

Altrusa's Taste of Pampa fundraiser debuts today

Thirteen different eateries from around city to participate in new benefit

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From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at M.K. Brown Auditorium, Altrusa will host Taste of Pampa, a new fundraising event that gives Pampans a sampling of 13 different eateries in town.

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"It's an opportunity for restaurants and caterers in town to showcase what they have to offer," said Linda Weaver of Altrusa. "We'll have door prizes every 15 minutes and entertainment. It will be an evening of a lot of fun."

Entertainment will be provided by a woodwind quarter, piano players and Pampa High School's show choir and band ensemble. Kitchen items and gift certificates will be offered as door prizes. Sponsored by Great Plains Abstract and Title, Gayla Rigdon of State Farm Insurance, Duane Harp and Keith Demetriades of Edward Jones, proceeds from the event will go towards projects Altrusa undertakes throughout the year.

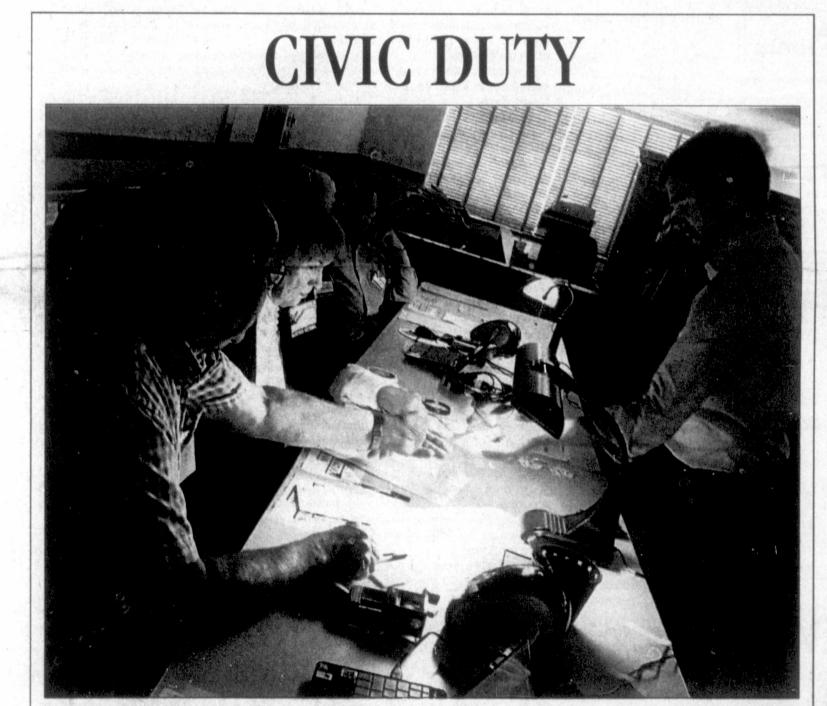
"We have scholarships for high school students and one for nontraditional students, for women usually, who are going back to school," said Weaver. "It doesn't have to be used for school, but could be used for women who are going back to work who need to buy scrubs or things like that."

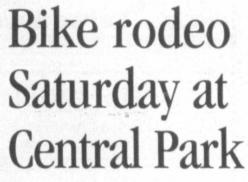
Altrusa also has helped with Relay for Life and Tralee Crisis Center.

"When we see a need, any money we raise stays in Pampa," said Weaver.

Admission for the event is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 8 and up and free for kids 7 and under.

"A lot of people are going to be there that you might not even know are here, like a caterer called Oodles of Cakes," said Weaver. "It'll give people a chance to see what we have here in Pampa."





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With the fourth annual bike rodeo coming up this weekend, Stormy McCullar, public information officer for the Pampa Police Department, couldn't help_bbut laugh a little.

staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

Pampa's Mac Smith (right), a candidate for District 88's Texas House representative seat, checks in with election officials Roy Morriss and Nancy Whitten before voting at the Gray County Courthouse on Monday. McCullar, who came up with the rodeo as a way to get local kids interested in bicycle safety, has helped shepherd the bike rodeo into a community tradition.

"It's been really really neat," McCullar said. "The first year we did it, I was really disappointed, because we had, I want to say, 12 to 15 kids participated. Last year, when we did the registering for the kids who win door prizes, we had over a hundred. It's been great to watch it get bigger."

This year's event, co-hosted by the Pampa Police Department and Pampa EMS, is set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Central Park. There will be about 25 booths manned by area businesses and nonprofits, all of whom have donated a door prize for a child.

As in previous bike rodeos, there will be a bike course geared towards teaching children to be cautious on their bicycles. The police will also be handing out free bike helmets to kids who don't have one.

Kids will also have the chance to register their bikes with the police in case **RODEO** cont. on page 8A

COUNTY ELECTION Longtime county commissioner Wheeley seeks new term

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Joe Wheeley, who has served as Gray County Commissioner since 1988, is now running unopposed for the position.

"I appreciate the people in the precinct for supporting me," he said. "I have worked hard, and had their interest at heart. I think you have to have that to be a good commissioner."

Wheeley said that he tries to give people the greatest amount of service for the least amount of tax dollars.

"We have a desire to hold taxes to a minimum and get the best out of taxes," he said. "It's hard to balance staying conservative, and at the same time, giving employees a needed raise." The commissioner includes bringing the Jordan Unit prison to the area as one of the highlights of his time in office.

"We added employees to the area with the prison," said Wheeley. "At the time, it was very competitive, and all of the cities were having a hard time economically, so everyone was vying for the prison."

Gray County presented a package to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in its bid for the prison.

"The prison is in a good water-producing area, and it had to have an availability of water," said Wheeley. "It now provides a lot of jobs for county residents and the surrounding areas."

Wheeley enjoys working with different

groups in his position with Gray County. The county worked with Pampa to help haul in dirt for cart paths when the town was building its Hidden Hills Golf Course, and Gray County worked with the US Forestry Service to dredge Lake McClellan. The county also contributes each year to the Hoover, McLean and Lefors Volunteer Fire Departments. In addition to his work with WHEELEY cont. on page 7A



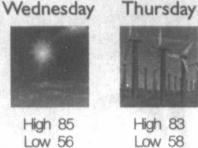
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today



High 78 Low 52

Today:

Sunny, with a high near 78. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Low 56

Tonight:

Mostly clear, with a low around 52. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday:

Sunny, with a high near 85. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday:

Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night:

Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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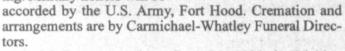
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Obituaries

W. G. "Bill" McComas, 91

W. G. "Bill" McComas, 91, died Saturday, May 12, 2012 in Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Fairview Cemetery with Masonic rites courtesy of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Blossom Matthews, pastor, officiat- McComas ing. Military honors will be



Mr. McComas was born Sept. 25, 1920, in Wichita, Kan. and was a 1938 graduate of Wichita North High School. He attended Wichita State University. Bill married Martha Leah Wright on Dec. 20, 1941, in Wichita. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theatre where he marched from Omaha Beach across Europe to Berlin. Bill fought in the four major battles of the European Theatre. After the war, he started his retail career with J.C. Penney and then became manager of Montgomery Ward stores in Springfield, Mo., Ranger, Pampa, Sheridan, Wyo., and Boulder, Colo. After 32 years with Wards, Bill retired and moved back to Pampa. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pampa Lions Club, Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo, and was a charter member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats. Bill owned and restored 32 rent houses during his lifetime.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Jane Taintor and

husband Dr. Jerry Taintor of Westlake Village, Calif.; his son, Mike McComas and wife Jeannie of Pampa; three grandchildren, Christy Taintor of Westlake Village, Calif., Katy McGee and husband Destry of McLean, and Matt McComas of Omaha, Neb.; a great-grandson, Jack McGee of McLean. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Leah McComas on August 7, 2001; his parents, his sister, and an infant brother.

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Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Alice M. Phillips, 73

Alice M. Phillips, 73, died May 14, 2012, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Phillips was born October 15, 1938, in Midland and attended school in Dallas. She moved to Spearman as a young woman where she met D.L. Phillips. They were married on February 15, 1957, in Clayton, N.M. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. Alice enjoyed the outdoors where she camped and rode 4-wheelers. Most of all, she loved her family and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, D.L. Phillips of the home; three daughters, Pamela Basden and Sherrie Marshall and husband Jackie, all of Pampa, and Tracey Srader and husband Lee of Opdyke, Ill.; a son, Taisey Phillips of the home; her brother, Kenneth Tramthan and wife Sheila of Shamrock; her sister, Helen Smith of Greenville; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Doris Combrink.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

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

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, May 14 at 7 a.m. Pampa PD reported 36

traffic related incidents. Animal Control agents

and the Pampa PD reported 20 animal related incidents. Pampa EMS and the responded to 11 medical

calls.

South Miami. reported at the 1900 block Highway 60.

of North Hobart. curred at the 1800 block of of North Dwight. North Banks.

the 1200 block of North Somerville. Hobart.

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A theft was reported at A violation of city ordi- toxicated. the 1200 block of South

An accident occurred violation regarding posses-A suspicious person was at the 1600 block of East sion of marijuana.

A threat was reported

Disorderly conduct oc- intoxicated.

Criminal mischief was was arrested by DPS ofreported.

nance occurred at the 900 Luis Geraldo Jimenez, 32, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while. intoxicated. Jemal Wheeler, 17, was arrested by deputies on A domestic disturbance charges of failure to appear in court, running a stop sign and expired motor ve-Sunday, May 13 Kristie Rachelle Davis, 20, was arrested by police for possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph Dalton Mears, 32, was arrested by DPS of-A domestic disturbance ficers for driving while intoxicated. Eric Andrew Masias, 17, A suspicious vehicle was was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants of non payment. Rosvel Jesus Gonzalez III, 20, was arrested by A suspicious vehicle was DPS officers for driving reported at Alcock and while intoxicated. Roberto Aguilar, 43, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated. Detria Ray-Don McIntosh, 34, was arrested by deputies for possession of a controlled substance. John Wolfgang Minnett, 35, was arrested by police for driving while intoxicated. Moses Mireles, 19, was arrested by deputies for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Steven Ray Stone II, 37,

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Angela Diane Anderson, An accident occurred at at the 700 block of North 35, was arrested by DPS officers for driving while

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. 5-15 **CRYPTOOUOTE** DPT DPZD BRJVQ WZQD QZXXRD HZDVHWU LH ZYZETXH

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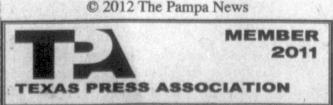
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Friday, May 11 A burglary occurred at

the 1600 block of North Banks. A domestic disturbance

occurred at the 1000 block of North Hobart. A theft occurred at the

100 block of South Hobart. An accident occurred at Cook and Grav.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported.

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A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 1600 block of West Somerville. Disorderly conduct was reported.

was reported at Alcock and Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 200 block of South Miami.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of North Faulkner, the 200 block of West Craven and the 100 block of North Faulkner.

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block of North Roberta. An accident occurred at Randy Matson and Hobart.

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curred at the 100 block of of West Buckler. West Foster.

A domestic disturbance reported at the 1200 block of West 22nd.

Sunday, May 13

Suspicious persons were reported at the 600 block of East Craven, the 2200 block of North Sumner, the 600 block of West Wall and the intersection of Cuyler and Brown.

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West Foster and the 1600 block of Somerville.

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A suspicious vehicle was Alcock and Sumner.

Sheriff's Office The Gray County Sher-

iff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, May 14 at 7 a.m.

Friday, May 11 Eddie Lee Fuqua, 60, was arrested by police for interfering with an emergency call.

Derrick Matthew Bullard, 28, was arrested by deputies on a probation

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Crews survey drought's tree toll

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas has started a more specific drought count to determine how many trees died from last year's devastating dry spell.

The Texas Forest Service on Monday announced forestry crews will spend the next two months on the ground surveying 700 plots of land. The areas were targeted by analysts who studied satellite images of tree covers.

Crews will count the number of dead trees in a 75-foot radius per plot. Experts will also seek information on insects and diseases that can endanger drought-stressed trees.

Coordinator Chris Brown says knowing the mortality rate of trees will help communities plan for reforestation.

The Texas Forest Service last December announced a preliminary estimate of up to 500 million trees killed by the drought. A longer-term study will also be done.

Convicted killer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) - A Texas death row inmate facing execution in three weeks for the slaving of a Dallas woman at her apartment more than 20 years ago has lost an appeal at the U.S. Supreme Court.

The justices, without comment, refused Monday to review the case of 39-year-old Bobby Lee Hines.

Hines is set for lethal injection June 6 for the 1991 murder of 26-year-old Michelle Wendy Haupt. She was found stabbed repeatedly with an ice pick and strangled.

Hines was 19 at the time of the slaying and was on probation for a burglary conviction. He was staying with the apartment complex maintenance man who lived next door to the victim and had access to all the keys in the development.

Two plead guilty to weapons charges

LAREDO (AP) - A man and a woman from Mexico face up to 10 years in prison for illegally having about 27,000 rounds of ammunition in South Texas.

Investigators in Laredo say 35-year-old Abraham Garcia-Perguero and 33-year-old Maria Isabel Rodriguez-Olivio pleaded guilty Monday to weapons charges. No sentencing date was immediately set. Both remain in custody.

Authorities say the suspected illegal immigrants had been living in Laredo, where they ran a stop sign March 14 and were questioned by police. Officers found the ammo in more than two dozen boxes in the pickup truck.

Garcia-Perguero and Rodriguez-Olivio told investigators they had picked up the ammo from a Laredo gun store. Prosecutors say the pair expected to be paid about \$500 to deliver the items to a designated pickup spot.

Court won't give man new trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court won't consider giving a man convicted in the death of a Texas toddler a new trial because the medical examiner changed her opinion on the cause of death.

Disability insurance a crucial product

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Disability insurance is one of the most overlooked products in the insurance industry. No one wants to think about how different life would be if you were suddenly disabled and couldn't work, as a result of an accident or illness.

But how about this fact: Between the ages of 25 and 65, you're four times more likely to be disabled than to die.

Unlike life insurance, disability insurance is not there just to protect your loved ones when you are gone. Disability insurance is designed to give you monthly income to continue to pay your mortgage, rent or car payment even though you can't work.

Yes, Social Security does have a disability program (SSDI). But it is notoriously difficult to access that coverage, and you might even need a lawyer to help you press your claim. The process could take years.

That's why you need to consider buying your own coverage - even if you have some coverage at work. That employer-paid policy may not be transferrable if you leave your job, and the benefits are likely to be taxed if you need to use the policy. But if you purchase a disability insurance policy on your own, with after-tax dollars, any benefits will come to you tax-free.

Generally speaking, disability insurance is a good idea even in your 20s, and especially if you have no one else to provide for the basic costs of daily living in case you become disabled. Single parents might also have a special need for this insurance.

As you reach your late 50s, and are closer to receiving Social Security retirement income benefits, you might want to switch your premium dollars to longterm care insurance, which



becomes the greater more costly risk.

How much coverage do you need? Of course, you'd like to replace all your income if you are unable to work. But no insurance company is going to write a policy that gives you that incentive! Instead, you will probably qualify to replace only about 60 percent of your current income, which must be documented at the time of purchase.

The higher your income, the smaller the percentage the insurance company will replace. That is, if you earn \$50,000 a year, you could replace 60 percent of your earnings; but if you are a highly paid professional earning \$300,000 a year, you will probably max out with benefits of \$10,000 per month.

The amount of coverage and cost will also depend on your occupation. Almost paradoxically, the higher-income professions, such as lawyer and doctor, pay less per dollar of coverage and get more lengthy coverage — than a carpenter or electrician, who may qualify for only five years of disability payouts. Insurance companies divide professions into classes — and the coverage and price will depend on your type of work.

One important issue with disability insurance is the definition of disability. It is more expensive to purchase a policy that pays out if you are unable to do your "own occupation." For example, a surgeon who loses the use of one hand could still do other work as a medical professional — but it surely means she can't perform as a surgeon. The policy will pay because she is unable to do

her own profession. Make sure our coverage guarantees payent even if you are not totally nd permanently disabled from ny kind of gainful employment.

The annual cost should be about 2 to 3 percent of your current income to protect your future income. According to AccuQuote, a 30-year-old male who makes \$40,000 a year would pay about \$733 per year for coverage that replaces 69 percent of his salary.

A 40-year-old woman who earns \$50,000 could replace 68 percent of her salary for an annual premium of approximately \$2,000 a year. In each case the benefits would continue to age 67, at which time you could access Social Security retirement benefits. And, if you're willing to pay slightly more, you can get additional inflation protection.

Be careful to deal with a top-rated insurance company (Guardian, Unum, for example) to make sure that you will be getting the payout without a hassle if and when the time comes to trigger your policy. Since there are so many variables in this kind of insurance, you'll have to deal with a specialist. For quotes on disability insurance go to www. AccuQuote.com or call 800-442-9899.

It's worth checking out this "paycheck insurance." You'll never know how valuable that income is - unless you lose it for health reasons. That's the Savage Truth.

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Paul effectively ends campaign

The high court on Monday refused to hear an appeal from Neil Hampton Robbins, convicted in the death of 17-month-old Tristen Skye Rivet, who died on May 12, 1998.

At the trial, Dr. Patricia Moore testified that Tristen's death was a homicide caused by asphyxia. But Moore later changed her opinion and said the cause of death was undetermined. Robbins asked for a new trial but the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused.

Trial to begin for airline founder

BROWNSVILLE (AP) - A federal prosecutor says the founder of a South Texas cargo airline had online contact with 13- and 14-year-old girls that quickly turned sexual and graphic.

Robert L. Hedrick is charged with five child pornography-related counts. His trial began Monday.

Hedrick announced the opening of Pan American Airways in the fall of 2010. The company is based at the Brownsville airport.

Prosecutor Carrie Warsing said Monday that Hedrick lurked in online chat rooms trying to entice girls to send him nude photos and sent images of other children.

Authorities later found 2,400 images of child pornography on hard drives in Hedrick's Brownsville home.

Hedrick's attorney, Ed Stapleton, said he would argue his client wasn't the one using the computer and he had made business enemies who could set him up.

Okla. Senate passes gay marriage bill

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - A Senate resolution reaffirming its support for "traditional marriage" is drawing the ire of some Democrats who say the bill is little more than an election-year ploy.

The Senate on Monday voted 40-4 for the resolution by state Sen. Clark Jolley, which states that "the institutional of marriage itself is sacred and must be upheld in its traditional form." A resolution only expresses the intent of the Senate and has no legal implications.

Several Senate Democrats questioned why a resolution was needed when a ban on gay marriage is already in state law and the Oklahoma Constitution.

Sen. Tom Adelson suggested Jolley is facing a tough primary race and needed "promotional material" for his campaign.

Jolley says the bill is a result of President Obama's recent support of gay marriage.

Baby, dogs found in filth

SPRINGTOWN (AP) — Two generations of a North Texas family have been arrested after deputies found 58 dogs living in filth without food and water --- and a baby in a crib surrounded by the animals' waste.

A statement Monday from the Parker County Sheriff's Office says mother and two uncles of the 18-monthold child, along with the mother's own parents, were arrested over the weekend. The grandparents and both uncles were charged with animal cruelty. The mother, grandmother and both uncles were charged with child endangerment.

The situation was Wednesday at a house the grandmother owned near Springtown, almost 30 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Two of the dogs had to be euthanized.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ron Paul, the congressman from Texas and a favorite of Tea Partiers, effectively ended his presidential campaign Monday but urged his fervent supporters to continue working at the state party level to cause havoc for presumptive Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

In an email to supporters, Paul urged his libertarian-leaning backers to remain involved in politics and champion his causes despite the apparent end of his presidential aspirations. Paul has found success in wrecking the selection process for delegates to the party's late-summer nominating convention in Tampa, Fla., and trumpeted that he has delayed Romney's expected nomination.

"Moving forward, however, we will no longer spend resources campaigning in primaries in states that have not yet voted," Paul said in his statement. "Doing so with any hope of success would take many tens of millions of dollars we simply do not have. I encourage all supporters of liberty to make sure you get to the polls and make your voices heard, particularly in the local, state and congressional elections, where so many defenders of freedom are fighting and need your support."

Paul's supporters have proved successful in winning state GOP conventions in places such as Maine and Nevada. His supporters in Iowa and Nevada were chosen to lead the state central parties

Paul's flock is likely to make similar inroads this weekend in Minnesota, which Paul was slated to address. Paul has already dominated the state's congressional district conventions, winning at least 18 of the 24 nationdelegates selected, al

even though he finished a distant second to Rick Santorum in local caucuses in February.

"Our campaign will continue to work in the state convention process. We will continue to take leadership positions, win delegates and carry a strong message to the Republican National Convention that liberty is the way of the future," Paul vowed.

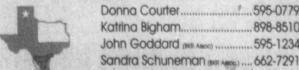
Primaries have not been Paul's strong suit --he hasn't won a single primary or caucus. But Paul's supporters have successfully navigated the convention process in a number of states, adding to Paul's delegate total while gaining influence over state parties.

Romney, however, is on pace to capture the nomination this month. He has 973 of the 1,144 delegates required to formally become the GOP's nominee, according to Associated Press an tally. Vanquished foe Santorum has 264 and Newt Gingrich has 130. Paul badly trails with 104 delegates.

Romney already is campaigning against Obama, and Paul's announcement does little to change the head-to-head campaign in November.

Paul is unlikely to endorse Romney as the party's nominee. The pair strongly clashed during the debates over foreign policy, and in inter-





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views Paul has refused to say he would champion Romney's campaign.

Many of Paul's libertarian views dovetail nicely with mainstream Republican ideas on limited government and low taxes. But Paul breaks with much of his party when he rails against intervention American abroad and government efforts to fight terrorism at home — positions that earned him a loyal following.

Paul, a longtime congressman, is not running for another term to represent his Texas district.

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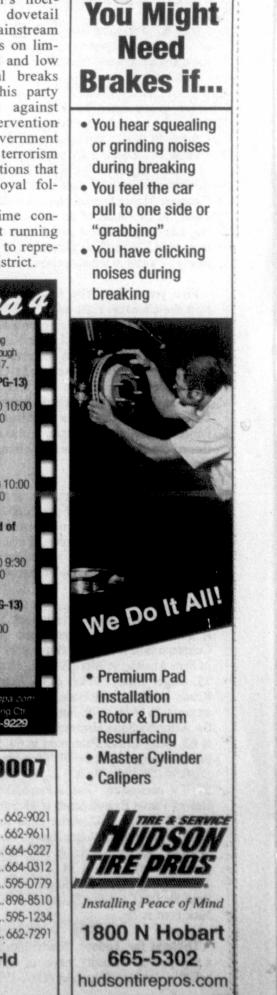
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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 15, the 136th day of 2012. There are 230 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 15, 1972, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace was shot and left paralyzed by Arthur H. Bremer while campaigning in Laurel, Md., for the Democratic presidential nomination. (Wallace died in 1998; Bremer was released from prison in November 2007 after serving 35 years of a 53-year sentence for attempted murder.)

On this date:

In 1602, English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold and his ship, the Concord, arrived at present-day Cape Cod, which he's credited with naming.

In 1776, Virginia endorsed American independence from Britain.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed an act establishing the Department of Agriculture. Austrian author and playwright Arthur Schnitzler was born in Vienna.

In 1911, the Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil Co. was a monopoly in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, and ordered its breakup.

In 1930, registered nurse Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard an Oakland-to-Chicago flight operated by Boeing Air Transport (a forerunner of United Airlines).

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure creating the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, whose members came to be known as WACs. Wartime gasoline rationing went into effect in 17 Eastern states, limiting sales to three gallons a week for non-essential vehicles.

In 1963, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper blasted off aboard Faith 7 on the final mission of the Project Mercury space program.

In 1970, just after midnight, Phillip Lafayette Gibbs and James Earl Green, two black students at Jackson State College in Mississippi, were killed as police opened fire during student protests.

In 1972, the United States returned the prefecture of Okinawa to Japanese administration.



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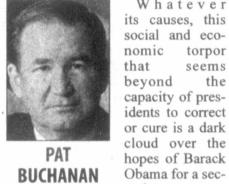
When the April figures on unemployment were released May 4, they were more than disappointing. They were deeply disturbing.

While the unemployment rate had fallen from 8.2 percent to 8.1 percent, 342,000 workers had stopped looking for work. They had just dropped out of the labor market.

Only 63.6 percent of the U.S. working age population is now in the labor force, the lowest level since December 1981.

During the Reagan, Bush I and Clinton years, participation in the labor force rose steadily to a record 67 percent. The plunge since has been almost uninterrupted.

Here is a major cause of the economic malaise of the 21st century, a condition over which a president has little control. A shrinking share of our population is carrying an everexpanding army of dependents. If this were a result of American women going home to have kids, that would be, as it was after World War II, a manifestation of national vigor and health. But that is not the case here. The number of Americans of working age not in the labor force grew in April from 87,897,000 to 88,419,000 -- by an astonishing 522,000. This is an immense army for the rest of society to carry. Why are Americans dropping out? Some have given up looking for jobs in towns they grew up in, because the jobs are gone and not coming back, and they don't want to leave. Some are rejecting the lowwage unskilled work being offered, because the alternative -- unemployment checks and federal and state welfare -- is not all that torturous. With some, the work incentive was never implanted. With others, the option of moving back in with the parents is not all that terrible. America, it seems, is becoming less like the country we grew up in, in its attitudes about work and idleness, and more like Europe.



cloud over the hopes of Barack Obama for a second term.

And yet another ominous cloud, no longer on the far horizon, is now directly above: the impending departure from the labor force of 70 million baby boomers in the next two decades.

According to the Statistical Abstract of the United States, from Jan. 1, 1930, to Dec. 31, 1935,

boomers are down to 72 million. This means that over the next 20 years, boomers will be retiring and reaching eligibility for Social Security and Medicare at a rate of 3.6 million a year, or 300,000 a month, or 10,000 every day.

Three hundred thousand a month leaving the labor force may help to explain its shrinkage. And as the boomers are the best-paid, besteducated generation we produced, the loss of their collective skills, abilities and tax contributions will be as heavy a blow to the nation as the funding of their Medicare and Social Security will be a burden to the taxpayers they leave behind in the labor force.

Since Roe v. Wade, abortions have carried off 53 million of the generations that were to replace the boomers. While those 53 million lost have been partially replaced by 40 million immigrants, legal and illegal, our recent immigrants have not exhibited the same income- or tax-producing capacity as boomers. In 1965, LBJ announced his plan to convert our ordinary society into a Great Society. Since then, trillions have been spent. The fruits of that immense investment? The illegitimacy rate, dropout rate, crime rate and incarceration rate have set new records, as the test scores of high school students have plummeted to new lows. Our labor force is shrinking, the number of dependent U.S. adults is growing, our social programs are failing, and our best educated and most productive generation is retirLa

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In 1975, U.S. forces invaded the Cambodian island of Koh Tang and recaptured the American merchant ship Mayaguez. (All 40 crew members had already been released safely by Cambodia; some 40 U.S. servicemen were killed in the operation.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan told a gathering of out-of-town reporters at the White House he did not consider himself "mortally wounded" by the Iran-Contra affair.

Ten years ago: The White House acknowledged that in the weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks, President George W. Bush was told by U.S. intelligence that Osama bin Laden's terrorist network might hijack American airplanes, but that officials did not know suicide hijackers were plotting to use planes as missiles. Financier Martin Frankel pleaded guilty in New Haven, Conn., to 24 counts of securities fraud and racketeering, admitting that he'd looted insurance companies of more than \$200 million. (Frankel was later sentenced to nearly 17 years in federal prison.)

Five years ago: The Rev. Jerry Falwell, who'd built the Christian right into a political force, died in Lynchburg, Va., at age 73. Yolanda King, the firstborn child of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 51. President George W. Bush chose Lt. Gen. Douglas Lute to oversee the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan as a war czar. Prime Minister Bertie Ahern became the first Irish leader to address the joint houses of the British Parliament. Kenny Chesney collected his third consecutive entertainer of the year trophy from the Academy of Country Music.

One year ago: Thousands of Arab protesters marched on Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and Gaza in an unprecedented wave of demonstrations, sparking clashes that left at least 15 dead. Finland scored five late goals to beat Sweden 6-1 and claim its second title at the ice hockey world championship played in Bratislava, Slovakia.

Today's Birthdays: Playwright Sir Peter Shaffer is 86. Actress-singer Anna Maria Alberghetti is 76. Counterculture icon Wavy Gravy is 76. Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is 75. Singer Trini Lopez is 75. Singer Lenny Welch is 74. Actress-singer Lainie Kazan is 72. Actress Gunilla Hutton is 70. Country singer K.T. Oslin is 70. Singer-songwriter Brian Eno is 64. Actor Nicholas Hammond ("The Sound of Music") is 62. Actor Chazz Palminteri is 60. Baseball Hall-of-Famer George Brett is 59. Musician-composer Mike Oldfield ("Tubular Bells") is 59. Actor Lee Horsley is 57. TV personality Giselle Fernandez is 51. Football Hall-of-Famer Emmitt Smith is 43. Singer-rapper Prince Be (PM Dawn) is 42. Actor Brad Rowe is 42. Actor David Charvet is 40. Actor Russell Hornsby is 38. Rock musician Ahmet Zappa is 38. Olympic gold-medal gymnast Amy Chow is 34. Actor David Krumholtz is 34. Actress Jamie-Lynn Sigler is 31. Rock musician Brad Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 30. Rock musician Nick Perri is 28.

Thought for Today: "Martyrdom has always been a proof of the intensity, never of the correctness of a belief." - Arthur Schnitzler (1862-1931).

there were 13 million births in the U.S. From January 1940 through December 1945, there were 16 million

This was the Silent Generation, born in Depression and war. It never produced a president, and never will, unless Ron Paul catches fire pretty quickly. The Greatest Generation gave us six presidents, starting with JFK and ending with Bush I. Our three most recent presidents -- Bill Clinton, Bush II, Barack Obama -are all baby boomers

And here we come to the heart of our next economic crisis.

If one adds up all the children born between Jan. 1, 1946 and Jan. 1, 1965, the era of the great American baby boom, the total comes to 77 million babies born in the United States.

Why is this so significant now?

Because this year, 2012, the first wave of baby boomers, all those born in 1946, like Clinton and George W. Bush, will reach 66, and eligibility for full Social Security and Medicare benefits. The boomers, en masse, will start moving off payrolls onto pension rolls. Let us assume the 77 million

To borrow from Merle Haggard, Are the good times really over for good?"

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?'

Still making waves after all these years

I was 12 years old and loved

The Beach Boys. "Surfer Girl"

and "Little Deuce Coupe" were

my favorite songs. I lived on Long

Island and, like the boys, had access

to an ocean. I used it frequently,

catching waves, feeling the warmth

of the sun. It was a happy time. The

girls were pretty, my parents clue-

less, and all things seemed possible.

happiness. Two of the original Beach

Boys, Carl and Dennis Wilson, are

dead. And their brother Brian is one

of the walking wounded, a poster

boy for the downside of drug abuse.

The picture The Beach Boys con-

But life has a way of intruding on

Quick question: What is the most enduring American pop group of all time? Has to be The Beach Boys, right? They are currently on their 50th anniversary tour across the country, if you can believe it.

I saw the boys the other night, and they can still bring it. Lead singer Mike Love is 71, musical genius Brian Wilson is nearly 70, as is keyboardist Bruce Johnston.

The audience was primarily aging baby boomers who were not only singing along to the surf tracks; they were memorializing their youth. In 1962, back when The Beach Boys were just getting started, America was a kinder, sweeter place where long summer days defined many young lives.

John F. Kennedy was president, and Camelot was in full flower that year. "Where were you in '62?" later became the ad campaign for a film called "American Graffiti." But many senior citizens well remember where they were: watching the No. 1 rated TV program, "Wagon Train," listening to Elvis sing "Return to Sender," maybe going to the movies to see the blockbuster "Lawrence of

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Johnny Carson debuted on "The Tonight Show" in 1962. The unemployment rate was 5.2 percent. Average family income \$6,000, was which didn't leave much cash left over for recreational drugs.

tinue to paint with their upbeat lyrics is idyllic, but their lives, generally speaking, have included much turbulent water.

In that, they are just like most of us. So when we get a chance to revisit the past in a positive way, we should take it. I actually embarrassed myself at the concert by singing "In My Room." I didn't care. I remember my small, un-air-conditioned room in Levittown. I could go there to soothe my troubles. I did a lot of dreaming in that space.

So right on to The Beach Boys, even though they are now ancient mariners. The waves today are far more intense than they were back in '62. In the face of the incoming tide, sometimes we need some relief, some positive perspective about our lives.

God only knows just how much the baby-boom generation has experienced.

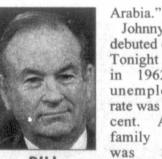
Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama.'

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Lawmakers plan Okla. DHS overhaul

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -State lawmakers on Monday unveiled plans for a major overhaul of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services that include abolishing the agency's current governing board and replacing it with four separate advisory panels, each charged with overseeing a different agency division.

The proposals, which will be introduced in the House this week, were recommended by a House working group that has been studying the agency since the state settled a multimilfion-dollar lawsuit over how Oklahoma cares for abused and neglected children.

Among the changes is a resolution seeking a statewide vote on whether to amend the state constitution to abolish the current Commission for Human Services, a nine-member, constitutionally created board that has overseen the agency for more than 70 years, said Rep. Jason Nelson, who headed up the House working group.

"It was crafted in 1936 to insulate the department from any political influence or outside influence. What we've ended up with so many years later is an agency that is really not responsive when it needs to be," said Nelson, R-Oklahoma City. "We believe this would make the agency more responsive to the public.

"The Legislature and the governor, quite frankly, are limited in their ability to affect change, and we believe this is an important step to get the commission and that insulation out of the constitution and give us some direct, statutory control of the agency."

If voters approve the plan, a

ernor, with Senate confirmation, to appoint the DHS director. And instead of having one nine-member commission, four separate advisory panels would be created to oversee the four key agency divisions: child welfare, developmental disabilities services, aging services, and administration.

Nelson said he's confident that future governors would not engage in political patronage with a job as important as overseeing the welfare of the state's most vulnerable citizens.

"With something this politically volatile, if you're a governor and you've got somebody who is getting the job done, you're not going to remove them to put in your friend," Nelson said. "That's one thing you don't want to have to answer for: child death cases or a bunch of mistakes in an agency."

Other bills would streamline the administration of the agency's child-welfare division, require additional training and pay increases for child-welfare workers, and require DHS to publicly disclose more information about cases involving child deaths or serious injuries that resulted from neglect or abuse.

Gov. Mary Fallin supports the legislative initiatives, said her spokesman, Alex Weintz.

"The citizens of Oklahoma deserve a Department of Human Services that is responsive to the needs of the public and whose leadership is held accountable for the services and outcomes associated with that agency," Weintz said in a statement. "Governor Fallin will continue to work with

separate bill would allow the gov- lawmakers to provide that level of accountability and transparency and to improve the quality of the agency. The reforms proposed today would move the agency in the right direction."

Sheree Powell, a spokeswoman for DHS, acknowledged that some of the roughly 7,300 state workers at the agency are concerned about a massive overhaul.

"Any time you come across major change like this, there's going to be some unrest," Powell said. "There's going to be a little anxiety that comes with change. That is normal. (But) all of our workers, particularly in child welfare, have been energized by the fact that so many people have come together in this state to support them."

DHS has come under fire in recent years for the high-profile deaths of several children in its custody. The longtime director of the agency retired earlier this year after the state settled a class-action lawsuit over the safety of foster children. That settlement calls for major changes in the child welfare system in the areas of child abuse and neglect in care, as well as the number of foster homes available for children in need of therapeutic care, the visitation of children by case workers, adoption and caseloads.

The agreement also calls for the state to spend about \$100 million more over the next five years to implement the so-called "Pinnacle Plan." Lawmakers plan to increase agency funding by about \$30 million in the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1, Steele said.

Could found artifact be 900 years old?

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - A group of New Mexico seventh-graders have found could be one of the most significant archaeological discoveries in a while.

Seventh-graders from Sandia Prep discovered a Native American pot, about 18 inches high and 14 to 16 inches wide and possibly 900 years old, while on a field trip last month in Cibola County.

"It was like a gray pot, with zig-zag stripes and dash patterns all the way going around it," seventhgrader Isabel Jerome told KOAT-TV (http://bit.ly/ J7g8Ld). "Yeah, it was a really incredible find."

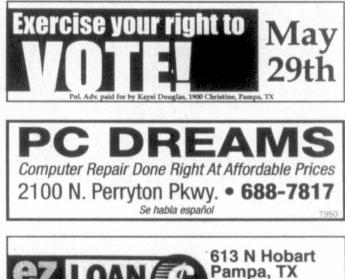
State officials aren't revealing the artifact until they consult nearby pueblos.

Teachers immediately contacted U.S. National Park Service representatives who then contacted the Bureau of Land Management.

This week, BLM archeologists removed the pot. They estimate the age to be 800 to 1,000 years old because of clues from the pot: size, shape and design on the pot, and comparisons to other artifacts already dated.

"None of this is an exact science, but BLM archeologists are telling me, when finding a pottery shard, it's hard to determine because of its small size and not being intact," Stephen Baker, BLM public affairs, told the Gallup Independent (http://bit.ly/ Axbadj). "Because the pot is nearly intact we get a lot of clues and because of other archaeological studies that have been done, can look at it and determine what research tells them, and can estimate its place in history."

The last significant discovery on New Mexico Bureau of Land Management land was a decade ago. ARTIFACT cont. on page 7



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Perry defends Dewhurst in radio advert

AUSTIN (AP) Texas Gov. Rick Perry vouches for his lieutenant governor's conservative credentials in a radio ad released Monday by David Dewhurst's U.S. Senate campaign.

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In' the 60-second spot, Perry rebuts conservaTed Cruz has repeatedly referred to himself as a "conservative fighter" in his Republican primary campaign against hoping to avoid a run-Dewhurst. Cruz has won support from the anti-tax group Club for Growth, the National Tea Party Express and the conservative activist group FreedomWorks. The Club for Growth announced last week that it would spend \$1 million to air attack ads targeting Dewhurst and FreedomWorks has trained Cruz volunteers. Perry is standing by Dewhurst, who has served as lieutenant governor since 2003. But when Perry ran for president last year, he tried to rally the same tea party

organizations to his cam-

paign.

on the first day of early voting for the May 29 Republican primary. The Dewhurst campaign in off against Cruz or one of the other major candidates, which include former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert and former

broadcaster Craig James.

share the same positions

opposing new federal

health care laws, new

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All of the candidates

Meanwhile, Leppert has called all his opponents empty suits.

The Cruz campaign released a new radio ad on Monday with conservative talk-radio host Mark Levin. Levin called Texas "ground zero in

tive critics who have called Dewhurst a moderate who supported raising taxes. National tea party organizations have said Dewhurst is not conservative enough and are trying to defeat him. "You know the D.C. insiders are scared when they spend millions of dollars attacking Texas conservatives," Perry says. "Despite their D.C. double-talk, the facts are simple. David Dewhurst is a conservative fighter."

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ernment spending. The campaigns have instead focused on personal style and past experiences. Dewhurst and Cruz have bludgeoned each other with negative ads.

Cruz has falsely implied that Dewhurst supported a personal income tax and Dewhurst has mischaracterized Cruz's The Perry ad comes private legal practice.

the battle between liberty and tyranny" and said Cruz was "a proven warrior for liberty."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: One of my but still attend the meetings. and you can still meet as esting and fun to be around. food to enjoy while we disto overlook Max's transgressions, but others in our golf happens month after month. group talk and joke behind his back. How should I go about occasions we expect every- Canadians are and how rude stopping the problem without one to read. Our discussions Americans are. stressing our friendship? -FLORIDA GOLFER

DEAR GOLFER: What you have described is considered a terrible breach of golf etiquette. What it shows about Max is a seri- drop out. We are all friends. ous lack of ethics. Because you feel close to him, take him aside and tell him privately as a friend that it's time to knock off the cheating because the others are onto him, and he's making himself a laughingstock.

DEAR ABBY: I have. been part of a book club for tain members of your book litely" pointing out to Realmost 20 years. We began as a group of six teachers who' required reading and rewanted to share our friendship and love of reading. Over the years, members have come and gone, but five of the original group remains. We're now a group of nine.

Our dilemma is that many of the women don't bother to There will be less disapread the monthly selection pointment for the readers.

friends, "Max," cheats at golf. Granted, the meetings are friends without anyone be-Otherwise he's witty, inter- very social. Everyone brings ing inconvenienced. He moves his ball closer to cuss books and anything else good friend, "Renee," who the hole on the green and "im- going on in our lives. Howev- is Canadian and a permanent proves" his lie when he thinks er, the core group finds it an-resident of the United States. no one is looking. I have tried noying when some members We don't always agree on don't even attempt to read. It things, but one thing really

> are livelier and more interesting when everyone shares to Canada, she commented her thoughts, but some don't about a cashier who was nice make the effort or threaten to to us by saying, "That cashier drop out of the book club.

> We don't want anyone to Are we expecting too much because as teachers we regard it as a "homework assignment" not being completed? What can we do? I'd like ask her to knock off bashing your opinion so I can share it Americans? - LOVE IT OR at the book club. - PENNS- LEAVE IT VILLE, N.J., READER

> club are no longer doing the nee that it is rude to make gard the gatherings as social affairs, why not make some of the meetings - say, every other month - devoted solely to discussing the book you are reading, while the rest will be strictly social?

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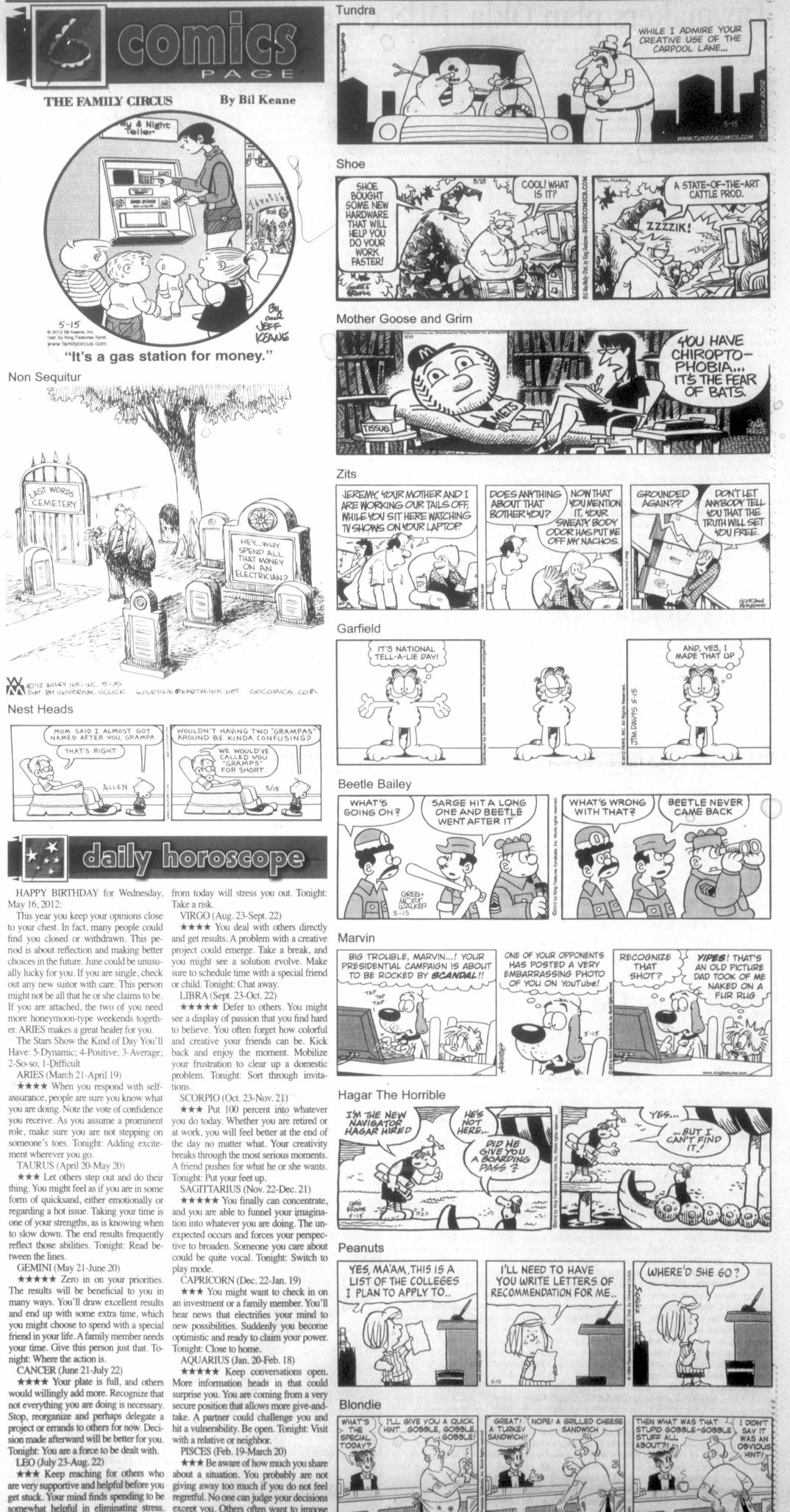
> On a recent trip we took wouldn't have been so nice if we were in America." When I try to point out evidence to the contrary, Renee shrugs it off and calls it an exception to the rule.

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DEAR LOVE IT OR DEAR READER: If cer- LEAVE IT: Do it by "pocomments that make others uncomfortable, and if Canadians are as "nice" as she says they are - and that includes her - she'll quit putting down Americans because you find it offensive.

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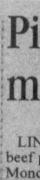
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New generation challenges African Americans in Congress

DALLAS (AP) — For two decades, Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson has been an outspoken voice for Democrats in her signature bright blazer and multicolored scarf.

Now the first black woman to represent North Texas in Congress faces serious opposition in the May 29 primary election, and the effort to unseat her is just one of several challenges against some of the longest-serving black members of Congress.

"I will always be ever more grateful for the trails that she has blazed," said Eva Jones, owner of a barbeque restaurant who was chairwoman of Johnson's first House campaign in 1992. But "there has come a time where we need new leadership, like in any business, like with anything."

Longtime black incumbents in Dallas, Detroit and New York City are being challenged by a younger generation of black office-seekers who aren't waiting for retirements by the old guard, including nationally known figures whose activism dates to the civil rights movement.

-In Michigan, 82-year-old Rep. John Conyers, the oldest black member of the House, has several challengers. In New York, longtime Rep. Charles Rangel, 81 and a political fixture in Harlem, also has multiple challengers.

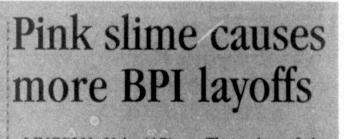
One of Conyers' rivals, Michigan state Sen. Bert Johnson, said voters who supported the congressman for decades in his Detroit district recognize that "perhaps we're not trying to integrate lunch counters so much" as work to prevent foreclosures in struggling neighborhoods.

"Those people know that there is a nexus between their experience and the youthful vigor and zeal that I bring to the table," said Johnson, who at 38 was born eight years after Conyers took office in 1965 following his work with civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks.

Eddie Bernice Johnson's two challengers are careful not to criticize her directly, but say they hear increasing doubts from voters in south Dallas, where neighborhoods have struggled long before the recession.

"North Texas has seen a lot of economic growth. Unfortunately, this district and our community hasn't really shared in that economic development," said Taj Clayton, one of the congresswoman's opponents.

Johnson, 76, grew up in Waco and moved to



LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The maker of the Monday it was laying off 86 employees from its corporate office in South Dakota, citing what it calls a misinformation campaign about a product that food-industry experts agree is safe. Beef Products Inc. executives said this is the second round of layoffs resulting from the intense negative publicity about the company's lean, finely textured beef.



Johnson

Dallas after college and took a job as a VA nurse. She got into politics after a trip to buy a new

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"I learned in just a very stark shock that I could not try the hat on," she told the Dallas Morning News in 1987. "I never experienced that in Waco. We could try on clothes. I found that black women (in Dallas) could not try on shoes. People tried them on

for you, or they would measure your foot and guess your size."

She didn't buy the hat. Instead, she organized a boycott and took her first step into politics. More than a decade later, local leaders encouraged her to run for Texas state representative, and she won.

In 1986, she was elected to the state Senate. Six years later, she ran for the U.S. House from a district she helped draw as a state senator.

She's won 100 percent of the vote in every primary since. Johnson, who declined to be interviewed for this report, has won federal funding for new mass transit and other local projects. She's also fought against a Republican-backed voter ID law that she says would disenfranchise minority voters.

Supporters said the congresswoman's district needs her experienced hand.

"This election is too important ... to hand everything to a novice that's going to help shape the policies for (President Barack Obama's) second term," said David Henderson Jr., a pastor and president of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Dallas. "We need someone with her stature, with her status."

One of Johnson's challengers, Texas state Rep. Barbara Mallory Caraway, worked for Johnson when she was a state senator before Johnson fired her. Caraway, 56, is married to a Dallas city councilman and is well-known for defeating incumbents in two previous races. She spends much of every day walking the district to talk to voters.

"Twenty years is a long time to be in one elected office. Now's the time. It's time for new leadership," Caraway said.

Clayton, 35, the second of Eddie Bernice Johnson's challengers, is a Harvard-educated lawyer and son of local glass factory workers. His campaign staff includes a former national field director for

Obama's 2008 campaign.

Redistricting has expanded the district into majority Latino areas where voters are less familiar with all three candidates. The primary is also being held later than expected, on the day after Memorial Day, which could affect turnout.

Johnson has not debated her opponents and has held relatively few campaign events. She dismissed both in a radio interview last month.

"If you want to know my honest opinion, I don't think anybody who's running against me is ready to come to this job," Johnson said.

She has a coveted endorsement from Obama, who rarely intervenes in Democratic primaries. Johnson's campaign says she remains focused on the district by holding weekend events and working hard in Washington during the week.

"The way she has always approached it is, 'I'll run on my record, so the best thing I can do is continue to extend my record," spokesman Eddie Reeves said.

Johnson is a former chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus, an influential group that once counted Obama as a member. She's one of the oldest members of the CBC, which has at least two other members in tough re-election fights Conyers and Rangel, who has been a political mainstay in Harlem since 1971.

Rangel, who was convicted on House ethics charges in 2010, faces two black Democrats in his bid for a 22nd term — local district leader Joyce Johnson and former Democratic National Committee official Clyde Williams, as well as Latino state Sen. Adriano Espaillat. Latinos make up more than half the population in Rangel's newly redrawn district. The primary is June 26.

Another longtime New York congressman, Edolphus Towns, declined to seek a 16th term. Towns, 77, would have faced a tough primary fight against two black Democrats; new areas also were added to his Brooklyn district after redistricting.

"People are challenging at every level, and I think it's not the worst thing in the world," said former Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder, the nation's first elected black governor. "Seniority is good to the extent that it produces, and in the absence of that, the question then becomes, what have you done for me today?"

Oklahoma abortion drug law overturned

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - An Oklahoma law restricting the use of certain abortion-inducing drugs has been ruled unconstitutional by a district court judge, who said it violates "the fundamental rights of women to privacy and bodily integrity."

The law passed last year required doctors to follow strict guidelines authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and prohibited off-label uses of the drugs - such as changing a recommended dosage or prescribing it for different symptoms than the drug was initially approved for. It also required doctors to examine women before prescribing the drugs, document certain medical conditions and schedule follow-up appointments. The law never went into effect after a temporary injunction against it was issued in October.

and the Oklahoma Coalition for Reproductive Justice.

The lawsuit argued that the restrictions would leave women no choice but to undergo invasive surgeries to end their pregnancies.

"This decision adds to a growing list of state and federal courts that have reaffirmed in no uncertain terms that reproductive rights are fundamental constitutional rights that must be afforded the strongest possible legal protection," according to a statement from Nancy Northup, president and CEO for the Center for Reproductive Rights

BPI has said it took a "substantial" financial hit after social media exploded with worry over the product and an online petition sought its ouster from schools.

The company confirmed earlier this month it was closing its three plants in Kansas, Texas (in Amarillo) and Iowa, resulting in 650 lost jobs. A fourth plant in Nebraska will remain open but at reduced capacity.

The latest job cuts will hit the company's accounting, logistics, engineering and human resources departments, as well as a machine and assembly shop in South Sioux City, Neb.

"We are deeply saddened by today's events," Regina Roth, the company's co-founder, said in a statement. "This causes very personal heartache for us. We are not some big conglomerate, but a small family-owned business. We personally know and have worked side by side with these people and our family business will never the same with this loss."

Making the product involves heating bits of beef and treating it with a small amount of ammonia to kill bacteria. The process has been used for years and meets federal food safety standards.

BPI has declined to discuss financial details since the onslaught of social media criticism and the online petition drew hundreds of thousands of supporters.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided that school districts may stop using the meat, and some retail chains have pulled products containing it from their shelves.

Company officials have said they hoped to recover but have since realized that doing so wasn't possible in the near future.

Eldon Roth, a company co-founder, said BPI has worked for the last 30 years to produce the "safest, highest-quality, all-natural lean beef that has been enjoyed by millions of Americans."

"We continue to stand by our product as 100 percent safe, wholesome and nutritious," he said. "We're convinced that consumer demand for our high quality lean beef will return."

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Opponents expressed delight Monday with Judge Donald Worthington's decision, while supporters predicted the ruling would not stand.

"We're absolutely thrilled, the mood around here is electric," said Michelle Movahed, attorney for the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights, which filed the lawsuit challenging the law on behalf of Nova Health Systems' Tulsa-based Center for Reproductive Rights

Artifact

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Anthony Schoepke, a computer and filmmaking teacher at Sandia Prep Middle/ High School and one of the three who discovered the pot, said it was found while 75 seventh-grade students from the school, including some Polish seventh-graders on an exchange trip, were exploring caves.

The field trip was part of the Outdoor Leadership program at the school.

"One of the teachers was showing a light and it caught something bright near the floor, I looked down and it was this pot underneath a bunch of rocks," he told the Gallup Independent . "One of the parents on the trip had a lot of knowledge of the artifact law and Native American pots and we all agreed not to touch it, or try to remove it, and to notify authorities."

Schoepke described the pot as being cream colored with a complicated design of diagonal lines in either black or dark brown.

Donna Hummel of the BLM said the find could be unique and the students may not fully understand its importance. "This is very significant. We hope they appreciate that this could be a once in a lifetime discovery," said Humme.

When told that the pot could be around 900-years-old, students expressed amazement.

"That's crazy. I think we were probably some of the first people to see so that's really cool," seventh-grader Cole Schoepke said.

There are 13 million acres of New Mexico Bureau of Land Management land, most of which has been scoured by scientists.

State Rep. Randy Grau, R-Edmond, the House author of the bill, said Monday that Worthington's ruling is wrong

"I'm confident the AG's (attorney general's) Office will appeal this decision," Grau said. "The purpose of this was patient protection and safety. There were several different safety provisions included in the bill. I'm sure the fight will continue, and that we'll see this overturned."

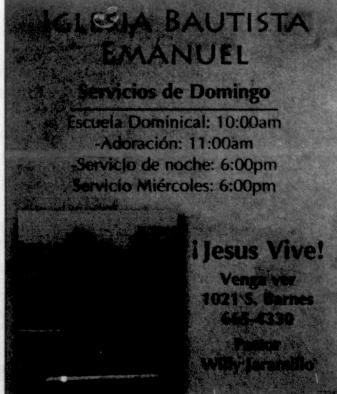
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the county, Wheeley has served on the boards for the White Deer Land Museum, the Top O' Texas Rodeo and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

His reason for initially running for office in the 80s was simple.

"I wanted to serve the people," he said. "I'm a people person, and I think I have a conservative head on me.'

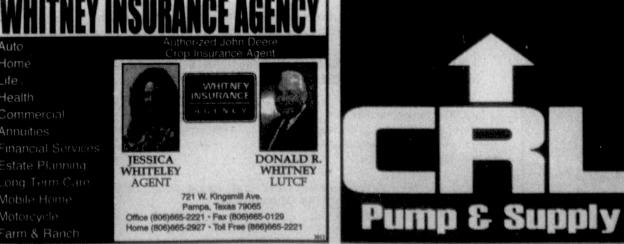




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Inmate set to die Wednesday gets reprieve from court

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Monday stopped this week's scheduled execution of a convicted killer whose mental health had become an issue in his appeals.

The state's highest criminal court gave a reprieve to Steven Staley, 49, who was set for lethal injection Wednesday evening in Huntsville for the 1989 shooting death of a Fort Worth restaurant manager during a botched robbery.

"This is great," said Staley's attorney, John Stickels. "I'm very happy."

Prosecutors contended Staley was competent for execution, but Stickels in his appeal to the court said that was accomplished only because a state judge in Fort Worth improperly ordered Staley be given drugs to make him competent so the state of Texas could kill him.

The appeals court spent much of the ruling's three pages recounting Staley's case in the courts and only in a final paragraph specifically addressed the appeal, saying the court had determined the execution should be halted "pending further order by this court."

It gave no reason. Justice Lawrence Meyers dissented from his eight colleagues but issued no dissenting opinion.

"I don't know what's next," Stickels said. "It just orders the execution stayed and doesn't order anything else. I'm not going to do anything until they tell me."

Staley escaped from a Denver halfway house when 35-year-old restaurant manager Bob Read of Fort Worth was killed in October 1989. Staley and two accomplices were arrested after a wild 20-mile car and foot chase ended a series of robberies, assaults and at least one other killing as the trio traveled from Colorado, through Kansas and Oklahoma and into Texas.

In a written statement, Staley implicated himself in Read's slaying. His lawyers contended his mental abilities have deteriorated while in prison.

The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled forcible medication is appropriate if it's likely to make the condemned inmate competent, if the side effects wouldn't be worse than the benefits and if it's in the prisoner's best medical interests. The Supreme Court hasn't addressed the issue.

In 1986, the high court said a person may be executed if he's aware of the punishment and the reason for it. Then in 2002, the court barred execution of mentally impaired people.

Stickels said Staley's IQ of 70 - considered the threshold for mental impairment - also could disqualify him from the punishment.

Staley had fled the Denver halfway house while awaiting parole on robbery and auto theft convictions. In 1989 in Fort Worth, he and accomplice Tracey Duke ended a meal by pulling semiautomatic weapons from the purse of Duke's girlfriend, Brenda Rayburn.

They herded customers and employees to the back of the restaurant, then forced Read to open cash registers and the store safe. An assistant manager slipped out and called police. Read, married and a father of three, urged the robbers to take him and leave the hostages alone when the police arrived.

Officers watched Read walk out the door of the restaurant, guns poked in his ribs. The robbers hijacked a car and police moved in as Read was being forced into the back seat. Evidence showed Staley shot Read, then Staley and Duke fired on the officers.

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They then led authorities on the 20-mile chase and were caught after the car broke down and they tried to flee on foot.

Remains found belong to missing boy

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities have identified skeletal remains found in a rural creek near Dallas as those of a 10-year-old boy allegedly starved to death by his father and stepmother, police and a family member said Monday.

Dallas police said they confirmed with the Dallas County medical examiner that DNA tests have linked the remains to Johnathan Ramsey. The boy's remains were found April 21 in rural Ellis County, south of the city. The medical examiner declined to comment on the case because the remains were found in another county. However,

mother to Johnathan's mother, confirmed that the family had been informed that a positive identification of Johnathan had been made.

The boy's father and stepmother, Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey, remain jailed on charges of felony injury to a child. Both are being held on \$500,000 bail. Attorneys for each did not return phone messages seeking comment.

Aaron Ramsey allegedly told police he limited the boy's meals to bread, water and sometimes milk for several months. According to police records, the boy was confined to his bed-Starla Swanson, step- room in the family's

Dallas home, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The boy's mother, Judy Williams, and other relatives did not see him for months. Williams lives in New Mexico and has custody of the couple's other son, Swanson said.

Johnathan's grandfather Edward Ramsey had contacted police earlier this vear to ask them to search for the child because he had not seen the boy for more than a year.

Aaron and Elizabeth Ramsey initially claimed the boy had gone to live with his mother, but later confessed to starving the boy to death, police said. According to police, Aaron Ramsey said he put his son on "military

rations" because the boy began to misbehave early last year. Ramsey said the boy had punched his stepmother in the stomach when she was pregnant, causing a miscarriage. Ramsey said he hit Johnathan in the chest and then locked him in a bedroom, according to the records.

A spokeswoman for the Dallas County district attorney did not immediately comment on whether prosecutors would seek additional charges now that the remains had been identified.

The child's remains were to be cremated and his ashes sent to his mother, Swanson said.

Duke, 45, is serving three life sentences in Texas and has a 30-year sentence in Colorado for murder and armed robbery. Rayburn accepted 30 years in a plea bargain.



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as well as checking their moving parts and fitting bike helmets for kids.

It's all towards the goal of preventing bicycle accidents in Pampa, McCullar said. McCullar, herself a parent of avid bike riders, said that the last thing she wants to see is Pampa's kids getting hurt in preventable situations.

"We have had (accidents involving bicycles) in the past," McCullar said. "I personally haven't worked anything, but we've had incidents. We haven't had some adults. It definitely could happen, so we just want the kids to be prepared.

"Especially with younger kids, they don't think before they do certain things when they're riding out on the street. I've deal with that myself. I just tell kids when I do my presentation, 'Guys, when it's you versus a vehicle, it's not good. If that happens, you're looking at possibly dying.' I really stress that to them, because they have to understand that

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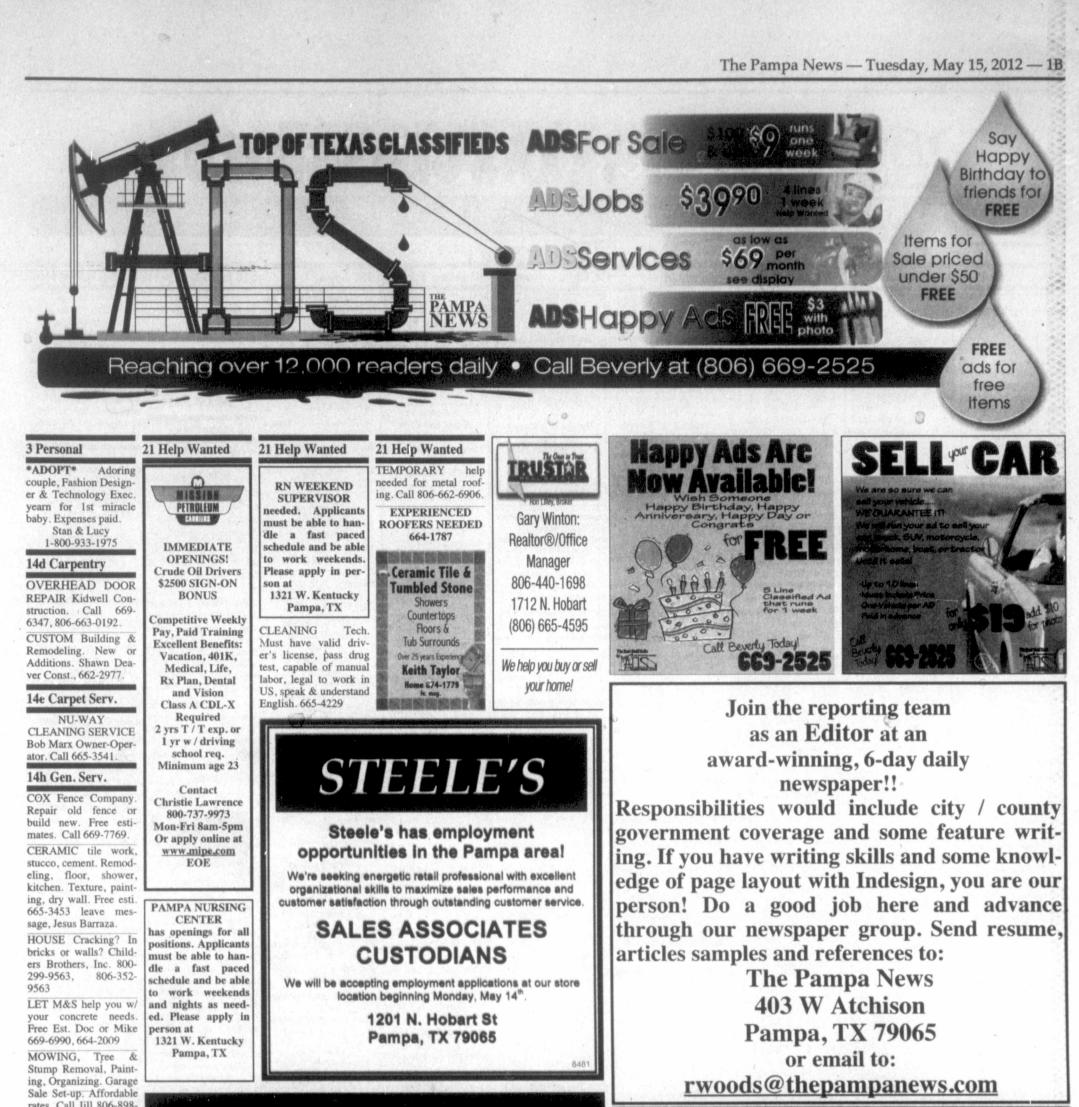
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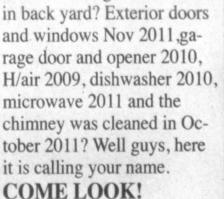
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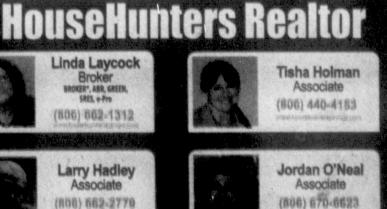
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Sports

PHS Leo Club holds third annual dodgeball tourney

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For the third straight year, the Pampa High School's Leo Club will host a dodgeball tournament to raise money for the Texas Lion's camp 6 p.m. today at McNeely Fieldhouse.

"The money raised goes towards sending kids with special needs to camp in the summer," club sponsor Dustin Miller said. "At this camp, they get to do things they might not be able to do on a regular basis."

Twelve teams have

signed up, raising \$150. The last two tournaments' teams featured student ath-

Miller

letes from all the different sports. Gate fee is \$2 and that will also go to the Texas Lion's camp. Each team will have its own shirt. Miller said the tournament is popular because it takes people back to their childhood.

"Some people still think they have "it," Miller said, "so it's good entertainment for everyone.

Pampa also raised money for the camp during the Lion's Club basketball tournament last November. The Texas Lion's Camp is in Kerrville and has five sessions for children from 7-16 with physical disabilities starting June 3. There are two speciality camps and two diabetes camps starting July 8. The camp is designed to give children a "can do" attitude. Over 1,500 children attend the camp per year.

The winning team will receive gift certificates to Holmes Sports Center.



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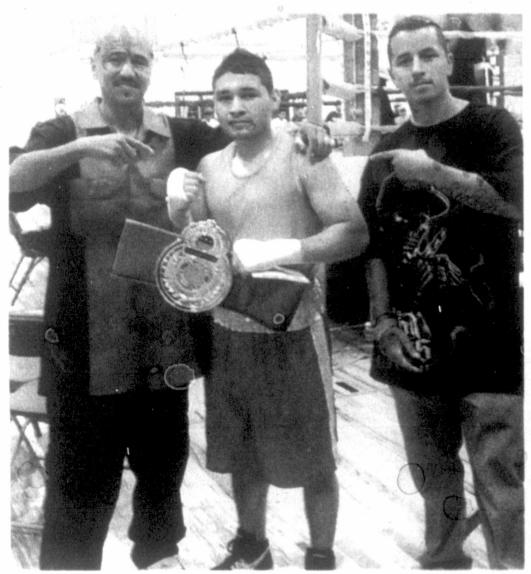
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Then-senior Juan Martinez throws a dodgebal in last year's tournament. The tournament returns at 6 p.m. today in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa boxing club boxer Garcia wins tournament



LORRAINE LARRAZOLO Special to The Pampa News

The Pampa Boxing Club competed in a tournament on May 5 in Amarillo hosted by the Mavericks boxing club.

Francisco Garcia fought Dominque Baca from Dalhart, who had double the experience of Garcia.

With a slow pace in the first round, Garcia was able to feel out his opponent ,which led to victories in the second and third rounds. Garcia pressured his opponent and made it difficult for Baca to come back.

All three judges scored Garcia the winner and awarded him with his first belt, improving his record to 3-0.

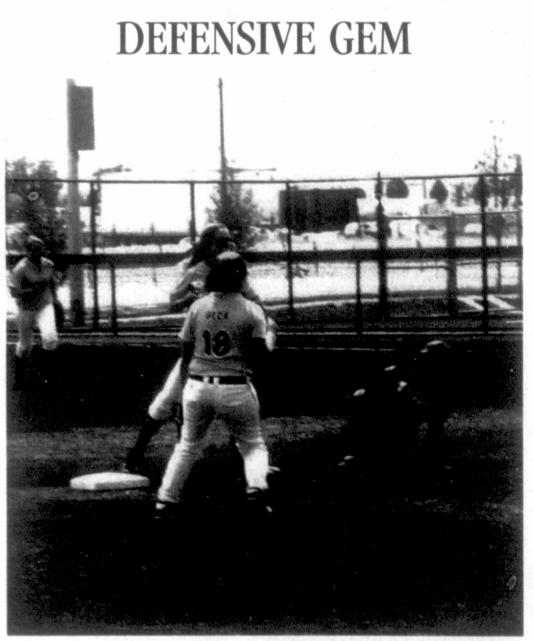


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Francisco Garcia holds his championship belt after winning a match in a tournament in Amarillo. Standing with him is Coach Lupe Larrazolo (left) and Cristoval Larrazolo.

McNamee testifies for first time in Clemens perjury trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' chief accuser finally took the stand Monday in the former pitcher's perjury trial, a make-or-break moment for the government.

Brian McNamee has said he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone in 1998, 2000 and 2001. Clemens is accused of lying to Congress in 2008 when he denied using those drugs.

McNamee, wearing a tan suit and speaking softly in a thick New York accent, began his testimony with questions that focused on his job history. The case broke for lunch before he got into anything about Clemens.

McNamee, Clemens' former strength coach, says he saved items that he used while injecting Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs, including gauze, tissues, syringes, cotton balls and needles. Prosecutors say they have evidence that some of the materials tested positive for the drugs as well as Clemens' DNA.

Clemens' lawyers have said they will contend that the items saved by McNamee have been tainted and contaminated because they were stored so haphazardly. They refer to the collection as a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage." Clemens insists that McNamee injected him with vitamin B12 and the anesthetic lidocaine.

McNamee and the jury arrived in the courtroom after Clemens lost his attempt to bring in information from McNamee's divorce. U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton granted motions filed by McNamee and his estranged wife's law firm to quash a Clemens subpoena for divorce records. The judge called the subpoena a "fishing expedition."

Walton also rejected a defense motion

Roger to strike Andy Pettitte's testimony about a contested conversation a dozen years ago pitcher's about human growth hormone.

Pettitte, Clemens former teammate, testified two weeks ago that Clemens said he had used HGH — only to say under cross-examination he might have misunderstood their conversation. Walton ruled that because Pettitte had said under questioning from prosecutors that Clemens said he used HGH, it was up to the jury to decide which how much weight to give Pettitte's testimony.

Clemens' team won a few small victories on Monday, over how much of McNamee's checkered past it could present to jurors in an attempt to diminish his credibility. The judge ruled that Clemens' team could bring up evidence of McNamee's alleged alcohol problems, including two convictions for driving under the influence. Walton also said that if the defense had evidence that McNamee had obtained prescription drugs without a prescription, that too could be mentioned.

But the judge said that defense lawyers could not mention that McNamee was investigated for an alleged sexual assault over an incident at a St. Petersburg hotel involving a woman who was found to have a date rape drug in her system. Walton said that the defense could refer to it as a serious criminal investigation. McNamee lied to investigators, and prosecutors have argued that with the exception of the false statements to police, the 2001 incident is inadmissible. Charges were never filed in the case.

Monday was a reunion of sorts for Clemens and his former strength coach. In 2008, when they testified together before a congressional committee, McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH, and Clemens denied it.

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Senior McKinlee Stokes steps on second for an out against Lamesa Saturday. The Lady Harvesters won 7-1 to take the series 2-1.

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