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Red flag warning, fire weather watch issued here today

By DENNIS SPIES Editor

Service has issued Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches across much of the Texas Panhandle today due to high winds and low relative humidity.

Today's forecast calls for 25 to 35 mph winds from the west with gusts up to 50 mph. Relative humidity will be below 15 percent.

"We're very concerned about the Panhandle right now," Mark Stanford, chief of operations for the Texas Forest Service, said in a press release. "The predicted weather conditions are similar to what we saw on March 12. We are pre-positioning more equipment in Amarillo and are preparing to help the local fire departments should we have any fires start."

Wildfires during the week of March 12 burned 960,000 acres, and were responsible for 11 deaths. Thousands of head of livestock perished destroyed, according to the or www.firewise.or

Texas Forest Service.

"People in the Panhandle The National Weather need to be extremely cautious (today) so we do not have any human-caused fires," Stanford said. "Take time today to prepare your homes, and be prepared to leave immediately if a wildfire is approaching. By all means, do not risk your life to save a house that is replaceable."

Recommendations from the Texas Forest Service include making sure your home has at least 30 feet of defensible space around it. This means making sure that all combustible materials, such as wood piles and dead vegetation, are removed, grass is mowed short and watered, and tree limbs are trimmed up at least six feet.

Another preventive measure is to clean any leaf litter off roofs and out of gutters, and remove any limbs overhanging the roof or chimney. For more tips, log on to

http://texasforestservice.tam and 26 homes were u.edu under fire protection



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS Angel Bishop takes a moment recently to sit in the sun with her 3-month-old puppy Max near Central Park

County to discuss fire costs

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The cost of fighting recent wildfires in Gray County will be discussed by county commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting Friday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse.

Invoices related to fighting the wildfires will be presented for consideration, according to the agenda.

Commissioners will also consider a resolution supporting a proposal by State Rep. David Swinford concerning wind-generated energy in the Panhandle.

The proposal concerns a transmission infrastructure to transmit energy to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas.

Swinford represents Sherman, Moore, Potter and Carson counties.

Authorization of a general fund transfer to the inmate account at Gray County Jail will be requested to cover a

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Drilling permits approved for 22 domestic wells

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors approved drilling permits for 13 domestic wells smaller than four inches, three irrigation wells smaller than four inches and six wells four inches or larger at their regular meeting here Wednesday.

They also approved four unpermitted wells and a permit extension request.

The board approved the sale of two parcels of land in Carson County and 12 parcels in Potter County that were tax delinquent.

Four of the directors who were up for election had no opponents so they were certified and the election was canceled. The four directors are Billy Van Crawford, precinct 2; Charles Bowers, precinct 4; Jim Thompson, precinct 6, and Danny Hardcastle, precinct 8.

John R. Spearman was elected president of the board of directors, Hardcastle was elected vice president and Jason Green was reelected secretary.

The board approved by-laws for Ground Water Management Area 1. The Ground Water Management Areas, mandated by the state Lavato near Fritch in Carson

ground water district boards into regional groups to work out area problems. Area 1 consists of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, the North Plains Ground Water Conservation District in Dumas, Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District on Canadian and parts of three counties of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Lubbock.

The PGWCD board approved issuance of drilling permits for wells smaller than four inches to Bruno

Legislature last year, combines local County; Randy Akins in the Chaumont Subdivision of Pampa; Tommy Downs in Gray County north of Pampa; Anthony Saikowski, northwest of the medical center in Amarillo; Randy Jones, Rolling Hills Subdivision, Amarillo; Simmie O. Callahan IV in Walnut Hills, Amarillo; Jerry Horton, Wheeler, and Douglas W. Watson at the edge of Miami. All applications were for one-inch wells, except for Watson's, which was for a three-inch well.

In addition, one permit was

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Disaster relief funds to be available soon

disaster relief efforts will soon be available to those affected by the recent wildfires.

The funds are the "Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund," established and administered by the Amarillo Area Foundation; and the "Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund," established by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Livestock Marketing

Funds from two regional Association of Texas and managed by the Amarillo Area Foundation.

> Applications for assistance are to be received at the Amarillo Area Foundation by April 17. Applications will be considered and charitable distributions allocated beginning April 24.

County judges in fireaffected counties are encouraged to activate county committees to

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Fluid Compressor expands

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Fluid Compressor Partners, Ltd., a Pampa company which provides production enhancement equipment to the natural gas industry and is a supplier of wellhead compressor technology, has acquired Liquid Ring Recovery Systems, LLC., a Californiabased company with an office in Pampa.

Liquid Ring Recovery Systems specializes in vacuum technology for the oil and gas industry.

"This acquisition represents a strategic expansion and commitment to broadening our compressor product lines and improving customer support across Canada and the U.S.," said John Fanning, managing partner of Fluid Compressor.

"The synergies of the two companies' combined resources, provide us the capabilities to optimize compressor solutions while increasing services," said Steve Heppner,

owner of Liquid Ring Recovery Systems, who has joined Fluid Compressor to further develop their customer base for wellhead compression.

Fluid Compressor Partners is an OEM compressor packaging company which began in Pampa 10 years ago. It moved to its present location at 2538 W. Kentucky Ave. three years ago. The company specializes in natural gas and methane compression, but its compression systems may be used in any application that requires an efficient vacuum to be pulled or discharge pressures up to 300 psig, according to the company's Web site.

Typical uses for Fluid Compressor's products include the oil and gas industry, hog and cattle industry, municipal landfills, farming and commercial factories.

The company packages liquid ring, oil flooded rotary screw and reciprocating compressors in complete packages which are ready to set and require only electrical tie-in.

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Obituaries

Helen Jordan, 88

Helen Jordan, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died and wife Aileen Jordan of Kyle, Texas, and March 29, 2006, at Pampa. Services are Sammy Roy and wife Gisela Jordan of Brewton, Ala.; one daughter, pending.

Jordan

Mrs. Jordan was born Aug. 26, 1917, in May, Okla. She married Roy Jordan on Feb. 4, 1936, in Woodward, Okla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1996.

She had been a resident of Pampa and Lefors since 1940. She worked at McClellan's Five & Dime as a sales clerk, retiring after 15 years of service.

She was a retired minister and member of the First Assembly of God

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Leon

Gray County Weather

with a high around 75. Windy, with a west-south- near 78. South wind between west wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 49. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

Today: Mostly sunny, derstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the morning. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South-southwest wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Westsouthwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northwest.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. North wind around 5 mph becoming east-southeast.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the overnight. Partly cloudy, with a low near 52.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 76.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

Stobbe retirement reception



Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sixteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from

the 300 block of North Ballard and the 300 block of East Brown.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Animal complaints were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Garland streets and from the 600 block of Doucette.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Warrant service was attempted in the 1200 block of North Russell and resulted in at least one arrest. Charges included resisting arrest and possession of under two ounces of marijuana.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1900 block of Christine.

Harassment was reported in the 900 block of East Campbell.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1400 block of North Sumner and the 1900 block of Coffee

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of East Frederic and the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of Williston.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, March 29

Ramon H. Mendoza, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Price Road by Pampa Police Department for no driver's license and failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Ricardo DeLeon, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Thursday, March 30

Justin Martinez, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for

theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 and assault on a public servant, and capias pro fines for no driver's license, no insurance, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of failure to appear.

Janet Lee Ann Trevathan, 39, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Russell by PPD for resisting arrest, open container and failure to appear.

Jacob Clayton Trevathan, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Russell by PPD for public intoxication, consumption of alcohol-minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ervin Dale Craddock, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Russell by PPD for possession of under two ounces of marijuana and public intoxication.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 29

10:29 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 29

8:32 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:52 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Dogwood and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, March 30

2:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.



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book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Sara Carmichael reads a proclamation from Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins to Anne Stobbe at Stobbe's retirement reception recently. Stobbe is retiring as head of the local library.

Texas man charged in crash of flight attendant

DALLAS (AP) — North Texas authorities have charged a man in the weekend traffic accident that killed a New Hampshire woman

Stephen Mole of Keller is charged with intoxication-manslaughter with a motor vehicle and two charges of intoxicationassault.

Marilyn Gates, 52, of Fremont, N.H., was

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killed when Mole's sport-utility vehicle ran a red light on Saturday and hit the car carrying Gates, her husband and three other New Hampshire residents, police said.

Gates was a flight attendant whose life was spared on Sept. 11, when she was not on her regularly scheduled flight because of a family appointment.

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Economy hits temporary rut in final quarter of '05

By JEANNINE AVERSA AP Economics Writer

BUSINESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy hit a soft patch in the final quarter of 2005, growing at an annual rate of just 1.7 percent, an ominous statistic but for fresher readings that suggest America's business health has improved and is mostly sound.

While the latest figure for gross domestic product October-toin the period was December indeed anemic and marked the worst performance in three years, the new reading actually turned out to be slightly better than the 1.6 percent growth rate estimated a month ago, according to the Commerce Department's report released Thursday.

The 1.7 percent pace matched analysts' expectations. The slight upgrade for the quarter reflected stronger inventory building by businesses than previously thought.

The Federal Reserve and other economists say the economy bounced back smartly in the current January-to-March quarter. Private analysts predict growth during this period will clock in at a brisk pace of 4.5 percent or higher. Then economic activity will moderate to around a

June quarter.

Gross domestic product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the best gauge of the economy's performance.

The Labor Department reported the new claims filed for unemployment

> Consumer spending in the final quarter of 2005 grew at a pace of just 0.9 percent, the weakest since the first quarter of 1995.

benefits last week dropped by 10,000 to 302,000, another sign that the labor market is strengthening. The decline left claims at a lower level than economists had forecast.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues said Tuesday that the economy has snapped out of its endof-year doldrums and has "rebounded strongly" in the January-to-March

3.4 pace in the April-to- likely to moderate to a more sustainable pace" going forward, the board said.

> Fed policy-makers chalked up the fourthquarter's mediocre performance to mostly "temporary or special factors" - an assessment that was shared by private economists who likened the final quarter of 2005 to a temporary breather rather than a sign of prolonged economic troubles ahead.

The 1.7 percent growth rate in the fourth quarter marked a big loss of momentum from the third quarter's zippy 4.1 percent pace.

The fourth quarter's slowdown was blamed on lingering fallout from the Gulf Coast hurricanes and elevated energy prices, which especially caused consumers to tighten their belts.

Consumer spending in the final quarter of 2005 grew at a pace of just 0.9 percent, the weakest since the first quarter of 1995. A cut in spending on bigticket goods, such as cars, was the main culprit behind the lethargic showing in overall consumer spending.

Cuts in spending by government also contributed to the fourth-quarquarter. "But (it) appears ter's weak performance.

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Three Lefors ISD students recently competed at the High Plains Regional Science Fair at Amarillo College. Eighth grader Gage Zeek, (second from left), placed second in the chemistry division with his orange juice experiment. Eighth grader Keely Callaway, (right), placed third in botany with her experiment involving plants and carbon dioxide. High school freshman Gabriel Miller, (second from right), placed first in zoology with his Tilapia experiment. All three qualified to compete at the state science fair this weekend in San Antonio. Miller won "Best of Fair" award, qualifying him for the International Science Fair in Indianapolis, Ind., in May. He receied cash awards from Shell Energy and the Naval Research Society. Science teacher Gaylon Fry, (left), received the Teacher of the Year Award at the fair.

Relief

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assess and prioritize needs for their residents. Application forms should first be submitted to the county judge in each fireaffected county for consideration by each county committee. Then the county judge will submit prioritized applications to the Amarillo Area Foundation. Application forms are available from the Amarillo

(806) 376-4521 or logging on to www.aaf-hf.org. Application forms are also available from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission at www.prpc.cog.tx.us and from the Texas Cattle Feeders Association at

Area Foundation by calling

www.tcfa.org. The Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund is designed to address the human needs of those affected by the fires. The Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund is designed to assist with agricultural and livestock-related losses.

DPS finds drugs worth \$501,694

Safety troopers arrested two cocaine valued at \$496,720 men and seized more than \$500,000 worth of drugs Wednesday following a traffic stop on Interstate 40.

Troopers stopped a 2006 Pontiac Grand Am eastbound on I-40 west of Amarillo.

Consent to search was

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Department of Public given and eight kilos of and 32.30 grams of heroin valued at \$4,974 were discovered in the trunk.

Arrested and booked into the Potter County Detention Center were Fermin Orlando Tovar-Avila, 27, and Alejandro Tovar-Avila, 34, both of Chula Vista, Calif.

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Paducah teen dies in rollover

PADUCAH - A Paducah teen was killed Tuesday after her vehicle left the road, slid sideways and rolled over and struck a telephone pole one mile southeast of Paducah.

Melanie Joan Wood, 17, of Paducah was driving a 2002 Chevy pickup southeast on

FM 1038. At 3:16 p.m., her vehicle went off the roadway and slid sideways rolling over and striking a telephone pole. She was ejected from the vehicle.

Wood, who was not wearing a seatbelt, died at the scene.



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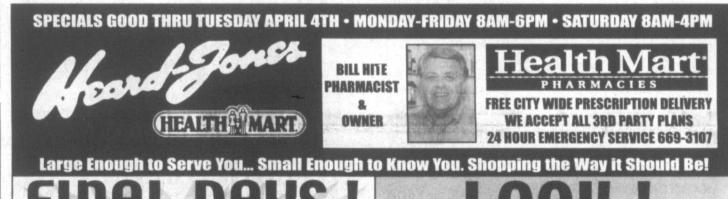
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approved for the Mays Trust for Chaparral Hills

Permits were approved for Patrick H. Weinheimer for an eight-inch well in Carson County; for Joe Leathers, 6666 Ranches, for

County, for a three inch irri-

gation well.

Subdivision, Amarillo, and four permits for Mays Trust, Appaloosa Subdivision, near Amarillo. The Mays Trust withdrew one permit from the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision near Amarillo because of spacing problems.

Permit applications were approved for Luke Corbet, Triple C Ranch in Donley County, for a two inch irrigation well; Curtis Schafer, Donley County, for a twoinch irrigation well, and June Bailey, Wheeler

County

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fraudulent money order

in the amount of \$4,850

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"Arrest warrants have

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an eight-inch well and for a six-inch well in Carson County; for Mike Friemel for an eight-inch well in Carson County; for Phillip Miser for a four-inch well in Donley County, and for David Bowers for an eightinch well in Gray County.

Permits were also granted for previously unpermitted wells drilled by Lewis Davis, Mark Byard and Mike Oldham.

120-day extension to the City of Panhandle on a drilling permit.

The board also granted a

Texas," said Sheriff Don

Copeland concerning the

Other items on Friday's

agenda include recognition

of a long-time county

employee upon their retire-

ment, recognition of the

county clerk's and district

clerk's continuing educa-

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Viewpoints

Sudoku puzzles cause minor rift in family

this before, but numbers drive me crazy. To say I am weak in mathematics is to say Mount Rushmore is a hill and not a mountain. Are you picturing my pain?

Now, imagine I have the numbers one through nine continuously repeating through my head.

You see, on one recent foray to the supermarket, I made the mistake (another the mother. I let her know reason I should never go right off the degree of diffithere) of purchasing a culty for the puzzles I'd Sudoku puzzle book which, completed was "easy." of course, involves numbers.

longer?), I proudly told my mother I'd worked three of the puzzles.

Did I mention that I bought the family matriarch a Sudoku puzzle book, as well?

I absolutely did, and she me very kindly thanked me. She's good with numbers.

Let me now observe that I was completely frank with

my modest announcement? must) not

very Skyla hard." T h e **Bryant** insult took News Editor an

instant to digest. Even

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it again causes me some indignation.

Thanks, Mom.

Obviously, my mother never read child psychology. She has no idea how important self-esteem is to the no way cause me to point

I've probably mentioned A week later (maybe what she said after I made human psyche. I've tried to fingers. tell her - earnestly I've tried They must (emphasis on to tell her, but she pays no



that she has told me multiple times that if I can't find something nice to say about this or that person I shouldn't say anything at all does in

Besides, after years of this type of treatment the damage to my self-image has no doubt been done.

Do you know this parent of mine hasn't even worked honest no *any* of the puzzles yet? Here she goes insultin' me, and she hasn't even worked one easy, difficult - not one of the puzzles from the book I so thoughtfully provided her!

Never mind.

Sudoku is a puzzle that is divided into a series of rows, columns and grids with

select numbers, one through nine, placed strategically throughout the puzzle. Your job is to fill in the rest of the blanks using these same numbers.

The catch is you can't repeat a number in any single grid, row or column.

By the way, Wikipedia says that Sudoku requires "logical ability." That proves I have a brain, Mother!

The puzzles are fun, but I don't recommend them to anyone with a mother as unnurturing as mine.

However, do you know Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 30, the 89th day of 2006. There are 276 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twenty-five years ago, on March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

'As I see it, in this country (America) – a land of the most persistent idealism and the blandest cynicism – the race is on between the decadence and its vitality."

— Alistair Cooke British-born American journalist and broadcaster (1908-2004)

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amendment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.

In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union. In 1945, the Soviet

invaded Union Austria during World War II.



Spreadsheets: Calculators on steroids

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In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by the Irish National Liberation Army.

In 1986, actor James Cagney died at his farm in Stanfordville, N.Y., at age 86.

In 2002, the Queen Mother Elizabeth of England died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis narrowly avoided having to make an emergency landing when its cargo-bay doors wouldn't open at first to release built-up heat. Funeral services were held in Bethesda, Md., for former senator and secretary of state Edmund Muskie.

Five years ago: Top environment officials from North, Central and South America ended two days of talks in Montreal without a consensus agreement on global warming.

(A statement signed by 26 ministers from Latin American and Caribbean countries faulted a decision by the United States to reject the 1997 Kyoto Protocol.)

One year ago: Under heavy protection, First Lady Laura Bush visited the capital of Afghanistan, where she talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and urged greater rights.

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

March 20

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the Wright Amendment:

One of the ideas bandied about as the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas contemplate what to do about the Wright Amendment is the formation of a regional airport authority.

Sounds good, but it's not likely to happen - at least not the way such authorities are described in the Texas Constitution.

Back in 1966, as the two cities were purchasing land for what was to become the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, they lobbied the Texas Legislature for a constitutional amendment that would allow creation of an airport authority to govern the joint operation. The

Legislature put such an amendment to the state's voters, who approved it.

The requirements for forming an airport authority in Texas are now enshrined in Article 9, Section 12 of the state constitution. One or more counties may seek to form an authority if and this is one big if - the commissioners court is first presented with petition signed by 5 percent of the qualified voters in each of those counties. Such a petition would have to be signed by more than 100,000 registered voters if the counties in question were Tarrant and Dallas counties.

If there were a successful petition drive, the question would then be submitted to the voters of those counties. The authority could be formed if a majority of voters in each county approved.

And one more thing: The authority would have the power to levy taxes and issue zoning regulations on property.

Raise your hand if you and your neighbor believe that the best way to deal with the problems of the Wright Amendment and its restrictions on long-haul flights at Dallas Love Field is to create an authority that could raise your taxes. Hmmm, not seeing very many hands.

Any volunteers to start the petition drive? Still not seeing those hands.

Anybody believe that the good folks in Denton and Collin counties would want to make this a true regional airport authority, helping Dallas and Fort Worth solve their Wright mess by greeting potential new taxes with open arms? Didn't think so.

Back when all of this was first inserted into the Texas Constitution, the voters of Tarrant County approved form-

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Red Cross donation



Jim Lang, from left, administrator of Pampa Moose Family Center 1385, recently presented Jana Gregory, director of Red Cross, with a check in the amount of \$500.

Thornberry office to host Academy Forum

AMARILLO — Congressman Mac application process. Thornberry's office will host an Academy Forum from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at Amarillo Southwest Branch Library in Amarillo to inform interested students and their parents about the United States service academies.

On hand to make presentations and answer questions will be representatives of West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, and University Level ROTC.

Staff members from Thornberry's office will be available to explain the Thornberry.

The Forum is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school, but all students, parents, and counselors are invited to attend. This is the eighth year Thornberry has hosted the forum.

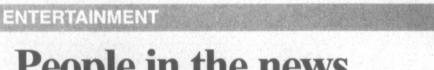
"Nominating young people to the service academies is both an honor and an important responsibility for me. Our Armed Forces are the best in the world, in part, because they serve under such great leaders. The officers produced by the academies are vital to preserving our nation's freedom," said

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number of students for each service academy.

Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry's office by Dec. 1 of a student's senior year.

After reviewing Congressional nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the service academies. Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive their education for free.

In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation.



People in the news ...

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Ruben Studdard has a plan to get teens off the streets in Alabama and into the music industry.

The "American Idol" winner is launching The Music Alternative Project, an after-school program

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and I had a lot of friends involved in gang activity," Studdard, a Birmingham native, told a statehouse panel Wednesday.

He said many of those same friends were talented singers and rappers, "but they didn't have a vehicle aimed at keeping young to push them. people away from gangs The Birmingham-based program would enroll by teaching them behindabout 100 students each the-scenes aspects of music production, includyear from throughout the ing songwriting, marketstate for music courses that would be held after school, ing, accounting and mixon weekends and over the summer. Those who can't

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advance or \$15 at the door.

Audiostate 55 Recording Studios could participate through distance learning

courses. While the program was announced to the Alabama Legislature's Joint Prison Committee on Wednesday, it will not seek state fundthe recording studio.

Since winning "American Idol," Studdard has released two albums - "Soulful," which sold 1.8 million copies, and "I Need an Angel," which hit No. 1 on Billboard's gospel charts with 436,000 The Pampa News — Thursday, March 30, 2006 — 5

Events calendar

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation will hold a public forum during the noon hour Friday at the local commissioner's court. A light lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Tim Bowles at (806) 351-3326 or visit the agency's Web site at www.tpmhmr.org. The agency receives funding from United Way.

 Lefors Action Group will sponsor a city clean-up at 10 a.m. Saturday in Timmon's Park. Workers will pick up litter around the football field and on the main spur through town. A free picnic will follow the clean-up at 12 p.m. for all participants. For more information, call Susan Oldham at (806) 835-2438 or Jane Wilkins at (806) 835-2757.

· Clarendon College-Center's Pampa Aid Financial

Department will offer assistance to potential students wishing to apply for aid for the fall 2006 and spring 2007 semesters. Participants must bring a copy of their or their parents' 2005 income tax return with W-2s. The financial aid office will visit with students in room 104 at CCPC on the following dates: 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Friday; 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.,Wednesday; 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., April 11; and 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., April 12.

Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle is hosting an exhibit by Scot-Free Model Railroad Association through the months of April and May. According to the museum, the display boasts and "assortment of trains, landscapes and ideas." To find out more, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.

 Leadership Perryton will present Steve Gilliland of Pittsburg, Pa., from 6-8 p.m. April 6 in the high school auditorium in Perryton. Registration will be from 5:30-6 p.m. the evening of the presenta-

an all-you-can-eat fish frys from 6-8 p.m. April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1121.

 The Friends of Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024, a performing arts organization, will present organist Gerre Hancock in concert at 7:30 p.m. April 7 at 1601 S. Georgia in Amarillo. Hancock will perform Choral in A minor, Prelude and Fugue in E minor and other selections. Tickets are \$20 per person at the door. To purchase a ticket in advance, call (806) 376-6316, ext. 105 or (806) 353-6216.

• The Third Bi-Annual **Old Town Museum Quilt** Show will be staged April 7-8 at the Opera House located in the Old Town Museum complex in Elk City, Okla. To obtain an entry form for the quilt show, call (580) 225-2508 or (580) 225-1122.

"Fang-Tastic" ٠ Rattlesnake Hunt will be staged April 8 and 9 at Waurika, Okla. The twoday event will feature James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury, Texas. Events will include the "longest snake auction," a rattlesnake sale, a 5K run/walk, and prizes for longest snake, for snake with most rattlers, for marked snake and for shortest snake. For more information, call (580) 228-2553 or visit www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.

 The Amarillo Music **Teachers** Association will present the inaugural "Music on High Plains" Day Workshop and Concert April 8 in the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Special instructors will be conducting seminars and master classes in piano and voice. The evening concert will feature John Bayless, Borger native and internationally renowned pianist. For more information or to register, call (806) 670-7635 or log onto www.amarillomusicteachers.org.

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Henry Panion, a music professor at the University Alabama of at Birmingham, is director of the project.

Studdard said he will teach a few courses and participants would get a chance to see him work in

copies sold, according to Nielsen SoundScan. He is working on a third

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On the Net:

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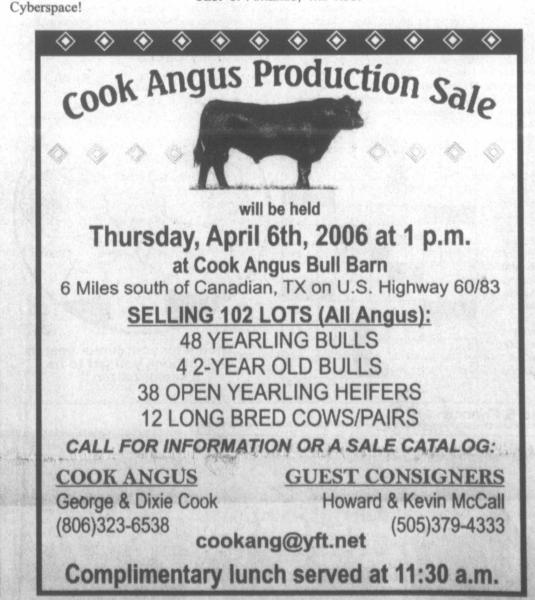
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tion. The seminar is \$20 per person. Special rates area available for businesses. Gilliland appeared in Perryton last year. He has a background in major league baseball, broadcasting and corporate training management, such clients as the U.S. Marine Corps, CBS and General Motors. For more information, call Perryton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 435-6575, Cynthia Shattles at (806) 435-2754 or Jim Powell at (806) 435-4014.

 Saint Francis Knights of Columbus, 10 miles east of Amarillo, will host

 Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. April 9 in the Parish Hall of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 4100 S. Coulter Dr., in Amarillo. Entry will be at the green-canopied entrance. All high school senior girls are welcome. Rush packets and deadlines will be given out. For more information, call Cindy Kelleher at (806) 358-4880 or Sandy Riney at (806) 359-6706.



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Worried Friend" prompted me to write. She said her friend "Anne" was in her 40s and still vainly trying to get her mother's approval and love. I, too, allowed my mother to dominate my thoughts and my life. She never PRISE, ARIZ. approved of who I am. Although I have four successful adult children and have had **DEAR ABBY:** My heart goes out to Anne. a successful 28-year career as an educator, nothing 1 did was ever good enough for Mother. It took me years to realize that nothing I can do will ever bring her happiness. She didn't find it in her life. But I refuse to let her take away the joy I find in mine. Anne has more than served her time as a loving daughter. Now it's time for her to live. Love is all around us, and if our mothers cannot provide it, we must seek it elsewhere. LOVING, BUT ---**DETACHED, IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR LOVING BUT DETACHED: 1 agree, but no amount of "telling" that to Anne will free her from her mother's control until she reaches a point where she's ready to hear it. All of the letters I received

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is like the one described in "Worried Friend's" letter. When I was 56, I finally acknowledged that Mom's criticism and loathing of me increased proportionately with my efforts to make her happy. We are now estranged. She lives with my only sibling, a sister, who is furious with me for no longer maintaining the status quo. After the break I struggled with depression, sought psy-

now based on what is best for me, my husband and my son, who have always loved me for who I am. I wish Anne the strength and resolve to change, because her mother never will. -- STANDING TALL, SUR-

I, too, wanted my mother's approval and never got it. After Mother died, without realizing what I was doing, I tried seeking approval from my sister -- who was just like our mother. Finally, I realized I will never get approval from her, either. Because of this long-time-coming realization, I now have peace of mind. Each day is happier because I approve of myself. I have started doing all the things I wanted and needed to do that make me happy. Please tell Anne's friend to help her to love and approve of herself. It's what saved me. -- HAPPY AT LAST IN UTAH

DEAR ABBY: I had a friend like Anne, whose mother made her life miserable by withholding love and approval. It nearly on this subject echo your sentiments. Read drove her crazy, until one day her mother died. Anne was 50 by then and had been a doormat all that time for her mother, her daughter, her son and their spouses.

> Out of the blue she called me and said she was moving to New Mexico and starting her life over. She and her husband sold their house, packed their van and their dogs, and went to live in a completely new place. I hear from her every few months. While life has had its ups and downs, she's happier than she has ever been in her whole

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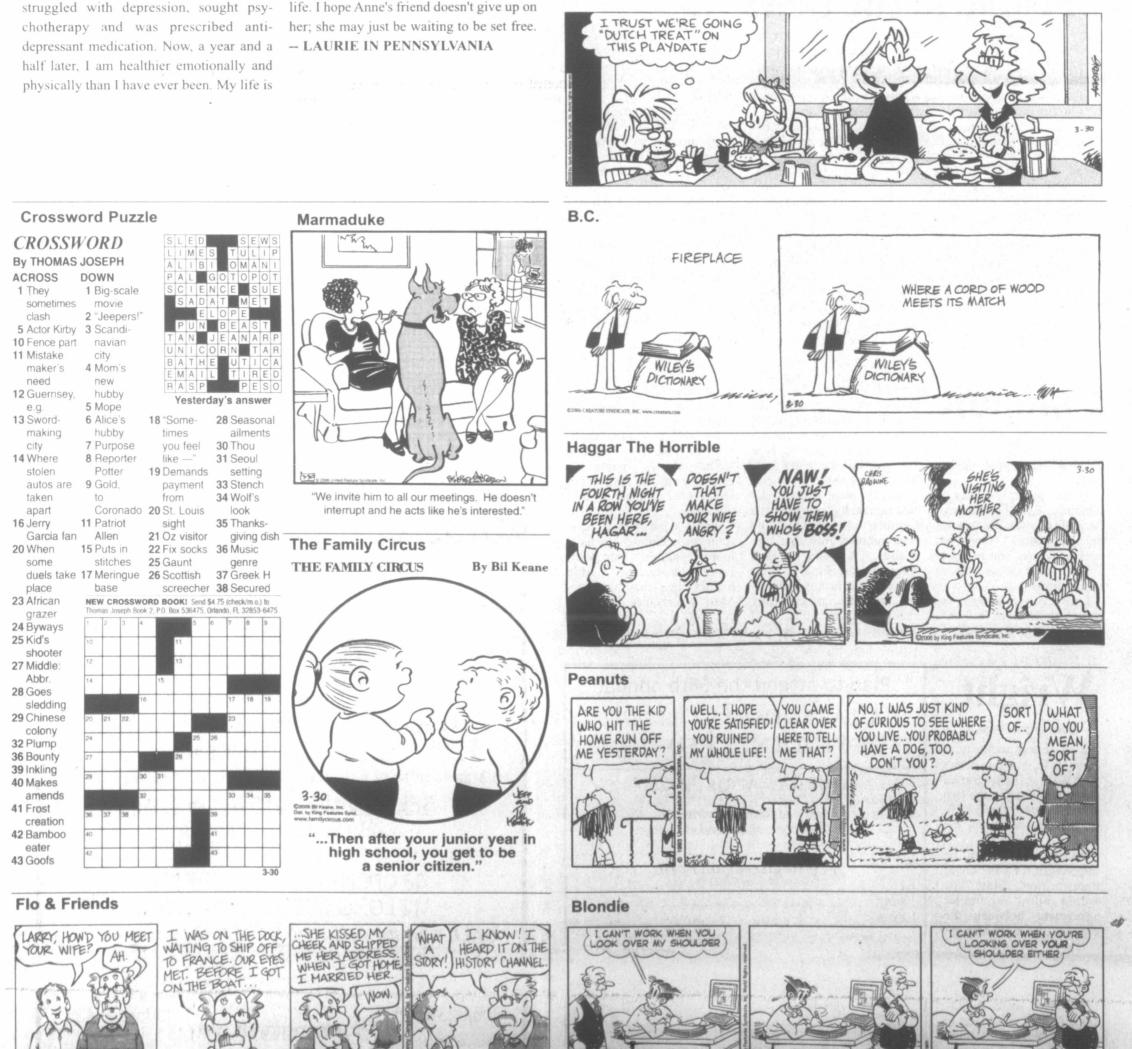




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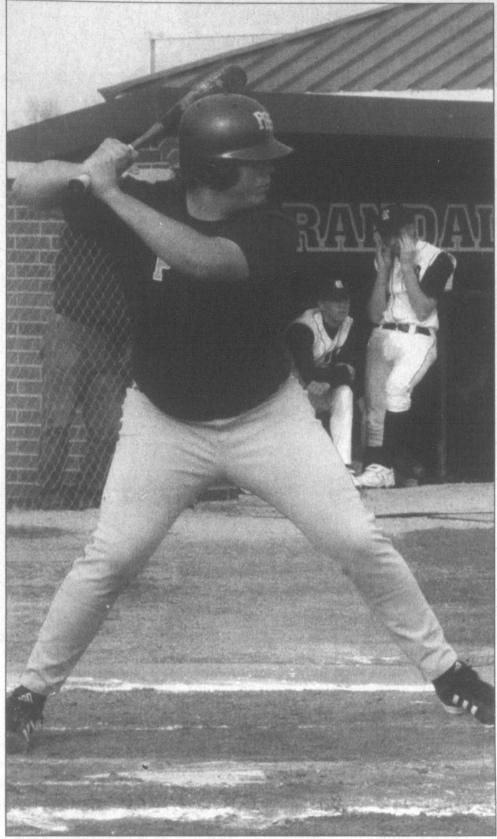
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Sports Day

Pampa connection



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Shortly after signing Tyson Hickman Wednesday morning, Frank Phillips College head baseball coach Guy Simmons decided to nab a couple of Pampa Harvesters while in town. He signed PHS senior Jake Craig to play for the Plainsman. Craig, pictured at the plate against Randall Tuesday, will join Hickman and Tyler Doughty, who signed with FPC last year.

Pampa Junior High swim teams soak up top 10 finshes in Pecos

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High Swimming and Diving Team competed in its second tournament of the season in Pecos Saturday where the team squared off against competition which included all 21 West Texas area junior high schools.

Coach Greg Miller said his Harvesters held their own with the boys finishing 6th and the girls 7th.

Eighth grader Rebecca Taylor did an outstanding job, placing 4th out of more than 20 fellow divers, many from All-American hub, Lubbock. "It is really special for Rebecca to be doing so well with only one year of diving experience," said Miller.

Miller noted Taylor has been working with former Harvester Whitney Penrod. Not a bad teacher given Penrod's list of accomplishments,

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including a 4th place diving finish at State last year. "Rebecca has the chance to follow in Whitney's footsteps," Miller said. "Perhaps to the high school state meet next year."

Kelly Stoffle led the boys team in Pecos Saturday. Stoffle place 3rd in the 100 freestyle, setting a personal best time of 1:03.41. Caleb West, Christian Hinkle and Jaden Payne were also instrumental in Pampa's top 10 finish.

Miller had nothing but praise for both teams. "Each of the boys have a personal best in two or more events which means the time in the pool and the hard work is paying off." He added, "Our ladies do a very good job against the big schools. Lubbock and Odessa have greater numbers when it comes to their swimmers. And for our girls to continue to be this close is nothing short of outstanding.'

The team's next meet will be April 8 in Andrews.

MLB to investigate steroid use **Hidden Hills results**

NEW YORK (AP) -The alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players will be investigated by Major League Baseball, and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell will lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced at a news conference Thursday, and commissioner Bud Selig was scheduled to make an announcement at his office. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported by ESPN, came in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999. He also is chairman of The Walt Disney Co., whose ESPN subsidiary is one of baseball's primary broadcast partners.

that he was evaluating how to respond to the

possible Mitchell's involvement was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The name of a lawyer who will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be announced.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used

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Senior Scramble Paul Hinton Hidden Hills Golf

4th Place (64) March 29, 2006 Kent Olson O.K. Lee

Jess Mathis **Duane** Cash

5th Place (65) **Jim Brashears Bob Henderson Richard Abbott**

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3rd Place (64) Ronnie Wood **Carrol Pettit** Walden Haynes

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Lucio Moreno

Jim Osborne

Bob Young

2nd Place (64)

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Calvin Lacey

Dewayne Furgason

Roy Don Stephens

Don Adams

Burnett on DL; Kent stays in LA

TORONTO (AP) - Toronto Blue Javs righthander A.J. Burnett won't make his first two starts of the season and will go on the disabled list because of elbow pain.

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) Second baseman Jeff Kent and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed to an \$11.5 million, one-year contract extension.

stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks

Purdue AD says Curry on way to **Texas Tech**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Purdue women's coach Kristy Curry was expected to be introduced today as the successor to coach Marsha Sharp at Texas Tech.

Tech officials called an afternoon news conference about the women's basketball program but wouldn't comment beyond that Wednesday. But Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke told reporters in West Lafayette, Ind., that Curry was leaving Purdue for Tech.

Burke said he understood why she was leaving.

"If Purdue were in Texas, she'd still be here," he said. "She loves Purdue, she loves the program, she loves the kids. But she has a huge connection to the southern part of the country and that became the pivotal factor."

Curry, who grew up in Louisiana and was an assistant at two Texas universities, visited the Tech campus on Tuesday and Wednesday.

She returned to Purdue briefly and then was flying back to Lubbock Wednesday night.

Sharp announced last month she was resigning after 24 seasons with the Lady Raiders. Tech spokeswoman Tammi Hoffman said Curry met with senior athletic department and school officials and toured the campus.

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Last week, Texas Tech contacted Burke seeking permission to talk to Curry about the head coaching job. Purdue granted that request.

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers did not immediately return a call from The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Curry (179-51) has been the coach at Purdue for seven years, leading the Boilermakers to the NCAA tournament each year.

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PHS BASKETBALL HONORS

Rice, Young named to Golden Spread Team; but one name remains missing

Basketball Honors

Congratulations to Lady Harvester basketball player Britteni Rice on her selection as the Globe-News 5A-4A Girl's Player of the Year. Britteni joins fellow Harvester Sharod Young on the G-N Golden Spread Team.

Seems to me one name has been missing from the many lists of accolades and honor rolls published, printed and posted since the end of the 2005-2006 basketball season.

I would submit to you that first year Pampa boy's basketball coach Dustin Miller is equally deserving of any and all mention and honor. Coach Miller thought his team spent most of the season flying under the radar. Though the radar managed to track his team as it rolled though two championship games in the post-season, Miller remained stealthy.

All he did was take a handful of guys who had long since paid their dues with little to show for it and teach them how Pampa High School basketball should be played. All he did was lead those kids to two championships golden basketballs - that will say to future Harvesters, "We were here." All he did was fill The Pit with rowdy Pampa basketball fans who openly

shared, "This is how it used to be." It is how it ought to be for some time to come



What you do not know is each and every e-mail I sent Coach Miller throughout the season seeking stats and comments were always returned promptly, and ended with, "Thanks for what you do for our kids."

His demeanor is such that most people outside of Pampa - media or otherwise - could not tell you who the coach of the Pampa High School boys basketball team is.

Thank me? No sir. Thank you Coach Miller.

In fact, here's to you. I am not sure what kind of power I or this paper possesses, but I hope it is enough for you to know how proud we are of what you did for your kids this season.

By the way, the Lady Harvester basketball banquet is set for tonight. Congratulations to Coach Troy Fry and his girls on another great playoff season.

Pampa Baseball/Softball

Into my third season and the sounds of the game are still fun. The girls have these chants they break into from the dugout when on offense. There seems to be a chant for everything. They are loud and full of energy. I think I have the "Good Eye" thing down pretty good now.

During the recent game against Randall, my cell phone started to ring while I was taking pictures. The girls weren't chanting so the ring tone was easy to hear. One girl aksed another, "Do you hear a phone ringing?" "Yeah," replied her teammate. After a brief pause and phone still ringing I said, "It's me. It's my son. I'm just too cold to answer it." They started chanting shortly after that.

At the boy's game Tuesday, also at Randall, I was taking pictures from the dugout when I realized the guys were saying, "Meow." "Come on four, get a hit meow." "Here we go meow." Officers Mac and Foster would be proud (see Super Troopers for more information). However, I think you were one meow short of the 10 needed for a complete Cat Game.



Steroids

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before Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

"I will only comment on things about Barry's onfield performance or contractual status," said his agent, Jeff Borris.

It is unclear whether current or former players would cooperate with an investigation or could be forced to do so by baseball. Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the Major League Baseball Players Association, declined comment.

Under pressure from Congress, baseball toughened penalties last year and again this season, when an initial positive test will result in a 50-game suspension. Twelve players, including Rafael Palmeiro, were suspended for 10 days each following positive

tests last year. "Game of Shadows" details alleged use of per-

formance-enhancing drugs by Bonds for at least five seasons beginning after the 1998 season.

Former commissioner Fay Vincent called this month for an investigation and suggested it be headed by Mitchell or John Dowd, who led baseball's 1989 probe into gambling by career hits leader Pete Rose, who agreed to a lifetime ban.

"I think the investigation is the right step," Vincent said. "I don't think the issue is punishment, I think it's: 'Shouldn't the players be called to task for cheating, even if there is no punishment?' I think baseball has to recapture the moral high ground.'

An after-hours message left for Mitchell at his New York office was not immereturned diately Wednesday. The New York Daily News first reported March 16 that Selig would launch an investigation, but Selig said no decision had been made at the time.

Surprise signing



Courtesy photo

With parents Larry and Melany at his side, Pampa High School senior Jake Craig (center) is all smiles after signing a letter of intent for Coach Guy Simmons (Back right) and Frank Phillips College. Also pictured is Pampa Harvester baseball coach, Clay Wilson.



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make logic out of fleeting or random thoughts; just go with them. They might very well have a base to them. Your finances could be enhanced if you follow a intrusive ability that emerges this year. Don't risk anything you cannot afford to lose. If you are single, you could become more possessive than in the past. Also, you might become insecure with someone because you sense this person isn't who he or she says he or she is. If you are attached, time spent alone together enhances your relationship. TAURUS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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*** What proved to be a problem could be eliminated if you so choose. A surprise insight lets you see the other side of the story. Brainstorm and listen to feedback. You might discover that someone has strong feelings about money. Tonight: Talk turkey.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You are up to the task, whatever you might choose. Somehow you get through to others and shake up the status quo. New information involving others points you in a new direction. Events surround a meeting. Tonight:

Happy plans. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might want to step back, even if you have a strong sense of direction. Right now, subtlety works much better than strength. Use your intuition,

nearly every way. Do nothing quickly. Tonight: Vanish. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You will want to take the high road when dealing with others and someone at a distance. Gather information and get back in sync with what is important. Read between the lines. Something isn't being said. Tonight: Where your friends

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take charge and handle a personal matter with your normal savoir-faire. You might get some feedback from someone you respect and value. Listen, though you could be surprised by his or her words. Excesses mark your home life. Tonight: Out and about. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$ Others could be so reactive that you need to pull back. Once you have done this, you will find that situations in your life work much better. You certainly have reason to be optimistic. Field your calls. Tonight: Accept a very different idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Work with each person in your

life as if he or she were the only person in your world. You will discover that this attitude creates much more of what you want. You might want to rethink a story and get ahead. Listen more. Tonight: In the know.

**** Others reverse their stances. You like what you hear, but if you find you are a bit cynical, make it all right. After all, you have gone though a lot. Indulge and enjoy, but let the touch of http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. cynicism season your expectations. Tonight: Out on the town. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Much is going on around you; so much so that you react and want to cocoon. Yes, you! Somewhere in between, you come up with a solution that pleases you. You do need to slow down some. Remember, you are not immortal! Tonight: Happiness comes through routine

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your spontaneity draws someone close. This isn't like you to behave in an unpredictable manner, but it elicits a perfect response, in your book. Your friends and/or associates cheer you on to a home run. Tonight: Follow through on what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Expect to stretch some, and you will be OK with the demanding nature of others. Just be on-guard with your pocketbook. You could suddenly find yourself without the funds you expected. Think before you spend. Tonight: Entertain at home, if possible.

★★★★★ Your responses and/or actions could be a bit off-the-wall, but somehow everything falls into place. Good news heads your way. Why not celebrate and make the most out of the moment?

Singer, actress Shirley Jones (1934), former vice president Al Gore (1948), actor,

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Tiffany Reames, from left, Jodi Roden and Tonya Jewett, all of Pampa Physical Therapy, work their booth during the recent health fair at Pampa's M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Bush to meet with Mexican, Canadian leaders

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) Embarking on a sightseeing jaunt today with the leaders of Mexico and Canada, President Bush said he's "always optimistic" about resolving a trade dispute that has strained U.S. relations with Canada for years.

"Hola," Bush said as he greeted Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper at his luxury hotel before the two helicoptered off to a tour of ancient Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza. They were to be met at the famed archaeological site by Mexican President Vicente Fox. The three leaders will spend two days in this beer and bikini mecca in talks designed to showcase North American unity.

Bush, who wore his cream-colored Hawaiian shirt untucked, and Harper, in an open-neck shirt and a safari vest, were all smiles for their first meeting since Harper took office two months ago as Canada's new Conservative leader.

Topping Harper's agenda is a long

stalemate over U.S. tariffs on Canadian He said it would not be resolved softwood lumber imports. "I'm always optimistic" about resolving the problem, Bush said.

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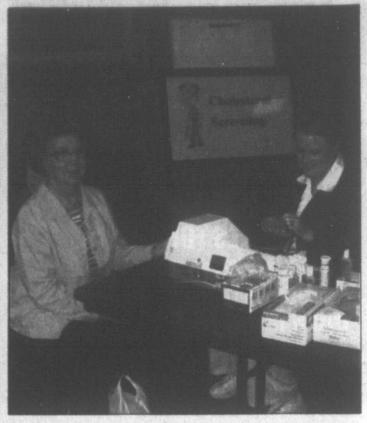
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Illegal immigration and terrorism fears also are on the agenda.

After touring the Mayan ruins, Bush was sitting down one after the other with Fox and Harper, and then was attending a lavish leaders dinner put on by his Mexican hosts. The president's wife, Laura, did not join him for this trip.

The official focus of the trilateral summit is a three-way pact designed to make borders more secure without hampering business and traffic. Signed a year ago near Bush's Texas ranch by Bush, Fox and Harper's predecessor, Paul Martin, the Security and Prosperity Partnership aims to better protect North America from outside attack and ensure its global competitiveness with China and other trade powerhouses.



Joan Nail participates in a cholesterol screening during the recent health fair at M.K. Brown.

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South Korean prosecutors raid offices of Lone Star

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korean prosecutors today raided the offices of U.S. investment fund Lone Star over its purchase in 2003 of a majority stake in Korea Exchange Bank, tax irregularities and alleged illegal overseas money transfers.

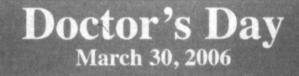
The prosecutors also have a warrant to arrest Steven Lee, former head of Lone Star's Korean office, on suspicions of tax evasion and embezzlement, and authorities have banned about 10 officials connected with Lone Star Funds from leaving the country. Prosecutors plan to ask the United States to extradite Lee but his whereabouts were unknown, said Supreme Prosecutors' Office spokesman Kang Chan-WOO.

Lone Star spokeswoman Kristen Celauro said Thursday the company had no comment.

The prosecution's investigation came as the U.S. fund is seeking to sell its stake in Korea Exchange Bank.

Dallas-based Lone Star last week named Kookmin Bank, South Korea's top lender by assets, as a prime bidder to buy the stake for \$6.6 billion.

In September, the National Tax Service slapped \$220 million in taxes on five foreign funds operating in Korea, including Lone Star, for tax evasion through connections with units located in tax havens or reporting fabricated profits to the authorities.





Chili cook-off

Darian Harkcom of Lefors enjoyed a baked potato during the Chili Cookoff held recently at the Civic Center in Lefors. The cookoff was sponsored by Lefors Action Group. More than 75 people attended the event staged to raise money for city improvements.

Massachusetts high court says non-resident homosexuals cannot marry in the state

BOSTON (AP) — The state's highest court ruled Thursday that same-sex couples from other states cannot legally marry in Massachusetts.

The Supreme Judicial Court, which three years ago made Massachusetts the first state to legalize gay marriage, ruled in a challenge to a 1913 state law that forbids non-residents from marrying in Massachusetts if their marriage would not be recognized in their home state.

"The laws of this commonwealth have not endowed non-residents with an unfettered right to marry," the court wrote in its 38-page opinion. "Only non-resident couples who come to Massachusetts to marry and intend to reside in this commonwealth thereafter can be issued a marriage license without consideration of any impediments to marriage that existed in their former home states."

Eight gay couples from surrounding states challenged the law after they were denied marriage licenses in Massachusetts.

In oral arguments before the high court in October, a lawyer for the couples argued that the 1913 law sat unused for decades and was "dusted off' by Gov. Mitt Romney in an attempt to discriminate against same-sex couples.

Romney ordered city and town clerks to enforce the 1913 law after the first samesex marriages were performed in Massachusetts in May 2004.

Attorneys for the state said Massachusetts risks a backlash if it ignores the laws of other states by allowing same-sex couples to marry here when such unions are prohibited in their own states.

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