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County Judge candidate indicted, cries foul

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

A candidate for Gray County Judge cried foul today in connection with a grand jury indictment returned this week accusing him of providing a cellular phone to an

inmate of the county jail.

Robert Thomas "Bob" Banks, 58, a part-time pastor and candidate for county judge, was free today on a \$15,000 bond after being indicted by a Gray County grand jury this week on charges of providing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility -- alcohol, drug, phone or tobacco.

Banks said today that he had allowed a Gray County jail trustee to say hello to Banks' wife over Bank's cell phone in December.

"I believe that this charge brought against me is a ploy to get me to back out of running for the office," Banks said. "It's a political move."

Banks is running against incumbent Gray County Judge Richard Peet and challenger Steve Hall.

"I started working at the sheriff's department on Aug. 1, 2009," Banks said. "I was fired on Dec.

He said his responsibilities at the Gray County Sheriff's Department were to maintain the building, the cells and the units as far as the electrical and plumbing needs were concerned.

"Anything that needed to be repaired," Banks said. "I performed that task for almost six months. I think if you ask anyone up there, I was exemplary in what I did for the sheriff's department as far as organizing, cleaning up, repairing things that hadn't been repaired in a long time."

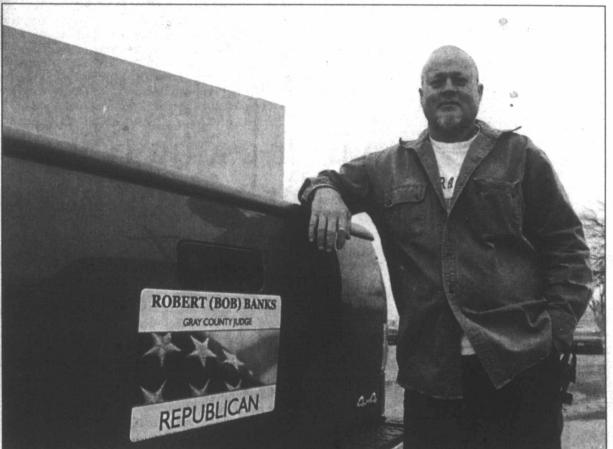
He said that he thinks his performance there was impeccable.

"I'm a pastor, and I treated this job like the inmates were my church," Banks said. "People need to remember that they are not yet declared guilty. They're awaiting trial."

Banks said that because of that the inmates need to be treated with

"I tried to have respect for them," he said. "When I treated them with respect, they respected me.'

He said he showed them compassion and tried to make their FOUL cont. on page 3



staff photo by David Bowser Candidate for Gray County Judge Robert Banks was indicted Thursday for allowing an inmate to use a cell

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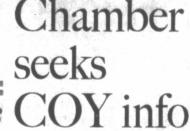
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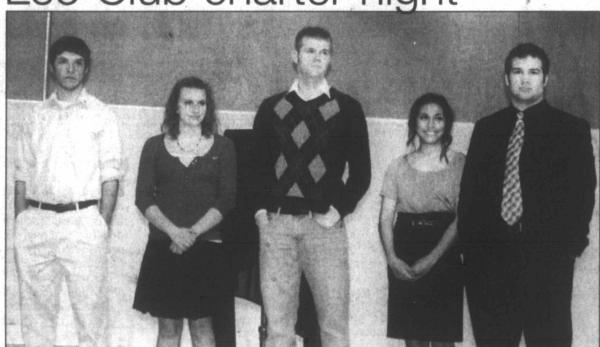
BY RANDY PRIBBLE rpribble@thepampanews.com

The Pampa "Citizen of the Year" will be recognized at next Thursday's annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. However, in researching the records for the presentation, Chamber Executive Director Joe Weaver came up with a prob-

"We can find no record of a Citizen of the Year for 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1991," Weaver said. "These would have been awarded in the following years-that is, the Citizen of the Year 1985 would have been recognized in 1986, etc.

"I suspect that there may CHAMBER cont. on page 3

eo Club charter night



staff photo by ReDonn Woods

Officers were installed Thursday night during the presentation of the charter of the Leo Club, the youth counterpart to the Lion's Club, Officers include Garrett Ericson, Rachel Andrews, Alex Clendening, Cindy Meza and Tanner Davis.

an angry at IRS crashes plane into office

JIM VERTUNO ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) -A software engineer with an apparent grudge against the government crashed his small plane into an office building with nearly 200 Internal Revenue Service employees inside, killing himself and at least one worker.

Before flying his single engine Piper PA-28 into the hulking black-glass office building Thursday morning, A. Joseph Stack III apparently posted a rambling screed on a Web site

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in which he railed against "big brother," the Catholic Church, the "unthinkable atrocities" committed by big business and the governments bailouts that fol-

In the note, signed "Joe Stack (1956-2010)" and dated Thursday, he said he slowly came to the conclusion that "violence not only is the answer, it is the only answer."

Law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still going on, said the 53-yearold Stack apparently set

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fire to his house and posted

the screed. Stack's wife, Sheryl,

planned to address the news media on Friday, the Red Cross said. Some who knew Stack

said he offered little hint of his anger before the attack. "He didn't rant about anything," said Pam Parker, an Austin attorney whose husband played in a band with Stack. "He wasn't obsessed with the government or any of that. ... Not a loner, not off in a

corner. He had friends and conversation and ordinary

But in the self-described "rant," the author fumed about the IRS and wrote, "Nothing changes unless there is a body count."

"I have had all I can stand," he wrote, adding: "I choose not to keep looking over my shoulder at 'big brother' while he strips my carcass."

Stack took off from an airport in Georgetown, about 30 miles from Austin, and flew low over the Austin skyline before plowing into the side of the Echelon 1 office building just before 10 a.m. Flames shot from the building,

windows exploded and terrified workers rushed to get out.

The Pentagon scrambled two F-16 fighter jets to patrol the skies over the burning building before it became clear it was the act of a lone pilot, and President Barack Obama was briefed.

"It felt like a bomb blew off," said Peggy Walker, an IRS revenue officer who was sitting at her desk. "The ceiling caved in and windows blew in. We got up and ran."

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Saturday Night: A chance of rain before 9 pm, then a chance of rain and snow between 9 pm and midnight, then a chance of snow after midnight. Wostly cloudy, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%

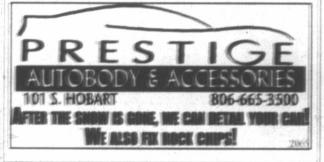
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Sunday Night: Wostly cloudy, with a low around 22. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of snow Wostly cloudy, with a high near 34. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Wostly cloudy, with a low around 22. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Do you know this man?

The Stamford Police, Texas Rangers and FBI continue to seek information on the robbery of the First National Bank of Stamford, Texas, which occurred at 12:40 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2010. It is believed the man may have been from out of town. Anyone with information about the robbery is asked to call the Stamford Police Department at 325-773-3647

The following is a list of descriptors of the suspect: White male, approximately late 40s to early 60s with a "reddish" complexion ("weathered")

Grey to white hair Light-colored eyes with thick, light-colored eye-



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Most Wanted member apprehended

Mauricio Geovany Rosales, who had been on the Texas DPS 110 Wost Wanted list since September 2006. was arrested just after midnight on Wonday, Feb. 115, by U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Ysleta International crossing in El Paso. Rosales had been wanted for two counts of muriler, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault.

Texas Crime Stoppers will give up to a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should call 1-800-252-IIIPS (84777). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. You do not have to give your name when calling

DPS urges caution around these fugitives.

"Any fugitive should be considered armed and dangerous," said Steven C. McCraw, DPS director. "You should never attempt to apprehend these fugitives wourself."

For more information on specific fugitives or the crimes they are accused of, please contact the local police department in the area where the fugitive was last seen.

Here is a list of the remaining Top

- Robert Barrera, DOB 9-26-82, last known address: Austin. Wanted for obstructing police, escape and burglary of a habitation. - Javier Castro, DOB 5-26-62, last

known address: Houston. Wanted for robbery and failure to comply with sex offender registration.

 Binus Jackson IV., DOB 7-31-68, last known address: Waco. Wanted for two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and robbery by threat.

- Gwen Komahcheet, DOB 9-17-50, last known address: Spring. Wanted for aggravated rape with a deadly weapon and failure to register as a sex offender.

- Gaspar E. Lova III, DOB 6-20-74, last known address: Weslaco. Wanted for indecency with a child, burglary, failure to register as a sex offender, escape and unlawful flight. Th

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- Rene Morales Munoz, DOB 12-19-67, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for homicide, probation violations and possession of

- Leeroy Suarez, DOB 6-2-83. last known address: New Braunfels. Wanted for homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful flight.

- Ngoc Van Tran, DOB 6-8-70, last known address: Amarillo, Wanted for murder, delivery of a controlled substance and burglary of a habita-

 DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives to be featured on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list, Featured fugitives generally have been accused of committing violent crimes or crimes against children. Investigators are interested in apprehending these fugitives as soon as possible, before they are able to commit additional

Twitter-esque Blippy asks, 'What are you buying?'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - By asking what's happening or what's on our minds, Facebook and Twitter have prodded people to broadcast just about anything, from what they ate for lunch to what movie they're going to see. Now a new site wants to unearth more - by asking people to automatically reveal things they buy.

Blippy, which is backed by a Twitter co-founder, asks people to share their spending habits. If you register a credit card with the site, every transaction bought on the card would be displayed to your friends on Blippy.

It might sound like ridiculous oversharing, but Blippy is serious. While there already are plenty of Web sites focused on what people are purchasing, the site's founders think it offers a new way to learn about deals and new products. And knowing your spending habits are being transmitted to a flock of friends might make you think twice before spending \$500 on a pair of designer shoes. Charities could use Blippy to show the public that their donations are being used responsibly,

Co-founded by entrepreneur Philip Kaplan, the joker behind a profare Web site that mocked failed startups during the

dead, including two children.

The cause of Friday's fire is sought.

apartment fire

HOUSTON (AP) - Investigators say an early-morning

Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Alexander says firefighters

entered the ground-floor unit and found two victims, then

discovered two more. The victims were two adults and

fire at an apartment complex in Houston left four people

dot-com bust, Blippy encourages you to connect credit cards and accounts at e-commerce sites like eBay and Apple's iTunes Store to your profile on the site. Then, whenever you buy something in person or on the Web - a cup of coffee at Starbucks or, say, a pair of boots at Zappos.com the purchase is immediately posted for your friends to see and comment on. They'd see something like "Toel1234 spent \$2.98 at iTunes."

Some purchases are more descriptive than others. If you buy an iPhone game Blippy can show its name. now — if you spend \$250 at a grocery store using a linked credit card, Blippy would just indicate the total amount rather than everything you put on the conveyor helt. Users can enter more details about their transactions on their

Blippy doesn't store its users' credit card numbers. Instead you give the site the username and password that you use to access your credit card account online. Other sites, such as the popular personal finance site Mint.com, have a similar setup. For those wary of baring

all, Blippy lets you hide individual purchases from your activity stream or make it so only approved helped him cut down on friends can see your transactions The idea for the site

emerged late last year when Ashvin Kumar and Chris Estreich, the site's other founders, started thinking about how people are comfortable sharing all sorts of information on social networking sites, but not financial transactions. They decided to see what would happen if people could easily share that information with others.

At first, it was a tough sell. Kumar said the founders needed to convince a handful of friends to try an not just how much you early version of the site. paid. But - at least for Even Kaplan admits that at first he shared only one credit card that he didn't use that much.

> "There is a hump people need to get over, including me, before you feel comfortable sharing this information," he says. But since launching pub-

licly in January, Blippy has gotten more than 13,000 consumers to do the same. Chris Broyles, a Blippy

user who works as a litigation consultant in Chicago, understands the site isn't for everyone - including his wife. Still, he sees it as a way to keep track of what he's spending while saving up to move his family of five to a new home.

Broyles shares two different credit cards and several online accounts on Blippy and says it has nonessential purchases. He was recently tempted by a \$300 Blu-ray disc player from Best Buy, but hesitated when he thought about how the information would be shared and where the money could go instead.

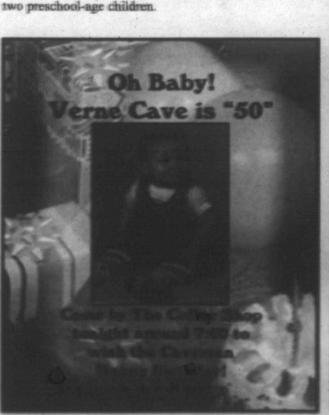
"I'm thinking that by being more outwardly exposed with what I'm purchasing, it's going to help," says Broyles, 37.

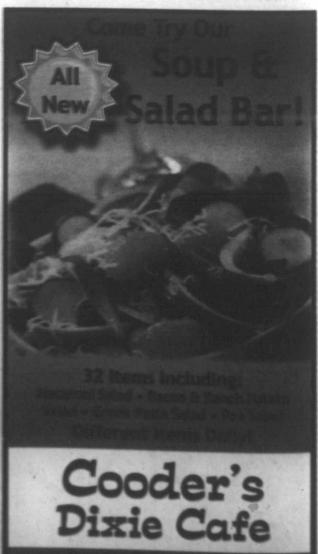
Blippy has also piqued the interest of investors, snagging about \$1.7 million from Sequoia Capital and Charles River Ventures. where Kaplan had been the entrepreneur in residence. Twitter co-founder Evan Williams also has invested

Kapian thinks there are several ways Blippy could make money. Companies might pay to mine the posted data in order to get in touch with their best customers. Blippy also could link to products that users have bought online and get a fee when another Blippy user clicked through and purchased the same thing.

Kumar noted that people were initially wary of sharing such detailed information on sites such as Facebook, but now it's

"For people that already talk about what they buy on Twitter, this could be harnessing that kind of energy," said Amanda Lenhart, a senior researcher at the Pew Internet and American Life Project.





First black woman to earn Texas law license dies

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — The first black woman to earn a license to practice law in Texas has died.

Charlye Farris died Thursday in Wichita Falls of cancer at age 80. Wichita County District Attorney Barry Macha, a friend, says Farris died at 5:15 p.m. Thursday with her son, Troy, at bedside.

Macha tells the Wichita Falls Times Record News that Farris left Wichita Falls and Texas to attend law school in Denver because of her race.

She returned to Wichita Falls, earned her law license in 1953 and became the first woman of any race to practice law in Wichita County. In 1954, she became a county judge pro tem, the first black woman to serve in a judicial position in the South since Reconstruction. She later served as an acting state district judge and practiced law until her final illness.

said. "Whether that's a coincidence

Banks said he wasn't given any

He said he's not apologizing for

being a decent person to an inmate

or not, those are the facts."

warnings or verbal reprimands.

"I was just fired," he said.

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The outside of the second floor was gone on the side of the building where the plane hit. Support beams were bent inward. Venetian blinds dangled from blown-out windows, and large sections of the exterior were blackened with soot. It was not immediately clear if tax records were destroyed.

Emergency crews originally said people were missing inside the building, but later recovered two bodies. Austin Fire Department Battalion Chief Palmer Buck declined to discuss the identities of those found, but said authorities had now "accounted for everybody."

Thirteen people were injured — two critically authorities said.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said "heroic actions" by federal employees may explain why the death toll was so low. Andrew Jacobson, an

IRS revenue officer who was on the second floor when the plane hit with a "big whoomp" and then a second explosion, said about six people couldn't use the stairwell because of smoke and debris. He found a metal bar to break a window so the group could crawl out onto a concrete ledge, where they were rescued by firefighters. His bloody hands were bandaged.

The FBI launched an investigation and Rep. Michael McCaul, Republican from Austin on the Homeland Security Committee, said the panel will take up the issue of how to better protect buildings from attacks with planes.

The tirade posted Thursday on a Web site registered in Stack's name began: "If you're reading this, you're no doubt asking yourself, 'Why did this have to happen?'

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cial reverses, his difficulty finding work in Austin, and at least two clashes with the IRS, one of them after he filed no return because, he said, he had no income. the other after he failed to report his wife's income.

According to California state records, Stack had a troubled business history, twice starting software companies in California that ultimately were suspended by the state's tax board, one in 2000, the other in 2004. Also, his first wife filed for bankruptcy in 1999, listing a debt to the IRS of nearly \$126,000.

The blaze at Stack's home, a red-brick house on a tree-lined street in a middle-class neighborhood six miles from the crash site, caved in the roof and blew out the windows.

Thursday was not the first time a tax protester went after an Austin IRS building. In 1995, Charles Ray Polk plotted to bomb the IRS Austin Service Center.

The tax protest movement has a long history in the U.S. and was a strong component of anti-government sentiments that surged during the 1990s.

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not have been a banquet in some of those years," Weaver added. "1986 was the Texas Sesquicentennial, so maybe it was dropped that year and didn't pick back up for a few years—I don't know. I read some old papers from those years at the Library last night and could find no report of a banquet in 1986"

Weaver is asking chamber members with any knowledge of Citizen of the Year awards during the missing years to contact him at the He recounted his finan chamber office, 669-3241.

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"There were times that I would go into the trustee tank, the trustee unit, and have lunch with them," he said. Banks said he knew there were

boundaries, but he tried to help them any way that he could. "That was not always the norm there," he said. On Dec. 3, Banks said he was working in the trustee unit. He had

one of the trustees, Fred Henry Pitt, helping him make repairs. "I oversaw them," Banks said of the trustees, "and I tried to use them

as much as possible so they were He said that Pitt was very good at repairing things and Banks used him regularly.

While cleaning the vents in the trustee unit on Dec. 3, Banks said he got a call on his cell phone from his

"At the end of my conversation with my wife," Banks said, "this particular trusteed was standing next to

me and I let him say 'Hi' to my wife. It took three seconds." That, Banks said, is the basis for the third degree felony charge that

was brought against him. "Two days prior to my being fired, I had publicly declared that I was running for county judge," Banks

in jail. 'I'm not apologizing at all for that," Banks said.

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland declined to comment on Banks' performance during his time as an employee for the sheriff's department. Copeland referred all questions to 31st District Attorney Lynn

Friends didn't see pilot's passion for IRS feud

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Joe Stack felt the federal government — especially its tax code - robbed him of his savings and destroyed his career while allowing corrupt executives to walk away with millions.

It's clear from the 3,000word manifesto posted on a Web site registered in his name that the bitter feud with the Internal Revenue Service was his passion — one so deeply held it apparently drove him to commit suicide Thursday by slamming his singleengine Piper PA-28 into an Austin office building that houses the IRS.

"Nothing changes unless there is a body count," Stack wrote.

It was a passion some of Stack's friends say they never saw.

They knew Stack as a fellow country rocker and band mate who recorded with them in Austin's vibrant music scene. They recalled a quiet father who visited Norway every year to visit a daughter and grandchildren. They never heard Stack talk about politics, about taxes, about the government — the sources of pain Stack claims drove him to his death.

"I read the letter that he wrote. It sounded like his voice but the things he said I had never heard him say," said Pam Parker, an Austin attorney whose husband was one of Stack's band

Part-autobiographical, Stack's anti-government screed references attending college in Harrisburg, Pa., a divorce and some failed business ventures in California. Mostly, though,

Stack outlines his frustration with the government and the IRS. The 53-yearold contract software engineer, whose full name was A. Joseph Stack III, wrote that he spent months on the six-page diatribe in hopes it would be therapeutic.

Instead, "there isn't enough therapy in the world that can fix what is really broken," Stack wrote. He lamented that he couldn't "gracefully articulate my thoughts in light of the storm raging in my head.'

The letter is dated Thursday, with the years he lived: 1956-2010.

"I think that Joe must have been hurting really bad to take these kinds of steps to make the pain stop," said the Rev. Patti Herndon, who married Stack and his wife, Sheryl, in July 2007.

In his note, Stack refers to several disputes with the IRS that cost him more than \$40,000 and "10 years of my life." He twice started software companies in California that ultimately were suspended by the state's Franchise Tax Board. Stack listed himself as chief executive officer of both

In 1985, he incorporated Prowess Engineering Inc. in Corona, Calif. In 1994, he failed to file a state tax return and was suspended in 2000 by the tax board. He started Software Systems Service Corp. in Lincoln, Calif., in 1995. That entity was suspended in 2004. Denise Azimi, spokeswoman for the Franchise Tax Board, said Stack did not pay state taxes in 1996 and 2002 a bill totaling \$1,153.

Those disputes apparently were never discussed among friends.

"I don't know what to base his madness on," said Michael Cerza, who played drums, piano and trumpet with Stack in The Billy Eli Band. "It must have been lurking beneath the surface."

Stack attended Harrisburg Area Community College from 1975-77 but did not graduate, said school spokesman Patrick M. Early. Before that, he graduated from Milton Hershey School in nearby Hershey. The Hershey school was founded and endowed by the candy magnate more than 90 years ago as a home and school for orphaned boys.

"He talked about that, and my husband and I talked about how well adjusted he was," Parker said.

Stack later married and moved to California. Parker said he had a daughter who grew up to marry a Norwegian pilot and that Stack went to Norway to visit her and his one or two grandchildren each year.

"He was a good man. Frustrated with the IRS, ves, but a good man, Stack's former wife, Ginger Stack, told the Los Angeles Times from her home in Hemet, Calif. "I'm in shock right now. He had good values. He really did."

Calls by The Associated Press to a telephone number listed for Ginger Stack in Hemet resulted in apparent hang-ups Thursday.

According to Joe Stack's letter, he moved to Austin sometime after 2001. Friends introduced the then-divorced bass guitar

and piano player to Sheryl, a pianist who gives lessons. Cerza said he recently received a group e-mail in which Stack invited friends to one of his wife's piano recitals.

"Joe was very straight didn't drink or smoke. He was intelligent, concerned about all the stuff normal people are concerned about," Cerza said. "He did not strike me as having any angular edges at all."

Parker said she last saw Stack at one of his wife's recitals, and that the couple occasionally attended classical jazz house concerts the couple hosted in their home, a 2,500 square foot house on a street lined with oak trees in a middleclass Austin neighborhood that he bought in 2007. The home was set ablaze Thursday morning, burning to the ground as Sheryl and the couple's daughter watched from the street.

"They're remarkably calm but they're clearly distraught. ... They're in need of some mental health assistance and we're providing that," said Marty McKellips, a Red Cross spokeswoman.

In his letter, Stack writes of trouble finding work in Austin and acknowledges failing to file a tax return one year because he didn't make any money. Stack's tipping point appears to be a recent audit, and the discovery of nearly \$13,000 in unreported income.

"I know I'm hardly the first one to decide I have had all I can stand," Stack wrote. "But I also know that by not adding my body to the count, I insure (sic) nothing will change.'

Clarification

Junior high tours not open to public

The March 9 tours at the new Pampa Junior High School are for the Pampa Independent School District staff and selected City of Pampa employees only. The tours are not open to the public.

Because the site is an active construction zone, public tours are not appropriate, according to school officials.

The Pampa Junior High School administration may open the school to the public in August. The school is scheduled begin classes in August.

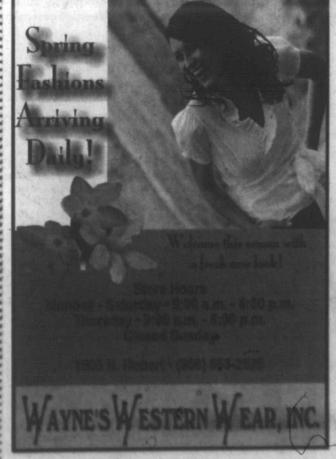


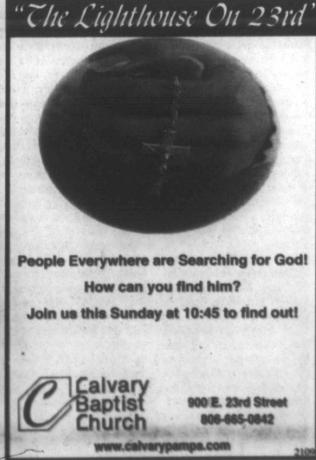


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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 2010. There are 315 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1618 - Peace of Madrid is ratified, ending war between Venice and Austria.

1674 - Treaty of Westminster is signed, whereby Britain withdraws support for French in war against Dutch.

1797 - Pope Pius VI, by Treaty of Tolentino, cedes Romagna, Bologna and Ferrara to France, as Napoleon Bonaparte advances through Tyrol to Vienna.

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1807 - British fleet forces way through

Dardanelles to support Russia in war

1878 - American

inventor Thomas

Edison receives a patent for his phono-

1881 - Kansas

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1803 - Act of Mediation is passed in Switzerland, under which can-

'I can never give a yes or a no. I don't believe everything in life can be settled by a monosyllable.'

Francoise Sagan,
 French author

all alcoholic beverages.

1927 - Chinese Nationalists extract a reduction of concessions from Britain at Hankow and Kiukiang.

1942 - First Japanese attack on Australian mainland in World War II when aircraft attack Darwin and nearby military bases killing 243, sinking eight ships and destroying 23 aircraft.

1945 - During World War II, 30,000 U.S. Marines land on Iwo Jima, where they encounter ferocious resistance from Japanese forces before taking control of the island.

the 104-year rule of the Rana political dynasty and restores the royal family's power.

1959 - Agreement is signed in London by Greece,

Turkey and Britain for independence of Cyprus.

1951 - A popular revolution in Nepal overthrows

1963 - U.S. President John F. Kennedy says Soviet Union has agreed to withdraw several thousand of

submitted for ratification.

1990 - About 500 protesters break into government headquarters in Bucharest, Romania, calling for resignation of President Ion Iliescu.

1991 - Boris Yeltsin calls for the resignation of Mikhail Gorbachev, saying Gorbachev is sacrificing reform for increased personal power.

1993 - A packed ferry carrying up to 1,500 people sinks in stormy seas off Haiti, and only 285 people are known to have survived.

1994 - Gunmen kill 18 young ANC supporters in Natal province, South Africa, the first major act of violence in a Zulu anti-election campaign.

1995 - Dozens are injured when landowners attack hundreds of parishioners guarding the cathedral in San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico, accusing their bishop of fomenting the Zapatista rebellion.

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1996 - The World Health Organization confirms that Ebola virus killed 13 villagers in Gabon.

1997 - Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, who guided the country from political chaos and economic ruin toward prosperity in the post-Mao era, dies in Beijing at age 92.

2001 - Clashes between ethnic Albanian rebels and Serbian security forces flare in Lucane, Yugoslavia — a tense southern region bordering Kosovo — a day after an explosion rips through a police van killing three Serb officers.

2003 - Seventh-Day Adventist Pastor Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 78, and his son Gerard Ntakirutimana, 45, a doctor, are convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity in Rwanda by the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal. The pastor, the first clergyman convicted by the tribunal, is sentenced to 10 years in prison. His son receives 25 years.

2004 - The U.N. Development Program awards \$30,000 each to seven tropical communities including Proyecto Nasa in Colombia, Mexico's Comunidad Indigena de Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro and GREEN Foundation in India, for their work to reduce poverty while conserving biological wealth.

2005 - A private banker who had millions hidden in his home in Ireland is freed without immediate charge as police search financial records nationwide for clues into an alleged IRA money-laundering ring and links to a massive Belfast bank robbery.

2006 - Israel's Cabinet approves an immediate freeze on the transfer of hundreds of millions of dollars in tax money to the Palestinians in its first response to the takeover of the Palestinian parliament by the militant group Hamas.

2008 - An ailing Fidel Castro resigns as Cuba's president after nearly a half-century in power.

Today's Birthdays:

David Garrick, English author-dramatist (1717-1779); Luigi Boccherini, İtalian composer (1743-1805); Sir William McMahon, former Australian prime minister (1908-1988); Merle Oberon, British actress (1911-1979); Smokey Robinson, U.S. singer (1940--); Michael Nader, U.S. actor (1945--);



The Founders: How Christian were they?

By Dr. Gary Scott Smith

One of today's most contentious culture wars is over the religious commitments of our nation's founders. Were most of them orthodox Christians, deists, or agnostics? Scholarly books, college classes, radio talk shows, and blogs all debate this issue, and the Texas Board of Education recently joined the fray. Because of Texas' large number of students, its huge educational fund, and its statewide curriculum guidelines, this board strongly influences what textbooks are published in the United States. Last month the board reviewed the state's social studies curriculum, and its conservative Christian members injected more analysis of religion into the guidelines, including assessment of whether the United States was founded as a Christian nation and how Christian were the founders.

This issue is so heated that it was the subject of an extensive article in the most recent New York Times Magazine, titled, "How Christian Were the Founders?"

Conservative Christian authors such as David Barton, Peter Marshall Jr., and Tim LaHaye contend that most of the founders were devout Christians who sought to establish a Christian nation. Isaac Kramnick and R. Laurence Moore in "The Godless Constitution" and Brooke Allen in "Moral Minority: Our Skeptical Founding Fathers" counter that very few founders were orthodox Christians.

They and others often generalize from famous founders, such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Thomas Paine, to argue that most founders were deists who wanted strict separation of church and state.

The truth lies between these two positions. Almost every major founder belonged to a Christian congregation, although a sizable number of them were not committed Christians whose faith strongly influenced their political philosophy and actions.

Two recent books edited by Daniel Dreisbach, Jeffry Morrison, and Mark David Hall—"The Founders on God and Government" and "The Forgotten Founders on Religion and Public Life"—carefully explained the religious backgrounds, convictions, and contributions of numerous founders. They show that many who played leading roles in the nation's Declaration of Independence, the

Continental Congress, and the devising and ratification of the Constitution were devout Christians, as evident in their church attendance, commitment to prayer and Bible reading, belief in God's direction of earthly affairs, and conduct. Among others, these books discuss John Witherspoon, James Wilson, Samuel Adams. George Mason, Oliver Ellsworth, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Benjamin Rush, and Roger Sherman.

A third book, which is currently being written, will explain how the faith of Congregationalist John Hancock, Quaker John Dickinson, Presbyterian Elias Boudinot, and Episcopalian Charles Pinckney, and others helped shape their political views, policies, and practice Abigail Adams and Catholics Charles Carroll, Daniel Carroll, and John Carroll also were dedicated Christians. Moreover, Jay, Boudinot, Pinckney, and numerous other founders served as officers of the American Bible Society.

Even many of those often labeled as deists—Washington, Franklin, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Alexander Hamilton—do not fit the standard definition of deism, which asserts that after creating the world, God has had no more involvement with it.

Deism views God as a transcendent first cause who is not immanent, triune, fully personal, or sovereign over human affairs.

All of these founders, however, repeatedly discussed God's providence and frequently affirmed the value of prayer. Their conviction that God intervened in human affairs and directed history has led some scholars to call these founders "warm" or "enlightened" deists, but these terms seem like oxymorons. A better label for their position is theistic rationalism. As Professor Gregg Frazer explains, this hybrid belief system combines elements of "natural religion, Protestant Christianity, and rationalism-with rationalism as

the controlling element." Those espousing this perspective believed in a powerful, benevolent Creator who established the laws by which the universe operates. They also believed that God answered prayer, that people best served Him by living a moral life, and that individuals would be rewarded or punished in the afterlife based on their earthly deeds. Only a few founders, most notably Thomas Paine and Ethan Allan, can properly be called deists.

Despite their theological differences, virtually all the founders maintained that morality depended on religion (which for them meant Christianity). They were convinced that their new republic could succeed only if its citizens were virtuous. For both ideological and pragmatic reasons, the founders opposed establishing one denomination as a national church. However, they provided public support of Christianity through various means, including establishing Christian denominations at the state level, passing state laws restricting public office holding to Christians and punishing blasphemy, issuing proclamations of thanksgiving to God and calls for fasting, using federal money to finance missions to Indians, and permitting Christian conthe state and federal level, for their worship services.

While we must be care-

ful not to overstate the role of religion in the founding of our nation and the Christian convictions of the founders in textbooks or public discourse, the tendency in many scholarly circles has been to ignore or discount these matters. The battle overhow Christian the founders were is likely to continue in Texas and across; the country. Fortunately, meticulous scholarship is providing a much more accurate picture of the founders' religious commitments.

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— Dr. Gary Scott Smith chairs the history department at Grove City College and is author of "Faith and the Presidency: From George W. Bush" (Oxford University Press, 2009).

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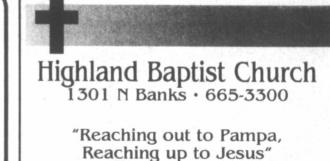


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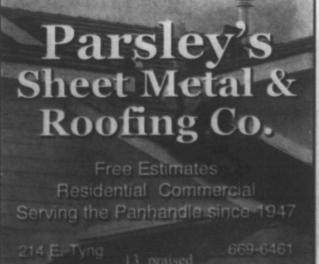


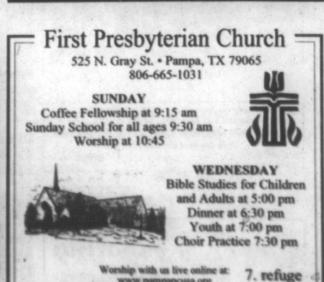
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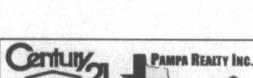


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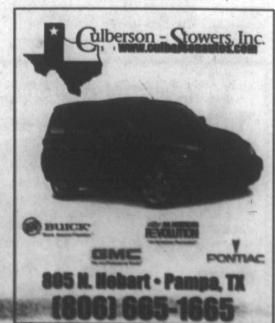


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Travis sends T-shirts to Haiti



Through the Travis Booster Club, the students of Travis Elementary are helping out Haitian natives who are in need by donating shirts designed for the 2009 Veterans Day celebration. The students are very excited to support the Haitians. Pictured are Braden Parr, Braeden King, Mariah Schiffman, Noah Johnston, Jessica Arter, Reid Smith, Hope McCollum, Avery Bentley, and Hannah

Knife and Fork Club hosts "Magic in Motion"

The Top of Texas Knife and Fork Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the Pampa Country Club.

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The program will be "Magic in Motion" with Raul and Shawn. They have been working together since 2007.

Shawn can be seen at the Amarillo Repertory Theatre on a regular basis acting, juggling, singing, directing and writing shows. He started juggling professionally in 1981, edy and poetry.

took 19 years off, opened a theatre in 2006, and has been entertaining people in and around Amarillo for the last four years.

Raul Rodarte has been performing for crowds since the late 90s. After graduation from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Performance and Production, Raul jumped into the world of street and stage magic, stand up com-

He hosts open microphones at the 806 Coffeehouse in Amarillo and competes in international poetry competitions when he's not working with at-risk kids.

The public is invited to attend the dinner/performance. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at Heard-Jones Health Mart. Ticket price includes dinner and entertainment. For more information, call 440-4191

Texas HOT Jobs Web site offers info on health careers

LUBBOCK, Texas-Despite the cool economy, Texas healthcare jobs continue to be "HOT!" Texas healthcare jobs remain plentiful with an exceptional long-term outlook due to a shortage of healthcare professionals. To meet that need, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center expanded and enhanced the Texas HOT Jobs Web site www.TexasHOTJobs.org through funding from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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Opportunities in Texas) Jobs resources are designed for career seekers, students, parents, and educators in primarily rural and underserved areas of the state. The Texas HOT Jobs Web site is a user-friendly one-stop information clearinghouse for more than 90 health careers and includes details on job outlook, salary, and educational opportunities in the state of Texas.

The HOT Jobs Web site is the starting place

Enhancements to the Web site offer user-friendly content and navigation, including a Spanish version that gives content for the 90 health careers as well as the career seeker and parent sections.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 29-year-old registered nurse who has never been married. Recently I bought a home, and soon after, an old boyfriend, "Gary," started coming around. I was happy about it at first, but he's been staying here at my place for two months now and hasn't paid any

Gary buys his own beer and has brought home a few grocery items from time to time, but nothing to speak of. He had the electricity turned off at his place so his expenses are minimal. He also brought along his cat, but never cleans out her litter box.

He does no housework and comes and goes as he pleases. I do not want him sharing my home without contributing anything. Is there a way to tell him without wrecking our relationship? -- CANADIAN **JOAN**

DEAR JOAN: It appears that not only is the heat off at Gary's house, the temperature at yours is cooling fast. Tell him that if he can't help you with the rent, household chores, groceries and the litter box, it's time to turn up the heat at his place. And please don't feel guilty about it. It's called being assertive.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a freshman in high school who has trouble making friends. My grades are good. I'm learning how to play a musical instrument, and I think I'm a nice guy.

My problem is so many of my schoolmates judge others by their possessions - cell phones, iPod, laptop, etc. It matters what brand of clothing you wear and how much money you have. If you don't have those things or your parents aren't rich, you're treated as an outcast. Character or talent doesn't matter, apparently -- only money. This has started affecting my self-esteem. What do you advise? -- JUST A

NICE GUY IN ARIZONA DEAR NICE GUY: You will be better off, and lead a happier life, if you stop looking for acceptance from shallow, immature kids who belong to tight, judgmental little cliques. Join activities where you will meet others with values more like your own. Some places to start would be special interest clubs at school, scouting, a sport, your church youth group, or volunteering if you have

some free time. There is nothing "wrong" with you. Many people develop their social skills and blossom after high school.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has been criticizing my table manners ever since our wedding. When we're having dinner, if we're having meatloaf, broccoli and mashed potatoes, I eat all of my meatloaf and then all of my broccoli before starting on the mashed potatoes.

My wife claims it is proper etiquette to rotate one bite of each different food rather than consume all of any one of them before moving on to the next. I have never heard of this rule and neither has anyone else I have asked.

Am I violating a rule of etiquette, or is this something else my wife has "cooked up"? --RUMINATING IN RIO RANCHO, N.M.

DEARRUMINATING: I have never heard of such a rule either, nor is it mentioned in "Emily Post's Etiquette (16th Edition)." Your wife may have cooked it up, but that doesn't mean you have to swallow it.

Preceptor Theta Iota meets

The Pampa Preceptor Theta Iota Club met Jan. 8 at the home of Recording Secretary Nancy Brogdin.

President Pat Kindle presided over the meeting, Brodgin called roll and read minutes and the Treasurer's report was given by Janice Hubbard.

After committee reports, Brodgin presented a program on Elvis Presley.

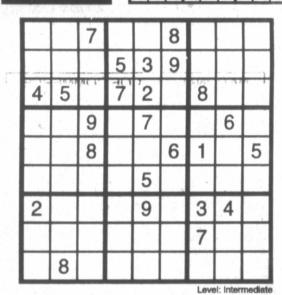
The club met again on Jan. 25 at Cooder's Dixie Café.

After reports. Corresponding Secretary Nita Hill took orders for Beta Sigma Phi gifts. The club discussed the Valentine Banquet and a Valentine party and gift exchange to be held at the Carolyn Smith resident.

Janice Hubbard was the hostess for the meeting.



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CANYON, TEXAS-From temporary contemporary to permanent historic, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum opens two art exhibits on February 27, 2010: one an opportunity for visitors to buy museum-quality art and the other a chance to see what the museum has bought with proceeds from previous sales.

The annual Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale moves from its traditional Foran Gallery location to the Harrington Changing Gallery, affording Michael Grauer, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs and Curator of Art, room to invite more artists of national repute. The Panhandle-Plains Invitational reception and viewing begins at 5:30 pm. Changing formats from previous years, the sale at 6 pm will be done by silent auction.

The event's growth in popularity among art aficionados has spread throughout the region because of its quality, juried nature. Grauer, an

authority on historic Western art, chooses a mix of professional artists from the region and across the United States who depict and interpret the American West. All are established professional artists who have earned their stripes while some "up-and-comers" are included to spice things up.

"We want to host a combination of traditional Western art and some interpretations of the West with a twist. So don't expect tired old Western clichés in our exhibition," Grauer said.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund museum acquisitions for its historic Texas and Southwestern art collections and conserve works within the collection that have never been exhibited due to their condition.

The Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale closes on March 27, but Wet Paint: Art Acquisitions Since 2000 continues through September 5, 2010.

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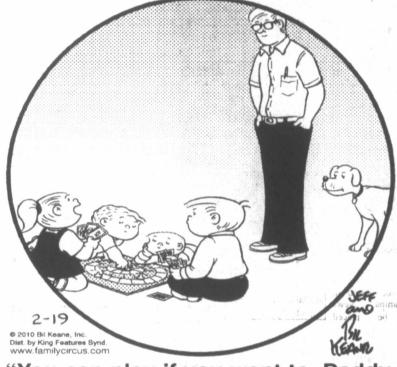
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By Bil Keane



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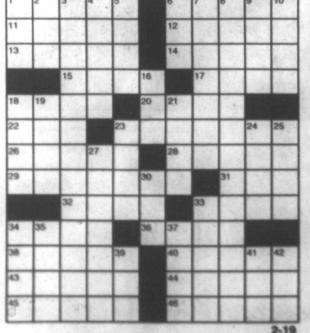
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This year, the words you choose and the style in which you relate encourage your cause. Knowing this fact, you might want to take a class or workshop in communication. Your charisma draws in many people. Sometimes, when you are confused, step back rather than act or speak. You will need time to do some soul-searching. If you are single, you'll have quite your pick of suitors. Don't just jump on the first person who heads in your direction. If you are attached, you'll move in a new direction as a couple if you dialogue more. Use your high energy positively. TAURUS brings you out, helping you bloom.

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)

** A must appearance makes all the difference. Your nerves could be more fried than you realize, as your temper snaps. Right now, you might need more time to find out which path suits you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** A friend comes throug you as you wished. You might feel better than you realize when dealing with a child or loved one. Do smile and loosen up with others. A family member contin-ues to be challenging. Tonight: Go for

what you want. GEMENI (May 21-June 20) ### Know when to vanish of try another approach. You might feel that you need more feedback than before. Loosen up and remain sensitive to your inner vibes. Could you be a bit tired and drawn? Tonight: Vanish. Be mysterious. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Focus on what you want and with whom you want to be. This is no time to settle. You could be a bit extravagant if you're not careful. Be honest with yourself about change and a more positive opportunity. Tonight: Only where LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Assume your natural role as a leader. Work with a key person who seems to understand a lot more than you. Confusion surrounds interactions in general. Confirm plans; make sure you are on the same page as someone else.

Tonight: A must appearance. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Keep looking for answers, knowing your limits and what you feel must happen within a key asso Caring runs deep on both sides. Detach from an issue, knowing there will be an answer. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Treat your mind to some relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Your way of dealing with
another person could change radically. If you want to open up a conversation, you can do it. Use a misunde atively to open yours and others' think-ing. Tonight: Dinner for two. SCORPEO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Defer all you need. You have se ability to present a softer side nding will evolve if you allow someone to express him- or herself in a more dynamic manner. Tonight: Enjoy others rather than judge them. SAGFFARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** An even approach can bring only good results. You might wonder what is the best way to get through to a difficult associate who could be inordinately challenging. Stay above the fracas and disagreement. Tonight: Put your feet up. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** When you become more frivolous and light, others find it easier to relate to you. Sometimes you question the real basis of a relationship and your choices. Right now, simply enjoy those around you. Tonight: Be sp AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Emphasize better give-and-take. You might want to indulge a child or loved one. As long as you can afford the manner in which you want to treat this person, go for it. A misunderstanding is no big deal, even if you feel unco able. Tonight: A must appears PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Keep conversations open. Meet friends for a late lunch or maybe a movie. Your soft self-expression helps others come in close. Let go of a problem or misunderstanding. Listen to what someone thinks, but know that you do need to verify it. Tonight: Dinner with

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Sports

Harvesters played hard during season's strug

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The 2009-2010 season ended short of where the Pampa Harvesters basketball wanted it to as they didn't make the playoffs. Despite that, what this team showed was fight in every game no matter the situation.

Out of their 12 district games, 10 of them the Harvesters went into the fourth quarter with a chance to win. As Head Coach Dustin Miller has

said before that's all you can ask for. So while this team went 2-10 in district, majority of those games they were only a shot, or a defensive stop or two away from winning.

In the district opener, the Dumas Demons had the lead over our Harvesters most of the game. In the second half, Pampa took control and went on to win by 10. Eight games later already eliminated from playoffs, the Harvesters took on the Canyon Eagles in Canyon. A victory



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would send the Eagles to the playoffs. But Pampa had other plans, and temporarily delayed the Eagles from punching their ticket with a 64-60 victory. Pampa went on and gave Randall a tough battle.

This team had a great group of seniors with Alex Clendening, Travis Hagerman, Ryan Jimenez Nathan Webb. Clendening was the leader of the team night in and night out leading the team in scoring and rebounds most of the season. By the end of the season Hagerman became an intimidating force down

low picking up several blocks and also a big contributor in the rebounds. Jimenez was an aggressive player on defense getting several steals and setting up easy transition baskets or taking it to the hoop himself. Webb was a strong contributor and provided some size coming off the bench.

This team has a solid group returning. Junior starter Garrett Ericson and sophomore starter Latigo Collins should be the team leaders next season. Reid

Miller, Jonathan Polasek, Zach Murray and Cole Engle will definitely be battling for spots in the starting lineup or at least have bigger roles in games.

Most of the results didn't go Pampa's way this season but this team never had a game where they didn't fight hard from the opening tip to the final buzzer. So keep playing hard and the scoreboard will take care of itself.

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Lysacek nails his moves, Vonn stumbles in Olympics

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — On a day when Lindsey Vonn crashed and Canada's pride-and-joy hockey team nearly went down, Evan Lysacek stood up strong.

In the biggest event of his life, Lysacek the reigning world champion in men's figure skating didn't try the most daring routine, but he hit nearly every move he picked. He knew it, too, repeatedly screaming "Yes!" as his music faded.

"It was definitely my best, and that's what I came here to do," Lysacek said.

He earned the highest score of his career and it held up for the gold medal, topping defending champ Evgeni Plushenko and providing the United States with its first champion in this event since Brian Boitano in 1988. He also gave his coach, the widely respected Frank Carroll, his first gold medalist.

Lysacek's victory let the United States close Thursday still way ahead in the medals races. Through 34 events, Americans have

claimed six golds and 17 matching Bode Miller for in both categories, with four and 11.

Vonn wasn't able to add to the total.

Seeking her second gold medal in as many days, she led the super-combined after the downhill portion, then failed to slip a ski inside a gate during her slalom run and wound up tumbling down the snow.

A bruised right shin that was "killing me" wasn't to blame. She just made a common mistake trying to catch up to her best friend Maria Riesch of Germany and teammate Julia Mancuso.

"I was disappointed, but I went down fighting," Vonn said. "I had to give it everything I had."

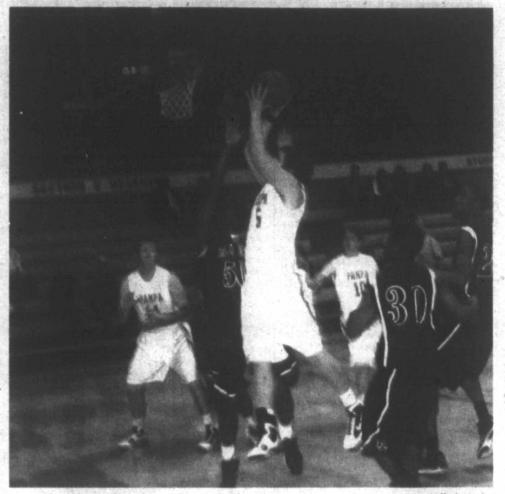
Mancuso became the first American woman to win a medal in women's combined or super-combined since Gretchen Fraser got silver at the 1948 St. Moritz Games. She also became the first U.S. woman with three Olympic medals in Alpine skiing,

overall. Germany is second . the most Alpine medals by an American.

The biggest drama that played out Tuesday involved Canada's men's hockey team.

A squad of NHL greats supposed to win gold in a sport that means about as much to Canadians as football, baseball and basketball combined mean to Americans let a two-goal lead dissolve into a tie with Switzerland. It stayed that way after regulation, after overtime and after three rounds of a shootout. Then Sidney Crosby scored and the entire host country

A loss would've been more humiliating than damaging to Canada's chances of winning the Olympic tournament. Still, this way-too-close of a call with an own goal clinking in off the skate of Patrick Marleau and goaltender Martin Brodeur not even coming close to stopping a shot he saw the entire way is sure to have the country buzzing.



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Nathan Webb attempts a layup in the first half against Palo Duro Tuesday. The Harvesters lost 77-41. This was Webb, Alex Clendening, Travis Hagerman and Ryan Jimenez played their final game Tuesday.



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Nathan Webb attempts a short jumper in the second half against Palo Duro Tuesday. The Harvesters lost 77-41. This was Jimenez final game as a Harvester.

Baseball Fundraiser

The Pampa Harvesters baseball team will be having a brisket dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Optimist Club to raise funds for the baseball program. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under eight. The team will also be selling T-shirts and bricks for their new backstop.

