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By DENNIS SPIES The National Weather
Service has issued Red. Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches across much of the
Texas Panhandle today due Texas Panhandle today due
to high winds and low relafive humidity. Today's forecast calls for
25 to 35 mph winds from the west with gusts up to 50 mph. Relative humidity
be below 15 percent. be below 15 percent.
"We're very concerned about the Panhandere right
now," Mark Stanford hhief of operations for the Texas Forest Service, said in a
press release. "The predicted 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. of March acres and wern responsible acres, and were responsible
for 11 deaths. Thousands of head of livestock perished
and 26 homes 26 homes were
destroyed, according to the

Texas Forest Service.
"People in the Panhandle
need to be extremely cauneed to be extremely cau-
tious (today) so we do not have any human-caused
fires," Stanford said. "Take fires, Stanford said. "Take
time today o oprepare your
homes, and be prepared to homes, and be prepared to
leave immediately if a wildleave immediately if a wild-
fire is approaching. By all fire is approaching, By alf
means, on not risk your life
to save a house that is to save a , house that is
replaceable." Recommendations from the Texas Forest Service
include making sure your
home has at least 30 feet of 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 such as wood piles and dead
vegetation, are removed vegetation, are removed,
grass is mowed short and grass is mowed short and
watered, and tree limbs are watered, un 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 For more tips, $\log$ on to
http://texasforestservice.tam htp://texasforestservice.tam
u.edu under fire protection
or www.firewise

By DAVID BOWSER Staft Writer
WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors approved ldiling
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 unperrequest. The board approved the sale of two parcels of land in Carson County
and 12 parcels in Potter County that were tax delinquen.

## Drilling permits approved for 22 domestic wells

Four of the directors who were up
for election had no opponents so
for lection had no opponents so
they were certified and the election they were certified and the election was canceled. The four directors are
Billy Van Crawford Billy Van Crawford, precinct 2;
Charles Bowers, precinct 4. Tim 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 presi
dent and Jason Green was reelected dent and Jason Green was reelected
secretary. secretary.
The board approved by-laws for
Ground Water Management Area The Ground Water Management The Ground Water Management
Areas, mandated by the state

Legislature last year, combines local
ground water district boards into regional groups to work out area problems. Area 1 consists of the 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 Underground Water
District in Lubbock.
The PGWCD board approved issuance of drilling permits for wells smaller than four inches to Bruno Lavato near Fritch in Carso

County; Randy Akins in the
Chaumont Subdivision of Pampa;
Tommy Downs in Gray County 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 See WATER, Page 3

## Disaster relief funds to be available soon

Funds from two regional disaster relief efforts will soon be available to those
affected by the recent affected by the recent wild-
fires. funds are the 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 established by the Texas
Cattle Feeders Association, Cexas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Livestock Marketing

Association of Texas and managed by the Amarillo Area Foundation. Applications for assisthe Amarillo Area he Amarillo Area
Foundation by April 17 Foundation by April 17 .
Applications will be considered and charitable distributions allocated beginning April 24. County judges in fire affected counties are encouraged to activate county committees to See RELIEF, Page 3

## 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 com-
pressor technology, has acquired Liquid pressor technology, has acquired Liquid based company with an office in Pampa. Liquid Ring Recovery Systems specializes in vacuum technology for the oil and gas industry.
expansion and commitment to a sroadening 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 capabil combined resources, provide us the capabil-
ities 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. 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 pending.
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 She had been a resident wampa and Lefors since 1940. She Dime as a sales clerk, re She was a retired minister and member of the First Assembly of God.
Survivors include two sons, Jerry Leon
 Madonna Ann and husband Frank Bridwell of Pampa; one brother, Bill Ishmael of Lawton, Okla.; great-grandchildren The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 200 NW 7 th, Amarillo, TX 79107. The family will be at Lefors ing the burial.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny,
with a high around 75 .
Windy, with a west-south-
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-
derstorms in the afternoon
Partly cloudy, with a high Partly cloudy, with a high
near 78 . South wind between 10 and 15 mph . Saturday Night: A chance of showers and thunder-
storms, mainly in the storms, mainly in the morn-
ing. Partly cloudy ing. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South-south west wind around 15 mph .
Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, Sunday: Mostly sunny,
with a high near 74 . West southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northmph bec
west.
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clear, wi
Sunday Night: Mostly
clear, with a low around 48 clear, with a low around 48 .
North wind around 5 mph
becoming east-south

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72 .
Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph , with gusts as high as 30 mph . Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the overnight. Partly cloudy, with a low near 52 .
Tuesday: A 20 percent Tuesday: A 20 percent
chance of showers and thunchance of showers and thun-
derstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 76 . Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around
Wednesday: Mostly
Wednesday: Mostly
sunny, with a high near 70 .

## Emergency Services

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the ending at 7 a.m. today

Sixteen traffic stops were made
Traffic complaints were received from 300 block of East Brown. A vehicle accident was 1100 block of Huff Road.
Animal complaints were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Garland streets and from the 600 block of Doucette.
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 in at least one arrest. Charges included 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 ock of North Starkweather.
Disorderly conduct/fighting was report-
ed at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.
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.
the 1400 block of North Sumner and the 1900 block of Coffee.
Theft was reported in the 1200 block of
East Frederic and the pice East Frederic and the police department lobby.
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Burglary was reported in the 1900
block of Williston block of Williston.
Fraud was repor ment lobby.

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
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, 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 L Janet Lee Ann Trevathan, 39, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Russell by PPD for resisting arrest, open 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 wassell 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
10.29

10:29 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 blo
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 a ocal nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North 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 25 th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. $11: 59$ p.m. - A mobile ICU unit
responded to the 1300 block 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.

## BUSINESS

## Economy hits temporary rut in final quarter of '05

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 hilled when Mole's sport-utility vehicle ran a haved a man in the weekend traffic red light on Saturday and hit the car carrying 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. <br> Marily Gates, 52, of Fremont, NH, wa Gates, her husband and three o 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.

## Stocks



## City Briefs

| 1824 MARY Ellen Large 4 br, $21 / 2 \mathrm{ba}$. home in privately owned Cul-de-sac. 4th br., home office, or game room: $29.10 \times 21.5 \mathrm{w} / 1 / 2 \mathrm{ba} \&$ outside entrance. $16 \times 24$ shop. Ready to move in. By appt. 662-8339. Realtor. | JIMMY FLYNN \& his musicians at Woody Guthrie Center, 320 S. Cuyler, Fri., 7 pm. Everyone Welcome <br> LOST VERY sentimental gold ring made from orig. wed rings, 669-2217, Reward. |
| :---: | :---: |
| CREATE-A-BEAT NEEDS Piano \& Guitar instructors for beginning students, Hours Flexible. 665-7474 | FISH FRY. Come join us for a fish fry on Fri., Mar. 24th, 31st and Apr. 7th, 5:307:30pm. in St. Vincent Sch. |
| FRIENDS OF the Pampa Library Book Sale, Thurs, Mar. 30, Fri. Mar. 31, Sat. | Cafeteria, 2300 N. Hobart. $\$ 7$ adults, $\$ 4$ children-age $6-11$. Everyone is welcome! |
| Apr. 1, Sun. Apr. 2, Mon. <br> Apr, 3, in auditorium of Lovett Memorial Library, during reg. library hours. | REWARD FOR Fat Female Siamese. Lost around Austin Elementary. 665-2774. | By JEANNINE

AP AVERSA
AP Economics Writer WASHINGTON (AP) WASHINGTON (AP)

- The economy hit a soft patch in the final quarter of
2005, growing at an annu2005, growing at an annu-
al rate of just 1.7 percent, al rate of just 1.7 percent,
an ominous statistic but for an ominous statistic but for fresher readings that sug-
gest America's business gest America's business
health has improved and is mostly sound.
While the latest figure
for gross domestic product for gross domestic product
in the October-toDecember period was
indeed anemic and marked indeed anemic and marked the worst performance in
three years, the new readthree years, the new read-
ing actually turned out to be slightly better than the 1.6 percent growth rate estimated a month ago, according to the
Commerce
Department's Commerce Department's
report released Thursday. The 1.7 percent pace matched analysts' expecta-
tions. The slight upgrade tions. The slight upgrade
for the quarter reflected for the quarter reflected
stronger inventory buildstronger inventory build-
ing by businesses than preing by businesses than pre-
viously thought. The Federal Reserve and other economists say the economy bounced back
smartly in the current smartly in the current
January-to-March quarter. January-to-March quarter.
Private analysts predict Private analysts predict
growth during this period growth during this period of 4.5 percent or higher. Then economic activity
will moderate to around
3.4 pace in the April-toJune quarter. $\qquad$ 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 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.

likely to moderate to a more sustainable pace"
going forward, the board 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 econoshared by private econo-
mists 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 momentum from the third quarter's zippy 4.1 percent pace. The fourth quarter's
slowdown was slowdown was blamed on
lingering fallout from the 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 the final quarter of 2005
grew at a pace of just 0.9 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 government also con-
tributed to the fourth-quarter's weak performance.

Science Fair winners


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 recevied 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.


Application forms are available from the Amarillo

## Water

Continued from Page 1 approved for the Mays
Trust for Chaparral Hills Subdivision, Amarillo, and
four permits for $\begin{array}{ll}\text { four permits } & \text { for Mays } \\ \text { Trust, } & \text { Appaloosa }\end{array}$ Trust, Appaloosa
Subdivision, near Amarillo. The Mays Trust withdrew one permit from the Buffalo Ridge Subdivision near Amarillo because of spacing problems. approved for Luke Corbet, Triple C Ranch in Donley County, for a two inch irrigation well; Curtis Schafer Donley County, for a two inch irrigation well, and
June Bailey, Wheeler

## Frea Foundation by calling 8060 ) $376-4521$ or logening  Application forms are also vailable from the $\begin{array}{lr}\text { available } & \text { from the } \\ \text { Panhandle } & \text { Regional }\end{array}$ Planning Commission at www.prpc.cog.tx.us and from the Texas Cattle Feeders Association at <br> The Panhandle Disaster Relief Fund is designed to address the human needs of The Cattlemen's Disaster Relief Fund is designed to assist with agricultural and livestock-related losses.

County, for a three inch irri-
permits were approved or Patrick H. Weinheimer for an eight-inch well in
Carson County; for Joe Leathers, 6666 Ranches, for 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 unpermitDavis, Mark Byard and Mike Oldham.
The board also granted a 120-day extension to the drilling permit.

## County

Continued from Page 1
fraudulent money order in the amount of $\$ 4,850$ inmate to apply to the inmate's bond amount. "Arrest warrants have been issued, and the inves-

## the Texas Rangers in East Texas," said Sheriff Don

 Texas," said Sheriff DonCopeland concerning the money order.
Other items on Friday's agenda include recognition of a long-time county employee upon their retirecounty clerk's and district clerk's continuing education, and payment of bills and salaries.

DPS finds drugs worth \$501,694
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Department of Public } \text { given and eight kilos of } \\ & \text { Safety troopers arrested two } \\ & \text { cocaine valued at } \$ 496,720\end{aligned}$ Sen and seized more than cocaine valued at $\$ 496,720$
med
$\$ 500.30$ grams of heroin $\$ 500,000$ worth of drugs valued at $\$ 4,974$ were dis-
Wednesday following a trafWednesday following a traf- covered in the trunk.
fic stop on Interstate 40 . fic stop on Interstate 40 . Arrested and booked into
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Pontiac Grand Am east- Center were Fermin Orlando Pontiac Grand Am east- Center were Fermin Orlando
bound on I-40 west of Tovar-Avila, 27, and Amarillo.
Consent to search was $\begin{aligned} & \text { Alejandro Tovar-Avila, } 34 \\ & \text { both of Chula Vista, Calif. }\end{aligned}$

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## Viewpoints

## Sudoku puzzles cause minor rift in family

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| is before, but numbers | longer?), I proudly told my |
| drive me crazy. To say I am | mother I'd worked three of |
| weak in mathematics is to | the puzzles. |
| Mount Rushmore | Did I mention that |
| Il and not a mountain. A | bought the family matriarch |
| you picturing my pain? | a Sudoku puzzle book, as |
| Now, imagine I have | well? |
| mbers one through | I absolutely did, and she |
| repeating continuously | very kindly thanked |
| ough my head. | She's good with numbers. |
| You see, on one recent | Let me now observe that I |
| supermark | was completely frank with |
| made the mistake (another | the mother. I let her know |
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| ere) of purchasing | culty for the puzzles I'd |
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| of course |  |

Today in History
By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 30 , the 89 th day of 2006. There
are 276 days left in the year.
what she said after I made
my modest announcement?
"They must (emphasis on
must) not
be very
hard." $\quad$ Skyla
T e $\quad$ Bryant
insult took
me an News Editor
instant to
digest. Even
again it
causes me some indignation.
Thanks, Mom.
Obviously, my mother
never read child psychology.
She has no idea how impor-
tant self-esteem is to the

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 Union invadedAustria during World
War II
$\qquad$ Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.
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 avoiddoors 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 A statement signed by 26 ministers from Latin American
and Caribbean countries faulted a decision by the United One year ago: Under heavy protection, First Lady Laura
Bush visited the capital of Afghanistan, where she talked Bush visited the capital of Afghanistan, where she talked
with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and
urged greater rights.

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human psyche. I've tried to
tell her - earnestly l've tried
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to tell her, but she pays no atter years of this
type of treatment the damage
 that she has told me multiple times that if I can't find this or that person I shouldn't say anything at all does in no way cause me to point
doubt been done.
Do you know this parent of mine hasn't even worked
any of the puzzles yet? Here any of the puzzles yet? Here
she goes insultin' me, and 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 hroughout the puzzle. Your job is to fill in the rest of the lanks using these same numbers. The catch is you can't repeat a number in any sinBy the way, Wikipedia says that Sudoku requires "logical ability," That proves have a brain, Mother! The puzzles are fun, but I don't recommend them to nurturing as mine.


Spreadsheets: Calculators on steroids

Here's a test: In the busi-
ness world, name the top ness worr, for a computer, Give up? They are: Word processing, Internet access, and spreadsheet use. Chances are, you're familiar
with the first two. A word processor is simply a glorified typewriter. Examples include Microsoft Word,
Microsoft Works,
and WordPerfect. Internet access includes Web research and eMost people, however when asked to describe a spreadsheet program, don't
know where to start, Think know where to start. Think of a spreadsheet as "a calcu-
lator on steroids." Any proj ect requiring calculations (or "number crunching" as we from the use of a spreadsheet program. Examples (in their order of popularity) include Microsoft Excel, Lotus 1-2 ${ }_{\text {Microsoft Works }}$ Pro, and In the spreadsheet world, over 95 percent of users pre-
fer Microsoft Excel
$-2-3$ used to be the leader in 't compete against the Microsoft juggernaut. To hat end, if you haven't bought a spreadsheet p gram yet, ch
" ${ }^{\text {A }}$.
"spread-
sheet" is the
Eric ou create Spellmann in a spread- Columnist $\begin{array}{cc}\text { sheet } \\ \mathrm{g} & \mathrm{pro-} \\ \mathrm{~m}\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\mathrm{g} & \mathrm{r} \\ \text { (Excel). } & \mathrm{It} \\ \mathrm{It}\end{array}$
doesn't look like a big blank sheet of paper, though. A "grid." Across the top, you have columns, labeled, A, B, , D, etc. Down the left hand-side, you'll see rows, typical spreadsheet will have 256 columns and 65,000 rows.
The intersection of each column and row is represented by a rectangular object your data. Specifically, they can hold a number, some
text, or a formula. Advanced users of Excel
will dispute that point with me, listing the many other data types that a cell can hold. However, for the pur-
 explanation, let's keep it
three.) If you
have Exce have Excel
open, follow along
with this example. Click cell A1. Type the number 45 . Click cell
A2 Type 57 . Guess what we want to do in cell A3? That's right: Add the previous two cells together. Click on cell
A3. We're going to A3. We're going to enter a
formula. A formula is simply a calculation that will give us the answer to our mathematical dilemma. We have to let Excel know, though, that we are entering a formula and
not some text or another number. To do that, we always start by typing an
equal sign ( $=$ ). The equal of a dormula. So, weginning or a formula. So, with no
spaces, we enter $=\mathrm{A} 1+\mathrm{A} 2$ and hit the enter key. If you did it correctly, you
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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press A sample of editorial opinion around
March 20
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the Wright Amendment:
One of the ideas bandied about as the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas contem-
plate 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 ar
Constitution.
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 allow creation of an airport authority to
govern the joint operation. The govern the joint operation. The And one more thing: The authority

Legislature put such an amendment
the state's voters, who approved it The requitements for forming an airport authority in Texas are now enshrined in Article 9 , Section 12 of the state constitution. One or more counand 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 nd Dallas counties.
If there were a successful petition rive, the question would then be submitted to the voters of those counties. The authority could be formed if a majority
ould 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 long-haul flights at Dallas Love Field is to create an authority that could rais your taxes. Hmmm, not seeing very your taxes. H
many hands.
Any volunteers to start the petition drive? Still not seeing those hands. Anybody believe that the good folk want to mand Collin counties would port authority, helping Dae 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 inserters of Tarrant County approved formSee WRIGHT, Page 5

Red Cross donation


Jim Lang, from left, administrator of Pampa Moose Family C
director of Red Cross, with a check in the amount of $\$ 500$.

## Thornberry office to host Academy Forum

AMARILLO - Congressman Mac
Thornberry's office will host an Thornberry's office will host an
Academy Forum from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday at Amarillo Southwest interested students and their parents about the United States service academies. On hand to make presentations and
answer questions will be representaanswer questions will be representa-
tives of West Point, the Naval tives 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
pplication process. The Forum is designed for potential
nominees in their of high school, but all students ents, and counselors are invited to attend. This is the eighth ye Thornberry has hosted the forum. "Nominating young people to the service academies is both an honor
and an important responsibility for and an important responsibility for
me. Our Armed Forces are the best in 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
Thornberry.

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a
limited number of students for each 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 nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the
service academies. Nominees who are service academies. Nominees who are
accepted by the academies receive their education for free.
In return, they agree to serve in the Iniliary for a minimum of five years
after graduation.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## People in the news ...

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Ruben Studdard has a plan to get teens off into the music industry. The "American Idol" winner is launching The Music Alternative Project, an after-school program
aimed at keeping young aimed at keeping young
people away from gangs people away from gangs
by teaching them behind-the-scenes aspects of music production, including songwriting, market ing, accounting and mixing. ${ }^{\text {I }}$ a I am a product of the
public school system
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 they didn't haver
to push them." The Birmingham-based program would enrol about 100 students each year from throughout the state for music courses that would be held after school, on weekends and over the
summer. Those who summer. Those who can't

Audiostate 55 Recording Studios could Recording through distance learning courses.
While While the program was
announced to the Alabama Legislated to the Alabama Legislature's Joint Prison Committee on Wednesday, Committe
it will no
Henry Henry Panion, a music
professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham, is director of the project. Studdard said he will participants would participants would get a
chance to see him work in
he recording studio. Since
America winning
Studdard American Idol," Studdard has "Soulful," which sold 1.8 million copies, and "I Need an Angel," which hit No. 1 on Billboard's gospel charts with 436,000
copies sold, according to copies sold, according
Nielsen SoundScan. He is working on a third album.
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http://www.rubenstuddard.com/
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cessing and spreadsheet experience. If you're a little
weak in the spreadsheet
arena, consider taking a class (hint, hinst). Check out my Web site (http://www.ericspellmann.com) for full course descriptions. I'll see
Cyberspace!

## Events calendar

Texas Panhandle
Mental Health Mental Mentardation will hold a public forum during the noon hour Friday at the local commissioner's
court. A light lunch will be 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. site at www.tpmhmr.org. The agency receives ing 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 main spur through will follow the clean-up at 12 p.m. for all participants. For more information, call Susan
Oldham at (806) $835-2438$ Oldham at (806) 835-2438 or Jane Wikins at (806)
835-2757.

- Clarendon College - Clarendon College-
Center's Pampa $\quad$ Center's
Financial Department will offer assistance to potential stu-
dents 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
inancial aid office will visit with students in room 104 at CCPC on the following Friday: 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.m., April 11; and 8 . a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., April 12. Square House County Square House Museum
in Panhandle is hosting an in Panhandle is hosting an
exhibit by Scot-Free Model exhibit by Scot-Free Model
Railroad Association Railroad Association
through the months of April and May. According to the museum, the display
boasts and "assortment boasts and "assortment of
trains, landscapes and 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 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 presentation. The seminar is $\$ 20$
per person. Special rates 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 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 (806) $435-6575$, Cynthia
Shattles at (806) $435-2754$ or Jim Powell at (806) 4354014.
- Saint Francis Knights Columbus, 10 miles an all-you-can-eat fish
frys from 6-8 p.m. April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Stave
Drillette at (806) $335-1121$ Drillette at (806) 335-1121, Aeolian-Skinner Opus 1024, a performing art 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 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 Museum complex in Elk City, Okla. To obtain an entry form for the quilt show, call (580) 225-2508 or (580) 225-1122. $" F a n g-T a s t i c " ~$ Rattlesnake Hunt will be staged April 8 and 9 a Waurika, Okla. The twoday event will feature James White and the Outlaw Handlers of Granbury, Texas. Events
will include the "longes snake auction," a rattlesnake sale, a a 5 K run/walk, and prizes for longest snake, for snake with most rattlers, for
marked snake and for marked snake and for shortest snake. For more
information, call (580) 228 2553 or visit www.rat tlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.
- The Amarillo Music Teachers Association "Music Worksh on High Plains Concert April 8 in and Arts Complex at West Arts complex at West
Texas A\&M University in Canyon. Special instruc tors will be conducting seminars and maste classes in piano and voice The evening concert will feature John Bayless tionally renowned pianist For more information or to register, call (806) 670 7635 or log onto ers.org.
. Amarillo Panhellenic will host a Rush Information Meeting at 2 p.m. April 9 in the Parish
Hall of $S t$. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church, 4100 S . Coulter Dr., in Amarillo. Entry will be at the green-canopied entrance. All high schoo senior girls are welcome Rush packets and dead more information, ca Cindy Kelleher at (806 358-4880 or Sandy Riney at (806) 359-6706.
class. At this point, you may be
thinking, "Eric, I could have done this much quicker on stick with me. You're about to learn the true purpose of spreadsheets.
Let's say you entered the Instead of 45 , you meant to


## Wright

Cont. from Page 4 ing an airport authority to
run D/FW, but the voters run D/FW, but the voters of Dallas County turned down the idea. So the two
cities created the D/FW Airport Board to run the facility.
Indeed, that might be the pattern for what could happen now. State law would allow a similar agreement between the - no new taxes or zoning power involved, just a contract between Fort Worth and Dallas. Better to focus discussions on that point than to spend a whole lot more ble schemes.

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## Pre-Registration Form

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Worried now based on what is best for me, my husFriend" prompted me to write. She said her band and my son, who have always loved friend "Anne" was in her 40 s and still vain- me for who I am. I wish Anne the strength ly trying to get her mother's approval and and resolve to change, because her mothe love. I, too, allowed my mother to domi- never will. -- STANDING TALL, SURnate 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, I , too, wanted my mother's approval and nothing I did was ever good enough for never got it. After Mother died, without Mother. It took me years to realize that realizing what I was doing, I tried seeking nothing I can do will ever bring her happi- approval from my sister -- who was just ness. She didn't find it in her life. But I like our mother. Finally, I realized I will refuse to let her take away the joy I find in never get approval from her, either. mine. Anne has more than served her time Because of this long-time-coming realizaas a loving daughter. Now it's time for her tion, I now have peace of mind. Each day to live. Love is all around us, and if our is happier because I approve of myself. I mothers cannot provide it, we must seek it have started doing all the things I wanted elsewhere. -- LOVING, BUT and needed to do that make me happy. DETACHED, IN MISSISSIPPI Please tell Anne's friend to help her to love DEAR LOVING BUT DETACHED: I -- HAPPY AT LAST IN UTAH agree, but no amount of "telling" that to Anne will free her from her mother's con- DEAR ABBY: I had a friend like Anne, trol until she reaches a point where she's whose mother made her life miserable by ready to hear it. All of the letters I received 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 DEAR ABBY: My mother is like the one daughter, her son and their spouses.
described in "Worried Friend's" letter. Out of the blue she called me and said she When I was 56 , I finally acknowledged was moving to New Mexico and starting that Mom's criticism and loathing of me her life over. She and her husband sold increased proportionately with my efforts their house, packed their van and their to make her happy. We are now estranged. dogs, and went to live in a completely new he aining the for for main- While life has had its ups and downs, she laiming the status quo. After the break 1 happier than she has ever been in her whole struggled with depression, sought psy- life. I hope Anne's friend doesn't give up on chotherapy and was prescribed anti- her; she may just be waiting to be set free depressant medication. Now, a year and a -- LAURIE IN PENNSYLVANIA

## For Better Or For Worse


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## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey


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## Peanuts



Then after your junior year in
high school, you get to be a senior citizen."

## Flo \& Friends



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# Sports Day 

Pampa connection


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

including a 4th place diving finish at State last
year. "Rebecca has the chance to follow in year. "Rebecca has the chance to follow in
Whitney's footsteps," Miller said. "Perhaps to 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 schools.
Coach Greg Miller said his Harvesters held their own with the boys finishing 6th and the girls 7 th.
Eighth 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 Whimey Penrod. Not a bad the high school state meet next year." Kelly Stoffle led the boys team in Pecos
Saturday. Stoffle place 3rd in the 100 freestyle Saturday. Stoffle place 3rd in the 100 freestyle
setting a personal best time of 1.03 .41 Caleb 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 poo and the hard work is paying off." He added "Our ladies do a very good job against the big schools. Lubbock and Odessa have greate
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

 $\begin{array}{cl}\text { NEW YORK (AP) - } & \text { that he was evaluating } \\ \text { The alleged steroid use by } \\ \text { how to respond to the }\end{array}$ Barry Bonds and other players will be investigat-ed by Major League ed by Major
League
Baseball, and Senate Majority Leade George Mitchell will lead the effort.
A baseball official told A baseball official told
The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced at a news con-
ference Thursday, and commissioner Bud Selig was scheduled to make an announcement at his
office. The official spoke office. The offficial spoke
on condition of anonymity because Selig has not yet made his intentions public. Selig's decision to
launch the launch the probe, first
reported by ESPN, came 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
stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks
how to respond to the
book.
Some in Congress have Some in Congress have
called for an independen investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of
the Florida Marlins and the Florida Marlins and
served on an economic study committee that 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 broadcast partners. Mitchell's
involvement
possible
was first mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The
name of a lawyer who name of a lawyer who
will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used

## Hidden Hills results

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## Burnett on DL;

Kent stays in LA
TORONTO (AP) - Toronto Blue
Jays righthander A.J. Burnett won't Jays righthander A.J. Burnett won $\uparrow$
make his first two starts of the season and will go on the disabled list because of elbow pain. VERO BEACH, Fla: (AP) Los Angeles Dodgers agreed to and $\$ 11.5$ million, one-year contract extension.

## 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 Sharpं at Texas Tech. Tech officials called an afternoon news conference about the women's basketball program but wouldn't com-
ment 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,"
"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 kids. But she has a huge connection to the southern part of the country and that became the pivotal factor
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. 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.
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
years, leading the Boilermakers to the NCAA tournament each year.

PHS BASKETBALL HONORS

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

## Basketball Honors

 Congratulations to Lady Harvesterbasketball 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 acco-
lades and honor rolls published ed and posted since the end of the 2005-2006 basketball season. I would submit to you that first year
Pampa boy's baskethall 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
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 Pampa basketball fans who openly
shared, "This is how it used to be." It is how
come.


What you do not know is each and every e-mail I sent Coach Miller hroughout 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 other wise - could not tell you who the coach of the Pampa High School boys
basketball team is. Thank me? No
oach Miller.
In fact, here's to you. I am not sure what kind of power I or this paper pos sesses, but I hope it is enough for you to know how proud we are of what you did for your kids this season.
Betball banquet is set for tonight. Congratulations to Coach Troy Fry
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 dugout when on offense. There seems 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 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 chant cold to answer it.
ing shortly after that.
At the boy's game Tuesday, also 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 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.


Experience Counts
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Steroids
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before Sept 30, 2002 when a joint drug agree ment between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began
drug testing in 2003 and drug testing in 2003 and
started testing with penalstarted testing with penal-
ties the following year. ties the following year.
"I will only comment on
things about Barry's things about Barry's on-
field performance or confield performance or con-
tractual status," said his agent, Jeff Borris. It is unclear whether cur-
rent or former players would cooperate with an
investigation or could be investigation or could be
forced to do so by baseball. Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the Major
League Baseball Players League Baseball Players
Association, declined com-
ment.
Under
pressure from Congress, baseball tough-
ened penalties last year and again this season, when an
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result in a 50 -game suspen-
sion. Twelve players. slon. Twelve players,
including Rafael Palmeiro, were suspended for 10 days
each following positive
tests last year.
"Game of Shadows"
details alleged use of perdetails alleged use of per-
formance-enhancing drugs formance-enhancing drugs 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, by Mitchell or John Dowd,
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career hits leader Pete Rose, who agreed to a life-
time 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 punish-
ment?' I think baseball has to recapture the moral high ground.
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York office was not immediately returned
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March 16 that Selig would
Iaunch an inver launch an investigation, but
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been made at the time been made at the time.

Surprise signing

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 picafter signing a letter of intent for Coach is Pampa Harvester baseball coach, Clay Wilson.
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# Wie to take crack at PGA again 

\(\begin{array}{cl}EAST MOLINE, III. (AP) \& At last year's event, Wie<br>Michelle Wie will take \& was inside the cut until a\end{array}\)   The tournament granted her

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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

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 that has strained
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 archaeo-
logical site by Mexican President logical 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 Hawaiian shirt untucked, and Harper,
in an open-neck shirt and a safari vest, in an open-neck shirt and a safari vest,
were all smiles for their first meeting wince Harper took office two months ago as Canada's new Conservative ago as Canada's new Conservative
leader.
Topping Harper's agenda is a long
stalemate over U.S. tariffs on Canadian
softwo softwood lumber imports. "I'm always
optimistic" about resolving the problem, Bush said.

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Illegal immigration and terrorism fears also are on the agend 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 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 Partnershin Prosperity Partnership aims to better
protect North America from outside 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.

## FINANCIAL

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-
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 Exchang B seeking to sell its stake in Korea Exchange 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 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.

Darian Harkcom of Lefors enjoyed a baked potato during the Chili Cookof 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 cou-
ples 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-res-
idents from marrying in
Massachusetts if their mar-
riage would not be recog-
nized in their home state.
"The elaws of this common-
wealth have not endowed
non-residents with an unfet-
tered right to marry," the
court wrote in its 38-page
opinion. "Only non-resident


## Chili cook-off

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 Well equipped. Well trained. Well worth it.

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