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Veterans Dennis Williams (from left), Rodney Winborne, Doug Fulton, Art Bowen, Billy Brown, and Tommy Hester stand at attention to salute America's fallen heroes at Monday's Memorial Day service.

Pampa turns out to salute fallen heroes

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Last night's VFW Memorial Day service at the Freedom Museum gave veterans and non-veterans alike a chance to celebrate those who have served in the military.

"Memorial Day is to honor the men and women who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice for us, and veterans here today who sacrificed also," said Dannie Miller, chaplain of the VFW who served in the Army in Vietnam. "It's just an honor to stand to honor them."

Dennis Williams, who served in the Army in Vietnam, has a son who has served as a Marine in Iraq and Afghanistan, and he said he celebrates him every day, not just on Memorial Day. He added that the VFW gives veterans a chance to come together each day.

"The members of the VFW think about each other each and every

day, and we help each other out of trouble, because of what we had to go through there," said Williams.

"We try to help each other," said Billy Brown, who also served in the Army in Vietnam. "The veterans are a brotherhood, and whenever one of us needs something, we're there."

The importance of recognizing the sacrifices of veterans throughout the year was strongly emphasized during the service.

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Over 1,600 vote early in county; election today

Polls in all precincts open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Election Day for the state primary and Gray County races is here, and it comes on the heels of an up-and-down early voting period, according to Linda Lewis, Gray County elections administrator.

There were 1,656 in-person voters during the twoweek early voting period in Gray County, a solid number compared to other counties across the state, but nowhere near the numbers the election office was expecting.

"I think our expectation was that we'd see the same if not better numbers to the primaries that we did in the presidential (election)," Lewis said. "I think the voters of Gray County did what they could in terms of showing up like they did."

Over 4,000 showed up to early vote in Gray County in 2008, the last presidential election year.

Voters who came out to voice their choices at the polls also voiced their disappointment at the state's perceived exclusion from having its choice for the Republican nomination heard.

"These are the comments that we heard," Lewis said.
"People were really discouraged that Super Tuesday had already come and gone and that Texas did not have a say in the Republican candidate. They were very disillusioned, I guess you could say, that Texas did not have that opportunity to have a voice like that we always do.
... We heard over and over people commenting that they

didn't know what the use of even voting was.

"We remind them that you've got your local races here," she added. "That, I think, is keeping them plugged in, but it's not an optimal opportunity for them to show what they would have if we'd had our primary in March like we always do."

The early voting numbers were bolstered by a late surge, with close to 260 voters coming in between 11:30 **ELECTION** cont. on page 6A

Covil, Delgado, Earnest awarded Anderson Scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE PAMPA NEWS

Eugene Anderson, President of the Eugene and Daniela Anderson Scholarship Foundation, announced earlier this month that graduating Pampa High School seniors Jessica Covil, Jerry Delgado Jr. and Rikki Earnest are this year's Anderson Scholars and the winners of Anderson Foundation Scholarships.

Covil, Delgado and Earnest have each been awarded four year scholarships worth \$16,000. The scholarships are awarded annually to students who achieve high academic standards, contribute positively to their school and community, and demonstrate financial need.

Covil is the daughter of Pamela Covil of Pampa and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Covil. She will attend the University of Chicago and study English Literature. Academically, Jessica is ranked at the top of her class of 223 students in the PHS Class of 2012 and is the class valedictorian. She is a National Merit Scholar, one of 15,000 in the nation. She is a member of the National Honor Society, where

she serves as vice president. She has been active in University Interscholastic League mathematic competitions, as well as in speech and debate competitions. In her junior year, Jessica won the Laura Bush Essay Scholarship for her essay. She has won numerous academic awards, including those for her studies in English, geometry, pre-calculus, biology and physics. She is in the concert and show choirs at Pampa High School. She has won swimming medals as a member of the swim team. Jessica has helped out at the Tralee Crisis Center, planned an abuse awareness assembly, and raised awareness of cancer through the Student Council "Pink Out" project. She has worked at Cinema 4 and now works as a waitress at the Plaza Restaurant. She has been very successful in garnering needed financial support for her college education including a generous grant from the University of Chicago via the QuestBridge organization and grants from the Federal Government.

She is the sister of Brittany Covil, SCHOLARSHIPS cont. on page 8A



photo courtesy of Karen Linder

Rikki Earnest (from left), Jerry Delgado Jr. and Jessica Covil are the 2012 recipients of Anderson Foundation Scholarships. The three outgoing Pampa seniors will each receive four-year awards of \$16,000.

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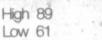
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Low - 53 Low 52

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers

and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 84. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of

with a low around 53. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

North wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high

showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy,

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Democrats struggling to get noticed

AUSTIN (AP) — Out of range of the circular firing squad dominating the Republican primary, Democrats are staging their own, much cheaper, much quieter tussle for their party's nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Former state Rep. Paul Sadler and political newcomer Sean Hubbard are the top-tier candidates fighting for the nomination in next Tuesday's primary, but are doing it mostly by word of mouth and small campaign

That's because most of the Democratic money in Texas is flying to races in other states where Democrats think they can win. That leaves Sadler and Hubbard to scratch for pennies on the dollar compared to the mega-millions being spent by Republicans in their primary.

"I'm shocked by it," Sadler said.
"Democratic donors have given a tremendous amount of money out of state. There's a culture that has kind of developed of people who just don't believe a Democrat can win in this state.'

There's a reason for that. Texas hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994. Even when President Barack Obama won

in 2008, Republican John McCain

won Texas by a wide margin. Hubbard thinks that could change if people could only hear the Democrats' message of an alternative to the GOP stranglehold on the state.

"We haven't given us a reason to vote Democrat in a really long time," Hubbard said.

Hubbard says Democrats have allowed Republicans to define them as "killing babies and taking people's guns away. We're not the pro-abortion party. We're the pro-letting women make their own decisions party. We're the party of Medicare and Social Security. We're the party of fairer taxes. We're the party of opportunity."

That message is hard to deliver without any money.

According to a recent Houston Chronicle analysis of federal election records, of the \$21 million Texas Democrats have given to candidates running for federal office, political action committees and political parties for 2012, only \$4.8 million has gone to candidates from Texas.

And the Texas Senate candidates are barely seeing a trickle of that cash flow into their bank accounts.

Sadler has raised less than \$80,000, Hubbard less than half that with \$30,000. That kind of money barely buys radio ads. Television? Forget about it.

"I've been from Amarillo to Brownsville and every stop in between. I have a legislative record that speaks for itself. I cannot get people to donate," Sadler said.

Meanwhile, the Republican fight between Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, former Dallas mayor Tom Leppert, former state solicitor general Ted Cruz and former football player and television sports analyst Craig James is burning through millions of dollars and dominating the airwaves.

Some of that is self-funded. Dewhurst, reportedly worth more than \$200 million, has given his campaign \$9.2 million.

Sadler and Hubbard can't give themselves that kind of boost. Sadler, 57, is an attorney from Henderson in East Texas. He served in the state House from 1991-2003 where he was regarded as one of the smartest lawmakers, capable of passing some of the most complex legislation from state budgets to education policy.

Sadler has an office-holder's resume, although it is a decade old. Hubbard, from the Dallas area, is 31 and looks more like he's 21. He has been a Democratic party activist and small businessman before jumping into the politics as a candidate. Trolling for dollars, Hubbard was in McAllen on Wednesday night for a meet-and-greet wine and cheese fundraiser hosted by a friend.

Also on the Democratic primary ballot are Addie Dainell Allen, a federal employee from Beaumont, and Grady Yarbrough, a retired educator from San Antonio.

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Hubbard is confident that winning the nomination would bring national attention and money to his cam-

"I've talked to people who have said, 'Get through the primary and we'll make sure you have money to work with,"" Hubbard said.



Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Most Wanted (806) 669-2222



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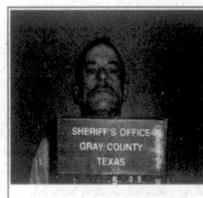
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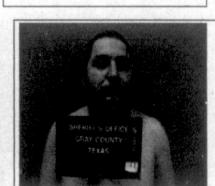
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Michael Tidwell 52 years old/ White Male/5'09"/190lb/ Brown Eyes/Black Hair

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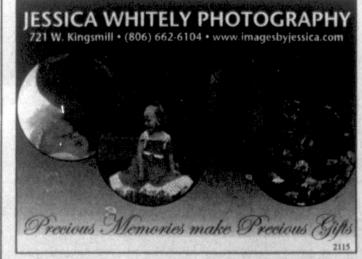
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Juan Mejia 25 years old/Hispanic Male/ 5'07"/160lb/Brown Eyes/ Brown Hair

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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.

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Four wounded in Dallas shooting

DALLAS (AP) — An argument at a parking lot celebration erupted in gunfire, wounding at least four people on a street corner south of downtown Dallas.

Dallas police statement say the incident happened just before 1 a.m. Sunday in a liquor store parking lot. Sr. Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez says a suspect was leaving with a group of people when he drew a handgun and fired into the air. Another suspect who was standing by his vehicle then fired his handgun into that group.

The wounded were taken to Baylor University Medical Center, where they were listed in stable condition. They were an 18-year-old man wounded in the foot, a 10-year-old boy wounded in the right thigh and two 17-year-old girls, one wounded in her upper torso and the other in the leg.

No identities were released. No arrests have been

Man sentenced for child porn

HOUSTON (AP) — A 64-year-old man has received a federal prison sentence of more than seven years after being convicted on one count of receiving child pornography.

Douglas Bruce Parsons was also ordered to serve a 10-year supervised release term and pay \$2,000 in restitution. He must register as a sex offender.

Homeland Security Investigations agents in Corpus Christi using peer-to-peer software discovered an IP address registered to Parsons.

A large volume of child porn was found during a subsequent onsite preview of computers at his home. Authorities say a forensic analysis resulted in the discovery of 17 digital images and 178 videos.

Clerk set on fire dies from injuries

GARLAND (AP) — A clerk who was set on fire during a robbery has died.

Garland police say 76-year-old Nancy Harris died Friday at Parkland Memorial Hospital where she had remained in critical condition since the May 20 inci-

Police saw Harris step out of a Fina station on fire. An officer grabbed a fire extinguisher and began spraying her. She told police she had just been robbed and the suspect had doused her with a liquid and set her on fire. She gave a description of the man.

Officers arrested Matthew Lee Johnson of Garland after receiving a call of attempted break-ins near the station. He remained in Dallas County Jail on Saturday, charged with criminal attempt capital murder. Bond is \$1 million. Authorities say they will pursue a capital murder charge.

Officer fatally shoots man

GALVESTON (AP) - Authorities say an off-duty Houston police officer fatally shot a man outside the Morning News reported. officer's home.

Galveston police said Houston officers Kevin Smith and Carmen Martin showed up at their home after midnight Saturday. The house had been ransacked, and a man walked out and approached the officers, asking them what they were doing in his home. Smith told him it was his house.

KTRK in Houston reports that the suspect then pulled even that could be wiped a gun on the officers, and that Smith drew his pistol and shot the man before he had a chance to fire.

Investigators said 44-year-old Timothy Merrill was EFH investment's value shot once in the arm and once in the torso. He died at by 95 percent.

Man convicted of child's murder

FORT WORTH (AP) - A Fort Worth man who testified that he never meant to harm his fiancee's daughter has been convicted of murder in her death.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reports that jurors Friday deliberated only about two hours before finding 32-year-old Samson Loynachan guilty (http://bit. ly/KLgukg). Prosecutors had sought a capital murder conviction in the death of 2-year-old Chloe Robinson. The punishment phase begins next week.

Loynachan said he may have injured the child when he hit her on the head with a vehicle arm rest while trying to cheer her up. Within an hour, she was unconscious and having difficulty breathing. She died the next day after emergency surgery to relieve brain coming."

Loynachan faces five to 99 years or life in prison; he hydraulic-fracturing is not eligible for probation.

Wildfire in NM's Gila Forest

RESERVE, N.M. (AP) - Authorities say there's a new wildfire burning in the Gila National Forest in southwestern New Mexico.

Forest officials say the Wagontongue Fire has only burned about 40 acres in an area about 20 miles northeast

Reserve Ranger District officials say the fire began Sunday and its cause is undetermined

They say a fire line already has been built around the blaze, which is burning ponderosa pine and grass in rugged terrain near the 9,000-foot level.

New school already overcrowded

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new San Antonio-area high school is so crowded that portable classrooms have been set up.

The San Antonio Express-News reports Judson school district board members are expected to hear from district staff next month about the overcrowding, though some trustees say there are few options for relief at Judson High School, which has an enrollment of about 3,500 with classrooms for only 3,100.

The rebuilt Judson High opened in 2010 and finish-

ing touches are still being applied.

The district has one other comprehensive high school, which has no extra room. Voters in 2010 turned down a bond proposal for a third comprehensive high school.

Judson High isn't the growing district's only crowded school, but operations director Dan Kershner says it's the most packed of six currently over capacity.

Even summer jobs face tax obligations

TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

Q. My son has a job for the summer — a real job with a real paycheck. So will he owe taxes on this money, and will he have to file a tax return?

A. Welcome to real life a rude awakening for your son. The first thing he will be asked to do is fill out IRS form W-4, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate." That's how the employer will figure out how much to withhold from his paycheck for federal income taxes.

That will be the first shock. because the amount withheld will be based on the pay level as if he he will work only for a few months, level necessary to pay taxes use of his money.

for FICA — the "payroll tax" or as it is commonly known, the retirement, maybe. Tell him that claim him as a dependent. Then

The Savage on money

FICA stands for Federal Insurance Contributions Act — so he's really where money earned is shared making a "contribution" (not volwith the government. It may be untary) to his future retirement in makes, you might want to create a the event that Social Security is a contribution to your retirement!

year. If he is in college and under IRA. age 24, as a full-time student, he can be claimed as a dependent on your return, giving you a deduction. were a full-time worker. But since Even so, next April he must file his own return to claim the tax refund. he probably won't reach the income He won't be able to claim his personal exemption if he is a depen-\$5,950. So next April, he can file dent on your return, but he will get for a tax refund. And yes, in the the standard deduction of \$5,950 meantime, the government gets the for 2012. Thus, if he earned less than that amount, he will get back He will also notice a deduction all the withholding taxes he paid in because he has zero tax liability.

However, if your son is no longer Social Security Tax. The threshold a full-time student for at least five for paying FICA is \$400, and this months of the year, and earns more is money he won't get back until than \$3,800, you can no longer

he would get both the individual exemption and the standard deduction, resulting in a larger tax refund to him — and a bigger tax bill to you. Either way, he will learn how to file his own tax return. And surely he'll do it in January because he will be anxious

to get the money back! Here's one more creative tax idea. Even if he spends all the money he Roth IRA for him, where you can still around. Actually, he's making invest the amount he earned — up to \$5,000 — to grow tax-free for Then he can spend — or save his eventual retirement. Or you whatever is left after all those could create an incentive and match deductions. It's likely that he will dollar for dollar, or two for one, qualify for a federal tax refund next every penny he saves in the Roth

> Open an account at any mutual fund company, and invest it in the stock market - where over the long run it will grow in value, and serve as an encouragement for future savings. That is truly a gift that will grow in value.

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

Investors lose in Texas utility stakes

DALLAS (AP) — Private equity investors who bought Dallas-based electric utility TXU Corp. five years ago now see the company worth less than the \$45 billion they paid and mired in debt.

Nevertheless, the company now called Energy Future Holdings is making multimillion-dollar retention bonus payments to executives and cash payments to private equity holders, The Dallas

Warren Buffett recently apologized to Berkshire Hathaway shareholders for spending about \$2 billion on EFH bonds, which are now worth about \$878 million, and conceded out. Private equity firm KKR has written down its

Experts say the company and its investors were ambushed by plummeting natural gas prices and the effects on wholesale electric power prices.

"What brought Energy Future Holdings ... to this sorry state of affairs is the wholly unexpected events around natural gas," Colin Blaydon, director of Dartmouth College's Center for Private Equity and Entrepreneurship, told the newspaper. mean, nobody saw this

The development of technology has freed up vast amounts of natural

gas in already exploited fields in Texas and the Northeast. In February 2007, when KKR and private equity partners TPG and Goldman Sachs announced their offer to buy TXU in the biggest leveraged buyout in history, natural gas futures were trading at \$7.55 per million BTUs. Now, they are trading at around \$2.

"Everybody and their brother said natural gas would be \$5 to \$6, somewhere in that range,' ahead of the buyout, GF Energy LLC head Roger Gale told the newspaper, which had hired his consulting firm to study the buyout in 2007. "If that one single number turns out not to be correct, as it turned out to be, the economics go kablooey."

The lenders, such as Hathaway, Berkshire have been the losers so far. In March, Fitch Ratings said "some kind of default seems inevitable" with \$3.85 billion in debt coming due in 2014.

EFH "has managed as well as any company the pressures of historically low natural gas and wholesale power prices and a sluggish economy," EFH spokesman Allan Koenig told The News in an email.

EFH operating revenue has fallen from \$10 billion in 2007, with assets of \$64.8 billion, to \$7 billion in operating revenue and \$44.1 billion in assets last year. Meanwhile,

KKR, TPG and Goldman Sachs shared \$37 million in 2011 for "management, consulting, financial and other advisory services" in a fee that increases by 2 percent each year, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Chief executive John Young earned a \$1.2 million in base salary and a \$1.73 million bonus last

"To keep management from bailing and going somewhere else, to have any chance of saving the ship, they start giving these 'golden parachutes' to them to stay," said Jim Nolen, a lecturer at the McCombs School of Business at the University

of Texas at Austin. Customers are unlikely to have their electric service at stake, but the price of that service is likely to climb. "They'll wind up having to pay a lot more money to whomever winds up taking over," Gale told The News.





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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, May 29, the 150th day of 2012. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On May 29, 1942, the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy," starring James Cagney as George M. Cohan, premiered at a war-bonds benefit in New York. Bing Crosby, the Ken Darby Singers and the John Scott Trotter Orchestra recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records. Actor John Barrymore died in Hollywood at age 60.

On this date:

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In 1790, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1912, the ballet "L'Apres-midi d'un Faune" (The Afternoon of a Faun), with music by Claude Debussy, premiered in Paris with Vaslav Nijinsky dancing the title role.

In 1917, the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1932, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1943, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post.

In 1953, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

In 1961, a couple in Paynesville, W.Va., became the first recipients of food stamps under a pilot program created by President John F. Kennedy.

In 1973, Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles, defeating incumbent Sam Yorty.

In 1985, 39 people were killed at the European Cup Final in Brussels, Belgium, when rioting broke out and a wall separating British and Italian soccer fans collapsed.

In 1987, a jury in Los Angeles acquitted "Twilight Zone" movie director John Landis and four associates of involuntary manslaughter in the movie-set deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, seven-year-old Myca Dinh Le and six-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, who were killed by a falling helicopter.

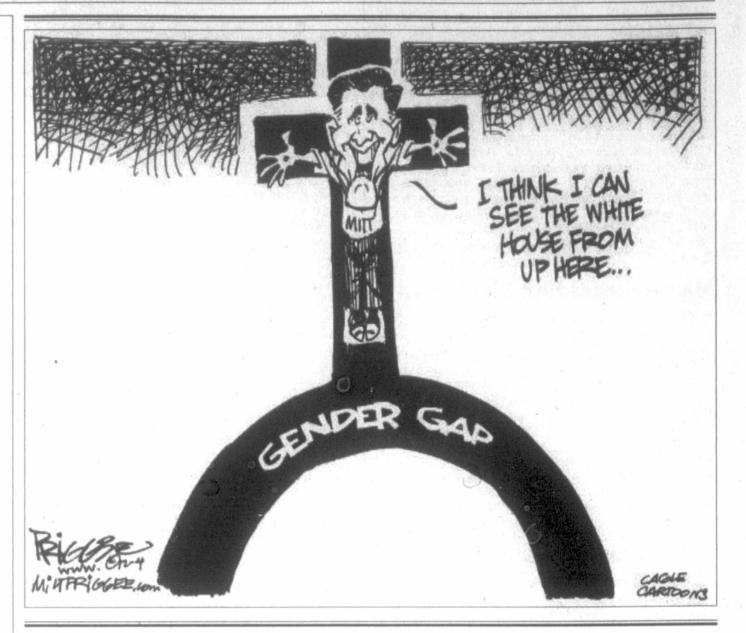
Ten years ago: FBI Director Robert Mueller said there may have been more missed clues before the September 11 terrorist attacks, and suggested for the first time that investigators might have uncovered the plot if they had been more diligent about pursuing leads. Oxana Fedorova of Russia was crowned the 51st Miss Universe in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush ordered new U.S. economic sanctions to pressure Sudan's government to halt the bloodshed in Darfur. Cindy Sheehan, the soldier's mother who'd galvanized an anti-war movement with her monthlong protest outside President Bush's ranch, announced her "resignation" as the public face of the movement. In Hudson Oaks, Texas, Gilberta Estrada, 25, and her four daughters were discovered hanging in a closet in their home in an apparent murder-suicide; Estrada's 8-month-old baby survived.

One year ago: A week after Joplin, Mo., was nearly leveled by the deadliest tornado to strike the U.S in decades, President Barack Obama visited the city to offer hope to survivors and promises of help. J.R. Hildebrand was one turn away from winning the Indianapolis 500 when he skidded high into the wall on the final turn and Dan Wheldon drove past to claim an improbable second Indy 500 win in his first race of the year.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clifton James is 91. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 74. Race car driver Al Unser is 73. CBS News Correspondent Bob Simon is 71. Actor Kevin Conway is 70. Actor Helmut Berger is 68. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 67. Actor Anthony Geary is 65. Singer Rebbie (ree-bee) Jackson is 62. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 59. Rock musician Michael Porcaro (Toto) is 57. Singer LaToya Jackson is 56. Actor Ted Levine is 55. Actress Annette Bening is 54. Actor Rupert Everett is 53. Actor Adrian Paul is 53. Singer Melissa Etheridge is 51. Actress Lisa Whelchel is 49. Actress Tracey Bregman is 49. Rock musician Noel Gallagher is 45. Singer Jayski McGowan (Quad City DJ's) is 45. Rock musician Chan Kinchla (Blues Traveler) is 43. Rock musician Mark Lee (Third Day) is 39. Cartoonist Aaron McGruder ("The Boondocks") is 38. Singer Melanie Brown (Spice Girls) is 37. Rapper Playa Poncho is 37. Actor Brandon Mychal Smith is 23.

Thought for Today: "What makes us discontented with our condition is the absurdly exaggerated idea we have of the happiness of others." — French saying.



Hispanic boom may not make impact

PAUL J. WEBER Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One is a black real estate agent and the other a white millionaire. For two new districts created to reflect Texas' soaring Hispanic population, they might be the representatives elected to Congress.

That's not exactly what Hispanic leaders pictured, and some are disheartened.

The number of Hispanics in Texas grew by 2.8 million in the last decade — second only to California — and drove a population boom that rewarded the state with a total of four new U.S. House seats. Yet in Tuesday's primaries, Texas voters may put no more Hispanics on the path to Congress than the six the state has sent since 1997.

The reasons illustrate why more population doesn't necessarily mean more political power in an ethnically diverse state. In this case, the way the new districts were mapped by a Republican-controlled legislature, combined with the natural advantages enjoyed by political veterans who already are well established, has left a group of eager Hispanic candidates facing formidable opponents from other races.

"Cheated. We're cheated. Are we going to wait another 10 years?" said Sylvia Romo, a Hispanic former state law-maker running against wealthy Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett.

Some Hispanic leaders already are beginning to look toward the next election cycle, when they hope pending legal challenges will bring about helpful changes

in the district maps.

Between 2000 and 2010,
Hispanics accounted for three
out of every five new Texas
residents. Nearly 38 percent of
the state's population is now
Hispanic. Population gains have
been reflected in the number of
Hispanic officeholders elected in
down-ballot races from the legislature to school boards — up 46
percent to about 2,500 between
1996 and 2010.

Yet gains on Capitol Hill have not kept pace. The six Hispanic members represent about a fifth of the state's 32 congressional

Low voter registration and turnout among Hispanic residents has

long played a part in sapping Hispanic representation.

But Hispanic Democrats had expected the new congressional districts, which were based on the 2010 Census, to help them flex more demographic muscle.

Two of the four new districts

were drawn as minority-opportunity seats, touching on four major cities with large Latino populations: Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin. About 60 percent of the voting-age population in both districts is Hispanic.

"These elections are a key test of Latino voting power in 2012," said Democrat Domingo Garcia, who's trying to become the first Hispanic elected to Congress from Dallas. "It would be breaking that glass barrier in terms of what Texas really looks like."

But the boundaries set up races with two strong Democrats — one a well-known incumbent congressman — who were not Hispanic. The political wrangling and legal challenges over the districts also lasted months and gave newcomers less time to prepare.

Among the front-runners for the two seats are Doggett, 65, who has served in Congress since 1995, and Mark Veasey, a black state lawmaker and real estate agent, who has a solid political base and the endorsement of both major newspapers in the district, The Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star-Telegram. His state House district overlaps about a third of the new congressional district where his biggest challenger is Garcia. The candidates who win the Democratic nomination will be heavy favorites to win the general election.

Doggett has a campaign treasury of \$2.8 million. Romo didn't announce her candidacy until February and started with only \$20,000.

Doggett has been advertising and campaigning actively in the district, arguing he must be doing something right for Republicans to try to remap him out of office. He is touting his liberal voting record, which even his Hispanic opponents concede they would imitate.

The Hispanic candidates are not openly wooing voters with their ethnicity. And some voters say they wouldn't vote on that basis anyway.

"To me, what difference does it make?" said teacher Diana

Ramirez, 32, who met Doggett this month in San Antonio's downtown La Villita district, where he was campaigning at an art fair.

Doggett said he isn't costing Texas another Hispanic face in Congress by competing in the predominantly Hispanic district rather than in a neighboring GOP-friendly one drawn by the Legislature. Both contain fragments of his old district before it was remapped.

"Other than, 'He's not a Latina,'" Doggett said, "I haven't heard much of anything of a rationale of the candidacy of my Latina opponents."

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Veasey said he has a lot to offer Hispanic residents who would be his constituents. That district is about 17 percent black, and the issues — quality of schools, health care, economic development — are the same for both Hispanics and blacks in the community, he said.

"It's a very dangerous assumption to make that just because a district is made a certain way, the race will reflect that," Veasey said.

said.

The best chance for Hispanics to gain representation this year is in a race outside the new Hispanic opportunity districts. Several strong Hispanic candidates are

running for a seat representing

the Rio Grande Valley.

Luis Vera, an attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens, which was among the groups that sued the state over the redistricting maps, said Hispanics were "stabbed in the back" by how blacks and Latinos wound up with a single district in North Texas instead of having one for each. The federal courts could order changes before the next election cycle.

But Vera also said Hispanics must improve their low voter turnout to shape elections. Hispanics account for only 20 percent of registered voters. And the Democratic losses in the 2010 elections weakened Democrats' position when it came time to draw new district maps and fight the GOP-designed ones.

"It's our own fault that we've been totally screwed," he said.

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Recovering from hurricane, Galveston needs population

GALVESTON (AP) — A Ferris wheel, roller coaster and other amusement rides are rising on the former site of the Flagship Hotel on Galveston's 1,130-foot Pleasure Pier, much like the city arose from the devastation of Hurricane Ike.

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The September 2008 storm caused so much damage to the hotel that it was torn down, but the wounds Ike caused to Galveston's tourism economy have largely healed.

Although the city is still rebuilding with new private investment and hundreds of millions in federal disaster money, Galveston finds itself at a crossroads and confronting fundamental questions: Will its population continue to shrink until it becomes nothing more than a husk of tourist attractions? Will the city attract new industry?

The city's population was declining for decades before Ike reduced it from 57,000 to about 48,000. Restoring the city's population is crucial to establishing a stable tax base, especially as the University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas A&M-Galveston pay no property taxes on the large tracts they occupy.

"The biggest problem is not the creation of industry, it's getting people who work here to come back to live here," said Harris "Shrub" Kempner, head of Kempner Capital Management and a member of the city finance advisory committee.

Although the Island's 8.1 percent unemployment rate mirrors the nation's, it's higher than Houston's at 6.5 percent and masks an unusually high ratio of population to jobs because so many people who work in Galveston live off the island, Kempner

The city's struggles to repopulate haven't discouraged investors such as restaurateur Tilman Fertitta, who has pumped \$60 million into the Pleasure Pier, scheduled to officially open in June

"We feel like this is going to be a home run," Fertitta said. He already owns three hotels and seven restaurants on Seawall Boulevard, making him one of the city's largest taxpayers.

"I feel like Galveston is a very strong tourist town," Fertitta said.

Tourism is the second largest

employer on the island, behind education, Kempner said.

The city's largest employer is UTMB, employing 8,000 people on the island at its hospitals, medical school and research laboratories.

The Texas A&M-Galveston campus on Pelican Island has more than 2,000 students, and recently opened a new \$3 million student center and a \$53 million state-of-the-art research building.

Galveston College, a community college, used \$1.5 million in federal money to build a new vocational-technical center after the storm.

UTMB was in danger of being dismantled after Hurricane Ike, but it avoided that fate and has embarked on a \$2 billion-plus capital expansion program. A \$400 million hospital tower is being built and a \$15 million remodeling of the former U.S. Customs House on the edge of the campus is under way. The customs building will house a technology company incubator that's intended to build on UTMB research.

"We really think there is an opportunity because of the prominence of UTMB," said Jeff Sjostrom, president of the Galveston Economic Development Partnership.

Dr. David Callender, the medical school's president, told a conference for developers that it will increase its enrollment, heightening the demand for housing on the island.

Callender said UTMB expects to add 1,000 jobs over the next five to seven years, but only 25 percent of those workers were expected to live on the island. That's the same percentage of UTMB employees now living in Galveston.

A survey of employers showed that half of those employed in Galveston worked off the island before the storm, Sjostrom said. The corresponding number after Ike was 53 percent.

The city needs to lure back people like Dennis Sipos, 64, a veterinarian who commutes each day from his house in League City to his office on the island. Sipos had lived in Galveston for 25 years before deciding to relocate to the mainland in 2005.

Sipos and his wife, who at the time worked at UTMB on the island, needed a larger house for their 12-year-old twin boys.

"We needed four bedrooms and I couldn't find anything under \$400,000" in Galveston, Sipos said. He found a house in League City for half that.

Sipos said he found it difficult to leave the island after so many years, but would find it equally difficult to return because League City is closer to large retail outlets and shopping centers.

The city needs a population of at least 50,000 to continue getting the level of federal aid it received before the storm. Restoring the population is a priority for both of the mayoral candidates preparing for a June 23 runoff, incumbent Joe Jaworski and challenger Lewis Rosen. Both say they want the population eventually to grow to 70,000.

A perception of low-performing schools once contributed to flight from the island, but that perception has changed, said Galveston school district Superintendent Larry Nichols. Discipline and test scores have improved, he said, and affluent residents like Callender are sending their children to public schools despite the availability of two charter academies and a Catholic school.

To entice people to live on the island, the city must overcome significant hurdles.

The scattered lots available for building don't lend themselves to the same cost efficiencies developers can realize on the mainland, where large tracts are available. The potential for hurricanes is frightening to some. High insurance costs and stricter building codes on the coast make housing more expensive. Galveston lacks large retail outlets, forcing residents to leave the island to shop.

And the island, despite its natural attractions of sun, sand and surf, has a reputation for shabbiness.

Barton Smith, a University of Houston economics professor emeritus, said efforts to attract population and new business won't be successful until Galveston overcomes the blight that motorists see coming in on Broadway Boulevard, and the industrial ambience of Harborside Drive that greets cruise ship passengers.

Despite the island's many charms, the first impression is often the lasting one, Smith said.

"Somehow you have got to drive into Galveston and say, 'Wow!'" Smith said.

The city is taking steps to deal with these issues. Galveston is spending \$350,000 to beautify the downtown area, and is putting more than \$2 million into park improvements.

The city also is considering the creation of a land bank that would facilitate new development by consolidating the estimated 2,000 vacant lots that dot the island and demolishing hundreds of vacant houses.

Whether that happens, however, depends on the newly elected City Council.

The previous council shot down a \$75 million proposal by the Historic Downtown Partnership that would have sprinkled parks and trees in the downtown area to break up the barren concrete, built parking garages and attracted large retail stores so that residents wouldn't have to cross the causeway to do their shopping.

"It's very frustrating," said partnership board member Robert Lynch. "We're just going to keep going and hopefully the new council will see the benefits of the plan."

Callender said the lack of shopping and affordable housing were the two major reasons UTMB employees gave for leaving the island.

After Ike destroyed 569 of Galveston's public housing units, the Galveston Housing Authority developed an ambitious plan to build mixed-income housing with special schools intended to help low-income residents work their way out of poverty. Affordable housing for middle-income residents would be an added benefit, developers of the proposal say.

The plan is controversial, however, because of sentiment against public housing that is at the center of the mayoral runoff. Jaworski supports the plan, while Rosen opposes it.

The fear of hurricanes could be eased by building a dike, at an estimated cost of \$3 billion, to protect the entire island and the Bolivar Peninsula, Rosen said.

Hurricanes may frighten some people away, but not Fertitta.

"They really don't come but about every 20 years," he said. "I make no decisions based on hurricanes."

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Cartels suspected in attacks | Exonerations causing fewer

- A drug cartel lieutenant has been detained in a series of firebombing attacks on Mexican potato-chip company Sabritas, a subsidiary of U.S. food giant PepsiCo. Businessmen and experts said Monday the attacks were the first coordinated targeting of a multinational company in Mexico's 5 ½-year drug war.

Five Sabritas warehouses and vehicle lots were attacked Friday and Saturday in the Mexican states of Michoacan and Guanajuato. Witnesses in one case described armed, masked men who tossed firebombs and torched dozens of the company's distribution trucks and some warehouses.

Gerardo Gutierrez, president of Mexico's Business Coordinating Council, said Monday that it was "an isolated case" of the kind of extortion that gangs have previously practiced with small and medium-sized businesses. He called on authorities to act immediately to prevent the practice from spreading.

"What we cannot allow is for this kind of isolated case to become generalized," Gutierrez said. "The authorities have to take forceful action."

In a speech to an anti-crime conference Monday, President Felipe Calderon said drug cartels threaten growth and development and called them "an obstacle to prosperity because they attack companies large and small."

The state attorney general's office in Guanajuato confirmed Monday that several suspects had been detained in the attacks there, and that one was identified as a lieutenant of the Knights Templar drug cartel. The office

Alejandro Hope, a CISEN intelligence agency, said it was the first attack he could recall against a transnational company in Mexico. Even in Mexico's most violent city, Ciudad Juarez, the

warring drug gangs have acteristics of the Knights largely left alone the many foreign-operated assembly plants known as maquiladoras.

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said. The hyperviolent

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linked to the extortion and

kidnapping of civilians.

"The Knights Templar

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cartel in 2011.

"In Ciudad Juarez, they practically never tried to blackmail the maquiladoras," Hope said. "They focused more on small businesses ... they are easier targets, and with an industrial firm, one doesn't know exactly who to blackmail. It's not as clear who signed the checks or controls the checkbook.

The huge state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos oil company has suffered hundreds of non-violent fuel thefts from pipelines and the kidnapping of some employees. But only leftist rebels have tried to set fire to its facilities.

In a statement issued Sunday, PepsiCo said five distribution centers were damaged, but no one was injured in the attacks and the amount of the damages had not been calcu-

The company appeared to respond to emails that circulated in Michoacan, home of the Knights Templar drug cartel, suggesting the attacks were revenge for the unproven allegation that prosecutors used Sabritas' extensive fleet of delivery trucks to gather intelligence.

"We repeat that in accordance with our code of conduct, all of our operations are carried out in the current regulatory framework and our vehicles and facilities are used exclusively to carry our products to our customer and clients," the company said. The company would not say whether that statement responded to the spying allegations.

Hope said such a spying scenario sounded unlikely, if not impossible. Sabritas employs more did not suggest a possible than 70,000 people and has a nationwide delivery fleet of about 14,500 security analyst and for- trucks that are a common mer official in Mexico's sight even in the most dangerous and remote parts of Mexico.

Hope said the attacks may not represent a new stage in drug gang extortions, but rather stem from the peculiar char-

death penalties, experts say

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Death penalties have become a rarity from juries in some parts of Texas in the wake of a string of prison inmates - including some on death row who have been exonerated by DNA and other new evidence.

The last death sentence returned by a Bexar County jury in San Antonio came in 2009, when only one defendant was condemned in that county, the San Antonio Express-News (http://bit. ly/KwZ4ev) reported. In the 11 years ending in 2006, Bexar County juries meted out at least 24 death sentences.

"We don't go get the death penalty just because we can. It's a very serious decision-making process," First Assistant District Attorney Cliff Herberg told the Express-News.

Recent state and national surveys continue to show strong support for the death penalty, but less so when the option of life imprisonment without parole is offered to juries. Texas began offering that option in 2005. That, Herberg said, "definitely changed the dynamics" in Bexar County.

As for appeals, "I think you do see the courts are saying, no matter what, let's test it," Herberg said.

By way of illustration is a recent federal court reprieve of Anthony Bartee hours before his scheduled May 2 execution for a 1996 San Antonio slaying. That shows judges are choosing to err increasingly on the side of caution when death row inmates appeal for new DNA testing of evidence in their cases.

"The courts are more cautious and most people think they should be, there is a question about it," Professor John Blume of the Cornell University Law School told the Express-News.

"I think it's moved the pendulum to at least introduce an element of skepticism in capital cases,' said Professor John Schmolesky of the St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio.

That is only appropriate, said civil rights attorney Jeff Blackburn, head of the Innocence Project of Texas. The nonprofit advocacy group says DNA testing has led to the exoneration of more than 280 people nationally, most of them over the past 12 years.

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a.m. Friday and the close of polling in the afternoon. Lewis said that she's taking it as a sign that Gray County is ready to bounce back with a good showing today.

"I think it shows the ability of Gray County to look at the issues and understand that it's been an extraordinary and difficult election year," she said. "They have come forward in respectable numbers and not been totally disillusioned.'

Whatever the turnout, Election Day comes as a comfort to Lewis' exhausted election staff, who have had to endure an uncertain election season only to have a quick turnaround between the city election earlier in the month and the primary today.

"I think our expectation is that we're going to be very relieved at the close of the election, only to realize that we'll probably have a runoff," Lewis said with a chuckle. "That will be something that we have to anticipate, and we always do. It will be right on the heels of this. We'll be going into a runoff on July 31.

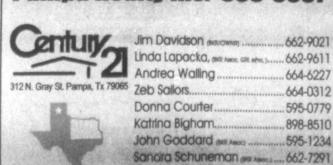
"But I think it will be a great relief. I know that there's a lot of fatigue. We're almost like battle-weary. A lot of our workers are very tired because of the drawn-out length of

Lewis urged Gray County to make use of the final opportunity to voice their opinion today.

"I would just encourage people to exercise their right," Lewis said. "I think it's a wonderful opportunity. The weather's looks like it's going to cooperate. I know we've got a lot of people willing and ready to show up to take their vote if they are willing and ready to come and exercise their right to vote. We'll be cheerful and we'll have smiles no matter how tired we are."

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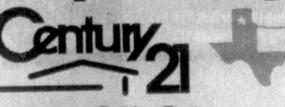
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Romney promises to maintain American military power

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, on the brink of clinching the Republican nomination, promised Monday to maintain an American military "with no comparable power anywhere in the world."

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Romney spoke a day before Texas voters were likely to give him enough delegates to formally clinch the Republican presidential nomination, a formality that cements his status as President Barack Obama's general election opponent.

"It's a big day tomorrow," Romney said late Monday. "I'm looking forward to the good news."

Texas' Tuesday primary offers 152 delegates, and Romney is just 58 delegates shy of the 1,144 needed to become the nominee. Romney will be in Las Vegas on Tuesday attending a fundraiser hosted by celebrity real estate mogul Donald

Trump earlier in the week returned to the controversy over where Obama was

Romney has declined to repudiate Trump for embracing the fringe view, saying Monday evening that while he doesn't agree with all the people who support him, he appreciates their help to get him at least 50.1 percent of the vote

Trump again contended this week that Obama was born in Kenya and raised in Indonesia, pointing to information in a catalog from a literary agency that represented Obama two decades ago. That view has been debunked repeatedly. Obama released his long-form birth certificate in April 2011 showing he was born in Hawaii while Trump weighed entering the Republican primary race.

Earlier Monday Romney faced a San Diego crowd estimated at 5,000 in what was billed as a Memorial Day service paying tribute to the nation's war dead,

not a campaign rally.

Without naming his general election rival, Romney drew clear contrasts with Obama on the issue of defense.

The Democratic president has proposed reducing the size of the military following the end of the U.S. combat role in Iraq and plans to remove troops from Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

"We have two courses we can follow: One is to follow in the pathway of Europe, to shrink our military smaller and smaller to pay for our social needs," Romney said outside the Veterans Memorial Center and Museum. "The other is to commit to preserve America as the strongest military in the world, second to none, with no comparable power anywhere in the

The White House and congressional Republicans have agreed to cut \$487 billion in military spending over the next decade. Even with Obama's proposed cuts in the military budget, the U.S. would remain by far the world's dominant military power. The Pentagon's budget this year exceeds \$600 billion. Closest rival China said this year its defense budget will top \$100 billion for the first time, although the U.S. claims China spends twice as much.

Across the country in Washington, Obama marked the solemn holiday with remembrances at Arlington National Cemetery, and later at the Vietnam War Memorial marking the 50th anniversary of U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

He noted that for the first time in nine years "Americans are not fighting and dying in Iraq. After a decade under the dark cloud of war, we can see the light of the new day on the horizon."

The candidates' comments underscored the political and practical effects the presidential contest could have on America's role in the world.

A new Gallup survey found that veterans prefer Romney over Obama by a double-digit margin, 58 percent to 34 percent. That voting bloc, consisting mostly of older men, makes up 13 per-

cent of the adult population. Obama won the presidency handily four years ago while losing veterans by 10 points to Sen. John McCain, a former Navy pilot. Neither Obama nor Romney served in the military. Romney's campaign says that during the Vietnam War he received deferments for his Mormon mission to France and academic studies. He later entered the draft lottery, but his number was not called, a spokesman said. Obama, 50, was a child during the Vietnam conflict.

In San Diego, Romney was joined by McCain, a Vietnam veteran who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war. McCain said that Romney, "I believe, is fully qualified to be commander in chief."

Romney noted that he visited Afghanistan and Iraq during his term as Massachusetts governor. But he has limited foreign policy experience.

Still, Romney has been critical of Obama's plans to reduce the military, in addition to the administration's policy toward Syria's handling of the uprising against President Bashar Assad's govern-

In a written statement Sunday, Romney said Obama "can no longer ignore calls from congressional leaders in both parties to take more assertive steps in Syria." Romney said the current approach has only given Syrian leaders more time to crackdown on protesters.

World leaders blame the Syrian government for the weekend killing of more than 100 people, including 49 children and 34 women, following peaceful pro-

"I wish I could tell you that the world is a safe place today. It is not," Romney said Monday, ticking off a list of threats including Iran, Pakistan, China, Russia, Venezuela and Mexican drug cartels. He did not mention Syria.

Romney said Monday that America's military might is needed "not so that we just win wars, but so we can prevent wars."

"A strong America is the best deterrent to war that has ever been invented," he



Man in crane causes standoff at SMU

Texas (AP) — Police waited late into the night Monday for a man holed up in a crane cab on the Southern Methodist University campus to surrender and descend to earth.

The man spent a sweltering afternoon on the crane that towers over the campus in University Park, a posh north Dallas enclave, after he told officers he was armed and threatened to shoot anyone who

approached him. Special tactics officers from the Dallas Police Department were working with SMU campus police to manage the scene and try to talk the man down from the crane. No injuries had been reported.

Dallas police Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez said campus police "did call us about a person who had climbed up into the crane who was possibly armed with a handgun. At this time, we are not confirming that he does have a handgun."

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UNIVERSITY PARK, if the person was communicating with police on the ground. She said police were attempting to establish radio contact. Gutierrez declined to say if police knew the man's identity.

The situation was first reported about 11:30 a.m.

"We were informed that an unidentified man climbed a crane at our residential commons construction site," SMU spokesman Brad Cheves said. "Fortunately, the campus is closed for the Memorial Day holiday. However, upon being informed that someone had gained access to the construction site, through our SMU police we immediately began to secure and cordon off the affected

area." No students were on campus, Cheves said, noting only "essential personnel and visitors" were on the grounds. He also added that a handful of swimmers in a pool near the crane were told to leave.

Kent Best, another SMU spokesman, said earlier that the man in the crane was a suspect fleeing from Dallas police. Gutierrez said she could not confirm

Police blocked off parts of the campus and much of Mockingbird Lane on the south side of the SMU campus, as well as access to a strip mall near the crane. Observers on the ground could see signs of movement in the cab if

they looked through binoculars or viewfinders of

The crane cab was fully exposed to the blazing Texas sun and temperatures were in the low 90s.

Gutierrez said electricity to the crane had been cut, and she believed the radio in the cab was not affected.

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olar from Pampa High political science. Rikki is ranked fourth of 223 students in the PHS Class of 2012. She has been very involved in extracurricular activities. She is president of the Student Delgado of Pampa. He Council, president of the Speech and sas Tech University at @ Debate Club, mascot for the cheerstudy architecture and leading squad and a member of the National Honor Society. She has been the district champion in Policy Debate. She has actively participat-Lesay Contest and has ed in Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). She is a member of the Pampa High track team and is the captain of the girl's throwing team. She is active in her church as the student leader of the youth group and a helper in Vacation Bible School. She has intored students with special needs and assisted in the Special Olympics. She has been involved in fundraising for the Lions Club and was a coordinator for the Student Council's "Pink Out" aby left him with no arm campaign. Her summer activities include Speech and Debate camp, Student Council camp, cheerleading camp and an athletic training camp stand Oklahoma Baptist at West Texas A&M University.

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in the summers. The Eugene and Daniela Anderson Scholarship Foundation was established in 2000 to assist students to obtain higher education. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded 44 Scholarships valued at over \$770,000.

Lidia Salazar (Education), an Anderson Scholar, this year has graduated one semester early from Texas Tech University. Lindsey Riley McFarland (Early Childhood Education) at Abilene Christian University will graduate this spring. Anderson Scholars who are still continuing their studies include Brittany Covil (psychology), Paige Holt (psychology) and Dale Montgomery (engineering technology) at North Texas State University; Myles Foreman (electrical engineering) at Texas A&M; James Holt (aerospace engineering) at University of Texas at Arlington; Courtney Linn (space physics) at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Jordan Mayhew (psychology) at Liberty University and April Silva (biology) at Texas Tech University.

✓ Danny Martin (right), commander of Pampa's VFW Post 1657, speaks while Charlie Martin stands at attention at Monday evening's Memorial Day service.

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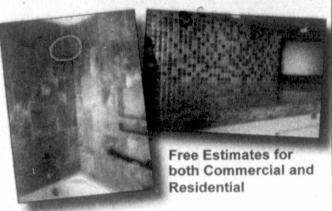
"For many, Memorial Day has turned into a long three-day weekend," said guest speaker Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church. "We don't ask, 'Who did you remember over this weekend?' We ask, 'Did you have a barbecue?' ... You and I need to understand that to reverse the way things are, it is up to us, America, to stand up and be counted."

"It's about paying tribute to the ones we've lost and the ones living, and to keep our freedom going," said Brown.





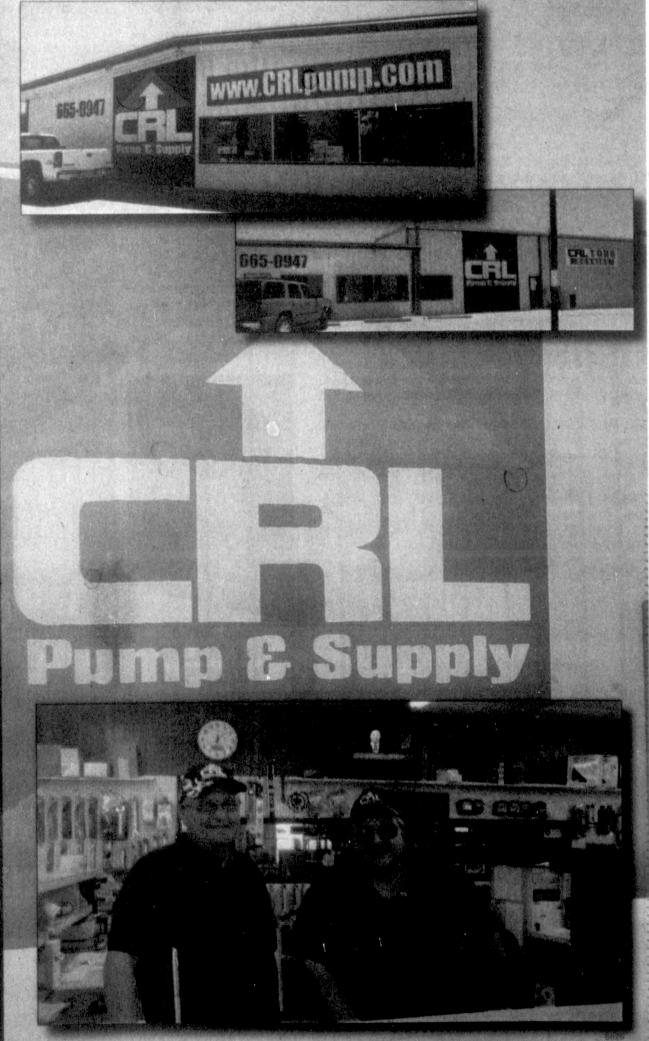
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Taking a look at the best PHS athletes in 2011-12

sports season, we saw some great teams. Those teams had some great athletes that led them to success. Of course, it would be difficult to honor them all, but here are the 10 who caught our eye the most during this past year.

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Honorable mentions: Reid Miller, Sr. (Football, Boys Basketball, Boys Track); Alanna Stephens, Sr. (Volleyball, Softball); James Thompson, Jr. (Baseball); Trace Carter, Sr. (Football, Baseball); Samuel Smith, Jr. (Football, Track).

Delaney Clendening, Sr. (Tennis, Girls Basketball) Clendening was a solid player on the tennis team. She showed strong leadership in the fall and qualified for regionals in mixed doubles during the spring. Clendening was also a leader on the girls basketball team, being one of the leading scorers

and rebounders. Clendening helped the

Lady Harvesters to their second playoff

berth in three seasons.

Logan Reagan, Sr. (Golf) Reagan had a strong season for the Harvesters, finishing with the best score on the team in every tournament. Reagan had a couple of tournaments where he finished in the top 10. For the second straight season, Reagan advanced to regionals.

Kirsten Kuhn, Sr. (Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Girls Soccer)

Over the 2011-12 Pampa Harvesters For the second straight season, Kuhn was a force in the Lady Harvesters' back row at libero. Kuhn took most of the opponents hard serves helping Pampa to a second straight district title. In basketball, Kuhn organized the Lady Harvesters' offense and was one of the leading scorers. Kuhn helped Pampa reach the playoffs. Kuhn gave the girls some depth in the last half of district.

> Cole Engle, Sr. (Basketball, Baseball) Engle emerged as the Har-

vesters' second leading scorer. The team's success often rode on Engle's performance. Most games, Engle was a threat outside and helped the Harvesters to their second straight playoff appearance.

For the second straight season, Engle was the leadoff hitter, posting one of the top batting averages on the team. Engle was also a solid base runner and center fielder. For his efforts, the senior earned first team All-District selections in both sports.

J'Cee Holmes, Jr. (Girls Country, Girls Track) Holmes helped lead the girls

to a second straight appearance in the regional cross country meet.

For the third straight season, Holmes qualified for the regional meet in track. In the 1600-meter run, she was six seconds from earning a berth in the state meet.

Trent McAnear, Sr. (Boys Cross Country, Boys Wrestling, Boys Track)

McAnear was one of the best runners in the Panhandle, advancing to the state cross country meet for the first

McAnear had a strong season in wrestling, finishing second at district in the 145-pound weight class, advancing to regionals. In track, McAnear qualified for regionals in the 3200- and 1600meter runs.

Kailyn Troxell, Sr. (Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Girls Track)

Troxell was one of the best offensive players on the volleyball team at middle blocker. She led the team in kills and blocks. Troxell will continue her volleyball career at San Angelo

In basketball, Troxell was strong in the post and pulled down several rebounds. Troxell was tasked with guarding the opponents' biggest player.

For a second consecutive season, Troxell advanced to regionals in the high

Collin Killgo, Sr. (Baseball) Once again, Killgo was the Harvesters' main source of power, leading the team with five home runs in the clean-up spot. Killgo was also solid on the mound and helped Pampa win its first playoff game since 2007. Killgo was a first team AllWest Texas Coaches Association All-Star Game on June 2.

Alexa O'Brien, So. (Softball) In her first full season on varsity, O'Brien was dominant, earning the number one pitcher with a 15-5 record. In district, O'Brien tossed a no-hitter against Borger and posted an ERA of 0.19. O'Brien went 4-2 in the playoffs, posting an ERA of 2.12 in seven appearances. The sophomore's pitching helped the Lady Harvesters reach the regional semifinals for

Latigo Collins, Sr. (Football, Boys Basketball, Boys Track)

the third time in team history.

It's pretty unbelievable to be a star in two sports. Collins was senior quarterback Reid Miller's favorite target, catching over 50 percent of his completions. For the second straight season, Collins earned first team All-District wide receiver.

In basketball, Collins was preaseason All-State and led the Harvesters in scoring for a second straight season. The senior shooting guard was good at driving inside and hitting threes. Collins helped the Harvesters to a second straight playoff appearance and earned District MVP.

Collins was a part of the 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams. At the end of the season, Collins competed in the triple jump. Collins will play both football District first baseman two seasons in a and basketball at Northwestern Oklarow. Killgo will compete in the Greater homa State.

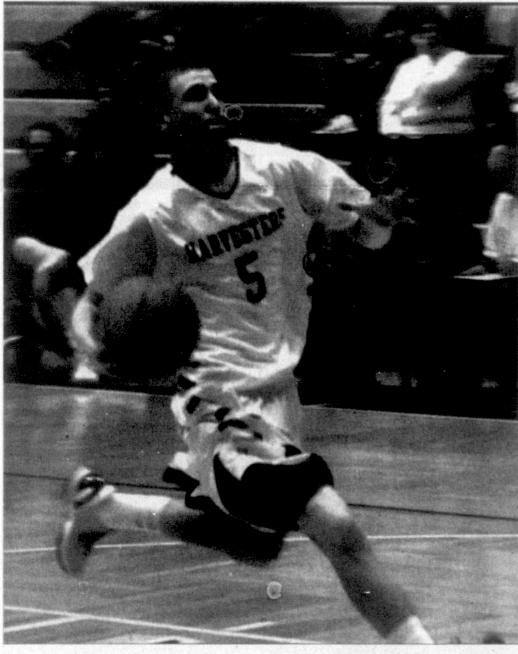
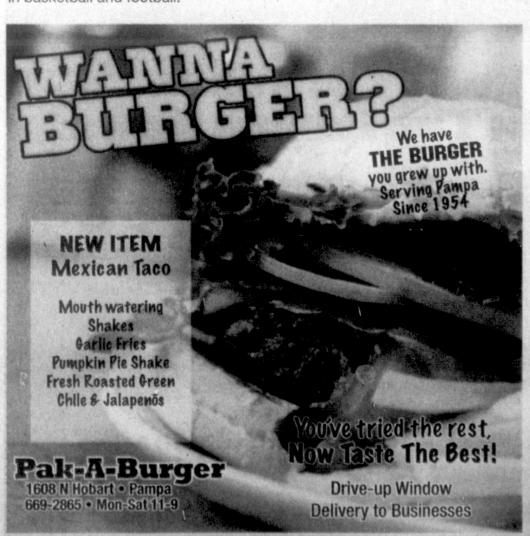


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Senior Latigo Collins goes up for a layup in a Dec. game. Collins was a star in basketball and football.









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PHS volleyball to attend camps, open gyms in summer

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The volleyball offseason may be winding down as school ends this week. The Pampa Lady Harvesters' work for 2012 season isn't over, as they will be attending a camp and taking advantage of open gyms.

The Lady Harvesters are attending Tony Graystone's camp in July. Graystone is a friend of former head coach Libby Garza (now Rodriguez). Sophomore Taylor Giles said she is Giles looking forward to it.

"We've all worked with Tony," Giles said. "He knows what we are capable of doing. We are pretty comfortable around Tony. I don't think it will be different with a different coach.'

Brooke Sanford from Bronte is taking over as head coach in July. Rodriguez is now the head coach at Lewisville. Giles said the offseason has been rough with the coaching transition.

"Coach (Jaclyn) Spearman left us last week," Giles said. "It was pretty tough telling her goodbye since we've been doing that a lot with coaches lately. We have to stay up on our feet and really open minded.'

Spearman coached the team in the offseason after Rodriguez left.

Junior Fatheree said she doesn't know what to expect in the fall.

"That's the only part we are concerned about, is if our new coach is going to do something totally different," Fatheree said. "We are practicing what we've been

taught in the past. We are going to be open for anything."

Fatheree

Fatheree said the team is looking to attend a camp at Oklahoma.

"Some of the girls told us last Friday that they aren't going to be able to go," Fatheree said. The volleyball team started open gyms

a couple months ago on Mondays and Thursdays. Fatheree said the workouts help build team unity "We are working together," Fatheree said. "We don't have a coach helping us because they can't. It helps us get to

know the younger girls better. Our goal is to build more team unity. The Lady Harvesters only return five from last season's team. Giles said the

open gyms will help build chemistry. "We are just getting used to playing

with each other" Giles said. "See who works well with who." Fatheree said a lot of underclassmen

have attended.

"They seem like they are coming pretty



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Junior Maddie Fatheree sets a ball in an October game. Fatheree will be one of the senior leaders next season.

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(Groom) Tyler Orand led a 17 hit attack as Glo-Valve overwhelmed Groom by the 10 run rule here Thursday in a Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken game. Orand went three for four with four runs scored and three RBI. Braydon Fry allowed a hit and no walks or strikeouts in an inning pitched to pick up the win. Logan Martindale, Chase Voss and Jace Ware also pitched an inning for Glo-Valve. Martindale struck out two. Voss struck out three, allowed a hit and walked a batter. Ware was not touched for a hit. He struck out one and walked one. Glo-Valve improved its season record to 4-2. Kade Parker had a single and a double with six RBI. Fry and Jacob Wilson scored four times each with a hit and one RBI. Ware made two runs on three hits. He added 3 RBI. Tyler McCarn and Brenden Courtney each made three runs and three RBI on one hit. Thomas Costley single, doubled, scored two runs and had three RBI. Chris Gowin tallied twice after being hit by a pitch three times in a row. Voss made two runs on two hits and had one RBI. Martindale added two runs on a hit with two RBI.

Orand also had Glo-Valve's defensive play of the game with a running, leaping catch of a line drive to left field. Mason Miller was the defensive star at third base for Groom snagging a pop up on which he narrowly missed a double play, catching a line drive off his shoe tops and scooping up a ground ball and forcing out a runner at third. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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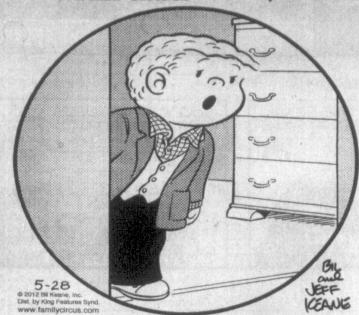
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May treat. 29, 2012:

This year you will be passionate about express your anger loud and clear. In the same vein, you'll express your appreciation for whom and what you love. Others will know where you are coming from. If you night: Whatever makes you happy. are single, the person you choose to be with this year could very well be a life mate, as this person is likely to reflect your emotional clarity. If you are attached, your sweetie initially might have strange reactions to this new phase. Be loving and accepting. VIR-GO could be involved with your home and/ or domestic life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You have a lot to get done, especially as new things keep dropping on your plate. You are able to gain new insight after the fact. Your high energy easily can on a child or loved one. Tonight: Catch up that. on errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

lution after another. You mean well, but someone could feel inferior to you. Downplay a great idea, and help build this person's sense of security. Tonight: Playful, aren't you?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** You actually might decide to stay home, if possible. You have plenty to do, could be delighted by your presence at home. On the other hand, you know you can indulge this person later if you cannot hang at home now. Tonight: Not going far,

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Sometimes, when you try to express your frustration or uneasy feelings, you could come off as hostile. Observe someone or many people in the same situation. Note the different styles. Do you want to revive yours? A nice note or gesture touches you deeply. Tonight: Catch up on emails and calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

various financial reasons. You tend to go to excess and often find others' reactions surprising. Understand your limits, and move forward in a more positive manner. A friend reveals his or her strong feelings. Do not let this person hang. Be open. Tonight: Your

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** A newfound intensity might be nearly everything you do. You are likely to difficult for even you to handle. If someone is not receiving your messages in the manner you would like, don't worry -- he or she also is getting used to a changing you. To-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Know when to pull back. You might be evaluating the pros and cons of making a major change. You do not need to make a decision right now. Your instincts guide you well with a loved one at a distance. Tonight: Make nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** A meeting or get-together with a group of friends could be a pivotal part of your day. Do not take someone's abruptness or sarcasm personally. Deflect this person's energy for now. Good feelings will flow later in the day. Tonight: What switch to anger if you are frustrated. Dote would make you happy? Go off and do just

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Tension could be high because **** You seem to have one so- of an unusual demand or heavy responsibilities. You might feel like you are racing through the day. Value your time, and delegate responsibilities to others. A partner would be only too happy to pitch in. Tonight: A late night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Something that lands on your desk could force you to do something you and there's no end in sight. A loved one normally would put off. An associate or acquaintances might be developing some very strong feelings. Be aware and honest about your emotions. Tonight: Escape the day by indulging in some mind candy. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You might want to duck when a partner, loved one or family member loses it. You will neutralize the situation quite quickly. Feelings will come up, but not until the end of the day when you are reminded how much you care. Tonight: Follow someone's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** You certainly have a mixed **** You could feel pressed for array of friends and associates. In some ways, you see similarities, with the exception of how they handle anger and frustration. Kick back and watch - you might be surprised. Tonight: Choose your company

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May 30, 2012:

This year you become more active than in many years. If you have an ounce of creble, allowing a romantic bond to form that reflects your energy and needs. Married folk will rediscover the fun that exists between two people in love. Your biggest issue will be power plays and control games. You will not win, so don't play. LIBRA al-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

ways knows what to say and do.

★★★★ Defer to others whenever you events and reactions could run riot through your plans. You'll walk into a situation where you have the opportunity to demonstrate your abilities and management skills. Tonight: Decide if you want to go out first. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your even pace and straight responses define the Bull. Your nerves are slightly fried, so your reactions could take on a new dimension. Not only are you capable of shocking yourself, but also others. Tonight: Get some rest. Ask for a foot mas-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

though your humor could be lost on others Walk in someone else's shoes before you in a meeting and at other points throughout decide to toss it all in his or her face. You the day. You could come off a lot harsher than you realize. Be careful with a difficult night: In the limelight. partner or friend. Tonight: Paint the town

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** You come from a very solid and stoic place, but your fuse is a lot shorter with it. Let it roll over you like water. Don't favorite person. push yourself so hard. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) might not be sure what to do. Be careful if it intimate.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, you are spending a lot. Tonight: Hang out with a pal

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Tune into yourself more often ativity, it will manifest itself without effort. and question what is going on within. You Marvin If you are single, that creativity could dou- could be very tired because of a certain situation. Instead of using sarcasm, claim your power and act on it. Handle whatever is ailing you. If you need suggestions, look to a trusted pal. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are all personality, and you can make your way through any problematic situation. News, whether it is factual or The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll not, could trigger all sorts of reactions. Do Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; not lose your temper unnecessarily. Work with a difficult associate. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

** Be careful when interacting with can, especially if you find that too much is others. What you think is OK and what you going on in too many places. Unexpected believe should be OK could end up backfiring. Be ready to adjust and find a different path. Your versatility will come into play. Remain positive and optimistic. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is significant. You could be unusually tired, as you attempt to deal with an unpredictable friend or loved one. Remember to keep your eye on the big picture. You might need to bypass someone you look up to. Tonight: Where you friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** At the last minute, it seems that ★★★ You could be unusually playful, others need you to do various jobs for them. seem more and more unpredictable. To-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Pull back if you become triggered, but still honor a long-term desire. You have pushed far beyond the norm to work with someone. Remain calm if a than you realize. A partner might be consituation blows up in your face. Flex with trolling. By now, you know how to deal unpredictability. Tonight: Take off to see a

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** A partner appreciates your ex-*** Not that you need help get- tra attention. Sometimes you wonder why ting energized, but there is a lot going on. you do what you do. Despite sarcasm and A child or new love interest could trigger pressure, the bond between the two of you changes and feelings you never expected. is warm. A friendship seems to be changing Reorganize your plans accordingly. You as your desires change, too. Tonight: Make

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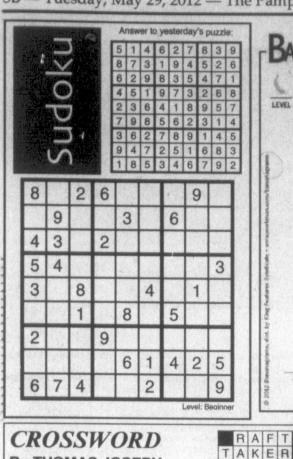




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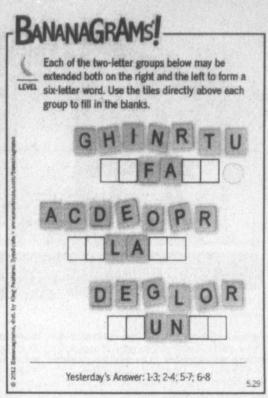




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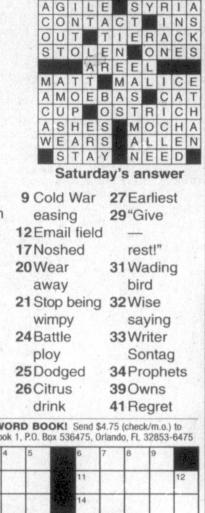
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treat for herself. She said she line why I was crying. didn't have much on her late husband's pension.

der of her items and went ER outside to rest on a bench before walking home.

dy's disappointment. My who are less fortunate never go to bed angry." (I case, your father's wife part of me? I want to be a City Hall. If there isn't, customer asked me why the than themselves. berries. I explained and con- many women have stopped and topped her. "Right!" tinued totaling the woman's wearing pantyhose or stock- she said. "Stay up and

not for herself, but for the around for me to put on a

time you print letters about praise or thanks and asked not wear any socks? I'd tant are a dying person's last hardship. In this case, MA: It isn't that Jack

I was working as a ca- the bench and explained that MICHIGAN shier in a grocery store, the woman in line behind and shortcakes. Making cry, murmuring about the strappy sandals or open-something else? small talk, I commented on kindness of strangers. I went toed summer footwear. how nice the berries looked. back inside and had to ex- Hosiery doesn't look right most seniors don't have any "Jack," and I were married of your children's and She agreed, and informed plain to the next 15 minutes' me that they were a little worth of customers in my men -- at least on the West Dad's final wishes would ago he made me choose

When I told her the total, how grateful the lady was, ers. But I have never seen wishes because of the cost, three years. Not having my and emancipate yourself. her face fell and she asked nor how touched I was, or a man don a three-piece but it really bothers me. me to take the strawberries my co-workers and other suit and tie and go sockshe couldn't afford them. I by her kindness, but her I don't recommend it.

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lady hadn't taken her straw- DEAR ABBY: Because ings when they go out on a fight until you're exhaust-The woman then told me dinner date or formal func- ed. You'll sleep better!" to include the strawberries tion, would it be a fair turn-

DEAR ABBY: From time to lady outside. She wanted no three-piece suit and tie and DEAR ABBY: How impor- so would cause financial

TO BECOME A MRS.

DEAR ABOUT TO VADA agree.)

Phyllis Diller was there

In today's economy DEAR ABBY: My spouse,

and shortcakes off because customers were -- not only less. (And I never hope to.) during WWII. If his wife keep it bottled up inside. isn't willing to spend the was sad and embarrassed humility in making her gift DEAR ABBY: I am be- money, would I still be a -- all adults. We rarely see I think people should refrain for her. I thought about buy- anonymous. She affected so ing married in two months, good guy by scattering his them. I brought two chil- from using loud machinery ing them myself, but had no many people that day, I hope but my question isn't about ashes in the ocean? I know dren into our marriage, before 10 a.m. on weekends. cash on me and wasn't sure those reading this letter will weddings. My question is, he'd rather be in the deep ages 7 and 14. Jack says he Am I being unreasonable? -if it might violate a store pol- affect and influence many how can a woman ensure a than sitting on a shelf in the doesn't want to be a father DEB IN TACOMA icy. She paid for the remain- more. -- INDIANA READ- lasting marriage? -- ABOUT work shed. Please help. -- or grandfather. (We have DISTURBED SON IN NE- three grandchildren.) I am book. Most municipalities

DEAR DISTURBED like this. I began scanning the a sweet and uplifting let- women's networking event SON: Your letter illusnext customer's items while ter. I'm sure it will stimu- years ago, my mother was trates why it is important grandmother? Does this an annoyance. To find trying to put out of my mind late others to consider how asked that question. She for people to have their mean he doesn't really love out if there is one in your the sadness I felt at the la- they, too, can help those replied, "One good rule is wishes in writing. In this me since my children are a neighborhood, inquire at ashes, unless it was stated grandchildren. He knew I tures on a petition so reguwhite.

ment, particularly if doing ZONA

acts of kindness, and I'd like me to give them to the lady. appreciate your thoughts, wishes? My dad died recent- cremation would be a cre- doesn't love you. He ap-I took them to the lady on please. -- SOCKLESS IN ly and said that he wanted to ative way to make every- pears to be so preoccupied be buried with his first wife one happy. Your father's with his own needs, desires DEAR SOCKLESS: in a state far from where we ashes could be divided into and controlling you that An elderly woman came her had purchased them for Women who forgo panty- live. If his estate -- or his thirds, with one portion he probably doesn't think through my line with about her. She looked down at the hose or stockings in hot current wife -- can't afford placed with his first wife, about much else. That you 10 items in her basket, in- strawberries, tucked them weather usually do it be- to comply with his request, another with his second are "scared" to question cluding some strawberries into her bag and began to cause they're wearing would it be horrible to do wife, and the rest scattered him speaks volumes about at sea.

> Coast -- wear T-shirts un- take a sizable chunk of his between him and my then his blessing or participachild in my life has made DEAR ABBY: One of my

Am I a terrible mother/ personal last wish, you because of custody issues. - by the disruption. need to use your best judg- SAD GRANDMA IN ARI-

DEAR SAD GRANDyour relationship.

If you want to be a part with them. I have seen extra income. To follow four years ago. Three years grandchildren's lives, you will have to do so without The woman who bought der their sport coats and estate. His wife feels it's not 7-year-old son. I haven't tion. You will also have to the strawberries never saw go barefoot in their loaf- important to follow his last spoken to or seen my son for strengthen your backbone Dad was in the Navy me become depressed, but I neighbors regularly uses power equipment before 9 Jack has three children a.m. on Saturday mornings.

DEAR DEB: Not in my scared to question why it is have noise ordinances in place that regulate sound levels that might become would have the right to his grandmother and enjoy my consider gathering signaotherwise in black and had kids when we were dat- lations can be established. ing, but both of them lived You may not be the only As far as granting a with relatives at the time neighbor who is bothered **ADSJobs**

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Sports

Spurs rally after Popovich's fourth quarter pep talk

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Trailing in the fourth quarter, Gregg Popovich snarled an order in the huddle that the NBA Coach of the Year punctuated with a sharp and angry sweep of his hand.

"I want some nasty!"

But truthfully, Popovich was already getting what he really wanted: the San Antonio Spurs finally in a game they might actually lose.

Popovich's caught-on-camera "nasty" command in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals is likely coming soon to T-shirts, Internet memes and the lexicon of the NBA playoffs for the foreseeable future. But after beating the Oklahoma City Thunder 101-98 on Sunday night for their 19th win in a row — tying the NBA record for longest winning streak kept alive in the playoffs - Popovich wasn't flustered by the near-loss.

He was almost grateful for it.

"We wanted it about 15 games ago," Popovich said. "At least I did."

Manu Ginobili scored 26 points as the Spurs escaped a tantalizing near-upset for the young Thunder, who came closer than anyone to beating the Spurs for the first time in 46 days. But a nine-point lead didn't last after the famously mercurial 63-year-old Popovich huddled his lagging team together in the fourth and told them to "get nasty."

"I said that?" Popovich said afterward. A nationally television audience heard

"The heat of the game, stuff comes up," Popovich said. "So I talked to them about they've got to get a little bit uglier, get a little more nasty, play with more fiber and take it to these guys. Meaning you have to drive it, you have to shoot it.'

And when they did, the Thunder couldn't keep up.

Kevin Durant led the Thunder with 27 points. Russell Westbrook had 17, and insisted he was OK after taking a spill that was nasty in its own right — face first, bracing his fall with his hands and sitting under the basket for more than a minute while the entire Thunder bench walked across the court to check on their All-Star point guard.

I shot good shots, made good passes, Durant said. "Unfortunately, we lost."

After being held to just 16 third-quarter points, San Antonio scored 39 in the fourth. Westbrook chalked it up to a defensive breakdown that "got out of hand" but it still left the Thunder in search of the road win they'll need to in this series to reach the NBA finals for the first time since the franchise moved to Oklahoma City in 2009.

Game 2 is Tuesday night.

"How it happened is irrelevant," Thunder guard Derrick Fisher said of letting a lead slip away. "Whether we lose by 20 or lose by one, we lost."

That's something the Spurs haven't

been able to say since April 11, They joined the 2001 Lakers as the only other team to carry a winning streak this long in the playoffs — and that Los Angeles team did so on its way to a championship.

The Spurs matched the fourth-longest streak in NBA history, and with one more will become just the fourth team to surpass 20. Tim Duncan had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Tony Parker shook off a dismal start to finish with 18 points. And of getting "nasty"?

"Pop's always trying to motivate us,"

Parker said.

But it was Ginobili who steered the Spurs to strike first in a highly anticipated matchup of the West's top two teams for practically the entire regular season. In his first game against the Thunder this year — he was sidelined by injury in the three regular-season meetings -Ginobili put up a playoff high after sputtering through the first two series.

"It just happened," Ginobili said. "I don't know how exactly because I haven't scored like this all season long, but it happened and I am very happy about it."

On the other end, Oklahoma City's own Big Three struggled to find its shot early before awakening in the second half. Durant, Westbrook and James Harden at one point through the second quarter were 5 of 21 — a typically ominous stat line for a trio that had been responsible for nearly 70 percent of Oklahoma City's points through the playoffs so far.

The Thunder were ousted in the Western Conference finals a year ago and were in position for home-court advantage throughout the playoffs until being overtaken by the Spurs in the final month of the season. But it was a fittingly close opener for two franchises with so many similarities.

That includes Thunder general manager Sam Presti — the architect of the Thunder's rapid turnaround from a 23-win season to consecutive Western Conference finals in just four years getting his big break in the NBA as an intern in San Antonio.

And the Thunder didn't even need their own Big Three to keep things close.

They leaned on none more so than Fisher, whose famous game-winner for the Lakers on this same court in the 2004 playoffs has made "0.4 seconds" a phrase that needs no further explanation to the Spurs. Eight years later, and the oldest player in this series at 37. Fisher already met his playoff average at halftime and finished with 13 points.

Gary Neal added 12 points and was the

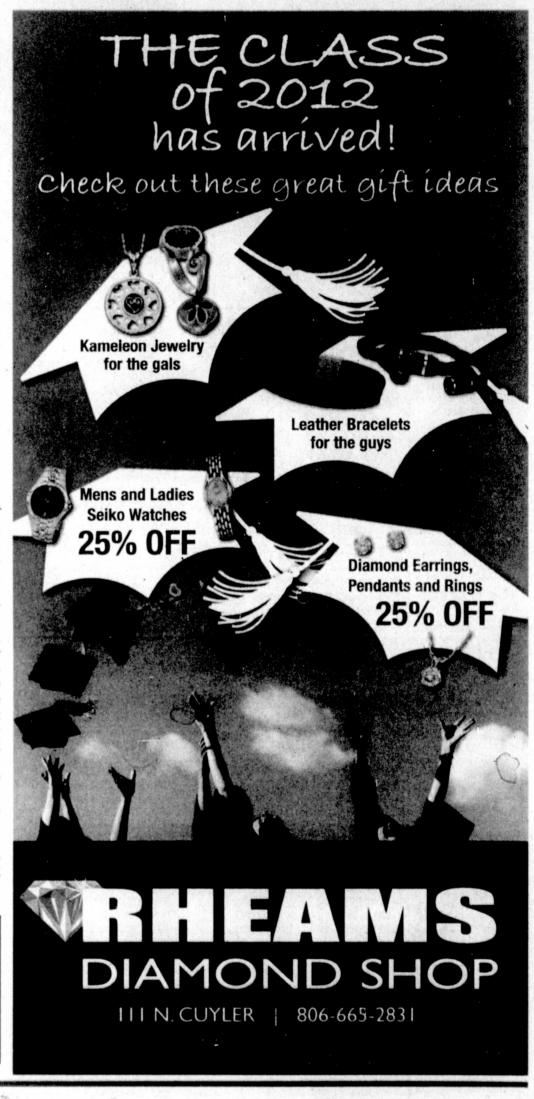
only other Spurs player in double figures. Harden lost in the first round of his matchup with Ginobili, who's also a lefty and a former Sixth Man of the Year winner. Harden finished with 19 points on 7-of-17 shooting but started by missing nine of his first dozen shots.

Tipping off another conference finals couldn't happen soon enough for Oklahoma City. With nothing to do but prepare for the Spurs all week — and be asked about the Spurs - the Thunder grew weary of questions about being perceived underdogs. About not having the same championship pedigree. About how they'll possibly stop a team rolling through one of the 10 longest winning streaks in NBA history.

So repetitive were the questions that

Durant, visibly annoved, suggested earlier this week that someone instead ask how the Thunder are going "to come at" the Spurs. That didn't stop Oklahoma City from facing more of the same at shootaround Sunday morning, when Thunder coach Scott Brooks tried quashing again the idea his team was somehow intimidated.

"They're not going to be in awe. They're going to have respect for them," Brooks said. "We know we can beat them."



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