearly \$4 trillion of our IOUs.

As we keep going deeper into debt, we're borrowing more -- and our creditors are beginning to wonder how we'll ever repay that debt. Just last month, the Chinese foreign minister warned the United States to "be responsible" about its

Our lenders know that the more dollars we "create," the less buying power each dollar will have much as in the Monopoly game. And two things will happen:

They will demand higher interest rates when they lend money to us, in order to compensate for the falling value of the dollars that they will be repaid. Higher rates will hurt our economy, but we'll have to pay them to borrow the money.

They will scramble to get rid of those dollars that are losing buying power, turning instead to real commodities such as gold and oil and farmland and industrial metals and minerals. It's already starting to happen.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?"

Gov. Perry signs tort reform bill into law

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry signed into law Monday a measure that will limit frivolous lawsuits by levying some allowing meritless suits to be dismissed early in he said. the process.

Perry designated the "loser pays" bill a top priority of the legislative session, saying Texas needs to crack down on junk lawsuits.

Some plaintiffs who sue and lose will be required to pay the court costs and attorney fees of those they are suing. The law also creates expedited civil actions for cases less than \$100,000. It goes into effect Sept. 1.

tion "provides defendants and judges with a variety of tools to expedite justice for those deserving."

"Employers will spend less time in court and more time creating jobs,"

The law will encourage timely settlements by penalizing parties who turn down reasonable settlement offers to try to get more than they should.

Perry said the changes reduce the cost of litigation while still allowing legitimate cases to proceed. Supporters say the state's business climate will improve because the reforms will make

"HB274 signifies a major landmark in tort reform in Texas," said Rep. Brandon Creighton, the House author of the bill. "The state now has the means to dispatch suits that should have never been filed, making litigation in Texas fair

and expedient." Business groups and the Texas Medical Association, which wanted to protect doctors from frivolous malpractice lawsuits, have urged lawmakers to pass such legislation. But several trial lawyer groups and

the AFL-CIO opposed the measure, arguing it would give corporations the upper hand in lawsuits and prevent some individuals with legitimate claims from filing suit.

Sen. Joan Huffman, the Senate sponsor of the bill, worked to negotiate a compromise between trial lawyer groups and businesses. The trial lawyers agreed to support the Senate version of the bill after the provision that allows judges to immediately dismiss frivolous lawsuits was added.





Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 31, the 151st day of 2011. There are 214 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 31, 1911, the hull of the British liner RMS Titanic was launched from its building berth at the Port of Belfast, less than a year before the ship's fateful maiden voyage.

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed into law the first U.S. copyright act.

In 1859, the Big Ben clock tower in London went into operation, chiming for the first time.

In 1889, more than 2,000 people perished when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown,

In 1941, "Tobacco Road," a play about an impoverished Southern family based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell, closed on Broadway after a run of 3,182 performances.

In 1961, South Africa became an independent republic as it withdrew from the British Commonwealth.

In 1970, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake in Peru claimed an estimated 20,000 lives, according to the U.S. Geological Survey's website

In 1977, the trans-Alaska oil pipeline, three years in the making, was completed.

In 1985, at least 88 people were killed, more than 1,000 injured, as over 40 tornadoes swept through parts of Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Ontario, Canada, during an eight-hour period.

In 1994, the United States announced it was no longer aiming long-range nuclear missiles at targets in the former Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Veteran FBI agent Robert Hanssen pleaded not guilty to charges of spying for Moscow. (He later changed his plea to guilty and was sentenced to life in prison.)

Five years ago: The U.S. said it would join in face-to-face talks with Iran over its disputed nuclear program if Tehran first agreed to put challenged atomic activities on hold; Iran dismissed the offer as "a propaganda move.

One year ago: Israeli commandos stormed six ships carrying hundreds of pro-Palestinian activists on an aid mission to the blockaded Gaza Strip; eight Turkish activists and one Turkish-American were killed aboard one vessel, with each side accusing the other of starting the violence.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stewart is 82. Actor-director Clint Eastwood is 81. Singer Peter Yarrow is 73. Former Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is 72. Singer-musician Augie Meyers is 71. Actress Sharon Gless is 68. Football/Hallof-Famer Joe Namath is 68. Actor Tom Berenger is 61. Actor Gregory Harrison is 61. Actor Kyle Secor is 54. Actress Roma Maffia is 53. Comedian Chris, Elliott is 51. Actress Lea Thompson is 50. Singer Corey Hart is 49 Actor Hugh Dillon is 48. Actress Brooke Shields is 46. Actor Colin Farrell is 35. Rock musician Scott Klopfenstein (Reel Big Fish) is 34. Actor Eric Christian Olsen is 34, Actor Jonathan Tucker is 29. Actor Curtis Williams Jr. is 24

Thought for Today: "They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion." -Thomas Hobbes. English political philosopher (1588-1679)



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Average voter not thinking about candidates

As a political analyst, I'm supposed to be one of those folks who are so into politics that every time a new poll comes out, they dissect the margin of error, the number of respondents and whether it was conducted via land line or cellphone.

Sorry, folks, when it comes to the drama each day about who will run for president on the Republican side, I feel like an actor in the movie "He's Just Not That Into You.

Don't get me wrong. I am following the daily spectacle of who is up and who is down in the GOP presidential sweepstakes. But really, I care more about whether the Dallas Mavericks and Miami Heat will go seven games in the NBA finals and what spaceship captured Scottie Pippen and brainwashed him into actually saying that LeBron James may be a better player than Michael Jordan.

Let's just shoot straight with all of you: Average voters really aren't announce early in the year their presithinking right now about the leader on the Republican side. Seriously, they aren't. The field is in constant motion, and not all of the candidates have gotten serious about this race. The one thing we have is a lot of time before any candidate has to hunker down and get involved.

What has been most interesting thus far is who has opted not to run: Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and television clown Donald Trump.

all know that former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney is in and is joined by former Sen.

Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and former radio talk show host and Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain. Now we're left

to wonder whether former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota,

John Huntsman, ambassador to China and former governor of Utah, and Rep. Ron Paul of Texas will make it official and join the field. Traditionally, presidential cam-

paigns don't start until after Labor Day. But in 2007, we saw then-Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, along with other challengers, dential ambitions, thus treating us to one of the longest campaigns in history. Everyone assumed that we would see the GOP candidates announcing the day after Obama was sworn in to office, but a lot changes in politics, and this is no different.

The Iowa caucuses aren't until Feb. 6, which means that if all the candidates are in by Labor Day, they have five months to make their case to the voters there. Plus, the old model of announcing early is over. With social media and the ability to raise funds online, it's not that critical to announce early. In fact, the earlier you announce the more time the media and your opponents have to define and attack you.

So any poll right now really is

meaningless and is just a snapshot of what someone feels today. A recent CNN poll shows that former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is the preferred candidate of Republicans and independents. Here is a guy who previously has said he would have to be talked into the race!

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Giuliani ran one of the worst campaigns in history in 2008, and were it not for former Sen. Fred Thompson's comatose campaign, Giuliani would have been the worst. But Giuliani is at the top of the heap, with 16 percent, and Cain, who has no political experience whatsoever, has 10 percent, ahead of a congresswoman, two former governors and a former U.S. senator.

Chalk all of this up to the shakeout and weed-out process. Republican voters are not ready to pay attention to any candidate until the candidates stop with the exploratory committee announcements and make clear whether they are in or out. Palin can go on a big bus tour and tout her new movie, but until she steps to the microphone and says "I'm a candidate for president of the United States," it really doesn't matter.

So kick back, fight the springtime allergies and enjoy the latest bigbudget movie to hit the big screen this summer; I'll be figuring out how to lower my golf handicap to less than 8. Then, after the summer hiatus, we all can get serious about who will end up opposing President Obama in the race to become the 45th president of the

United States.

S. Martin is an award-winning CNN analyst.

Do special House elections mean anything?

A governor through the power of appointment can actually make you a United States senator. If you are a lieutenant governor and the governor resigns or expires, you automatically become governor. But there is only one way anyone can ever become a member of the United States House of Representatives -- you have to be elected by the voters of your state.

That could be one reason why special House elections, to fill a vacant seat, get so much attention -- because actual voters have actually voted.

Immediately after any special House election in which party control of the seat changes, the partisan postmortems are wonderfully predictable. The Losing Side is quick to explain that its defeat was the direct result of uniquely local issues and -- as is often whispered, not for attribution -- the personality and intellectual shortcomings of its nominee.

Not so, counters the Winning Side: True, its candidate was superior in style and substance, but this race was fought and decided on national issues. The results are either a ringing endorsement or a damning indictment of the incumbent president and his policies.

Occasionally, special elections do indicate a national wave. Let me tell you about a personal experience. In March 1974, I was working in a special House campaign in Cincinnati for Tom Luken, a Democrat, in a district that had not elected a Democrat since 1936. This was the year when the Watergate cover-up (as well as President Richard Nixon's involvement in it) was exposed.

Two weeks earlier, Democrat Richard Vander won the Veen seat vacated by Republican Gerald Ford, who become Nixon's VP after the forced

SHIELDS departure of Spiro Agnew from that office. The Michigan district had not elected a Democrat in more than 60 years, but Vander Veen called for Nixon's resignation, which would have meant Gerry Ford's eleva-

Four days before the Cincinnati special, Nixon's White House chief of staff and attorney general were indicted in the Watergate cover-up, and Tom Luken was on TV arguing that 'my opponent has the all-out support of the Nixon administration and all that administration has come to stand for -- almost criminal inflation and actual criminal indictments."

Luken won, and those two back-toback upset wins signaled that Nixon had politically become dead man walking and that 1974 would be a

huge Democratic year. The May 24 special House vic-tory of Democrat Kathy Hochul in upstate New York's 26th district, which has been uninterruptedly electing Republicans for more than 40 years, has received national cover-

age. Democrat Hochul, Republicans conceded, was a more appealing candidate than the GOP's Jane Corwin, who outspent the winner by several hundred thousand dollars.

But there was one dominant issue in this special election. It was not President Barack Obama, whose endorsement Hochul did not seek. It was instead the Republican Housepassed budget plan of Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, which would eventually replace the current Medicare program with a voucher system.

House Republicans won a landslide last November and had spoken often about cutting federal spending and government programs, but they had never mentioned this major change in Medicare. As long as the rhetoric was about waste, fraud, abuse and cost overruns, the GOP was safe.

But as Sir Anthony Eden observed, "Everyone is always in favor of general (economizing) and particular expenditures." Republicans had no political strategy for selling their Medicare-voucher idea and sizeable popular majorities strongly oppose the Ryan plan. But it has become an article of party faith, with presidential candidates afraid to separate themselves from the proposal.

Formerly beleaguered Democrats are suddenly on the political offensive. and Republicans are in a defensive crouch. New York 26 could be a special election that really does matter.

Mark Shields is a nationally syndicated



For each word below, rearrange the letters

BANANAGRAMS

Panel of experts: Cell phones carcinogenic

LONDON (AP) — An international panel of experts says cell phones are possibly carcinogenic to humans after reviewing details from dozens of published studies.

The statement was issued in Lyon, France, on Tuesday by the International Agency for Research on Cancer after a weeklong meeting of experts. They reviewed possible links between cancer and the type of electromagnetic radiation found in cell phones, microwaves and radar.

The agency is the cancer arm of the World Health Organization and the assessment now goes to WHO and national health agencies for possible guidance on cell phone

The group classified cell phones in category 2B, meaning they are possibly carcinogenic to humans. Other substances in that category include the pesticide DDT and gasoline engine

Last year, results of a large study found no clear link between cell phones and cancer. But some advocacy groups contend the study raised serious concerns because it showed a hint of a possible connection between very heavy phone use and glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumor. However, the numbers in that subgroup weren't sufficient to make the case.

Leasure

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With an easy grin, he acknowledged that he and his fellow paramedics at Pampa EMS adapt to the schedules and working holidays.

"Now that I have kids," Leasure admitted, "it's differ-

He said his job isn't as exciting as it was five years ago. With a six-month-old daughter and a five-year-old son at home, Leasure said a long shift can make for long weeks for him and his wife.

Yet, there is still the adrenaline rush when the alarms goes off and the feeling of satisfaction when he knows he's helped someone who's needed it.

The study was controversial because it began with people who already had cancer and asked them to recall how often they used their cell phones more than a decade ago.

In about 30 other studies done in Europe, New Zealand and the U.S., patients with brain tumors have not reported using their cell phones more often than unaffected people.

Because cell phones are so popular, it may be impossible for experts to compare cell phone users who develop brain tumors with people who don't use the devices. According to a survey last year, the number of cell phone subscribers worldwide has hit 5 billion, or nearly three-quarters of the

People's cell phone habits have also changed dramatically since the first studies began years ago and it's unclear if the results of previous research would still apply today.

Since many cancerous tumors take decades to develop, experts say it's impossible to conclude cell phones have no long-term health risks. The studies conducted so far haven't tracked people for longer than about a decade.

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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.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

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I love them both, but I'm becoming frustrated having to constantly choose and juggle schedules so I can keep Mom's feelings from getting hurt. Abby, please tell mothers-in-law to build bridges while they can. Someday it may be too late. But any advice for me? - SPREAD THIN IN **OKLAHOMA**

SPREAD DEAR THIN: Your cautionary tale deserves space in my column. When your wife joined the family, instead of building bridges, your mother dynamited them. It's not surprising your wife feels the way she does at the prospect of spending time with her motherin-law. Of course, while some degree of compromise is necessary, your mother should also be encouraged to find activities and contemporaries whose company she can enjoy without expecting you to entertain her. And the person to do that is

DEAR ABBY: I'm a woman in my mid-40s. Over the years I have diligently exercised, eaten right and taken good care of my skin. I keep my hairstyle and clothing up-to-

am constantly taken to be much younger than I am. While some of my peers may be jealous of this "problem," I find it extremely annoying. It's especially bothersome in a business situation when someone my age or slightly older treats me as though he/she could be my parent.

broadcast my age. Is there a professional way to deal with their cond ing attitude? - LOOKS YOUNGER, BUT ISN'T

DEAR ABBY: My wife YOUNGER: Yes. First, of us goes to the refrigera- two of you have discovdid a great job of rearing shoulder. Then recognize that your colleagues may tered to suit my mother they may be trying to be who, in those years, was helpful. Accept the suggestions they offer without becoming defensive. Years later, things have The more of themselves away, the kids are grown you, the happier they'll

DEAR ABBY: My hus-

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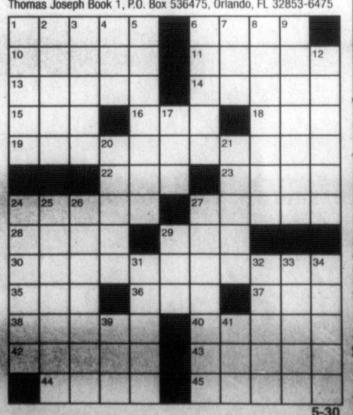
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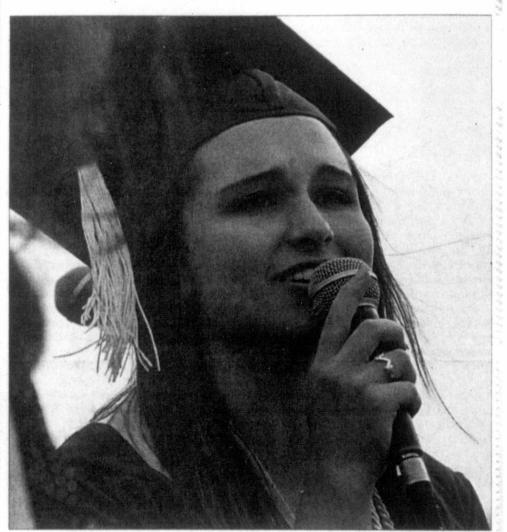
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Pampa High School salutatorian Lynsie Guyer is congratulated by Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Barry Haenisch during commencement ceremonies Saturday morning.



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Jackie Karson sings in front of her fellow 2011 graduates during Saturday's commencement ceremony at Harvester Field.



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A happy Austin Beck shakes hands with Pampa High School principal Tanya Larkin.

Graduation

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Salutatorian Lynsie Guyer talked about the school's accomplishments this past year, including academics, sports and

She talked about the changes at Pampa High as her class went through a renovation of the school's building and the conversion of the football field to artificial

"The graduating Class of 2011," she noted, "is the 100th graduating class of PHS.

Boyd likened the students of Pampa

High to vessels setting sail on the oceans

of the world.

"Albert Einstein once said, 'A ship is always safe at the shore," Boyd said, "but that is not what it's built for."

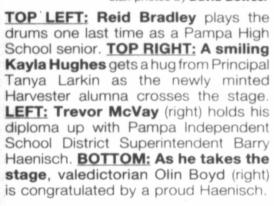
He said it is time for the students of Pampa High to leave the safety of the shore.

"Countless opportunities are awaiting for each individual ship in this fleet, Boyd said. "Now's the time to hoist the sails and set out for a world full of adventure."

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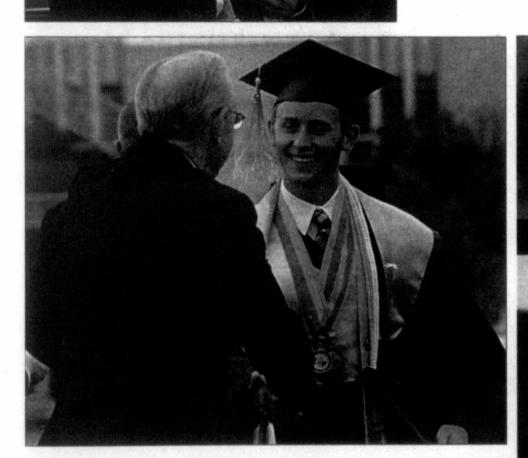
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 31,2011:

This year, you often will experience confusion about plans and what to do. Learn to confirm times and places as well as what you are hearing more often. Work on your ability to home in on what people are really asking. Network more. If you are single, you might feel as if you've met "the one." Let time determine if this is true. If you are attached, the two of you might not always click. Work on your communication. An-

other GEMINI can be quite challenging. 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)

★★★★ Your finances need to take precedence. If you don't have the funds, you don't have the funds. Accept that premise, and an alternate path will open up. Give up hitting your head against the same brick wall. Tonight: Hang out with some fun buddies

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Use the daylight hours to the max. You will accomplish whatever you feel must be done. Remain clear about your limitations. Honor what needs to happen in order to move forward and change your perspective. Tonight: Purchase that

item you have been eyeing. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might feel funky now, but late today you start feeling better and better. Handle what you must behind the scenes, and don't stress yourself out. You can count on your energy returning. Remain present, knowing you have limits. Postpone important decisions. Tonight: Are you feeling your Wheaties?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Keep reaching out for someone at a distance, knowing there is much more to discuss on a deeper level. The conversation could be a tad overdue, but it's doable. Make the first effort to communicate. Think positively. Tonight: Take some much-desired personal time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** "Visualize and create" needs to be your slogan today. If you can think it, there is a strong possibility you can make that thought a reality. Follow your heart, and you will make an authentic choice. Tonight: Where the gang is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Clearly, not everyone has the same response as you. Open up to new possibilities. You can and will make a difference. Realize what is important ultimately to your professional situation, and head down that path. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Your perception could be sort of avant garde. You might be determining what is necessary to act on. Perhaps being rational might not serve you. A brainstorming session could reveal some exciting news. Tonight: Don't sit on your haunches; go forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Listen to the drums beat. A partner might have a lot to say. Utilize this person's thoughts in a functional way, perhaps incorporating some of his or her ideas into a project or work-related matter. Giving those around you the sense that their thoughts count always is key. Tonight: Make a point of touching base with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Let your fiery temperament dominate. You know what must be done, but you do need to include others. Share ideas. Let them feel as if they are part of what is going on. Creativity surges even more when two minds play off each other. Tonight: Go with another person's ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Of all signs, you understand the role of a strong foundation and long-term thinking. Allowing for more innovative thinking might threaten the status quo, but it also could make life better. Infuse a situation with that energy. Tonight: Your pad. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Move forward. You might be tempted to share an important revelation. Until you feel more sure of yourself, hold off. Creativity surges in a conversation, especially if you plug in an idea or two. Be willing to work with what evolves. To-

night: Act on the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Listen to what you know is important. Refuse to sell yourself short. By nature, you will see a situation differently in a few days. A smile goes a long way in helping others feel more at home. Use care with an investment involving property, real estate or your home. Tonight: Order in.

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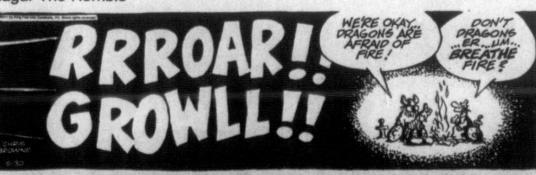
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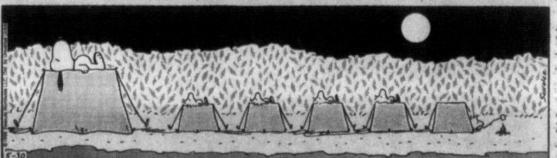
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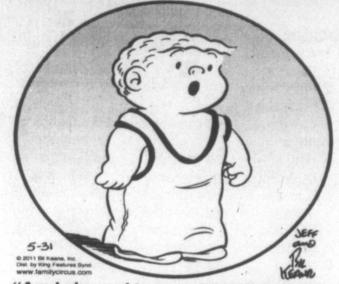
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 1, 2011:

This year, you begin anew in a key aspect of your life. This new beginning will come from a surprising closing off. Listen to news that heads in your direction. You often will discover that there is much more to the initial statement that comes forward. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone quite special who encourages you to change your status. If you are attached, as a couple you might add to your relationship in some way. A fellow GEMINI could

be quite tantalizing and challenging. 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 might sense a change in the wind. Make it a point not to push so hard right now, especially if you hit an obstacle or two. You come from a very optimistic space. Stay there and let events dominate. Tonight: Allow your energy level to dictate

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Refuse to make political commitments of any sort. Your ability to read between the lines could be off. Investigate opportunities, but know there are more coming. Play the waiting game. You might have a special opportunity coming forward in the next few months. Tonight: In all things, be moderate

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might experience today's Eclipse in your energy level. Know not to push. Respond to your sagging energy level. You know what is needed, but what you don't know about are the unpredictable twists. Center on where in your life you want a new beginning. Tonight: Do your

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** More than any other sign, you feel the ebb and flow of the Moon through different phases and signs. Today's Eclipse could be exhausting. Take care of yourself, and if you need to, become a recluse. A little downtime never hurts. Tonight: R

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** What you believe would never happen just might. You might not see that as a possibility, but be open. Much energy surrounds your friends and a meeting. Play it as low-key as you can. Tonight: Continue the easy, relaxed pace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Your ability to lead or to perform to the max might be tested. What is key to your success is not to get into a disruptive, devil-may-care mode. Giving does not always mean opening your wallet. Share your innate talents. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Let your creativity emerge, but don't react. You might want to plan a trip, or you might have no intention of going away, but matters dealing with those at a distance are up for grabs. Be open to change. Drop rigidity. Tonight: Hop on the

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Build on a relationship, but allow the other party to take the lead. Don't assume that you know what this person wants. The apple cart could be upset if you do. Allow this person to empower him- or herself. Tonight: Take another person's cue.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Not everyone is on the same page as you. It is also very likely no one always will be. Letting go and allowing others the space to be is difficult for the fiery Sag. You will see what happens as a result. Tonight: Say "yes" to living

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might want to reconsider a situation and head in another direction. Investigate what is happening in a day-today situation, but refuse to make a decision of any sort. A radical and unanticipated change could be on the way. Tonight: Easy

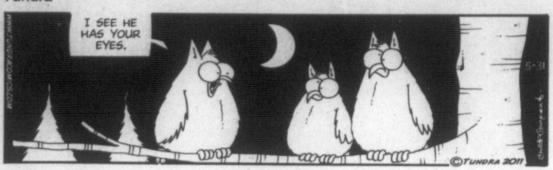
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** What had been a given might no longer be. If you can relax and watch what happens, you might be delighted by the outcome. Changes might not happen at the pace you want. A new beginning becomes a distinct possibility. Listen and share more. Tonight: Ever playful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

** Home and hearth are subject to some wild, dynamic changes. In several months, you could be looking at a transformed issue, if not situation. Be willing to make that extra effort to allow everything to work, and in this case, it might look like lying back. Tonight: At home.

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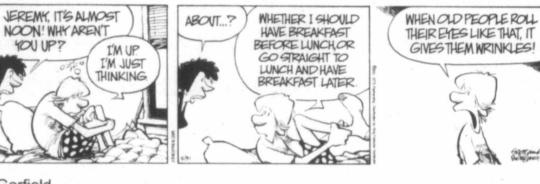


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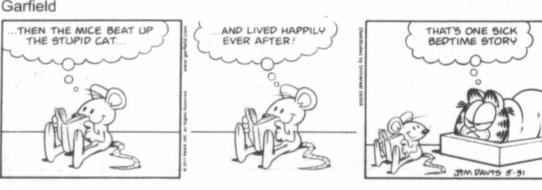




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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Memorial Day is not about war; it's about PEOPLE. It's about those dedicated individuals - most of them young - who died serving their country and their fellow Americans as well as future generations. In other words, all of us.

We Americans are at our best when we come together bonded by a noble purpose. And that's the reason for the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day

Abby, your patriotism and compassion have helped us in our effort to unite the more than 311 million Americans who live in this land of the free and home of the brave. Please remind your millions of readers to come together by pausing for a moment at 3 p.m. local time, wherever they are, to acknowledge the sacrifice of our fallen.

Unfortunately, many of our citizens forget to remember. I am determined to find ways to help America continue to pay tribute to the nearly 2 million men and women who have died for us. Our freedoms should remind us of to them.

It is our duty to never torget them, to keep them in our hearts and in our actions. They were the best of the best - the pride of the USA. We owe them the commitment to reflect on daughter visited us for a what they did and to put week with her two chilremembrance into action. dren. The older one, "Wen-

This means to give back dy," age 9, was always to our country and to live "finding" money - in the honoring them every day, parking lot, the driveway not just on Memorial Day.

do to honor America's LASPADA, FOUNDER, house. NO GREATER LOVE

DEAR CARMELLA: You're welcome. I hope readers will heed your request to offer a silent she said, "OK, Dad, how tribute this afternoon to the men and women who have given their lives in the service of this country. Considering the magnitude of their sacrifice, the it's the least we can do.

To all of my friends out there -- please join me, as well as the iron workers, sheet metal workers, firefighters and painters unions and thousands of AFL-CIO members who have supported the Moment since its inception, in a moment of silence at 3 p.m. Today, as too in the past, major league baseball games will stop, customers and staff will pause in more than 30,000 grocery stores throughout the country, and, of course, personnel serving in the military around the world will observe it, too. their sacrifice and our debt. To learn what others are doing today, visit www.

> May our fallen rest in peace; may our country once again live in peace as well.

and other places. After Thank you for all you they left, we discovered cash missing from our car heroes. - CARMELLA and the savings jar in our

> I called my daughter to inform her of our discovery, and in a nonchalant, what's-the-big-deal voice much did she take? I'll write a check.'

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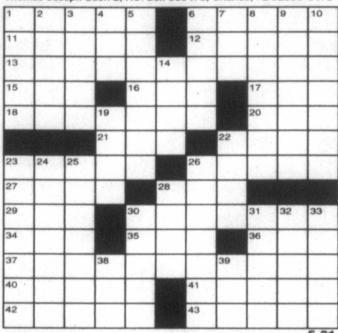
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Sports

Ericson, Malone selected to GWTBCA All-Star Game

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Pampa High School graduates Garrett

Ericson and Tyler Malone played their last game with the Harvesters on May 7. Sunday, the two graduates will get one more game together as they were selected to play in the Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Game in Lubbock.

Ericson was selected as a pitcher after posting a 4-4 record and averaging over seven strikeouts per game. The graduate said he was surprised to be chosen.

"I'm honored," Ericson said. "Just like in basketball. I wanted to come out and play one more competitive game."

Malone was selected as an outfielder after he recorded a .394 batting average, hit seven doubles, four triples and three home runs. The graduate said it's a big honor.

"Not many get chosen," Malone said. "It feels pretty good."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said it's great they got selected.

They are the first two guys to get

selected since I took over as head coach," Snelgrooes said. "They are both very deserving and I look forward to watching them represent Pampa this weekend."

Ericson and Malone will get to play with some people they are familiar with. Three of their teammates are from Borger and Perryton. Ericson said it will be fun playing with them.

"They are really good players," Ericson said. "It's nice to have them playing with

Malone agreed after playing against them in district play.

"It will be nice not having them hit home runs against us," Malone said. Both Ericson and Malone are looking forward to having one more game as teammates.

"It's exciting," Ericson said. "(Malone) is a great player and any team he plays with he does great things."

"We've been teammates for quite a while," Malone said. "It will be a great way to cap off our careers."

The game is 1 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper's Pirate Field.

Ericson and Malone Highlights

· Ericson earned his first victory against River Road March 22.

· Malone earned his first victory against Graham in the Midland Tournament · Ericson struck out 11 in a complete game victory over the Perryton Rangers

Malone struck out nine in a complete game victory against Sayre March 16.

· Malone recorded three hits and three RBI in Pampa's victory over Sanford-Fritch

· Ericson scored three runs against Pecos March 11.

Malone struck out 13 in a victory over Dalhart April 2.

· Malone hit a two-run home run against Perryton to tie the game in the seventh

· Ericson pitched a complete game against Lubbock Cooper May 6.

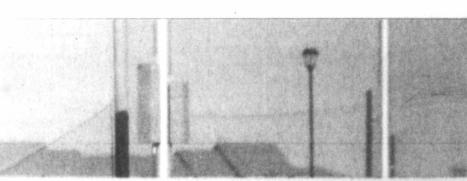




photo courtesy of Joe Murray Tyler Malone rounds second against Lubbock Cooper May 6. The graduated senior earned a selection as an outfielder to the GWTBCA All-Star Game.

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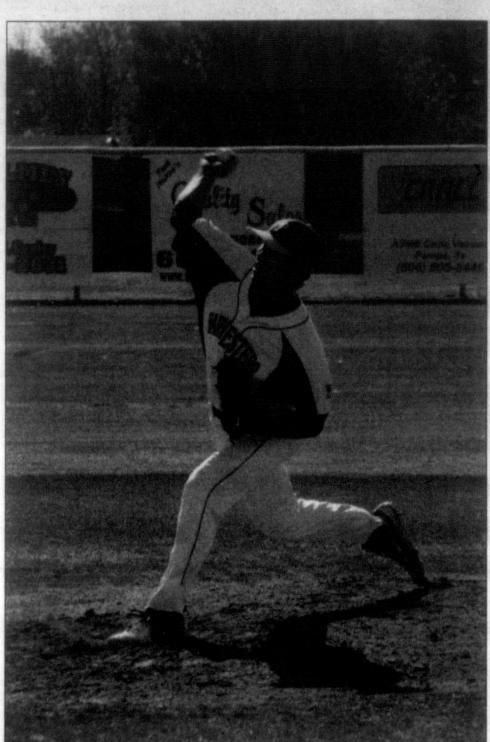


photo courtesy of Joe Murray Garrett Ericson throws a pitch against Perryton April 19. The graduated senior earned a selection to the GWTBCA All-Star Game 1 p.m. Sunday.



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