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Junior Claire Hopkins celebrates scoring a run against Midland Greenwood. The Lady Harvesters won 12-2, putting them in position to win the series. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 18.

Two injured in Thursday motorcycle crash

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Two Pampans were airlifted separately to Amarillo after a one-vehicle motorcycle accident left them severely injured.

According to the Gray County Sheriff's Department, a call was placed at approximately 7:40 p.m. for a wreck about one mile north of the Farm-to-Market Road 749 bridge. Hoover Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Millican confirmed that Hoover fire personnel were also dispatched to the scene, along with Pampa EMS, Texas Department of Public Safety and a Lefors ambulance crew. Two people, later confirmed to be Billy Brogdon and Jamie Fortner, were hurt in the wreck, with witnesses stating that Fortner was thrown from the motorcycle. Brogdon transported to Northwest Texas Healthcare via Lifestar while Fortner was taken by ambulance to White Deer, where another Lifestar helicopter was waiting to take her to the same facility, according to Millican.

Both Brogdon and Fortner were still confined to intensive care as of the time of this publication.

A full Department of Public Safety report of the accident was not immediately available.

partnered with other students who are new to the genre.

With Pampa High School's diverse student population, Cinco de Mayo is a schoolwide observance that really gets the kids involved, said Beth Anne Preston, foreign language department chair and bilingual ESL coordinator at Pampa High School.

"Our students get so excited every year about Cinco de Mayo," said Preston. "They are so involved, (even) kids that don't always really get involved in different activities. They just absolutely love this celebration.

"It's a time for us to celebrate our diversity, but it's also a time to celebrate our uniqueness," continued Preston. "Our students come from many, many, many different backgrounds, and this is a time when our Hispanic students and our students of Mexican heritage can really feel the acceptance our school has for them. **CINCO** cont. on page 3A

High school honors: Covil, Frost top Pampa class of 2012

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Barry Haenisch, superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District, and Tanya Larkin, principal of Pampa High School, have jointly announced that 23 students have attained the rank of honor graduate for the Class of 2011, with one student carrying the distinction of Superintendent Scholar.

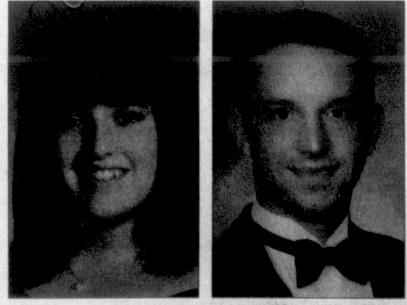
To be an honor graduate, a student is required to be in the top 10 percent of the graduating class. To achieve the honor of a superintendent scholar, a student must have scored a 1900 or more on the SAT exam and/or a 29 on the ACT exam in addition to completing four or more Advanced Placement courses and participating in the PSAT Exam as a junior. They must also strive to be a member of the National Honor Society.

Honor graduates, superintendent scholars and their parents were honored Tuesday during the school's annual Honors Banquet.

Jessica Covil, valedictorian and Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.625. Covil is the daughter of Tim and Lori Covil and Pam Covil.

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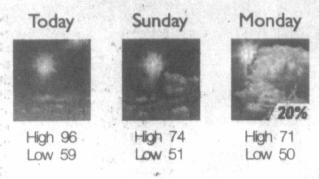




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of Pampa; one niece, several nephews, great-nephews,

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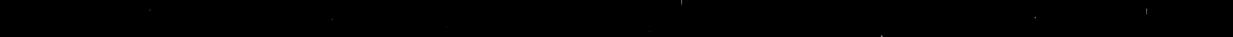
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New drilling rules set for public land

Evacuation order lifted for fire

FORT DAVIS (AP) - An evacuation order for a rustic residential development threatened by a West Texas wildfire has been lifted after firefighters were able to ring the fire with a containment line.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor says the evacuation order for the Davis Mountain Resort was lifted Thursday night. About 150 residents live in the 400-cabin development full time.

The blaze known as the Livermore Ranch fire is about 50 percent contained, while a slightly smaller blaze named the Spring Mountain fire to the northwest is 60 percent contained. The fires have scorched about 24,000 acres.

No building damage or injuries have been reported. Officials say lightning ignited the fires on April 24.

Accused agent won't go to Mexico

EL PASO (AP) — The lawyer for a U.S. Border Patrol agent charged in Mexico in the shooting death of a teenager along the Rio Grande is rebuffing calls from a Mexican government official that he be sent to there for trial

Gov. Cesar Duarte of the Mexican state of Chihuahua demanded Thursday that Jesus Mesa be extradited to face murder charges in the June 2010 killing of 15-yearold Sergio Adrian Guereca. Mesa was on a bicycle patrol alongside the river that divides Texas and Mexico when the boy — among some youths tossing rocks at the officer — was fatally shot.

Lawyer Randy Ortega tells the El Paso Times that Mesa was acting in his official capacity and doesn't believe there's any treaty that requires Mesa to be extradited.

Rare buffalo death investigated

GREENVILLE (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of a rare white buffalo on a North Texas ranch just days shy of its first birthday.

Lakota Ranch owner Arby Little Soldier says he found the buffalo, named Lightning Medicine Cloud, dead Monday. The buffalo's mother was found dead the next day.

Thousands attended a naming ceremony last year to celebrate the unusual calf's May 12 birth.

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Ranchito, Cinema 4, and Pak-A-Sak, contributed prizes and giveaways for the Cinco de Mayo celebration, Preston said.

"They've all just stepped up," Preston said. "They're helping us out with some prizes. The community has really just come out in support of us, and they have been great.

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Obama administration said Friday it will for the first time require companies drilling for oil and natural gas on public and Indian lands to publicly disclose chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations.

The proposed "fracking" rules also set standards for proper construction of wells and wastewater disposal.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the longawaited rules will allow continued expansion of drilling while protecting public health and safety.

"As we continue to offer millions of acres of America's public lands for oil and gas development, it is critical that the public have full confidence that the right safety and environmental protections are in place," Salazar said.

The proposed rules will "modernize our management of well-stimulation activities, including hydraulic fracturing, to make sure that fracturing operations conducted on public and Indian lands follow common-sense industry best practices,"

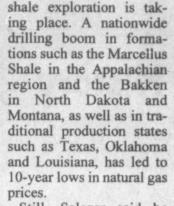
have been under consideration for a year and a half, were softened after industry groups expressed strong concerns about an initial proposal leaked earlier this year. The proposal would allow companies to file disclosure reports after drilling operations are completed, rather than before they begin, as initially proposed. Industry groups said the earlier proposal could have caused lengthy delays.

Some environmental groups criticized the change as a cave-in to industry, but Salazar said the rules were never intended to cause delays, but to ensure that the public is "fully aware of the chemicals that are being injected into the underground" by companies seeking to produce oil and natural gas.

The Bureau of Land Management, which oversees drilling on public lands, estimates that 90 percent of the approximately 3,400 wells currently drilled on federal and Indian lands using hydraulic fracturing techniques.

The rules would not affect drilling on private land, where the bulk of

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Still, Salazar said he hopes the new rules could be used as a model for staté regulators.

"We hope our leadership is followed," he said at a news conference.

Industry groups and Republican lawmakers say federal rules are unnecessary, arguing that states already regulate hydraulic fracturing, in which water, sand and chemicals are in injected underground to break up dense rock that holds oil and gas.

The industry also has complained that disclosure of chemicals used in fracking could violate trade secrets, although, Salazar said the rule would include exemptions for specific formulas. Some of the chemicals used in fracking include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene, all of which can cause health problems in significant doses.

Critics say fracking chemicals have polluted water supplies, but supporters say there is noproof.

Tom Amontree, executive vice president for-America's Natural Gas Alliance, an industry group, said the Obama administration "may not fully appreciate". significant regulatory steps taken by states such as Colorado. Texas and Wyoming to DRILLING cont. on page 84



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Pampa High School, as the district normally hosts a public Cinco de Mayo celebration on the high school's front lawn for Cinco de Mayo. That event, Preston said, is being replaced by a broader one later in the month.

"We've changed things," Preston said. "We're going to do a multicultural celebration on May 22... in the parking lot from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Pampa High School has gone ahead and chosen to celebrate Cinco de Mayo to celebrate the Hispanic culture and the Mexican culture as well, so (the multicultural celebration) is going to be in addition to our Cinco de Mayo stuff."

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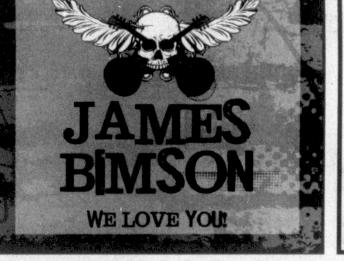
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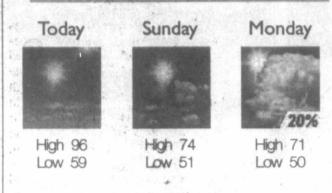


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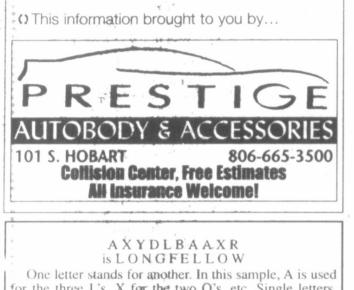
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artment reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, May 3 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 21 traffic related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 11 animal related incidents. Pampa EMS responded to three medical calls. Wednesday, May 2

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of East Harvester.

A violation of city ordi- reported. nance occurred at the 1800 block of North Dwight.

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New drilling rules set for public land

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Evacuation order lifted for fire

FORT DAVIS (AP) - An evacuation order for a rustic residential development threatened by a West Texas wildfire has been lifted after firefighters were able to ring the fire with a containment line.

Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor says the evacuation order for the Davis Mountain Resort was lifted Thursday night. About 150 residents live in the 400-cabin development full time.

The blaze known as the Livermore Ranch fire is about 50 percent contained, while a slightly smaller blaze named the Spring Mountain fire to the northwest is 60 percent contained. The fires have scorched about 24,000 acres

No building damage or injuries have been reported. Officials say lightning ignited the fires on April 24.

Accused agent won't go to Mexico

EL PASO (AP) — The lawyer for a U.S. Border Patrol agent charged in Mexico in the shooting death of a teenager along the Rio Grande is rebuffing calls from a Mexican government official that he be sent to there for trial.

Gov. Cesar Duarte of the Mexican state of Chihuahua demanded Thursday that Jesus Mesa be extradited to face murder charges in the June 2010 killing of 15-yearold Sergio Adrian Guereca. Mesa was on a bicycle patrol alongside the river that divides Texas and Mexico when the boy — among some youths tossing rocks at the officer - was fatally shot.

Lawyer Randy Ortega tells the El Paso Times that Mesa was acting in his official capacity and doesn't believe there's any treaty that requires Mesa to be extradited.

Rare buffalo death investigated

GREENVILLE (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of a rare white buffalo on a North Texas ranch just days shy of its first birthday.

Lakota Ranch owner Arby Little Soldier says he found the buffalo, named Lightning Medicine Cloud, dead Monday. The buffalo's mother was found dead the next day

Thousands attended a naming ceremony last year to celebrate the unusual calf's May 12 birth.

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... This is just a way of saying, 'You know, you're still part of us. You might be a little different from some of the other kids and they might be a little different from

Ranchito, Cinema 4, and Pak-A-Sak, contributed prizes and giveaways for the Cinco de Mayo celebration, Preston said.

"They've all just stepped up," Preston said. "They're helping us out

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Obama administration said Friday it will for the first time require companies drilling for oil and natural gas on public and Indian lands to publicly disclose chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations.

The proposed "fracking" rules also set standards for proper construction of wells and wastewater disposal.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said the longawaited rules will allow continued expansion of drilling while protecting public health and safety.

"As we continue to offer millions of acres of America's public lands for oil and gas development, it is critical that the public have full confidence that the right safety and environmental protections are in place," Salazar said.

The proposed rules will 'modernize our management of well-stimulation activities, including hydraulic fracturing, to make sure that fracturing operations conducted on public and Indian lands follow common-sense industry best practices," he said.

The new rules, which

have been under consideration for a year and a half, were softened after industry groups expressed strong concerns about an initial proposal leaked earlier this year. The proposal would allow companies to file disclosure reports after drilling operations are completed, rather than before they begin, as initially proposed. Industry groups said the earlier proposal could have caused lengthy delays.

Some environmental groups criticized the change as a cave-in to industry, but Salazar said the rules were never intended to cause delays, but to ensure that the public is "fully aware of the chemicals that are being injected into the underground" by companies seeking to produce oil and natural gas.

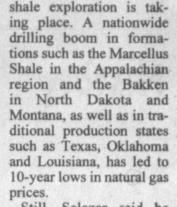
The Bureau of Land Management, which oversees drilling on public lands, estimates that 90 percent of the approximately 3,400 wells currently drilled on federal and Indian lands using hydraulic fracturing techniques.

The rules would not affect drilling on private land, where the bulk of

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Still, Salazar said he hopes the new rules could be used as a model for state regulators.

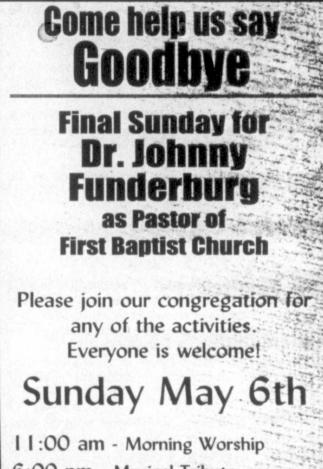
"We hope our leadership is followed," he said at a news conference.

Industry groups and Republican lawmakers say federal rules are unnecessary, arguing that states already regulate hydraulic fracturing, in which water, sand and chemicals are in injected underground to break up dense rock that holds oil and gas.

The industry also has complained that disclosure of chemicals used in fracking could violate trade secrets, although Salazar said the rule would include exemptions for specific formulas. Some of the chemicals used in fracking include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene, all of which can cause health problems in significant doses.

Critics say fracking chemicals have polluted water supplies, but sapporters say there is noproof.

Tom Amontree, executive vice president for America's Natural Gas Alliance, an industry group, said the Obama administration "may not fully appreciate" significant regulatory steps taken by states such as Colorado," Texas and Wyoming to: DRILLING cont on page BA



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you, but you know what? Here at Pampa High School, we all belong. Friday's in-school celebration was a bit of a break in tradition for Pampa High School, as the district normally hosts a public Cinco de Mayo celebration on

the high school's front lawn for Cinco de Mayo. That event, Preston said, is being replaced by a broader one later in the month.

"We've changed things," Preston said. "We're going to do a multicultural celebration on May 22... in the parking lot from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Pampa High School has gone ahead and chosen to celebrate Cinco de Mayo to celebrate the Hispanic culture and the Mexican culture as well, so (the multicultural celebration) is going to be in addition to our Cinco de Mayo stuff." Several local groups

in businesses, includ-

ing Sonic, The Plaza,

Chicken Express,

with some prizes. The community has really just come out in support of us, and they have been great."

> Movies Showing Friday, May 4 through Thursday, May 10. The Cabin in the Woods (R) Fri 7:30 10:00 at 2:00 4:30 7:30 10:00 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30 The Luck One (PG-13) Fri 7:30 10:00 Sat 2:00 4:30 7:30 10:00 Sun 2:00 4:30 7:30 Mon/Thur 7:30 The Pirates Band of Misfits (PG) Fri 7:00 9:30

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It has been my pleasure to have lived and served Pampa. and the surrounding communities for the past 18 years. After much thought I have decided to close my practice in Pampa at Family Medicine Center effective June 1, 2012. I would like to sincerely thank my patients and the physicians at Family Medicine Center for the support I've received while here in Pampa. Medical Records will be available at Family Medicine Center of Pampa on-going. Please contact the clinic medical records staff at. 806-665-0801 to request a copy of your records.



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Today in History

Today is Saturday, May 5, the 126th day of 2012. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 5, 1862, the Battle of Puebla took place in Mexico as forces loyal to Benito Juarez defeated troops that had been sent by Napoleon III during the so-called French Intervention. (The Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates Mexico's victory.)

On this date:

In 1821, Napoleon Bonaparte, 51, died in exile on the island of St. Helena.

In 1891, New York's Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night.

In 1922, construction began on the original Yankee Stadium in New York.

In 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution. (Scopes was found guilty, but his conviction was later set aside.)

In 1936, the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, fell to Italian invaders.

In 1941, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie returned to Addis Ababa after the Italians were driven out with the help of Allied forces.

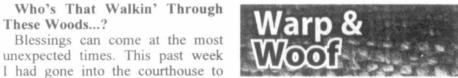
In 1942, wartime sugar rationing began in the United States.

In 1955, West Germany became a fully sovereign state. The baseball musical "Damn Yankees" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Freedom 7, a Mercury capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1972, an Alitalia DC-8 crashed into Mount Longa near Palermo, Sicily, with the loss of all 115 people on board.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland in his 66th day without food.

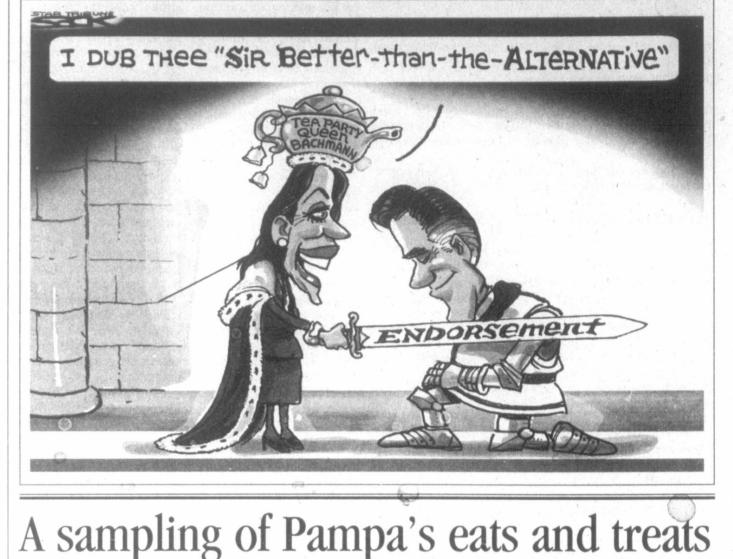


and a beautiful handwriting. I send him letters too, but mine are produced on my computer. want him to read them, which he would have a hard time doing if I wrote them out longhand. I was never good



El Ranchito on the Borger Highway at Price Road is open all day, every day. A lot of folks rave about their breakfast burritos, but my money is on the Ranchito Machaca (scrambled eggs with brisket). I first tried this dish a while back at a little holein-the-wall place in Dumas. I fell in love with it then and was thrilled to find it here. A word of warningyou better be HUNGRY! It's a LOT of food!

Plan now to attend "A Taste of Pampa" hosted by the Pampa Altrusa Club, and featuring items from many of Pampa's restaurants, caterers, and backyard barbecuers. May 15, 5:30-7:30 at the M K Brown Heritage Room. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 8-12, 7 and under free. Tickets will be available at the door, or call 669-0148. (And I think there's still time to sign up if you want to be featured.)



and great value.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened with former Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord the lead-off witness. The federal government began a yearlong amnesty program, offering citizenship to illegal aliens who met certain conditions.

Ten years ago: French President Jacques Chirac was re-elected in a landslide victory over extremeright leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. Movie director George Sidney, who had directed dozens of musicals when the genre was at its peak, died in Las Vegas at age 85. Movie producer Michael Todd Jr. died in Ireland at age 72. Former Bolivian President Hugo Banzer died in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, at age 75.

Five years ago: A Kenya Airways jet crashed in southern Cameroon, killing all 114 people on board. Street Sense roared from next-to-last in a 20-horse field to win the Kentucky Derby. Floyd Mayweather Jr. beat Oscar De La Hoya to win the WBC 154-pound title at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

One year ago: Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors at ground zero in New York and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world. "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say," he said. Pakistan broke its silence over the U.S. commando raid that killed bin Laden, acknowledging its "shortcomings" in finding him but threatening to review cooperation with Washington if there were another similar violation of Pakistani sovereignty. Director, playwright and screenwriter Arthur Laurents died in New York at age 93. Actress Dana Wynter ("Invasion of the Body Snatchers") died in Ojai, Calif., at age 79.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Pat Carroll is 85. Former AFL-CIO president John J. Sweeney is 78. Saxophonist Ace Cannon is 78. Country singermusician Roni Stoneman is 74. Actor Michael Murphy is 74. Actor Lance Henriksen is 72. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 69. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 68. Actor Roger Rees is 68. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 67. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 64. Actor Richard E. Grant is 55. CBS News corespondent John Miller is 54. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 53. NBC News anchor Brian Williams is 53. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 46. TV personality Kyan (KY'-ihn) Douglas is 42. Actress Tina Yothers is 39. Rhythm and blues singer Raheem DeVaughn is 37. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 33. Singer Craig David is 31. Actress Danielle Fishel is 31. Actor Henry Cavill is 29. Soul singer Adele is 24. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 24. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris Brown is 23.

Thought for Today: "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people." Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, "father" of America's nuclear navy (1900-1986).

"Beg pardon?" (or something similar) I was able to stammer back.

Who's That Walkin' Through

make some arrangements with

Linda Lewis, the Joint Elections

Coordinator, regarding working the

upcoming elections. As I was walk-

ing back to my car, my mind 1000

miles away, a woman approached

"Are you the wolfman?" (That's

Needless to say I was taken aback.

I have been called a lot of things

and accused of being a lot more,

but "wolfman" has never been one

what I understood, anyway.)

These Woods...?

and addressed me:

of them.

"I mean, are you the man that writes the Warp and Woof column in the paper?'

"Yes, ma'am, I am."

She said she appreciated and enjoyed the column. I thanked her and we parted, but I walked about eight inches off the ground the rest of the day. Mark Twain once said "I can live two weeks on a good compliment." Thank you again, ma'am...and thanks to all you others who have told me you enjoy the column. It gives me the inspiration to do it one more time.

Besides, I sort of like the moniker "WOOFman!"

Wait A Minute Mr. Postman! I have a friend who has run into some hard luck recently. He doesn't do email, so he writes me letters. I got one this week and got to thinking as I read it how long it must have been since I had a real hand-written letter. (I did get some very nice cards recently with long handwritten messages.) My friend has, as John Adams said of Thomas Jefferson, a "wonderful felicity of expression",

at penmanship, and since the advent of the word processor, it has steadily worsened. Even a few brief lines on a card turns into a disaster,

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. . . Heaven on Earth with an Onion Slice

A few days ago, a friend commented on Facebook about the new look at Pak-A-Burger. She praised them for competing with the "big guys."

It's true. I was there this week and was amazed (as I always am) by the variety of the menu. They even have a kid's meal with a toy! And you don't find the clown hawking Dixie Dogs or the king boosting Buffalo Burgers. They tell you right up front: We serve good food, not fast food. That is not to imply that they are slow, but that your order will be prepared when you order and you will get it hot and fresh.

And a couple more to try...

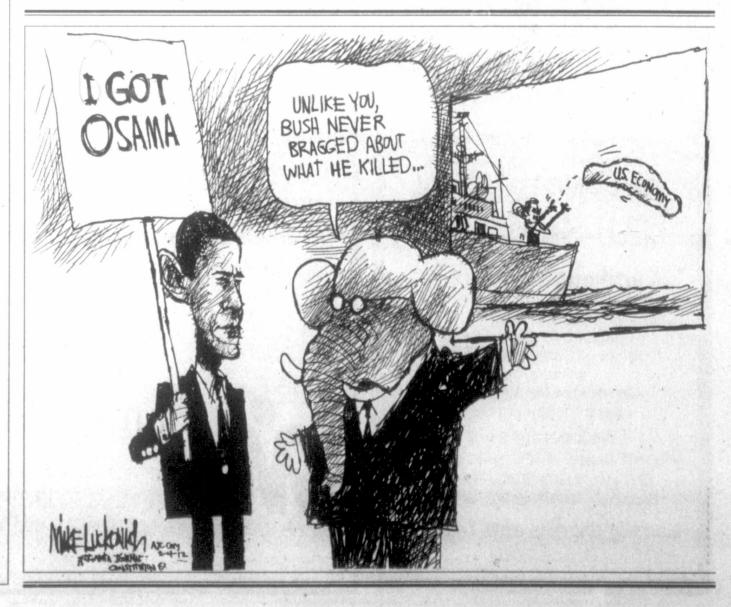
Mimi's All-American Café on West Foster serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The fare is what you would expect in a place with "All-American" in their name. Honest American food, friendly atmosphere,

... (**Our Strange Language**

There's a sign in town that says "Pretty or not...I buy houses". Okay...if I had a house I needed to sell and you had the money, I wouldn't care if you were pretty or not. Oh, wait. You mean you'll buy a house whether IT is pretty or not.

There's some rule of grammar that's being broken here, but I can't put my finger on it. Something about the object and the modifier. In the advertiser's defense, it can be tough to be grammatically correct in the short space of a billboard...and only 'eirdos like me-and maybe Jerry asley—notice that kind of stuff.

Joe Weaver is a Pampa resident and a great storyteller. He may be reached at warp.woof@yahoo.com. This column and other observations can be found at http:// warpwoof.livejournal.com.



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Sunday in History

day of 2012. There are 239 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 6, 1937, the hydrogenfilled German airship Hindenburg burned and crashed in Lakehurst, N.J., killing 35 of the 97 people on board and a Navy crewman on the ground.

On this date:

In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis approved an act passed by the Confederate Congress recognizing that a state of war existed with the United States of America.

In 1862, author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau died in Concord, Mass., at age 44.

In 1882, President Chester Alan Arthur signed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which called for barring Chinese immigrants from the U.S. for ten years (Arthur had opposed an earlier version with a 20-year ban).

In 1910, Britain's Edwardian era came to an end upon the death of King Edward VII; he was succeeded by George V.

In 1932, French President Paul Doumer was assassinated in Paris by Paul Gorguloff, who was executed the following September.

In 1941, Josef Stalin assumed the Soviet premiership, replacing Vyacheslav M. Molotov.

In 1954, medical student Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile during a track meet in Oxford, England, in 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

In 1962, in the first test of its kind, the submerged submarine USS Ethan Allen fired a Polaris missile armed with a nuclear warhead that detonated above the Pacific Ocean.

In 1987, CIA Director William J. Casey died at age 74.

In 1992, former Soviet leader

Today is Sunday, May 6, the 127th director William E. Colby was found washed up on a southern Maryland riverbank, eight days after he'd disappeared.

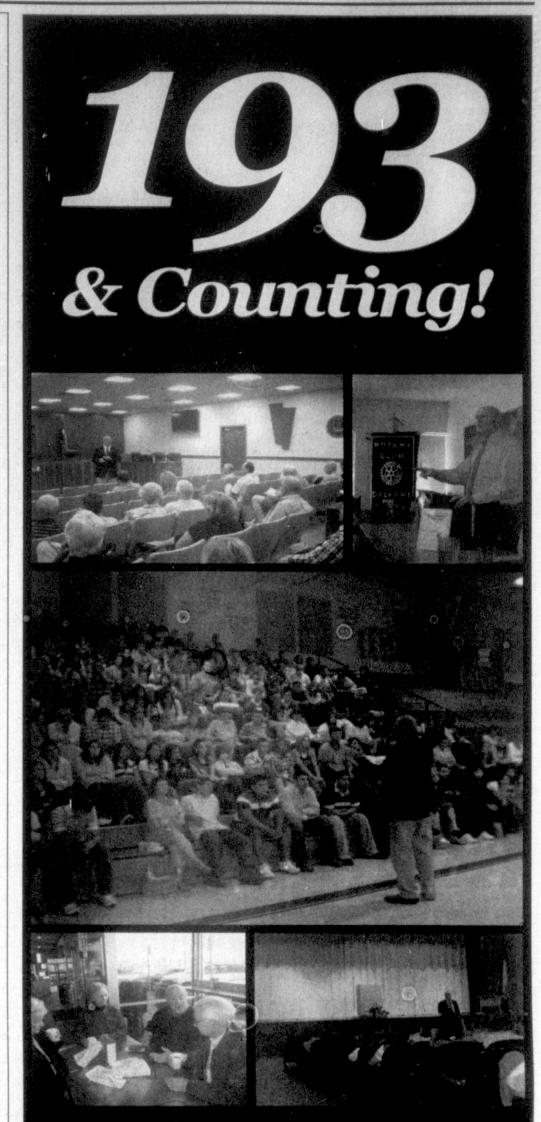
> In 2006, Lillian Gertrud Asplund, the last American survivor of the sinking of the Titanic, as well as the last survivor with actual memories of the disaster (she was 5 years old at the time), died in Shrewsbury, Mass., at age 99.

> Ten years ago: Dutch politician Pim Fortuyn was shot and killed in Hilversum, Netherlands. (Volkert van der Graaf was later convicted of killing Fortuyn and was sentenced to 18 years in prison.) Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi (ahng sahn soo chee) was freed after 19 months of house arrest. Songwriter Otis Blackwell ("Don't Be Cruel"; "Great Balls of Fire") died in Nashville, Tenn.

> Five years ago: Conservative Nicolas Sarkozy won the French presidency by a comfortable margin over socialist opponent Segolene Royal.

> One year ago: Brimming with pride, President Barack Obama met with the U.S. commandos he'd sent after terror mastermind Osama bin Laden during a visit to Fort Campbell, Ky. Al-Qaida vowed to keep fighting the United States and avenge the death of Osama bin Laden, which it acknowledged for the first time in an Internet statement.

> Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Willie Mays is 81. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., is 78. Rock singer Bob Seger is 67. Singer Jimmie Dale Gilmore is 67. Gospel singer-comedian Lulu Roman is 66. Actor Alan Dale is 65. Actor Ben Masters is 65. Actor Gregg Henry is 60. Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is 59. TV personality Tom Bergeron is 57. Actress Roma Downey is 52. Rock singer John Flansburgh (They Might Be Giants) is 52. Actor George Clooney is 51. Actor Clay O'Brien is 51. Rock singer-musician Tony Scalzo (Fastball) is 48. Actress Leslie Hope is 47. Rock musician Mark Bryan (Hootie and the Blowfish) is 45. Rock musician Chris Shiflett (Foo Fighters) is 41. Actress Adrianne Palicki is 29. Actress Gabourey Sidibe is 29.





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Mikhail S. Gorbachev delivered a speech at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., where Winston Churchill had spoken of the "Iron Curtain"; Gorbachev said the world was still divided, between North and South, rich and poor. Actress Marlene Dietrich died at her Paris home at age 90.

In 1996, the body of former CIA

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Honors

some field of music before becoming a college or professional music director.

Kailyn Troxell earned a GPA of 4.338, placing her at third in the class. Troxell is the daughter of Scot and Jill Troxell. She played Academic All-State volleyball and basketball, Golden Spread All-Star volleyball, was named most valuable player of District 1-3A vollevball in 2011 Troxell



and is a member of the Texas Girls Coaches Association Volleyball

All-Star team. She is also a member of the Amarillo Globe News Super Team. Her co-curricular activities include volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading and National Honor Society. She will be attending Angelo State University to pursue a double major in special education and nursing and to play volleyball.

Rikki Earnest is the daughter of Gene and Lori Valentine. She earned a GPA of 4.313, placing her fourth in the class. She qualified at regionals in track and field and won district in shot put and discus. She was also a Lions Club sweetheart and a Lions Club Queen runner-up, a Cross Examination Earnest

Debate state quali-

fier and student body president. She was also named to the Pampa News "30 Under 30" in 2011. Her co-curricular activities include track and field, speech and debate, student council, PHS cheerleading (as Harvey the Harvester) and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Oklahome Baptist University on an academic scholarship to pursue a degree in political science and a minor in theology. She then plans to attend Texas Tech University Law School and work as a congressional aide, eventually

becoming a politician. Kirsten Kuhn is the daughter of Steve and Lynn Kuhn Kuhn



son of Worley and Danina Kennedy. Kennedy received the Hustling Harvester basketball award, was Academic All-

Texas Tech Pharmacy school.

Taylor

Kennedy earned

a GPA of 4.124,

placing him at

eighth in the

class. He is the

State basketball

and is the National

secretary. His co-

Council, National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, basketball and concert choir. He plans to attend John Brown University in the fall and major in engineering/renewable energy.

Delaney Clendening is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Clendening. She earned a GPA of 4.102, placing her at ninth in the class. Clendening earned Academic All-State, Academic All-District and First Team All-District in basketball, and Second Team All-District in volley-

ball. She was also **Clendening** a tennis regional

qualifier in mixed doubles. Her co-curricular activities include basketball, tennis, volleyball, National Honor Society and Leos Club. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University to major in nursing and hopes to one day work at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Jerry Delgado earned the rank of tenth in the class with a GPA of 4.100. He is the son of Gerardo and Martha Delgado.

a degree in pharmacy Margo

Mendoza earned the class rank of 14th with a GPA of 4.002. She is the daughter of Ruben and Lena Mendoza. She is the student body vice president, band president and band drum major. Mendoza's cocurricular activities include band, Engle Student Council,

Students Against Destructive Decisions, Leos Club and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in restaurant, hotel, and institutional management.

Sam Cain is the son of Tracy Cain and Melissa Schroeder. He earned a GPA of

3.971, placing at 15th in the class. Cain was All District football defensive end and football Academic District. His co-curricular activities include National Honor Society, football and UIL Academics. He plans to attend Angelo State University to major in preengineering, then attend Texas Tech University to

obtain a degree in mechanical engineering.

Cain

Heather Coffee is the daughter of Clyde and Marsha Coffee. She earned a GPA of 3.967, placing her at 16th in the class. Coffee was First Team All District softball pitcher, Texas Interdisciplinary Plan Scholar nominee,

Mendoza

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Pat Stucker, She earned the rank of 19th in the class with a GPA of 3.839. She was All-District, All-Region and All-Area in choir, Spotlight on Excellence for choir mural, was a state qualifier for Career Investigation in FCCLA, FCCLA vice president and a member of



National Honor Stucker Society. Stucker's

co-curricular activities include Students Against Destructive Decisions, concert choir, show choir, FCCLA and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in music therapy while taking pre-med classes for preparation for medical school. After she graduates from ACU, she plans to attend a medical school

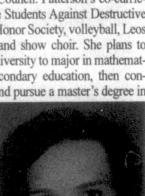
in Texas and become a cardiovascular surgeon. Miranda Patterson earned the class rank of 20th with a GPA of 3.830. She is the daughter of Richard and Anita Russell and Richard and Peggy Patterson. She is the National Honor Society treasurer, earned the Outstanding Volleyball Manager award

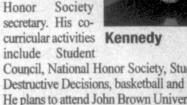


Patterson

and UIL Solo and Ensemble Choir awards. She is on the Principal Advisory Council and Advisory Council for Student Council. Patterson's co-curricular activities include Students Against Destructive Decisions, National Honor Society, volleyball, Leos Club, concert choir and show choir. She plans to attend Texas Tech University to major in mathematics and minor in secondary education, then continue her education and pursue a master's degree in administration.

Harley Mayfield is the daughter of Jeff Danielle and Mayfield. She earned a GPA of 3.812, ranking her at 21st in the class. She was a member of the District Champion softball team, is working on completing over 40 college hours while still attending high school and has Mayfield been accepted into





winner, earned a 1 UIL rating for her violin solo

and is a Lions Club Sweetheart. Her co-curricular

activities include Future Farmers of America, ten-

nis, cheerleading, basketball and National Honor

Society. She plans to attend Texas Tech University

and pursue an animal science major, then enter

earned a GPA of 4.304, placing her at fifth in the elass. She was Academic All-State volleyball and basketball and All-State volleyball, and was named the District Defensive Player in volleyball and Lady Harvester valuable Kuhn most player. She is on

First Team All-District in volleyball and basketball and is a Lions Club Sweetheart. Kuhn is the president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, National Honor Society Committee Chairman and the student body Secretary. Her other co-curricular activities include concert choir, show choir, volleyball, basketball and soccer. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and pursue a degree in counseling and minor in international studies.

Caitlin Sieck earned the rank of sixth in class

with a GPA of 4.273. Sieck is the daughter of Kevin and Tisha Sieck. Sieck earned Academic All-State and First Team All-District in both volleyball and basketball. She played Golden Spread All-Star volleyball and is a Lions Club Sweetheart. Her other co-curricular activities include volley- Sieck ball, basketball

National Honor Society, show choir and is a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and pursue a degree in exercise sports science, then enter a physical therapy program.

Elizabeth Terry is the daughter of Dana Terry and the late Bebo Terry. She earned the rank of seventh in the class with a GPA of 4.135. Terry was Academic All-District and All-State basketball and received numerous tennis awards. She was a Daughters of the American



Revolution essay Terry



He earned Amarillo the Chamber of Commerce Exceptional Student Athlete award, the PHS Academic Biology award and the PHS Delgado Soccer Senior

Leadership award. His co-curricular activities include soccer. Delgado plans to attend Texas Tech University and pursue a degree in architectural engineering.

Ashley Price is the daughter of Michael and Sy

Price. She earned a GPA of 4.075, placing her at 11th in the class. Price has already earned an associates of arts degree from Clarendon College. She received the PHS BCIS academic award and is the National Society Honor parliamentarian. Her co-curricular activities include National Honor Society, ASTRA Price

and is a volunteer

with Pampa Animal Welfare Society. She plans to attend Wayland Baptist University and major in elementary education and religious education. She will also participate in the Chamber Orchestra.

Ryan Pearson earned a GPA of 4.053, *i* ranking him at 12th in the class. He is the son of Rick and Leah Pearson. Pearson was District 5 wrestling champion and Harvester Wrestler of the Year. His co-curricular activities include tennis, track, wrestling, football and National Honor Society.

He plans to attend Pearson West Texas A&M

University and major in secondary education.

Cole Engle is the son of Chris and Toni Engle. He earned a GPA of 4.004, placing him at 13th in the class. Engle was First Team All-District in basketball, received the Co-Offensive basketball award and the Free-Throw senior award. His co-curricular activities include basketball, baseball, Leos Club and National Honor Society. He will be attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University to pursue



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Decisions. She Coffee plans to attend the

University of Texas at Austin and major in radiotelevision-film. She hopes to one day become a writer for television.

Latigo Collins earned a GPA of 3.906, ranking him at 17th in the class. He is the son of Ken and Marvelle Collins. He was two-time All Region in basketball, twotime District 1-3A most valuable player, and Golden Spread All-Star most valuable player basketball, in

and Academic Collins All-State and All-

State football. His co-curricular activities include basketball, track, football, National Honor Society and Leo Club. Collins plans to go Northwestern Oklahoma State University and major in education. He will play football and basketball and plans to become a coach.

Megan Pirtle is the daughter of Steve and Abby Pirtle. She earned the class rank of 18th with a GPA of 3.848. She was the high point senior in 4H horse judging, was ACA All-Star cheerleader and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas. Her co-curricular activities include horse judging,

cheerleading and Pirtle track. She plans

to attend West Texas A&M University to pursue degrees in equine industry and business. Ashley Stucker is the daughter of Larry and

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the Honors Program at Tarleton. Mayfield's cocurricular activities include Lady Harvester softball, National Honor Society and ASTRA. She will attend Tarleton State University and pursue a biomedical degree. She will then attend Baylor Dental School and eventually become an orthodontist.

Alanna Stephens is the daughter of Troy Marilyn and Stephens. She earned the rank of 22nd in the class with a GPA of 3.806. She earned Academic All-State and Golden Spread All-Star volleyball, All District most valuable player in softball and the Amy Youree softball award. Her co- Stephens curricular activi-



ties include volleyball, softball, Leos Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions and National Honor Society. She will be attending Oklahoma State University and majoring in microbiology. She plans to further her education by obtaining her master's and doctorate's degree.

Braden Russell is the son of Bobbye Russell and Richard and Anita Russell. He earned a GPA of 3.779, ranking him at 23rd in the class. He was a Cross Examination Debate State qualifier, tennis team captain, second place district title and regional qualifier for Boys Doubles tennis Russell and regional qual-



ifier in numerous UIL academics. His co-curricular activities include tennis, speech and debate team, National Honor Society, concert choir and show choir. Russell plans to attend Midwestern State University and major in biology, then pursue his, master's degree at the University of Texas at Austin.







photo courtesy of Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Producers continued to harvest cool-season forages for hay. Most were storing the hay, concerned 2012 might be a repeat of 2011 drought, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service county agent reports.

'D-word' whispered in some areas, shouted out in others

ROBERT BURNS Texas AgriLife **Extension Service**

COLLEGE STATION - Though the overall percent-

age of the state is under moderate to extreme drought has continually dropped since September 2011, producers are beginning to worry that 2012 could be a repeat performance, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In many areas, drought recovery continued, according to this week's reports by AgriLife Extension county agents. Producers were harvesting winter forages and small grains for hay to replace hay stocks depleted in 2011. Corn was being planted. Cotton farmers were either preparing to or starting planting, and farm ponds and stock tanks were

filling up. These signs of recovery, were confined however,



say it out loud, but it is in the back of our minds as we watch plants on shallow soils turn brown from lack of water. It has been 30 days since our last significant rain event."

"It is looking like Bermuda grass was damaged in the drought and stands will be affected after winter growth is removed," Randy Reeves, said AgriLife Extension agent for Harrison County, north of Longview. "Conditions are getting dry again; most of the rain that we received last week and the week before was north of here."

"We have missed the last few recent rain chances, and producers have become weary that the spring rains have halted," said David Groschke, AgriLife Extension agent for Limestone County, east of Waco. "There is a lot of hay being rolled up and stored in anticipation of a hot and dry summer. Temperatures were already in the mid 90s by the end of last week." "Temps hit 100 - 104 on Wednesday - this week and it's only April!" said Arlan Gentry, AgriLife Extension agent for Ward County, north of Fort Stockton. "Mesquite and weeds are only green stuff in pastures. All grass is old, dead, dormant, dry, etc. The drought is still here. Producers are still feeding what few cattle are left in the county."

AgriLife

reporters compiled the following sum-

PANHANDLE: Recordbreaking temperatures were reported in many parts of the region. Soilmoisture levels were from very short to adequate with most counties reporting very short to short. Many producers were waiting for more moisture before planting corn. Wheat was in from very poor to excellent condition, with most counties reporting poor to fair. Some counties reported that wheat was starting to become stressed due to lack of moisture. Some producers treated irrigated wheat for rust. Cotton growers began planting on irrigated ground. Rangeland and pastures were improving. Cattle were in good condiThe Pampa News — Saturday, May 5, 2012 — 7A.



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mostly to the eastern half of the state, according to the reports and the U.S. Drought Monitor. Draw an imaginary line Wichita Falls through Forth Worth and south to Houston, and every county west of that line continued to suffer one stage of drought or another. Large swathes of Far West Texas have yet to come out of the extreme drought that started in 2011.

And even in counties where there has been substantial rains, there was concern that the reprieve will be short-lived. "That 'D' word -

drought — is being whispered in many corners around the county," said David Winkler, AgriLife Extension agent for Bosque County, southwest of Fort Worth. "No one wants to

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task

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TransCanada submits new application for oil pipeline

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Canadian company trying to build the disputed Keystone XL pipeline in the U.S. submitted a new application for the project Friday after changing the route to avoid environmentally sensitive land in Nebraska.

TransCanada said it applied again to the State Department for permission to build the pipeline to carry oil from tar sands in western Canada to a company hub in Steele City, Neb. From there, the project would link up with other pipelines operated by the company to carry oil to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast.

President Barack Obama blocked the pipeline earlier this year, citing uncertainty over the Nebraska route - a decision that drew fire from Republicans and industry groups.

Calgary-based TransCanada had proposed a new route last month that would veer east around the groundwater-rich Sandhills region before looping back to the original route.

State Department approval is needed because the \$7 billion pipeline would cross a U.S. border. The department confirmed Friday the application for the new route had been received.

The pipeline filing came on the same day as a disappointing report on U.S. job growth. The Labor Department said employers pulled back on hiring in April for the second straight month, evidence of an economy still growing only sluggishly, though the overall jobless rate slipped to 8.1 percent as more people gave up looking for work.

Obama is under pressure to support the pipeline from Republicans and business and labor leaders who argue it would create jobs; the State Department estimates it could result in up to 6,000 new jobs.

"The multibillion-dollar Keystone XL pipeline project will reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil and support job growth by putting thousands of Americans to work," said Russ Girling, TransCanada's president and chief executive officer. "Keystone XL will transport U.S. crude oil from the very large Bakken supply basin in Montana and North Dakota, along with Canadian oil, to U.S. refineries."

The pipeline's opponents, including many Democrats and environmental groups, say it would transport "dirty oil" from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, that would require huge amounts of energy to extract. They also worry about a possible spill. The pipeline would travel through Montana, South Dakota, Kansas and Oklahoma, in addition to Nebraska.

In blocking the pipeline in January, Obama said there was not enough time for a fair review before a looming deadline forced on him by congressional Republicans. The action did not kill the project but put off a tough choice on the once-obscure pipeline, which has become a flashpoint in the bitter partisan political fight over jobs and the environment and a focus of the presidential campaign between Obama his likely Republican opponent, Mitt Romney. Romney has called on Obama to approve the pipeline. Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman signed

a bill last month that allows the state to proceed with its review of the proposed pipeline through his state, regardless of what happens at the federal level.

State Department spokesman Mark Toner said U.S. officials would conduct a thorough review of the new application, with a final decision not expected until early next year - well after the presidential election.

Officials will use previous studies to the extent possible, Toner said, but will need to complete a new environmental assessment, especially since the route has changed since TransCanada first applied for the pipeline in 2008.

The State Department review is likely to include hiring an outside consultant, a

Beekeepers bemoan bee decline

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Bees are their hives. buzzing.

So are some folks who keep them and monitor the decline in their numbers.

Rain helps, they say.

"No rain, no flowers, no honey," said Joe Klamos, 92, who has been a beekeeper for decades. "We haven't harvested

Bees are disappearing in alarming numbers, experts say, and that affects more than honey.

"If we don't care about bees, there's no crops," said Dick Brown, 85, Klamos' longtime beekeeper buddy. "Eighty-five percent of them are pollinated by bees." Brown bought his first beehive in 1972 when his son was interested in beekeeping as a Boy Scout. For decades he hauled his hives to cotton fields and fruit orchards in the Rio Grande Valley.

point of contention in the original review conducted by the agency. Democratic lawmakers complained that the firm that conducted the review, Cardno Entrix, had a conflict of interest because of previous work with TransCanada.

The department's acting inspector general found no conflict of interest or improper political influence but said the State Department could have done a better job of evaluating some concerns about the project and should improve its oversight of contractors.

Jane Kleeb, executive director of Bold Nebraska, a group that opposes the pipeline, said the new route still goes through an aquifer that serves eight states and should not be approved.

"The fundamental facts remain:

approved by state officials.

TransCanada expects to begin construction of the pipeline next year.

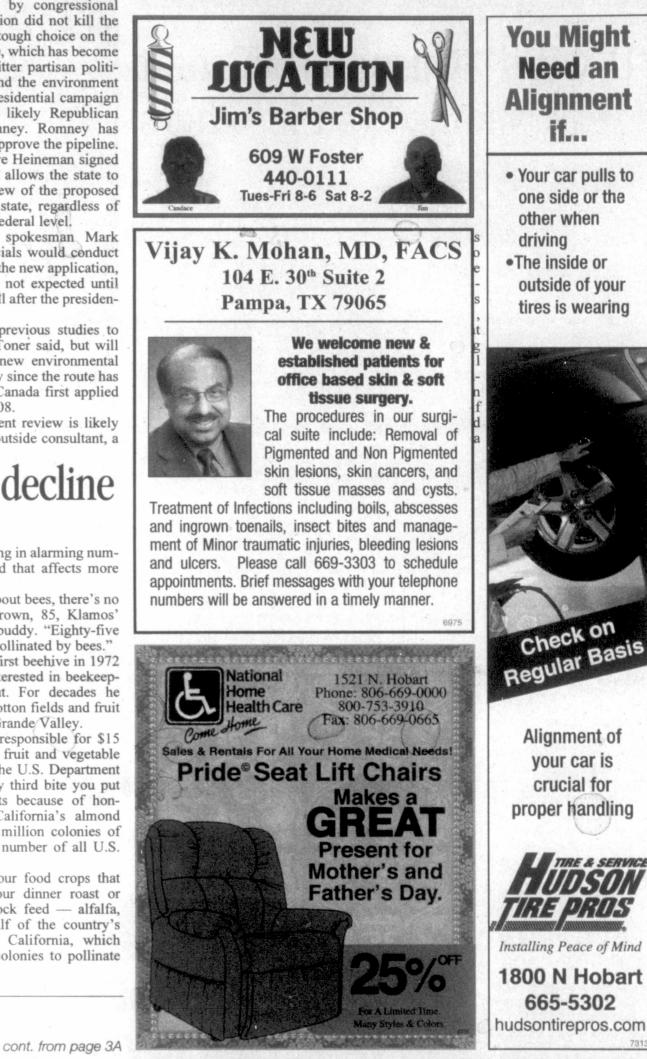
Canadian Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said the new route increases the likelihood the project will be. approved.

"I've been cautiously optimistic, I'm a little less cautious now," Oliver said.

After Obama rejected the pipeline in January, TransCanada said it will build a portion of the line from Oklahoma to Texas. That 485-mile line from Cushing, Okla., to Port Arthur, Texas, does notrequire State Department approval because it does not cross a U.S. border. Another portion of the pipeline, connecting Steele City to Cushing, is already in place.

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honey the past two years. Drought does 'em in.'

Klamos had 12 hives with about 80,000 bees each, six miles west of Calallen. The current drought has cost half his bees, he said.

Most U.S. bees are descendants of European honeybees, brought here in the 1600s by immigrants.

In a rainy spring, honey usually is harvested the second week of June. A hive of honeybees will fly more than 55,000 miles for one pound of honey, which contains the essence of about 2 million flowers

Klamos is one of an estimated 211,600 beekeepers in the U.S., but one of fewer than two dozen locally. He overturned several five-gallon buckets in front of his Janssen Drive home recently for a beekeeper powwow to compare notes on

Drilling

Bee pollination is responsible for \$15 billion in nut, berry, fruit and vegetable crops, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Every third bite you put in your mouth exists because of honeybee pollination. California's almond crop alone uses 1.3 million colonies of bees, about half the number of all U.S. honeybees.

And it's not just our food crops that keep bees busy. Your dinner roast or chops require livestock feed - alfalfa, clover, hay, etc. Half of the country's alfalfa comes from California, which needs 220,000 bee colonies to pollinate the fields.

oversee hydraulic fracturing.

"State regulatory bodies have repeatedly proven that they have the understanding of their state's own unique geologic conditions, the on-the-ground expertise needed to oversee this important work, and most importantly, the ability to respond to rapid change," Amontree said. As drafted, the federal proposal

would create reporting requirements and "regulatory impediments" that could substantially affect the ability of companies

to drill on public lands, he said. The proposed rules will be subject to public comment for 60 days, with a final order expected by the end of the year, said Bob Abbey, director of the land management bureau.



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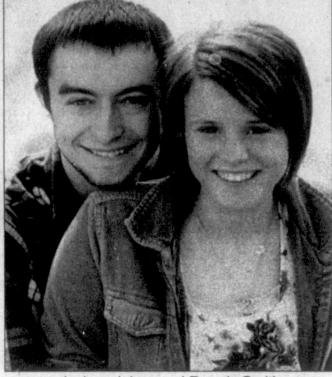
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Erin Duvall and Robert Sikes Duvall, Sikes engaged

Rhonda and Danny Holman (and the late Robert Sikes Jr.) of Pampa announce the engagement of their son Robert Earnest Sikes Jr, of Lubbock, TX to Erin Courtney Duvall also of Lubbock. Robert graduated from Pampa High School in 2007 and from Texas Tech University in December of 2011 with Bachelor of Science degree in University Studies and is currently enrolled in classes at Texas Tech to pursue a career as a Physician's Assistant. Erin is the daughter of Kathy Duvall and Terry Duvall of Lubbock. Erin graduated from Coronado High School in Lubbock in 2007 and from Texas Tech University in 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications Design. She is currently employed with Texas Tech Athletics and will pursue a career in Graphic Design. The wedding is planned for June 12, 2012.

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Joshua Joiner and Brandy Smith

Smith, Joiner to wed

Warren and Jeri Joiner of Pampa announce the engagement of their son Joshua Joiner of Denver, Co. to Brandy Smith also of Denver. Joshua was a 2008 graduate of Pampa High School, attended West Texas A&M and is employed by IBM of Boulder, Co. Brandy is the daughter of Angel & Tomas Cabrera and Paul & Candra Smith of Aurora, Co. Brandy graduated from Gruver High School in 2011, attended Amarillo College and is the owner and operator of Furry People Pet Service. The wedding is planned for Sunday, June 3, 2012 in Brighton, Colo.

CLUB NEWS

Altrusa International, Inc.

Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa, Texas, met April 24 at First United Methodist Church with President Rochelle Lacy presiding. Debbie Middleton served as greeter. Blake and Natalie McDaniel, Brenda Tucker, Roxanne Funderburk, Myrna Orr, Leona Willis and Pat Johnson. The following announce-

ments were made: · Altrusa Joint Board Meeting - May 1

· Travis Reading Party - May **Rotary Club** · Planning Meeting for pro-

Church.

- Pampa Center

Room, 5:30 to 7:30

The guest speaker on May

• "Taste of Pampa" - May

15, M.K. Brown Heritage

held May 8, 2012 at noon

at First United Methodist

The next meeting will be

meetings at the Chamber building to get to know what Rotary Club is all about. The club is also taking donations for the drawing of a "Travel Anytime-Anywhere" voucher worth \$1,500. Donations are \$10 per ticket and can be purchased from any Rotary member.

COLLEGE HONORS



Cum Laude honors for '11 graduate Mendoza

Kaya Mendoza, a PHS 2008 graduate, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Oklahoma State University, May 2011 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. She is currently attending Texas Tech University to earn her Masters of Science in Physical Chemistry. Kaya is the daughter of Ruben and Lena Mendoza.

Martinez attends seminar

Patrick Judge Joe Martinez was certified at the recent 20-hour Justice of the Peace seminar held April 15-18 in San Antonio. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University in San Marcos, with offices in Austin. The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, tenants' remedies, criminal procedure, civil procedure, social media, evictions, legal analysis, enforcement in juvenile cases, default judgments, pretrial motions, commercial motor vehicle offenses, inquests, Rule 12, Technology Fund, contract law, administrative hearings, evidence, traffic law, credit cards, personal injury and property damage, magistration and bond conditions, and traffic safety.

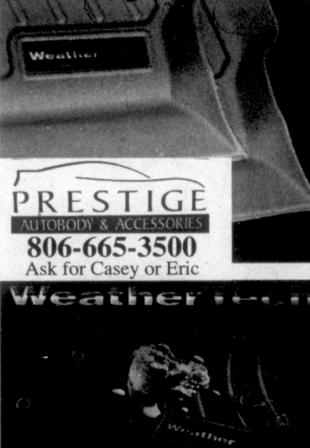
Villanova and Tatjana Goetz attended as guests.

Mary McDaniel conducted a new member initiation for Mary Jane Taintor (photo on page 10A). Tatjana Goetz, Pampa High School AFS student from Germany presented a program on her country. Her host parents are Blake and Natalie Villanova.

Members who attended the recent District Nine Conference in Waco gave brief reports on the conference, which was attended by 258 Altrusans throughout Texas. Keynote speaker for the conference was Alice Starr, First Lady of Baylor University. Those attending from Pampa were Melodie Dosch, Kitty Hall, Kerrick Horton, Rochelle Lacy, Kadda Schale, Brenda Tucker, Allison Watson, Sheila Winton, and Pat Johnson. Brenda Tucker was elected to serve as Chairman of the District Nominating Committee. The club's yearbook won a first place award and nine perfect attendance awards were given to Rochelle Lacy, Kitty Hall, Kerrick Horton, Mary

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9 will be ReDonn Woods of The Pampa News. The public is invited to the





Campaign Conservative or Voting Conservative? You Decide! 0-00

My opponent, Kel Seliger, doesn't want you paying attention to his voting record. But then again, he probably doesn't want you paying much attention to his campaign promises either.

His failing conservative performance ratings by the top conservative state organizations are:

• Texas Eagle Forum gave him a failing conservative rating of 60

Empowered Texans gave him a failing conservative rating of D+

 Young Conservatives of Texas gave him a failing conservative rating of 50 and a failing career conservative rating average of 55.

Among all the State Representatives and Senators the Young Conservatives of Texas listed him as:

· One of the top 6 Certified RINOs (Republican In Name Only) in the state.

· Out of all the State Representatives and Senators, the YCT voted Mr. Seliger as one of the three worst Republicans in Texas.

Out of 684 roll-call votes, Mark Jones, chairman of the Political Science Department at Rice University in Houston, determined that, in listing the 19 Senate Republicans from most conservative to least conservative, Mr. Seliger's conservative rating was the third from the bottom of the list.

Maybe he is in favor of "lowering taxes", but just not when serving as a member of the Texas Senate.

 He voted to speed-up the due date for the state's complicated, inefficient, and mostly unfair gross margins tax that punishes start-up business, small businesses, and struggling enterprises. This is the same tax on business that he helped create back in 2006.

 In 2009 he voted for a bill that would have allowed, as a funding option, the ability to hike the gasoline tax by 10 cents a gallon and imposed a radical set of new fees.

Randy has a proven track record for fighting for solid conservative values. As Ector County School Board president, Randy worked to drop the tax rate 2 years in a row and still give teachers a raise.

Randy led the fight against the ACLU's attacks on the elective Bible curriculum that he helped implement and he worked with the Texas State Board of Education in 2010 to pass a resolution preventing Anti-Christian/Pro-Islamic bias in textbooks.

Randy supports gun rights and a citizen's right to bear arms and strongly believes in the right to life.

Randy is not a 50%, 60%, or D+ conservative. We need a voting conservative not a campaign conservative representing us in Austin. Paid for by the Randy Rives Campaign - 3 Warwick - Odessa, Texas - 79765, Denise Rives, Treasurer

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MONDAY, May 7







Sports Pampa News May 5, 201 Lady Harvesters win, rout Midland Greenwood 12-2

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

PLAINVIEW — Defensive plays can turn momentum in games. In the bottom of the second, the Lady Harvesters got two outs on a sacrifice bunt, then scored three runs in the next inning to help secure a 12-2 rout of the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes in Game 1 of the area round at Plainview High School.

"It was exactly what we wanted," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "We wanted to come out and be confident at the plate. Be selective with our pitches and execute when we needed to. I couldn't be prouder."

Stephens said it felt good to get a playoff win.

"It's going to be easier going into (today) with win and momentum," Stephens said.

Greenwood had a runner on first with no outs in the second when Cassie Kraft bunted. Junior Martecia Alexander throw to first to get Kraft. Mayson Thompson ran for third on the throw, but the Lady Harvesters threw her out.

Junior Claire Hopkins led off the next inning with a triple, slapping the ball to center. Gill called for a squeeze and junior Bailey Beck executed perfectly. Hopkins slid safely into home to break a 2-2 tie. Hopkins jumped up and down and fired up her teammates in the dugout.

"I know (Gill) was going to ask for that," Hopkins said. "Getting down and scoring that run helped us out."

Gill said she has a diverse lineup.

"We can do a lot of different things," Gill said. "I think you have to be that way. We just did what we needed to do.

Pampa scored two more runs when senior Heather Coffee hit a single to center with the bases loaded. The Lady Harvesters scored at least one run in the last four innings.

The Rangerettes scored their only runs in the bottom of the first on a two-RBI double by Kassie Maddox. Midland Greenwood threatened in the third, loading the bases. Beck caught a line drive to end the inning. Sophomore Alexa O'Brien started for Pampa and struggled early, walking three batters in the first three innings. After that, though, O'Brien only walked one and allowed just two runners to reach base.

"She had some jitters," Gill said. "It took her a while to settle in. Once she settled in and knew the defense had her back, she did well."

Stephens was the Lady Harvesters' leading hitter, recording five hits, including a two-run home run and a double. The senior catcher drove in three. Stephens said her first at-bat gave her confidence.

"I hit home run in the first at-bat," Stephens said. "After that I felt I could do anything."

The victory puts Pampa in position to clinch the series. Game 2 is at 11 a.m. today. Stephens said the team needs to execute.

"We are going to go in the same way (as Game 1)," Stephens said. "Stay excited and stay calm."



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Alexa O'Brien throws a pitch in her first playoff start. O'Brien was the winning pitcher and struck out four.

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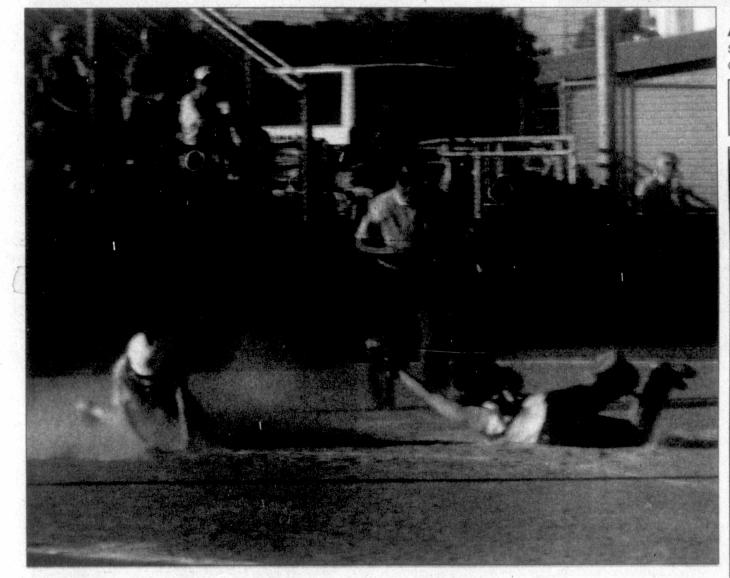
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Harvester baseball run-ruled, falls 11-1 to Matadors

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PLAINVIEW— The Pampa Harvesters entered the bi-district round hoping that their previous playoff experience would yield a victory. Instead, Pampa committed four errors in the first four innings on its way to an 11-1 run-rule defeat against the Lubbock Estacado Matadors Friday at Wayland Baptist.

"We need to hit the ball," junior James Thompson said. "We need to hit the ball, throw the ball and pitch the ball."

Pampa started well, as senior Cole Engle led off with a single. With two outs, senior Collin Killgo hit a double to center, scoring Engle and giving Pampa a 1-0 lead. That was it for the Harvesters. Estacado's starter Austin Builton retired six straight and seven of eight.

"Cole led off and got us a base hit," head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said. "Collin followed with an RBI double.

After that we just fizzled away and didn't do anything offensively. We didn't play good defense."

Estacado took control in the bottom of the second. Stephen Garcia hit a RBI single to tie the game. Two Harvester errors allowed three runs to score, giving the Matadors a 4-1 advantage. Estacado expanded its lead with two runs in the third. In the fifth inning, the Matadors scored five runs to finish the Harvesters.

Thompson started and took the loss, allowing nine runs (six earned) on seven hits, two walks and struck out two in four innings. Sophomore Ethan Hunt finished the game.

The Harvesters play Game 2 at 4 p.m. today. Snelgrooes said his team needs to regroup.

"I'm just going to chalk it up to nerves for some of our inexperienced guys," Snelgrooes said. "We are going to give the ball to Collin and see what he can do."

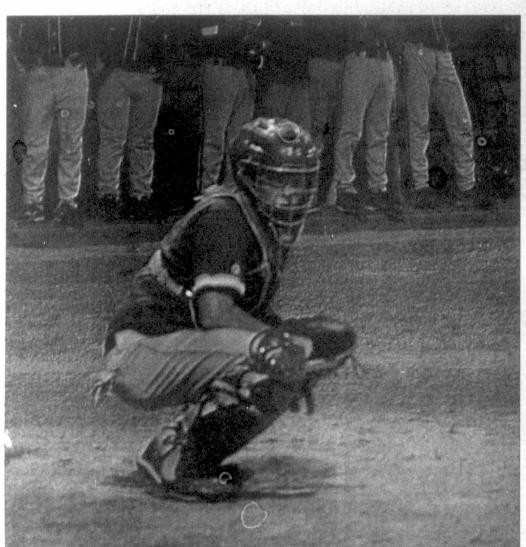




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Junior James Thompson winds up against Lubbock Estacado Friday. Thompson took the loss in a 11-1 defeat.



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Snelgrooes.

Junior Jordan Lemons looks for the pitching signs from head coach Kaleb Senior Cole Engle slides into first on an attempted pickoff. Engle got one of two hits for the Harvesters and scored Pampa's only run.

Mays could be swept out of first round

to be swept out of the playoffs by the Dallas Mavericks.

That was only last year, when he was still playing for the Los Angeles Lakers. The veteran guard is now part of an Oklahoma City team full of young stars that has a chance to finish off a first-round sweep of the defending NBA champs.

"You just never forget not finding a way to win a game in a playoff series," Fisher said Friday. "But you learn from it, you grow from it. I feel like it's made me better in terms of appreciating when you're in an opportunity in the postseason later in your career to really just give everything you have."

Oh, how quickly Fisher is getting that chance.

Game 4 is Saturday night in Dallas, where the Thunder led throughout and by as many as 26 points in a dominating 95-79 victory in Game 3 after winning the first two games at home by a combined four points.

"You don't ever anticipate being up by mid-20s against Dallas on their home floor. That's awful aggressive on your part if you're thinking that way," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "We've played good basketball."

After Dallas surprisingly swept past the Lakers to get to the Western Conference finals last year, the Mavericks needed only five games to eliminate Oklahoma City.

Only a week into this year's playoffs, the Mays find themselves playing for a little pride and trying to at least win one game.

No NBA team has ever come back from a 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series.

"The focus is very narrow, it's on one game," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "We're not tense or tight. We understand the nature of competition. ... We haven't lost any enthusiasm about our approach, and we will not."

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When the Thunder walked onto the American Airlines Center floor for a workout Friday, Kevin Durant had headphones over his ears. So did James Harden, who sang along to whatever he was listening to.

Durant, the three-time NBA scoring champ, had the game-winning bucket in the series opener and finally rediscovered his shooting touch in Game 3 when he

listen. In person.

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DALLAS (AP) — Derek Fisher remembers how it felt scored 31 points on 11 of 15 shooting. He had 15 points in the first quarter.

"We know we have to be prepared and focused and locked in," Durant said. "We've got a good opportunity. ... We haven't (done anything). That's what we have to think.'

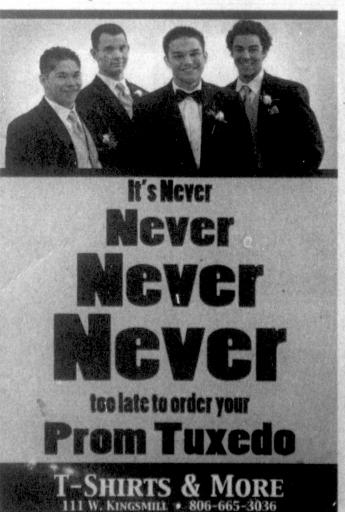
Fisher, whose No. 37 Thunder jersey matches his age, won five NBA titles with the Lakers. He signed with Oklahoma City in March after Los Angeles traded him to the Houston Rockets, who then bought out his contract.

The Thunder's starting lineup of 20-somethings includes All-Stars Durant and Russell Westbrook. Adding Fisher provided a lot of experience, playoff and otherwise.

"There are definitely things I can share verbally to my teammates. At the same time, it's those experiences in themselves that help you understand what it means and how to appreciate certain things," Fisher said. "It's important for them to experience it for who they are and what it means to them."

What Fisher had seen from the other side was confirmed when he got to the Thunder. It is a group that has 'pure joy" for playing the game with a certain energy that is unique to the game.

"It's been a great ride so far," Fisher said.





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Astros' second baseman Altuve leading team early

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HOUSTON (AP) — The shortest player in the majors is a big reason the Houston Astros are finding some success early in the season.

Jose Altuve, all of 5-foot-5, entered Thursday ranked fourth in the National League with a .358 batting average. He was first in the NL with 13 multihit games and third with 34 hits.

Altuve has the best batting average and most hits for a second baseman in either league, and his .404 on-base percentage is also tops at his position.

He's already gained a fan in Craig Biggio, who spent most of his two decades with the Astros manning second base before retiring in 2007. Biggio currently works for the Astros as a special assistant to the general manager.

"He doesn't let his size get in the way, and that's what I love about him the most," Biggio said. "He plays like he's The 21-year-old Altuve is also the youngest player on a team filled with young players, and one of the youngest in all of baseball.

"We've always felt he was mature beyond his years," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "But when you're in a situation where you're seeing him make adjustments from at-bat to at-bat, from pitcher to pitcher, that's been really impressive."

Altuve never played in Triple-A and all of his 35 games in Double-A came last season before he joined the Astros in July. Despite his batting .361 with five homers, 25 RBIs and 52 hits in Double-A, many doubted that he could succeed in the majors because of his size.

"Everywhere I go, I know people are going to talk about my height, but that just encourages me to keep playing hard and prove to everybody that short guys can play too," Altuve said. It didn't take long for Altuve to quell some of the doubt. He hit .359 through his first 11 games last season and entered September with a .305 average. He slowed down a bit in the last month of the season, hitting just .209. It was that tough month that taught him a lesson he believes has propelled him to this season's hot start. "When I came here last year in the beginning everything was good, but like half of the season they started throwing pitches that I didn't want and I kept swinging," he said. "When I went back home I started thinking about adjust-

ments. They've made that adjustment and now it's time for me to do it."

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Altuve never looks big on the field, but he looked especially tiny on Tuesday night when he faced Mets reliever Jon Rauch, who at 6-11 is the tallest player in major league history. Tim Collins, a 5-7 pitcher for the Royals, is the only other player on an active roster listed below 5-8, and there are only a handful of players that size, notably Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia and Phillies star Jimmy Rollins.

Mills, who was the bench coach for the Red Sox before joining the Astros, said Altuve's play and attitude remind him a lot of Pedroia.

"Dustin really took care of his body because he was (smaller) than everyone else," Mills said. "The bigger guys can dive head first and tear their bodies up and they can take it, but the little guys can't."

Bad Element

Altuve leads a core of young talent the Astros are hoping to build their team around. At 11-14, the Astros aren't off to a great start, but the solid play of Altuve, Jordan Schafer and J.D. Martinez has Houston optimistic that the team is much better than last season when it finished a franchise-worst 56-106.

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"There's so many young guys that are working together right now to help the team win, and I think that's real exciting and I feel real good about that," Altuve said. "When you see the roster, you see a lot of young guys that are trying to prove themselves and show that they belong here. So it's really fun right now."

Houston was off Thursday and takes a three-game winning streak into Friday's game against St. Louis.

6-4. He plays the game the right way, and he's pretty good at it."

Quiet and modest, the Venezuelan still seems to be getting used to the fact that he's not only in the majors, but is one of the leading hitters in the NL. The babyfaced Altuve's eyes light up when he's asked about keeping pace with some of the stars of the game so far this season.

"When we go to other fields and they have the top hitters in the National League on the board and I see guys like Matt Kemp and David Wright and those guys are like superstar guys that I used to watch on TV, and now I'm with them and I think that's really good," he said.



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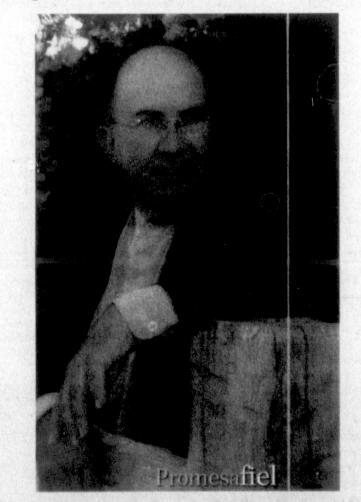
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 6, 2012:

This year your relationships increase in importance, and you'll become With a favorite person. more in tune with your interactions. You also others by using sensitivity ask questions and explore ma; it all works together. will have more choices concerning how and with whom you relate. If you 20) are single, you discover that a myriad of differ- yourself. A project that is ent types of people are close to your heart might interested in you. Date take up a good part of until you find Mr. or Miss the day. You could be in of a comfortable space to /ing session with others. Right. If you are attached, a happy mood if you folyou often need time alone low through on what you lenging, but you will do it. nearly anything possible, as a couple. Your sweetie desire. Later today, you'll might feel threatened by have a wonderful idea. 22) all the extra attention you Tonight: If you don't have seem to receive this year. plans, make some. SAGITTARIUS has the line situations without must settle down some. much knowledge!

The Stars Show the 22) Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; seems to bubble up from 3-Average; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April bers who feel more bond-19)

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and awareness. GEMINI (May 21-June

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This Week: Others listen well. Be sure of your (Oct.

SCORPIO 23-Nov. 21)

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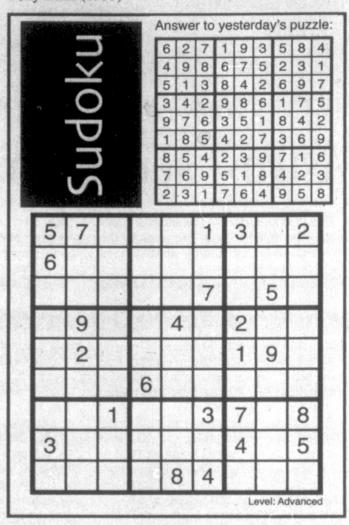
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

with a B.A. degree. My problems are my job situation and where I live.

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really fit into any job descrip- ject to herself. She rambles on have never received from tion. Mom would like me to work for the federal government like she does, but I don't the other end of the line. want to. I have had people let me down the past few years, and I have fought depression and personal attacks from friends and classmates who all told me to give up and get a "real" job. It makes me rude. even more determined to realize my dream, but it's getting harder. Can you advise me? - SWIMMING AGAIN\$T THE CURRENT

DEAR SWIMMING: I'll try. Most people work so they can have food on their table and a roof over their heads. Their jobs serve a purpose. I agree with your mother that you should have one - but I wouldn't presume to dictate what kind.

For your father to imply that you will never get or be able to hold a permanent job is wrong and unfair to you, and I urge you not to fall into that kind of self-fulfilling rut. You can hold a job and pursue your art and filmmaking on your own time, although your success may take longer than you would otherwise like. Many others have done it, and so

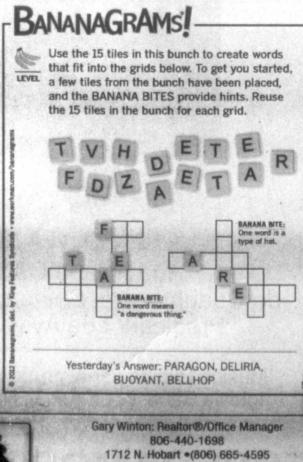
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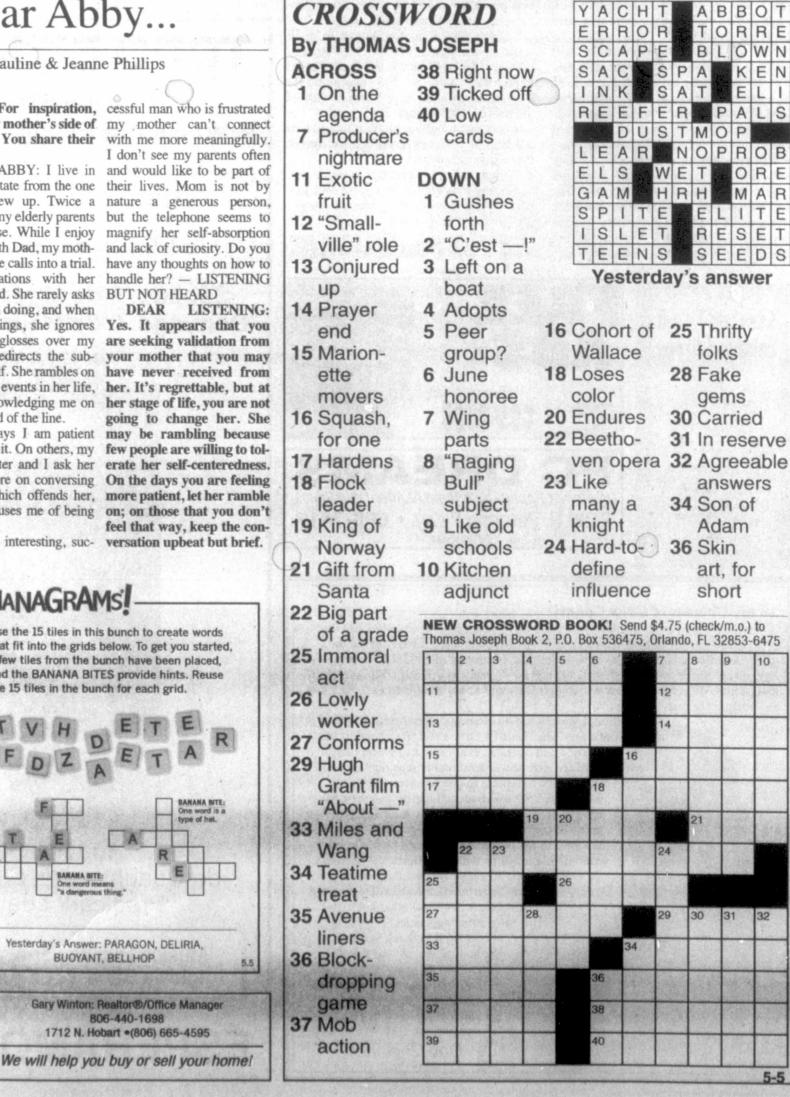
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Bonds files appeal to erase obstruction conviction

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds has asked a federal appeals court to toss out his felony obstruction conviction, arguing it was based on his rambling but truthful — answer to a grand jury question about whether his trainer ever provided him with an injectable substance.

Responding to the jury, the Major League Baseball's career home runs leader replied that he was a "celebrity child," rather than answering the question directly. Bonds' father was Bobby Bonds, a 13-year major league veteran and threetime All Star.

A jury decided after a roughly threeweek trial last year that the answer represented an obstruction of justice. The jury deadlocked on three other charges alleging Bonds lied to a grand jury when he denied knowing taking performanceenhancing drugs. Prosecutors dismissed those counts, bringing an anticlimactic end to their eight-year pursuit of Bonds.

Bonds attorneys filed a 60-page legal brief filed Thursday with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. His counsel stressed that federal investigators whiffed on proving the heart of their case against the slugger, which was that he lied when he denied in 2003 grand jury testimony that he took performance-enhancing drugs to boost his career. Federal prosecutors revised their indictment several times and delayed trial for a year while appealing an important evidentiary decision to the 9th Circuit.

"This case arose out of the federal

government's efforts to combat steroid use in sports," Bonds' appellate attorney Dennis Riordan wrote. "That crusade, while admirable in its underlying purpose, has been pursued with an intensity at times bordering on zealotry."

Riordan also argued that Bonds answered the question earlier in his grand jury appearance when he said that only his doctor injected him with anything.

"Any competent English speaker would understand Mr. Bonds's initial statement as answering the question in the negative," Riordan wrote. "Mr. Bonds was no more guilty of obstruction than he would have been if, having answered one prosecutorial question, he chatted with grand jurors about the weather while the prosecutor was formulating his next one."

Riordan further argued that the prosecutors questioning Bonds before the grand jury had a "legal obligation to clarify unresponsive testimony." Riordan contends the prosecutors should have repeated the question until Bonds answered directly.

Federal prosecutors are expected to file their opposition later this month. The federal appeals court has no deadline to decide the case.

Prosecutors are expected to argue that Bonds' "celebrity child" answer was calculated to evade the steroids question and mislead the grand jury.

Bonds was sentenced to 30 days house arrest and two years of probation. That sentence was suspended pending the appeal.

Seau's suicide turns up focus on effects of brain injuries

Dave Duerson made it easy to understand why he was ending his tortured life.

Before the former Chicago Bears star fired a bullet into his chest last year, he left word with his family to have his brain examined for damage he believed was caused by repeated blows to the head from his hell-bent style on the football field.

Junior Seau was an even bigger star in the NFL, and yet he ended his life Wednesday in much the same way as Duerson and former Atlanta Falcons safety Ray Easterling: self-inflicted gunshot wounds.

Now friends wonder if the San Diego icon hoped his death might leave a greater legacy than any of his amazing feats on the gridiron.

Former player Kyle Turley, who is dealing with his own mental issues and has already agreed to donate his brain for research after his death, has no doubt that Seau wanted to make sure his brain could be studied for the telltale signs of football-related trauma. That's why,

Turley believes, his friend shot himself in the chest instead of the head.

"Knowing Junior as I did, he was a very strong kid," Turley told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"Somewhere, the wires got crossed and he unfortunately decided to end his life. But in his last moment — and I will without a doubt believe this until the day I die — Junior Seau ended his life in a valiant way."

Seau's death was ruled a suicide by the San Diego County medical examiner's office after an autopsy Thursday. Officials were awaiting a decision by the family on whether to turn over Seau's brain to unidentified outside researchers for study. A more in-depth investigative report could take up to 90 days.

Seau, 43, was one of the NFL's most rugged players, a fierce-hitting linebacker selected for the Pro Bowl a dozen years in a row. He played for three teams over two decades, far longer than the average football career, before finally retiring for good at age 40.

Three years later, he decided to end his life. There were signs of trouble away from the field: a divorce, a domestic violence charge involving his girlfriend, though he was never formally charged.

Hours before the domestic violence arrest, his car plunged over a 100-foot cliff in what some speculated was an attempt to kill himself. Seau survived with only minor injuries and insisted that he had simply fallen asleep at the wheel.

Seau never indicated publicly he was having trouble with life after the NFL because of all those blows to the head, and his family said he seemed happy.

That's a far cry from Easterling, who died last month at age 62. He suffered from dementia and led a lawsuit filed by a number of prominent retired players, claiming the league didn't do enough to deal with concussion-related injuries.

Notably, Seau didn't join that lawsuit. Also, it's not known if he wanted Boston University, which has been conducting research into football-related head trauma, to study his brain for signs of chronic SEAU cont. on page B6

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traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a progressive degenerative disease that can be caused by multiple concussions and only detected after death.

The school said in a statement it was "saddened by the tragic death of Junior Seau," but declined to discuss his case without family approval.

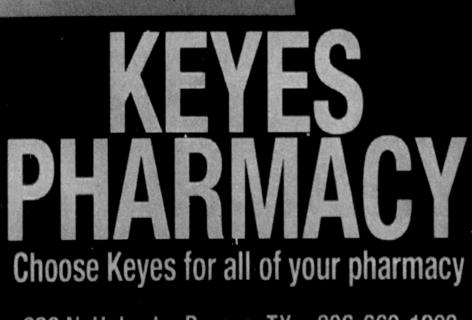
Thomas Demétrio, an attorney for the Duerson family, said it would be "pure speculation" to say that Seau had the same motivation for ending his life as the former Bears safety.

"Dave made it easy," Demetrio said. 'He left notes. He sent texts to his family letting them know he wanted his brain studied. I don't know that we have a good answer for why Junior did it."

But if Seau was dealing with CTE or a similar condition, that would make it easier to comprehend what sort of jumbled thoughts the former player might've had running through his mind. Demetrio hopes that Seau's family will allow his

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brain to be studied by the Boston University team.

"We know that CTE affects your judgment. We know it affects the control of your emotions. We know that it affects your suicidal tendencies," the attorney said.

Others also were struck by the method of death that Seau chose.

"Junior, as we know, put the gun to his chest," said Shawn Mitchell, a longtime San Diego Chargers chaplain and pastor at a church in Oceanside, Calif., the beach community where Seau lived and died.

"He was a very big man. If any man could take a bullet and live through it, it would be Junior Seau. He chose to do it that way.'

Seau surely had troubles in his life. Beyond those that were readily apparent to the public, there were plenty of whispers that he played so long largely because he needed the money, that his divorce took a heavy toll on his finances.

Turley isn't buying it. Seau, he said, came from humble beginnings and wasn't driven by money. Even if most of his earnings went to alimony and child support, it shouldn't have been enough

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to drive him over the edge.

"You can talk about the divorce, say he was failing financially. Whatever," Turley said. "A lot of people are dealing with that and they don't kill themselves. This is a person who had more reason to live than not. It just doesn't make sense." He is convinced that another factor was in play, a hidden killer that Seau

couldn't make sense of and no one else could see. "There are myriad factors that cre-

ate a downward spiral of depression," Turley said. "But every one of these cases is exactly the same as far as the brain is concerned. There's a very visual disruption in the brain areas that control impulses, depression, anxiety and all those other things that contribute to this occurring."

Demetrio said the more players who allow their brains to be studied, the better. Seau's death might help others in the NFL think of the ramifications of head injuries on the field, he said.

"For the benefit of the players playing the game today, starting in peewee football all the way up, the more evidence that can be compiled," Demetrio said, "the safer the game will be."



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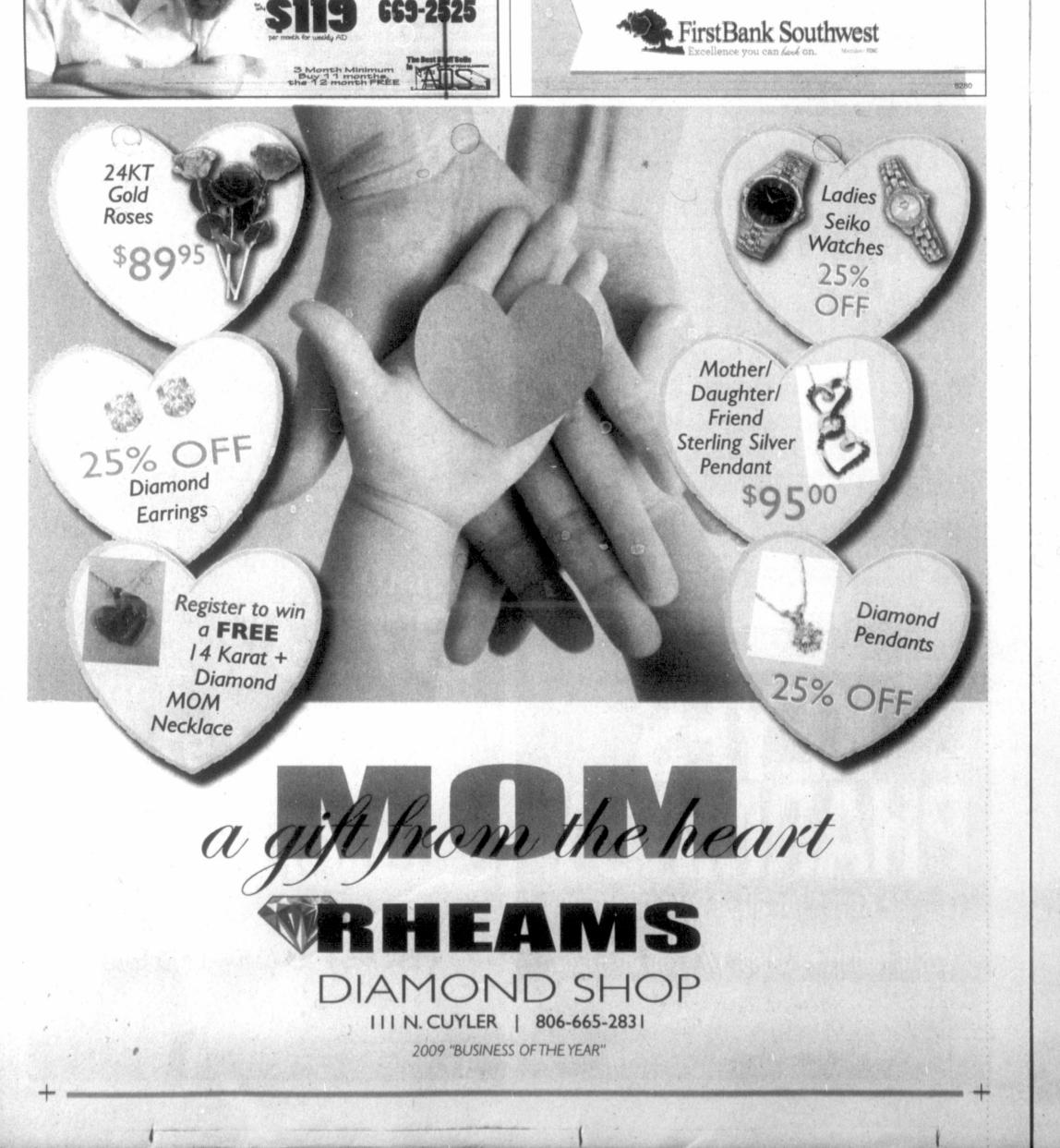
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Whedon's 'The Avengers' ranks among best comics adaptations

The Avengers

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Here's the thing about superhero movies: They're either absolutely great or crazy terrible. For every "Iron Man," there's a "Catwoman." For every "Batman Begins," there's a "Batman and Robin." Every so often, something like "Green Lantern" ambles along and manages to be just so-so, but for the most part, they're the exception that proves the rule.

"The Avengers," with its ensemble cast of six superheroes (seven if you count the guy with one eye, big guns and a flying aircraft carrier), could have been either mind-blowingly awesome or a colossal disappointment.

It has, to date, the most ambitious blueprint for a comic book movie ever made: Take these characters that all of pop America recognizes, characters who have all already starred in hugely successful films, and bring them together in a way that maximizes all of their screen time, makes them all look as largerthan-life as they should be, and still manages to have a cohesive plot.

It's a heck of a filmmaking wall to climb, when you put it like that. mula, especially in comics, but here, it works wonderfully.

It's also to Whedon's credit that he manages to make so many characters from so many different incongruous backgrounds work so well side by side. Technocentric hero Iron Man (played by Robert Downey Jr.), lostin-time warhorse Captain America (Chris Evans), Hulk-suppressing scientist Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo) and myth-inspired thunder god Thor (Chris Hemsworth) all starred in markedly different movies before uniting in "The Avengers," to say nothing of master assassins Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and the Black Widow (Scarlet Johansson), who had supporting roles in the build-up flicks. Whedon takes all of those different backstories and turns them into dramatic tension, giving "The Avengers" a real genre-crossing atmosphere.

The cast, in large part, is equally to be lauded. There can be a real temptation to play it over the top in an adrenaline-fueled, comic-based movie like "The Avengers," and everyone in the acting team fights it off with gusto. Downey, as he always does, shines, and he, Evans and Hemsworth are the backbone of an excellent ensemble. It's fun to see them all on screen together, flexing the differences between their characters: Downey's cocky charisma as Iron Man, Evans' pulpy, old-fashioned Cap and Hemsworth's aloof, Shakespearean majesty as the thunder god. Ruffalo's nervous unease as Banner is likewise noteworthy, especially in contrast to. the scene-stealing CGI Hulk to whom he cedes his screen time. Renner is great in his supporting role, as are Clark Gregg, Cobie Smulders and Samuel L. Jackson, playing agents of the world peacekeeping S.H.I.E.L.D. organization (Jackson plays Nick Fury, the aforementioned one-eyed S.H.I.E.L.D. boss who commands the Helicarrier). You'd also be remiss to leave out Tom Hiddleston, who plays the villainous Loki, from praise. He previously appeared in "Thor," but "The Avengers" is Hiddleston's breakout party. Hiddleston wears Loki's smug, puffed-up sneer so well that by the time he gets his comeuppance — and boy, is it satisfying - it's hard not to let out a loud, self-indulgent laugh. Let's not mince words, though. The heroes and villains are the headline grabbers, for sure, but

Whedon is the star of this one. Already a god to a big cross-section of screenwatchers, Whedon only solidified his standing by delivering a comic book fan's dream movie. There's something for everyone — as the already \$18.7 million box office from its opening midnight showings will attest — and after years of hype, the Avengers delivers on every single count.

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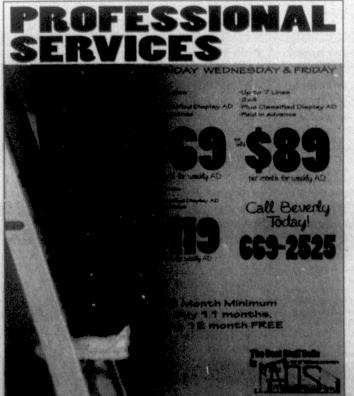
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"The Avengers" doesn't just get over it. "The Avengers" straight up smashes through with great big Hulk hands like it wasn't even there in the first place.

The movie is a testament to the talent of Joss Whedon, scribe, director and charter member of every pop culture nerd's Mount Rushmore. Whedon, no stranger to the comic book genre (his TV vessels "Buffy" and "Angel" have found a second life as ongoing comic series), takes the eponymous superheroes and assembles them on screen in a fluid, crisp, dynamic melting pot that never lets up and still leaves you wanting more at the end.

That's quite an accomplishment for a two-anda-half-hour movie, but Whedon swings it flawlessly. We're not bored with exposition at the beginning, nor does the action ever drag. It's a show set in multiple acts, a conscious filmmaking decision that allows the script to explore who each of the characters are without bogging the pace down. Heroes meet, heroes clash, heroes come together, heroes fight together. It's an old for-



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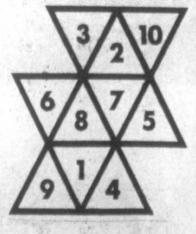
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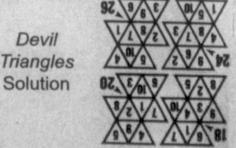
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You'll need feedback from others before you can seek a solution. You might be overtired and withdrawn. Consider an option that could confuse many people but ultimately works for you. A night: Behind the scenes, doing your thing. meeting could invigorate your energy and determination. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

of ground to cover. You could be thinking because of his or her personality and deabout an option that suddenly reveals itself. mands. Expect to deal with some fire-In some form or way, it is more controver- works, but remember to look to the long sial than you might like. Remain steady and term. Tonight: Find your friends. anchored. Tonight: Soak away your stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

your life. Whether you are brainstorming on. A key associate could give you a lot about a project, having a fun conversation of flak. Recognize that this person makes or eyeing a loved one, wearing rose-col- uproar work for him or her. Armed with ored glasses can make you happier - but at that knowledge, you can proceed. Tonight: what cost? Expect to fight off some flashes Burning the candle at both ends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May of reality. Tonight: Be receptive of others' insights

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might not realize that you are the source of an issue, especially one too much on the other party and not enough

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Conversations could be vague dency to get irritated when the status quo does not work for you. Tonight: Visit with others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Stay sensitive to the costs of a friendship and/or project. You could be-*** Detach from a situation in which come unusually irritated otherwise. Stay as neutral as possible until you discover a solution. This idea will come to you from out of the blue. Tonight: Treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You might feel very good, but there is an issue involving others and their interactions with you. Listen to your intuwarpath. Avoid challenging this person or acting erratic. Tonight: Let someone else be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might want to carefully rethink a challenge or new idea. You are driven to detach and see beyond what has been apparent. You might want to ask more questions as you gain understanding, if you want to continue as you have been. To-AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Your friendship means a lot to many people. How you manage and deal *** Pace yourself, as you have a lot with a friend or loved one could change

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your take-charge attitude might **** A little rosy haze can enrich be far more appreciated than others let

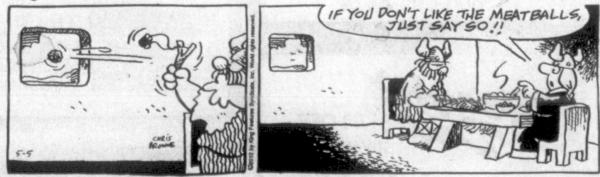


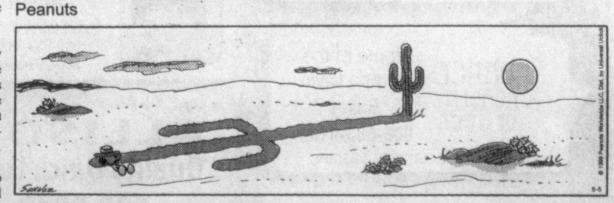
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Let'sEat! Pampa News

Texana's Kitchen: Fiestas, jamborees, roundups and thumps

One should not live anywhere in the South without seeing or experiencing some of the many agricultural events that celebrate their area's farming bounty. Since southern culture is so deeply rooted in its farming and agricultural history, just about every county has one or more fairs, festivals, or other community events designed to celebrate the seasonal harvest. And since these events were designed around farming communities and families, they present great opportunities for family-friendly activities, good music, and old-fashioned fun. And food. Lots and lots of food and other consumables centered around the local harvest.

The standard fair offerings are always available, such as corndogs, funnel cakes, and onion blossoms, but if you don't want to un-eat your lunch when you ride the Gravitron. leave the super heavy, greasy fair food behind. Eat some of the fresh made foods that the locals are showcasing. You and the crowd beneath the Super Loop will be grateful.

Obviously in Texas, music, dancing and rodeos are synonymous with fairs. Whatever the local traditions, these events are great ways to discover and explore your area, meet local friends, teach your children about their heritage (or someone else's), and have some good, clean, old fashioned fun while you're at it.

I am sharing recipes for foods that I enjoy most at our local fairs. Not only are these simple to prepare, but together they make a great meal, and are much healthier alternatives to usual "fair food."

Anticuchos (Beef Kebabs) Serves 8

 4 pounds sirloin, cut into two-inch chunks

- 2 cups red wine vinegar · 6 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 can beer
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon ground pepper

Place meat into gallon size Ziploc tag. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over

meat. Place in a baking pan



three days. Yes, days.

Thread onto skewers. Grill over hot coals or flame, 5 minutes on each side or until desired doneness.

Fried Peach Pies

- -Pastry: · 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 egg, beaten

• 5 cups all-purpose flour

- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar

in the refrigerator for two to • 1 cup plus 1 teaspoon shortening

> Mix milk and egg together and set aside. In a mixing bowl, mix flour, salt and sugar. Cut in shortening until mixture resembes coarse meal. Stir in milk and egg mixture, and work it until a nice dough comes together. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours - Filling:

· 3 pounds fresh peaches, peeled, seeded and chopped (or 4 cups frozen) 3/4 teaspoon sugar

- 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons granulated tapioca

Place all ingredients into stock pot, and bring to simmer over medium heat. Cook until thickened, about 5 minutes. Cool completely.

To assemble: Roll dough out into 1/8" thickness. Cut into 4-6" circles using large biscuit cutters, or the rim of a large glass. Place a bit of filling on half of each circle, and fold the other half over it. Crimp edges with a fork. If filling is oozing out, use less.

Fry in hot oil at 365* until golden, about 4 minutes. Toss in sugar if desired, and allow to cool on wire rack.

Christine Friesenhahn publishes her recipes on her blog, www. texanaskitchen.com.

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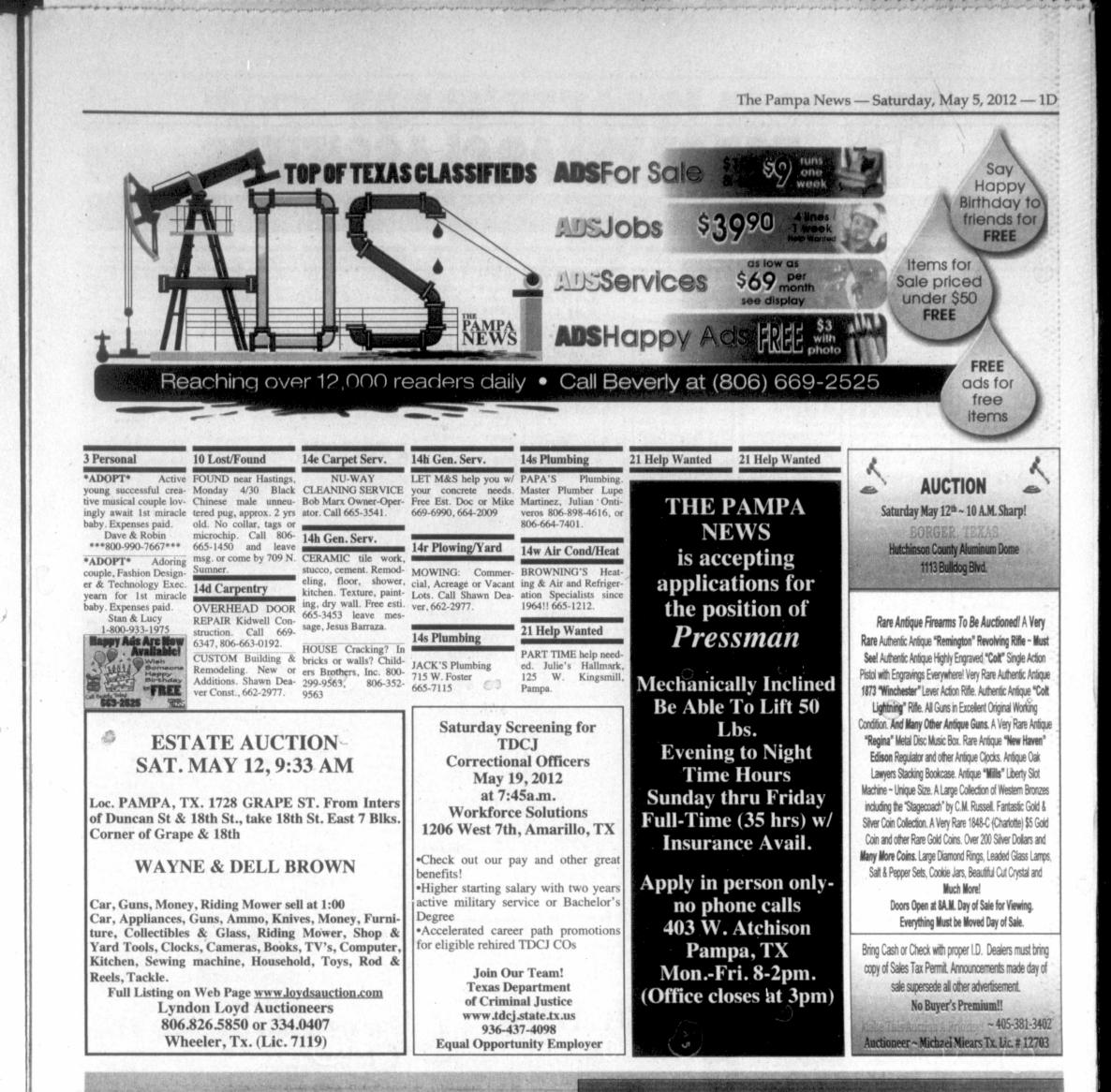
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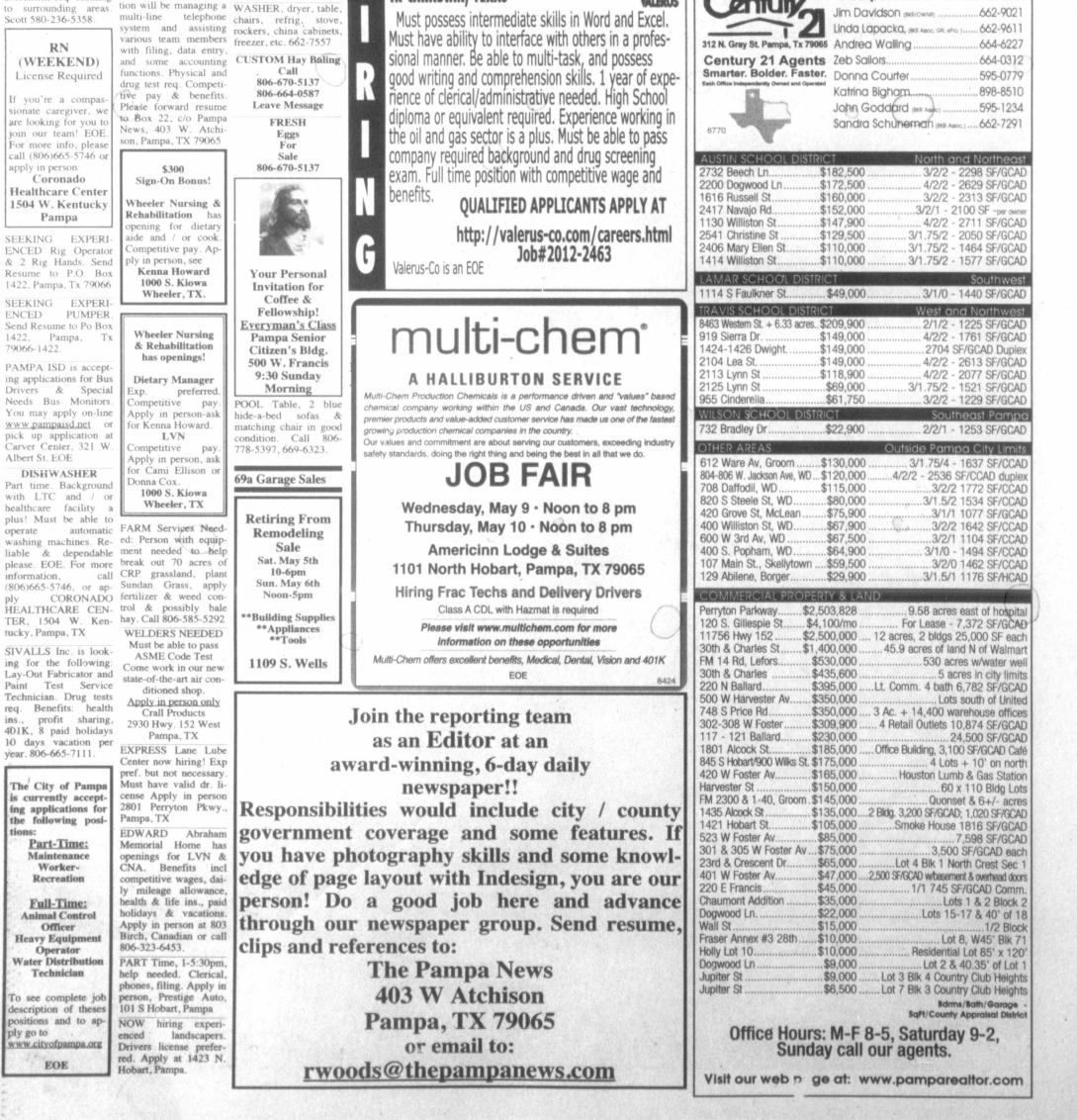
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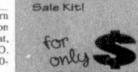
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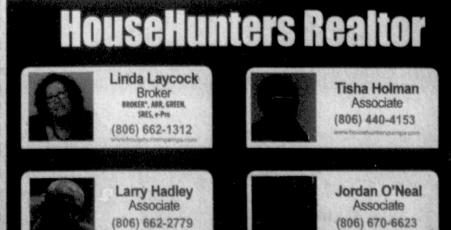
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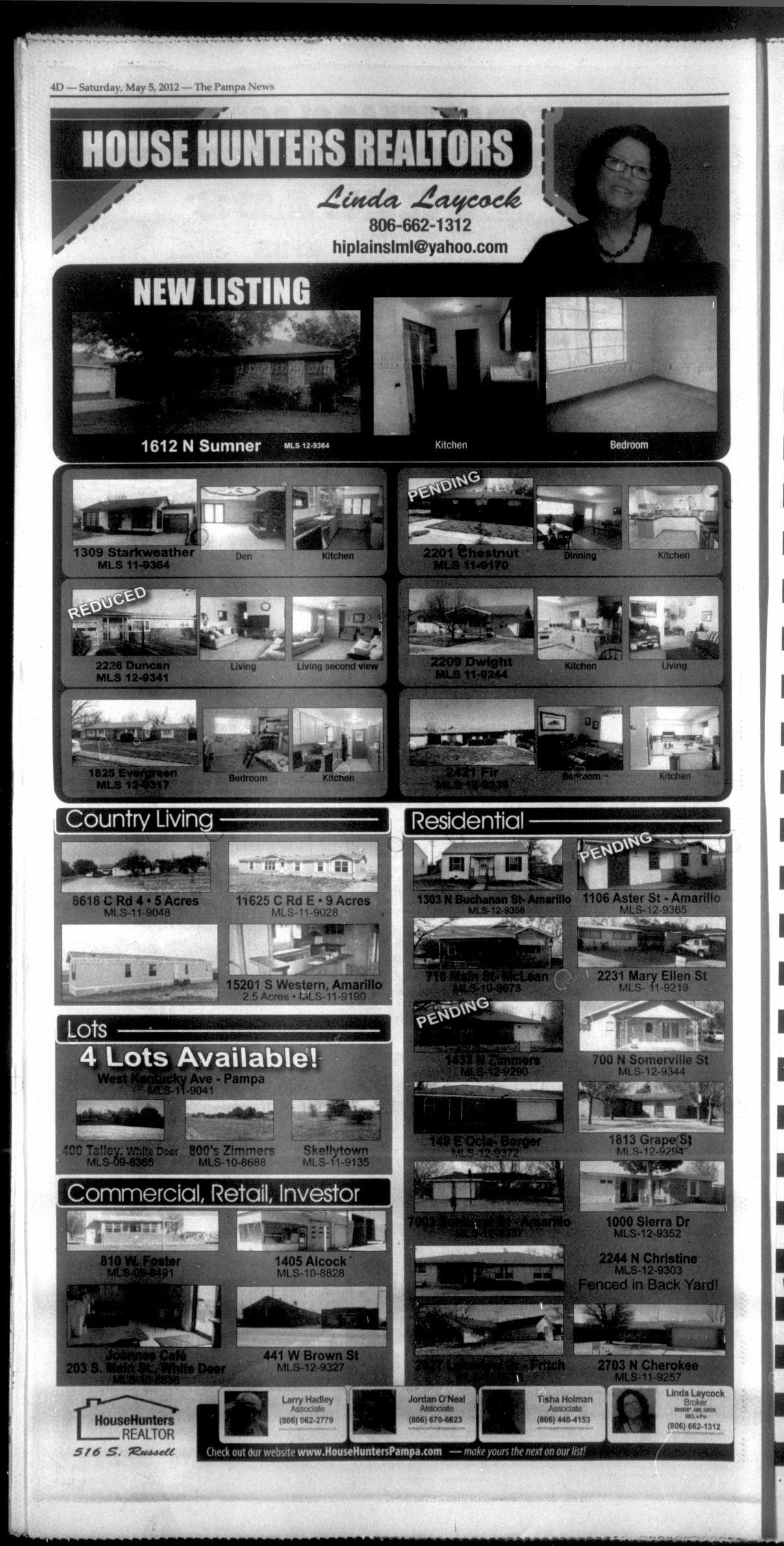
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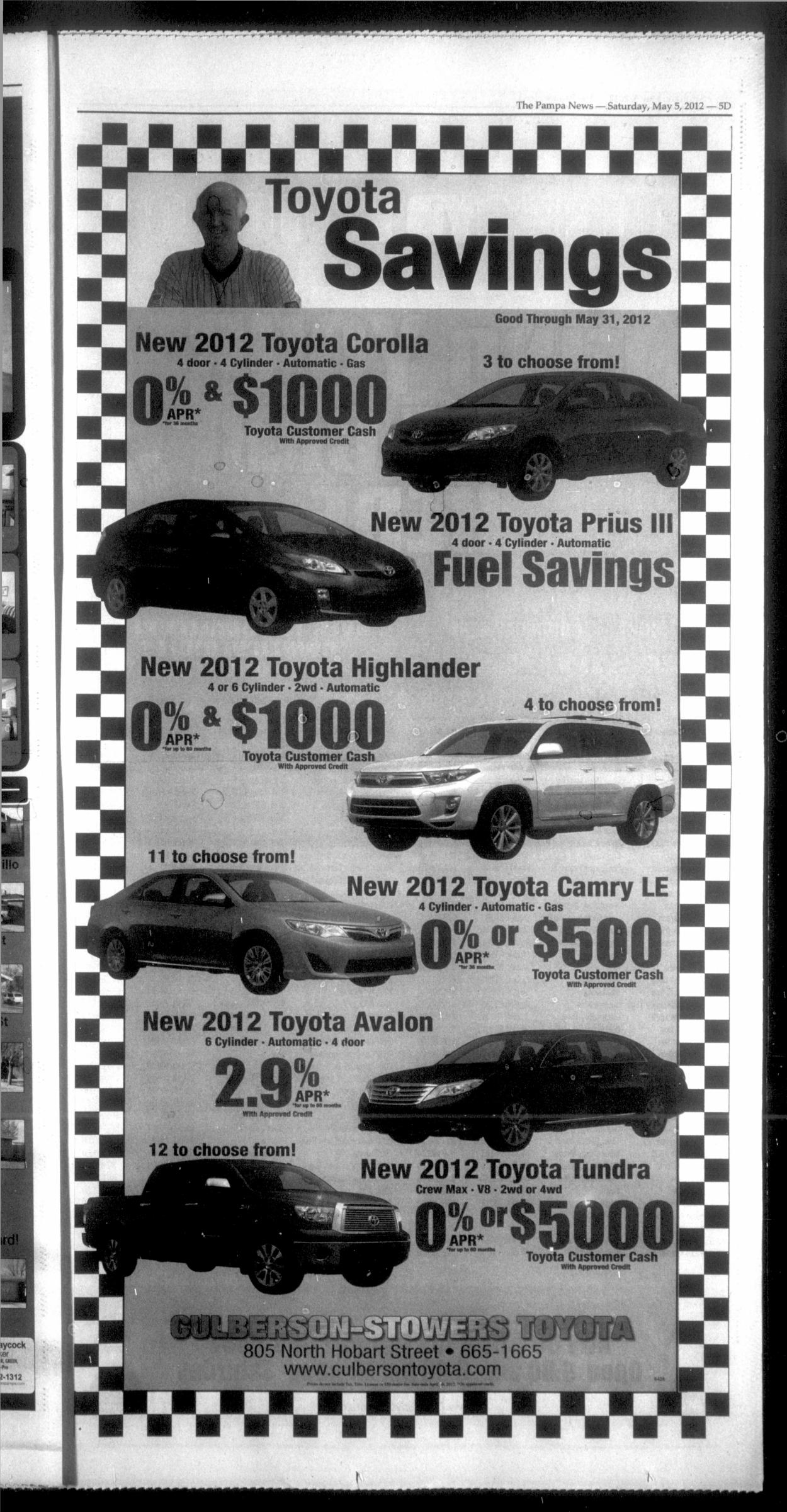












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