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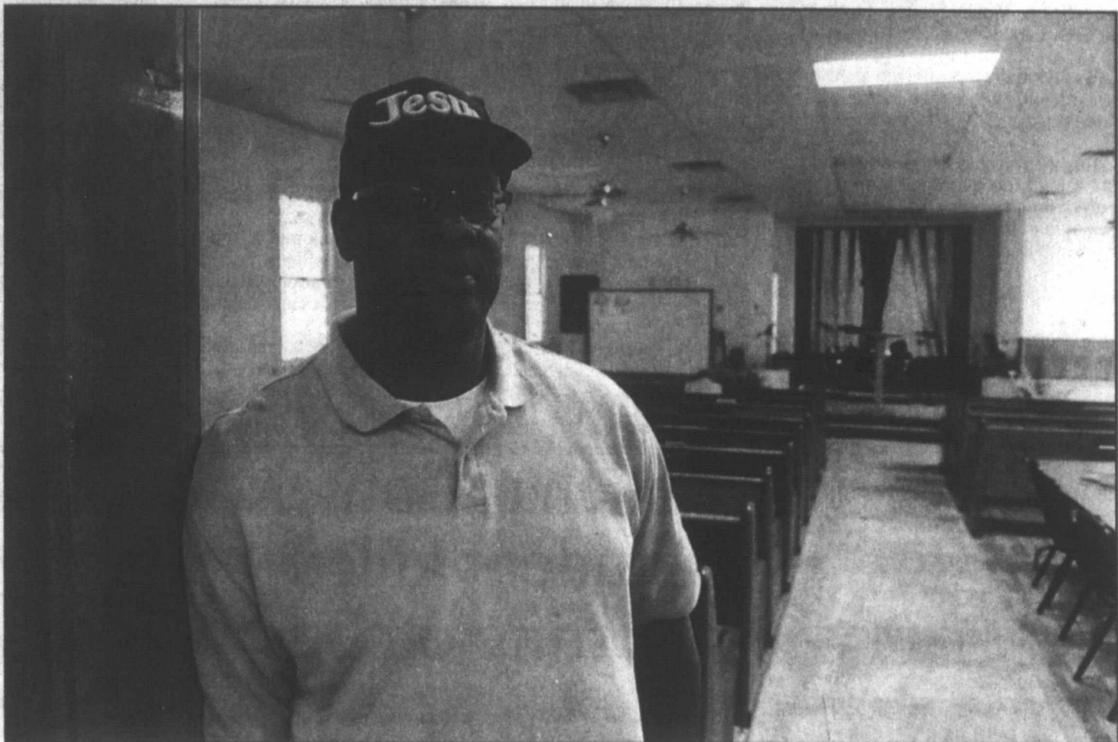
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## Frost Street Mission



Roma Washington, pastor of the Frost Street Mission, stands at the entrance to the sanctuary of the mission near downtown Pampa. staff photo by David Bowser

### Old church has new purpose

BY DAVID BOWSER  
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**O**n a quiet side street north of downtown, a new program in Pampa is working with drug abuse rehabilitation in an old church.

"What we have here is a Christian faith-based mission for men that desire to change,"

said Roma Washington, pastor of the Frost Street Mission. "If a man wants to come in and surrender his will to God's will, Jesus Christ will take over his life."

Washington said his primary job is to show Jesus to individuals at the mission.

"My primary mission is to show a man Godly concepts that will help him in his life," Washington said.

The pastor said that it's a lifestyle for him.

"A lot of people need to change," he said, "but not everybody is willing to change."

The mission on Frost Street is for those who are willing, he said.

"I remember a point in my life when I wasn't willing," Washington admitted.

He said he simply asks men

to come in and surrender themselves to the will of God.

"Once we surrender our will," he said, "we stop fighting. We become humble, and we can accept the will of the Father."

The Frost Street Mission is a nonprofit corporation organized for educational, charitable and religious purposes.

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### Skinner execution delayed

The execution of a man convicted of killing a Pampa woman and her two sons 16 years ago has been delayed.

Death Row inmate Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 47, was scheduled to die by lethal injection next week in Huntsville, but a paperwork delay has postponed Skinner's execution.

Judge Steven Emmert of the 31st District Court issued a new order this week and set a new date for Skinner's execution.

According to the court order signed Wednesday, Skinner is ordered to be executed anytime after the hour of 6 p.m. on March 24.

Skinner was convicted in March, 1994, of beating to death his girlfriend, Twila Busby, 40, and stabbing to death her two mentally impaired sons, Randolph "Randy" Busby, 21, and Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, on New Year's Eve in 1993 at 801 East Campbell.

Skinner was sentenced to death a year later.

Skinner has maintained his innocence and is trying to get new DNA testing on crime scene evidence he says could exonerate him. Courts have refused his request over the years and he has taken the issue to the U.S. Supreme Court.

### Halliburton to move jobs from Duncan to Houston

DUNCAN, Okla. (AP) — Officials with Halliburton Co. say about 150 jobs at the Halliburton Technology Center in Duncan will be moved to Houston during the next two years.

Halliburton spokeswoman Diana Gabriel said Wednesday that the move is part of a plan to consolidate operations at company headquarters in Houston.

Currently, there are approximately 400 people employed at the tech center. Gabriel said Halliburton has no plans to move the remaining 250 or to reduce employee activity at the adjacent Halliburton manufacturing center in Duncan.

"The remaining 250 employees at the tech center will not be affected by the transition," she said.

Notices started going out Wednesday to some employees whose jobs will be affected. Others will receive notices as the process continues through 2012.

Gabriel said the "partial facility transition" rep-

resents part of Halliburton's plan to consolidate operations in Houston.

The Duncan employees, representing a mix of professionals including chemists and engineers, will be relocated to a new research-and-development facility on Halliburton's 94-acre North Belt campus in Houston, which will also be the corporate headquarters location.

"It's a state-of-the-art facility and it makes sense to have experts in that location," Gabriel said.

Duncan Area Economic Development Foundation President Lyle Roggow said Halliburton's announcement was disappointing but not totally unexpected.

He said the foundation would continue to pursue new industry to give oil-and-gas professionals and others in the area with unique skill sets opportunities to live and earn good paychecks in Stephens County.

### BNSF cars derail in Santa Fe

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — A Burlington Northern Santa Fe derailment sent 22 cars off the tracks and forced an evacuation when an oil-based substance leaked.

BNSF spokesman Joe Faust said it was not immediately clear what caused the train to derail Thursday. Nobody was hurt.

Police Capt. Wayne Kessler described the jumble of derailed cars saying: "It's a mess. They are sideways." Kessler says the evacuation order, for a mile radius, was lifted within two hours of the derailment of the train bound for Houston.

Faust told The Associated Press that two tankers ruptured and one carried an asphalt material, while the other was hauling molten sulfur. The cleanup process will involve heavy equipment moving the cars.

A stretch of nearby Highway 6 was closed.

Santa Fe is a city of about 11,000, located 30 miles southeast of Houston.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 50 Low 30	High 45 Low 32	High 42 Low 26

**Tonight...**Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday...**Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Friday Night...**Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

**Saturday...**Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Highs in the lower 40s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night...**Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light rain in the evening...then a slight chance of light rain and light snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**Sunday...**Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light rain and light snow in the morning...then a slight chance of light rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 40s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**Sunday Night...**Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

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## Rapid flu test can miss novel H1N1 virus

HOUSTON — (Feb. 17, 2010) — A negative rapid flu test did not necessarily mean that the patient did not have the 2009 H1N1 influenza, said experts at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in a report that appears in the journal Pediatrics.

"The test was specific. That means that if it was positive, it's very likely that the child truly had influenza. However, the test was not very sensitive. A negative test did not mean the child did not have the flu," said Dr. Andrea T. Cruz, assistant professor of pediatrics — emergency medicine at BCM and Texas Children's Hospital and lead author of the study.

The study compared more than 3,000 rapid influenza diagnostic tests for H1N1 influenza collected over a four-month period to results from the two long-term tests considered the gold standard: real-time reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain

reaction and viral culture results. The reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction test uses cutting edge molecular techniques to identify the virus. The other test grows the virus in the laboratory. The rapid influenza test finds an influenza-specific antigen or protein on the surface of the virus.

"We wanted to see how well the rapid influenza diagnostic test did in diagnosing H1N1 because these tests were not created with H1N1 in mind," said Cruz. "We wanted to provide physicians with advice on what to do and what not to do."

Their answer is that physicians should not rule out H1N1 because of a negative rapid influenza diagnostic test, said Cruz. "Physicians should not base antiviral treatment on the results of the rapid influenza diagnostic test."

That means that even when there is a negative rapid test, physicians should begin antiviral treatment of high risk patients with flu symptoms. Those at high risk include patients with a depressed immune system because of disease or treatment for cancer, transplant or other disorders, and patients with chronic lung problems.

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### EMERGENCY SERVICES

**SHERIFF**

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

Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Harvey Ray Chester, 49, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrants in connection with theft by check charges in Wise County.

Debra Lynn Rawls, 37, was arrested by police in connection with possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear charges.

Connie Elaine Oxley, 45, was arrested by deputies in connection with possession of controlled substance charges.

James Adrian Selvidge, 44, of Skellytown, was arrested by deputies for driving without a license.

Thursday, Feb. 18.

Jesus Rodriguez, 30,

was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance, evading arrest and bond surrenders on possession of a controlled substance and carrying an unlawful weapon.

Nicky Dwayne Click, 39, of Perryton, was arrested by deputies on charges of not having automobile liability insurance, driving without a license, failure to stop and failure to appear.

### PAMPA PD

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

Officers reported 12 traffic-related incidents.

Animal control officials reported 24 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS reported four ambulance runs.

Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious person was reported at Barnes and Hughes.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Fraud was reported to police.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell.

A welfare check was performed in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

City water workers shut off water in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn.

Thursday, Feb. 18.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Foster.

Officers provided an escort in the 1500 block of North Banks.

Harassment was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Cuyler and Craven.

A suspicious person was reported in 700 block of East Frederic.

Officers assisted another agency at Campbell and Henry.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of North Sumner.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 900 block of South Varnon.

## STATE BRIEFS

### Richardson student killed getting off bus

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Counselors are available after a Dallas-area student died when she forced her way out of a moving school bus and was run over.

Richardson police say the 15-year-old girl died Wednesday afternoon in the accident about three miles from J.J. Pearce High School.

Investigator Jonathan Wakefield says two other students had been fighting, the bus driver stopped the vehicle and kicked the pair off, then he resumed the route.

Wakefield says the girl, identified by medical examiners as Anquanete Patterson, then demanded the bus be stopped. Richardson police say she forced a door open and fell out, slipping under the rear wheels of the bus.

### Natural gas tumbles on large supplies

NEW YORK (AP) — Natural gas prices tumbled nearly 3 percent after the government said supplies are still higher than average despite a rash of snowstorms that blanketed the East Coast during the past few weeks.

Natural gas is used to both heat homes and power electric generators, and supplies generally drop in the winter as homeowners crank up the heat.

The Energy Information Administration said the remaining supply of 2.03 trillion cubic feet is still nearly 3 percent higher than the five-year average.

With the winter more than half over, analyst Stephen Schork said natural gas prices were headed lower.

"We're at the end of the season," he said. "And there's an assumption out there that we have a lot of storage

capacity, a lot of untapped wells that could easily be brought online."

The EIA is scheduled to announce its petroleum supply report later Thursday.

Benchmark crude for March delivery added 60 cents to \$77.93 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, Brent crude added 43 cents at \$76.70 a barrel on the ICE futures exchange.

At the pump, retail gas prices increased overnight for the first time in nearly two weeks to a national average of \$2.614 a gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. A gallon of regular unleaded is still 12.6 cents cheaper than a month ago. It's 65.7 cents more expensive than the same time last year.

### Austin kids in need get sweet treats

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The children's services director at SafePlace, Yvette Mendoza Rouen, said she heard about the Hannah Montana cake for days after it had been gobbled up by the 8-year-old birthday girl and her friends at the shelter.

Had it not been for the recently formed volunteer group Free Cakes for Kids Austin, the girl staying at the shelter for victims of domestic violence might not have had a birthday cake.

But volunteer Debra Gooch, a logistics manager for a company that supplies computer parts, stepped in to mix flour, sugar and eggs and make the little girl's day.

"To the kids, it's a big deal that they actually get something on their birthday," Rouen said. They see that "someone is taking the time to recognize them and celebrate who they are."

Free Cakes for Kids Austin Director Karen Nichols, an Austin financial analyst, said she learned about the national organization last summer. The idea behind the group — providing free birthday cakes to children, most of whom live in shelters for victims of abuse or for the homeless — resonated with her.

The national group was founded in Trenton, Ga., in 2007 by a couple whose foster child cried at the sight of her first birthday cake — on her eighth birthday. Affiliates have since popped up across the country and the world.

## DAILY HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Feb. 19, 2010:  
This year, you could feel thwarted if you continue on the same path. The universe is letting you know that a new path or style could be desirable. Take the hint. When frustrated, often you could find yourself lost in thought, making you somewhat accident-prone. A strong exercise program or having an effective stress-buster is a must. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease who knocks your socks off. Your appeal is high this year. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other to the max if you share openly. TAURUS is an anchored associate.

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)  
★★★ It seems fairly clear that recognition that comes easy does not equate to success. The issue for you is when enough is enough. Be aware that the nature of your work could be changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Easy works.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★★ Despite a morning conflagration, you could be on cruise control. Letting go of what doesn't work remains key. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Fatigue could be an issue before you really get going. Adrenaline feeds you right now. Tonight: As you like.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★ A misunderstanding easily could color your morning. You have your unique style and way. Sometimes you

feel judged or criticized. In any case, be careful, as your mind might not be present with the moment, making you somewhat accident-prone. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want. A meeting could prove to be more instrumental than you originally thought possible. Recognize just how many people respect your judgment and will happily pitch in. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ A must appearance seems inevitable, but at the same time, your fiery side emerges no matter what. Fatigue surrounds a work-related project. Understand what is happening on a daily level. Try a walk or taking a break at the gym. Tonight: Out late.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. Be careful about sitting on your temper. Your fiery side emerges. Your creativity might need to be tweaked, and you might need to be open to looking in a new direction. Feedback from others points to new directions. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Work on an individual, one-on-one level. You could open up to new possibilities and change. You have a lot of energy, but knowing where to direct it might be another story. Consider working at home, if you could accomplish more there. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★★ Defer to others, knowing what needs to be done. Investigate different ideas. Trust the person involved to know what is best for him or her. Understand

what is occurring within a key relationship. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might want to mellow out and approach a situation differently. Challenges appear where your thinking or actions are staid. You will get signals about where to open up. Someone really pushes for accomplishment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★★ Your creativity bubbles forth at an unprecedented level. Others could be amazed by your ability to see what they don't. Accept your role as leader. Schedule time for a child or loved one. Tonight: Fun and games.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Stay centered, and remain on top of situations. Others come forward but can be quite critical or argumentative. If you can base yourself from home, you could avoid some of the issues others might toss on your plate. Tonight: Order in.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★★ Keep talks open, and touch base with others. Realize what is happening and what might not be said. Someone might want to please you, but at what cost? Would you not prefer to hear this person's thoughts and the truth as he or she sees it? Tonight: Favorite person, favorite spot.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Seal (1963), author Amy Tan (1952), guitarist Tony Iommi (1948)

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# Missionaries freed by Haitian judge back in US

MIAMI (AP) — Eight American missionaries charged with child kidnapping in Haiti were back in the U.S. Thursday and looking forward to homecomings, even as two others remained in a Haitian jail in an ordeal sparked by the group's attempt to take 33 children out of the earthquake-stricken country.

The missionaries arrived on a U.S. Air Force C-130 just after midnight at Miami International Airport, about 12 hours after a Haitian judge approved their release. They spent a night in soft hotel beds at the airport before some were seen heading to gates for morning domestic Delta flights.

Silas Thompson, 19, of Twin Falls, Idaho, said it was "great" to be back on U.S. soil. Asked to name the first thing he'll do when he gets home, Thompson replied: "Hug my mom."

He spoke to reporters as he walked to the Delta terminal Thursday morning after emerging from the hotel with three other men, who all declined to identify themselves or answer questions.

Earlier, elated relatives expressed relief, including Sean Lankford of Meridian, Idaho, whose wife and daughter were among the eight released. When asked by The Associated Press how he felt late Wednesday, he offered two words: "Damn good."

The group's swift departure from Haiti began Wednesday when Judge Bernard Saint-Vil said eight of the 10 missionaries were free to leave without bail because parents of the children had testified they voluntarily gave their children to the missionaries believing the Americans would give them a better life.

"The parents gave their kids away voluntarily," Saint-Vil said in explaining his decision.

He said, however, that he still wanted to question the group's leader, Laura Silsby, and her former nanny, Charisa Coulter, because they had visited Haiti prior to the quake to inquire about obtaining orphans.

Just after dusk in Haiti, the bedraggled, sweat-stained group of eight walked out of the jail escorted by U.S. diplomats. They waited until they were safely inside a white embassy van before some flashed smiles and gave a thumbs up to reporters. Their plane took off from Port-au-Prince shortly thereafter as a group of reporters watched.

The missionaries were charged with child kidnapping for trying to take 33 Haitian children to the Dominican Republic on

Jan. 29 without Haitian adoption certificates.

Their detentions came just as aid officials were urging a halt to short-cut adoptions in the wake of the earthquake. Before their release, Haiti's No. 2 justice official, Claudy Gassent, informed them of the judge's decision but said he also gave them a lecture.

"They know they broke the law," he said.

The missionaries say they were on a do-it-yourself "rescue mission" to take child quake victims to a hastily prepared orphanage in the Dominican Republic, denying the trafficking charge.

Silsby originally said they were taking only orphaned and abandoned children, but The Associated Press determined that at least 20 were handed over willingly by their parents, who said the Baptists had promised to

educate them and let their parents visit.

Saint-Vil said he did not release Silsby, 47, or Coulter, 24, because of their previous activities in Haiti during a December visit. Silsby hastily enlisted the rest of the group after the quake. Coulter, of Boise, Idaho, is diabetic and the judge signed an order Wednesday afternoon authorizing her hospitalization.

He said he had planned to question both women Thursday but that Coulter's health situation could prompt a delay. She had briefly been taken to a U.S. field hospital on Wednesday for treatment after feeling faint but was then taken back to jail.

Silsby's sister in Idaho, Kim Barton, said learning that her sister could not leave Haiti was difficult.

"At this point I don't have any comment. I don't know any more than you do," Barton said.

Gary Lissade, the Haitian attorney for freed detainee Jim Allen of Amarillo, Texas, said he expected the charges to be dropped against the eight.

"My faith means everything to me, and I knew this moment would come when the truth would set me free," Allen said in a statement issued by the Liberty Legal Institute in Plano, Texas.

## CRP subject of meeting Feb. 25

What happens as the Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP, winds down will be the topic of discussion at a county ag conference later this month.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will

host the Gray County Ag Conference, entitled "After CRP," beginning at 9 a.m. on Feb. 25 at the Gray County Annex, 12125 East Frederic. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Brandon McGinty, AgriLife Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Gray County, said the program will include land management with wildlife, presented by Ken Clearley, extension wildlife spe-

cialist from Canyon; putting CRP land back into production, presented by Dr. Brent Bean, extension agronomist from Amarillo; nutrition values of CRP grasses, presented by Dr. Ted McCollum, extension beef cattle specialist from Amarillo; Farm Service Agency program by Matt Street of the Gray County Farm Service Agency; Natural Resource Conservation Service programs by John Wimberly with the Gray County FSA; risk management by DeDe Jones and Patricia Warminski with the extension service; laws and regulations involved in these programs by Paul Weiser with the Texas Department of Agriculture, and brush control.

McGinty said those planning to attend the lunch should call 669-8033, by Feb. 23.

## Mission

according to their literature.

Presently, Washington said, the mission houses five men. He said they are building room for more.

Washington explained that the routine here is strict.

"We have a schedule that we go by," he said.

The day begins with breakfast from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and is followed by an hour of prayer. Then there is time for cleaning house.

From 10:30 a.m. until noon, there is Bible study.

After a break from noon until 2 p.m. for lunch and relaxation, there is more Bible study from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Prayer time is from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"That's two hours of prayer time," Washington said.

One hour is in the morning and one is in the afternoon.

Dinner is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

From 7 to 9 p.m., there are discussions of the Bible lessons they have studied during the day.

Free time is from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Light out is at 11 p.m., Washington said.

"The schedule's not to harm you or to hurt you or to make you do things," Washington said. "It's to train you live in Christ."

He said that in all there are five hours of teaching every day.

The week draws to a close at 6 p.m. on Friday.

"The men are free," Washington said.

On the weekends, they talk with others.

"We've been up to Miami," he said. "We've been down the other side of U.S. Highway 60. We haven't done as much as we would like to, but we are getting out."

They've traveled their neighborhood and visited other churches in Pampa.

"Right now," Washington said, "we're in the process of going to as many churches as I can to let them know that there's help available at the mission here."

Born out of a contemporary Christian church with a Pentecostal background, according to their literature, the mission came about through the efforts of Kurt Foster, Danny Duree, Rick Scott and Jim Chaney.

Washington said he was involved with the Victory Home on Magnolia Street.

"I was a part of that ministry," he said.

At one time, he said, they had a ministry home in Fort Worth.

"We had about 35 or 40 people come through our home," Washington said.

But the Victory ministry in Pampa closed down.

Washington said he was working with the program in Fort Worth when he got a phone call about being a home director in Pampa.

He said he had graduated from Victory Temple and was a part of their ministry about six years ago. At that time, Washington's pastor offered him a job directing homes for the church.

"I had a ton of excuses," Washington said, "but God began to deal with me at that point."

He said he ended up becoming a minister in the church at the Victory Temple of Praise in Fort Worth.

When he came up to Pampa from Fort Worth, Washington said he was impressed with the building that houses the mission.

"It's a very good building," he said. "I fell in love with the building."

Originally, the building was the Church of the Brethren.

The sanctuary doubles as a classroom. There are offices and rooms off the sanctuary. Rooms downstairs are used for dormitory-style living and storage.

Washington is working on a fellowship hall upstairs, but the hearers there haven't been hooked up so that project has been delayed through the wintry weather.

"God is gracious," Washington said, "and he has blessed me to be here. I've run across a lot of good brothers and sisters. It's been a joy to see them right here."

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### DAILY HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Feb. 19, 2010:  
This year, you could feel thwarted if you continue on the same path. The universe is letting you know that a new path or style could be desirable. Take the hint. When frustrated, often you could find yourself lost in thought, making you somewhat accident-prone. A strong exercise program or having an effective stress-buster is a must. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease who knocks your socks off. Your appeal is high this year. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other to the max if you share openly. TAURUS is an anchored associate.

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)  
\*\*\* It seems fairly clear that recognition that comes easy does not equate to success. The issue for you is when enough is enough. Be aware that the nature of your work could be changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Easy works.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\*\* Despite a morning configuration, you could be on cruise control. Letting go of what doesn't work remains key. Try to understand where someone is coming from. Fatigue could be an issue before you really get going. Adrenaline feeds you right now. Tonight: As you like.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\* A misunderstanding easily could color your morning. You have your unique style and way. Sometimes you feel judged or criticized. In any case, be careful, as your mind might not be present with the moment, making you somewhat accident-prone. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Aim for exactly what you want. A meeting could prove to be more instrumental than you originally thought possible. Recognize just how many people respect your judgment and will happily pitch in. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* A must appearance seems inevitable, but at the same time, your fiery side emerges no matter what. Fatigue surrounds a work-related project. Understand what is happening on a daily level. Try a walk or taking a break at the gym. Tonight: Out late.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep reaching out for others. Be careful about sitting on your temper. Your fiery side emerges. Your creativity might need to be tweaked, and you might need to be open to looking in a new direction. Feedback from others points to new directions. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\* Work on an individual, one-on-one level. You could open up to new possibilities and change. You have a lot of energy, but knowing where to direct it might be another story. Consider working at home, if you could accomplish more there. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Defer to others, knowing what needs to be done. Investigate different ideas. Trust the person involved to know what is best for him or her. Understand what is occurring within a key relationship. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\* You might want to mellow out and approach a situation differently. Challenges appear where your thinking or actions are staid. You will get signals about where to open up. Someone really pushes for accomplishment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your creativity bubbles forth at an unprecedented level. Others could be amazed by your ability to see what they don't. Accept your role as leader. Schedule time for a child or loved one. Tonight: Fun and games.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\* Stay centered, and remain on top of situations. Others come forward but can be quite critical or argumentative. If you can base yourself from home, you could avoid some of the issues others might toss on your plate. Tonight: Order in.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep talks open, and touch base with others. Realize what is happening and what might not be said. Someone might want to please you, but at what cost? Would you not prefer to hear this person's thoughts and the truth as he or she sees it? Tonight: Favorite person, favorite spot.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Seal (1963), author Amy Tan (1952), guitarist Tony Iommi (1948)

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2010. There are 316 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time (it had been published in Canada and England the previous December).

**On this date:**  
In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1735, the first opera presented in America, "Flora, or Hob in the Well," was performed in present-day Charleston, S.C.

## 'What is man but his passion?'

— Robert Penn Warren,  
American author

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt, Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

Ten years ago: Iranians voted in an election that gave reformers a majority in the parliament, long a bastion of hard-liners. Announcer Bob Hite Sr., whose rich voice introduced "The Lone Ranger" on radio, died in West Palm Beach, Fla. at age 86.

Five years ago: Explosions tore through Baghdad and a nearby city on the eve of Shiite Muslims' holiest day, killing three dozen people. Uli Derickson, the flight attendant who'd helped save passengers during the 1985 TWA hijacking, died in Tucson, Ariz. at age 60.

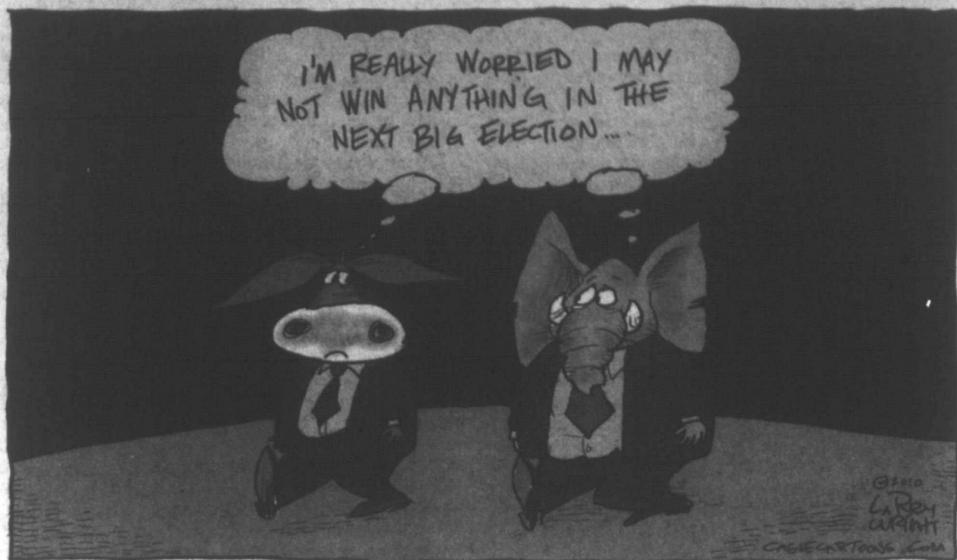
One year ago: President Barack Obama launched a \$75 billion foreclosure rescue plan aimed at saving homes. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton began a two-day visit to Indonesia. Eric Holder, the nation's first black attorney general, said in a speech to Justice Department employees marking Black History Month that the United States was "a nation of cowards" on matters of race. Pope Benedict XVI received House Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the Vatican, telling her that Catholic politicians had a duty to protect life "at all stages of its development." The remnants of New York's Shea Stadium were demolished.

**Today's Birthdays:** Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 88. Actor George Kennedy is 85. Former Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) is 83. Author Toni Morrison is 79. Movie director Milos (MEE'-lohsh) Forman is 78. Singer Yoko Ono is 77. Singer/songwriter Bobby Hart is 71. Singer Irma Thomas is 69. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 69. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 63. Actress Sinead Cusack is 62. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 60. Singer Juice Newton is 58. Singer Randy Crawford is 58. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 57. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 57. Actor John Travolta is 56. Game show host Vanna White is 53. Actress Greta Scacchi (SKAH'-kee) is 50. Actor Matt Dillon is 46. Rapper Dr. Dre is 45. Actress Molly Ringwald is 42. Actress Sarah Brown is 35. Singer-musician Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) is 33. Actor Tyrone Burton is 31. Rock-singer musician Regina Spektor is 30. Actor Shane Lyons is 22.

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## Opinion from across Texas

**On Feb. 11 the Texarkana Gazette said...**

### States unwise to rely on tobacco, gambling as revenue sources

A new report is trying to tempt states into raising tobacco taxes with the promise of millions in additional revenue.

The report, "Tobacco Taxes: A Win-Win for Cash-Strapped States," is a joint effort by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Arkansas, for example, could raise an additional \$100 million in annual revenue if the Legislature were to up the tax on a pack of cigarettes from the current \$1.15 to \$2.15.

Texas would get even more. The report predicts the Lone Star State could rake in as much as \$418.8 million per year just by adding another dollar to its \$1.41 a pack tax.

The report also says increasing the tax by a dollar in just those two states would deter more than 200,000 children from becoming smokers and spur more than 100,000 adults to give up the habit.

Those numbers sound good to lawmakers. Most people don't smoke, so the bite would be felt by relatively few. More money with limited voter backlash.

And that's the trap of sin taxes.

For a long time now, states have been relying more and more on taxes on tobacco, booze and gambling to pay the bills.

Problem is, politicians get addicted to all that extra cash. They spend it. They count on it to keep coming in so they can keep spending it. Especially gambling money. It is usually sold to the voters as a guaranteed jackpot, sure-thing revenue booster. A voluntary tax paid only by those who choose to wager.

And that's fine as long as the economy does well. But the economy doesn't always do well.

Take the state of Nevada. The state government has always operated on gambling tax revenue to the exclusion of most other sources. There is no state income tax, no franchise taxes, no estate tax and no corporate income tax. It does levy a sales tax and property tax.

And, of course, the state taxes sin. Gambling, booze, tobacco, prostitution. All legal, all taxed...

The governor and state lawmakers are scrambling. Most state employees already have to take one day off without pay. They are talking about reducing the school year, shutting down state colleges and even shutting the state prison.

But that's what happens when your revenue depends on sin taxes.

Arkansas, Texas and most other states would not see such dire conditions because their economies are more diversified. But when sin taxes become an important source of revenue, anything that shuts those dollars off means trouble.

Does that mean states shouldn't tax tobacco and the like? No. But it does mean they shouldn't ever come to rely on those taxes. Sin taxes should be considered a bonus — not a magic solution.

**On Feb. 10 the San Antonio Express-News wrote...**

### Decision to add courts looks worse than ever

Did Bexar County commissioners make a politically motivated and unwise decision last year when they asked the Legislature to create three county courts while they were in the midst of an economic crunch?

Many of the incumbents and challengers in the county court bench races in the March primaries interviewed by the Express-News Editorial Board concede that the workload down at the courthouse does not justify having three new courts.

The county at most needed one additional bench, most will agree. Newly appointed county court-at-law judges Ernest Acevedo and Michael LaHood admit they don't have much court work to do on many afternoons.

They are dependent on the older established courts to send them cases after they preside over the felony jail court dockets on a rotating basis.

That situation will probably continue for another 12 months or until they are assigned permanent courtrooms when the current courthouse expansion project is completed.

And now, an office memo is circulating in the district attorney's office states LaHood is asking for a second felony prosecutor when he presides over the felony jail court dockets. This is additionally troubling.

That docket has long been handled by one prosecutor. Adding another one to the court means additional cost to the county.

And court officials are now considering bringing

in visiting judges to handle the felony jail court docket because the district attorney is refusing to assign additional prosecutors.

Taxpayers were told that adding new courts would save them the cost of visiting judges. Those promises shouldn't be taken lightly.

Unfortunately, even if commissioners would admit they made a mistake, there is no going back.

Once a bench is created, it continues to operate in perpetuity at an annual cost of more than \$1 million.

**On Feb. 11 the Big Spring Herald said...**

### Community colleges not part of the problem

Word came down in January, in the form of a letter co-signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker of the House Joe Straus, that Howard College officials, as well as administrators of other Texas higher learning

institutions need to trim their budgets. State leaders are asking Texas' community colleges, universities and selected other agencies to look for ways to trim 5 percent of their expenses to help the state weather the economic downturn.

As a result, local college officials have begun looking at ways to cut the requested 5 percent from their budget.

Locally, losing 5 percent of the state's appropriation would result in an economic hit of around \$600,000 to Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, according to Sparks.

Such a cut in revenue will definitely hurt, particularly for the state's community colleges, which tend to budget very conservatively, due in large part to having local tax bases.

While we realize that budget tightening is always the aim in Austin these days, you would think Perry, Dewhurst and Straus would realize the state's community colleges aren't part of any perceived problem.

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# Community

## Lamar Hot Shot winners

### Second grade



Front Row- Zoe Fry-1st Place, Kambry Smith-2nd place, Justice Gaines 3rd Place. Back Row- Derrius Williams-1st Place, Jeremiah Avila, Kaleb Caldwell-3rd Place.

The Lamar Hot Shot Contest was held at the Pampa High School MPAC building February 13.

### Fifth grade



Front row- Enrique Villanueva-1st Place, Brendon Woelfle-2nd place, Brandt Logan. Back row- Kami Ware-1st Place, Katya Madrid-2nd Place, Alondra Zarate-3rd Grade.

### Third grade



Front row- Kyanna Perry-1st Place, McKenna Morgan-2nd Place, Allie O'Brien-3rd Place. Back row- Alexander Ortiz-1st Place, Chris Gowin-2nd Place, Reid Smith-3rd Place.

### Hutchison and White sweep newspaper endorsements

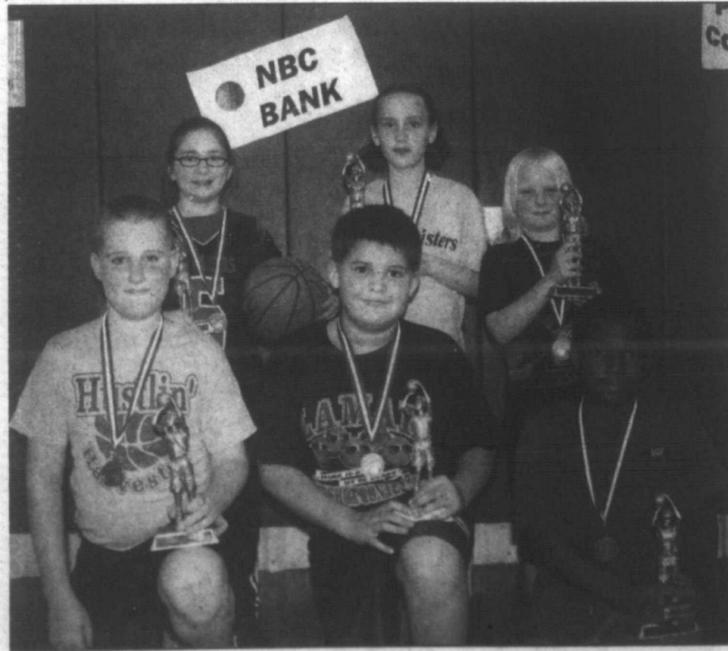
AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and former Houston Mayor Bill White, a Democrat, are sweeping up all of the major newspaper endorsements in the race for Texas governor.

Hutchison, trying to oust Gov. Rick Perry in the Republican primary, was described as a trailblazer with a "proven record of working across party lines to

benefit all" in the Houston Chronicle endorsement. Perry, the GOP front-runner, broke with tradition this year and decided not to seek endorsements from newspaper editorial boards.

In endorsing White in the Democratic primary, the Austin American-Statesman applauded the San Antonio native's "low-key, thoughtful approach that seems like just what Texas needs now."

### Fourth grade



Front row- Brayden Fry-1st Place, Fylee Gomez-2nd Place, Darrell Fields-3rd Grade. Back row- Maddy Cross-1st Place, Jacey Steel-2nd Place, Chelsea White-3rd Place.

**Congratulations to all the Hot Shot contestants!**

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# Sports

## Tennis team claims fifth in Odessa Tournament

**BY ANDREW GLOVER**  
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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team finished fifth in a tournament at Odessa February 12-13.

Head Coach Sarah Corse said the team did well for playing big 4A and 5A

high schools.

"The mixed doubles team and boys doubles team both played some tough teams and played some great tennis," Corse said. "Overall the whole team played good and I saw improvement from last

week."

Myles Foreman and Sammi Finney won third in mixed doubles. Aaron Silva and Holly Gage won first in the consolations. Collin McClendon and Landon Karbo won sixth in boys doubles. Logan Karbo

and Nick Nelson won first in consolations. Alyssa Hoelting and Kayla Warp finished ninth in girls doubles. Erin Buck and Hilary

Acker finished 12th. David Moore finished 11th in boys singles. Garrett Coutts finished 12th. Elizabeth Terry finished 13th in girls

singles and Kallie Marak finished 16th.

The Harvesters will play in a tournament at Palo Duro Friday and Saturday.



Nick Nelson playing doubles with Logan Karbo volleys at the net. Photo Courtesy of Synda Foreman.



Collin McClendon playing doubles with Landon Karbo returning a serve from Andrews team. Photo Courtesy of Synda Foreman.

## PHS sends one to state wrestling tournament

**BY ANDREW GLOVER**  
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The Pampa Harvesters send one wrestler to the state meet as they competed in regionals February 12-13 in El Paso.

Stephen Botello won first in the 135 pound weight class. On Friday, Botello defeated Alex Maldonado from El Paso Eastwood with a pin 1 minute and 48 seconds into the match. Botello beat Kyle Jury from Americus 22-7 on a technical fall. On Saturday,

Botello beat Raymond Rios from Lubbock Estacado 3-2 in triple overtime in the semifinals. In the championship Botello beat Chris Moreno from Saginaw 7-6. Botello will be competing in the state tournament February 26-27 in Austin.

Robert Douglas, Quaid Chennault, Joseph Dencklau and Jason Martinez also competed in regionals but their results were unavailable as of press time.

The junior high team was also in action competing

in the district tournament at Boys Ranch. Hunter Hall placed sixth in the 80 pound weight class, John Cuyler placed second in the 120 pound weight class. Arthur Garcia was the district champion in the 110 pound weight class.

Carlton Patton, Anthony Paz, Taylor Patterson, Jonah Bagley, Derrick Maxwell, Adrian Elam, Blake Matthews, Luis neri and Trace Leftwich competed but their results weren't available as of press time.

## JV girls soccer team ties Horns

**BY ANDREW GLOVER**  
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The junior varsity girls soccer team tied Caprock 0-0 Tuesday in Amarillo.

Coach Libby Garza said they played good but not the best they have played.

"I was very proud of the girls because last time we played them they beat us 5-0," Garza said. "We have improved a lot over the last couple of months and the girls are working pretty hard."

The junior varsity plays Randall next.

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## US near perfect day win six medals, three gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The U.S. Olympic team came into the day with high expectations and surpassed those lofty goals, marking their best day ever in Winter Games history with six medals — half of them gold.

The six medals were the most in one day by the U.S. at a Winter Olympics, top-

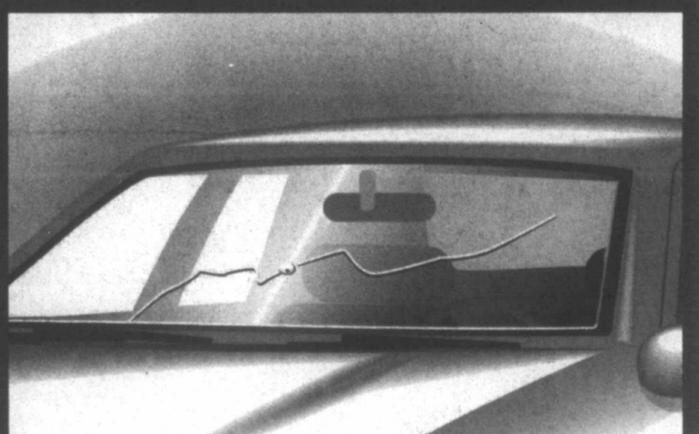
ping the five earned Feb. 20, 2002, in Salt Lake City.

The big names justified the hype, and then some: Lindsey, Shani and Shaun won in convincing fashion. And their less-heralded counterparts were just as impressive.

Lindsey Vonn won the women's downhill days after she feared a painful shin injury might knock

her out of the games, as the sport's most dominant skier finally got that elusive Olympic medal. And teammate Julia Mancuso, who won gold in the giant slalom in 2006 but had been hindered by injuries ever since, was a surprise silver medalist.

"This is everything I've wanted and hoped for," Vonn said.



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# Sports

## No. 7 Lady Tigers down Cougars, area round next

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAYNES

McLean's girls came from behind to defeat Fort Elliott 51-40 in a bidistrict basketball game Tuesday night at Wheeler.

With the win, the Lady Tigers will face Texline at 6 p.m. Friday at West Texas High School in Stinnett in the area round of the state playoffs.

Alexis Menefield and

Sheri Haynes each had 16 points for McLean, which raised its season record to 24-4. Nancy Castillo scored 11 for the Lady Tigers.

Sarah Horn led Fort Elliott with 12 points, followed by Morgan McDowell with 7. Fort Elliott ended its season with a 15-14 record.

The Lady Cougars had upset McLean, 64-62, a year ago in the regional quarterfinals, also played

at Wheeler, and this year Fort Elliott took a 10-7 lead after one quarter and an 18-16 halftime lead.

McLean came out fast in the second half to lead 36-27 going into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Tigers went into the game ranked No. 7 statewide in Class 1A, Division II.



Sheri Haynes attempts to make a move for the basket in McLean's bidistrict game against Fort Elliott. The Lady Tigers won 51-40 and advance to the area round to play Texline 6 p.m. Friday at West Texas High School.

## Lady Harvesters season goal accomplished

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Tuesday night the Lady Harvesters season ended with a 63-42 loss to the No. 25 Plainview Lady Bulldogs. However, Pampa accomplished what they wanted to this season and that was to prove they weren't a last place team.

Before the season the started, Head Coach Gene Valentine told me that Canyon, Palo Duro and Randall were going to hold the top three spots in the district. But the fourth and final playoff spot was up for grabs between Pampa, Hereford, Dumas and Caprock.

District play did get off to a rough start as the Lady Harvesters lost to Randall and Palo Duro. But there was some silver lining in those losses. Pampa played a very competitive game with Randall for all four quarters and had a strong second half against the Lady Dons. Also those losses were against two of the top three teams in the



Andrew Glover

district. So if Pampa could beat the other three teams in the district they were in still good shape.

The Lady Harvesters did just that. They won a triple overtime thriller against the Dumas Demonettes. Pampa followed that with a close 49-46 victory over the Lady Longhorns. The Lady Harvesters won another on the road beating Hereford 44-34. So after the first half of district Pampa held the fourth spot.

In the second half of district, Pampa allowed one to slip away against the Lady Raiders. Palo Duro

handed Pampa a crushing 63-33 loss. All the Lady Harvesters still needed to just beat the same teams they beat in the first half.

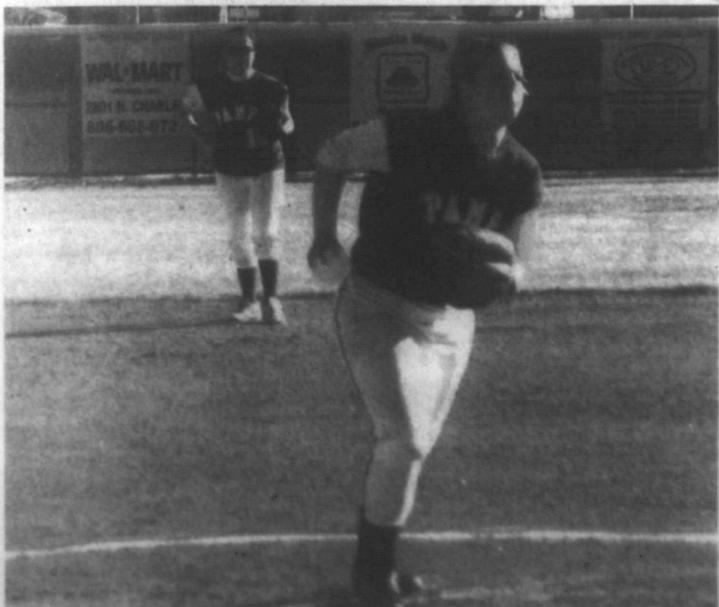
All Pampa had to do was win two of those games. The Lady Harvesters beat Dumas 34-26 at home and clinched their playoff spot with a 49-37 victory over Caprock. Even, in the final game against Plainview Pampa played hard till the end. Trailing 57-32 in the fourth, Pampa could have packed it in and just said the season is over. They didn't do this and just like it says outside of their locker room they played like champions.

The Lady Harvesters definitely have a bright future. So congratulations to Andi Hutto, Emilie Troxell and Shelbie Watson for leading the team this season and bringing the Lady Harvesters back to the playoffs. Taryn Eubank, Liz Hoelting, Ashlee Holland and Kayla Hughes it's your turn to advance this team to the next level next season.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Martecia Alexander hopes to make contact in the junior varsity's game against Childress varsity Tuesday at the softball field. Pampa won 12-6.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Heather Coffee throws a pitch against Childress Tuesday. Pampa won 12-6.

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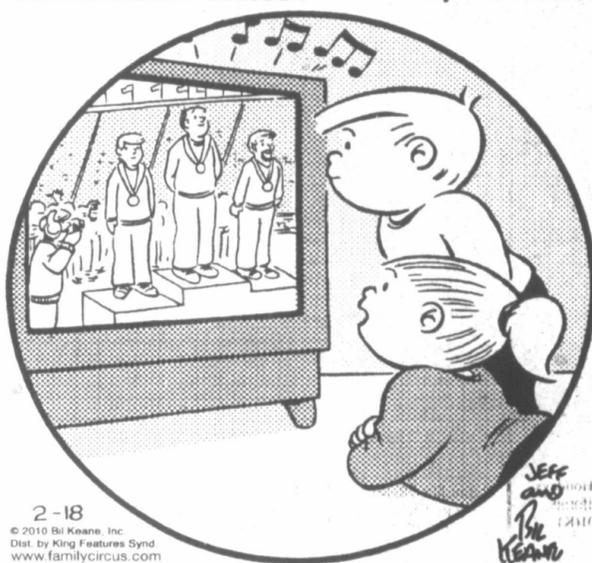
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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Ooooooh! I like their National Anferm. I hope they win more gold medals."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 5 Rodeo rope
- 11 Wrinkle remover
- 12 Juicer fruit
- 13 Virtuous
- 14 Demi's beau
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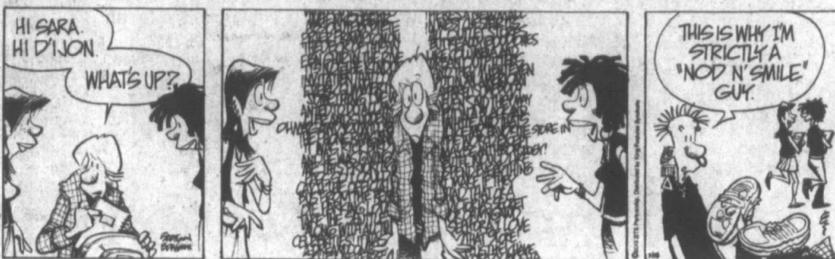
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# Boxing club competes in tourney

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First to fight was Marcus Leyvas, who was weighed in at 109 lbs, and his opponent Martin Morales out of the Morales Youth Boxing Club, who weighed in at 140 lbs. This was the third fight of the night.

Despite the differences in weight, Marcus gave a good performance. He stood his ground all four rounds. Unfortunately, he did not come up a winner, but the experience in the ring with a much heavier opponent gave him more feel in the ring to come up to more challenging boxers in the future.

Luis Cruz was the eighth fight of the night for heavy weights. He weighed in at 237 lbs. Luis and his opponent, Juan Nunez of the Pac Man Boxing Club, gave the audience the bout of the night. Both boxers came in fighting, and there was no stopping them. They had the audience up in a roar, cheering on every round. Fortunately, Luis made it through all rounds and came home a winner.



Winner was Luis Cruz at right, Opponent was Juan Nunez.

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## Dear Abby...

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**DEAR ABBY:** You asked female readers if we have anything to add to your advice to "Hot Flash Hilda" (Dec. 16), whose husband says she's "mean" and "freaky" because she doesn't want to snuggle when she's having a hot flash. I have had 18 years of menopause. I told my older son once that menopause constitutes justifiable homicide, and he'd better tread carefully.

Hilda should tell her husband that hot flashes are like claustrophobia. You're heating up from the inside out and have no way to escape. There are times when my skin actually hurts. Maybe if she uses "justifiable homicide" it will get through to him. -- LINDA IN MESA, ARIZ.

**DEAR LINDA:** When I printed the question from "Hilda," I had no idea that menopause was such a hot topic and that I'd not only receive responses from women, but also from male readers. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife has also been dealing with hot flashes. Her comments to me fell on deaf ears until my doctor prescribed a niacin-based drug for triglyceride issues. He failed to advise me to take an aspirin shortly before taking the niacin. When I took the niacin for the first time, I had an instant understanding of what hot flashes were and what my wife had been subjected to for several years. -- GETS IT NOW IN GEORGIA

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband also didn't understand my need for distance during a hot flash. So I took him to a spa for a day of couples pampering and suggested he get into the sauna to relax.

When he was good and hot, I joined him and suggested we "snuggle." He exclaimed, "But I'm all hot and sweaty!" I smiled and said, "You're having a hot flash." That's when he finally got it.

Now he not only gives me space during a hot flash, but offers me a cool drink of water or a chilled cloth to put on my neck for the duration of the "heat wave." -- DIANE IN SUSANVILLE, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** Thank you for that reply! Men need to try and understand what women feel during a hot flash. A 450-degree oven about sums it up. I bought books on the subject for my husband, but have yet to give them to him. I most certainly will now. -- MICHELE IN WURTSBORO, N.Y.

**DEAR MICHELE:** Another way to educate a clueless spouse is for both of them to consult the wife's gynecologist or their primary physician to discuss what the hormone changes may be doing to her body and psyche.

**DEAR ABBY:** When my hubby and I first married, he was always the warm one; I was always freezing. At night he'd snuggle me in bed until I was comfortable.

Years later, he was diagnosed with cancer. Radiation therapy caused his body temperature to drop while I, coincidentally, was going through menopause. Now I would wrap my legs around his, snuggling him until we were both comfortable.

One night, while we were all entangled, he exclaimed, "Oh, my God, we've turned into each other!" He's been gone 10 years now, and what I'd give for one more snuggle. -- BONNIE IN GREENFIELD, WIS.

**DEAR ABBY:** My partner and I are both going through menopause. Try having two women having hot flashes at the same time -- the sheets nearly burst into flames. Hilda should be grateful she's not going through WOMENopause. -- VICKIE IN TEXAS

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**Sudoku**

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8				9				
		1						6
		9	7				2	
6			4				5	1
1		3			7			
4	6				2	3		
								7
			3				8	

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