

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Wednesday **Thursday** **Friday**



Cloudy



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Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Wind chill values between 14 and 24. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north-west 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 9 and 19. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 24. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 10. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Services tomorrow

LEWIS, Dale G. — Graveside services 1 p.m. Fairview Cemetery.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of White Deer:		XCEL	23.30	+0.06
Wheat	4.13	Anadarko	42.83	+0.78
Milo	6.36	KOM	73.35	+0.15
Corn	7.16	Nat'l Oilwell	58.60	+0.99
Soybeans	5.91	Limited	27.81	+0.25
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		Williams	26.60	+0.20
QXY	45.16	-0.01	MCD	43.65
BP PLC ADR	63.02	+0.19	Atmos	31.21
Cabot Corp	43.46	-0.15	Pioneer Nat	39.59
Celanese	25.94	-0.08	JCP	81.29
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HAL	28.96	+0.20	CVX	72.18
TRI	43.34	+0.38	Wal-Mart	47.75
KMI	105.90	+0.18	OKE	43.00
			NS Grp	NA
			New York Gold	649.10
			Silver	13.25
			West Texas Crude	54.01

Utilities lean heavily on lobbyists in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas utility companies are poised to spend more than any other industry to lobby state lawmakers as the firms seek to keep permits for coal-fired power plants on track and stave off hard-nosed environmental standards and new price controls.

Energy companies have signed off on more than 350 lobbying contracts for 2007 and intend to spend between \$10 million and \$20 million protecting their interests this legislative session, according to a Dallas Morning News analysis of lobbying reports.

That's more lobby money than has been earmarked for any other field, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

The energy companies say they need the help as the

Legislature considers changes that could affect their business plans for years to come.

But the extra-large lobbying effort spells bad news for competitive electric rates, said Tom "Smitty" Smith, director of the watchdog group Public Citizen.

"TXU and the other big energy companies have enough lobbyists to twist both arms and one leg of the entire Senate and the key committees of the House simultaneously," Smith said. "What it means is that the average citizen's voice is drowned out."

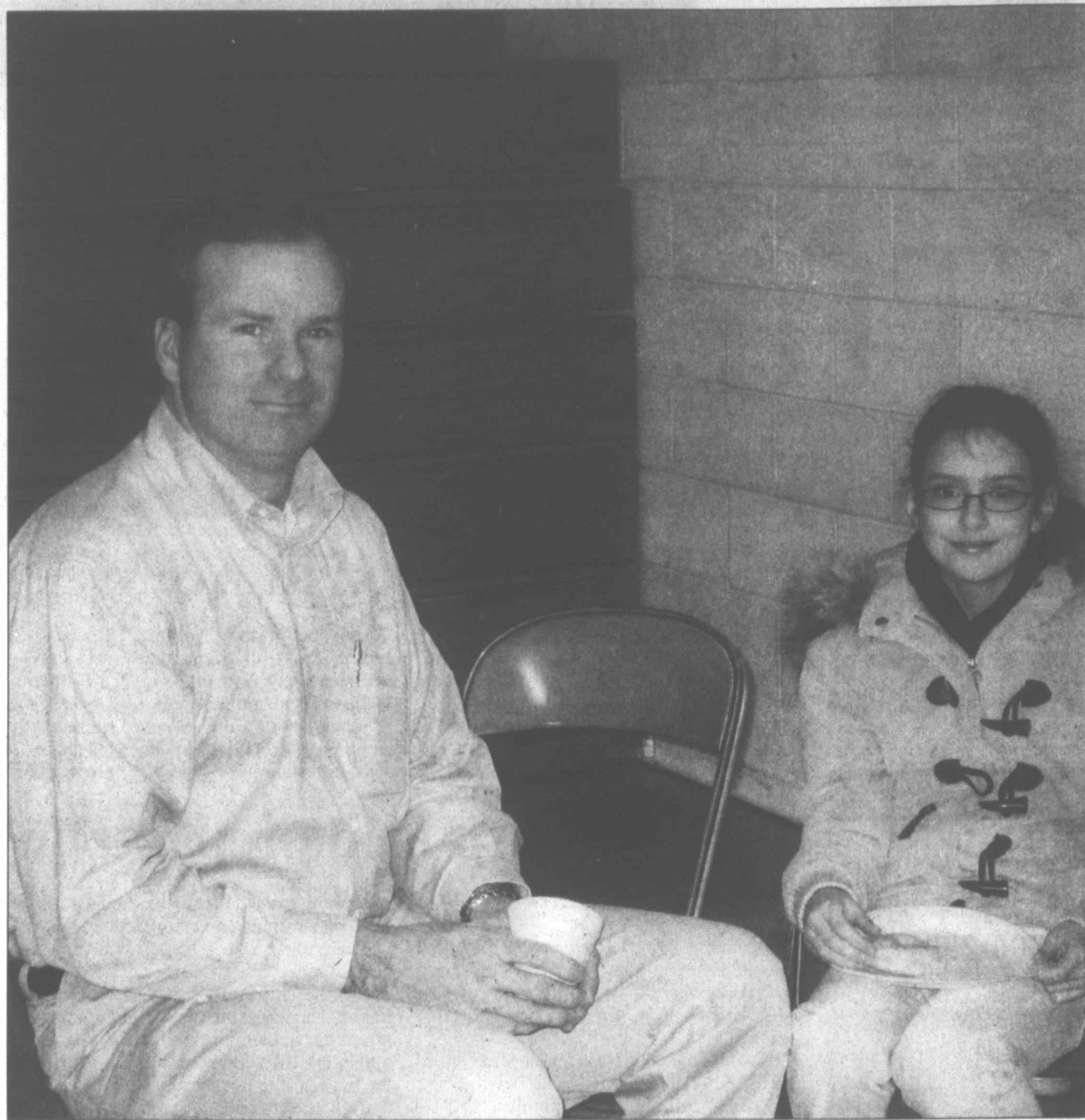
Curt Seidlits, senior vice president for governmental advocacy at TXU Corp., said 2007 could be the company's most active lobbying year since 1999 in effort, but not necessarily in dollars.

The company made a profit of \$1.71 billion in 2005. It intends to spend between \$1.3 million and \$2.8 million on lobbying this session, according to The News' review.

The Texas Ethics Commission requires that lobbying contracts be reported only in broad ranges, not precise figures.

Two energy companies could break the \$1 million mark in lobbying this year: American Electric Power and CenterPoint Energy, which delivers power but doesn't generate it.

Dad's Breakfast



Allen and Taylor Eubank enjoy a meal together during "Dad's Breakfast" at Travis Elementary School recently. Pampa News photo by LACI KENNEDY

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Nine traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Gwendolyn and Sumner streets, the intersection of Alcock and Banks streets, and an unreported location.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 300 block of North Cuyler.

Stops made by animal control officers were the intersection of Tignor and Miami streets, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of Hill, the 700 block of Sloan, on two occasions in the 1500 block of Christy, the 600 block of North Nelson, the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 700 block of East Foster, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of Twiford, the 1100 block of Mary Ellen, the 1400 block of East Browning, the 1700 block of East Harvester, the 900 block of Cinderella, and an unreported location.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road and at an unreported location.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

A welfare check was reported in the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight and the 300 block of East Browning.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 900 block of Gordon, and the 900 block of Somerville.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1000 block of

North Sumner.

Prowlers were reported in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 1800 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill and on two occasions in the 1100 block of Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at the intersection of Wilcox and Crawford streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 300 block of North Faulkner and the 600 block of West Francis.

Evading arrest or detention was reported in the 1100 block of Farley.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Banks.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Jan. 29
 Luis Gerardo Acosta, 48, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury.

John Franklin Ellis, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for violating a city ordinance by having no solicitation permit.

Ramon Farjardo, 28, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Las Vegas County warrant for being a fugitive from justice.

Tuesday, Jan. 30
 Israel Olivas, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of East Browning by Pampa Police Department on a Moore County warrant for burglary of a habitation.

Fire

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

Monday, Jan. 29
 8:29 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of Murphy on a carbon monoxide investigation.

8:47 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Beech on a gas odor investigation.

9:30 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of North Faulkner on an undisclosed investigation.

12:58 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Campbell on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Jan. 29
 8:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

At an unspecified time, a mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

12:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Campbell and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

7:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Study predicts statewide impact of major hurricane

HOUSTON (AP) — A study commissioned by the insurance industry found that Texas would lose \$52.2 billion in gross state product, 617,000 jobs and \$1.8 billion in annual state revenue if a major hurricane hit the coast.

The Texas Association of Independent Insurance Agents funded the study to help make its case for the Legislature to bolster fund-

ing for the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, the insurer of last resort for policyholders in Texas coastal counties.

"We are using this study with the Legislature to point to the fact that a big storm along our coast is everyone's problem, not just the people in Houston or Corpus Christi, but also the people in Amarillo and Austin are

affected by this and should be part of the solution," said David VanDelinder, executive director of insurance agents association.

The Perryman Group conducted the study, which was to be released Tuesday, using economic models to gauge the potential harm to state and regional economies caused by damaged ports. It also examined the statewide

impact from a disruption to the petrochemical industry.

A rising number of insurers have stopped offering windstorm coverage along the Texas coast. The windstorm pool had more than 130,000 residential and 12,800 commercial policyholders at the end of 2006. More than half of its residential customers are in Galveston County.

Snow put to use



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Mounds of snow were dumped on the south side of Central Park after city crews removed it from downtown streets. City Engineer Richard Morris said the reason for dumping the snow there is to help water the grass in the park and it is a short haul for crews. He said any pollutants that will end up in the park after melting should not cause any harm and would have ended up in the creeks anyway from melting off of the streets.

Republican challenges Bush on war powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate Republican today directly challenged President Bush's declaration that "I am the decision-maker" on issues of war.

"I would suggest respectfully to the president that he is not the sole decider," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said during a hearing on Congress' war powers amid an increasingly harsh debate over Iraq war policy. "The decider is a shared and joint responsibility," Specter said.

The question of whether to use its power over the government's purse strings to force an end to the war in

Iraq, and under what conditions, is among the issues faced by the newly empowered Democratic majority in Congress, and even some of the president's political allies as well.

No one challenges the notion that Congress can stop a war by canceling its funding.

But there are other legislative options to force the war's end, say majority Democrats and some of Bush's traditional Republican allies.

The alternatives range from capping the number of troops permitted in Iraq to cutting off funding for troop deploy-

ments beyond a certain date or setting an end date for the war.

"The Constitution makes Congress a coequal branch of government. It's time we start acting like it," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., who is chairing a hearing today on Congress' war powers and forwarding legislation to eventually prohibit funding for the deployment of troops to Iraq.

His proposal, like many others designed to force an end to U.S. involvement in the bloody conflict, is far from having enough support even to come up for a vote on the Senate floor.

Mexican Consulate says illegals profiled

DALLAS (AP) — A spokesman for the Mexican Consulate of Dallas says police in North and East Texas profiled illegal immigrants and exceeded their authority in checking the immigrants' residency status.

Eduardo Rea Falcon, a Consulate spokesman, said Mexican officials believe 33

of 47 men, women and children held over the weekend at a federal immigration center in Dallas were profiled by police.

The immigrants were picked up in Fort Worth,

Weatherford, Marshall and Denton County. Rea said they were stopped for traffic violations, asked for immigration papers and handed over to federal officials for deportation.

Appraisal board to meet

Officers will be elected at Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors meeting, at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the conference room of the district's offices at 815 N. Sumner.

Other agenda items include renewal of the audit contract, December expenditures, medical insurance, an investment report, and a chief appraiser's report.

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Food

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that offer these types of classes," Irons said. "Students have to go as far as Dallas or Austin if they want to take culinary classes and they are very expensive to take also."

She is the only teacher currently teaching Food Production and the other Family and Consumer Science courses.

"Due to budget cuts in recent years, the number of teachers who are teaching these classes has dropped from four to one," Irons said. "I've been the only teacher the last three years teach-

"There are not many schools close to Pampa

ing these classes and more students would be able to take this class and others relating to cooking, parenting and family living if the budget would allow another teacher to be hired."

If students do not want to take a specialized class in one area, they can take Family and Consumer Science. This course used to be known as Home Economics. Students are taught clothing production, child development and parenting, nutrition, interior design and individual and family living. They are also taught how to manage money and credit cards.

Irons is also the sponsor for the Family Careers and Community Leaders of America, which used to be known as Future Homemakers of America. This is an extracurricular

group that meets after school. One of the main focuses of this group is community service.

The students have gone to the Kids Cafe and prepared food, have read to Latch Key kids after school and have gone to Meredith House to help residents write letters or cards or just visit with them. The group has also had trash detail for the high school grounds where they go around and pick up any garbage lying around.

The FCCLA group is going to a regional culinary competition on Feb. 16 - 17 in Amarillo. Along with the group competition, one student will be giving an oral presentation on the community services the group provides to Pampa. Awards will be presented to the top three teams.

Features

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Alex and Lena Schneider in 1912.

The Schneiders came to Pampa in 1886 from Switzerland, where they had managed a 60-room hotel. They remodeled the Holland Hotel, added an annex, and eventually built a new brick 101-room hotel, the current building, which opened June 11, 1927.

Their son, Alex Jr., later took over management of the hotel and sold it in 1949, when it became the Pampa Hotel. It was vacated in 1969 until its rejuvenation as apartments.

The Schneider House and PFD's Central Station are part of a "million dollar row" of buildings erected in the late 1920s as a result of the oil boom, Powell said. The other two buildings in the group are City Hall and Gray County Courthouse.

All four buildings are located on what used to be called Albert Square, which was deeded to the city by White Deer Land Co. on June 3, 1912. The area was originally intended to be a park.

Pampa's post office has a chimney on its west wall which has seen a change in function since the building's

to A.A. Holland, who operated it as a hotel and sold it to

completion. It was first used as a chimney to vent smoke, according to Otis White, custodian.

"It was at one time used when they burned old postal papers and items now placed in the Dumpsters," White said. "It's a chimney. Right now it's still a chimney. Water from the boiler heater pipe goes through it, and it serves as an exhaust for hot air escaping from the boiler."

According to a plaque mounted on the north wall of the post office, it was built in 1933-34 by the Works Progress Administration and is recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark.

Another chimney can be seen on the roof of the Worley Hospital, at the corner of Somerville and Francis streets. The chimney is near the north wall of the hospital, which opened by 1931 and was vacated by the 1970s.

"It was for an exhaust for the incinerator," said Carol Peet of Carol Peet Ministries, owner of the building. The incinerator is in the basement, which also houses the boiler for the steam heat used to heat the hospital in the winter.

White Deer Land Museum sports the most chimneys with four, two on the south side and two on the north side of the building.

"There are four fireplaces here," said Anne Davidson, museum director.

She said apartments for White Deer Land Co.'s owners were included in the building and featured fireplaces for each apartment.

"We use one now for display," she said of the fireplaces. "There haven't been any fires built in them since the late 1940s. We have an imitation electric fire for display purposes only in one of the fireplaces. The other three are pretty well closed off."

White Deer Land Museum, located at 116 S. Cuyler, was built in 1916 as offices and quarters for White Deer Land Co. The land company was liquidated in 1957. In the early 1960s, M.K. Brown and Clotilde Thompson began renovation of the building to establish a history museum. It was deeded to Gray County and is currently operated by the county.

The museum has a plaque on its east wall stating that it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Other chimneys can be seen on downtown buildings, including Pampa Office Supply, built in 1930 at 215 N. Cuyler. That chimney, at the southwest corner of the building, was used for venting and connected to the boiler room which used to be in the building's basement, according to store representative Bill Simon.

Water

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"It's a cooperators award that the extension service gives," Williams said. "They had a real nice luncheon down at College Station."

The award, Williams said, was shared this year by the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer; the High Plains Underground Water District, headquartered in Lubbock; and the North Plains Ground Water Conservation District, headquartered in Dumas.

Extension Director Edward Smith presented the Partnership Awards,

which were established in 1999, for outstanding contributions in support of the Extension Service in water-use efficiency and conservation.

"Water is the number one issue in the state of Texas," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension regional program director for agriculture and natural resources in Amarillo. "The Texas High Plains is one of the most intensive irrigated agriculture regions in the world."

Robinson praised the cooperative efforts of the three ground water conservation water districts.

"These three water districts have assisted Texas Cooperative Extension in programs to conserve water and increase water-use efficiency," Robinson said.

Support of the partnership program

by the three districts has led to the program being recognized as the place for in-season pest and water-use information, Robinson said. The Region A water plan also was developed using AgriPartner data.

"Extension educational programs in water-use-efficiency and conservation are blessed in having these three water districts as partners," Robinson said.

Brandon Dukes, Roberts County Extension agriculture agent; Kyle Barnett, Hemphill County Extension agriculture agent; Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist in San Angelo; and Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist in Canyon, each won Texas Cooperative Extension Superior Service Awards in Wildlife Management.

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Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

Dedicated to meeting the needs of their individual clients, the Wilkinsons believe a successful business should give back to the community.

Suzanne Wilkinson

Viewpoints

The tale of a much-loved furry companion

I have talked about pets in a previous column, but today I would like to focus on one particular furry friend who is no more.

Our beloved dachshund, Foojus, died last week. He would have been 16 years old on April 7.

We had been grieving over the loss of another dachshund, Duchess, in the spring of 1991 when, a couple of months after her demise, we were told by our vet about a lady in Borger who raised dachshunds and had a litter just weaned from their mother and ready to start their lives as someone's four-legged friends.

We thought about it for a while and could not quite imagine getting another dog so soon. But I was devastat-

ed every day when I came home from work to an empty house and no one was there waiting to greet me with eloquent nonverbal expressions of joy.

We finally called the lady and made an appointment to see the pups. We drove over and were introduced to four male 8-week-old black and tan bundles of energy.

Each of us knelt down on the ground in the front yard where the fellows were playing, and without discussion or further thought, each of us decided we wanted the pup that came to us and seemed interested in us.

My husband wound up with the "runt" of the litter, a feisty guy we named Tempus (don't ask where the names came from — it's a very long

story). I got Foojus.

Thus began years of joy, companionship, and unconditional love.

Some may say that dogs can't feel love. Really? Have you ever seen an angry dog? If a dog can be angry or frightened, it stands to reason that the creature can feel other emotions, too.

Tempus and Foojus never fought with each other or anyone else. They were protective and would bark at something they perceived as a potential threat to their homes, people or themselves, but they never bit anyone or did any damage to

anything except a few items they found particularly suited for teething when they were still puppies.

Tempus was usually the initiator of an activity, such as barking ferociously at a squirrel which would tiptoe daintily along our back fence and almost seemed to be taunting the boys. Foojus would follow suit cheerfully,

happy to be part of the two-some.

Every Saturday at noon, we would pause to enjoy the "noon howling." As the city's warning system was tested and every siren began its weekly wail, both dogs

would stop what they were doing and begin to bark and howl along with the noise. They seemed to experiment with mouth positions and different notes of the scale as they sang along.

Both preferred to stay outside most of the time, but we let them inside to sleep on cold nights and kept them inside all the time in inclement and particularly cold weather. They would sleep together on the floor after rooting under a blanket, but both enjoyed stretching out beside each of us in our recliners.

Their favorite game was what I dubbed "petch," a combination of pounce and fetch. I would pick up one of their toys, and they would gleefully spring toward it,

pretending to pounce on the toy just as I tossed it. Both would race to the toy, and whichever one got to it first and picked it up would wait for the other to also grab hold of some part of it before starting back toward me, both trying to run in synchronization.

We enjoyed even their sleep time, which would sometimes be punctuated by what I called "oofs." They would be stretched out somewhere in the living room and one or both would get caught up in a doggy dream. Their legs and sometimes noses would begin to twitch and then they would appear to run, or dog-paddle. Next would come the sound effects, a series of what

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2007. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.
In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.
In 1883, James Ritty and John Birch received a U.S. patent for the first cash register.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.

In 1962, two members of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

In 2005, in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Robert McCartney, 33, was killed after intervening in a pub fight between Irish Republican Army members and a friend of his.

Ten years ago: The Marine Corps opened an investigation of two videotaped hazing incidents in 1991 and 1993 known as "blood pinnings" in which elite paratroopers had golden jump pins beaten into their chests. (The 1993 incident led to a recommended discharge for a sergeant.)

Five years ago: Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the U.S. would watch closely to see what Iraq, Iran and North Korea did next, a day after President Bush singled them out as part of a dangerous "axis of evil." Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai visited the World Trade Center site and placed a wreath of yellow roses by a memorial wall as he surveyed the ruins of Sept. 11.

'It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know — and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything.'

— Joyce Cary
English author
(1888-1957)



Science subjected to Nuremberg treatment?

Fearmongering political commentator Henry Louis Mencken (1880-1956) warned that, "The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and hence clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." The Weather Channel has taken up that task with its series "It Could Happen Tomorrow."

The Weather Channel started its "It Could Happen Tomorrow" series in January 2006. The program includes episodes where a tornado destroys Dallas, a tsunami destroys the Pacific Northwest, Mount Rainier erupts and destroys nearby towns, and San Diego is devastated by wildfires.

They omitted a program showing a meteor striking my house, for it, too, could happen tomorrow. Of

course, any one of these events could happen tomorrow, but I'm reminded of a passage in Shakespeare's "Macbeth," where after

Walter Williams
Columnist



"Oftentimes, to win us to our harm, the instruments of darkness tell us truths, win us with honest trifles, to betray us in deepest consequence." That is, gain our confidence with trifle truths to set us up for the big lie.

The big lie, conceived by the Weather Channel in cahoots with environmental extremists, is to get us in a tizzy over global warming, and they're vicious about it. Dr. Heidi Cullen, the Weather Channel's climatol-

ogist, hosts a weekly program called "The Climate Code." Dr. Cullen advocates that the American Meteorological Society

(AMS) strip their seal of approval from any TV weather man expressing skepticism about the predictions of manmade global warming, according to a report by Marc Morano, communications director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works.

Dr. Cullen has had a lot of help in demonizing skeptics of catastrophic manmade global warming. Scott Pelley, CBS News "60 Minutes" correspondent, compared skeptics of global warming to "Holocaust

deniers," and former Vice President Al Gore calls skeptics "global warming deniers."

But it gets worse. Mr. Morano reports that on one of Dr. Cullen's shows, she featured columnist Dave Roberts, who, in his Sept. 19, 2006, online publication, said, "When we've finally gotten serious about global warming, when the impacts are really hitting us and we're in a full worldwide scramble to minimize the damage, we should have war crimes trials for these bastards — some sort of climate Nuremberg." He didn't say whether the death penalty should be administered to those found guilty of global warming denial.

The environmental extremists' true agenda has little or nothing to do with climate change. Their true

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Jan. 22**
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on recent DNA exonerations in Dallas County:

Picture a 50-year-old convict standing in front of a judge in Dallas County, once again pleading his innocence in a crime committed more than 23 years ago.

On the one hand, there was something mighty right about what played out Wednesday morning in Judge John Creuzot's courtroom. On the other hand, there was something very wrong.

James Waller was convicted of raping a 12-year-old boy in 1983 and sentenced to 30 years in prison. He served

10 years in the penitentiary before being paroled in 1993 and has been trying ever since to prove he was not guilty of the crime.

During a hearing in Creuzot's court Wednesday, Waller was with attorney Barry Scheck and other lawyers representing the New York-based Innocence Project, and they presented conclusive DNA evidence that Waller did not commit the crime.

What was right about what happened that day was that the judge apologized for the injustice and vowed to expedite the procedures to clear Waller's name. What was so troubling is that Waller is the 12th person in five years in Dallas County to be cleared through DNA testing.

That is an alarming figure by any

measure, and something of which Dallas County and the entire state of Texas ought to be ashamed.

More than 185 people in 32 states, according to Innocence Project data, have been exonerated through DNA testing. Dallas County alone has more such cases than most of those states.

For the third time, state Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, will introduce legislation this month to create an Innocence Commission in Texas that will be designed to investigate wrong convictions. Several states, including Californian, Pennsylvania, Illinois and North Carolina, already have such commissions.

In the past two legislative sessions,

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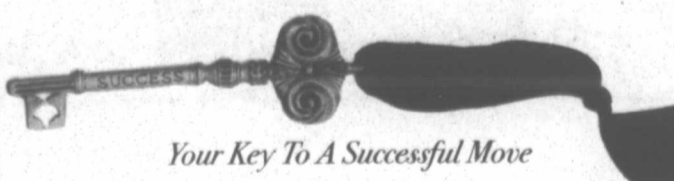
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe my eyes when I read your reply to "Second-Guessing Myself in S.C." (Dec. 18), who reported her son and his friends for getting high on campus. You said she should have informed the boys' parents so they had the option of dealing with the matter themselves -- and she owed those parents an apology. As a drug prevention professional, I know that "Second-Guessing" was correct! Drug use is unlikely to stop unless there is an intervention. At the school where I work, a suspension for substance abuse is followed by a mandatory use assessment and, if recommended, substance abuse education and/or counseling. The anger that the friends' parents directed toward the writer of that letter needs to be seen for what it is -- enabling. If those boys were caught high on a job, they'd be fired. Please let your readers know that you made a mistake. Encourage parents to take a stand, talk with their children often about the dangers of drugs, and let their children know that if they use drugs, they'll be held fully accountable. -- **MIDDLE SCHOOL DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA**

DEAR DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST: Perhaps this column can be used as a starting point for that conversation. A lot of folks were upset about my response to that letter, in which I told the writer I thought she had jumped the gun in reporting the problem to the school administration, and that she owed those parents an apology for jumping the gun. What I failed to take into consideration was that teachers are mandated by law to report anything they see that they know to be against the law. Mea culpa! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Would you have criticized that parent if the students were driving drunk? Shoplifting? Committing acts of vandalism? I think she should have reported them to the police as well as the school. That the other parents were upset because

their children were punished administratively is one of the reasons that so many kids get into trouble today. Their parents excuse the misdeed and fault the person who does take some positive action. Certainly, I expect parents to stand by their kids when they're in trouble, but being supportive does not mean excusing or covering up illegal behavior. Students need to learn accountability for their misdeeds, and not expect parents to bail (no pun intended) them out of their wrongdoings. -- **RETIRED STATE TROOPER, ALLENTOWN, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of a boy who died of a drug overdose, I reacted strongly to your answer to "Second-Guessing Myself." Those teens were breaking the law, and eventually their drug use could result in their own, or someone else's, death. Those students were using illegal drugs on school grounds. That mother did her son a favor by not putting him in a position where he had to rat on his friends, and believe me, the police would have put plenty of pressure on him to do so. They did the crime. They need to be responsible for their behavior. She did the right thing. - **STILL GRIEVING IN THE EAST**

DEAR ABBY: The teaching profession is ruled by a strict ethical code. Failure to report any illegal activity, whether it involves your child or the children of your friends, and whether it occurs at your school or not, can result in the loss of your teaching certificate and expose you to liability. As a high school teacher, I all too often see children destroyed by parents who choose to "handle things themselves," which typically means they handle nothing at all. Parents who "help" their children by protecting them from the consequences of their actions in truth do them harm. This world would be a far better place if there were more mothers like the writer of that letter. -- **MEREDITH IN THOMASTON, GA.**

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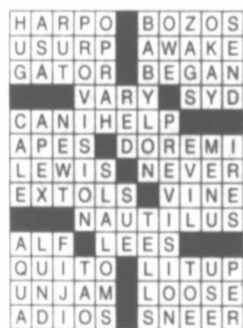


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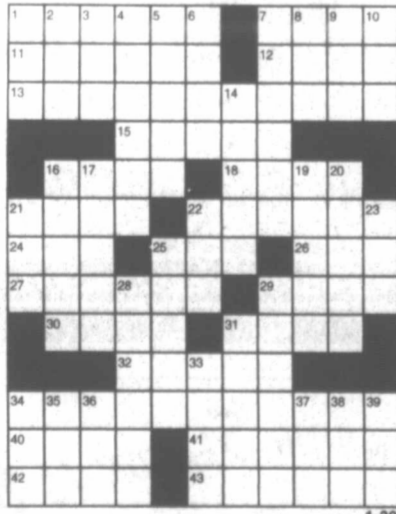
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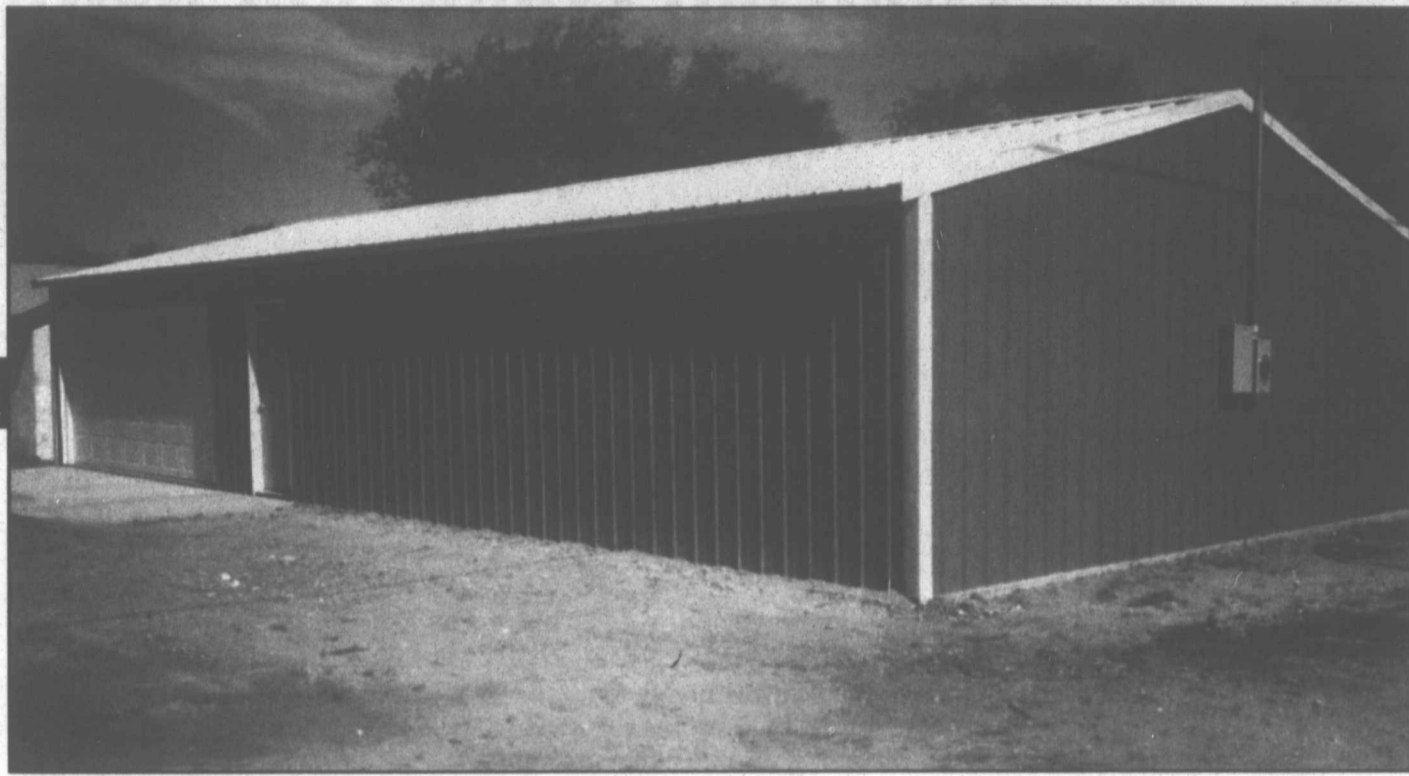
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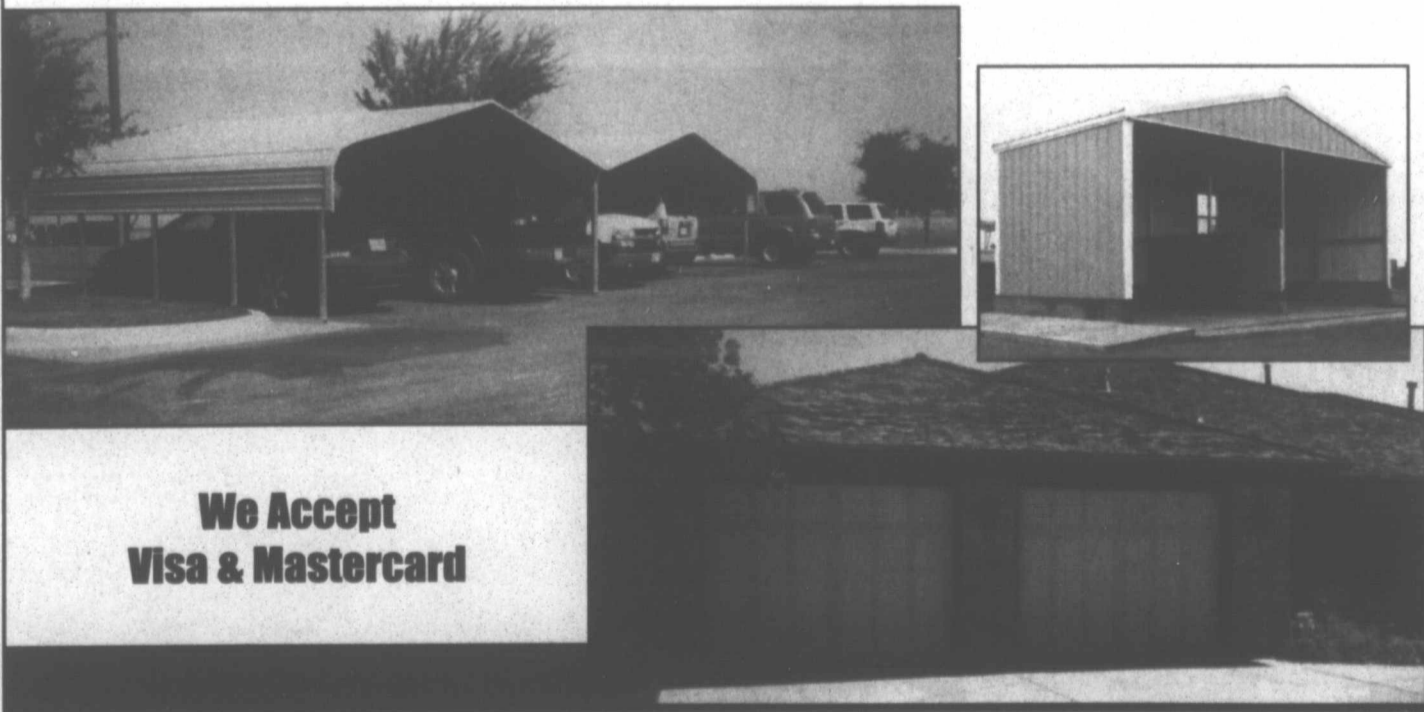
"If you are considering a new garage or carport, now is the time before the spring storms hit," said Joyce Rasco of Rasco Construction.

Rasco Construction would like to welcome everyone to drop by the local business to check out the services the company provides. Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs. Free estimates are available.

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Sports Day

Wrestlers do well in preparing for district

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Harvester Wrestling team traveled for a quad with Caprock, Vernon and Borger at Caprock.

This was the last competition before the District meet that will be held at Boys Ranch this coming weekend.

The two seniors on the team, John Burns and Richard Leal, were undefeated, while the rest of the team also performed well.

Results are as follows:

119 - Richard Leal 3-0 defeated J. Thompson - Vernon by pin defeated A. Renteria - Caprock by points defeated B. Mitchell - Borger by pin
130 - Steven Botello 2-1 defeated B. Clifton - Vernon by pin defeated L. Martin - Borger by points defeated by H. Saurez - Caprock by tech fall

145 - Jeremy Maxwell 2-1 defeated J. Castillo - Vernon by pin defeated J. Lomelli - Caprock by tech fall defeated by J. Powell - Borger by pin

152 - Robert Douglas 0-3 defeated by D. Holcomb - Vernon by pin defeated by M. Garnett - Caprock by pin defeated by T. Maslick - Borger by pin

171 - Garrett Fatheree 0-3 defeated by J. Neuemburger - Vernon by pin

defeated by T. Dewald - Caprock by pin defeated by L. Hernandez - Borger by pin

180 - John Burns 3-0 defeated K. Woodard - Vernon by points defeated C. Holmes - Caprock by pin

defeated J. Topper - Borger by points 285 - Jonathan Olson 2-1 defeated R. Martinez - Vernon by pin

defeated Borger by forfeit defeated by J.J. Naranjo - Caprock by pin 152 - Kadin Barton 0-2 Exhibition Matches

defeated by R. Brannon - Vernon defeated by E. Montoya - Caprock

Of the three teams that Pampa met up with at the Caprock Quad, Borger is the only team that will also be a district opponent that the Harvesters will face this weekend at Boys Ranch.

After having watched his boys wrestle with Borger, Coach Josh Cadenhead is optimistic about facing them, and other teams at district.

"We have several who are capable of placing in the top two at district," Cadenhead said, "and a couple who if they wrestle their best match of the wole year, will also have a chance at the top two."

The top two at district will advance to regionals, which will take place at WTAMU in Canyon this year. From regionals, the top four advance to state in Austin.

The junior high wrestling team also competed at district this weekend in Hereford, thus bringing an end to their season this year.

Several of the boys placed at their last meet this season, going up against Vernon, Hereford, Boys Ranch and Dumas.

Seventh grader Colin Sutherland, the smallest player on the team at 78, placed 5th at district, proving that size doesn't matter.

Brandon Voyles, an eighth grader at 134 took 2nd place at district, competing with 9 other wrestlers in his weight class.

Jason Martinez, also in 8th grade, placed 3rd in the 142 weight class, and Dakota Davis at 152 placed 5th.

Local girl competes with Amarillo volleyball team



Back row (L-R): Marti Bullard, Madison Wall, Texas Cain, Neely Brown, Kallyn Reeves- formerly of Pampa. Front Row (L-R): Tai Ann Hammons, Madison Fatheree, Madeline Jennings

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Madison Fatheree of Pampa has been competing with the Amarillo Elite Volleyball Club's Pink Juniors Team. Madison tried out last November, and has been a part of a winning team ever since.

The team has competed in

the Crown of Texas Regional Qualifier in Amarillo, where they won 2nd place in the Juniors division last weekend.

Earlier this season, they competed in Oklahoma City where they moved up a division and competed in the 12 and unders, and made it to the finals in the Gold divi-

sion, which is the highest level of competition and placed 2nd.

There were 166 teams competing in 7 different divisions at the tournament.

Most recently, they won 1st place at a tournament in Amarillo, which is pictured below.

Girls Soccer — Third times a charm

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

This past weekend, the PHS girls soccer team traveled to San Angelo to compete in the San Angelo Soccer Classic, with teams from Abilene, El Paso, and the DFW area.

In the first round, the girls faced off against Abilene Wylie, and were defeated 9-0.

After being knocked around through the first half, Pampa stepped up and put up a better fight in the second

half. "Our girls saw first-hand what it's like to play physical soccer," Coach Trent Davis said, "our girls stood up to the challenge and stood toe to toe and never quit."

Vast improvements were evident in the second round when Pampa went up against El Paso Coronado.

The girls kept control of the ball on El Paso's end of the field through the majority of the first half, but failed to send the ball into the net, and went into halftime at 0-

0. In the second half, El Paso's strong offense and a strong tailwind in their favor kept the ball on Pampa's side as they made three goals, ending the game at 3-0.

Pampa faced district opponent Palo Duro in the third round of the tournament, following two tough losses.

The girls' improvements continued as they advanced in the tournament, and they won their third match 6-0.

Senior Krista McKleland scored 2 goals in the first half, putting Pampa ahead 2-0 at halftime.

In the second half, sophomore Kylee Wariner and freshman Faby Soria, who was selected to the All Tournament Team, scored 2 goals each to close the deal against Palo Duro.

The girls' first district game will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Dick Bivins Stadium against Caprock.

Basketball Booster Club Meeting

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Dungy overcomes tragedy to seek his first ring

MIAMI (AP) — After his brother died in an auto accident last September, Reggie Wayne returned to the Indianapolis Colts to find Tony Dungy waiting to console him — as only a man who has been through his own personal tragedies can do.

"I was at the lowest point," Wayne recalled last week. "Just to hear it from someone who has been through it helps you a lot. Coach Dungy is a strong man — a strong soul. It was huge for me."

Dungy's tragedy came 13 months ago — the suicide of his 18-year-old son James.

A season later, he's coaching in the Super Bowl, using the strength that sustained him through his terrible loss to try to get the Colts their first NFL title in 36 years.

In both cases, the label is unfair, as most labels can be.

Dungy's teams have made the playoffs for eight straight seasons and in nine of the 11 years he's coached. The eight straight appearances ties for second in that category with his mentor, Chuck Noll, and puts him behind Tom Landry, the only coach to do it nine consecutive times. His winning percent-

age of .635, including playoffs, is the highest among active coaches, a fraction of a percentage point higher than the mark for Joe Gibbs.

But Gibbs has won three Super Bowls. Dungy is celebrated in his first as much for the color of his skin as his abilities — he and Chicago coach Lovie Smith, a protege and good friend, are the first black head coaches to make it there.

The knock has usually been that Dungy lacks what a championship coach needs: the killer instinct to push everything else aside.

The television cameras never catch him shouting at an official or cursing under his breath. His priorities are his family and his faith. He's also worked hard to advance minority hiring in the NFL, a cause that is clearly in the spotlight this week and was last week, too.

"What happened in New York on Monday, what happened in Indianapolis and Chicago on Sunday and what happened in Pittsburgh the next Monday may make it the most significant week ever for African-Americans in football," said Doug Williams, who 19 years ago became the first black quarterback in a Super Bowl.

Varsity, JV to take on Palo Duro tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Tonight, the varsity and JV Harvester Basketball teams will travel to Palo Duro to take on the Dons.

Last time the Harvesters met with Palo Duro, it was-

n't pretty, as both the varsity teams suffered losses.

The girls were defeated 76-50, and the boys, 98-61.

Their previous losses, however, will not be the teams' focus, as the girls are looking forward to following

up last week's exciting victory over Caprock with another win.

The boys are looking to improve their current 1-4 district record with a much-needed win over the Dons.

The varsity girls and JV

boys will go on first at 6 p.m. tonight at Palo Duro, followed by the varsity boys and JV girls at 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, the Harvesters will play their last home game of the regular season against Hereford.



Junior Halli Kotara shooting for 2 during the crucial third quarter of last week's game against Caprock.

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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)

*** Much that happens might force you to re-evaluate basic concerns. You could be surprised by what comes up. Discomfort comes with the turf. Don't make a big deal out of a little soul-searching. Just do it! Consider your options. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You feel uncomfortable in nearly any situation, though you do try your best to communicate. Consider your options more carefully. What had not been obvious now becomes clear. Use and work with this knowledge. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** You might want to revitalize your income or change your budget. Start

21 Help Wanted

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desire. You have a way of declaring yourself that adds to your immediate presence.

Tonight: Be noticed. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Someone has many ideas and suggestions. "To do or not to do?" you might ask. You could feel uncomfortable no matter which direction you go. Think positively, and you'll jump over hurdles. Break precedent. Tonight: Be adventurous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Others have a lot to say and add to your discomfort. You might want to cocoon, but what might be best is to deal with a situation head-on. Your instincts run high when dealing with finances. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Visualize rather than do. Situations could become unruly and uncomfortable. Use your sixth sense with a friend. You'll come out A-OK if you simply float with a situation. Discussions prove to be enlightening, to say the least. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** You don't feel good about information that floats in your direction. Realize what needs to happen to make a situation workable. A boss responds to your intuitive reactions far better than anticipated. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY

Actress Carol Channing (1921), novelist Norman Mailer (1923), pitcher Nolan Ryan (1947) ***

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

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Foojus

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sounded like "oof, oof, OOF." Foojus was the gentler and more laid-back of the two. Even his fur was softer. He always let his brother have a toy if both were trying to play with it, and would go get another toy to squeak. He seemed to live at a little bit slower pace than Tempus, and showed a strong attachment to all of us.

Tempus died in March of 2003, and I don't think Foojus ever really got over it. He began to pace the back yard all day every day and would whine and cry. I finally had to make him a full-time house dog to help appease him. I think he was looking for his brother.

Now we were down to one. But that one was so special.

When I went home for lunch or for the day or returned from an errand, I could count on Foojus to greet me. I would have to be careful when opening the door from the garage into the house, because Foojus would be right there, eager to welcome me back home, and if I wasn't careful, I'd accidentally hit him with the door as I came in.

He would display his delight at my pres-

ence by wagging like mad, seeming to grin at me, and bouncing around as though he were on springs.

I have never been made to feel more welcome or more appreciated by anyone of any species.

Foojus continued to enjoy the games of "petch" as much as ever, but the "noon howlings" ended with Tempus. Foojus just didn't seem to have the heart to do it by himself.

Old age began to rear its ugly head. Foojus started losing his hearing and vision, and got around with less speed most of the time and less agility. But he always came over if I sat down on the floor and would crawl into my lap and curl up as though I was his personal nest. I found many reasons to sit on the floor.

He still enjoyed "petch" up until his fatal illness. What touched me like nothing else was the fact that after he became ill, the only thing that would comfort him much of the time was when I would pick him up and settle him in my arms in my recliner with me. He would relax and rest peacefully there, and tears would roll down my face, because I felt that he might not recover. And I was right.

I think it will be more than a few months before I will be ready for another dog. Goodbye, my beloved Foojus.

Events calendar

• **BSA Health System** will conduct a job fair from 12-7 p.m. Wednesday in the BSA Health System auditorium at 1600 Wallace Boulevard in Amarillo. Dining center and housekeeping staff are sought including grill/deli assistants, cooks, dishwashers, cashiers, patient tray delivery personnel, housekeepers, floor cleaners and trash collectors. Starting pay will begin at \$8.31 per hour.

• **Special Delivery Infant Adoption Agency** will conduct a meeting for couples interested in adoption at 2 p.m. Saturday at 3611 S. Soncy Road, #5D, in Amarillo. To register, call (806) 367-6755.

• **"Our Diamond Miss"** Youth Achievement Program has been rescheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Pampa Optimist Club.

• **BSA Hospice** will offer a volunteer training and community education class in eight sessions from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 6-March 1 at 800 N. Sumner. To register for the free training, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

• **Panhandle Tourism Marketing Council** will meet at 12 p.m. Friday in El Camino restaurant in Tulia. Participants must RSVP by Wednesday by contact-

ing rock@tomatographics.com. The council seeks to promote tourism in the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle through a variety of means. Monthly membership meetings are conducted the first Friday of each month. Guests and new members are welcome.

• **Texas Beef Council and Texas Cooperative Extension** will conduct "Beef 706" at Texas A&M University Feb. 7-9. The program will focus on the steps involved with cattle from live evaluation to grid marketing to boxed beef fabrication. Beef 706 is a hands-on workshop that teaches beef quality management practices and value determination. It is free to both cattlemen and agents. For more information, call 669-8033. To register, call 1-800-846-4113.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** will host a "Children's Heart Art Valentine Workshop" from 10-11:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the museum, 2200 S. Van Buren, Amarillo. The event is open to children between the ages of 4 and 10. Participants will make Valentine cards and gifts. Refreshments will be served. The registration fee is \$15. For more information or to register, call (806) 371-5050.

Williams

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agenda is to find a means to control our lives. The kind of repressive human control, not to mention government-sanctioned mass murder, seen under communism has lost any measure of intellectual respectability. So people who want that kind of control must come up with a new name, and that new name is environmentalism.

Last year, 60 prominent scientists signed a letter saying, "Observational evi-

dence does not support today's computer climate models, so there is little reason to trust model predictions of the future. ... Significant [scientific] advances have been made since the [Kyoto] protocol was created, many of which are taking us away from a concern about increasing greenhouse gases. If, back in the mid-1990s, we knew what we know today about climate, Kyoto would almost certainly not exist, because we would have concluded it was not necessary."

They added, "It was only 30 years ago that many of

today's global-warming alarmists were telling us that the world was in the midst of a global-cooling catastrophe. But the science continued to evolve, and still does, even though so many choose to ignore it when it does not fit with predetermined political agendas."

These scientists have probably won The Weather Channel's ire and might be headed toward a Nuremberg-type trial.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

DNA

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Ellis' bill never made it out of committee. This year, the bill — or perhaps one even more comprehensive — should not only make it to the Senate floor but should be passed by both chambers

and signed into law. While they're at it, legislators should fund the state's share of the University of North Texas System Center for Human Identification in Fort Worth for work that the Legislature has ordered sent to it.

Given that the majority of criminal cases don't involve DNA evidence, imagine how

many other wrongly convicted people might be sitting in Texas prisons with no hope of ever being exonerated.

These cases from Dallas County alone are a blight on the criminal justice system. Surely our lawmakers can find a way to address this problem to correct and help prevent other miscarriages of justice.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Jackie Robinson

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A Rough Beginning

Jack "Jackie" Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. He was the grandson of slaves. His _____ were sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his grandparents.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother to _____ five children alone. His mother took the family and her _____ for a better life to Pasadena, CA, where her brother lived. But things weren't always good there either.

Jackie could only go to the _____ pool one day a week. He had to sit in a special _____ at the movie theater. Their white neighbors cursed the Robinsons and even threw rocks at them. Why? Because of the _____ of their skin.

In Jackie Robinson's life, he _____ many people who were _____ against _____ blacks. They felt that black people should not have the same _____ as _____ white people.

The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.

ENCOUNTERED PREJUDICED HOPES
SECTION PUBLIC
RAISE COLOR PARENTS FREEDOMS

Standards Link: Civics: Know instances in which political conflict in the U.S. has been divisive and reasons for this division (e.g., civil rights struggles).



Breaking Baseball's Color Barrier

After college, Jackie went into the Army. When he got out he signed on with a baseball team in the Negro Leagues. At that time, black players were not allowed in the all-white Major Leagues.

Then, on October 23, 1945 Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, asked Jackie Robinson to play for the Dodgers beginning in 1947. He said it would be difficult to be the first man to end segregation in Major League Baseball.

Standards Link: Civics: Know that civil rights efforts strive to reduce discrepancies between ideals and the reality of American public life.

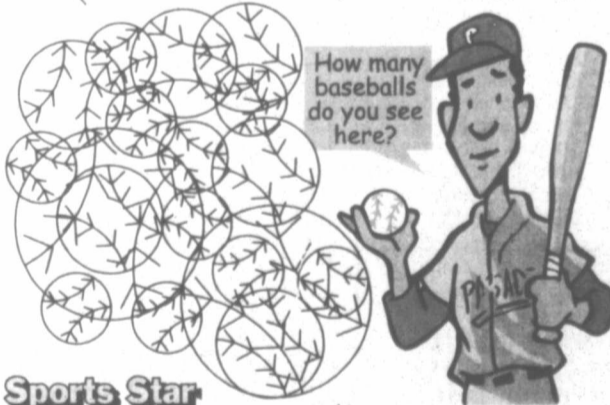
BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER



Baseball Hall of Famer, Jackie Robinson probably changed baseball more than any other player — not by skill alone, but by who he was as a person.

Sports: A Path to Change

When Jackie started school he found something he was very good at: sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.



Sports Star

By the time he was in high school, Jackie led the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. In 1938, when he was a student at Pasadena Junior College, Jackie led his college teammates to victory in a track meet and a baseball game held 40 miles apart on the same day!

Help Jackie get to the baseball game from the track meet.

Extra! Extra!

Helping Others

What made Jackie Robinson great is not only what he accomplished for himself, but what he made possible for other people. Search the newspaper to identify individuals who are working to make life better for other people. Name the individuals and then summarize their actions and the possible benefits to others.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of text.

Rickey said to Jackie ...

I'm looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back.



What do you think he meant by that?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write responses to text.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

A Timeline of Ending Segregation

In 1947, Jackie Robinson was ahead of his time when it came to ending segregation in Major League Baseball. Use the code to find out the order in which the following were integrated.

CODE	0 = ▼	5 = *
	1 = +	6 = x
	2 = ÷	7 = ↓
	3 = *	8 = ■
	4 = ♥	9 = ▲



Standards Link: History: Students know that a timeline records significant events in chronological order.

*Biographical information on today's page verified by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum: www.baseballhalloffame.org

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

ILLEGAL	J A B R R O J A M T
PASADENA	L B R O T H E R L A
BROTHER	A T A B P O S E F N
RESPECT	G C N I C S V I E
MAJOR	E E C N K E I K R D
BRANCH	L P H S S L S C S A
FIRST	L S M O V I E A T S
DODGERS	I E O N R M O J B A
MOVIE	N R S R E G D O D P
SKIN	
JACKIE	
MILES	
ROOSEVELT	
POSE	
ROBINSON	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Action News

Select a photograph in today's sports pages and try to imitate and hold the pose of a person in the photograph. Then, have a friend or family member give it a try.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Use a variety of basic non-locomotor skills.

Write On!

Favorite Sport

What is your favorite sport? What about it makes this your favorite sport?



Kid Scoop Together: Numbers Game

In baseball, the batting average is defined as the ratio of hits to at bats.

A batting average is a measure of a player's ability to hit. A batting average over .300 is considered to be good, and an average over .400 a nearly unachievable goal. (The last player to hit that mark, with enough at bats to qualify for the batting championship, was Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, who hit .406 in 1941.)

Jackie Robinson's career batting average of .311 is still one of the top 100 of all time.

The baseball statistics in the newspaper provide a fun way to practice math skills. Use the following to get yourself started.

How do you say a batting average?

- Always say as a three-digit whole number
 - Say the first digit as a single whole number
 - Combine the second and third digits to form a two-digit number
- For example:
.274 = two seventy-four
.309 = three oh-nine
.075 = oh seventy-five

How do you express the following as a batting average?

- Batting averages are always three digits
- If you have a two digit number place a zero on the end: .25 becomes .250
- If you have only one digit, place two zeros on the end: .3 becomes .300
- If you have more than three digits look at the fourth digit to determine if you should round the third digit up or keep it the same: .30119 becomes .3012348 becomes .235

How do you calculate a batting average?

- Batting Average (BA) = Hits (H) divided by At Bats (AB) or BA = H/AB
- If you have a fraction: 1/5 that's the same as saying 1 for 5 or 1 hit for 5 at bats
- To determine the batting average 1/5 divide the numerator by the denominator to create a decimal. Then say the answer as .200
- 3 for 8 or 3/8 = .375
- 1 for 4 or 1/4 = .250

How do you calculate a player's batting average over two games?

- Add the hits from both games together and then add at bats from both games together, next divide the sum of the hits by the sum of the at bats.
- 1 for 4; 3 for 5, first add up the hits 1 + 3 = 4, next add up the at bats 4 + 5 = 9, then divide the sum of the hits 4 by the sum of the at bats 9 or four for nine or 4/9 = .444
- 0 for 2; 3 for 7 = 3 for 9 or 3/9 = .333
- 2 for 3; 1 for 4 = 3 for 7 or 3/7 = .429

Standards Link: Number Sense: Understand the relationship between fractions and percent; calculate problems using division; read decimals and percent; round numbers to the nearest 1,000.