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Olin Boyd was recognized during Wednesday morning's awards assembly in McNeeley Fieldhouse for being the Pampa High School Valedictorian for 2011.

Physicals for student athletes next week

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Pampa Athletic The Department, in conjunction with Family Medicine of Pampa, is offering free sports physical screenings for student athletes next week, according to ISD athletic trainer Ashley Ellis.

The screenings will be held at Pampa Junior High School. Girls' screenings will be on

Wednesday; current eighth graders will be screened at 3 p.m., current sixth graders at 4 p.m. and current 10th graders and all others at 5 p.m.

Physicals for boys will be on Thursday with the same corresponding times for age groups.

To receive a physical screening, students must bring their completed paperwork and check in at the north gym. Paperwork packets are being distributed by

coaching staffs to athletes this week.

In accordance with UIL regulations, all students entering the seventh, ninth or 11th grade are required to receive a physical before participating in extracurricular athletics.

Students who choose not to take advantage of this free screening will be responsible for obtaining a physical before SCREENINGS cont. on page 8

Woman in jail for drug possession

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A Pampa woman was in Gray County jail after being arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance. Rhonda

Wyatt

Lynn Wyatt, 48. was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Lt. Joe B.

Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's

office said today that Deputies J.C. Skinner and Nick Burklow stopped a black Chevrolet pickup about 4:30 p.m. Monday near the DRUG cont. on page 8

Small grains deadline for **DCP** coming

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The final small grains reporting date in Gray County for farmers participating in the Direct and Countercyclical Program (DCP) is Sunday, May 15, according to Gray County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Matthew Street.

Small grains eligible under the program include wheat, oats, barley, rye, triticale and wildlife food plots for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses on cropland and noncropland, including failed acreage, DCP cont. on page 8

free after driving truck through house Pampa man

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A 39-year-old man is free today after being arrested for driving his pickup through a fence and into a house in eastern Pampa.

Marcus Dwayne Hall, 39, was free on bond today after being charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense, in connection with a one-vehicle accident Monday evening.

Officers said Hall was apparently westbound on Browning shortly after 10 p.m. Monday, when his late model black pickup swerved out of control, plowed through a wooden fence and ran into the back of a home at

400 North Doucette.

Authorities said it appears that Hall then backed out of the house, drove west again on Browning and hit a tree across the street.

Five police patrol units and one fire truck responded to the report of the crash, officers said.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for Hall at \$2,000.

A house at Doucette and Browning was heavily damaged Monday night when a vehicle ran through a fence and crashed into the home. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for driving while intoxicated. >



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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday





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Low 53

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Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a north northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Kabul: Pakistan had to know of Bin Laden

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) - The Afghan government said Wednesday that Pakistan must have known Osama bin Laden was living in a military garrison town near the capital, echoing international suspicions about Islamabad in the aftermath of the deadly strike against

The two countries have long had tense relations, especially over the issue of Pakistan failing to target Taliban militants using its territory as sanctuary to launch crossborder attacks against Afghan and international forces.

"Not only Pakistan, with its strong intelligence service, but even a very weak government with a weak intelligence service would have known who was living in that house in such a location," said Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi.

The house where bin Laden lived in the town of Abbottabad was close to the gate of the Kakul Military Academy, an army-run institution where top Pakistani officers train, Azimi said, adding that many neighboring houses are home to military officials.

"There are lots of questions that need answers," Azimi

Others have made similar remarks.

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron said Tuesday that bin Laden must have had an extensive support network in Pakistan in the years before his death. And White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters that the U.S. is committed to cooperating with Pakistan despite questions about who in the Islamabad government may have known bin Laden was in hiding in the compound in Abbottabad.

Afghan officials have long said that the real war against terrorism is not in Afghanistan, but across the border in Pakistan. And while they have welcomed international troops who are fighting the Taliban insurgency in Afghanistan, they have also criticized these forces for backing a Pakistani government that Afghan officials say is double-dealing.

Azimi went on to say that Afghanistan is bracing for revenge attacks following the bin Laden strike, but expects that the al-Qaida leader's death will eventually make it easier to defeat the Taliban.

The nearly 10-year war in Afghanistan started as a manhunt for bin Laden in 2001. Many inside Afghanistan and in foreign countries fighting the war have raised questions about whether his death will shorten or ease the battle with the Taliban insurgency, but the U.S. and others pledged there wouldn't be a rapid withdrawal.

On the day that bin Laden's death was announced, Afghan President Hamid Karzai called it a blow to terrorism but made no predictions about how it would affect the war in his country.

Azimi, for his part, predicted al-Qaida revenge attacks in the immediate aftermath of the terror chief's death. "The first phase will be for a short period of time, a

revenge phase in order show that even if he is gone, oth-

ers are keeping the network together," he said, adding . that Afghan security forces have already increased their presence in key areas and their readiness in anticipation

of such attacks. Then slowly the situation will become more normal and that will start to show how Osama's absence effects the structure of the network," Azimi said.

International forces say a persistent campaign against insurgents over the summer has driven them out of their traditional strongholds and destroyed the weapons caches they depend on to mount their seasonal spring offen-

The Taliban, however, have started the spring fighting season with high-profile attacks apparently designed to show their strength and their ability to infiltrate the gov-

In April, the insurgent group launched deadly attacks from within the Defense Ministry in Kabul, the main police headquarters in the southern city of Kandahar and a joint U.S.-Afghan base in the east.

The militants also managed to break more than 480 of their compatriots out of the Kandahar city prison with an elaborate tunnel escape.

So far, violence in Afghanistan has continued unabated despite bin Laden's death.

Officials announced that gunmen assassinated the head of the Afghan police counterterrorism unit for western Ghor province as he was driving to work. The assailants hemmed in Ghulam Yaya's car by approaching on motorcycles from the front and behind, before opening fire on it.

Yaya, one of his brothers and a bodyguard were all killed in Tuesday's attack, said Abdul Ghafar Sayedzada, the head of the country's anti-terrorism force.

In the east, meanwhile, two civilians were killed when their car hit a roadside bomb in Nangarhar province Wednesday afternoon, according to provincial spokesman Ahmadzia Abdulzai. In the same area, a group of: rural elders were attacked by gunmen while on their way to a U.S. base to discuss development programs. Two of the elders were killed, Abdulzai said.

And in nearby Paktia province, a woman was killed when she was caught in the crossfire of a morning clash between government forces and militants, Paktia Police Chief Abdul Ghafar Safi said.

Separately Wednesday, NATO forces rejected accusations that they had killed a private security guard under contract to protect a road traveled by their supply convoys. The international military coalition said that the man who was killed was not working for a security company and was a militant involved in setting up an ambush.

Afghan police and the man's alleged employer -Watan Risk Management — have maintained that it was a Watan guard who was killed while trying to protect the

Pakistan critical of 'unauthorized action'

ABBOTTABAD, Pakistan (AP) Pakistan criticized the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden as an "unauthorized unilateral action,"

laying bare the strains the operation has put on an already rocky alliance. U.S. legislators along with the leaders of Britain and France ques-COTTAGE tioned how the Pakistani government

could not have known the al-Qaida leader was living in a garrison town less than a two-hour drive from the capital and had apparently lived there for years. "I find it hard to believe that the

presence of a person or individual such as bin Laden in a large compound in a relatively small town. could go completely unnoticed," French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe

told reporters in Paris.

British Prime Minister David Cameron also demanded that Pakistani leaders explain how bin Laden had lived undetected in Abbottabad. But in a nod to the complexities of dealing with a nuclear-armed, unstable country that is crucial to success in the war in Afghanistan, Cameron said having "a massive row" with Islamabad over the issue would not be in Britain's interest.

U.S. officials have suggested Pakistani officials may have known where bin Laden was living and members of Congress have seized on those suspicions to call for the U.S. to consider cutting billions of aid to Pakistan if it turns out to be true.

Western officials have long re-

garded Pakistani security forces with, suspicion, especially when it comes to links with militants fighting in Afghanistan. Last year, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton publicly said she suspected that some members of Pakistan's government knew where bin Laden was hiding.

However, within Pakistan criticism has been focused on the U.S. breaching the country's sovereignty. The Obama administration has said it did not inform the Pakistanis in advance of the operation against bin Laden. for fear they would tip off the targets.

A strongly worded Pakistani government statement warned the U.S. not to launch similar operations in the future. It rejected suggestions that officials knew where bin Laden was.

For the record

Police Department

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

Police reported 13 traffic violations and two accidents. Police reported eight abandoned vehicles.

Animal Control reported 11 animal-related calls

Pampa EMS reported seven ambulance

Monday, May 2

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky

A fraud was reported in the 100 block of of Crane North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A fire alarm was reported in the 100 block of West 30ht.

A theft was reported in the 1400 block of

A sexual assault was reported to police. A theft was reported in the 800 block of

North Nelson. A fire investigation was launched in the

100 block of South Wells. Officers made a welfare check in the 1000 block of East Murphy.

A threat was reported to police. A burglary was reported in the 100 block

of Naida. A theft was reported in the 1200 block of West Carter.

Disorderly conduct was at Russell and Randy Matson. An assault was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the

1000 block of South Faulkner. Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2100 block of North Chestnut. Fraud was reported in the 100 block of

North Seneca Lane. Disorderly conduct was reported at

Duncan and Kentucky.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 500 block of North Russell. Criminal mischief was reported in the

2400 block of North Charles. A burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block Disorderly conduct was reported in the

2100 block of North Chestnut. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

Tuesday, May 3 Officers performed a welfare check in Dogwood. the 1400 block of West Somerville.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending a 8 a.m. today. There were 49 traffic-related incidents

and three accidents. Animal control officers reported 10 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported eight ambulance calls

The Pampa Fire Department reported one presentation, one special assignment, two structure fires and two medical calls.

Tuesday, May 3 Theft was reported in the 400 block of Ballard.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of N. Banks An abana aned vehicle was reported in

the 1200 block of Darby. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Darby.

An escort was provided in the 500 block

A business check was reported in the

Warrant service was reported in the 200

Criminal mischief was reported in the

Found property was reported in the 700

A runaway was reported at 17th and

Officers delivered a message in the 400

Structure fires were reported in the 1400

Water was shut off in the 1900 block of

Disorderly conduct was reported in the

An information call was reported in the

Disorderly conduct was reported in the

Disorderly conduct was reported at

A threat was reported in the 1300 block

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1600 block of W. Somerville.

Campbell and Talley.

Wednesday, May 4

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Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24hour period ending at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

An information call was reported in the Monday, May 2 Rhonda Lynn Wyatt, 48, was arrested-A follow-up investigation was reported by deputies on charges of possession of a

controlled substance. A domestic disturbance was reported in Marcus Dwayne Hall, 39, was arrested by police on charges of driving while in-A threat was reported in the 700 block of

> The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-

> hour period ending at 8 a.m. today. Sarah D. Medley, 26, was arrested by

> deputies on charges of theft of property. Christopher Michael Emery, 22, of Perryton, was arrested for violation of parole in connection with charges of aiding pos-

session of alcohol to minors. Cassandra Ann Ramirez, 27, was ar-: rested by deputies on violation of parole in connection with charges of failure to

Ashli Diane Harris, 23, was arrested by police on charges of unauthorized use of a

motor vehicle. Jeffrey Allen Parrish, 46, was arrested: by deputies.

Kevin Lee Braddock, 49, was arrested by deputies on charges of not having a valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the Justin Drake Cook, 24, of Shamrock, was arrested by deputies on charge of A domestic disturbance was reported in driving while intoxicated with a child passenger. Disorderly conduct was reported in the

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FORT WORTH (AP) - Texas is getting another wind

BP Wind Energy on Wednesday announced construction has begun on its 90-turbine Trinity Hills wind farm Texas House backed away in Archer and Young counties. The site is about 90 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

BP Wind Energy says the complex will have a generating capacity of 225 megawatts, producing enough electricity to support more than 65,000 homes.

Two of BP's wind farms became operational in 2008. The third is expected to be in commercial operation by the end of 2011.

FEMA defends position

AUSTIN (AP) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency has defended its decision refusing to provide more assistance to Texas after devastating wildfires.

Gov. Rick Perry late Tuesday criticized the White House for rejecting his April 16 request for a federal major disaster declaration and additional help.

FEMA spokeswoman Rachel Racusen on Wednesday said federal assistance already has been provided to Texas through grants for response activities. She says, based on information provided by the state, there was not a need for additional support at this time.

Perry's request came before deadly tornadoes swept across Alabama.

The governor says Texas wildfires since November have blackened at least 2.2 million acres. Two firefighters died in separate incidents in April.

More than 200 Texas counties have outdoor burn

Bush declines invitation

WASHINGTON (AP) - A spokesman for George W Bush says the former president has declined an invitation from President Barack Obama to attend an observance at New York's ground zero.

Obama plans to visit the site of the destroyed World Trade Center towers Thursday in the aftermath of a Navy SEALs raid that killed Osama bin Laden. The al-Qaida attack, which killed about 3,000 people, occurred in the early months of Bush's presidency in 2001.

The spokesman, David Sherzer, says the former president appreciated the offer to attend but has chosen to

remain out of the spotlight during his post-presidency. Sherzer says Bush celebrates bin Laden's death as an "important victory in the war on terror."

April wildfires cost \$20.4 M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) - Wildfires that ravaged parts of Texas last month caused at least \$20.4 million in agricultural losses, destroying fences, buildings and grazing pastures, and killing livestock.

A report released Tuesday by the Texas Agrilife Extension Service said loss estimates for April were preliminary and likely to rise. They don't include forestry

More than 3,200 square miles have burned in Texas so

By contrast, wildfires during another fire-ravaged year, to bring the commission 2009, caused about \$35 million in agricultural losses that in line with other admin-March and April. Fewer acres burned that year, but those istrative agencies that fires destroyed more fences, driving up replacement sometimes go into noncosts, the extension service said.

Hardest hit by this April's fires were ranch and industry infrastructure, including barns and livestock holding Department of Insurance More than 500 cattle, horses and sheep have been and Paroles.

reported killed.

Execution uses new drug combo

HUNTSVILLE (AP) - A man convicted of raping and strangling a woman in 2001 has become the first inmate put to death in Texas using a new three-drug cocktail.

Texas executed Cary Kerr on Tuesday after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to delay his scheduled execution to consider his claim that one of his lawyers had failed him.

The lethal injection used Tuesday substituted the sedative pentobarbital for sodium thiopental. Texas recently switched the sedative it uses in its lethal three-drug combination because sodium thiopental used since 1982 is no longer available. Pentobarbital already has been used for executions in Oklahoma and Ohio.

Kerr's appeal didn't challenge the switch. Rather, he argued that a lawyer didn't properly represent him while he was appealing his conviction in the death of 34-yearold Pamela Horton.

Penalties for bad dog owners

AUSTIN (AP) - Dog owners could face life in prison if their dog kills an infant or an elderly person.

If the attack results in serious injury, the possibly pen-

alty is third degree felony.

In a bill passed Tuesday, owners of a dog that kills a child under the age of 18 or an adult older than 65 can be charged with a first degree felony. The maximum sen-

tence for a first degree felony is life in prison. The bill was authored by state Rep. Chuck Hopson, a Jacksonville Republican. The House approved the bill on

Following a procedural vote, the measure will go to the senate for consideration.

Critical speech bill passes House

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas House has passed a bill that would protect free speech by barring frivolous lawsuits.

The measure is designed to discourage what are called strategic lawsuits against public participation. Some corporations have brought lawsuits against news organizations or activists to prevent them from commenting on public affairs.

The bill by Republican state Rep. Todd Hunter allows defendants to request an expedited dismissal, if the suit is deemed a frivolous attempt to prevent that person from exercising their legal rights. According to Hunter, the bill is designed to encourage participation in public

The House approved the bill unanimously. The measure now requires a procedural vote before going to the senate for consideration.

meeting clause axed

AUSTIN (AP) - The on Tuesday from a controversial measure that would have given oil and gas regulators broad authority to conduct key deliberations in secret.

Lawmakers had approved the legislation without a single objection a day earlier, sparking outrage from consumer advocates who said it undermined government transparency and gave energy companies an unfair advantage. The amendment would have allowed the commission to go behind closed doors in contested cases, including those that help determine how much Texans pay for natural gas.

GOP Rep. Phil King of Weatherford, who had added the provision to an agency overhaul bill, said he had pondered the decision overnight and changed his mind about it.

King said he didn't "want anybody ever saying that any member of this House ever voted for anything that allowed somebody to do something in secret."

The amendment had been added to legislation that would reform the state agency currently known as the Texas Railroad Commission.

The bill had triggered heated discussions, but both King's amendment and the legislation itself was approved Monday night on a voice vote - meaning there was no objection. Among other things, the legislation would change the name of the agency to the Texas Oil and Gas Commission, which would oversee the state's oil and gas industry, including more than 350,000 miles of pipeline.

King had said he wanted to allow closed meetings public "executive" sessions, including the Texas and the Board of Pardons

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Animal abuse not always obvious

Millions of animals are subjected to abuse every year. Certain cases of animal abuse are clear-cut, but oftentimes a person doesn't realize he or/she is contributing to the injury of animals.

Animal cruelty is sometimes difficult to define. That is because the perception of what is and what isn't animal abuse differs from person to person. A hunter may view killing a game animal as perfectly fine while someone else may constitute this as cruelty. Also, in the United States, there are no laws specific to animal cruelty. There are certain laws that protect against some interactions with animals, but the lines can be blurred. Oftentimes regulations vary from state

Individuals can learn about the gamut of what may be seen as animal abuse and which activities can contribute to animals being treated poorly. Here is a look at some behaviors and conditions that can be viewed as animal cruelty in some

 Neglect and abandonment are leading causes of animal cruelty among companion animals. According to the American Humane Association, more American households have pets than have children. Although individuals very regularly pamper their pets, that doesn't mean every animal is well cared for. Humane societies and SPCA programs are regularly called on to check into neglect situations. Failure to provide medical care, food, water, adequate shelter, and proper grooming can constitute neglect and cruelty in many areas of the country.

· Some see wearing fur as cruelty. It can take up to 55 minks and 18 foxes to make a fur coat. These animals are among the primary species to be raised on fur farms, ranches that breed and raisé animals for the explicit purpose of producing fur for the fur trade. Oftentimes, these animals are kept in small quarters with limited options for mobility. Ranch animals have been known to resort to neurotic behaviors, such as tail biting or even cannibalism. The animals may be electrocuted, asphyxiated, or even have their necks broken to then have the fur harvested. Others may be skinned alive. While many would not wear dog or cat fur, the truth can be startling. Dateline NBC uncovered that dog and cat fur is a multimillion dollar industry in Asia and found that coats and toys made with domestic dog fur have been imported and sold in the U.S.

· Animal fighting is often illegal and cruel. There are many people who have spoken out against the cruelty involved in dog fighting, especially after the highprofile case of NFL star Michael Vick and his fighting pitbulls. However, other

animals are bred to fight as well. Roosters are bred for cock fighting, even though the practice s illegal in all 50 states. The birds have sharp items, called gaffs, attached to their legs and they cut and maim each other in the fight. The birds also may be given stimulants to increase violent behavior. Bullfighting is another popular sport around the

world. It occurs in three stages, where the bull is weakened through stabbing and blows before the matador is supposed to deliver a fatal plunging with a sword. Many times the bull does not immediately die. Tourism is often blamed for the popularity of bullfighting in countries like Spain and Mexico.

 Animal research is still prevalent and controversial. DoSomething.org reports that more than 15 million warm-blooded animals are used for medical and cosmetic research every year. In addition to big-name corporations testing products on animals, other animals are routinely bred and killed to be used in classroom dissections and science classes. Those who live in Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Rhode Island, Illinois, Virginia, Oregon, New York, New Jersey, and Vermont have the legal right to refuse to participate in dissection in class.

 Animal racing is often no day at the park to animals. Animals that are bred to race or perform often do not have a good quality of life, say activists. Greyhounds, for example, are often bred to chase live rabbits to simulate racing conditions. The dogs may be kept in cages with the rabbits and then denied food so that they become so hungry they eat the rabbit. This develops a bloodlust for the small animal, which better trains them on the track. In Defense of Animals reports that 800 race horses die every year from injuries sustained during races. Often these animals are bred for specific lineage and can develop genetic weaknesses, including weak bones. Once a race animal is injured, it is often sent to the slaughterhouse to be used in different products. In addition to racing animals, performance animals, like elephants, are often trained in strict conditions and confinements that are unnatural to a wild animal.

· Horsemeat is still exported to different countries. Horses have long been viewed as companion animals in the U.S. In 2007, the U.S. government banned the slaughter of and exportation of horses for human consumption in Asia and Europe. However, many slaughterhouses still exist; the animals are simply shipped over the border to Mexico and Canada.

There are several perceived instances of animal cruelty taking place at given times around the world. Thanks to its controversial nature, there are wide views on animal cruelty and what constitutes abuse. Individuals who want to act in accordance with local laws regarding companion animals should learn about animal humane laws in their areas.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 4, the 124th day of 2011. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1961, the first group of "Freedom Riders" left Washington, D.C., to challenge racial segregation on interstate buses and in bus terminals. (The Freedom Riders were repeatedly attacked by violent mobs, mostly in Alabama.) On this date:

In 1626, Dutch explorer Peter Minuit landed on present-day Manhattan Island.

In 1776, Rhode Island declared its freedom from England, two months before the Declaration of Independence was adopted

In 1886, at Haymarket Square in Chicago, a labor demonstration for an 8-hour work day turned into a deadly riot when a bomb exploded.

In 1904, the United States took over construction of the Panama Canal.

In 1932, mobster Al Capone, convicted of income-tax evasion, entered the federal penitentiary in Atlanta. (Capone was later transferred to Alcatraz Island.)

In 1942, the Battle of the Coral Sea, the first naval clash fought entirely with carrier aircraft, began during World War II. (The outcome of the battle was considered a tactical victory for Japan, but a strategic one for the Allies.)

In 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire during an anti-war protest at Kent State University, killing four students and wounding nine others.

Ten years ago: Bonny Lee Bakley, wife of actor Robert Blake, was shot to death as she sat in a car near a restaurant in Los Angeles. (Blake, accused of Bakley's murder, was acquitted in a criminal trial but found liable by a civil jury and ordered to

Five years ago: A federal judge sentenced Zacarias Moussaoui) to life in prison for his role in the 9/11 attacks, telling the convicted terrorist, "You will die with a whimper."

One year ago: A Pakistani-born U.S. citizen was charged with terrorism and attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in the botched Times Square bombing. Faisal Shahzad later pleaded guilty to plotting to set off the propane-and-gasoline bomb in an SUV and was sentenced to life in

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Roberta Peters is 81. Jazz musician Ron Carter is 74. Rock musician Dick Dale is 74. Singer-songwriter Nick Ashford is 69. Pop singer Peggy Santiglia (The Angels) is 67. Actor Richard Jenkins is 64. Country singer Stella Parton is 62. Irish musician Darryl Hunt (The Pogues) is 61. Singer Jackie Jackson (The Jacksons) is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sharon Jones is 55. Country singer Randy Travis is 52. Actress Mary McDonough is 50. Actor Will Arnett is 41. Rock musician Mike Dirnt (Green Day) is 39. TV personality and fashion designer Kimora Lee Simmons is 36. Rock musician Jose Castellanos is 34. Singer Lance Bass ('N Sync) is 32. Actor Alexander Gould is 17.

Thought for Today: "Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage." - Maya Angelou, American author and poet

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Bin Laden death gives U.S. reason to cheer

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Analysis by AP National Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - At last, something big to celebrate and lift America's mood.

A nation surly over rising gas prices, stubbornly high unemployment and nasty partisan politics poured

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his goal. Obama picked up the challenge and, as a candidate for president, vowed that "We will kill bin Obama's persistence ΓÇö and

success ГСö makes it more difficult for political foes to question whether he is tough enough to do whatever it takes to keep America safe, and whether he's experienced

> enough to be commander in chief. For Republicans seeking the presidency, it will more difficult to question his strength

on national secu-

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policy. Perhaps reflect-Obama's enhanced standing if not new-

But while bin Laden's death closes one chapter in the U.S. war against terrorism, it also opens others and raises a slew of questions. · Will the relationship between

Pakistan and the United States be strong or weak once the dust settles? The United States did not give Pakistan advance notice that American forces would stage the raid. Bin Laden was found living in

a huge fortified compound in an affluent Pakistani town about 60 miles from Islamabad. The compound was located about 100 yards from the gates of a Pakistani military academy certain to raise questions about al-Qaida's ability to build a custom-made hideout in such prox-

Will bin Laden's killing make the United States more likely to pull its troops out of Afghanistan?

found respect, The 2001 attacks occurred on George W. Bush's watch. and triggered the war in Afghanistan as the United States went after bin Laden. As president, Obama made the Afghanistan war a tor priority, and boosted the numbers of troops there. But many Democrats no longer support that war, and even some Republicans want to withdraw troops.

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·Will al-Qaida try to exact revenge on the country that killed its leader and hit U.S. soil again?

Bin Laden's death was a major blow to al-Qaida



into the streets to wildly cheer President Barack Obama's announcement that Osama bin Laden, the world's most wanted man. had been killed by U.S. forces after a decade-long manhunt.

The outcome could not have come at a better time for Obama, sagging in the polls as he embarks on his re-election campaign. For now, at least, he is assured of a big political boost, something that could strengthen his hand as he heads into a

big battle over federal spending with Republicans who control the House.

Outside the White House, hundreds of people chanted "U-S-A! U-S-A!" and waved American flags. And in New York City at ground zero, where al-Qaida downed the twin towers, a crowd broke out into song, including renditions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "I'm Proud to be an American.'

The joyous response won't last forever but on this day, the nation's spirits were lifted and a country sharply divided along partisan lines seemed united much as it was in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks that bin Laden orchestrated.

That was not lost on Obama "Let us think back to the sense of unity that prevailed on 9/11. I know that it has, at times, frayed. Yet today's achievement is a testament to the greatness of our country and the determination of the American people," Obama said Sunday in a late night statement urging the nation to come together again.

Former President George W. Bush had promised to get bin Laden dead or alive but wasn't able to achieve even Republicans

praised him. Said Rep. Eric Cantor, the No. 2 Republican in the House: "I commend President Obama who has followed the vigilance of President Bush in bringing bin Laden to justice." And former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, an all-but-declared presidential candi-

date, congratulated Obama for "a job well done.

Beyond America, bin Laden's death sends a clear signal to the rest of the world about the persistence of U.S. power and that no one is

beyond the United States' reach. To that end, Obama put the world on notice, saying: "We will never tolerate our security being threatened, nor stand idly by when our people have been killed. We will be relentless in defense of our citizens and our friends and allies.



foot soldiers. Even so, the State Department put U.S. embassies on alert and warned of the "enhanced potential for anti-American violence given recent counterterrorism activity in Pakistan."

Said Obama: "There's no doubt that al-Qaida will continue to pursue attacks against us. We must - and we will - remain vigilant at home and abroad." And, for now, at least united.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 5, 2011:

This year, new ideas naturally come forward. You are more willing than in the past to try different experiences. You are often very lighthearted and silly. At other times, people try to approach you on a vulnerable and serious level. Follow your instincts from situation to situation. If you are single, someone too good to be true is most likely just that. Take your time and find out the whole story. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from weekends away together, just the two of you. GEMI-

NI can be very controlling and possessive. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You express yourself more than usual. The more gently you express your feelings, the better the reaction. Don't get upset when an intellectual discussion occurs out of the blue. You want a mix of both. Tonight: Add that special spark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. Others might be overly serious or touchy. This is a short-lived phase. You will make it through a problem with ease. Someone lets you know how he or she feels. This person is not as sure of him- or herself as

he or she, or you, might like. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You are all smiles, and others respond to that energy most happily. Still, there is a seriousness when eyeing a child or loved one. Just be yourself, and everything will work out. Tonight: So what if it is Thursday night? Start the weekend right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You might not be as sure of yourself as usual. Someone could be pushing your buttons, and your reaction could be over the top, too. Don't allow anyone to trigger you but you. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Zero in on your priorities as you rarely have. How you view a changeable situation could be very different from your initial response. Your abilities vary with different people. A serious, stubborn person could be harder to convince than someone you adore. Tonight: Where the

action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Others often envy how you accept different work and what you do with difficult situations. Honestly, you might wonder whether making that extra effort is worth it. You often wonder if you would have a greater impact if you pushed others

less. Tonight: A must appearance. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You might be reaching out for something that isn't quite reachable. You might want to take a challenge. Listen to news that is forthcoming, and allow more perspective and knowledge. Tonight: Let your imagination make the call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Togetherness takes a strange turn when you least anticipate it. You might wonder what is going on within a key relationship. Talking through various ideas and feelings could point to where you might be negative. Tonight: Make it cozy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Zero in on your priorities. You could be overthinking a situation. No matter what you do, you'll come up all smiles. Others dominate and have clear choices. Listen to them; ask questions that give you grounding. Tonight: Sort through

vour choices CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Dive into work knowing which way to go and why you are heading in that chosen direction. Evaluate an existing situation with an eye to new potential and possibilities. Enrich and empower that which exists rather than begin anew. Tonight: Make sure you get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Check out a situation with a little more care. You might not know what you want to accomplish. You might decide it is time to back out quickly and with ease. Use your innate creativity and communication style. Tonight: Make it light and

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Remain confident when dealing with others. Revise your opinions, especially involving a child or loved one. Your sense of humor comes through when you decide on an expenditure involving your home and family. You really might not be sure what to do. Tonight: At home.

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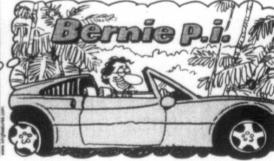


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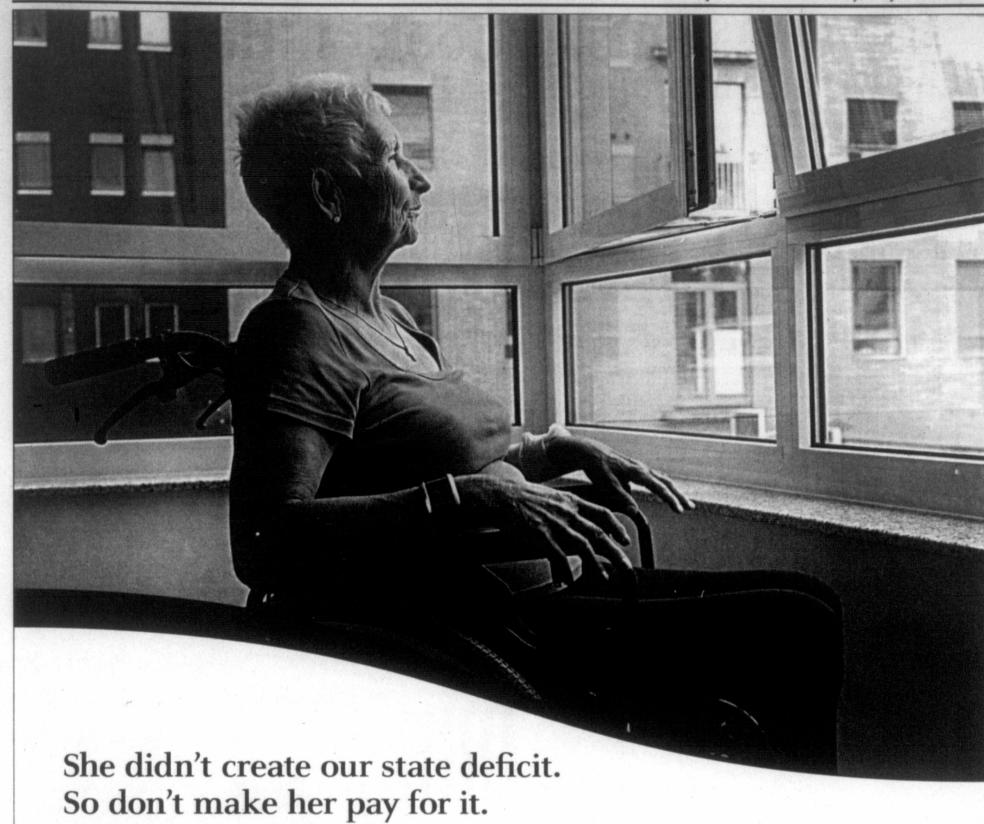
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The gas explosion that ripped through the primitive, vertical-shaft mine early Tuesday was so powerful it seriously injured a 15-year-old boy working on a conveyor belt outside the pit.

Labor Secretary Javier Lozano said that left little possibility that those inside could have withstood the force of the blast.

"The outlook is very bad," Lozano said at the scene. "The truth is that it does not allow us to hold out much

A team of four rescuers who entered the mine quickly found the bodies of three miners in front of the rubble shaken loose by the blast.

The mine employees later found two more bodies, and one rescuer who had been down the partially collapsed shaft said there was little chance anyone

We have to stop thinking they mild be alive," said Fernando Garza, 44-year-old miner who knew some of the victims." Everything inside colapsed We know the bodies are on the loor of the mine, but we haven't been ble to secure the area.'

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It will be difficult to get the rest of he bodies, but not impossible," Garza and "We have to get them out and we

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about 85 miles (135 kilometers) southwest of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Mexican President Felipe Calderon issued a statement late Tuesday expressing condolences to the victims' families. He said the federal government "will do everything in its power to help state and local authorities rescue the rest of the trapped miners."

The injured boy had been separating coal from tailings. Federal prosecutors later said one of the boy's arms had been amputated and that he remained in serious condition.

Lozano said the boy's employment at the mine was an apparent violation of labor laws.

The 14 miners were down the 197-foot-deep (60 meters) shaft when the explosion ripped through the mine, which had opened just over a month ago and employed about 25 miners.

The national mine workers union said in a statement that the mine's work force was not unionized, and it criticized what it called "the totally unsafe conditions in which coal mines in Mexico, and especially in this region known as the coal belt, operate.

Officials said they were investigating who was actually operating the mine, because there was conflicting registry

And the federal Attorney General's Office said it had opened an investigation into the blast, which it said was caused by a gas buildup.

A similar blast caused by methane gas killed 65 miners in February 2006 at the Pasta de Conchos coal mine in San Juan de Sabinas, near where Tuesday's explosion occurred.

Rescuers eventually recovered the bodies of two miners from the 2006 blast, but tons of wood, rock and metal, as well as toxic gas, prevented the recovery of the other bodies.

On Tuesday, a group of relatives of miners killed in the 2006 explosion issued a press statement calling on the government to outlaw the kind of dangerous, small-scale, vertical-shaft coal mines that dot the region. Coahuila Gov. Jorge Torres Lopez promised the small mines would be subject to review and inspection.

Still smarting from criticism about the government's failings in mine safety, and their inability to recover the bodies from the 2006 blast, federal officials promised aid to the trapped

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director of the liberal Public Citizen of Texas group, attributed to companies. King had Tuesday's reversal to the outrage the amendment generated among Texans worried about their gas

"When political contributors can have regulators meet in secret to set rates, then costs are going to go But after reflection, King up for every Texan," said and he decided it was the Smith. "It was outraged citizens who forced reconsideration of this bad idea. People called their legislators and said, I don't want

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Sports



Smith finishes seventh, PHS finishes track season

ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

LUBBOCK —The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters ended their track season at regionals Tuesday at Terry and Linda Fuller Track on the Texas Tech campus.

Sophomore Samuel Smith finished seventh (11.23) and was thousandths of a second from placing. The sophomore said he ran his best.

"That's all that matters right now," Smith said after his race. "It gives me a

mark to improve on for next year." Smith said he is motivated to return to

regionals. "I know what competition I have to beat now," Smith said.

Junior Trent McAnear finished ninth in the mile with a time of 4:50.65. Head coach Tad Smith said both runners ran well.

"(Smith) ran good," Tad Smith said. "I wish he got another spot, but he ran good. Trent (McAnear) ran good in the mile. Knocked 10 seconds off his best time of the year.'

Coach Smith said hopefully they can improve and earn state berths next season.

"It's always our goal to get those guys down to the state meet," Smith said. "It didn't happen for us this year. We have a young team and we will be back next

The Lady Harvesters competed in the high jump, triple jump and 1600-meter run. Junior high jumper Kailyn Troxell missed three attempts at 04-08 and added

she was disappointed in her performance. "It wasn't very good," Troxell said cry-

ing. "I just barely missed."

Sophomore Maddie Fatheree finished 19th in the triple jump with a distance of 32-01 1/4. Sophomore J'Cee Holmes finished 23rd in the 1600-meter run with a time of 6:48.45.

Head coach Gene Valentine said the meet didn't go as well as he thought it might and added his team's youth played a part.

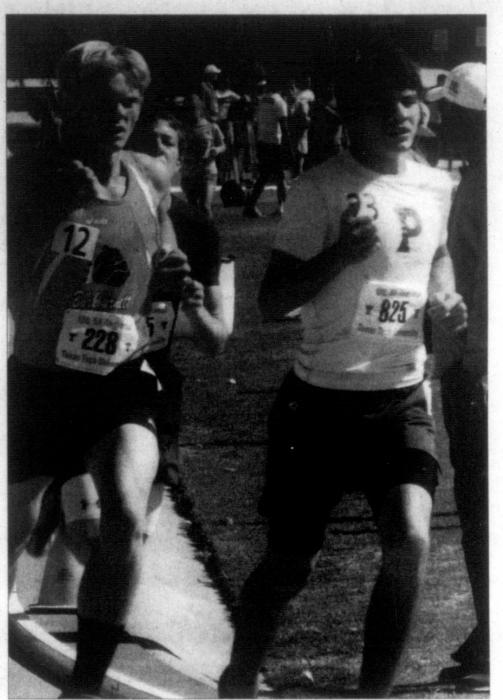
"It probably has to do with lack of experience," Valentine said. "We're young. I thought we might get through that but it showed. Only one has seen a regional track meet. It was something they had to

Valentine said several of his runners gave him a good performance.

"(Savanna) Hulsey missed (qualifying for finals) by a couple places," Valentine said. "We cut four seconds off our mile relay...I had a feeling we would be in the middle of a lot of stuff."

All of the regional finalist return next season. Valentine said it will give them something to build on.

"Hopefully we can pick up some freshman and add to it and make it better,' Valentine said.



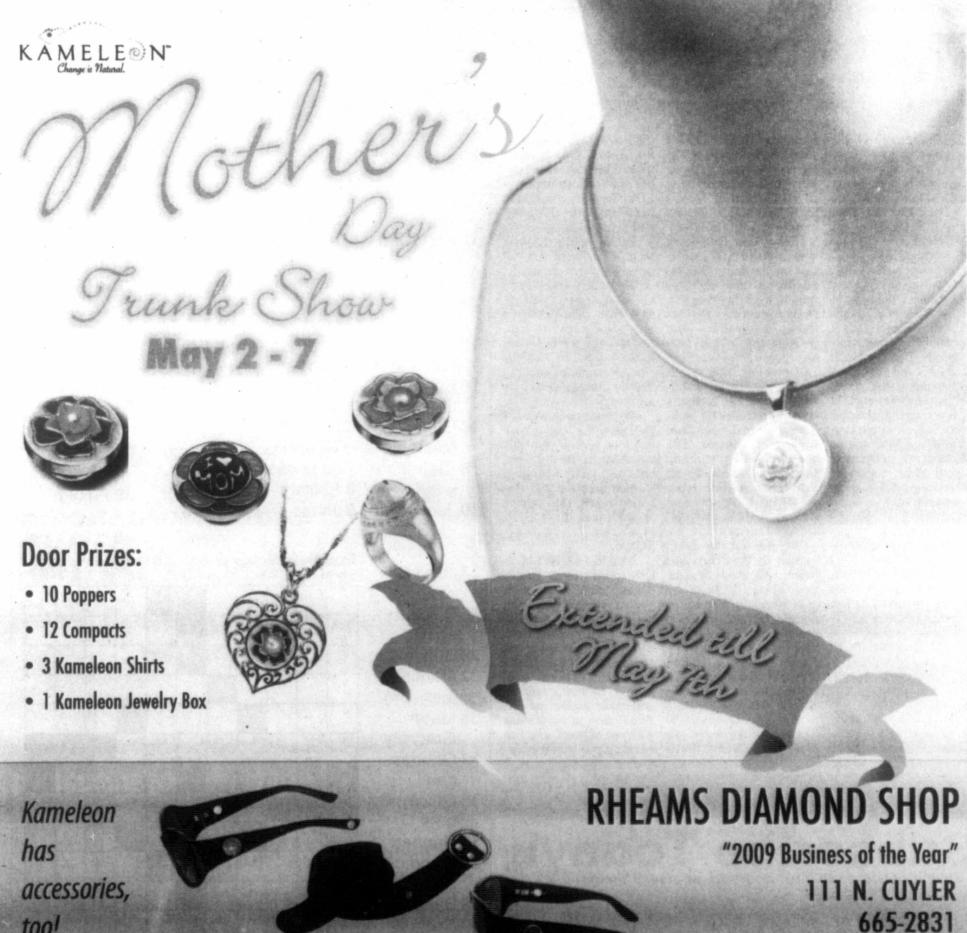
staff photo by Andrew Glover Junior Trent McAnear trys to distance himself from Burkburnett's Adam Leslie in the 1600-meter run Tuesday at Terry and Linda Fuller Track at Texas Tech. McAnear finished ninth with a time of 4:50.65 in the regional meet.



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Sports

NBA PLAYOFFS

Thunder even series with Grizzlies

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Zach Randolph had his way with the Oklahoma City Thunder to get the Memphis Grizzlies a victory in Game 1.

Game 2 was different from the very start.

Randolph's first shot got swatted by Serge Ibaka. His next two jumpers didn't find their target. Soon, the Thunder had the lead and never gave it back.

Kevin Durant scored 26 points and Oklahoma City clamped down on Randolph and frontcourt partner Marc Gasol to beat the Grizzlies 111-102 Tuesday night to even the Western Conference semifinals.

"We did a great job of starting the game out with some big-time intensity," Durant said. "Everybody was physical.

"There was a lot of pushing and grabbing and holding from both teams, but that's the kind of game you like in the playoffs.'

Randolph and Gasol combined for 54 points in Game 1, but barely managed half of that in the rematch. Randolph made just two of 13 shots and finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. Gasol was 3 for 9 and had 13 points and 10 boards.

They attacked us and they were determined that they weren't going to let Marc and Zach beat them." Grizzlies forward Sam Young said. "They came out and every time Zach got the ball, they put

so much pressure on them and contained him. Every time Marc got the ball, they made sure to bump him and pounded him and pounded him and it paid

Game 3 is Saturday night in Memphis.

James Harden scored 21 points and fellow reserve Eric Maynor added 15 as Oklahoma City's bench held a 48-29 scoring edge. All-Star point guard Russell Westbrook scored

Mike Conley scored 24 for Memphis, which got within six in the final minute after trailing 97-76 with 61/2 minutes left in the fourth quarter.

"It was a classic desperate team, more aggressive team," Memphis coach Lionel Hollins said. "I say the desperate team usually wins, and they were the desperate team in their play, which was a sense of urgency and aggressive-

"They came out and attacked.

Randolph, facing frequent double teams and even a triple team early on, never really got going. He and Gasol were a combined 7 for 7 in the first made just one of seven attempts this time while Oklahoma City got out to a 28-17 lead after the first

The Thunder would never trail after the opening 7 minutes.

The first game, he real-

tough when he's feeling good and he's got the jump shot and his inside game," Nick Collison said.

"Give the guys credit that started on him because he didn't really get it going early. He's much tougher to guard after he hits a few jump shots."

Memphis got within three in the second quarter before Oklahoma City extended its lead to 10 by halftime.

The Thunder finally shook free with an 18-6 run by the bench, featuring three 3-pointers by Maynor and seven points from Harden, to start the fourth quarter.

Harden hit three free including throws one after Darrell Arthur was called for a technical for bumping him in retaliation - then turned a steal into a fast-break layup. Maynor's third 3 gave Oklahoma City its first 20-point lead at 94-74 with 7:27 remaining, and Daequan Cook followed about a minute later with another 3 to bump the lead

The Thunder made their first four 3-pointers to start the fourth.

When Maynor and Cook quarter of Game 1, but a finally were pulled in favor of Durant and Westbrook with just under 5 minutes left, the pair got a standing ovation.

> After scoring just 16 points in Game 1, the Thunder's bench tripled that amount in Game 2.

"That's what they've ly got it going early. It's done all year, and that's why we are in this position, because they've done either a good job of catching up or extending leads," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "I thought they were outstanding tonight."

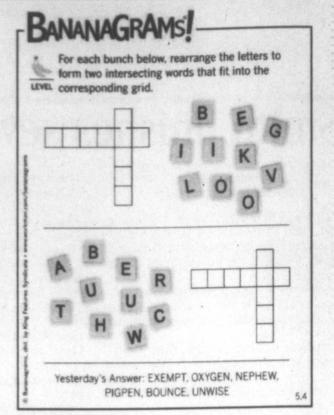
Conley hit two 3-pointers and converted a three-point play during a 19-5 comeback that got Memphis within 104-98 with 46 seconds left, before Westbrook and Collison made a pair of free throws apiece to close it out.

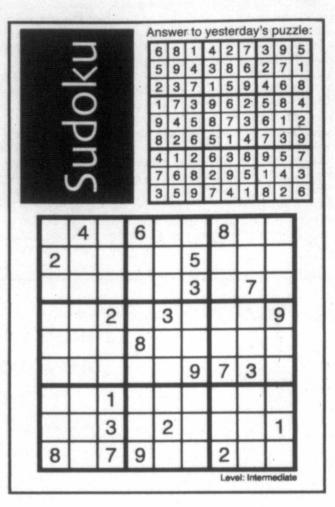
The Thunder lost Ibaka, their starting power forward who blocked the most shots in the NBA in the regular season, to an apparent right knee injury with 2:09 remaining in the game. He hobbled to the locker room after fouling Conley and crashing to the floor along the baseline.

Ibaka had been late out of the locker room at halftime after hurting his knee late in the first half, but rode a stationary bike in a tunnel before returning to the game in the third.

"When I was in the game, I was fine," said Ibaka, who had both ice on both knees in the locker room. "After a timeout, when I would stand up to go on the court, that's when I would feel it."

"We've got three days off," he added, "so I hope to be OK."





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: As children come to their mothers to mend their scraped knees and broken hearts, readers in turn come to you for advice that can mend fractured relationships and save lives

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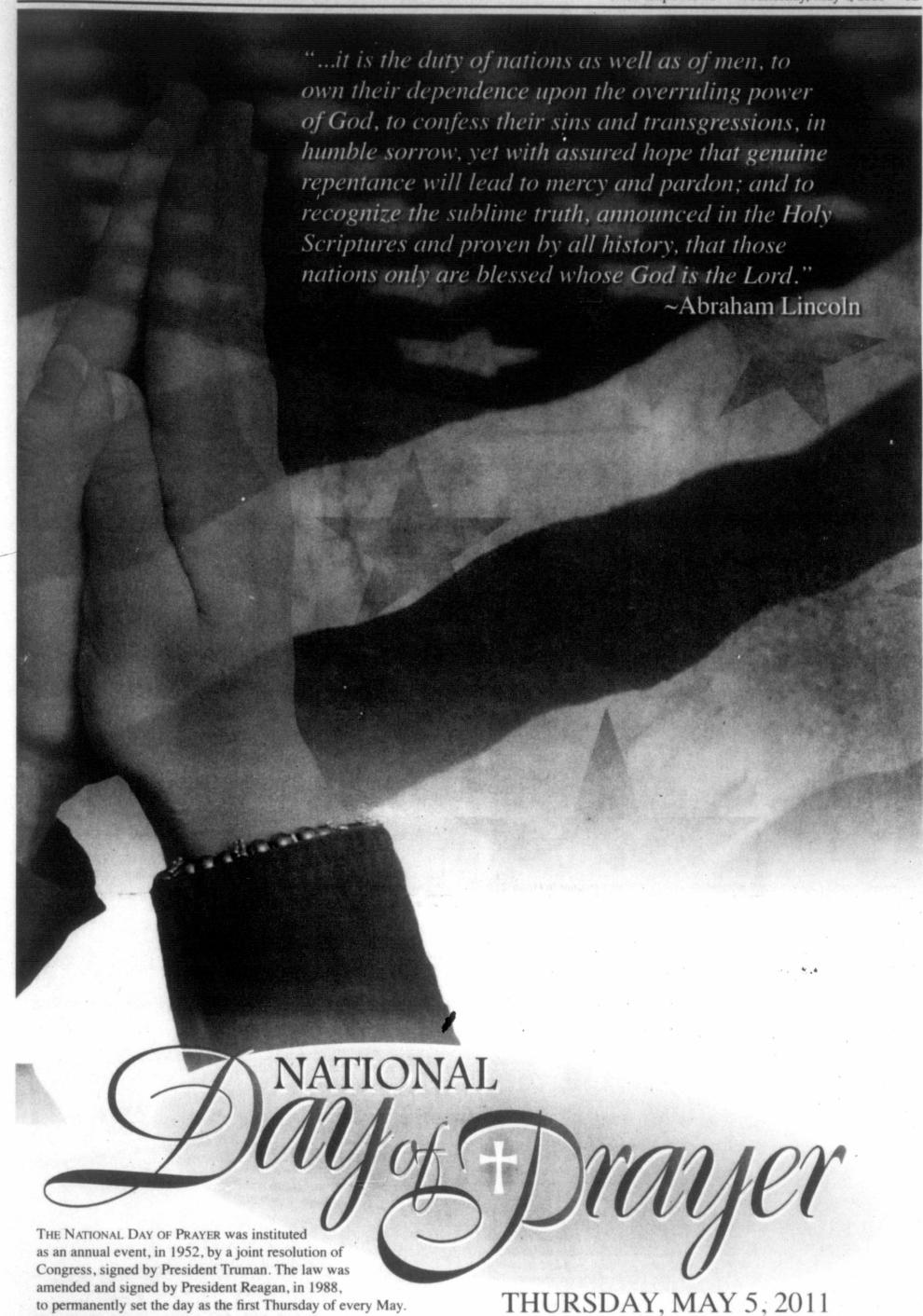
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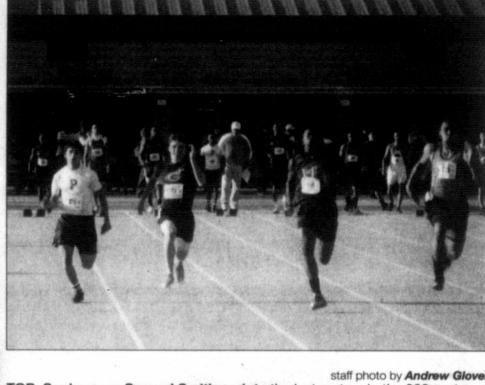
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Images from the 2011 UIL Regional Track Meet







staff photo by **Andrew Glover TOP:** Sophomore Samuel Smith sprints the last meters in the 200-meter preliminaries Monday. **BOTTOM:** Zane Robles tries to stay with the competition in the 100-meter preliminaries Monday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover TOP: Freshman Kristin Ladd sprints in the first leg of the 4 x 200 meter relay Monday at Texas Tech. BOTTOM: Sophomore Maddie Fatheree leaps in the triple jump Tuesday at the regional track meet. Fatheree finished 19th in her first regional appearance.



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