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## Supreme Court halts Skinner execution

**MICHAEL GRACZYK**  
 Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday stopped the execution of condemned prisoner Hank Skinner about an hour before he could have been taken to the Texas death chamber.

Skinner asked the court and Gov. Rick Perry for the delay for DNA testing that he insisted

could clear him in a triple slaying.

The brief order grants him the delay but does not ensure he will get such testing. Perry had not decided on the delay.

Skinner, 47, faced lethal injection for the bludgeoning and strangling of his girlfriend, 40-year-old Twila Jean Busby, and the stabbings of her two adult sons. The slayings occurred at their home in the Texas Panhandle town of Pampa on New Year's Eve in 1993.

The court order came as relatives of Busby were climbing the steps of the Huntsville prison to prepare to witness his punishment.

In the order, the justices said they would put off the execution until they decide whether to review his case. If the court refuses the review, the reprieve is lifted, according to the order, and that would make Skinner eligible for another execution date.

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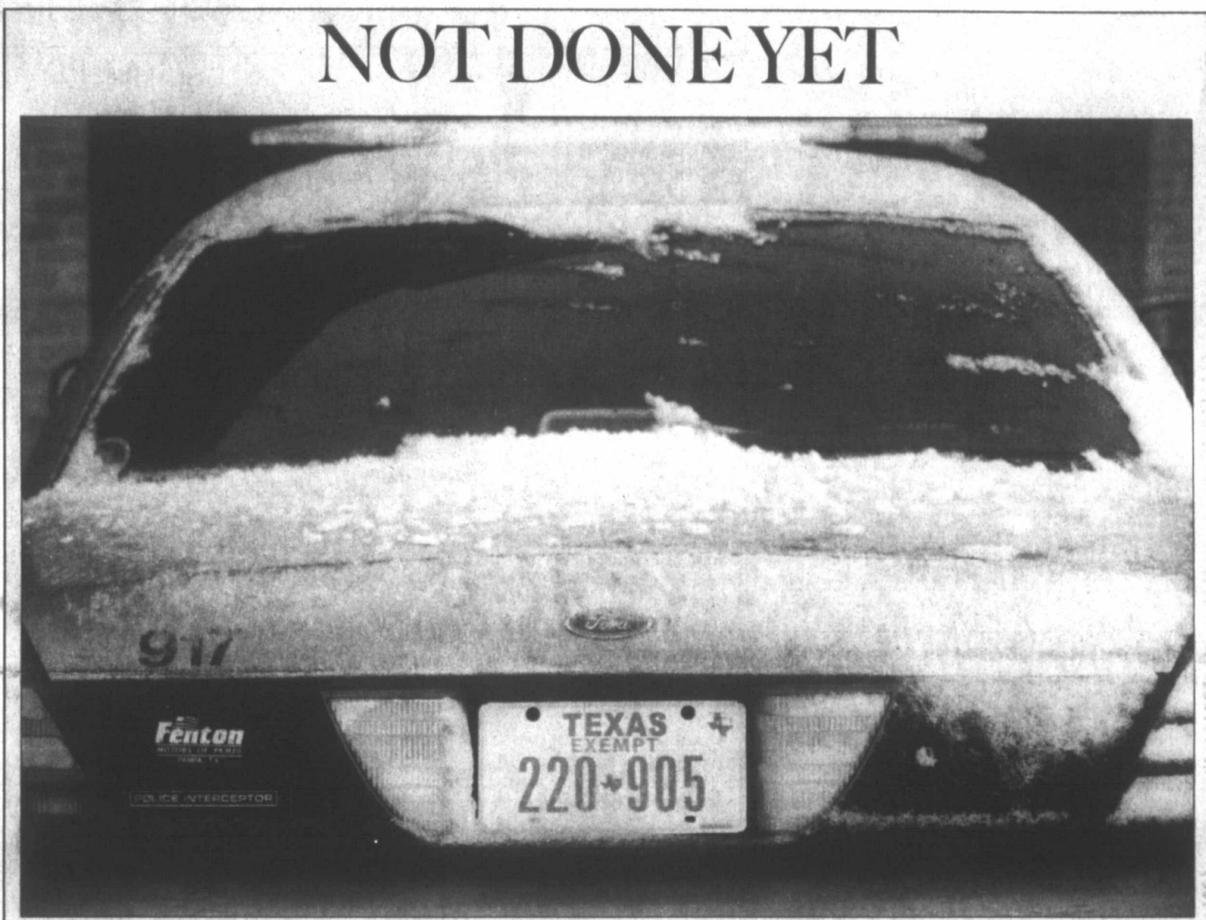
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Winter may be "officially" over, but no one told Mother Nature — a wet overnight snow was still evident around Pampa at dawn this morning. It shouldn't last long, though; with temperatures forecast to rise into the 50-degree range, the ground may be wet, but the snow will soon disappear.

## PGWCD cancels spring elections

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**WHITE DEER** — The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District cancelled this spring's elections because candidates are unopposed.

At their meeting Wednesday, the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's Board of Directors also approved a plan to bring the La Paloma Golf Course in Amarillo into compliance with district rules and approved the sale of tax delinquent properties in Potter County.

The board reappointed PGWCD General Manager C.E. Williams as the district's investment officer.

They also approved loans to Chris Rapstine and Roy Imley for agricultural water conservation equipment.

The board held a public hearing on changes to the district rules and amended the by-laws.

They also approved a drilling permit for a replacement well for domestic use belonging to Angela Perez south of Pampa.

They approved a conversion of an oil well to a five-inch water well seven miles east of Wheeler by C&W Construction.

## Hathcoat jury still deliberating

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A 10-woman and two-man jury were still deliberating the fate of Darren William Hathcoat late this morning.

Hathcoat, 45, is charged with assaulting an elderly person. He is accused of pushing his aunt, 73-year-old Shirley Presson, into a stove in her kitchen as she fixed supper for him last May.

Testimony started Wednesday afternoon with Gray County Deputy Sheriff Bradly Christain testifying that Presson had come to the sheriff's office about 10 p.m. on May 8 to say that Hathcoat had pushed her against a stove in her home, causing bruises to her left arm.

Presson then took the stand to tell the jury that Hathcoat had insisted that she take him to buy



Hathcoat

over-the-counter cold medicine. When she told him that she'd lost her driver's license and refused to drive him to the store, Presson said Hathcoat became belligerent and cursed her. She said he grabbed her by both shoulders and pushed her against the stove in the kitchen where she had been preparing chicken fried

steak for their supper. Presson testified that Hathcoat threatened to push her head in a pot of boiling water on the stove.

After he left her house at 510 North Naida that evening, Presson said she went to her

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## Mental anguish claimed in Hathcoat suit

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Darren Hathcoat was segregated from other inmates in the Gray County jail after being arrested on assault and drug charges last year, but his complaint is that he has to eat off Styrofoam trays with his bare hands.

Hathcoat, 44, went on trial yesterday on charges of assaulting an elderly person. The drug charges are pending.

Last week, Hathcoat filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Amarillo against Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, Jail Administrator Shelly McCann and Assistant Jail Administrator Lisa

Parmen, saying that they ordered all jailers and civilian kitchen workers to feed him off Styrofoam trays with no utensils.

"I had to eat with my bare hands for 11 months," Hathcoat said in his federal complaint.

Hathcoat is asking for one

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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Wind chill values between 30 and 40 early. Windy, with a south southwest wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. Windy, with a south southwest wind around 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Windy, with a northwest wind 25 to 30 mph increasing to between 35 and 40 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. Windy, with a north northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Clear, with a low around 38. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Obituaries

### Wilma Poole, 79

Wilma Poole, 79, of Borger, passed away Monday, March 22, 2010.

Wilma (McCollom) Poole was born Wednesday, April 16, 1930 in Amherst, to Tom and Lydia Laverne "Babe" McCollom. She married Max Poole on Oct. 9, 1952 in Borger.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Max in 2010; two sons, Paul Poole in 2008 and Mark Poole in 2010; a grandson, Matthew Poole in 1997; a granddaughter, Wendy Poole in 1973; a sister, Celesta Tubbs Sandoval in 1993

and a brother Otis Lavoy "Sonny" McCollom in 1952.

She is survived by her four sons, Maxie Poole and wife Barbara of Rosesharon, Roger Poole of Katy, Rodney Poole and wife Debby of Fritch, and Tracy Poole of Borger; eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; three brothers, Tommy McCollom and wife Janice of Livingston, Elvin Guiliams and wife Susan of Dumas, Edward Guiliams of Oklahoma; a sister, Cindy Guiliams of

Phoenix, AZ and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Poole, Todd Poole, David Sly, Terry Ensey, Keith Parks and Jeff Poole.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Central Baptist Church in Borger, with burial to follow at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Borger.

Mrs. Poole will lie in state at Brown Chapel Of The Fountains in Borger, Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Send personal condo-



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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### SHERIFF

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

**Wednesday, March 24.** Anthony Lee Williams, 33, of Jerico, Tex., was arrested by deputies on charges of aggravated robbery.

Robert Lee Leger, 27, of Webster, Tex., was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft of property.

Donald Floyd Willis, 58, was arrested by police on charges of failure to appear, expired driver's license and not having liability insurance.

### PAMPA PD

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An escort was provided in the 100 block of E. Foster.

A gas drive off was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of S. Cuyler.

A traffic complaint was reported on Browning and Sloan.

A burglary was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Warrant service was provided in the 500 block of W. Brown.

A runaway was reported in the 3000 block of N. Rosewood Ln.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of Coffee St.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee St.

A threat was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An attempt to serve a warrant was reported in the 400 block of Lowry St.

An attempt to serve a warrant was reported in the 500 block of N. Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of S. Somerville.

A burglary was reported in the 1200 block of S. Dwight St.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of N. Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of N. West.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of Frederic Ave.

An assault was reported in the 900 block of S. Wilcox.

## Skinner

Skinner, in a small holding cell a few feet from the death chamber, expressed surprise when he was informed of the reprieve in a phone call from his lawyer.

"I had made up my mind I was going to die," he said. "I'm eager to get the DNA testing so I can prove my innocence and get the hell out of here."

"I'm greatly relieved. I feel like I really won today."

Rob Owen, Skinner's lead attorney and a University of Texas law professor, said the court action suggested the justices believed "there are important issues that require closer examination."

"We remain hopeful that the court will agree to hear Mr. Skinner's case and ultimately allow him the chance to prove his innocence through DNA testing," he said.

If the Supreme Court refuses to review Skinner's case, a judge can set a new execution date no sooner than 30 days after the justices' decision.

Skinner, splattered with the blood of at least two of the victims, was arrested about three hours after the bodies were found. Police found him in a closet at the trailer home of a woman he knew.

The former oil field and construction worker said he was present when the three were killed but couldn't have committed the murders. Skinner said a combination of vodka and codeine left him passed out on a couch and physically incapable of clubbing Busby 14 times with an ax handle and stabbing her sons, Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20.

"I've been framed ever since," he said last week. "They're fixing to kill me for something I didn't do."

Prosecutors argued Skinner wasn't entitled to testing of evidence that wasn't analyzed before his 1995 trial.

Courts over the years since his conviction have agreed, rejecting his appeals.

Skinner's lawyers want to pursue in federal district court a civil case against the Gray County District Attorney, whose office prosecuted Skinner initially. That suit seeks to make evidence available for testing.

They'd made a similar appeal to Perry.

Skinner's attorneys want DNA testing on vaginal swabs taken from Busby at the time of her autopsy, fingernail clippings, a knife found on the porch of Busby's house and a second knife found in a plastic bag in the house, a towel with the second knife, a jacket next to Busby's body and any hairs found in her hands that were not destroyed in previous testing. Only the hairs were tested previously and those results were inconclusive, according to court documents.

Skinner's trial lawyer, Harold Comer, chose not to test all the evidence because he feared the outcome would be more damaging to his client.

Comer said he now favors the testing but defended his trial strategy.

"I would make the same decision with the same circumstances again," he said.

Trial prosecutor John Mann, who has since died, also did not have all the evidence tested. Current District Attorney Lynn Switzer, now the defendant in Skinner's lawsuit, declined to comment about the case as Skinner's execution neared. Lawyers representing her office challenged the suit as improper.

Skinner would have been the fifth person executed this year in Texas, the nation's most active capital punishment state. Twenty-four people were put to death in Texas in 2009.

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# Health bill hits snag

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's not quite over yet. Democrats hit a snag Thursday in their drive to rush through a package of fixes to the big health care law signed by President Barack Obama, but they still hoped for final passage in yet another late-night session.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said that if the Senate finished its work by afternoon, as expected, the House would immediately take up the bill. Democrats are saying they do not expect any major problems — but they're also keeping their fingers crossed.

Senate leaders had planned to complete work on the fix-it bill by midday Thursday and get it quickly to Obama. But Republicans established that they would be able to kill some language in the bill that relates to grants for low-income college students. That meant the altered bill would have to be returned to the House — four days after House members thought they'd seen the last of it late Sunday night.

Senators who had been in session past 2 a.m. Thursday returned to work on a long list of proposed Republican amendments.

The president, who signed the separate landmark legislation into law on Tuesday, was flying to Iowa for an afternoon speech, the first of many appearances around the country to sell his health care revamp before the fall congressional elections.

Obama was appearing in Iowa City, where as a presidential candidate in 2007 he touted his ideas for health coverage for all. His trip comes as polls show people are divided over the new law, and Democratic lawmakers hope he can convince more voters by November that their support was the right move.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., voiced concern over warnings of violent reprisals against members of Congress who voted for the overhaul.

She said the response has "no place in a civil debate in our country." Republicans, too, went to the House floor to plead with opponents of the health care law to refrain from violence and threats.

The FBI is working with lawmakers subjected to menacing obscenity-laced phone messages. In some instances, bricks were hurled at congressional offices, including Rep. Louise Slaughter's district headquarters in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

As an exhausted Senate labored into the wee hours Thursday on a stack of GOP amendments to the follow-up bill, Jim Manley, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, told reporters that Republicans consulting with the chamber's parliamentarian had found "two minor provisions" that violate Congress' budget rules.

Republicans have been hunting for such violations in hopes of bringing down the legislation. Democrats had also been consulting with the parliamentarian, Alan Frumin, and hoped they had written a measure that would not be vulnerable to such problems.

The two provisions were expected to be formally removed from the bill on Thursday. Manley said he expected the Senate to approve the measure without them and send it to the House. He said Senate leaders, after conversations with top House Democrats, expect the House to approve the revised measure.

Both chambers are hoping to begin a spring recess by this weekend.



# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I can't stand my 10-year-old daughter. I was an 18-year-old single mother when she was born. I find her ugly and annoying. Everyone tells me how "sweet" and "pretty" she is, but I can't see it. I dread when she comes home from school. I am not physically abusive to her — I would never do that. But I can be verbally abusive, and I know I need to stop. She just makes me so mad.

I am now married with two more kids (boys), and I adore them. What's wrong with me? How can I fix this? I'm afraid it's too late. I have no spiritual adviser to talk to, and I can't afford to speak to a professional counselor.

— ANONYMOUS IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR ANONYMOUS: The circumstances of your daughter's birth were very different from those of your sons. When you

look at her, you may be reminded of a chapter in your life you would prefer to forget. How sad for both of you.

The way you treat her, particularly in relation to her half-brothers — will affect the way she perceives herself for the rest of her life. People whose parents treat them as unlovable often regard themselves as not "measuring up," and it can cause self-esteem problems that last a lifetime.

Ordinarily, I would encourage you to seek low-cost therapy through your county department of mental health for the sake of both you and your daughter. If that isn't possible, then I advise you to hold your tongue, control your temper and compel yourself to show your daughter approval and affection every day until it becomes a habit or she's old enough to leave — whichever comes first.

DEAR ABBY: My workplace has instituted "casual dress Friday," where everyone is supposed to make a donation to a charity selected by a different employee each fortnight. While this is nice in theory, I often find that I don't wish to donate to the chosen charity because I don't agree with its ethics or its methods.

I give regularly to charities of my choice, which I have researched beforehand, but have never been one to donate automatically to every passing collection.

How do I bow out gracefully when the collection tin comes around? I have tried to explain to my co-workers why I don't support a particular charity and simply say I have chosen not to participate. I am met with blank stares and demands that I explain myself, and lectures about why I must "support the team."

I don't feel my colleagues have any right

to tell me what I should do with my money, but they obviously disagree and I am finding the situation very uncomfortable. Any suggestions? — FEELING AWKWARD IN AUSTRALIA

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: The policy you describe seems more like "friendly" extortion than real charitable giving. (Is there some kind of contest going on between teams to see who can raise the most money?) While I'm all for casual Fridays, the policy of pressuring people to give strikes me as one that should be modified or done away with completely. That's why I think you should discuss your feelings with your supervisor or the head of the department and go on record that you prefer to give your money to causes you have researched and with which you identify. If that doesn't help, you may be working for the wrong company. Sorry, mate.



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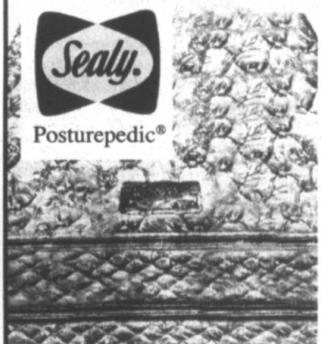
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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, March 25, the 84th day of 2010. There are 281 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 25, 1965, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Ala., to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

**On this date:**  
In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Confederate forces attacked Fort Stedman in Virginia but were forced to withdraw by counterattacking Union troops.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York.

In 1918, French composer Claude Debussy (deh-yoo-SEE) died in Paris.

In 1947, a coal mine explosion in Centralia, Ill., claimed 111 lives.

In 1957, the Treaty of Rome established the European Economic Community.

In 1960, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in New York, ruled that the D.H. Lawrence novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was not obscene and could be sent through the mails. Ray Charles recorded "Georgia on My Mind" as part of his "The Genius Hits the Road" album in New York.

**Ten years ago:** A weary Pope John Paul II traveled the ancient streets of Nazareth, Jesus' boyhood town, and celebrated Mass in the soaring Basilica of the Annunciation.

**Five years ago:** Losing still more legal appeals, Terri Schiavo's father, Bob Schindler, said his severely brain-damaged daughter was "down to her last hours" as she entered her second week without the feeding tube that had sustained her life for 15 years. An ailing, silent Pope John Paul II appeared to the faithful via video for Good Friday services at the Vatican.

**One year ago:** Pirates seized the Panama-registered, Greek-owned Nipaya with 18 Filipino crew members and a Russian captain off the Somali coastline. (The ship and crew were released in May 2009.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Movie reviewer Gene Shalit is 84. Former astronaut James Lovell is 82. Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem is 76. Singer Anita Bryant is 70. Singer Aretha Franklin is 68. Actor Paul Michael Glaser is 67. Singer Elton John is 63. Actress Bonnie Bedelia is 62. Sen. John Ensign (R-Nev.) is 52. Actress Marcia Cross is 48. Author Kate DiCamillo ("Because of Winn-Dixie") is 46. Actress Sarah Jessica Parker is 45. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Tom Glavine is 44. Singer Melanie Blatt (All Saints) is 35. Auto racer Danica Patrick is 28. Singer Katharine McPhee ("American Idol") is 26.

**Thought for Today:**  
"It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for something you are not." — Andre Gide (zheed), French author and critic (1869-1951).



## Dems take first win in healthcare war, but long-term future on life support

DONALD LAMBRO  
CaglePost.com

The long legislative war over Obamacare now moves to larger and more contentious political battlegrounds in the House and Senate mid-term elections and the federal courts.

Obamacare squeaked through the Democratic House on bare-knuckled power politics — despite recent polls showing 54 percent of Americans are opposed to it — and justified fears that its true costs will send federal spending, borrowing and taxes to unprecedented levels.

But the war against the most sweeping government power grab in U.S. history isn't over; it's just become wider and, politically, more lethal — for Democrats. Let's take these one at a time.

Heading into the final stages of the health care battle, Democrats were facing losses in November of 20 to 30 seats in the House, and perhaps four to five seats in the Senate, according to most election forecasters.

Their potential losses mushroomed after the House vote when nearly a dozen Democrats who had voted against Obamacare last year switched to the yes column Sunday under intense pressure from the White House and their party's leadership.

Many of the switchers are "freshmen" facing particularly tough reelection prospects in conservative-leaning districts, and at least 20 who voted for it are from districts Obama lost in 2008. Switchers like Reps. Betsy

Markey of Colorado and Suzanne Kosmas of Florida, who went from no to yes, are in Republican-leaning districts that voted for John McCain in 2008 and where voter anger with Obamacare is strong.

Election handicappers and pollsters say Sunday's vote has improved GOP prospects for gains in November, possibly as many as 30 seats in the House, and maybe even six to seven pickups in the Senate.

Democratic Senate seats are in jeopardy in Delaware, Connecticut, Nevada, Illinois, Colorado, Arkansas, Pennsylvania and North Dakota.

A big reason behind this wave is that voter intensity is in favor of the GOP. An NBC News and Wall Street Journal poll shows Republicans with a double-digit lead over Democrats when voters were asked which party they'll support in their congressional districts.

"Obama and the Democratic Congressional leadership have dug themselves into a deep and dangerous hole, and the only question right now seems to be the severity of the drubbing," elections forecaster Stuart Rothenberg writes in The Rothenberg Political Report this week.

Meantime, another front in the war on Obamacare has opened among the states and in the federal courts where an armada of lawsuits are about to be filed to block key provisions in the new health care law.

Legislation and constitutional amendments have been introduced in at least three dozen states that argue

the government has illegally exceeded its Constitutional reach by requiring citizens to purchase health care plans or else suffer hundreds of dollars in annual tax penalties. Thousands of Internal Revenue Service agents will be hired to police this mandate and crack down on any citizen who refuses to do so.

Virginia and Idaho have enacted bans against the mandates, and many other states are expected to follow suit. State attorneys general in Virginia, Idaho, South Carolina and Florida are preparing to file lawsuits in federal court in a legal battle that is expected to go to the Supreme Court.

"While Congress has used its taxing power to fund Social Security and Medicare, never before has it used its commerce power to mandate that an individual person engage in an economic transaction with a private company," Georgetown University law professor Randy E. Barnett writes in The Washington Post this week.

The courts have usually upheld the government's regulatory powers in interstate commerce. But that is no longer a certainty in the conservative high court that for the first time has struck down bans on firearms and upheld a corporation's right to spend money in political campaigns.

Further fueling the backlash against Obama's massive expansion of government entitlements — despite the near-insolvency of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid — are the Congressional Budget Office's dubious cost estimates claiming that

Obamacare is paid for and, indeed, will cut the deficit.

Most of CBO's estimates are based on specious political expectations that Congress will, as its bill promises, slash \$500 billion in Medicare costs over 10 years, which will never happen. Lawmakers passed legislation to slash Medicare payments to doctors and postpone, each year, their action for another year in the so-called "doc fix."

Their real plan will eventually call for a nationwide sales tax to keep the health care plan alive and, by then, there will be another powerful special interest group lobbying for its immortality.

Meanwhile, if you want to see the future of Obamacare, look at what's happened under the very similar health care plan in Massachusetts that has turned into yet another oppressive entitlement funded by taxpayers.

"More than half of the 408,000 newly insured residents pay nothing," says health care analyst Grace-Marie Turner. Another 140,000 people were uninsured, assessed a penalty or exempted. Because of the shortage of doctors, more than half the state's internal-medicine doctors no longer accept new patients; emergency rooms are packed, insurance mandates have driven up health care costs, waiting periods to see a doctor are much longer, and three of four major insurers had operating losses last year as medical expenses soar.

That's what awaits all of us in the age of Obamacare unless it is stopped.

## Farmers Branch anti-immigrant law invalidated

ACLU OF TEXAS

Yesterday, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Texas (ACLU) and the National ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project succeeded in invalidating Ordinance 2952, the latest in a series of anti-immigrant ordinances enacted by Farmers Branch, Texas. The ordinance was adopted by the Farmers Branch City Council in January of 2008. The federal court decision forbids the City from ever enforcing the Ordinance.

In a careful opinion, U.S. District Court Judge Jane J. Boyle determined that Ordinance 2952 was preempted by federal law. The Court resoundingly rejected the City's claim that it had the authority to regulate the residence of noncitizens within its borders. Noting that the City Building Inspector would be charged with interpreting and applying immigration information to prospective tenants, the court concluded that Ordinance 2952 "is an invalid regulation of immigration" and that the "Ordinance stands as an obstacle to the

uniform application of federal immigration law."

"Once again, Farmers Branch has wasted hundreds of thousands of its taxpayer's money enacting and defending an unconstitutional ordinance," stated Nina Perales, MALDEF Southwest Regional Counsel. "This decision sends a strong message that Farmers Branch should stop wasting vital city resources on a string of failures in court," continued Perales.

"The Court's opinion confirms what we have known from the beginning of this fight, back in November, 2006 — that Farmers Branch's effort to legislate in the realm of immigration is a quixotic attempt to circumvent federal law and clearly estab-

lished precedent," said Lisa Graybill, Legal Director for the ACLU of Texas. "With this third strike, hopefully the City of Farmers Branch will get out of the immigration enforcement business and move on to address its municipal obligations through more constructive and constitutional local policies."

"This decision has national significance. It is another indication of the costs incurred on all sides by the failure of our national leaders to enact immigration reform legislation that would provide clearly and expressly that state and local laws seeking to regulate immigrants in this way are unlawful," commented Thomas A. Saenz, President and General

Counsel of MALDEF.

"While our Constitution plainly preempts such laws, a clear expression by Congress would help to prevent local entities from embarking on the costly enactment of laws that will inevitably be struck down as unconstitutional," Saenz explained.

Omar Jadwat, staff attorney with the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, added: "Local laws restricting access to housing based on immigration status have a zero-percent success rate in court, as Judge Boyle noted in her opinion. Advocates have challenged ordinances of this type in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Missouri, and Texas, and the result in every case has been invalidation or repeal."

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# Bin Laden threatens U.S. over alleged 9/11 plotter

CAIRO (AP) — Osama bin Laden threatened in a new message released Thursday to kill any Americans al-Qaida captures if the U.S. executes the self-professed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks or other al-Qaida suspects.

In the 74-second audiotape aired on Al-Jazeera television, the al-Qaida leader explicitly mentions Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who was captured in Pakistan in 2003. He is the most senior al-Qaida operative in U.S. custody and is currently detained at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In 2008, the U.S. charged Mohammed with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S. Pentagon officials have said they will seek the death penalty for him. Four of his fellow plotters are also in custody.

"The White House has expressed its desire to execute them. The day America makes that decision will be the day it has issued a death sentence for any one of you that is taken captive," Bin Laden said, addressing Americans.

A U.S. counterterrorism official said it is absurd for al-Qaida to suggest it is going to start treating captives badly.

"They may have forgotten Danny Pearl and all the others they've slaughtered, but we haven't," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss classified information.

After his March 2003 capture in Pakistan, Mohammed described himself as the architect of numerous terrorism plots and even claimed that "with my blessed right hand," he had decapitated Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Pearl was found beheaded in Pakistan in 2002.

The U.S. is still considering whether to put Mohammed and the four fellow plotters on military tribunal. The Obama administration is also looking into recommendations for civilian trials, and is expected to announce a decision soon.

Al-Qaida is not known to be holding any Americans captive now. But the Haqqani group — the Pakistan-

based Taliban faction closest to al-Qaida — is holding American soldier Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl who was captured in eastern Afghanistan in June 2009. It released a video of him in December.

Bin Laden also said President Barack Obama is following in the footsteps of his predecessor George W. Bush by escalating the war in Afghanistan, being "unjust" to al-Qaida prisoners and supporting Israel in its occupation of Palestinian land.

"The politicians of the White House were and still are wronging us, especially by supporting Israel and occupying our land in Palestine. They think that America, behind oceans, is safe from the wrath of the oppressed, until the reaction was loud and strong in your homeland," he said of the Sept. 11 attacks. "Equal treatment is only fair. War is a back-and-forth."

Bin Laden is believed to be hiding somewhere in the rugged, lawless border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

## Pentagon changes discharge rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates Thursday approved new rules that will make it harder to discharge gays from the military, calling the changes a matter of "common sense and common decency."

Gates announced new guidelines for how the Pentagon carries out the 1993 law banning gays from serving openly in the military — rules which essentially put higher-ranking officers in charge of discharge proceedings and impose tougher requirements for evidence used against gays.

The new guidelines go into effect immediately and will apply to cases already open. They are considered a stopgap measure until Congress decides whether to go along with President Barack Obama's call for a repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" law.

"I believe these changes represent an important improvement in the way the current law is put into practice, above all by providing a greater measure of common sense and common decency for handling what are complex and difficult issues for all involved," Gates told a Pentagon news conference.

The changes raise the level of officer authorized to initiate a fact-finding inquiry into a case, the level of officer who can conduct an inquiry and of the one that can authorize a dismissal.

## Mexico's King of Heroin' nabbed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities say they have arrested a major drug trafficker known as the "King of Heroin" for the massive amounts of drugs he moved into the U.S. each year.

Police say that Jose Antonio Medina, nicknamed "Don Pepe," was arrested in the western Mexican state of Michoacan on Wednesday.

Ramon Pequeno, head of the anti-narcotics division for Mexico's federal police, said Thursday that Medina worked for the La Familia cartel running a complex smuggling operation that

hauled 440 pounds (200 kilograms) of heroin each month across the border.

Meanwhile, violence continued Thursday in the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez. Police in the

border city of 1.3 million just south of El Paso, Texas, on Thursday found a decapitated man lying in a shopping center parking lot, his head inside a black plastic bag nearby.

## Texan jobless rate holds steady at 8.2 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Workforce Commission says the state's unemployment rate held steady at 8.2 percent in February despite the loss of 13,000 jobs.

The job losses announced Thursday offset a revised January gain of 12,600 jobs. The Texas work force grew by 40,200 and now stands at 12.1 million workers.

The state's jobless rate remained below the national figure of 9.7 percent.

Commission Chairman Tom Pauken says the jobless rate appears to have stabilized but that the recession is still negatively affecting the Texas economy.

Amarillo has the lowest local unemployment rate at 5.7 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area is the highest at 11.8.

## Suit

million dollars for the demoralization and mental anguish he has suffered.

While waiting for a competency hearing to start Tuesday in Pampa, Hathcoat repeated his charge that for 11 months, ever since he's been in Gray County jail, he's had to eat off Styrofoam trays with his bare hands.

He also charged that he had been denied from May to July last year opportunities that other county jail inmates have enjoyed, such as using the telephone.

Hathcoat accused county authorities of withholding his medications. He suffers Hepatitis C and sclerosis of the liver.

On Feb. 26, Hathcoat filed a grievance with the county jail.

"Can I please have a tray and spoon like everybody else," he wrote. "Please. This has been going on sense (sic) May 2009."

"You may have your meals on a regular tray with a spork (a combination eating utensil shaped like a spoon with tines like

a fork)," Parmen wrote on March 3, in reply to his request. "Anytime you refuse to return the tray or the spoon to a jailer after meals, you will be fed on a Styrofoam tray and no spork for the duration of your stay."

Hathcoat hand wrote the complaint to the federal court and filed it himself.

He said this week that he has talked to two attorneys, one in Amarillo and one in Pampa, about representing him, but has not hired one yet.

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Sheriff Copeland had no comments about the federal lawsuit.

## Trial

niece and nephew's house. Later, she said she went to the sheriff's office where she lodged her complaint.

"I raised him as my nephew," Presson said.

But when he became angry with her, Presson said he asked him to leave.

Presson told the jury that Hathcoat was living in a rental house down the street that belonged to her, but he wasn't paying rent, an accusation that Hathcoat denied when he took the stand.

Hathcoat denied having hit his aunt and pushing her against the stove.

"I love my aunt," Hathcoat testified.

He told the jury that he was sick that day, suffering a tooth ache, an infection and an injured thumb.

Hathcoat said he had gone over to Presson's house about 5 p.m. and asked his aunt to take him to the hospital and to the store to buy some over-the-counter sinus medicine. When she refused, Hathcoat said he left with Josh Seymour, a friend.

Seymour told the jury

that the two of them had lived in Presson's rent house together for about seven or eight months after Hathcoat had gotten out of prison and returned to Pampa.

Seymour testified that he had gone over to Presson's house that morning with Hathcoat, not in the evening as Hathcoat and Presson had testified, and waited outside on the

porch while Hathcoat talked to his aunt.

Dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit, Seymour said he couldn't hear the conversation between them, but the aunt was quite animated.

Seymour testified that Hathcoat did not strike his aunt.

"He didn't put his hands on her at all," Seymour said.

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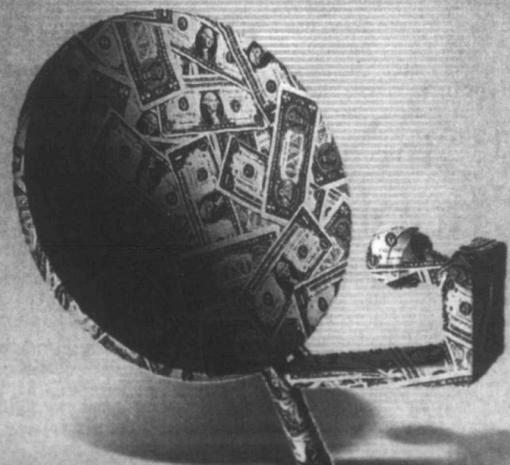
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# Sports

## New NFL playoffs' OT rule still has same concept

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Last Tuesday, 28 of 32 NFL owners approved the new overtime format for the playoffs. In the new format, if the team that receives the ball first only scores a field goal, then the other team will also get the ball. If the second team only kicks a field goal, then the rest of overtime would be the original sudden death format.

However the question is did it really change anything?

The reason this debate came about was because so many teams that won the coin toss in overtime won the game on their first possession. According to an article on the NFL's Web

site, the team that correctly called the coin toss won the game 60 percent of the time.

The coin toss doesn't determine the winner at all. If that was the case, then all the teams would have to do is watch a coin get flipped. The team that lost the coin toss has the opportunity to stop the other team and get the ball back. Just like regulation, all a defense has to do is stop the opposing team on three or four downs or force a turnover before that.

In other words, the 60 percent that won the game that happened to correctly call the coin toss didn't win because they correctly called the coin toss. They won because the oppos-



Andrew Glover

ing defense couldn't stop them.

For example, last year if the Minnesota Vikings would have stopped the New Orleans Saints on their first overtime possession and then won the game, this debate may have never surfaced.

Under the new overtime rule for the playoffs, the concept is still the same. You have to play defense. The team that loses the coin toss under the new rules would still have to stop the opponents at some point on the field. If the other team scores a touchdown the game is over just like it would be under the old rules.

So all the new rules allow is the chance for both teams to stop the other from scoring. If both teams only make field goals, they are still going to have to make one more defensive stop.

The Atlanta Falcons President Rich McKay, told NFL.com the old rules weren't producing

the fairest result. Not true; the defense had the same opportunity to stop the offense and get the ball back as the offense did to score on the other team.

Additionally, teams can avoid overtime if they execute on offense and defense. So the questions I have for the 60 percent of teams that have lost games in overtime on the first possession are: Why didn't you score more in regulation? Why didn't you allow less points? If a team scores on every possession and stop the opponents on every possession, they won't go to overtime.

I also heard on ESPN the scenario that under the old rules all the team would have to do is have a long

kickoff return, do nothing on first and second down, get defensive pass interference on third down and win the game with a field goal.

Let me shatter that scenario or alter it. Don't allow a long kickoff return, do allow nothing on first and second down, and just play good defense on third and not commit a penalty. There you have it: It's fourth down and long and the offense is far from field goal range. So congrats you get the ball back and have a chance to win the game.

So all in all, the rule change only will provide a more exciting way for one team to stop the other team in the playoffs next season.

## SAFE AT HOME PLATE



Kaylene Wyant (16) slides into home plate to score a run for the Lady Harvesters, in the junior varsity's game against Palo Duro March 18. Pampa won 15-0.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

## Hidden Hills golf results

March 23, 2010 Seniors  
Four Person Scramble  
First—58  
J. Brashears  
B. King  
T. Holt  
J. Lee  
B. Brown  
Second—60

J. Hervey  
G. Davis  
C. Lacy  
R. Porter  
Third—61  
P. Montoya  
H. Wells  
M. Allison  
H. Musgrave

Fourth—61  
R.D. Stephens  
D. Dunham  
G. Owens  
E. Barnett  
Closest to the Hole #8:  
T. Holt  
Closest to the Hole #12  
G. Davis

## Former NFL QB Ryan Leaf hoping for plea deal

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The attorney for former NFL quarterback Ryan Leaf says a plea deal has been reached in his Texas drug and burglary case.

Bill Kelly said Thursday that Leaf has agreed to plead guilty to seven counts of obtaining a con-

trolled substance by fraud and one count of delivery of a simulated controlled substance. Kelly says Leaf would be on probation for 10 years and a burglary charge would be dropped.

A judge must approve the deal.

Leaf, who is living in

Canada, was a star at Washington State but a bust during his four-year NFL career. He coached quarterbacks at West Texas A&M in Canyon, where the indictment was returned last May.

## Slot car racing results

Slot car racing at the Coronado Center January 30, 2010 results  
First place Eddie Stuebgen Borger  
Second place Nick Pampa

Johnson Pampa  
Third place Mitzi Reed Borger  
March 20 results  
First place Jordi Gonzalez Pampa

Second place Ken Curtis White Deer  
Third place Eddie Stuebgen Borger

## Tracy, Marshall lead Cubs past Rangers 12-1

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Chad Tracy hit a three-run double and Sean Marshall threw four strong innings to lead the Chicago Cubs to a 12-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

Marlon Byrd added an RBI single and Kosuke Fukudome was 3 for 3 with an RBI double, a walk and two runs scored for the Cubs.

Marshall, battling for a spot in the rotation, scattered three hits and gave up an unearned run with a walk and five strikeouts.

"I'm not saying I'm the perfect candidate for it but I love to start. I want to start," said Marshall.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella said earlier this week he'll announce

his rotation on Friday. Marshall, who has allowed three runs two earned on seven hits over 11 innings this spring, remains in the mix along with fellow lefty Tom Gorzellany.

"My attitude is always to keep a positive attitude whatever role I'm in and help the team win some games," Marshall said. "We'll see what happens."

Texas starter Brandon McCarthy allowed four runs on four hits in a 45-pitch first inning. The right-hander lasted 3 1-3 innings, giving up eight hits with four walks and a strikeout.

"I'm definitely not happy with the results," said McCarthy, who also opened with a 40-pitch first inning in his last start. "It

comes down to outs and keeping runs off the board and in that area I was lacking."

Rangers manager Ron Washington said it was unlikely McCarthy, whose ERA ballooned to 8.03, would move to the bullpen.

"He's a guy who's got routines," he said. "I'm not going to say absolutely no but it's not something we've talked about."

The Cubs added six runs in the sixth off Rangers reliever Luis Mendoza and two more in the seventh. Chicago finished with 17 hits.

"We had 12 ground balls and there wasn't anybody there to catch them," Washington said.

## Harden spurs Thunder past Houston Rockets

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — James Harden let loose his first 3-pointer after two weeks away, then bounced a couple times as the ball sailed toward the basket.

When the ball splashed down, the Oklahoma City Thunder's missing piece had returned with a flourish to lead the way in a dominating win with implications on the Western Conference playoff race.

Harden returned from an injury to supplement Kevin Durant's 25 points with 23 of his own, and the Thunder ended a string of futility against the Houston Rockets with a 122-104 victory on Wednesday night.

"I just wanted to come out and get my swag back like it was before I left," said Harden, who had his fourth 20-point game of the season and his first since Dec. 7.

The Thunder got out to a sizzling start and opened a 23-point lead within the first 14 minutes. Their lead was never in jeopardy against a Houston team desperately needing a late charge to make the playoffs.

Instead, Oklahoma City used its second-best shooting performance of the season to take a big step toward solidifying its spot in the postseason. In moving to 43-27, the Thunder matched their win total from the past two seasons

combined. Luis Scola scored 25 and Trevor Ariza added 20 points for Houston, which fell seven games behind Oklahoma City and 5½ behind eighth-place Portland in the Western Conference with a dozen games left.

"We've just got to go play," Rockets reserve Kyle Lowry said. "We've got to finish strong and see what happens."

Oklahoma City snapped a 13-game losing streak against Houston that had been the Rockets' longest against any opponent in franchise history. Houston's last loss in the series came on April 4, 2006, in Seattle.

The return of Harden provided a huge boost for the Thunder, who went 3-3 while their top-scoring bench player was out with a strained right hamstring and dropped into the seventh spot in the West.

"James brings a dynamic to our team," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "He's a playmaker. He scores, he can play off the ball, he can play on the ball and he makes plays for our guys."

Harden poured in 13 points in his first 5 minutes off the bench, including the final eight points in a 14-0 surge by the Thunder that spanned the break between the first and second quarters. Harden converted a fast-break layup and

then added back-to-back 3-pointers and a pair of free throws.

His 3-pointer a few moments later completed his 4-for-4 start and put Oklahoma City up 50-27 with 10:18 left before half-time.

"He came in and provided a big-time spark for us on the offensive end and he was defending also," fellow reserve Eric Maynor said. "It was good to have him back."

Harden was hurt in a win against New Orleans on March 10 and had to sit out for the first time in his rookie season.

"It was tough because I didn't touch a ball for a few days," said Harden, who was expected to miss two to four weeks and returned on the early end of that window. "It was tough having to just do rehab and just sticking with the program. These last few days, I've been shooting the ball well."

"I think that taking the time off really helped me just get my form ready and my shot really ready."

The Thunder made 25 of their first 30 shots, for an 83 percent conversion rate, and led by as many as 24 during their highest-scoring half of the season. Houston closed back within 13 following a 16-5 response and trailed 74-57 at halftime, but never got closer than 15 in the second half.

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Richard Morris, City Manager  
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** as required by Title 19, United States Code, Section 1607 et seq of seizure at Pampa, Texas, on the dates specified below, of the following merchandise, liable to forfeiture to the United States under provisions of various statutes cited. Any person claiming such property is hereby notified to file his claim at the Customhouse, 7501 Esters Blvd., Suite 160, Irving, Texas 75063 (or by mail to P.O. Box 619050, D/FW Airport, Texas 75261), within 20 days (or 35 days if case is denoted as C.A.F.R.A.) after the first publication of this notice together with a bond in the amount of \$5000 or 10% of the value of the claimed property, whichever is lower, but not less than \$250, with approved sureties as provided for in Title 19, United States Code, Section 1608. The cost bond amount, if required, is specified below for each referenced case. Once the cost bond and / or claim to the merchandise has been filed, the case will be forwarded to the United States Attorney for the institution of forfeiture proceedings in federal district court. If you are indigent (needy and poor) you may not be required to post the bond. If no claim is filed or bond given as provided in the aforesaid statute, the property herein described will be declared forfeited to the Government of the United States and disposed of in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury: 2010550200000301: 2,920 Pieces of U.S. Currency valued at \$92,020.00-in violation of 18 USC 981 & 18 USC 1956, because the property was involved in transactions that involved the proceeds of

drug sales and / or represents the proceeds of specified unlawful activity related to the smuggling of controlled substances into the United States, in that it facilitated the carrying on of the illicit transportation, sale, receipt, and / or possession of controlled substances-seized on November 19, 2009 at Pampa, Texas (CAFRA No Cost Bond Required).  
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**10 Lost/Found**  
LOST male Brittany, near Lamar Elementary Sch. Call 662-9219.

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### Daily Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, March 26, 2010:  
This year, you express a clarity and sensitivity that draws many people. With your building popularity, you have many more options. Your creativity helps you through any problem, though you are often uncomfortable with risks. You are lucky this year. You will land on your feet. If you are single, guard against getting involved with someone who is unavailable or married. If you are attached, as a couple you'll gain through weekends away together. Plan on as many as possible. PISCES understands.

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)  
\*\*\*\*\* Recognizing everything that must be accomplished could be overwhelming. Return messages, schedule meetings for next week and clear your desk and mind. Communication flourishes and ideas emerge in a brainstorming session. Tonight: Go off and enjoy yourself.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* If you can work from home, do. In any case, you are finishing off a lot of projects and meetings. Take needed time to put together or complete a project. Your reflections about a situation are right on. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep conversations moving, knowing you are finally clearing the air. At work, a meeting could be more important than you realize. Conversations open up better understanding, finally, including in your personal life. Tonight: Leave before you get caught up in one more

project.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* Be careful about spending or OKing an expenditure. Within a day, you could change your mind. What was acceptable might no longer be. A boss has many great ideas; work with them. Focus on getting work done. Tonight: Get out early.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* You have others listening and responding. Now might be the time to move a project along and take the high road. Find experts and draw in others' opinions, and the end results could be exceptional. Start thinking "vacation." Tonight: Whatever makes the Lion roar.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\* You sense that something is happening behind the scenes, though you might not be totally clear as to what that is. Do less reacting and more listening. Note what isn't being said. Play the sleuth, and find answers. Gain greater knowledge of those around you. Tonight: Do your thing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Focus on the big picture, not the details. Others have a lot to say and are full of details. You might wonder when this all will end so you can get going or move on a project. Maintain a high profile in key matters. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\* A must appearance could take a while. In a meeting, a boss or associate helps address the many questions coming forward. Delegate and get as much done as possible, knowing it is Friday. Clear your desk, allowing for some much-needed downtime. Tonight: Visit with an older friend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You have difficulty staying present in the moment. What is going on around you might not interest you. Perhaps you are ready for some time off. If you can, work on a project of interest, and you will gain. Tonight: Try a new capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* A partner might have many ideas. Your mind could be on a personal matter, home or a real-estate investment. Gather more information, but take your time. Sometimes the most important detail could be missed. Tonight: Be a duo.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out, be it at work or at home. Invitations lead to excellent networking opportunities, if at work. Your life certainly is far from dull when everyone is hovering around. Make choices that function well for you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might escape work overload by asking for help from a sensitive associate or friend. You tend to get quirky at times. You are exhausted by everything that is on your plate. Defer to others, but say "no" to taking anymore on. Tonight: Put your feet up. Call it a week.

**BORN TODAY**  
Motown singer Diana Ross (1944), actor Leonard Nimoy (1931), first female Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (1930) \*\*\*

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If it isn't sold within 30 days, we will run the same ad (no changes) for an additional 30 days!

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All ads paid in advance!  
Call for deadlines - 669-2525

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**21 Help Wanted** PAMPA NURSING CENTER has an opening for Social Services Director. Applicants must be able to handle a fast paced schedule and be able to work weekends and nights as needed. Please apply in person at 1321 W. Kentucky Pampa, TX

**21 Help Wanted** ATTENTION Licensed Vocation Nurses! Need immediately to provide one on one Health Care in our Borger WIC Clinic. 401k and benefits avail. to Full-Time Employees. Please call 806-273-2094 or apply on line at [www.outreachhealth.com](http://www.outreachhealth.com)

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**98 Unfurn. Houses** PICK up rental list, in the Black Box, at 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

**March GARAGE SALE SPECIAL (It's snow proof)**

**4 Lines - \$5**  
(plus a free garage sale kit)

Must run before March 31. In case of snow, same ad will run free of charge - (must be within the next 30 days.)

All ads paid in advance!  
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**151500.00 SIGN-ON BONUS** Certified Nurse Aide Pampa Nursing Center has openings for CNA's on all shifts. Apply in person, 1321 W. Kentucky.

**\$2000.00 SIGN-ON BONUS** Licensed Vocational Nurses Pampa Nursing Center has openings for LVN's on all shifts. Apply in person, 1321 W. Kentucky.

**DIRECTOR OF NURSING** PAMPA NURSING CENTER is taking resumes for the position of Director of Nursing. Must be a Registered Nurse. Send resumes to: Vicki Hutton Administrator 1321 W. Kentucky Pampa, TX 79065

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**77 Livest/Equip.** SERVICEABLE Aged Reg. or Comm. Black Angus Bulls. Bloodlines - 878, Northern Improvement, Objective, Morgan's Future Direction. Contact Gordon Thomas 580-655-4318 or 580-497-7217.

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\*2 CarGar.  
\*Fireplace  
\*2467 Sq. Ft.  
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**OWNER will finance.** 1123 E. Foster, 2 bdr., 1 ba. Call Gary at Trustar Real Estate, 440-1698

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**MUST SEE!**

**2009 Pontiac G8 GT**  
12K miles, Great MPG, 400 Horse!

**\$25,995**

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Hot Red • 4x4  
Lifted • 22" custom wheels  
\$32,455

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31 mpg • Silver  
\$15,774

**2001 Suburban**  
4x4 • Best Deal!  
\$7,998

**2007 Chevy Silverado**  
4x4 • X-Cab • Z71  
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1 owner!  
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4x4 • 23K • Got it all!  
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**3-25 CRYPTOQUOTE.**  
M VZPFXJ PI RXF RV DNF  
XPKFID DNPXBI CRH KMX  
NMGF MXJ RXF RV DNF OFID  
DNPXBI CRH KMX OF.

**— JRBAMI QMBFAI**  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE CAN BE HOPE ONLY FOR A SOCIETY WHICH ACTS AS ONE BIG FAMILY, NOT AS MANY SEPARATE ONES. — ANWAR EL SADAT

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Sale Ends April 5, 2010



C09050

## Chevy Impala

MSRP	\$26,465
Rebate Total	5,000
Discount	972
Sale Price	20,493
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$5,972</b>

## GMC Sierra Crew Cab

MSRP	\$37,620
Rebate Total	6,500
Discount	2,594
Sale Price	28,526
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$9,094</b>



G09059



C09032

## Chevy HHR

MSRP	\$23,115
Rebate Total	3,000
Discount	916
Sale Price	19,199
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$3,916</b>

## Chevy Silverado Crew Cab

MSRP	\$36,110
Rebate Total	6,500
Discount	2,461
Sale Price	27,149
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$8,961</b>



C09121



C09046

## Chevy HHR

MSRP	\$23,270
Rebate Total	3,000
Discount	933
Sale Price	19,337
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>\$3,933</b>

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