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Politicos ponder plans for proposed pool

by David Bowser
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The Pampa City Commission is going out for \$9 million in certificates of obligation. Of that, \$3 million is being set aside for a family aquatic park.
But Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes told the Pampa Economic Development Corporation at their monthly meeting Thursday that for a good quality water park, it might take several million dollars more.
Last November, the city contracted with Kimley-Horn and Associates to design the park.

They have come up with four different options, Stokes said. The options include features and size based on price. Options begin at \$1 to \$2 million and go up to \$2 to \$3 million to \$3 to \$4 million and up to \$5 million in cost. The smaller park would cover two to three acres and have fewer features. The larger park would cover up to five acres and have many more features.

"The thing about these parks," Stokes said, "if you're building them to try to sustain themselves financially, you have to have a nice park."

That translates into the \$3 to \$5 million range.

"The bigger and nicer the park," Stokes said, "the closer you're going to come to having it pay for itself."

Higher admission fees can be charged for larger parks, he said.

"You go for a small half million or million dollar park," Stokes said, "it's going to be hard to have it pay for itself."

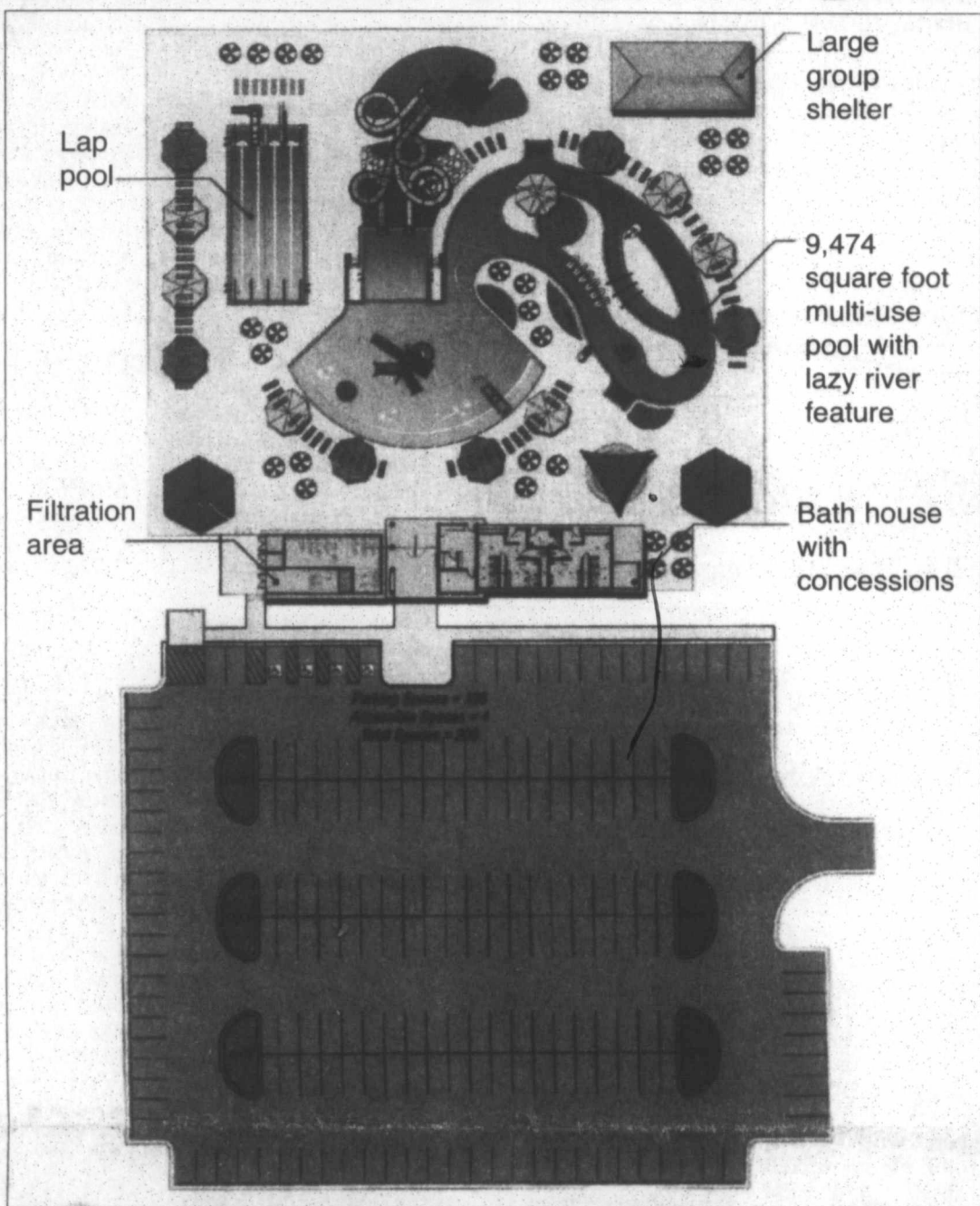
Locations for the water park are now being discussed.

"In December, we drove around and looked at potential sites," Stokes said.

He said they looked at three initial locations that included Recreation Park, the site of the existing swimming pool and a site west of Wal-Mart on the Campbell Ranch.

Stokes said that at one time the city thought the old junior high school might be a good location but the school system has plans for

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Option three of the proposed aquatic family center being discussed by the Pampa City Commission. This option includes a multi-use pool with lazy river feature, a four-lane lap pool, and an approximate price tag of \$5.2 million.



staff photo by Rachel Stennett
Samantha Billings, a student at Clarendon College cosmetology program, applies highlights to a mannequin. The school will be accepting clientele starting on March 3.

Clarendon College to offer wind program

CC enrollment up, cosmetology program students begin accepting clients March 3

by Rachel Stennett
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Clarendon College is doing its part to prepare students in the Panhandle for the new wind power generation market estimated to create 1,720,000 jobs in the next 20 years.

All three campuses of Clarendon College will be offering a one-year certificate or associates degree in Wind Energy. The program is already operation at the Childress campus, and is expected to begin in Pampa by next year, according to Dean of the Pampa campus Ray Jaramillo.

At this stage, the program only offers night sections and has 12 students enrolled. The courses are taught by part-time professors, but the school is making plans to expand the program into day sections and plans to train students in all elements of wind energy, said Debra Kuhl, dean of instruction.

Clarendon College has hired a new instructor to lead the courses and round out the existing curriculum. Upon completion of

a contract, the new instructor will start in May and will expand the program to day courses, some of which will be offered online. The technical program is hands-on, Kuhl said. Students are taught different aspects of wind technology, from climbing

wall," as other jobs become less secure. A wind turbine technician makes about \$25 to \$45 per hour. Students who enter the certificate program will be able to enter a basic entry level job upon completion of the program. Students who earn the

"This is a win for everyone. There is a demand for it. The wind is here and the technology is coming."

—Debra Kuhl, Dean of Instruction, Clarendon College

the actual turbines to processing the information gathered from the turbines.

Kuhl and Jaramillo both expect this program to grow quickly. People call daily for information on the program.

Both deans expect people to come into the program for a change of career, or graduating students from high school to come directly in to it. Kuhl said that a lot of people are "seeing the writing on the

associates degree will be able to land higher paying positions, and will be qualified for more technical or lower management positions.

"This is a win for everyone," Kuhl said while she explained the launch of the new program. "There is a demand for it. The wind is here and the technology is coming."

According to Kuhl, wind
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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Northwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. West wind around 10 mph.
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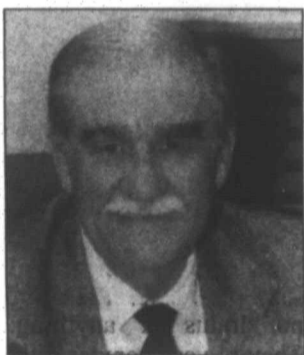
Obituaries

Rev. James M. Elsom, 85

Rev. James M. Elsom, 85, of Paris, passed away at 10:15 p.m., Sunday, February 15, 2009 at Legend Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services are set for 2:00 PM, Friday, February 20, 2009 at Ramseur Baptist Church with Rev. Don Morton officiating. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:30 -8:00 PM Thursday evening at the funeral home. Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

Rev. Elsom was born August 5, 1923 in Alford, Texas to George M. and Goldie May Ledbetter Elsom. He graduated from Pampa High School and attended Texas A&M University. He received his bachelors and masters of divinity degrees from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. He served in the US Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific theatre. James married Maurice Conner on May 7, 1942 in Sayre, Oklahoma. He was the pastor emeritus of Ramseur Baptist Church and partner of Combined Insurance Associates.

Rev. Elsom is survived by his wife, Maurice Elsom of Paris; 3 children, Linda Kay Wolfgang and husband, Fred of Phoenix, Arizona, Gregg M. Elsom and wife, Kim of Rockport, Texas, and Barry L. Elsom and wife, Pat of Galveston, Texas; 5 grandchildren, Beth Keener of Phoenix, Jim Ledbetter of Phoenix, Brad Rountree and wife, Karin of Lake Dallas, Texas, Gail Blaylock and husband, John of Norman, Oklahoma, and Cassie Elsom of Wisconsin; 5 great-grandchildren, Adam Keener, Austin and Jack Blaylock, and Kyle and Rachael Rountree; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, James Randall Elsom; his parents; and his brother,



Elsom

Daniel Porter Elsom. Pallbearers will be Rick Jordan, Roy Gwinn, Rusty Brewer, Tony Gouge, Willard Hill, Brad Rountree, and John Blaylock.

If desired, memorials may be made for cancer research at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, PO Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486 or call 1-800-525-5841 for more information.

Online condolences may be made to the Elsom family by visiting "http://www.fry-gibbs.com"

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Obituaries

Mary Lue Williams, 76

Pampa, Texas — Mary Lue Williams, 76, died February 14, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

At Mrs. Williams' request, her body was donated to Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock and private family services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Williams was born August 22, 1932 in Maysville, Oklahoma to Melvin and Edith Guthrie. Her family moved to Allison when she was a small child, and she had been a resident of Pampa for the past 30 years. She

was a retired bookkeeper for Williams Appliance Services and was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Survivors include three sons; David Gilmer and wife Linda of Wheeler, Jim Gilmer and wife Vicky of Sayre, Oklahoma, and Bill Gilmer of Texas, two daughters; Mary Nell Finsterwald and husband Bob of Mobeetie, and Carolyn Dominey and husband Roy of Pampa, two sisters; Bessie Ringler of Prescott Valley, Arizona and Mildred Rather and husband Jerry of Parker, Arizona, 12 grandchildren; Melanie Gilmer of Nashville, Tennessee, Crystal Marshall of

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Wheeler, Hank Gilmer of Wichita Falls, Casey Gilmer of Elk City, Oklahoma, April Finsterwald of Korea, Andy Finsterwald of Levelland, Caroline Ledford, Johnny Bailey, Amanda Douglas and Dustin Douglas, all of Pampa, and Toby Gilmer and Jimmy Gilmer, both of Canadian, 21 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Mary Lue was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, two sisters, one granddaughter; Kendra Gilmer and one daughter-in-law; Reba Gilmer.



Williams

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Joyce Rae Denny Coley, 72

Joyce Rae Denny Coley, 72, passed away Monday, February 9, 2009 in Bowie, Texas.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of her life will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Martha Myre officiating.

One of Joyce's favorite sayings was, "Don't send me flowers when I'm gone—do something useful instead!" In keeping with her wishes, the family suggests donations be made to the Hospice of Wichita Falls or The First United Methodist Church of Bowie.

Arrangements entrusted to the White Family Funeral Home of Bowie.

Joyce was born in St. Louis, Missouri on July 2,

1936. She was the only child of Ray Denny and Hazel Wineinger Denny. After her parents' divorce, she moved with her mother to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, where she graduated from High School in 1954. She attended college in St. Louis and became a Registered Radiology / Lab Technician. She moved to Pampa, Texas in 1955, where she met and later married Jerry D. Coley on December 22, 1956. They had two daughters, Jeri Ann and Judy Lynn.

She worked full-time for 20 years (when most women stayed at home) while she and Jerry raised their two children. She was admired and respected by those who knew her.

She taught her girls to be loving, generous, and self-confident in all situations. She was generous in spirit and action and unselfishly devoted herself to others. Over her lifetime, she and Jerry enjoyed playing cards and dominoes, boating and waterskiing, trapshooting and golfing together. Her biggest enjoyment was spending part of many summers fishing at Taylor Park, Colorado.

She was preceded in death in 1993 by her beloved mother, Hazel Denny.

She is survived by her husband Jerry, daughter Jeri Ann and son-in law Marlon Wells of Tulsa, OK, and daughter Judy Broker of Bowie, TX;



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granddaughter Darci Wells Roberts and her husband Gerard of Jenks, OK, grandson Derek Wells and his wife Kelly of Broken Arrow, OK, and grandsons Matthew Broker of Lewisville, TX and Logan Broker of Bowie, TX.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7 - 15 - 17 - 18. Bonus Ball: 12. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$600,000. Number matching four of four: 9. Prize: \$1,887. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 29. Prize: \$71. Number matching three of four: 1,518. Prize: \$18. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 975. Prize: \$19. Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,244. Prize: \$7. Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,699. Prize: \$5.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2 - 8 - 13 - 19 - 28. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$12,201. Matching four of five: 131. Prize: \$84. Matching three of five: 3,195. Prize: \$8. Matching two of five: 29,445. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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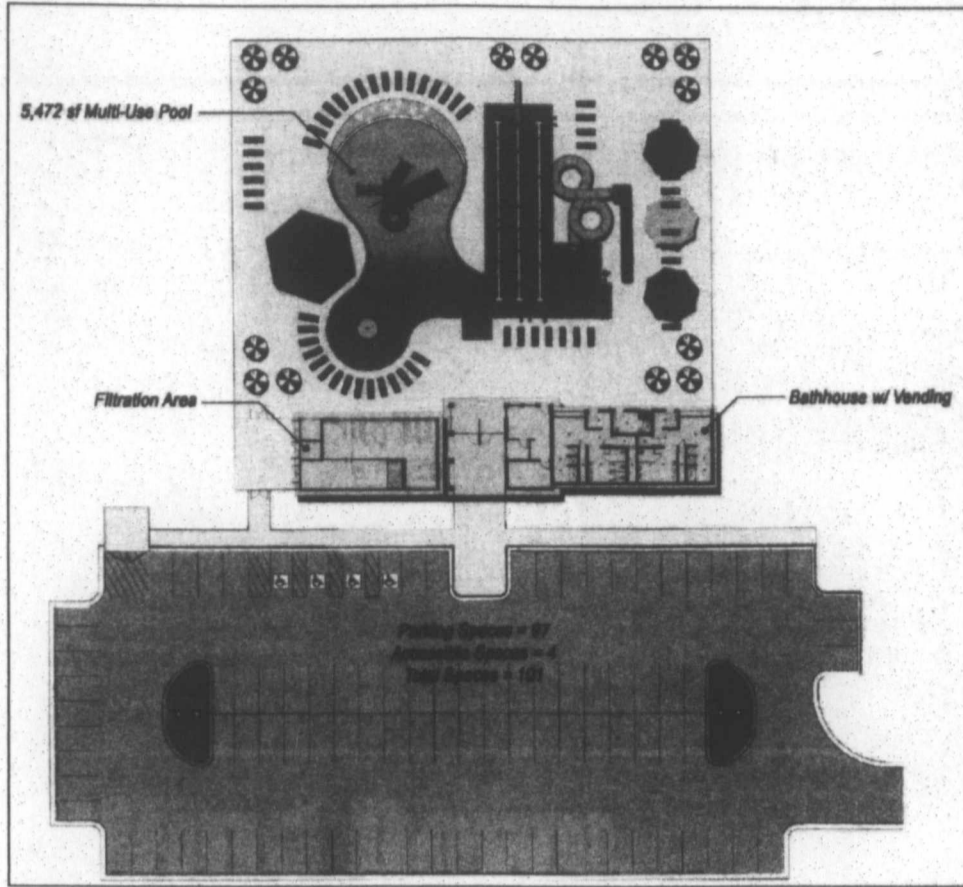
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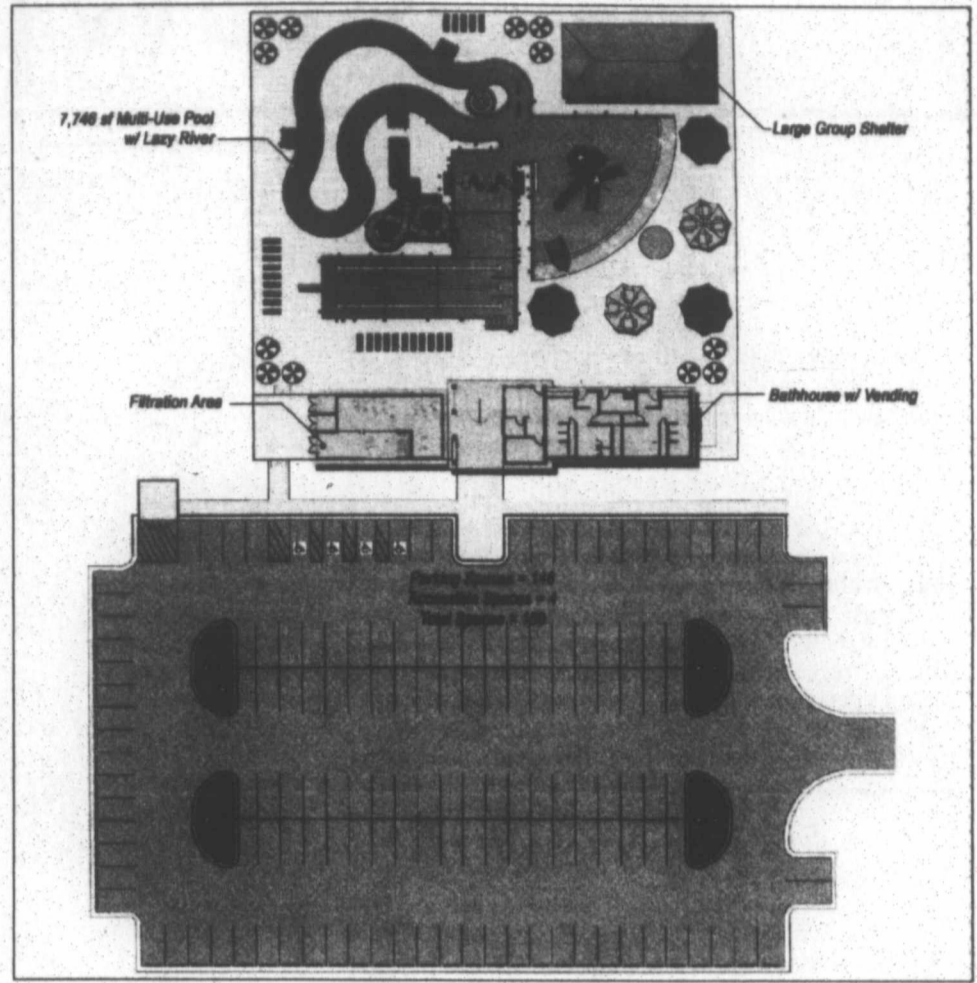
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City considering options for water park

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Above, Option 1 for the aquatic park presented to the Pampa City Commission is proposed at just over \$3 million. Above right, Option 2, at \$3.8 million, includes a lazy river feature, large group shelter and more parking.



Extremely critical wildfire danger alert

COLLEGE STATION, Texas-- Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to high winds and low relative humidity levels on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The areas of highest concern are the Panhandle, West Texas, Central Texas, the Hill Country and South Texas. This includes the cities of Paris, Wichita Falls, Childress, Perryton, Dalhart, Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, Midland/Odessa, Pecos, El Paso, Presidio, San Angelo, Del Rio, San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Victoria, La Grange, Austin, Waco and Dallas/Fort Worth.

"The combination of dry fuels, strong winds and critically low humidity will make fast moving wildfires," said Kent Prochazka, a National Weather Service meteorologist working with TFS. "Wildfires that start on Tuesday or Wednesday will be very difficult to control."

Wind jobs could pay \$25 - \$45 per hour

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plants have already started or will be starting in Donley, Childress, and Gray Counties in the near future, and right now these areas don't have the trained technicians the industry requires.

"The industry is coming to our area, we need to be able to meet the demand and have workers available so companies don't have to import from out of the area. We are creating a home-grown labor market," Kuhl said.

Clarendon College is the first in the area to have a wing approved program, according to Jaramillo. The program began development about a year ago, and through the aid of other existing programs, was approved by state.

"(Kuhl) has been a key asset in launching the Clarendon College program," Jaramillo said. Kuhl sits on the board of the Amarillo College wind program as well as the board for Clarendon College. Kuhl said that the programs are designed help students have a quick turnover from the training to the real world, which will provide an economic service for the community.

The college does not

intend to do direct job placement, but will aid students with career counseling and allow companies to interview students in the program. According to Amarillo Globe-News, wind energy will create at least 172,000 jobs nationwide by the year 2030.

Clarendon College also launched a new cosmetology program last November, which has been considered successful by staff and the instructor, Mary Nell Kiser.

The new cosmetology program, which was launched in November, will begin accepting clients on March 3. The program currently has 16 students enrolled, Kiser said, and will enroll eight more interested students on April 24, the start of the new semester.

The program will be open to accepting clientele for the community beginning on March 3. The school will offer reduced rates on hair services (cut \$6 and up), color services (\$10 and up), nail services (\$6 and up) and facials and waxing.

The cosmetology students will also begin fundraising soon for a hair show they plan to attend in

Dallas.

Enrollment up Enrollment at Clarendon College has grown more than 10 percent from this time last year, and that growth has been rewarded by the state.

Following the 12th class day, CC had a total enrollment of 1,150 students, which is up from 1,043 in Spring 2008. Enrollment is up 15.8 percent from 993 in Spring 2007.

Because of the spring figures, the state recently sent the College over \$3,000 in dramatic enrollment growth funding.

"We have experienced an increase in contact hours since the last appropriation," President Dr. Bill Auvenshine said. "It is unusual for Clarendon College to receive a growth incentive."

Clarendon College was one of only 15 colleges in the state to receive this funding. There are 50 community colleges in the state.

Clarendon College's enrollment growth outpaced other area community colleges, which saw their numbers decline by an average of 5 percent.

that site so it was eliminated from the list.

The city commission has indicated that they would like for the park to be located somewhere other than the site of the existing pool. Stokes said they have indicated they would like for the aquatic park to be near a major highway, either U.S. 60 or Texas Highway 70. He said there is a possibility that the park could be located closer to the new junior high school north of Pampa Regional Medical Center. He said the town is growing to the northwest.

"There was also some talk about a site near Recreation Park, but not in the park," Stokes said.

He said the site options are still being discussed.

"Ideally, we would have someone donate land or get it at a very low cost," Stokes said. "If not, then we would have to weigh the options of buying land or putting it on city property."

He said that the current pool would probably be closed when the aquatic park opens.

"The existing pool is aging and it's nearly at the end of its life," Stokes said.

He said that if it's properly taken care of, it could have another five to ten years of use, but probably not much more than that.

"The pools from the 1950s through the 1980s, those model pools, are fast becoming obsolete because of their age and the way they were built," Stokes said.

Today's municipal pools tend to be more like water parks.

"They're family friendly," Stokes said. "They focus on the family, and people today don't mind paying to do that kind of recreation and entertain-

ment. People don't mind paying to do that as opposed to the old pool."

The modern outdoor municipal pool is now generally divided into tot areas, family areas and teen areas, he said.

"Competition and learning to swim is still a concern," Stokes said.

But there is also a spray ground.

"It's a large playground in the water," Stokes said, "and it has spray features. You can spray each other and all kinds of fun things like that."

There are other features such as tipping buckets and water slides. There are also open plume water slides and closed tubes. There are vortex features where the person is spins around with the water.

"Vortexes are water moving in a circle," Stokes said. "It's safe. There are no drains or anything. They're very popular right now."

He said that the most popular feature from talking to people around Pampa is the lazy river. "That's what everyone likes and wants to see in our park," Stokes said. "You get on an inner tube and float around."

There is also a splash pad.

"A lot of cities are doing splash pads in addition to pools and water parks as their own stand alone splash pads," Stokes said. Several of the options that are being discussed for the Pampa aquatic park, Stokes said, include open pavilions for shade. "Shade is a big factor these days," he said. "You have water that is under shade."

That way kids can play in the water without worrying about getting sunburned or blistered."

The new generation of water parks was developed

in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex in the mid-1990s.

The cost of admission, Stokes said, varies from \$3.50 a day in Odessa to \$12 at the Dallas Bahama Beach water park.

Stokes estimated that adult admission to the Pampa aquatic park would be between six and ten dollars for the day.

The city charges for M.K. Brown Swimming Pool, the municipal pool, is now \$1.50 for the day.

At eight dollars, Gary Sutherland, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation figured that with an estimated 60,000 visitors a season, the pool should gross \$480,000 annually.

Stokes estimated the cost of operating the pool would be between \$80,000 and \$100,000 a year.

"We currently open Memorial Day through Labor Day," Stokes said. "With a park like this, what we're going to try to do is add a month on at the beginning and the end of the season. We're looking at trying to do six months."

He said they could possibly open the water park for seven months out of the year.

"We could be open March through October, weather permitting," he said. "All the water would be heated."

Stokes said that right now the municipal pool averages about 200 patrons a day or about 14,000 a season. He said that there were 24 days last summer when the pool exceeded its maximum load and people had to stand outside and wait for people to leave the pool before others could be admitted.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009:

This year will be one for your personal history books. You won't be disappointed. At first you might not agree, but by next year this time you will. You enter a new 11-year life cycle. Your imagination remains key in finding solutions and ideas. Friendships and groups play big roles in what occurs. If you are single, you will have an opportunity to change your status, if you so choose. No more moping around about your love life! If you are attached, you can discover a newfound closeness if you so choose. Remember, you have the power to create exactly what you want. Learn to manifest it. SAGITTARIUS is always a friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Fatigue could be a factor in seeing the big picture. Read between the lines, and don't feel as if you need to take a stand or be a leader. Much comes up from out of left field. Take your time and look at the whole story. Tonight: Vanish into your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Work with a partner directly. You might not understand everything you see, but stay focused on your goals, meetings and gathering support for what you need. You might feel stalemated by what occurs. Take your time. Tonight: Focus on the big picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others dominate at an unprecedented level. How you handle a problem could define a relationship. Be willing to make that effort to reach out to others.

You'll discover what is important as you detach and ask questions. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Keep your eye on the big picture, whether you are looking at work, an emotional issue or just planning a retreat for a few days. You could find that surprises aren't grounded in sound logic. Worry less and work more. Tonight: New insights will head in your direction if you remain open.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Continue to brainstorm and get down to basics. Your ability to sort the facts from fiction might be important in avoiding a risk. You can be very nice and simply say "no." Wind down and get as much done as you can late in the day, when focusing is easier. Tonight: Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Defer to a partner more often. Investigate possibilities that others toss in your lap, refusing to say no automatically. Your knee-jerk reaction could be off. Think in terms of gains and growth as you view these ideas. Tonight: Go for an emotional risk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Keep communication flowing, though there might be a lot of activity around work. You might long for more personal comments and interactions. You are on top of your game — no matter what, trust your instincts. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Watch your spending, as before you know it, you could be in a rut. Relax and follow through with givens. You could be more tired than you realize. Slow down some, especially if you are hitting roadblocks. Relax, take a brisk walk or schedule a half-day. Tonight:

Regain your strength.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Listen to suggestions and sort them out. You have a lot going for you. Investigate opportunities involving funds, career and investment. One "no" doesn't mean you will get all "no's."

Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget when you pay your bills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Think in terms of new beginnings. You might not be able to start right now, but in the very near future. Establishing a game plan is important. Understanding grows, and you might need to adapt to a situation. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Where your friends are is where the action is. Listen to the news, and understand what is happening. Investigate what is happening behind the scenes — you could be surprised. Trust your instincts. Tonight: Take in new information rather than complain.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Think a step ahead; consider what is going on. Your strong personality helps you lead others and get their attention and dedication. Your ability to move forward and touch base is dependent on these abilities. Tonight: Find your friends.

BORN TODAY
Artist, musician Yoko Ono (1933), actor John Travolta (1954), Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison (1931)

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2009.
There are 317 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
One hundred years ago, on Feb. 17, 1909, Chiricahua Apache leader Geronimo (also known as Goyathlay, "One Who Yawns") died at Fort Sill, Okla., at age 79.

On this date:
In 1801, the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral tie between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr, electing Jefferson president; Burr became vice president.

In 1809, the Ohio legislature voted to establish Miami University in present-day Oxford. (The school opened in 1824.)

In 1864, during the Civil War, the Union ship USS Housatonic was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, S.C., by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine HL Hunley, which also sank.

'Life has got to be lived, that's all there is to it. At 70, I would say the advantage is that you take life more calmly. You know that this, too, shall pass!'

— Eleanor Roosevelt,
American first lady

In 1865, Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not clear which side set the blaze.)

In 1904, the original two-act version of Giacomo Puccini's opera

"Madama Butterfly" was poorly received at its premiere at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

In 1947, the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

In 1959, the United States launched Vanguard 2, a satellite which carried meteorological equipment.

In 1964, the Supreme Court, in *Wesberry v. Sanders*, ruled that congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

In 1972, President Richard M. Nixon departed on his historic trip to China.

Ten years ago: In a satellite-linked address to college campuses across the country, President Bill Clinton made his case for shoring up Social Security and Medicare. Israeli security guards shot and killed three Kurds who had forced their way into the Israeli consulate in Berlin; the protesters were enraged by reports that Israel had aided in the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

Today's Birthdays: Bandleader Orrin Tucker is 98. Actor Hal Holbrook is 84. Mystery writer Ruth Rendell is 79. Singer Bobby Lewis is 76. Comedian Dame Edna (AKA Barry Humphries) is 75. Country singer-songwriter Johnny Bush is 74. Football Hall-of-Famer Jim Brown is 73. Actress Mary Ann Mobley is 70. Actress Rene Russo is 55. Actor Richard Karn is 53. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 47. Basketball player Michael Jordan is 46. Actor-comedian Larry the Cable Guy is 46. Singer Chante Moore is 42. Rock musician Timothy J. Mahoney (311) is 39. Actor Dominic Purcell is 39. Actress Denise Richards is 38. Rock singer-musician Billie Joe Armstrong (Green Day) is 37. Actor Jerry O'Connell is 35. Country singer Bryan White is 35. Actress Kelly Carlson is 33. Actor Jason Ritter is 29. TV personality Paris Hilton is 28.



NARCOVIOLENCE. I'M CALLING THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. WE DON'T NEED A WALL. WE NEED A LEVEE.

Guilt Complex

By Tom Purcell

I feel guilty about it, if you want to know the truth.

Maybe I better explain. One of the provisions slipped into the pork-packed "stimulus" package authorizes billions for digitizing medical records. It also establishes a National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

According to Betsy McCaughey, the former lieutenant governor of New York, that's not a good idea. She explains, at Bloomberg.com, that the national coordinator will monitor everyone's medical treatment to make sure doctors are "doing what the federal government deems appropriate and cost effective."

In other words, the government will be able to begin "guiding" doctors' decisions -- it will be able to dissuade costly treatments, say, for older folks who the government figures may croak soon anyhow.

That's why I feel guilty. I write for a living, you see. Writing is hard. Because I am unable to concentrate at home, I go to a coffee shop or diner every morning. One of my favorite spots is Panera Bread.

But most mornings, I encounter a problem: retirees.

There are dozens of them at Panera Bread. They are in their 60s, 70s and 80s -- one woman is 93. They are healthy and cheerful. They talk loudly and laugh boisterously.

Who can blame them for being so upbeat? They are a reflection of an incredibly successful civilization that, our current recession aside, produced unimaginable wealth -- and

unimaginable advances in health care.

Some of the retirees have new hips and knees, no doubt. Their tickers, successfully bypassed and rerouted, are beating as good as new. They've likely outlived a number of maladies that might have been their end if not for the amazing drugs and medical innovations that America has produced.

But I am unable to write when the retirees are socializing at Panera Bread.

One fellow has a powerful, booming voice and loves to use it. One lady has a cackle that sounds like fingernails scraping a chalkboard. Another fellow breaks out whistling for no reason at all -- a loud, screeching whistle that makes concentrating impossible.

It is a touch ironic that as they enjoy their coffee and camaraderie on one side of the room, I sit on the other side working in order to fund some of their good fortune -- to fund Medicare and Social Security.

It isn't their fault that Social Security is a giant Ponzi scheme -- that they are drawing out way more than they paid in and that I'm surely paying in way more than I'll ever draw out.

It also struck me as ironic that the more they talk and cackle and whistle, the less work I am able to get done. The less I produce, the less I am able to bill. The less I am able to bill, the less taxes I am able to pay to fund the Medicare and Social Security that contributes to their cheerfulness.

But nothing is more ironic than

this: Some of my retiree friends likely voted for the politicians -- the Democrats -- who have promised to give them the most stuff.

Surely, the retirees had no idea that Democrats would slip a provision by them through which the government would begin monitoring -- and eventually denying -- costly medical treatments to older folks just like them.

After all, says liberal Democrat Tom Daschle, who authored the idea, America's elderly need to become more like Europeans -- more willing to accept their fates and "forgo experimental treatments."

In other words, it's just a matter of time before some nameless, faceless bureaucrat -- not an elderly patient's doctor -- decides which treatment is "cost-effective" based on the patient's age.

It pains me to bring up the most ironic point of all, but there is no escaping it: This could be the only time in my life that the decisions made by a heartless government bureaucrat might unwittingly benefit me.

It has occurred to me that as there are fewer retirees talking, cackling and whistling at Panera Bread -- as the government denies their treatment -- I'll finally be able to get some work done.

Such are the callous, thoughtless, perverse musings that only the government can encourage.

At least I feel guilty about it.

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Editorial Thoughts

Houston Chronicle on the unemployed and health care coverage:

Texas has been relatively fortunate, compared with the rest of the country, in weathering the current economic crisis. But the dismal reality of job loss and all its attendant ills is taking a harsh toll on the state in terms of access to medical care.

Even before the downturn, Texas had the highest rate of medically uninsured in the nation, about one of every four Texans. And now, with unemployment in Texas 30 percent higher than last year, those numbers are increasing alarmingly.

A story by Cindy George in last Sunday's Chronicle focused on the dreadful toll that losing one's job can take on paying medical bills and accessing health care. Rick Norton, an epileptic, and his wife, Carolyn, in their 50s and without health insurance, are in debt to the tune of \$125,000 since last August for Rick's health problems.

In December, they filed for bankruptcy. They were hardly alone: Last year, a Harvard University study found, 50 percent of all bankruptcy filings were partly due to medical

expenses.

There are resources at hand, but it's often hard for people still reeling from a job loss or pay cut to navigate an unfamiliar system and figure out their eligibility for available help. It's up to the whole community health care providers, local authorities, educators and communicators to help local residents help themselves. And Houstonians are doing just that.

Ronald R. Cookston is executive director of Gateway to Care, a Harris County collaborative of social service providers and advocacy groups. He told the Chronicle that before the economic downturn, clients were almost exclusively people who had never had health insurance. Now, he said, they are getting "an awful lot of calls" from people who have lost their jobs and are uninsured.

Cookston said his office can help people understand what resources are available and an important factor if their children are eligible for Children's Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which also covers eligible pregnant women under its perinatal pro-

gram.

He said that local health care providers are sensitive to the issue: "As we approach clinics," he said, "everybody is well aware of the situation and is trying to be as responsive as possible."

One of these providers is the Harris County Hospital District, best known for its Ben Taub trauma hospital, but with a major emphasis on preventive care and wellness. It has a dozen clinics throughout the area, three more under construction, and clinics in area schools. Its community outreach department can help those eligible to access care and work at staying healthy.

David Lopez, the district's president and CEO, told the Chronicle that people who find themselves financially strapped and without coverage should focus on three areas: primary care, pre-

vention and wellness.

Finding a "medical home" an ongoing relationship with a care provider is key, he said. "The goal is to try to avoid hospitalizations and chronic conditions, which can be devastatingly expensive."

Another source of help is the new federal stimulus package, which includes \$87 billion to help the unemployed pay health insurance premiums under the COBRA program and provides funds for states to supplement Medicaid costs. It also contains about \$40 billion in unemployment benefits.

But, as Cookston pointed out, individuals already under stress cannot always gauge what is best in their particular circumstance.

"We have to get the word out," he said. "The whole community needs to work together to see that it happens."

He said it right.

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Smith, Barbee to wed

Roger and Julie Barbee of Pampa announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynsey, to Jared Smith, also of Pampa.

The couple will exchange vows May 16, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride attended Texas Tech and Wayland Baptist, she is employed by WB Supply.

The groom's parents are Herb and Lyn Smith. Jared attended Hardon Simmons Abilene and is employed by National Oilwell.

Southerlands celebrate 50th anniversary

William C. and Patricia A. Southerland of Midland were honored at a 50th wedding anniversary reception Saturday, January 24, in the First Baptist Church parlor. The reception was hosted by Kennedy Southerland of Euless, Marsha, Clyde, and Heather Coffee of Pampa, James Coffee of Lubbock, Tara and Luke Thornton of Midland and Nancy, Brian, Blake, Brady and Heath Houston of Levelland. The Southerlands were married January 24, 1959 in Waurika, Okla. They have lived in Venice, LA, Hobbs, NM, Pampa and Midland.

They have three children and six grandchildren. The Southerlands are members of the First Baptist Church and the John Sunday School Department.

Mr. Southerland retired after working for 25 years for Getty Oil and seven years for Texaco. He is a member of the Barbershop Harmony Society and the Midland Downtown Lions Club.

Mrs. Southerland is a retired elementary school



teacher. She is a member of the Midland Association of Retired School Personnel, The Midland Women's Club, Republican Women, The

Santa Rita Club, Kappa Kappa Iota, Delta Kappa Gamma and serves on the board of Community Concerts

Beta Sigma Phi club news

Beta Sigma Phi held a Valentine Banquet at Pampa Country Club on Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The Chapters preceptor Chi and Preceptor and Preceptor Theta Iota honored their sweethearts for the 2008-2009 year. Preceptor Chi's Sweetheart Moreen Greer was crowned by Teresa Hinds.

Preceptor Theta Iota's

Sweetheart Pat Kindle was escorted by her husband Bill Kindle and crowned by Barbara Benyshek. Tammy May presented the program in song.

Beta Sigma Phi met Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Ann Franklin, president, presided. Nancy Broggin, recording secretary took role and read minutes from the previous meeting, which were approved as

read. Janice Hubbard, treasurer, gave treasurer's report.

Correspondence was heard. Committee reports were given. Social Feb. 14 for couples at Red River Steakhouse in McLean. Nancy Broggin gave program. Secret sister gifts for Valentines were exchanged.



Pampa R.A.V.E. girls volleyball team participated in The Crown of Texas Festival Volleyball Tournament on Feb. 7 and 8 in Amarillo. The girls played in Division 5 and received 3rd place in the Gold Bracket. Team Players are; Jaycee Devoll, Bennett Cambren, Tori Robles, Reata Collins, Kindle Hunt, Taylor Eubank, Caragan Niccum and Kirstin Hood. Coach-Kelly Cambren

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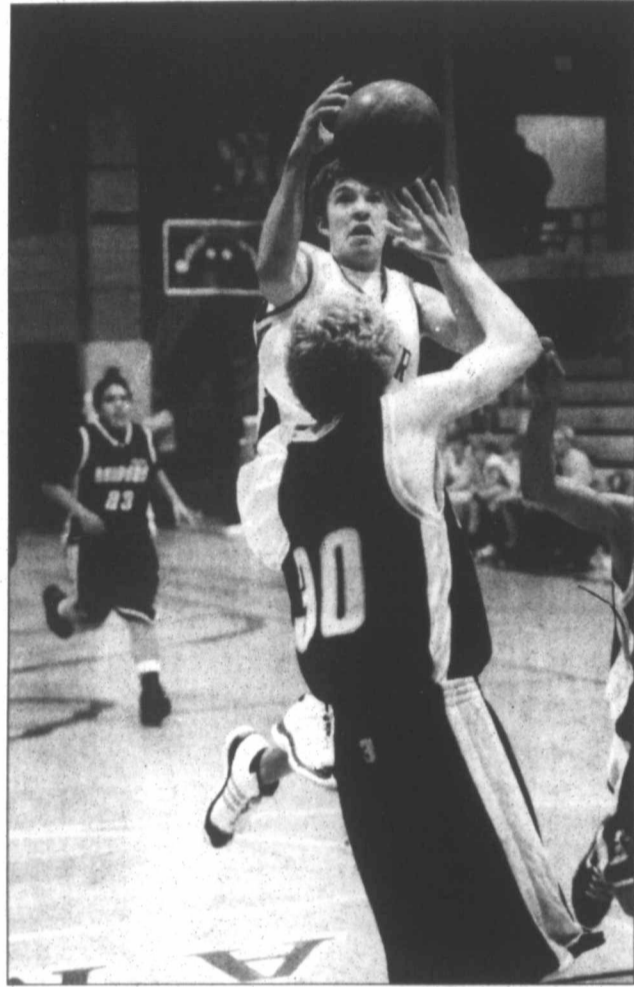
by Bob Ericson

The Harvester JV boys team lost a tough game to Randall in their final home game. The first quarter was a defensive battle for both teams as Jonathan Polasek and Latigo Collins sank two pointers. Pampa trailed 10-5. Points for Pampa would come just as tough in the second period.

Garrett Ericson only made two free throws and Collins would put in four more of his nine-point total.

The Harvesters went into the half down 27-11. Pampa played its best quarter scoring 14 as Ericson put in six of his eight and Joseph Mechelay contributed six points.

The Harvesters cut the lead to 35-25 after three periods. The Harvesters went cold in the fourth only scoring two points on a free throw. Pampa fell 45-27.



staff photo by David Bowser

Pampa High School Sophomore Garrett Ericson goes in for a lay up during the Pampa Harvester-Randall Raider Junior Varsity game Tuesday night at McNeely Field House.

Washington says Rangers' rotation is set — for now

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Two days into spring training, Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington says his rotation is set. That doesn't mean the starting pitchers won't be challenged.

The Rangers deviated from their norm by having pitchers throw live batting practice on the first day of workouts Sunday. A day later, Washington indicated he was ready to roll with Kevin Millwood and Vicente Padilla, followed in no particular order by Scott Feldman, Matt Harrison and Brandon McCarthy.

"The only thing that can unseat it is if one of those guys come up with an injury or something unforeseen happens," Washington said Monday. "But that's where we want to go."

Live batting practice so early couldn't have come as a surprise because new pitching coach Mike Maddux made it clear over the winter that his pitchers should arrive in shape and ready for a heavier workload. Last season, the Rangers had the fifth-highest ERA in club history at 5.37.

"Accountability and reliability are two things that take no talent," said Maddux, the brother of 355-game winner Greg Maddux. "The game is about God-given ability, but it doesn't take any talent to hustle or be in shape."

Team president and Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan watched Sunday's first session. The plan is for pitchers to throw to live hitters every other day.

Millwood, whose hamstring problems last spring set the tone for an injury-filled season in which 14 pitchers spent time on the disabled list, said Maddux's regimen is similar to what the Braves used when Millwood was in Atlanta.

"Throwing live BP makes you concentrate a little bit more, and you get a little bit more out of it, so that's a good thing," said Millwood, who was 9-10 with a 5.07 ERA in 2008, his second straight year with a 5-plus ERA after 10 seasons without one.

Millwood, the likely opening day starter, and Padilla (41-8, 4.74 ERA a year ago) are the known quantities for Washington.

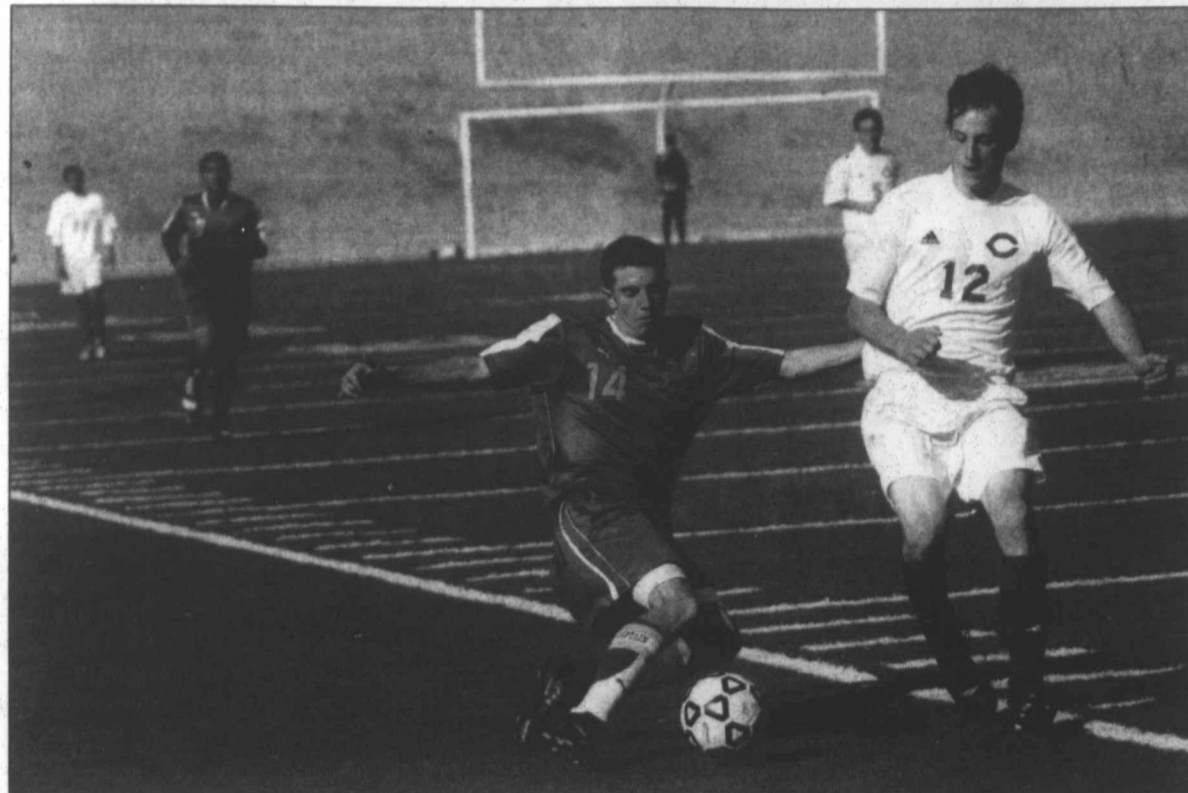
The 23-year-old Harrison posted a 9-3 mark in 15 starts as a rookie after a July call-up, although his ERA was a somewhat bloated 5.49. McCarthy hasn't stayed healthy in Texas and made just five starts last season. Feldman was a career reliever before starting 25 times in 28 appearances last year.

"We didn't know what expect when you have a guy coming from the bullpen," Washington said. "I'm not saying anything's set in stone, but he's got a spot to give up if that's what he wants to do. Knowing Feldman, he's not going to give it up."

Feldman abandoned the sidearm delivery he had used since becoming a reliever in favor of the traditional over-the-top motion he used when he was a starter in college.

"The more difficult thing was trying to get a consistent delivery and arm angle," Feldman said. "It's a lot of fun to know when you're going to pitch and knowing you're going to pitch more than one inning or face more than one batter."

PHS VARSITY SOCCER



staff photo by David Bowser

Harvester Team Captain Jack Ware, 14, kicks the ball in for a Pampa point during the Pampa-Canyon soccer match in Kimbrough Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon. Canyon won 5-1.



staff photo by David Bowser

Dayla Newman, 20, and Faby Soria, 9, attack the ball with a Canyon player at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon Saturday during the soccer match between the Lady Harvesters and Lady Eagles. Canyon won 4-0.

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Texas fireball probably a meteor, not UFO

DALLAS (AP) — The fireball that blazed across the Texas sky and sparked numerous weekend calls to authorities was probably a meteor and not falling space junk from last week's satellite collision, officials said Monday.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the fireball appeared to be a natural phenomenon, and a University of North Texas astronomer said more specifically that it was probably a pickup truck-sized meteor with the consistency of concrete.

The object was visible Sunday morning from Austin to Dallas and into East Texas. In Central Texas, the Williamson County sheriff's office received so many emergency calls that it sent a helicopter aloft to look for debris from a plane crash.

The FAA backed off its weekend statement that the fireball possibly was caused by falling debris from colliding satellites plummeting into the atmosphere. That assertion was rebuffed Sunday when a major with U.S. Strategic Command said there was no connection to the sightings and last week's collision of satellites from the U.S. and Russia.

The FAA had a weekend warning out to pilots to watch out for satellite debris but rescinded the warning Sunday, FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said.

Herwig acknowledged Monday that "we are no longer saying it might have been satellite debris."

"We suspect a natural phenomenon, but we are not the experts on that," Herwig said.

Preston Starr, the observatory manager at the University of North Texas, said he believes the object was a carbonaceous meteor "about the size of a pickup truck. It was a slow mover, and probably has the consistency of concrete."

Such objects bombard the planet on a daily basis. Objects as large as the one spotted Sunday enter the atmosphere about eight or 10 times a year, Starr said. It was probably moving between 15,000 miles per hour and 40,000 miles per hour and was likely visible for several seconds.

The object was unlikely to be satellite debris, Starr said, because the trajectory was wrong and debris would be too small and too slow for so many to have seen it during the day.

"It would have looked like a blip, and nobody would be able to notice if it were a daytime entry," Starr said.

Starr described the object as a bolide, a term used by astronomers to describe a meteor with an exploding brightness.

That's the description given by those who saw the fireball, saying it was reddish orange and left a trail of white smoke.

Starr said it's likely the meteor struck ground somewhere. He doubted it would have left a crater and guessed what's left of it would be smaller than the size of a fist.

Emergency operators in at least six East Texas counties received calls about the object. Several people in the Dallas area reported seeing the meteor. In Williamson County, north of Austin, a sheriff's department helicopter spent 45 minutes searching for a possible plane crash after receiving numerous calls about a fireball.

"That's why we don't have any doubt that what they saw is what they saw. We are fairly certain that whatever happened, happened," said Detective John Foster, a spokesman for the Williamson County sheriff's department. "We believe them. But we couldn't find it. We tried."

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

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CRYPTOQUOTE

SJB RCY LJT GZUBN VQ JZRNBDG

CYH DTF JZRNBDG ZN CXS ST

VB KTFFOXSBH VQ SJB KTRXCYQ

JB EBBXN. — K.J. XCFEJOFNS
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NO MAN IS FIT TO COMMAND ANOTHER THAT CANNOT COMMAND HIMSELF. — WILLIAM PENN



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible -- or normal -- for someone to lack the desire to travel? I am a 23-year-old female college graduate with a good job. I am involved in a serious relationship and still live with my parents because of financial constraints. I like to think my life is pretty normal.

When my friends graduated from college, they all backpacked through Europe before starting their jobs. I was content to stay home, relax and read-just to life off-campus. Now that my friends are accruing vacation time, they are planning all sorts of trips -- cruises, vacations, road trips to visit old roommates, etc. None of this appeals to me.

I am a nervous traveler and tend to feel uncomfortable when I'm outside my "comfort zone." I'm not afraid to admit that I can be uptight, and I don't "roll with the punches" very well.

Last summer my boyfriend and I spent several weekends in a beach town about two hours away. I had a great time, although I was just as happy to go home at the end. I am not depressed or aloof. Give me an afternoon at the local mall or a movie rather than a weekend in Las Vegas. Am I weird? -- HOMEBODY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR HOMEBODY: Weird? No. However, because of your reluctance to step out of your "comfort zone," you are missing an opportunity to learn firsthand that this country -- and the world around you -- is filled with wonderful people who would be worth knowing if you could only broaden your horizons. If this didn't bother you on some level, you would not have written

me. A therapist who specializes in anxiety disorders could help you do that. I wish you good luck -- and maybe even "bon voyage."

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of 10 years, "Simon," comes from a broken home. His mother left when he was quite young and as a result, his food choices are horrible. Simon is 30 now and eats only hamburgers, french fries, pizza and other fried or carb-loaded food. He includes absolutely no vegetables or lean protein in his diet.

I love my boyfriend and can't imagine spending my life with anyone else. I have tried to get him to consider other foods to no avail. I'm afraid that he is slowly killing himself. He has packed on some weight

since we've been together. I wouldn't call him obese, but I see what's coming. He drinks only sugar-loaded soda and hasn't seen a doctor since he was 18. I love all kinds of foods. What can I do to bring Simon over to my side? -- WORRIED ABOUT SIMON IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR WORRIED: Until your boyfriend is willing to face the fact that he has a problem, and is willing to do something about it, there is nothing you or I can do. Simon may eat the way he does because he has abandonment issues or because he never learned proper eating habits in the first place. But until he's willing to face up to what's eating him and change the way he is eating, nothing will change.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

7	2	3	4	5	1	8	9	6
1	6	5	9	7	8	4	2	3
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Level: Beginner



The 2008 "Pride" photo contest winner was this photo of one-year-old Emma Grace Searl, sent in by Linda Searl.

PHOTO CONTEST



The Pampa News' annual amateur photo contest will feature two categories this year -- "Family and Friends" and "Gray County Scenes."

Family and Friends

Photos should be non-posed snapshots of people doing things together. They can also be individual shots, but the key is to make them candid photos that show a slice of life in Gray County. The photos that "tell a story" will also be given a higher rating.

Gray County Scenes

Send us your best shots of local scenery. Photos may be sunsets, storms, old buildings, cityscapes, wildlife or domestic animals.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday, March 6.

Winners in each category will be selected by our editorial staff. The top photographers in each category will receive \$100 and their photos will be published in the newspaper's annual "Pride" issue to be published in March. Second place winners in each category will receive \$50. Third Place winners in each category will receive \$25.

Any photos submitted to the contest must be taken by the person submitting them and must have been taken in Gray County since Jan. 1, 2008. The photos cannot have appeared previously in any other publication or contest.

You can submit as many photos to the contest categories as you like.

The best way to submit your photo is to send them via E-mail, as an attachment, to editor@thepampa.com. The photos should be in a .jpg format, preferably shot on the "fine" setting on a digital camera or higher.

Do not edit the photo. We need to make changes in resolution to run photos in the newspaper. If you are entering more than one photo, please send them individually as an E-mail attachment.

Include your name, address, telephone number for verification and a description of the photograph. Identify the people in the photo if possible. Any photo without this information included will be disqualified.

If you would rather submit your entries as prints, send them with the information to: Photography Contest, The Pampa News, 403 W. Atchison Avenue, Pampa, TX. If you wish the prints returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your entry.

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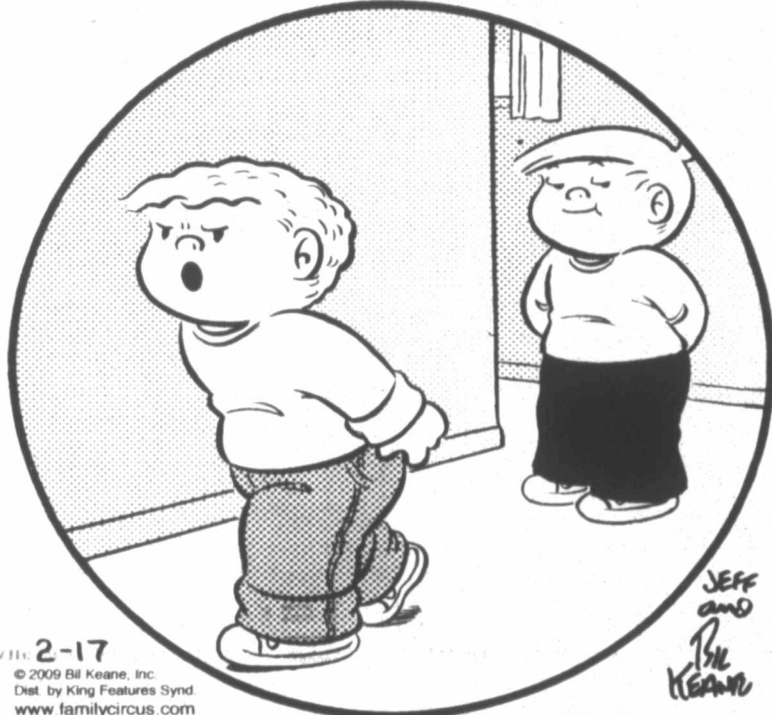
Marmaduke



"Why don't you and your imaginary friend go outside and play?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy! We're playin' hide-and-seek and Billy keeps forgettin' to seek me!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Boot sights
 - 42 Prepared attachment
 - 5 Jeweler's unit
 - 10 Fork features
 - 12 Make a speech
 - 13 Guiding light
 - 15 Regret
 - 16 Moray, for one
 - 17 Compass dir.
 - 18 Gives rise to
 - 20 Yard parts
 - 21 Sculpting medium
 - 22 Casino calculation
 - 23 Grades
 - 25 Long-eared runner
 - 28 Bud holders
 - 31 Ready for business
 - 32 Like a short play
 - 34 Free (of)
 - 35 Frank McCourt book
 - 36 That lady
 - 37 Breathing
 - 40 Whale's home
- DOWN**
- 1 Mixes up
 - 2 Locker art
 - 3 Kick out of office
 - 4 Agent, for short
 - 5 Anthracite, e.g.
 - 6 Gallery fill
 - 7 Poured
 - 8 Made amends
 - 9 Principles
 - 11 Reddish brown
 - 14 Water behind a dam
 - 19 Half of humanity
 - 20 "Cabaret" director
 - 24 Topeka's state
 - 25 Movie genre
 - 26 For each
 - 27 View from Arabia
 - 29 Without breaking a sweat
 - 30 Fish flock
 - 33 High-strung
 - 35 Minuscule
 - 38 Steno need
 - 39 Pointer

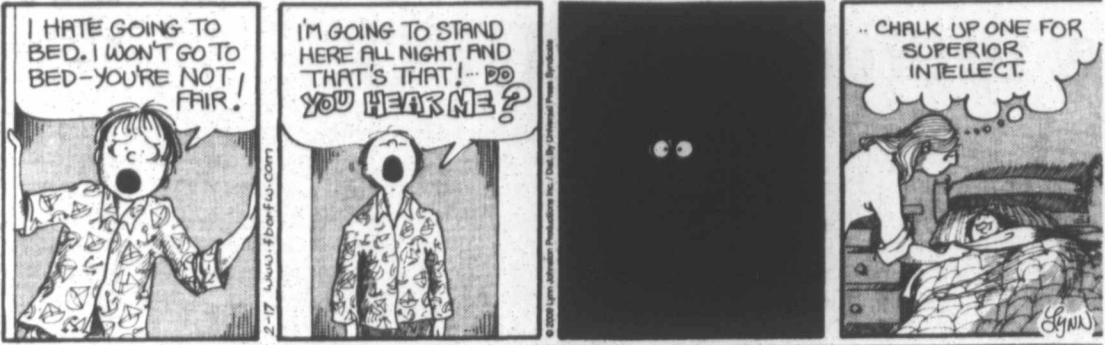
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Peanuts



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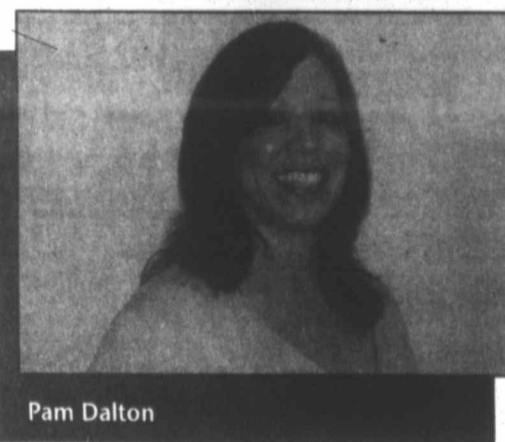
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