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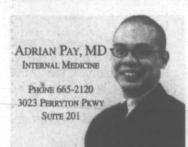


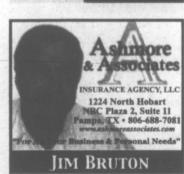
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Grass fire



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Pampa Firefighters assisted Hoover Volunteer Fire Department with a grass fire on the Gray/Roberts County line Sunday around 5 p.m. No structures or people were threatened by this blaze. Gray County is currently under a burn ban so residents are prohibited from all outdoor burning.

### Immunizations, flu shots available

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

For those adults and children who are in need of flu shots or other basic immunizations for children of all ages, a clinic will be available Wednesday and again on Feb. 20.

The Texas Department of State Health Services is traveling around the Panhandle to offer immunizations to local residents.

When they come to Pampa, they will be at the Harvest House at 736 S. Cuyler. The hours are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

A representative from the State Health Services office in Canyon said that

the fees for these immunizations vary based on an individual basis.

"We would like for anyone that needs immunizations for their children to stop by and talk to us on Wednesday," a State Health Services representative said. "People should not worry about the cost of these without stopping by to visit with us first."

Adult flu shots will also be available for a \$10 donation and the office said it is not too late to still get this shot.

For more information on this clinic, call 806-655-7151 or 806-665-4752 and ask for the immunization depart-

#### LICENSE PLATES

### Texans get the chance to choose new license on-line

HOUSTON (AP) — If Texans think their license plates are boring, they'll get a chance to do something about it starting Monday.

The Texas Department of Transportation is conducting a weeklong vote at www.txdot.gov that could decide whether Texans keep the current plate or choose one of four new, fancier

The new plate will come out in 2009.

Whatever Texans choose, the new plates will add a seventh digit because the state is running out of six-digit combinations, said Rebecca Davio, TxDOT's director of vehicles, title and registration.

By law, the Texas Transportation Commission must approve the state's generalissue plate. TxDOT officials believe commissioners will pick the plate that Texans endorse.

"We're trying to listen to what our customers are saying," Davio said. "In case Texans really like the existing plate, they can choose that."

The agency did not release advance photos of the new designs but offered a quick peek. All feature the state's name on top and "The Lone Star State" on the bottom.

The four new choices are:

- New Texas. This red, white and blue plate features a composite of skylines from several Texas cities at the bottom and the word "Texas" in black script at the top.

Traditional Texas. This plate features blue highlights and a stark, white background with a gold Texas star at the bottom and a bold, red "Texas" in capital letters at the top.

Lone Star Texas. A white star stands out in the top left corner along with wide brushes of

red and blue against a large Texas sky. A lowlying mountain range runs along the bottom.

Natural Texas. The plate is covered with

For the purposes of the vote, TxDOT named

the current plate "My Texas." The state's plate design hasn't changed much over the years. For most of the 20th century, Texas stuck with black-and-white plates, followed by blue and white in the 1970s. In 1986,

they became red, white and blue. Except for the occasional appearance of a small Texas flag in the 1990s and today's design that features a space shuttle and a cowboy, there's been little in the way of splashy graph-

### District attorney unopposed in upcoming election

**Switzer** 

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Lynn Switzer hopes to continue the work she has begun in the 31st District Attorney's office by being re-elected to the post.

Switzer has worked in the 31st District Attorney's office since 2003, when she was hired by former DA Rick Roach to be his assistant DA. She took over the reins of the office upon Roach's arrest in January 2005 and was soon named 31st District Attorney by the governor and state legislature. She was sworn in on March 12, 2005 and was unopposed in a 2006 election to fill the remainder of Roach's term. She is currently unopposed in the March 4 primary election.

Her accomplishments as DA

include clearing the backlog of cases that existed before she headed the office, the establishment of a sexual

assault response program, development of a multi-agency case review process and implementation of a computerized system to better handle the movement of cases through the judicial process.

The sexual assault response program enables sexual assault victims to traveling avoid Amarillo for exams and evidence collection after

vides support to the victims including acute crisis intervention at the time of the assault and advocacy for

eral factions," Switzer said of the sexual assault response program. "I want to continue to build on the

> interworking relationship between all agencies and the DA's office," she said. " I want to set up a major case review similar to what we do with sexual assault cases, where the agencies compare and share information make suggestions on which direction to go with

the case. "I'm looking forward to an assault. The program also pro- continuing to improve the efficiency of the office by moving cases through the office," she said.

Switzer is a native of Wichita Falls and a graduate of Crowell High

"It was a concerted effort by sev- School. She earned an undergraduate degree in accounting from the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M., and her law degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"My first case was as a defense attorney. The prosecutor was asking for a life sentence, and I got the defendant 50 years," Switzer said.

She later became a prosecutor herself, and was assistant district attorney in Tom Green County, which includes the city of San Angelo, when she was hired by Roach.

The 31st District covers Gray, Hemphill, Wheeler, Roberts and Lipscomb counties and includes the 223rd District, which serves Gray







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Mostly sunny

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of snow, mainly before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 35. Wind chill values between 16 and 23. Windy, with a north northwest wind around 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

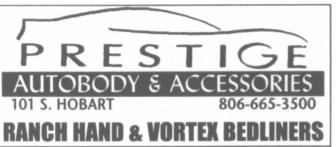
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. West wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 50. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. South wind around 10 mph becoming west.

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### Troy L. 'Tweedlelo' Bennett, 87

Bennett, 87, died Feb. 3, 2008, in Pampa. Services are

since 1934. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the 634th Tank Destroyer Division during World War ber of the Pampa Moose home; three daughters,

on Feb. 1, 1951, in Tucumcari, N.M. Troy worked as a boilermaker for Vaughn & Taylor for 35 years and worked for Nelson-Sikes Pipeline for 15

years. He was a member of the Boilermakers Local #531 in Amarillo, and was a mem-

Troy was preceded in death by a grandson, Justin King in 1994; four sisters, Lillian B. Owens, Evadean Herring, Nadean Morse and Bobbe Jo Moore; and three

brothers, twin brother Roy

C. Bennett, Boyd L. Bennett

and William Bennett. Survivors include his wife, Jean Bennett of the

Debbie Farrar and husband Larry of Southlake, Denise Pfutzenreuter and husband Howard of Austin, and Darla Hoskins of Thorndale; one brother, Jimmy Bennett of Northglenn, Colo.; five grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

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### Josie Helen Phillips, 89

Josie Helen Phillips, 89, a member of of Pampa died Feb. 3, 2008, in Pampa. Services are pendwith Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Phillips was born July 15, 1918, in Preston. She married Harold Phillips on Oct. 31, 1933, in Lark, Okla. He preceded her in death on June 21, 1998. Josie had been a resident of Pampa since 1975. She was loved

Fellowship Baptist Church. She was a homemaker enjoyed bowling for many years. Josie made lots of friends at church and her TOPS Club. She was very faithful and studying



**Phillips** 

Bible. Survivors include one son, Bill Phillips and wife Sandy of Kingston, Okla.; daughters, four

and reading her

Laura Vandever of Sue Mobeetie, Barns and husband Jimmy

of Bridgeport,

Obituaries

Barton and husband Donnie and Elizabeth Johnson and husband Jimmy, all of Pampa; two sisters, Nettie Mae Sanders and Inez Petty, both of Borger; 15 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-greatgrandchildren. -Sign the on-line regis-

ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

### William J. Potter, 87

William J. Potter, 87, of Pampa died Feb. 2, 2008, in Pampa. Services are pending Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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### **Emergency Services**

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, Feb. 2 Lenor Helfer, 25, of

Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by Pampa Police Department on a warrant for issuing a bad check. Sunday, Feb. 3

Jorge Garcia, 38, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Jayson Williams, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Brown by PPD on a bond surren der for criminal mischief.

### Pampa PD

Pampa Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 1
Thirteen traffic stops were made. A stop at the intersection of Barnes and Murphy streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 2800 block of Charles and the intersection of

Brown and Gray streets. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Love and Wilks streets, the 300 block of East Brown and the intersection of Huff Road and McCullough Avenue.

Animal control officers made stops concerning

animals in the 300 block of North Somerville, the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 700 block of West Wilks, the 1200 block of South Barnes, the 700 block of North Russell and the 2600 block of Duncan.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Welfare checks were made in the 800 block of South Barnes and the 300 block of South Houston.

Warrant service was attempted on two occa-

A missing person was reported in the police

department lobby. A suspicious vehicle

call was received from the 1300 block of Mary Ellen. A follow-up investigation in the 1300 block of Coffee resulted in at least

one arrest. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block

of North Somerville and the 300 block of Miami.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the inci-

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Campbell. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

One alarm was reported.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of Hamilton.

Theft was reported at The Shoe Department, 2733 Perryton Parkway. A pair of baby shoes valued at \$22.99 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

in the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

Saturday, Feb. 2 Forty-two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of North Davis and the 2700 block Rosewood.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of 25th Avenue and Perryton Parkway, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Information on reckless driving was received in the 500 block of Gillespie.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Wilks, the intersection

of 18th and Sumner streets, the 400 block of East Foster, the 1900 block of North Christy, the 1900 block of North Faulkner and the 600 block of Hazel.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of West Kentucky, the 2300 block of Alcock and County Road 9.

Lost property was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was made in the 600 block of North Christy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2000 block of Williston and the 1600 block of North Hobart. The incident in the 2000 block of Williston resulted in at least one arrest.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of Fisher.

A threat was reported in the police department

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne, the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets and the intersection of Evergreen and Mora streets.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Assault was reported in the police department

One building check was made.

One alarm was report-

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks. Taken were a Burglary was reported metal yard table and two metal yard chairs. Estimated value of loss is

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Finley.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Maple. Burglar bars on a window and a steel bar on a door were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

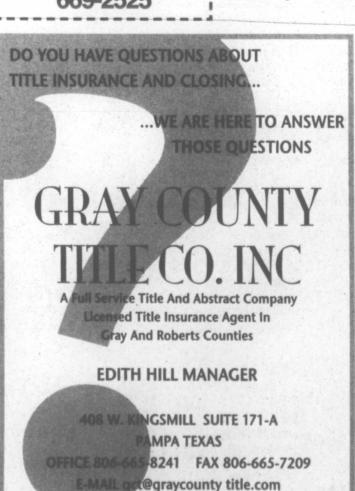
Sunday, Feb. 3 Fifteen traffic stops were made. Stops on two occasions in the 300 block of West Brown resulted in at least two arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the 100 block of North Dwight.

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### Authorities ask for help identifying boy found in trash

Monday made a passionate plea for help identifying a malnourished young boy whose withered body was found in an apartment complex trash bin nearly five years ago.

The boy, dubbed "Beloved Doe" and "Amado Angelito" (Beloved Little Angel), was wrapped in an afghan blanket inside a checkered red and white bag. He was wearing nothing but a disposable dia-

A maintenance worker at the complex found his body, but police have had no luck finding anyone who knew him. On Monday, the FBI joined the Houston Police Department and Crime Stoppers of Houston to urge anyone with information to come forward.

"This case has been unsolved for long enough," said Katherine Cabaniss, executive director of Crime Stoppers of Houston. "It's time for justice for Beloved Doe."

Officials are hoping renewed attention on the case, along with \$25,000 in reward money, will help solve the mystery. The FBI is offering a \$20,000 reward, and Crime Stoppers is offering \$5,000.

The investigation into the identity of the murdered 2-year-old girl dubbed "Baby Grace" brought renewed attention to this boy's death, said Houston Police Detective Rick Moreno. The girl's remains were found in October in a plastic box that had washed ashore in Galveston

She was later identified as Riley Ann

HOUSTON (AP) - Investigators on Sawyers, of Spring, and her mother and stepfather have been charged with capital murder in her beating death.

After a Houston Chronicle story about other unsolved child murders, police received several tips about women who may be Beloved Doe's mother or missing children who look like him, Moreno said. Investigators are running DNA tests to check on those leads.

An autopsy showed the boy died of dehydration and malnutrition and probably had been mistreated for at least six months to a year, Moreno said. However there were no other signs of abuse or

The child, believed to be a white male, possibly of Hispanic descent, might have had medical treatment. He had a surgical scar on the right side of his neck and two vertical scars on his abdomen, most likely from the insertion of a feeding tube, Moreno said.

He also had a small mole on his right forearm, close cropped hair, bushy eyebrows and his right ear was larger than his

A photo of the boy, the blanket and bag and other information is available on the FBI's Web site. Anyone with information is being asked to call the FBI's toll-free hot line, 1-888-324-4336, or Crime Stoppers at 713-222-8477.

"We know there's someone out there who knows what happened," Cabaniss said. "If you know who did it, it is your duty to call."

### Judge to hear arguments why BP plea deal should be rejected

months of debate, a federal judge was set to conduct a hearing Monday on a highly criticized guilty plea resulting from the federal government's probe of BP PLC's deadly 2005 plant explo-

U.S. District Judge Lee Rosenthal was originally set in November to accept the oil giant's guilty plea, which would require the company to pay a \$50 million fine and be on probation for three years for its role in the explosion.

But several attorneys for victims of the blast, which killed 15 people and injured more than 170 others, objected to the plea, calling the proposed fine "trivial." They also said the deal doesn't push to improve safety at the plant or fully detail BP's history of safety violations.

The judge agreed to let them voice their complaints and delayed her decision on whether to accept the plea.

Several relatives of workers killed in the accident as well as some injured workers have asked to speak against the plea during Monday's court hearing.

"I think this plea agreement stinks. Fifty million dollars is less than one month's worth of profit for

"I think it's the best job

any human being could

have," he said. "There are a

lot of beautiful ladies in this

cab, and they love to sing

and have a good time. Of

course, I'm a married man."

only tipped him but kissed

him on the cheek.

One time, a passenger not

"When I got home, my

HOUSTON (AP) — After , this one BP plant," Eva Rowe said at a news conference before the hearing. Her parents, James and Linda Rowe, were killed in the

> The plea agreement does not provide any incentive for BP to take action in order to prevent more deaths, said David Senko, a project manager for construction company JE Merit. Senko supervised 11 of the workers who

At the hearing, Rosenthal could do one of three things: accept the plea, reject it or order a presentence report, further prolonging the case.

Such reports are standard in criminal cases and offer a judge a wide range of information, such as a defendant's criminal history, that is used in determining a final sentence.

BP and the Department of Justice, who don't want such a report to be done, have defended the plea agreement, saying it's the harshest option available in assessing criminal punishment for the blast.

The fine and plea were part of an October agreement by BP to pay \$373 million to settle various criminal and civil charges.

In defending the plea agreement, BP has said it

wife saw the lipstick and

was mad at me," Loaiza

said. "But I told her, "This

The karaoke cabbie's

most requested songs: Van

Morrison's "Brown Eyed

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"Sweet

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has accepted responsibility for what happened, worked hard to improve safety at the plant and has fully cooperated with the criminal investigation.

BP has said it has paid more than \$1.6 billion to compensate victims.

The explosion at the plant, about 40 miles southeast of Houston, occurred after a piece of equipment called a blowdown drum overfilled with highly flammable liquid hydrocarbons.

The excess liquid and vapor hydrocarbons then were vented from the drum and ignited as the isomerization unit — a device that boosts the octane in gasoline started up. Alarms and gauges that were supposed to warn of the overfilled equipment did not work properly.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, one of several agencies that investigated the accident, found BP fostered bad management at the plant and that cost-cutting moves by BP were factors in the explosion.

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### Karaoke breaks traffic monotomy for Dallas passengers

easy entertaining seven women while negotiating a slowdown on Central Expressway, but Francisco Loaiza did his best.

As the proprietor and lone driver of the Karaoke Yellow Cab, Loaiza kept a hand on the wheel, a foot on the brake and an eye on the road, while taking photos with a digital camera, showing one of the passengers how to punch up a song on the keyboard of the microphone and sipping a cup of coffee. "It's called multitasking," he said.

During weekdays, Loaiza, 47, has the much less demanding job of ferrying Medicaid patients. But at night, chiefly on weekends, Loaiza's cab becomes a party on wheels, providing transportation before, after and during bachelorette parties, weddings, proms, concerts and simple nights on the town.

The ceiling of Loaiza's cab is decorated with silver compact discs and tubes of black and plasma lights. Under the seat is a flashing red police light, and on the floor by the driver is a Tech Magic Sing ED-11000 -"the best karaoke machine in the world," Loaiza said programmed with 3,600 songs in English and 1,600 in Spanish.

He uses the same cab for his Medicaid patients but says they don't use the karaoke machine.

"They're too old or they're sick," he said.

In either case, he charges only normal cab fare. But the tips are good.

"I drove a guy two blocks one time," Loaiza said, "and he tipped me \$70."

He does no advertising, but by relying on word of mouth and an occasional notice in the media or on the Web, Loaiza can have up to 15 runs a night. He usually books in advance.

"People call me up at the last minute and I say, 'I'm busy. It would take two hours before I could get to you," he said. "They say, 'That's all right. I'll wait two

Recently, Brandi Balfour booked the cab for an allwomen birthday celebration for her friend Angela Provenzano. The itinerary ran from a pre-party at the Phoenix apartments near

DALLAS (AP) — It isn't Mockingbird Station to the main event at the W Hotel's Ghostbar.

> For Loaiza, who has had fares last up to 10 hours, this was a short trip. It lasted pre-

> > "I think it's the best job any human being could have,

— Francisco Loaiza Cab driver

cisely long enough for "Holiday" by Madonna, "Gloria" by Laura Branigan and about two-thirds of "Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson plus a few seconds of a Christian rock song that was punched up by accident and left everyone momentarily befuddled.

Brandi and her friends sang all the way into town, with little time lost discussing song selection.

"I need an alto, not a soprano," one said.

Near the end of the ride, Provenzano leaned toward the driver's seat. 'Sir, you have the coolest

cab ever," she told Loaiza. It helps to stay on his

Loaiza keeps a VIP list on his cell phone for repeat customers and good tippers, but also a black list for someone who books a ride and doesn't show. A place on the VIP list can get you a booking on an otherwise busy night. If you're on the black list, you may never get a ride in the karaoke cab again unless you apologize, Loaiza said.

There are some downsides to the job.

"If you get a flat tire, the business shuts down," he said. In addition, while every

cab driver sees his share of drunks, Loaiza's passengers usually aren't on their way to a business meeting.

One woman was so drunk she curled up and fell asleep in the back of the cab, he recalled.

"We tried for 30 minutes to get her up, and finally a neighbor picked her up and pulled her out like a sack of potatoes," Loaiza said.

One time, he dropped off an intoxicated passenger and she walked off with his microphone. "I never did get it back," he said.

Still, he loves his work.

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# Viewpoints

## The end of one chapter in life, the beginning of another

In just a couple of days, one of the greatest chapters of my life will come to a close as I say good-bye to The Pampa News.

One year may not seem like a very long time to be employed at one particular business, but for this 20year-old, it's the secondlongest amount of time I've ever had a job, and it's by all means the best thing I've done with my life so far.

The experience I've gained is extraordinary, and the memories I've made in gaining that experience are priceless.

However, in an effort to give the college try another college try, I'm packing my things and moving to the big city of Amarillo to get settled there before attending school in the fall.

things about this job is basketball season. My very first game to cover, before I got hired for this job, was the boys' game against Amarillo Tascosa McNeely at Fieldhouse early December.

Tascosa, who was seen by many as the "better team," for whatever that's worth, was defeated by the Pampa Harvesters, 64-61.

The rest of that season was just as exciting for me, and so has this season.

As a person in my position, nothing beats standing near the court and taking pictures of an exciting Pampa Harvester basketball game on a Friday night.

All of the parents involved in this program have been great to visit with at these games and wonderful in By far one of my favorite helping me out, especially

with getting scores or photographs from the sub-varsity games, most of which I am unable to attend.

One of the most full-oflife teams I followed in my time here, and possibly in Pampa history was the 2007 Lady Harvester softball team.

They started out Jordan with a suc-Reagan cessful regular season, Sports but set out Editor to accom-

plish greater things as they entered into district competition.

A record of 10-0 in district was a goal they set early on in the season, and under the guidance of head coach Bobbi Gill, they accomplished that goal, seemingly without effort.

playoffs, and in Oklahoma City late in May, the Lady Harvesters were defeated by Denton Ryan, which is apparently where descendants of Richard Kiel go to raise their daughters.

Unfortunately, I won't be around the cover this team but year, I'm sure they'll give district 3-4A as well as

the entire

state a run for their money. I think my favorite times here in Pampa was the time I got to spend with my broth-

er, Payton. We didn't get to see as much of each other as I would have liked growing up during our teenage years, with different parents, but catching up on lost time with him has been some of the greatest times in my life.

Working as the Sports Editor of The Pampa News, I got to follow him around in a lot of his endeavors as a PHS athlete, and was there to capture all of his proud accomplishments as a team member and individual in track and football.

Of course, I would have attended his games regardless of whether or not it was my job to do so, and I would have cheered for him whether he would have been the worst player on the PHS chess team or the best lineman for the Pampa Harvester football team.

He's my brother and I love him, but I really hope I haven't been too obvious in

They went deep into the since both of us chose to live my bias towards him and his teammates in my writings.

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Soon, you'll be hearing from my replacement here at the News, Katherine Flanary she graduated from the school I tried to go to in the fall of '06, Abilene Christian University.

She's smart and funny, and will probably do a much better job than me, so Pampa Harvester parents and fans have something good to look forward to in the weeks to

My time here was well spent, but it's time for me to try college again, and hopefully, you'll see me on CNN one of these days.

Thanks for everything.

### Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 4, the 35th day of 2008. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 4, 1789, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States. (However, the results of the balloting were not counted in the U.S. Senate until two months later).

On this date:

In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1861, delegates from six southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America.

> No human creature can give orders to love."

> > George Sand French author

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games

at Lake Placid. In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway,

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into exis-

In 1945, President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston

Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta. In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka became an independent dominion within the British

Commonwealth. In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped

in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army In 1983, singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32.

In 1987, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, Calif., home at age 67.

Ten years ago: More than 2,300 people were killed when an earthquake hit northeast Afghanistan with a magnitude of 5.9, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Five years ago: President Bush visited the Johnson Space Center in Houston, where he led a tribute to the lost crew of the shuttle Columbia and rededicated the nation to space travel. A rare television interview with Saddam Hussein aired in which the Iraqi leader charged that U.S. claims of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons in his country were a pretext to seize Iraq's oil fields. Lawmakers formally dissolved Yugoslavia and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro. Opera

singer Jerome Hines died in New York at age 81. One year ago: The Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI, beating the Chicago Bears 29-17. Singer-actress Barbara McNair died in Los Angeles at age 72.



### Book identifies, defines Utopian neo-cons

If you wish to know how we got into the Iraq War, then read the new book by Jacob Heilbrunn. The title is "They Knew They Were Right: The Rise of the Neocons."

It's an excellent short history of the whole movement, with mini-biographies of the principal players.

It begins with the young Jewish neo-Jews in New York in the cons tend to 1920s enamored of Leon share that Trotsky, himself a Jewish intellectual and a rival of Josef Stalin, who later ordered Trotsky's murder in Mexico. For the first few decades, these young Jewish intellectuals, many of them stung by the snobbishness of the WASP (White Anglo-Saxon Protestant) establishment, were the intellectual firebrands of the political left.

with the left came in the 1960s, when the so-called New Left took up the cause of the Palestinians and began to criticize Israel. Most of the Jewish neocons are

fiercely attached to Israel, and Charley Reese Columnist passion.

This is the reason behind the cries of anti-Semitism you hear from the neocons, but if you don't understand the role of Israel in this movement, as well as the Jewish experiences of the movement's intellectual leaders, then the Iraq War, as well as the antipathy toward Iran, won't make any sense.

Heilbrunn, by the way, is Some peeled off as the not hostile to the neocons, crimes of Stalin began to though he doesn't shy away

leak out, but the big break from the facts that many of like the pox, and they are them would consider unflattering. The neocons are more than anything else elitists who think the common people are too stupid to make any decisions and therefore deserve to

be deceived whenever the elitists think appropriate. They are also aggres-

sive street fighters who don't hesitate to smear their opponents.

That is the source of the arrogance of intellectuals like Paul Wolfowitz, David Frum, Douglas Feith, Norman Podhoretz, the late Leo Strauss (a sort of German godfather to many of them), Richard Perle, William Kristol and others. They were spread throughout the Bush administration

still around and still influen-

tial. The author describes the movement this way: "It isn't about the left. It is about a mindset, one that has been decisively shaped by the Jewish immigrant experience, by the Holocaust, and by the twentieth-century struggle against totalitarianism. ... The neocons claim to be an intellectual movement with no ethnic component to speak of. But neoconservatism is as much a reflection of Jewish immigrant social resentments and status anxiety as a legitimate movement of ideas. Indeed, however much they may deny it, neoconservatism is in a decisive respect a Jewish phenomenon, reflecting a subset of Jewish concerns."

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### Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas: n Jan. 28

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on duty and death in the military:

The fact that federal law requires the secretary of veterans affairs to contact the family of a soldier killed in combat to collect an outstanding VA debt is incomprehensible to most Americans.

But it's just one more unforeseen consequence of calling U.S. military personnel back to duty after they've completed their tours and attempted to move on with their lives.

As Title 38 of the U.S. Code stands today, if a member of the armed forces dies - the specifics of the cause of Sept. 11, 2001.

death don't matter - and owes money to the VA, the secretary is required to contact the family for repayment.

Twenty-two families have been asked to pay mostly GI bill education debt from the estates of loved ones who died in combat or of a service-connected injury incurred in a combat zone.

Rightfully outraged by this development, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas last week filed the Combat Veterans Debt Elimination Act to remove the provision that requires the VA to seek collection of unpaid debt from the families of soldiers who die combat-related injuries. Hutchison, who has been joined by Sen. John Cornyn as a co-sponsor, is asking to make the law retroactive to

Hutchison's legislation applies to veterans' education benefits and does not apply to money owed the United States under housing and small-business benefit programs.

The Texas senators are pushing to bypass the usual legislative channels of assigning the bill to committee and waiting what can be a torturously long time before a bill comes to the full Senate for consideration.

Americans can help make this happen by contacting the Senate majority and minority leaders - Harry Reid and Mitch McConnell, respectively - about fast-tracking this bill to passage.

Regardless of one's support for or opposition to the wars in Afghanistan

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. I am 16 years old, have a good job and do well in school. I go to a Christian non-denominational church every Sunday and enjoy that, too. The problem is my pastor. "Reverend Ron" is 48, married, and has children and grandchildren. We have become attracted to each other and have secretly become a couple since last fall. Every Monday night, after I get off work, I go over to my church and meet Reverend Ron in his office where we have sex. We agreed to tell no one, so as not to shame ourselves or our families. Six weeks ago, I found out I was pregnant. I haven't told him yet, and we continue with our Monday night meetings. Abortion is not an option, but neither is shaming my family, much less the whole church. Abby, what do I do? -- IN TRUE LOVE IN WASHINGTON

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or or istan **DEAR IN TRUE LOVE:** The first thing you must do is tell your mother what you have told me. If there is any "shaming," it should not be directed at you, your family or your church. You are 16, idealistic and inexperienced. "Reverend Ron," however, is an adult who has literally abused his "sacred" trust to you, his congregation and his God. He had so little concern for your welfare that he didn't even use birth control. This is not how grown men show "true love." You cannot hide this secret forever. At some point the truth will be revealed. Tell your mother now, so responsible adults who love you can give you the support you so desperately need. If you're afraid to speak to your mother alone, then have a friend with you when you do it. The only thing you CANNOT do is remain silent.

**DEAR ABBY:** My family is protesting a request I have made regarding the birth of my first child. I would prefer that my husband and I be alone with our newborn for at least the first 24 hours after the baby is born. I would like to contact my family the day after to invite them to the hospital. Both our families can be very loud, as I witnessed firsthand last week when my sister-in-law had her first child. There were at least 20 relatives in her room after her Csection. It became so loud at one point that the nurse had to ask everyone to either leave the room or keep their voices at a moderate level. I also saw how overbearing my mother was with my sister when she had her son several years ago. Mom says I'm "taking this experience away" from her, but I don't think it's her experience. It's my husband's and my experience. I truly feel it will be more peaceful if it's just my husband, me and our baby that first day. My husband has agreed to go along with whatever I request, but I know he'd prefer his family be present. Your thoughts, please? -- NO VISITORS IN LOUISIANA

**DEAR NO VISITORS:** Your reasons for wanting peace, quiet, rest and time to recuperate are valid, and you should communicate them to your obstetrician and the nurses at the maternity ward -- just in case news of your labor and delivery "slips out" prematurely. While I understand your husband's wish to have his family present, unless he's willing to undergo the procedure in your place, he should not only respect your wishes but make sure they are carried out.

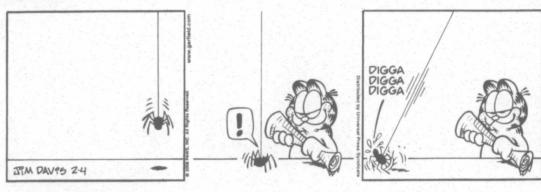
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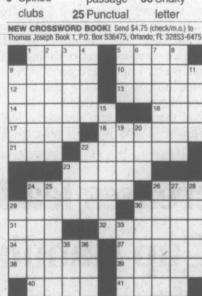
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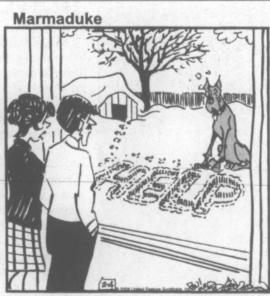
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"If we don't let him in soon we're going to have a rescue helicopter in our backyard."

#### The Family Circus THE FAMILY CIRCUS

2-4 "My snowman is standing in a hole."

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN ? LUCKY EDDIE, YOU DON'T DRINK, GAMBLE OR PARTY... MUL By Bil Keane

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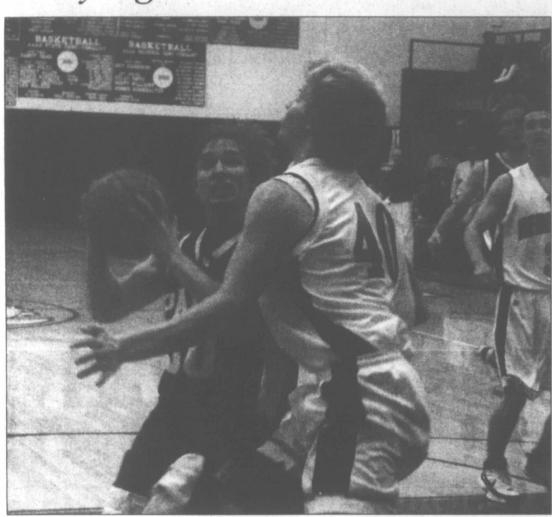




#### **Blondie**



### Friday Night



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

A Whiteface defender attempts to block a shot by Pampa junior Hayden Skinner during Friday night's game at Hereford. The Harvesters will play again Tuesday as they welcome the Randall Raiders to McNeely Fieldhouse in

## Manning leads Giant upset over Patriots at Super Bowl

- One perfect spiral and it was over for the New England Patriots. Forever, fans would remember who lost this Super Bowl, as much as who won.

Eli Manning looked every bit like his older brother, throwing that beautiful fade route. Plaxico Burress backed up his brazen prediction, catching the 13-yard touchdown pass with 35 seconds left.

And with that thunderbolt, the New York Giants became NFL champions Sunday night. With the crowd standing and roaring for the entire fourth quarter, they startled the heavily favored Patriots - and themselves, a bit with a 17-14 victory.

"Even when my parents were telling me, 'You're going to win,' I don't know if I believed them," said defensive end Michael Strahan, who postponed retirement in late August to try for this trophy.

The previously unbeaten their chance to win their

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) Pats? They finally felt the fourth title in seven seasons. pressure. Not from their gaudy record, but from the kind applied by the Giants' relentless pass rush.

"Tonight doesn't take away from anything we have done over the course of the season," New England quarterback Tom Brady said. "We had a great year. It's just unfortunate that tonight turned out the way it did.'

The 1972 Miami Dolphins didn't seem to mind too much. They're protective of their 17-0 mark that season and don't want anyone to match their unblemished record.

"The Patriots had a great season, but it shows just how difficult it is to go undefeated," said then-coach Don Shula, who was in attendance. "Our players and our fans feel that much more proud of our accomplishment."

Gone was the Patriots' chance to be the first team to finish 19-0. Also lost was

Instead, they found another way to be marked.

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While many Super Bowl losers simply are forgotten, a few are destined to be a part of NFL\*lore. Almost 40 years ago, the mighty Baltimore Colts fell victim to that other New York team and its poolside prognosticator, the Jets and Joe Namath.

"We had an opportunity to be special, and we let it slip away," Patriots defensive lineman Richard Seymour. "We came so close to being special. Now, we're second class."

Burress saw the Giants' third Super Bowl title com-

Last week, he predicted New York would win 23-17. That guess drew Brady's attention.

"We're only going to score 17 points?" he said then. "OK. Is Plax playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more

### Optimist boys basketball back in action, will continue tonight

Optimist boys basketball continued on Thursday and Friday night with three 3rd and 4th grade games and two 5th and 6th grade games.

Thursday's game's got started at 6 p.m. with the Great Plains Abstract and Title Buckeyes defeating the Douglas Paint and Body Tarheels 53 to 11.

Cade Engle's 14 points and eight

rebounds and 17 points led the way for the Buckeyes. David O'Rear led the charge for

the Tarheels with four points. In the 7 p.m. game Brandon Stokes tossed in 14 points to lead the Alvey Law Mavericks over the Clifton Supply Pistons 46 to 9.

High point for the Pistons was Alec Hendricks with three points. assist as well as Solon Wilson's 19 In the late game Bryson Burrell

scored 8 points for the Roden Oilfield Aggies who were defeated by the Fenton Motor Cowboys 34

Josh DeLoach set the pace for the Cowboys with 17 points.

The 6pm game on Friday saw the Willis Oilfield Nuggets come out on top over the Celtics by a score of 23 to 8.

Braxton Maul, Justin Velasquez,

Ceygan Jameson and J.C. Allen each had two points for the Celtics. Leading the way for the Nuggets

was Damon Walker with 16 points. The last game of the night featured the Embridge Longhorns defeating the Douglas Paint and

Body Tarheels by a score of 29 to

The Longhorns were lead by Cory and Bryce Chidester with

each dropping 12 points in the bas-

The Tarheels attack was led by Brendon Woelfle with eight points. The boys basketball season will continue on Monday Feb. 9 with

nine games scheduled for the week. The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.

### Little Dribblers



Photo by LENDI JACKSON

The Junior & Senior classes of Lefors High School sponsored a Little Dribblers tournament last weekend. Twenty-one teams with players aged Kindergarten through 4th grade competed. Pictured are the champions of the 3rd-4th grade boys division. The team is sponsored by 7H Cattle. Back: Coach Roy Lott, Jacob Gething (Lefors), Colten Thompson (Pampa), Kyndan Lott (Lefors), and Bryson Burrows (Pampa). Front: Jared Lake (Miami), Travus Zeek (Lefors), Adam Zuniga (Pampa), and Rhett Harden (Pampa).

# beats Mickelson in playoff at FBR Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — J.B. Holmes came back from the brink of defeat to win the FBR Open for the second time in three years, beating Phil Mickelson on the first hole of a playoff Sunday.

Holmes birdied the 18th twice in a matter of minutes, first with a 13-foot putt to force the playoff, then with an 8-footer after a monster, 359-yard drive.

"I can play under pressure, I guess," he said.

Holmes, whose victory as a rookie at the FBR in 2006 is his only other PGA Tour win, had blown a four-stroke lead and was one shot behind going in to the 18th. The far more seasoned Mickelson seemed destined for his third victory in the tournament and 33rd of his career.

But the 25-year-old Kentuckian smashed a 350-yard drive that landed near a fence far left of the fairway. He was given a drop, then hit his second shot out of the rough 13 feet from the pin to set up the putt that put him at 14-under 270 and forced the playoff with Mickelson.

Holmes' playoff tee shot went straight and deep down the fairway. He walked away from the drive like Barry Bonds after a home run.

"I smoked it," Holmes said. "I thought it went farther than

Holmes second shot came to rest just 8 feet from victory. "Starting the day, I would have gladly taken getting into a playoff," Mickelson said, "but I've got to give J.B. a lot of credit for birdieing the last hole and birdieing again to get in the playoff. That's pretty impressive golf."

Holmes was not intimidated going into a playoff against the second-ranked player in the world.

"I felt like I had the advantage," he said. "He'd been sitting in the clubhouse. I was loose. I was ready. The hole

### Mavericks have worst offensive game of season against Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Clank! we usually do," Pistons coach Flip The Detroit Pistons held Dallas to its worst game offensively this season and Rasheed Wallace backed up his talk with 21 points and nine rebounds in a 90-67 win Sunday.

The Mavericks had their lowest scoring game while making a season-low 30 percent of their shots.

Dallas missed 16 straight shots — spanning 8 1/2 minutes in the first and second quarters - leading to scoring a season-low 38 points and shooting a season-worst 29 percent in the first half.

"We were active and switched more than

Saunders said. "And, we threw a couple zones in." Dallas had a rough day at the other end of

the court, too. Wallace said the Pistons had to take advantage of the undersized Mavericks by

going inside, and he did. The bombastic center scored over Dirk Nowitzki on a fadeaway late in the third quarter as Detroit pulled away, and Wallace had more to say to the Mavericks.

"He can't guard me!" Wallace screamed toward Dallas' bench.

## **Bode Miller increases lead in** overall World Cup standings

favors me."

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) — Bode Miller was far from his best in the slalom portion of Sunday's World Cup super-combi, and that might be why the American won both the race and clinched the discipline title.

"I was at 40 percent in the slalom," Miller said after winning in a combined time of 2 minutes, 18.45 seconds. "I know that if I'm at 100 percent in the slalom, chances are that I won't finish."

The American skied the Face de Bellevarde downhill leg in 1:33.88 in the morning, 1.37 seconds faster than secondplace Didier Defago of Switzerland. Most of the slalom specialists trailed by more than a

"I've understood that when I'm at 100 percent in the downhill, it gives me more maneuvering room over my opponents," Miller said. "I can then adjust in the slalom."

Miller's 30th win on the World Cup circuit, and fifth this season, was enough to give him his third super-combi title with 410 points. He won the discipline in 2003 and

The win also increased Miller's lead in the

overall World Cup standings.

"There are still four or five guys who can win the overall title," said Miller, who won the top trophy in 2005.

#### **WORLD WAR II HISTORY**

## Death photo of famed WWII reporter, Ernie Pyle, surfaces

In 1944, his

columns for

Scripps-Howard

Newspapers earned

a Pulitzer Prize and

Hollywood made a

movie, "Ernie Pyle's

Story of G.I. Joe."

photograph is clad in Army fatigues, boots and helmet, lying on his back in peaceful repose, folded hands holding a military cap. Except for a thin trickle of blood from the corner of his mouth, he could be asleep.

But he is not asleep; he is dead. And this is not just another fallen GI; it is Ernie Pyle, the most celebrated war correspondent of World War II.

As far as can be determined, the photograph has never been published. Sixty-three years after Pyle was killed by the Japanese, it has surfaced — surprising historians, reminding a forgetful world of a humble correspondent who artfully and ardently

told the story of a war from the foxholes. "It's a striking and painful image, but Ernie Pyle wanted people to see and understand the sacrifices that soldiers had to make, so it's fitting, in a way, that this photo of his own death ... drives home the reality and the finality of that sacrifice," said James E. Tobin, a professor at Miami University of

Tobin, author of a 1997 biography, "Ernie Pyle's War," and Owen V. Johnson, an Indiana University professor who collects Pyle-related correspondence, said they had never seen the photo. The negative is long lost, and only a few prints are known to

"When I think about the real treasures of American history that we have," says Mark Foynes, director of the Wright Museum of World War II in Wolfeboro, N.H., "this picture is definitely in the ballpark.'

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"COMMAND POST, IE SHIMA, April 18 (AP) - Ernie Pyle, war correspondent beloved by his co-workers, GIs and generals alike, was killed by a Japanese machinegun bullet through his left temple this morn-

the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt six days didn't expect to survive.

NEW YORK (AP) — The figure in the earlier. Callers besieged newspaper switchboards. "Ernie is mourned by the Army," said soldier-artist Bill Mauldin, whose droll, irreverent GI cartoons had made him nearly as famous as Pyle.

He was right; even amid heavy fighting, Pyle's death was a prime topic among the

"If I had not been there to see it, I would have taken with a grain of salt any report that the GI was taking Ernie Pyle's death 'hard,' but that is the only word that best

describes the universal reaction out here," Army photographer Alexander Roberts wrote to Lee Miller, a friend of Ernie and his first biographer.

But Ernie Pyle was not just any reporter. He was a household name during World War II and for years afterward. From 1941 until his death, Pyle riveted the nation with personal, straight-from-the-heart tales about hometown soldiers in history's greatest

In 1944, his columns for Scripps-Howard Newspapers earned a Pulitzer Prize and Hollywood made a movie, "Ernie Pyle's Story of G.I. Joe," starring Burgess Meredith as the slender, balding 44-year-

Typically self-effacing, Pyle insisted the film include fellow war correspondents playing themselves. But he was killed before it was released.

In April 1945, the one-time Indiana farm boy had just arrived in the Pacific after four years of covering combat in North Africa, Italy and France. With Germany on the verge of surrender, he wanted to see the war The news stunned a nation still mourning to its end, but confided to colleagues that he

At Okinawa he found U.S. forces battling entrenched Japanese defenders while "kamikaze" suicide pilots wreaked carnage on the Allied fleet offshore.

On April 16, the Army's 77th Infantry Division landed on Ie Shima, a small island off Okinawa, to capture an airfield. Although a sideshow to the main battle, it was "warfare in its worst form," photographer Roberts wrote later. "Not one Japanese soldier surrendered, he killed until he was

> On the third morning, a jeep carrying Pyle and three officers came under fire from a hidden machine gun. All scrambled for cover in roadside ditches, but when Pyle raised his head, a .30 caliber bullet caught him in the left temple, killing him instant-Roberts and two other pho-

tographers, including AP's Grant MacDonald, were at a command post 300 yards away when Col. Joseph Coolidge, who had been with Pyle in the jeep, reported what happened. Roberts went to the scene, and despite

continuing enemy fire, crept forward — a "laborious, dirt-eating crawl," he later called it — to record the scene with his Speed Graphic camera. His risky act earned Roberts a Bronze Star medal for valor.

Pyle was first buried among soldiers on Ie Shima. In 1949 his body was moved to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl Crater, near Honolulu.

Roberts' photograph, however, was never seen by the public. He told Miller the War Department had withheld it "out of deference" to Ernie's ailing widow, Jerry.

"It was so peaceful a death ... that I felt its reproduction would not be in bad taste," he said, "but there probably would be another school of thought on this.'

Eight military museums and history centers queried by AP said the negative and photo were unknown to them. This included the National Archives & Records Administration, the most likely repository.

"Considering all the photo research done on World War II, and thousands of letters requesting information about our holdings, my guess is it would have been 'discovered' by a researcher or staff member by now," said Edward McCarter, NARA's top stillphotos archivist.

Prints taken from Roberts' negative at the time of Pyle's death "would appear to be the only record that the photo was actually made," McCarter said.

At least two such prints were kept as souvenirs by veterans who served aboard USS Panamint, a Navy communications ship in the Okinawa campaign. Although the two men never met, they came by the photo in similar ways, and both later recognized its importance to posterity.

Retired naval officer Richard Strasser, 88, of Goshen, Ind., who recalls Pyle visiting the ship just before he was killed, said a friend named George, who ran the ship's darkroom, gave him a packet of pictures after Japan surrendered in August 1945.

Months later, back in civilian life, Strasser finally opened the envelope. "I was surprised to find a picture of Ernie Pyle," he said. "At the time, Ernie's widow was still alive and I considered sending the photo to her, but had mixed feelings about it. In the end I did nothing.

Strasser recently provided his photo — a still-pristine contact print from the 4-by-5inch negative - to the AP. He since has made it available to the Newseum, a \$435 million news museum scheduled to open in Washington this year.

### Please call or write with story ideas for The Pampa News. P.O. Box 2198 669-2525

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb.

You are full of energy, but you could find

yourself barking up the wrong tree.

Impulsiveness is a no-no this year. You

easily could get into a situation you

would prefer not to be in. Your career

might be subject to some unanticipated

changes that could point you in a new

direction. Men might experience an identity crisis, whereas women might notice

the men in their lives heading in a new

direction. Sometimes the transformation

you see in your life might stun you, but

in the long run it allows better into your

life. If you are single, it is quite likely

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reported in the 900 block of Barnard.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 900 block of East Frederic, the 700 block of West Wilks, the 700 block of North Russell, the 2600 block of Duncan, the 500 block of West Crawford, the intersection of Randy Matson and Faulkner streets and the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Alcock and the 500 block of Gillespie.

A civil matter was reported in the police department

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Sumner, the 500 block of South Russell, the 600 block of West Crawford, the intersection of Crawford and Somerville streets, the 2100 block of Coffee, the intersection of Starkweather and Kingsmill

streets, the 100 block of East Foster, the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of 18th and Banks streets and the 1500 block of North Duncan.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171 and the 700 block of Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of West Foster.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of South Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of Rosewood. The incident was verbal only.

the 1300 block of North Hobart. One open door was

Assault was reported in

checked. Monday, Feb. 4 Six traffic stops were

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section of. Kentucky and Banks streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 2

10:43 a.m. — One unit three personnel and responded to the 2200 block of North Wells on a first responder call.

4:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of East Frederic on a Life Star stand-by.

5:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a first responder

Sunday, Feb. 3

4:01 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Highway 152 West and County Rd. 3 on a grass fire.

5:04 p.m. — One unit and section of Brown and Love two personnel responded to the Gray/Roberts County Line, five miles north of Pampa on Highway 70, on a

grass fire. 6:34 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to County Rd. K and County Rd. 6 for mutual aid on a

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Feb. 2

10:41 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 2200 block of North Wells, but no transport was made.

2:13 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:46 p.m. — A MICU responded to FM 1474 and transported one patient to Lifestar for transport.

5:24 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:31 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported one patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Feb. 3 12:19 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported one patient to PRMC.

1:31 a.m. — A MICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to the 1200 block of Garland.

1:59 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 1900 block of North Hobart and transported one patient to PRMC.

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grass fire.

and Iraq, it's hard to fathom any American thinking it's appropriate to add to the burdens of an already grieving family by asking for reimbursement on a VA loan.

Mark them "Paid in full." It is the nation that owes these families for the price they paid. http://www.star-

telegram.com

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I think you will find the book both entertaining and enlightening. My problem with the neocons is their elitism and their disdain for the democratic process. They are utopians, and utopians, while pursuing an impossible goal, nevertheless cause a great deal of harm. The Iraq War is a good example. The idea that Iraq could be transformed into a liberal democracy was utopian. As you can see, there is no utopia in Iraq, but the bodies and lost treasure are piled high.

The neocons believe that the U.S.

is all-powerful and therefore has a duty to use its power to shape the world to their liking. Their first mistake is to believe we are all-powerful. That's understandable, because almost without exception they are academics and journalists. They don't understand military power and its limits. Their second mistake is to believe we can shape the world. They are about 50 years too late to

attempt that bit of utopian nonsense. All nations have elites, and all need them. The problems arise when the elites are corrupted, either by money or by utopian ideas. Utopians are always wrong and should never be let near power. They'll use it to

cause misery and failure. -Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

#### your status will change. Of course, you will need to be open to a committed relationship. If you are attached, your relationship could evolve to a more interesting level. AQUARIUS is a soul mate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

4-Positive;

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* You might want to rethink a development more, especially if it involves a group of people, a meeting or a key desire. Time is your ally; use it. If you honor potential changes, you might not move ahead. Tonight: Hook up with a friend via telephone or in person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\* Your actions might surprise you, if not others. Listen to feedback you are getting. You might find a situation very different if you pull back and give yourself some time. Many responsibilities could be yours. Tonight: Step up to the

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* Look to the long term. You might want to attempt a different style or approach. Gather as much information as humanly possible. You could be overwhelmed right now. Look to new ideas. Tonight: Listen to a favorite piece of

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Work with individuals rather than groups. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on. Try a different approach if someone isn't revealing what is going on with him or her. Tonight: Make time for a special friend or loved

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You might want to take a leap of faith and trust someone you just met. Look at all the ramifications of a situation or investigate alternatives that surround a partner and important friends. Listen rather than determine. Tonight:

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Plunge into work, and you'll get a lot done more quickly than you thought possible. Listen to someone who has a lot to share. Investigate possibilities with openness. You might be surprised by what heads down your path. Tonight: Relax and put your best foot forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Your imagination could go a bit wild. Don't allow it to take you down the wrong path - you might not like the negative ramifications. Investigate and brainstorm, knowing there is certainly another way. Tonight: Fun and games. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* If you don't feel like making a move or doing anything out of the ordinary, make that OK. You could be under unusual pressure. Give yourself a few days, and you will be much happier. Think positively. Tonight: Stay close to

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind and share

share. Stall. Know that much could change in the next few days. Remain optimistic. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Speak your mind and share more of what you think and feel. Sometimes you easily become overwhelmed by everything that you have to handle. Though a financial matter will be

your ideas. You could be overwhelmed

by what drops in your lap or what people

to decide. Tonight: Pay bills. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You are full of fun and liveliness. Others have a lot to share. Think in terms of gains or quick changes. You will see that much occurs in the next few days. Simply relax and go with the moment. Tonight: Focus on what you

on your mind, now might not be the time

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Slow down and take your time. You might make a quick decision or be impulsive - neither of which will feel right ultimately. Lie back. Be ready to play the role of an observer for the next few days. Take some time for yourself, walk or go to the gym. Tonight: Early to

**BORN TODAY** Slugger Henry "Hank" Aaron (1934), Catholic priest Andrew Greeley (1928), actor, comedian Red Buttons (1919)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

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