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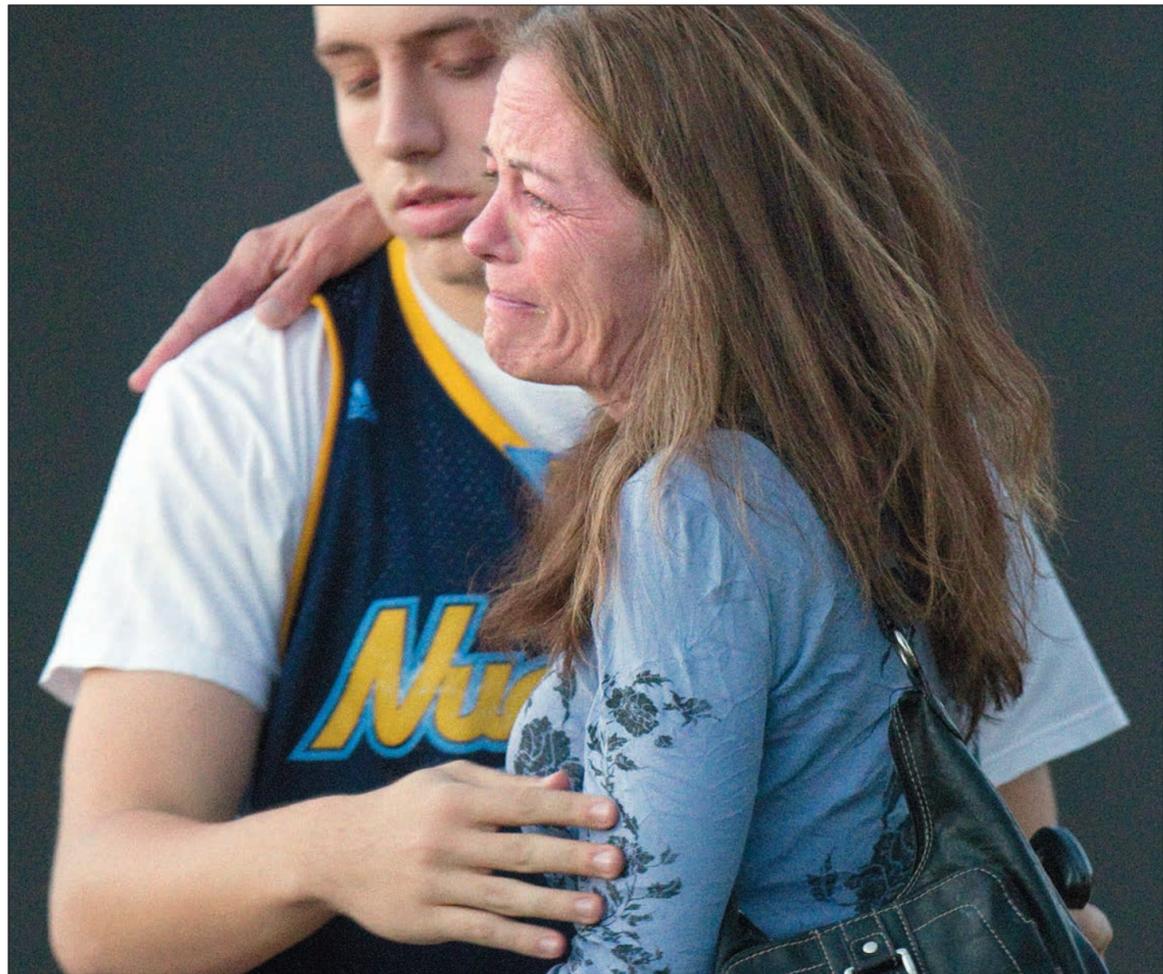
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Jacob Stevens, 18, hugs his mother Tammi Stevens after being interviewed by police outside Gateway High School where witnesses were brought for questioning after a shooting at a movie theater early Friday near Denver.

12 killed, 59 wounded in Colorado theater shooting

By THOMAS PEIPERT and P. SOLOMON BANDA
Associated Press

AURORA, Colo. As the new Batman movie played on the screen, a gunman dressed in black and wearing a helmet, body armor and a gas mask stepped through a side door.

At first he was just a silhouette, taken by some in the audience for a stunt that was part of one of the summer's most highly anticipated films.

But then, authorities said, he threw gas canisters that filled the packed suburban Denver theater with smoke,

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EXPANDED COVERAGE
Learn more about the people, actions and the events surrounding the Colorado theater shooting. | Nation 15A and 16A

Suspect reported to be brilliant science student

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD and DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

DENVER — James Eagan Holmes came from a well-tended San Diego enclave of two-story homes with red-tiled roofs, where neighbors recall him as a clean-cut, studious young man of sparing words.

Tall and dark-haired, he stared clear-eyed at the camera in a 2004 high school yearbook snapshot, wearing a white junior

— Neighbor remembers, Page 15A Holmes



McGuire Ortiz Dill
STATE SENATE DIST. 8

City, Kearny residents vie for seat

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
Staff Writer

With three candidates vying for one state Senate seat and another five for two House seats in Legislative District 8, only one House candidate stands to lose out in the primary.

The district includes much of what was once District 23 and encompasses most of Casa Grande and Eloy along with Coolidge, Florence, San Tan Valley and eastern Pinal, plus small parts of Gila and Pima counties. Parts of Casa Grande, mostly west of Pinal Avenue or Thornton Road, and Maricopa are in the new District 11, where there is no primary contest.

Some of the contenders vying for a seat in the new district have served the current District 23 in the state Legislature, changed by redistricting, but others are first-time competitors.

The primary election is Aug. 28 and the general election is Nov. 6.

Running for the Senate spot are Barbara McGuire, a Kearny resident, Democrat and former legislator; Joe Ortiz of Casa Grande, a Republican and current school board member; and Dean Dill, a Libertarian and Casa Grande resident in his first run for political office.

BARBARA MCGUIRE said her campaign, and her hope to represent the district at the state Capitol, is about the people of District 8.

"This is about making their lives better," McGuire said.

She served two terms as a state representative in District 23.

As a Salvation Army director for 25 years and a native of the district, she said she understands the needs of the community and can better serve the district as a state senator.

McGuire said jobs are a priority for the district as well as improving the economy, addressing the real estate market recovery and focusing on growth and quality-of-life issues. Education and properly funding schools are key to economic recovery, according to McGuire.

"I see investing in education as investing in the future," she said.

McGuire believes that companies are more

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DAYBREAK | APPEALING TO HISPANIC VOTERS

Presidential politics takes on Spanish accent

By ANDRES GONZALEZ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The campaigns of President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney have gained a Spanish accent with Hispanics projected to be nearly a third of the U.S. population by 2050 and already making up a crucial voting bloc in battleground states from Florida to Nevada.

Romney's son Craig, for example, has become his father's personal interpreter, explaining in skillful Spanish in targeted TV ads that his dad is a man "con grandes convicciones," or "with strong beliefs." He will fight "para encaminar nuestro pais y crear empleos," or "to guide our country and create jobs," Craig Romney says.

The Obama campaign has recycled its 2008



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press

Craig Romney introduces his father, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, in Spanish at The Hispanic Leadership Network's Lunch in Miami on Jan. 27.

campaign slogan, "Si, se puede," or "Yes, we can," for this year's run. The catchphrase has special meaning as the motto of the late Cesar Chavez and the United Farmworker's Union and has become a ubiquitous staple of the president's attempts to identify with and retain the Latino support he received the last time he ran.

After English, Spanish is the country's most-used language. Nearly 37 million U.S. residents speak Spanish at home, about 12 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. First- and second-generation Latinos might be less likely to speak Spanish daily, but this is countered by newly arrived Spanish-speaking immigrants.

But language alone won't do it, say some Latino advocates.

— Presidential campaigns, Page 15A



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JOB MARKET STILL WEAK Three years since the recession ended, 43 states have yet to regain the jobs they lost. The states that are furthest behind are those that were hit the hardest by the housing bust, such as Arizona, Florida and Nevada. Above, job seekers in Irving, Texas, are shown on Thursday. | Business, 8A



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