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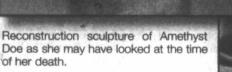
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# PAMPA NEWS

## Do you know Amethyst Doe?



Rangers ask help solving cold case

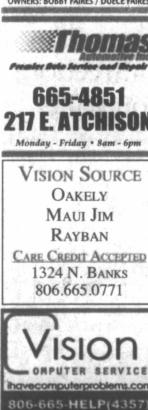


Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland, left, and Texas Ranger Jay Foster confer at the Texas Department of Public Safety offices in Amarillo on a 10-year-old unsolved murder.

ple stones that looked like ame- Foster said, "and the body still tioned about the woman found ysts," said David Solis with has not been identified the Texas Department of Safety in Amarillo. "The birthstone for February."

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#### BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

AMARILLO - Texas Rangers have come up with a new composite drawing of an unidentified woman found a decade ago along Interstate 40 near McLean.

Dubbed "Amethyst Doe" for rings she was wearing, the woman's sketch was released this by Texas Ranger Jay Foster.

"The woman was discovered with two rings containing pur-

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said that the case was very difficult.

Foster, who works out of Childress, said that he and Texas Ranger Bart Bivens of Pampa continued to work on the case. In 1999, Foster was working out of Dumas, but Bivens hadn't arrived in Pampa yet.

"We're past the 10 years mark,"

He said the investigation has

had some hurtles to overcome. "The biggest one has been with the investigation of the victim," Foster said.

They thought they had a break a few years ago when an Oklahoma truck driver was arrested in connection with a series of killings along Interstate 40, but Foster there were differences said between the death of Amethyst Doe and the other deaths.

Foster said the man was ques-

Amethyst Doe was found on Aug. 12, 1999, near I-40 exit 141 at McLean, by a worker mowing grass on the highway right-ofway. Officers theorize that her badly decomposed body had been lying there for about a week.

"It appears that the last five or ten years of her life was rough," Foster said. "She probably did not have a lot of medical atten-

COLD CASE cont. on page 3

## Early voting ends Friday

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Texans wanting to cast ballots early for next week's primary elections face a Friday deadline.

The Democratic and Republican primaries are Tuesday. The Texas secretary of state's office says early voting began Feb. 16.

A registered voter in Texas may go to any early voting location in his or her county of registration to cast a ballot. In Gray County, that is the first floor of the Gray County courthouse, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Primary is March 2. Election day is Nov. 2.

#### Texas to benefit from broadband funding

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Communities in eastern New Mexico and West Texas will see expanded broadband Internet access thanks to an investment of more than \$11 million by the federal government.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke says the Recovery Act funding will help bridge the technological divide, boost economic growth and improve education and health care in the region.

State and federal officials say the funding will bring high-speed Internet access to more than 200 community institutions throughout the region, including schools, public safety organizations, health care facilities and government offices. FUNDING cont. on page 3

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## 3 GOP gov hopefuls make pitch together

HOUSTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison called herself the reformer. Activist Debra Medina said she was David to her opponents' Goliath. Gov. Rick Perry touted himself as the protector from Washington's evils and incompetence.

The three Republican candidates for Texas governor made individual pitches to more than 500 GOP supporters at a soldout annual Lincoln-Reagan Day dinner Wednesday night.

The event hosted by the Harris County Republican Party less than a week before the March 2 primary marked the first time the trio was together at the same venue since their second televised debate a month ago in Dallas.

Appearing before the group in alphabetical order, the candidates broke little new ground.

Hutchison warned of

tough economic times looming and said that as governor, she would improve education, work to unclog highways and deal with property taxes she said were skyrocketing along with out-of-control state spending.

"Only a new governor is going to take the approach to deal with these issues and make sure we just don't go through the status quo," said Hutchison, who also renewed calls for term limits for governor and improved ethical standards in government.

Medina stuck by her campaign themes - supporting gun and property rights and eliminating property taxes - and tried to separate herself from her two rivals.

"Many of us have been under the misnomer this is a three-way race," she said. "Really it's not. It's a race between a conservative grass-roots Republican

activist and two big-government incumbents.

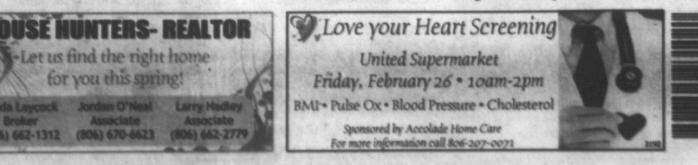
She said Washington has been allowed to "run willy nilly" and that Perry leading Texas "right into a ditch.

'Will you have the courage to do something different?" she asked. "Freedom hangs in the balance."

Incumbent Perry, who received the loudest ovation, thanked Harris County party organizers for arranging "a very intriguing evening," then gave a version of his stump speech that blames Washington for the nation's ills and hails Texas as the nation's best economy.

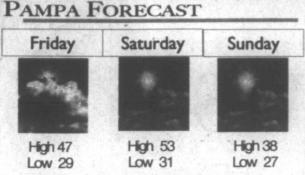
He said Washington should stop "trying to be all things to all people" and focus on responsibilities such as securing the border, delivering the mail and keeping an excellent military.

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## For the record



Tonight: A slight chance of rain before 9 pm, then a slight chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between 15 and 25 early. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. North wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of rain before 2 am, then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. South southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday: A chance of snow before 10 am, then a chance of rain and snow between 10 am and 11 am, then a chance of rain after 11 am. Cloudy, with a high near 38. East southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 27. East northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Some officers can be Texas DPS troopers in 8 weeks

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The Department of Public Safety has 400 vacancies and is offering experienced law officers a chance to become troopers in just two months, the agency announced Thursday.

Previously, experienced law officers had to join rookies to complete the regular training course that was nearly seven months long. The eight-week trooper school, for current Texas and eligible out-of-state law officers, is a first in the 75-year history of the DPS, the agency said in a statement.

"There are a lot of agencies competing for a very small pool of applicants. We need to take some very dramatic action to help beef up our ranks," DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange told The Associated Press.

The application deadline is March 31 and the first advanced recruit school will begin May 16. Qualified applicants will be allowed to select where they want to serve.

DPS has about 3,400 commissioned employees, according to Mange, including troopers, Texas Rangers and criminal investigators. The highway patrol has about 2,400 troopers, she said.

DPS this month announced it was cutting the regular trooper training period from 27 to 18 weeks, to attract more recruits and save money.

While attending the advance school, officers will earn about \$2,982 a month, DPS said. Upon graduation, the pay jumps to \$3,258 a month. The monthly salary increases to \$3,935 after one year with DPS.

Troopers who speak Spanish, have college degrees and higher law enforcement certifications are eligible for higher pay.

### Roll of dice in Sealy decides winner

SEALY, Texas (AP) - A roll of the dice put Mark Stolarski on the city council in Sealy.

The tiebreaker came Wednesday in city council chambers.

Wyn McCready and Stolarski tied in a runoff Saturday for the Place 1 position. Both had been the highest votegetters on Jan. 16 in the five-person race. Texas election law calls for lots to be cast if a runoff

election is tied. Dice were used in Sealy, with the winner rolling the highest number.

Sealy is a city of about 6,700, located 50 miles west of

Shortly after the crash, authorities found a rambling manifesto from Stack in which he described a longsmoldering dispute with the IRS and a hatred of the government. The family's accountant has confirmed that the Stacks were in the middle of an audit for reportedly failing to report income.

IRS employee Vernon Hunter, 68, was also killed in the crash. On Monday his family sued widow Sheryl Stack, to determine if her husband had insurance policies or other assets, according to Hunter attorney Daniel Ross. Services for Hunter were set for Friday.

Neighbors have set up a Web site seeking financial assistance for Sheryl Stack and her daughter, 12.

This site was set up by neighbors of the Stacks in the Scofield Farms neighborhood in Austin, Texas. It is intended to help support Sheryl and her daughter in their time of need," according to a message Tuesday on the Web site.

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - An internal investigation has determined that a Fort Worth police officer was drinking on duty before crashing a city vehicle and killing a mother of two.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram cited documents filed with the Civil Service Commission over the December incident

The review found that Officer Jesus Cisneros drove to three bars and drank up to three beers in an unauthorized undercover detail before going off duty, drinking more and colliding with a vehicle driven by Sonia Baker.

The narcotics officer, charged with intoxication manslaughter, remains free on bail.

Cisneros resigned Dec. 21. Police on Feb. 18 took the additional step of suspending him indefinitely so the allegations would be included in his civil service record. Cisneros attorney Jim Lane did not immediately comment.

Baker family attorney Mike Freden says the actions of Cisneros were "sickening."

### Paducah basketball coach convicted

Cottle County - Former Paducah high school basketball coach Charles Willison, 40, pled guilty Feb. 18 to Improper Relationship between educator and student, a second degree felony. Willison received a sentence of 10 years deferred adjudication and a fine of \$5,000. As part of his probation, he can have no contact with

the student in question for six months. Willison also permanently surrendered his teaching license.

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## Contractor linked to Iraq death loses \$25 million in fees

WASHINGTON (AP) -Military contractor KBR has lost about \$25 million in bonuses from the government because of "failed" worked done in Iraq during the time a Green Beret was electrocuted in a barracks shower it was responsible for maintaining.

The U.S. Army Sustainment Command said in a statement released to The Associated Press Wednesday night that the Houston-based company failed to meet a level deserving of an award fee payment for work it did during the first four months of 2008. Award fees are written into contracts as an incentive for the contractors to do quality work.

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not specifically mention the January 2008 death of 24-year-old Staff Sgt. Ryan Maseth of Pittsburgh in the statement but said a task force that has extensively reviewed electrical work in Iraq was consulted in making the decision as was the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command, which investigated Maseth's death, but did not press charges against KBR. Dan Carlson, a spokes-

man for the Army Sustainment Command, said in an e-mail that "multiple factors" led to the decision.

Investigators said in August there was "insufficient evidence to prove or disprove" that anyone was criminally culpable in Maseth's death.

The uproar over Maseth's death triggered a review of 17 other electrocution deaths in Iraq and widespread inspections of electrical work in Iraq, much of which was performed by KBR. Maseth's family has a pending lawsuit in federal court against KBR. Heather Browne, a

company spokeswoman, declined to comment.

The company disclosed the loss of the award fees in a filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission. It said it also expects to lose an additional \$112 million in award fees from the gov-ernment for the period of May to December 2008. It said it expects to lose the money based on information from a contracting official who said he "based his decision on information

## 35 years for shoeless robber in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A thief who tried to avoid identification by going shoeless during some Fort Worth-area holdups must serve 35 years in prison.

Detectives say 21-year-old Johnny Lee Britt thought he could elude police by not leaving shoe prints.

Prosecutor Lisa Callaghan says "somebody had been watching too much CSI.'

Britt pleaded guilty and was sentenced Wednesday over six aggravated robberies during 2008.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday that masked robbers shed their shoes and opted for white crew socks during some of the crimes.

Nobody was hurt during the robberies that mainly targeted restaurants and retail stores.

Callaghan, who referred to the CBS television show "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," says the shoeless aspect was the connecting factor in some cases.

She declined to provide more details on how Britt was identified, since a co-defendant awaits trial.

#### Arson caused fire at suicide pilot's house

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Arson was the official cause of the fire that destroyed the house belonging to the man who flew his plane into an office building, Austin fire officials said Thursday.

Austin Fire Department spokesman Andre de la Reza said investigators determined the Feb. 18 blaze at Joseph Stack's home was intentionally set. Authorities previously have said they believed he started the blaze, drove to a nearby airport and then piloted the suicide flight into the complex that houses offices of the Internal Revenue jobs.

### Pitch

"One out of three ain't good enough," he said. "The fact of the matter is until you get our border secure and deliver the mail on time, please don't start telling us how to do everything else."

Perry said he hoped he had earned Texans' confidence

"Together we can keep our beloved state moving forward as the No. 1 state in America," he said.

Perry, seeking a third full four-year term and already the state's longest-serving governor, held a double-digit lead over Hutchison - 45 percent to 29 percent - in a poll released two weeks ago by five major Texas ewspapers. Medina had 17 percent in the same

poll, which was taken before she made comments refusing to dismiss theories that the federal government was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. She later revised her remarks but appeared to damage her election bid.

Perry and Medina both have campaigned against Washington politi-cians. Hutchison is in her third term as a senator.

Hutchison acknowledged this week that Perry's criticism appears to have struck a chord among voters angry with the federal government and bailouts approved by Congress.

ther planned or coincidental, Hutchison didn't arrive at a VIP reception preceding the event at a Houston Galleria-area hotel until a

Willison's arrest earlier this month. He resigned from the Paducah Independent School District after the allegations came to light.

#### Man hopes for freedom after hearing on knife

PARIS, Texas (AP) — A Texas man who's spent the past eight years in prison is asking a judge for a finding of innocence or a new trial.

Danny Holloway is scheduled to appear in court Thursday in Paris, about 90 miles northeast of Dallas. He was sentenced to 20 years after his 2002 conviction for manslaughter with a deadly weapon in the stabbing of a woman during a bar brawl.

However, a DNA test last year showed blood on the suspected murder weapon didn't belong to the victim. Holloway maintains he's innocent and says someone else stabbed the woman during the fight.

Lamar County District Attorney Gary Young opposes Holloway's efforts, saying he believes the 37-year-old is guilty.

Texas leads the way in DNA exonerations, but Young says there has never been one in Lamar County.

#### Facebook creating office in Austin, 200 jobs.

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Texas will invest \$1.4 million as the social networking service Facebook plans to set up a sales and operations office in Austin.

Gov. Rick Perry on Thursday announced the financing through the Texas Enterprise Fund, which is used to attract businesses to the state.

The investment is expected to help create about 200

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few minutes after Perry left the room. Medina and Perry were back-to-back at one point, but didn't acknowledge one another. The three were seated far apart at a long table in the center of the hotel ballroom during dinner,

separated by numerous people. Whoever tops the March 2 ballot-ing will need 50 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff a month later. In November, the GOP nominee will face the winner of the seven-person Democratic primary that includes former Houston Mayor Bill White and Houston hair care executive Farouk Shami as the party's bestfunded candidates.

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## New Altrusa member



Breanne Schwiegerath, center, received new member initiation at the Altrusa meeting on February 23. Sponsors were Allison Watson, left and Sheila Winton, right.

## **ICEQ** approves refinery. permit, no Houston hearing

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has renewed the 10-year air pollution permit for the largest refinery in the Houston area.

Houston leaders sought a public hearing before the permit was renewed Wednesday for chemical giant LyondellBasell

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Industries. TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw and Commissioner Carlos Rubinstein said they voted to grant the permit, without a hearing, because the company is not seeking an increase in emissions.

Houston Mayor Annise Parker says the city is considering its options, including asking the TCEQ to

reconsider the plea for a hearing.

LyondellBasell says its renewal application complied with the existing permit, plus the draft permit calls for a 31 percent reduction in benzene emissions over the previous annual cap.

## Cold case

tion in the last five to ten years."

Solis said foul play has never been ruled out. Foster declined to give the cause of death, saying that it would be used to

corroborate any statements in the future. "We suspect foul play, Foster said.

She is thought to be between 33 and 45 and weigh between 130 and 150 pounds. Law enforcement officers think she was between 5-feet-2 and 5-feet-8.

"It is possible the woman is actually from a state in the direct vicinity around Texas," said Texas Ranger Chief Tony Leal. "Identifying her could help us ascertain how she died and perhaps bring closure or provide answers for loved one.'

Foster said that one of the woman's legs was shorter than the other and that she had a child or children. Her right leg was deformed, and she'd had surgery that fused her right ankle. Foster said the surgery might have been performed when she was a child. Her left shoulder had a healed fracture.

Officers think the surgery on her left and foot was performed in the late 1970s or early 1980s.

"It would have been a pretty sophisticated surgery at the time and probably would have occurred in a larger city," Foster said.

She was large breasted and wore her brownish-red hair in a medium length cut.

Amethyst Doe was wearing a dark blue tank top, blue denim shorts and Reebok tennis shoes with an insert to correct for a limp

"We do not believe she is from this area," Foster said.

He said law enforcement

officers have been through lists of people in this area. that have been reported missing.

"We've not had any matches," he said. "She's pretty unique in the sense that her right leg was deformed. She was also missing her bottom four front teeth."

It appeared that she had not had any dental care for quite some time.

Foster said she appeared to have been traveling from the west to the east from where they found her body. "We do not have any idea

exactly what part of the United States she's from," Foster said.

He said the Texas Rangers have her DNA on file, and they can match that to a family free of charge.

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ing relative could be used to identify the woman. Anyone with a blood relative missing since 1999 or before, whose situation aligns even slightly with this case, is urged to call the Texas Rangers.

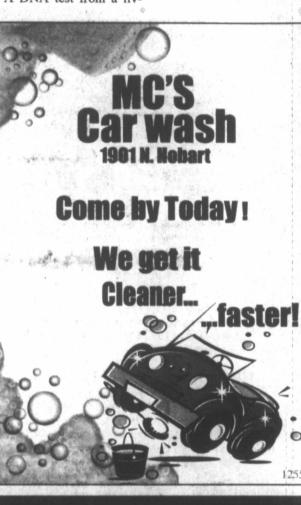
In addition to the Texas Rangers, there is an Interstate 40 Task Force out of Oklahoma City that deals with unsolved homicides along I-40.

"The case has been submitted to them," Foster said.

The woman's fingerprints have compared to every fingerprint database in the country, Foster said.

"Leads have been followed up from several states," he said, "but there are none that I would deem real credible."

A DNA test from a liv-







DEAR ABBY: children, 7 and 9. About Abby am I ow a year ago, my 41-yearold husband befriended an 11-year-old neighbor girl, "Lacey." Lacey is charming, friendly and plays DEAR WORRIED: I with my children. I like her and her famdon't think you're overily, but I'm bothered that reacting in light of the fact she and my husband have that other adults are picka relationship that seems ing up on the "vibes" and questionable to me and making comments. I find his friends. Lacey texts it of concern that Lacey doesn't have playmates him daily, to which he quickly responds. They her own age. It appears she has a crush on your have conversations in our driveway, and they text husband, and he finds it each other constantly at flattering and is encouragneighborhood socials even ing her. though they're in the same While the conversaroom. tions in the driveway may I have told my husband be completely innocent, I am concerned and that it the idea that they are texmay be an unhealthy relating each other makes tionship, but he becomes me uncomfortable. My angry and insulted and advice is to have a frank says it's an innocent talk with Lacey's mother friendship. Others have and express your concerns, also voiced their concerns because while what's to him because they see going on may be innocent, the same things I do. On it is not appropriate. The the other hand, her parolder male figure in her ents think the friendship is life should be her father. innocent.

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mother recently passed away. She and Dad were married 52 happy years. Over the years, Mom received a few Christmas cards from "Linda," my brother's girlfriend 30 years ago.

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Dad found Linda's address and let her know about Mom's passing. Now he says he and Linda have become good friends. Dad says they're "only friends" and Linda is someone he can talk to. We are very upset about whatever relationship they have. My brother and I and our children want to be the ones to comfort Dad and be comforted by him. It has been only two months

since Mom's death. He talks to Linda about everything. They have even discussed the details of Mom's grave marker. Linda says Dad is the father she never had. (Her father is still living.) I confronted Dad about it, and we had a huge argument. Are we wrong and insensitive for disapproving of his closeness with

this woman? -- FALLING APART IN TEXAS

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FALLING DEAR APART: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. You and your brother and children may want to be the ones to comfort your father (and be comforted by him), but what he may feel he needs right now is someone he can talk to who is not emotionally involved and

doesn't need comforting. You didn't do anything wrong, but please remember that you are all grieving right now, and when people are grieving, their emotions are raw. This situation will work itself out in time, but until it does, lease remember that your father can talk to whomever he pleases.

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"PUBLIC SERVICE IS A PUBLIC TRUST. Service as a judge is a public trust. I work hard in all my judicial positions to earn and to honor the trust placed in me by the people of Gray County, the Texas Panhandle and the State of Texas. I work hard to ensure all cases in my court are handled with importance and resolved timely with fairness; justice, dignity, and integrity."

- Child Protection Court Judge/Associate Judge Ninth Administrative Judicial Region 2002 - Present - hearing child abuse and neglect cases in 7 District Courts (including the 223rd District Court) in 20 Counties (including Gray County) in the **Texas Panhandle**
- · Chair, Legal Education Subcommittee, State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect
- · Course Director/Moderator/Speaker, Child Abuse and Neglect Track Workshop, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course, 2009 and 2010
- · Co-Chair, Child Protection Court Advisory Group, Texas Office of Court Administration
- Municipal Court Judge, City of Pampa 1981 1986; 1993 2002
- · Licensed: Supreme Court of Texas/State Bar of Texas, United States Supreme Court, United States District Courts and Bankruptcy Courts - Northern District of Texas and Western District of Oklahoma
- Private practice of law 1975 to 2002 with extensive experience in legal matters dealing with real estate, oil & gas, contracts, creditors' rights, probate, estate planning, wills, trusts, criminal, family law, appellate, complex commercial transactions, corporations, limited liabilities, companies, limited partnerships, business organizations and civil litigation
- Prosecutor, City of Pampa 1976 1981
- · Served Pampa Schools/Pampa's Children on School Board for 8 years (2 years as President)
- · Active member of First United Methodist Church, Pampa, for over 34 years including Lay Preacher and Sunday School Teacher
- · Married to wife Gladys for over 34 years with two sons both graduates of Pampa High School - Keith (diagnosed with form of Autism) graduated in 1998 lives at home and Stephen graduated 2000 with a 4.0 grade point, former Pampa Harvester Basketball player, Teacher/Coach at West **Texas High, Stinnett**

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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2010. There are 309 days left in the year.

#### Highlights in history on this date:

1545 - Scots defeat English forces at Ancrum Moor.

1570 - England's Queen Elizabeth I is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.

1601 - England's Earl of Essex, former favorite of Queen Elizabeth I, is executed for treason after his attempt to start a rebellion fails.

1713 - Sweden's King Charles XII is taken prisoner by the Ottoman Sultan.

1793 - American President George Washington convenes the first Cabinet meeting on record - at his home.

#### 'Hero worship is the strongest where there is least regard for human freedom."

inventor Samuel Colt patents his revolver. 1870 - Hiram R. Revels became the first black member of the U.S. Senate

1836 - American

- Herbert Spencer, British philosopher

to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

as he is sworn in

1885 - Germany annexes Tanganyika and Zanzibar.

1913 - The 16th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, authorizing income tax, goes into effect.

1940 - A hockey game is televised for the first time, by New York City station W2XBS, as the New York Rangers defeat the Montreal Canadians 6-2 at Madison Square Garden.

1948 - Communists stage a coup in Czechoslovakia.

1954 - Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser usurps power as premier of Egypt; Syria's President Chickekli flees following army revolt.

1956 - Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev denounces late dictator Josef Stalin before Communist Party Congress in Moscow, beginning the "de-Stalinization" movement.

1976 - United States vetoes U.N. resolution deploring Israel's annexation of Jerusalem.

1986 - Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos

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## Needed: More Snow in Washington, D.C.

BY TOM PURCELL oy, do we need more snow in Washington, D.C. You see, when it snows in Pittsburgh, my home town, or any town in the heartland, people pick up their shovels and clear their sidewalks and driveways.

We are invigorated by the crisp air and a good sweat -- we are cheerful as we sip hot coffee and catch up with neighbors.

That's not how Washington reacts to snow. I lived in the Washington region for nearly eight years. When the forecast-

ers say an inch or two is on the way, panic sets in. Powerful people shut

money, it just borrows or dough so they can spend prints more.

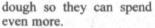
If politicians want to impose government-run health care on us, they simply contort their bill to produce estimates that have zero correlation to what the costs will turn out to be.

Some are so good at this game that they enjoy 30-year careers without ever approximating reality of any kind.

Unless snow falls.

Snow is real. It falls at its own whim. You can slip on it and hurt yourself. You can wreck your car in it.

Commonsense people in the heartland don't complain much when snow



Such is "common sense" in Washington.

When record snows fall in the heartland, our first instinct is to do what we must to keep the snow from affecting our families' well-being.

When record snows fall in D.C., the Washingtonian's first instinct is to politicize and spin and tell us the snow is caused by global warming.

Or argue that taxpayers are losing an estimated \$100 million in lost work and productivity every day the government is shut down and 230,000 federal employees remain idle.



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keep government employees idle AFTER the snow melts, we'll pay you \$1 BILLION a day.

We in the heartland know for the most part

resigns, brought down by a "people's power" uprising, military revolt, and U.S. pressure.

1988 - Thousands demonstrate in Soviet Armenia despite directive to local authorities to restore order.

1990 - Nicaraguans vote in an election that led to an upset victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

1991 - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein orders his forces, under attack by allied ground troops, to withdraw from Kuwait. An Iraqi Scud missile hits a U.S. Marine barracks near the Saudi city of Dhahran, killing 28 soldiers and wounding several others.

1992 - Imelda Marcos accepts Philippine government conditions for returning her husband's body.

1993 - U.S. Marines and Nigerian soldiers blast at snipers in central Mogadishu, Somalia, in a fivehour battle that kills one Somali.

1996 - Militant Palestinian suicide bomber sets off an explosion on a Jerusalem bus, killing 26.

1997 - President Jiang Zemin delivers a final eulogy for leader Deng Xiaoping, vowing that China's opening to the outside world will continue.

1999 - China vetoes an extension of the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Macedonia, which borders war-torn Kosovo province. Macedonia had established diplomatic relations with Taiwan a month earlier.

2003 - Two bomb blasts damage the Colombian consulate and Spanish Embassy in Caracas, Venezuela, wounding five people. The explosions come two days after President Hugo Chavez accuses Spain and Colombia of meddling in Venezuela's internal affairs.

2004 - A protest in northern Uganda about the government's inability to crush the Lord's Resistance Army, a quasi-religious movement that seeks to overthrow the administration of President Yoweri Museveni, erupts into a frenzy of gunfire and revenge, with police opening fire on unruly crowds and demonstrators lynching rival tribesmen. At least nine people are killed.

2006 - A six-story building housing shops and offices collapses in Dhaka, Bangladesh, killing 20 people and crushing tin-roof homes in a surrounding shantytown.

2009- A Turkish Airlines jetliner plows into a muddy field near Amsterdam's main airport but nearly everyone on board -125 people - survive. Nine die including both pilots.

Today's Birthdays: Gen. Jose de San Martin, hero of Argentine independence (1778-1850); Pierre Auguste Renoir, French artist (1841-1919); Enrico Caruso, Italian opera singer (1873-1921); Dame Myra Hess, English pianist (1890-1965); George Harrison, English singer and Beatle member (1943-2001); Tom Courtenay, English actor (1937--); Herb Elliott, Australian Olympic champion athlete (1938--); Tea Leoni, U.S. actress (1966--); James and Oliver Phelps, English actors ("Harry Potter" movies) (1986--).

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down schools, cancel flights and order "nonessential" government employees - and that covers just about everybody -- to stay home.

Last week in D.C., the snow fell so thick -- the winds were so bitter cold -- that even global warming conferences were canceled.

Activists, who tell us toilet paper and bottled water are bad for the environment, flocked to supermarkets to hoard toilet paper and bottled water.

Why such panic?

Because Washingtonians aren't used to reality.

In Washington, you see, a fellow can make a fine living by spewing bogus numbers and arguments to convince policymakers to write laws that favor the organizations he represents.

The government doesn't much care for reality, either. If it needs more

We clear our sidewalks and driveways so the mailman won't fall.

comes.

We plan ahead. We outfit our cars with snow tires so we can get to work when the snow arrives.

We prepare for reality because we will suffer reality's consequences if we don't.

It's not like that in Washington -- reality often has no consequences there. Implement an ethanolsubsidies program that screws up markets and drives up the cost of food? Oh, well. At least their

intentions were good. Pass the largest spending bill in history -- one that has stimulated little, except our deficit and our debt? Oh, well. Maybe they'd better pass another.

Run a massive deficit brought on by reckless spending?

Oh, well. They'll just print and borrow more

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Early voting in Gray County ends Friday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.

That's what John Berry, Office of Personnel Management, chief, tried to do.

Hey, John, here's an offer: If you promise to

that the less the federal government does, the better off we are.

That's why we need. more snow in Washington, D.C.



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## Sports

## Harvesters baseball swinging for playoffs in 2010

#### BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvesters baseball team is looking to make the playoffs as they open the 2010 season today in the Cavalier Classic at Harvester Field.

First year head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he has been waiting for this day his whole life.

"Me and my wife joke around, Thursday at 2 o'clock (first game) we will be sharing the same trash can because we will be so nervous," Snelgrooes said. "I'm excited to be here and excited about this group of boys. We've put in the work, now it's time to see what we can do with it."

Last season the team came within one game of making the playoffs. Senior Braden Hunt said the team is using that as motivation for this season.

"It motivates us a lot because we have a new coach this year," Hunt said. "We were that close to making the playoffs last year and we want to bring back the Pampa baseball program where it needs to be and should be."

Snelgrooes said his three seniors know how close they got and how close they got to get.

"The JV, I had guys last year that were at every varsity game," Snelgrooes said. "They saw the work that it takes. We're hoping to get past that one game hump. We're going to have our hands full with this district with Randall and

Canyon."

Senior Anthony Allen said the difference between Snelgrooes and last year's coach Clay Wilson is Snelgrooes is more motivational.

"We're getting a lot of work done this year," Allen said. "Not a lot of messing around or anything like that. We have a lot more motivation and it's not nice motivation. Lots of yelling."

Senior Mitchell Killgo said one of big differences is Snelgrooes wants his players to be aggressive on the base paths.

"Take any base you can," Killgo said. "He (Snelgrooes) will never get on you for being aggressive."

Hunt, Killgo and Allen are the only returning players from last season's team. The rest of the varsity played on the junior varsity last season. Hunt said it will be a lot of work with a younger team this season.

"It's going to take a lot of work to get to playoffs," Hunt said. "But I think we can make it."

Snelgrooes said the team is extremely young and is going to take our growing pains early in the season.

"The good thing is that they don't know any better and are still moldable," Snelgrooes said. "They're eager to work and eager to learn.

Snelgrooes said the strength of the team so far is the pitching and credited that to assistant coach Clint Allen. "Coach Allen does a great job with our pitchers," Snelgrooes said. "We scrimmaged into a 1-1 tie (with Borger Friday). We really did some good things with that. He (Coach Allen) does a really good job with those kids and they do a great job and I'm excited to seem them work."

Players and Snelgrooes said the realistic goal for the team is to make playoffs.

"Definitely to make playoffs for Coach Snelgrooes and us," Hunt said. "Bring the Pampa baseball program back where it needs to be."

"Make playoffs," Anthony Allen said. "Make two rounds deep in playoffs."

"Our goal is to make the playoffs," Snelgrooes said. "We don't care if it's first or fourth we just want to get in the door. After that anyone can do anything."



staff photo by Andrew Glover

or fourth we just want to get in the door. After that open the season 2 p.m. today against Dalhart and play Borger at 4 p.m.



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## 11th and 13th place finishes

#### BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The girls golf team opens the spring with an eleventh place finish and the boys finished 14th in Borger and Plainview February 19 and 20.

Coach Alan Segura said it was the first tournament of the spring and their first tournament since October.

"It was very cold and we did not play as well as we are capable of," Segura said.

The girls finished the Borger tournament with 897 strokes, 17 strokes more then the tenth place team Palo Duro. Liz Hoelting was the best golfer on the Friday with 100 strokes. Lindsey Brown was the best golfer on Saturday with 104 strokes. Taylor Morgan in her first tournament finished with 120 strokes on both days. Tamra Klusmeyer shot a 121 Friday and a 125 Saturday in her second tournament. Cori Cook finished with a 133 on Friday and a 131 on Saturday.

The boys finished the Plainview tournament with a 723 and had 18 strokes more than 13th place Dumas. Individual scores were not available as of press time. The boys next tournament is Friday and Saturday in Midland. The girls next tournament is Monday in Wellington.

#### Good luck in State Steven Botello!! Win the gold!!

Listen to the Lady Tigers The McLean Lady Tigers regional semifinal basketball game against Lorenzo 2:30 p.m Friday will be broadcast on KOMX 100.3 FM

#### Pampa Cavalier Classic Schedule Friday

8 a.m. Bushland vs. Palo Duro af Caprock 10 a.m. Tulia vs. Borger at Pampa 10 a.m. Plainview vs. Dalhart at Caprock 12 p.m. Borger vs. San Jacinto at Pampa 12 p.m. Dalhart vs. Bushland at Caprock 2 p.m. Pampa vs. Tulia at Pampa 2 p.m. Caprock vs. Palo Duro at Caprock 4 p.m. Caprock vs. Plainview at Caprock 4 p.m. Pampa vs. San Jacinto at Pampa

#### Saturday

9 a.m. 1 vs 4 12:00 p.m. 2 vs. 3 3:00 p.m. Winners from 9 and 11 a.m. 6 — Thursday, February 25, 2010 — The Pampa News

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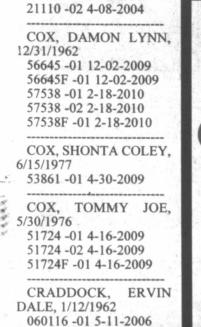
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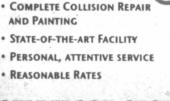
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## **GRAY COUNTY JUDGE**

Justice for all Texans! Follow the law instead of making law!

As the end of this election draws to an end, I want to Thank All who listened and expressed support for my cause. I felt so strongly about this election that I ran knowing some people would disagree with my efforts.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> the citizens of Gray County will have a choice in the Republican Primary for Gray County Judge. Tired of business as usual? You vote is your voice. Do it for your kids and grandchildren.

#### Help Me Help You

• I am a Licensed Attorney in Texas, and I want to help make Gray County a better place to live.

• I worked 20 years for a CPA, and I understand the importance of money, spending and budgets.

The current Judge lets an elite few run Gray County.

 The current Gray County Judge is not a lawyer, and he cannot hear contested estate cases. Government teachers cannot take the Texas Bar Exam.

 Revenues are down \$300,000 but Gray County spending continues to increase.

 Gray County property appraisals went up \$300 million the last 10 years to cover spending increases. If you cannot sell your house for appraised value, then your taxes are too high.

· Gray County raised taxes because the Levi King murder trial cost over \$1 million dollars. The Gray County Judge approved all the funds requested by the District Attorney.

I will hire a cost analysis expert to cut the budget.

· Tired of the "Good Old Boys" making decisions that cost you?

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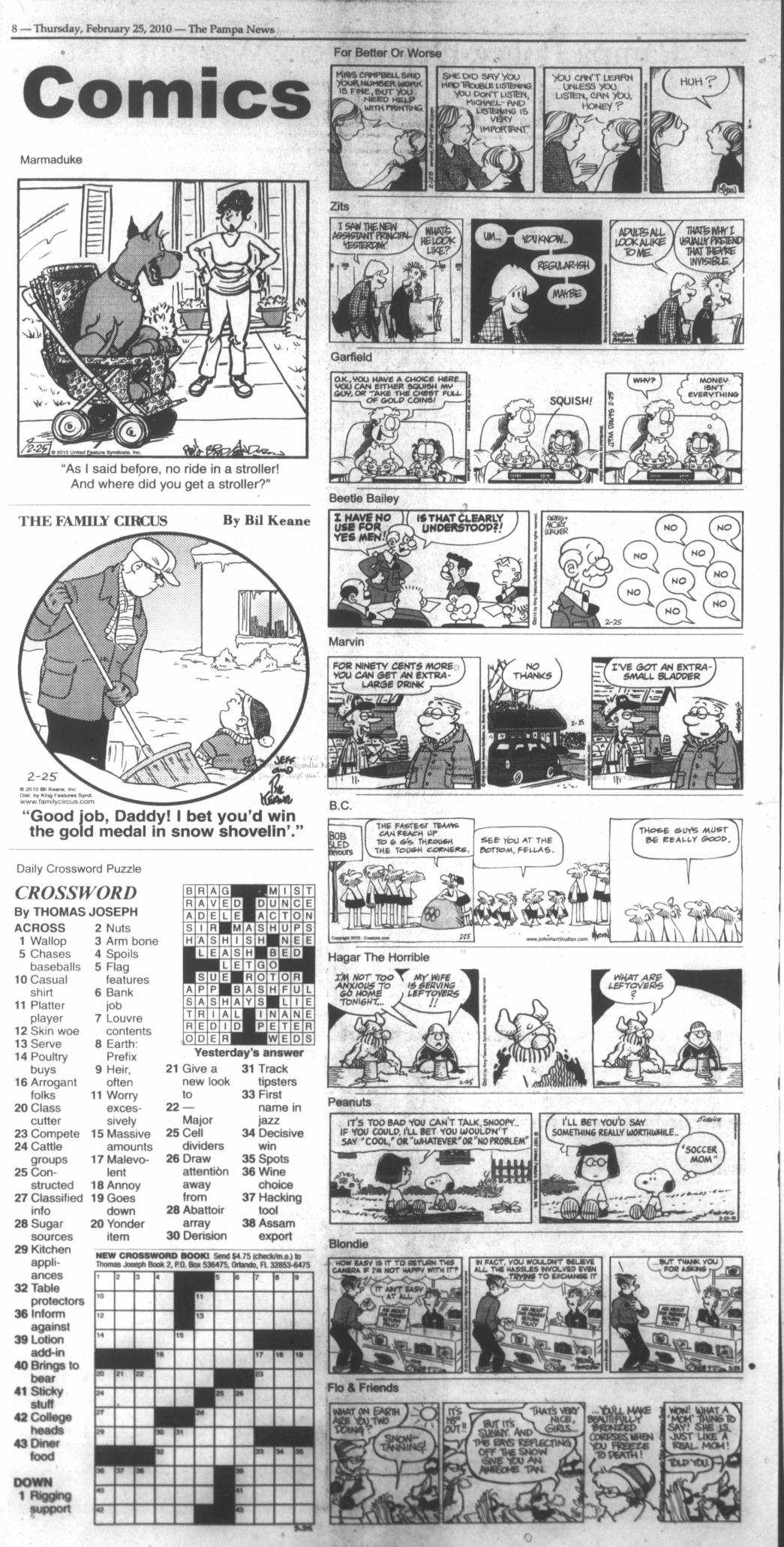
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You often feel uncomfortable and more awkward than you have in many years. Get past those feelings by focusing on what you are doing. Success heads toward you because you are focused on gaining and growth. Lady Luck gives you a shove as you start a new 11-year luck cycle. Go for what you want. If you are single, you could meet someone who knocks your socks off. You don't even need to look for this person; he or she will appear. If you are attached, the two of you will become closer if you take up. a mutual interest together. LEO energizes you

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

Tonight: If you keep the pace, others will follow. Add in more fun. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* You could be going overboard emotionally or financially. Do you know when to stop and when to begin right now? Ask yourself if you could be overly self-indulgent in some way. Only you can rein in that side of you. Tonight: Go wild. It is the weekend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Of all signs, you are the most energized, and you also could easily make a faux pas. With all that strong, quick energy, you certainly do need to be careful. You might say something that hurts someone's feelings. Tonight: The time to howl has arrived.

ASAP. A situation could make you uncomfortable. Let the ill-at-ease moments pass, and remain focused on the long-term objectives. Opportunities come through real estate, property and/or family. Tonight: Start your weekend ASAP.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Deal with someone directly and honor who you are. You could be uncomfortable with the association, especially concerning finances. Know that you can change courses if you want to. Give yourself time. Tonight: Find a favorite person. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) \*\*\* At times during the day, you feel powerless to make your point. Situations change; a boss's attention could be diverted. Your instincts will guide you, as long as you don't hold yourself back. Tonight: Be aware of your limits. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Be sensitive to a family member's needs, and you could be very delighted by the outcome. Some of you might be considering a home office or spending more time at home. Though you think you can meet your objectives, time will reveal more. Tonight: Invite a pal or two over

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\* \* Keep talks moving. You might

feel unusually uncomfortable, especially for you. Rethink a decision with care, knowing that more information could be

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22 \*\*\* Take your time making a decision, no matter what. More information is

forthcoming, perhaps in a most unconventional form. Keep your antenna up. Others seem to be too open, causing you mild discomfort. Tonight: Rest up while you can

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Listen to friends or associates. Not only do they mean well, but they also might see matters from a more realistic perspective. You have nothing to lose by being open. Tonight: The bigger the party, the better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\* Imagine what it would be like if a boss totally responded to your ideas. In this same vein, you might be thinking about becoming your own boss or starting your own business. Remember, this role might be alluring, but it's also demanding. Tonight: A must appearance. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

want to meet certain individuals' requests. Use caution when making a financial commitment. Tonight: A classic TGIF celebration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Clearly, you have a lot that you want to accomplish. You have the necessary energy. There is no reason for you to fall back or have a problem. If you need to stay late, please do. An easy pace works. Tonight: Play it low-key.

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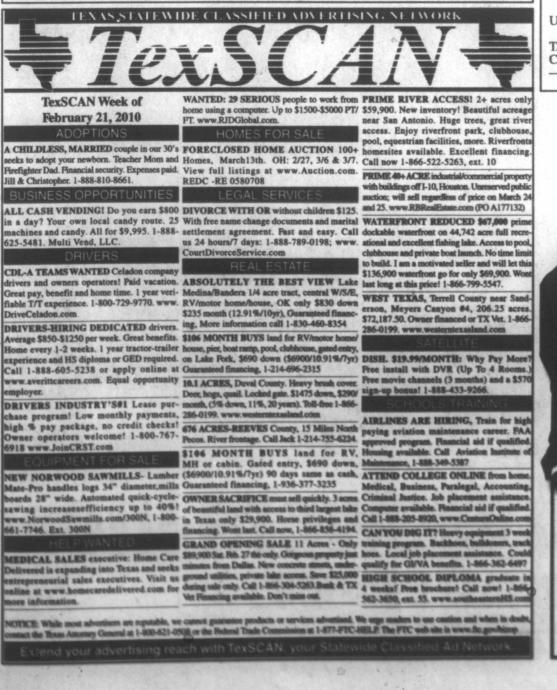
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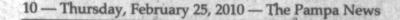
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