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Silhouetted in the doorway of the car wash at the new convenience store going in on Hobart, Joe Woods (left) and Thuy Truong with Uni-Wash Systems discuss the installation of the automated roller brushes in the wash bay.

Front yard parking tops city's agenda

DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Parking will be at the top of the agenda for this week's Pampa City Commission meeting.

There will be a public hearing at 4 p.m. today in the city commission chambers of City Hall concerning a proposed ordinance addressing parking certain vehicles in residential front yards.

The commission had asked the city to look into the situation about a year ago, said Donny Hooper, Pampa's Director of Public Works.

The city staff has reviewed a number of ordinances by other cities since then, he said. Building Official Danny Winborne brought his findings to the City Commission during a meeting in late March, with some ordinances appearing to be more effective than others.



Hooper

a long time to get it togeth-er," Hooper Hooper said of what the city is proposing. "It could still be improved." Basically

"It's taken

the ordinance that the city staff currently has on the table

deals with residents who park six or seven cars at a time in the their yards.

The proposed ordinance would require that some sort of protective layer be installed over the yard to designate it as a parking

The purpose of the ordinance, Hooper said, concerns public health and welfare of the citizens, as well as protecting property values and improving the

overall appearance of the city. Also on the City Commission's agenda, Pampa EMS will give its quarterly report to the city commission and the Commission will approve the sale of delinquent tax properties, approve city ordinances on contractor bonding, approve surveillance cameras for the police department, consider closing a portion of Faulkner Street for the new Family Aquatic Park.

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Coffee Memorial honors Pampa Blood Drive Council

ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

Pampans have always been generous for contributing their time, money and effort to worthwhile causes. Now, members of the community are being recognized for donating their blood as well.

At its Annual Donor Recognition Luncheon today in Amarillo, Coffee Memorial Blood Center is honoring the Pampa Blood Drive Council as its 2009 Council of the Year.

The council, which first met as an official group in February of 2009, is being lauded for the strides it has made in its initial year of existence.

"The Pampa Blood Drive Council has set the standard for what a first year blood drive council can achieve," according to a release from the Blood Center.

"Within four months (of the council's formation), they had set the all-time record draw for one day in Pampa with 82 donations."

The council's next drive set another record, continuing the upward trend with 112 donations in one day.

Overall, the council held six blood drives in 2009 and drew 504 total units for the year, 204 units more than in 2008. "They continue to work hard

and do whatever it takes to recruit more donors from Pampa," said the Blood Center's statement. According to Pampa Blood

Drive Council member David Hall, the support of the Pampa community has helped the council achieve and surpass Coffee's expectations with its successful first year.

"I have been a donor for 9 BLOOD cont. on page 3



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Members of the Pampa Blood Drive Council being honored in Amarillo today include (clockwise from left) Bob Marx, Raymond Barrett, David Hall, Ray Jaramillo and Joe Weaver.

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Thursday Wednesday

High 79 Low 55

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High 74 Low 44

High 70 Low 42

Friday

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

79. Windy, with a south southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near

around 55. Windy, with a south wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Windy, with a south southwest wind between

20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Eunice Freeman, 79

Pampa — Eunice Amarillo. She had been a Freeman, 79, died April 26, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Paul Nachtigall of Highland Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Freeman was born August 20, 1930 in Joseph Austin Freeman ters, on December 29, 1961 in and husband Mark of TX 79065.

resident of Pampa since 1971. She was an accountant for H. C. Grady, Jr. for many years, and also worked for Mike Ruff. Eunice enjoyed needlepoint and making silk flower arrangements. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Austin Freeman Amarillo. She married of the home; three daugh-Nancy Goring

Gruver, Mary Wakefield of Amarillo, and Kim Dyer and husband Brent of Pampa; a son, Terry Freeman and wife Faye of Dayton, Ohio; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and a brother, Don Renegar of Amarillo. Eunice was preceded in death by her parents; sister, JoAnn Statts; grandson, Michael Beckworth; and brother Buddy Renegar.

Memorials may be 800 N. Sumner, Pampa,



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CORRECTION



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Due to a press equipment error, the wrong caption ran with this photo on yesterday's front page. The Pampa News apologizes for the error. The correct caption should be as follows:

Pampa High School's technical preparation teacher Rod Wichert, left, and PHS senior Evan Aderhout look at computer generated designs for the school's architectural class.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests dur- ting an unlicensed driver ing the 24-hour period to drive, failure to appear ending at 8 a.m. today

Monday, April 26 Miles Crawford, 43, of Levelland, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of probation in connection with a possession of marijuana charge.

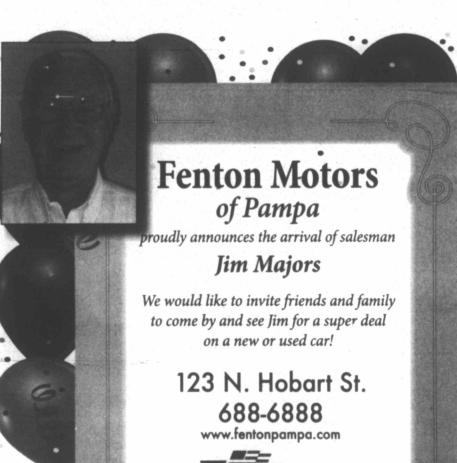
Lonnie Dunston, 44, of Lefors, fine warrant charging her

was arrested by Lefors Marshal Kerry Hodge on capias pro fine warrants charging him with permitand unauthorized parking in a handicapped space. Tuesday, April 27

Dorothy Jean Vaughn, 27, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on charges of manufacturing of a controlled sub-Douglas stance and a capias pro with nonpayment of a fine and court costs.

Steven Wayne Frye, 37, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender in connection with charges of possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Justin Whitney Curtis, 21, was arrested by police on charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor.



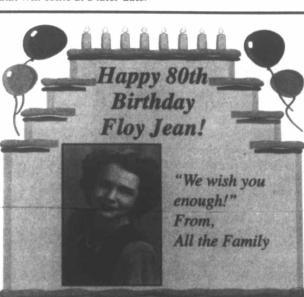
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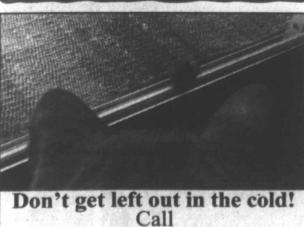
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THE OFFICERS and Lodge 1381 and Pampa Ind. Taylor, 874-1779 lv. msg. School District invite you to the corner stone laying at the New Junior High Sch., Sat. May 1, 2010 at 2pm. The school will not be open for the public to view yet, that will come at a later date.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 28, 2010:

This year, you often feel as if you are being pulled between two very different situations, people or issues. Instead of seeing life through opposite polarities, see how they both might be right at the same time. In this type of thinking, solutions can be found. Your popularity peaks. If you are attached, you don't want to make your sweetie jealous. If you are single, decide what you want from a relationship; then, as you date, you will recognize the right person. SCORPIO can be quite challenging.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You are willing to look at your thinking and perhaps see where you might have missed an idea or step. The Full Moon challenges your organization and communication. Clearly, a sudden insight allows great flexibility, but continue to say "no" to risking. Tonight: Go along with a partner's suggestion TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might feel pulled between two situations. How you handle someone and the choices you make could be changed by what you see. The person you thought you knew could, indeed, be very different. Avoid a hassle on the home front. Tonight: Go along with a

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** An easy pace works well and allows you to incorporate a lot of your thoughts. The problem might be how demanding those in your daily life could

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be. A partner or associate wants what he or she wants now! Tonight: Keep your

priorities CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Where others might feel frayed on this Full Moon, you seem to juggle different concerns with skill. A partner or close friend sees a situation very differently. Just don't go overboard, if possible. Tonight: Let your hair down. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You feel pressured. Certainly quite a few concerns come in your direction. None of them might be connected, but on some level, they all interfere with each other. Stay mellow and sure of yourself. Tonight: Vanish home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** You easily could be on overload. Sometimes others want so much from you that you cannot meet the demand. In a sense, you are juggling too many concerns. Prioritize or find a system to prioritize, and you will feel better. Tonight: Visit with several friends, in person or on the phone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Just when you thought everything was under control, you discover other-

wise. Don't go overboard emotionally, financially or in any other way. This period will pass if you give yourself time and space. Tonight: Touch base with a friend who can be fiery sometimes. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** The Full Moon in your sign highlights you. Even if you could handle all the requests and demands, you might want to flee or do something different. Why not? Sometimes being too responsi-ble isn't good for the soul. Tonight: You SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Take your time and avoid getting involved in others' issues, if possible. You could be overwhelmed by news from a distance. Nothing is as bad or as difficult as it seems. Follow your intuition. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Emphasize your goals. Don't lose sight of them in the present atmosphere, where friends could be surprising you and a child or new romance could be making his or her presence known. Speak to the person near and dear to your heart. He or she needs to honor your desires. Tonight: Surrounded by people. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Pressure builds. Though you are willing to be responsible, you might feel that you have too much on your plate. A domestic matter makes demands while another person also needs you. This, too, will pass. Tonight: Handle work first. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Where others react, you detach and see what you need to do. Fortunately, you have the energy to handle a brewing issue. Be careful with machinery, as there could be a problem. Focus on one issue at a time. Tonight: Relax to a movie or music.

BORN TODAY

TV host Jay Leno (1950), actress Penelope Cruz (1974), German businessman who saved 1,200 Jews from the Holocaust Oskar Schindler (1908)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at www.jacquelinebigar.com.

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JUST CLOWNING AROUND



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Katherine Dean, 9, shares a smile with Pokey the Clown at Culberson Stowers, Inc.'s 83rd anniversary celebration last week.

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PEDC, state ED official to meet on Wednesday

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will be joined by members of the city commission and city staff Wednesday afternoon in a meeting with a state economic development official to discuss Pampa's economic future.

The PEDC will meet at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Hampton Inn, 2820 North Perryton Parkway, with Carlton Schwab, president and chief executive officer of the Texas Economic Development Council.

Kathy Cota, PEDC Administrative Assistant, said Schwab was coming to Pampa at the economic development corporation's invitation.

Desk & Derrick Club's monthly meeting tonight

The public is invited to the Desk and Derrick Club of Pampa's monthly meeting will have their monthly dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa Country Club. The keynote speaker will be A.J. Swope, executive director of Class 4 Winds, Inc., who will be giving a speech about wind energy. Reservations may be made by contacting Elaine McDowell, W. O.

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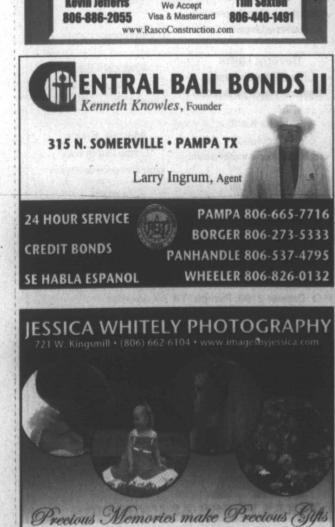
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years because I believe in the power of volunteer blood donation," said Hall. "Pampa is a community of generous, caring people. We formed this council so that we could maximize our number of life-saving donations to help patients all over our area."

Members of the council include Hall, Raymond Barrett, Jennifer Black, Lance DeFever, Raymond Jaramillo, Marcia Julian, Bob Marx, Della Moyer, Jim Moyer, Evan Smith and Joe Weaver.





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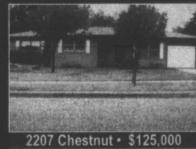


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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2010. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 27, 1810, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor, popularly known by its reported dedication, "Fuer Elise" (for Elise). (Editors note: The title is generally spelled "Fur Elise" with an umlaut over the "u.")

On this date:

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated Queen

In 1805, during the First Barbary War, an American-led force of Marines and mercenaries captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli. In 1822, the 18th president of the United States,

Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 people, mostly freed Union prison-

In 1932, American poet Hart Crane, 32, drowned after jumping from a steamer into the Gulf of Mexico while en route to New York.

In 1965, broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow died in Pawling, N.Y., two days after turning 57. In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in

Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. In 1973, Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray

resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months. Fifty-one construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground.

Ten years ago: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani disclosed that he had prostate cancer (he later bowed out of the U.S. Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton).

Five years ago: Touting technology as a way to solve the country's energy problems, President George W. Bush called for construction of more nuclear power plants and urged Congress to give tax breaks for fuel-efficient hybrid and clean-diesel cars. Russian President Vladimir Putin became the first Kremlin leader to visit Israel. The Airbus A380, the world's largest jetliner, made its maiden flight.

One year ago: A 23-month-old Mexico City toddler died at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, the first swine-flu death on U.S. soil. A strong earthquake struck central Mexico, rattling nerves among residents already tense from a swine flu outbreak suspected of killing as many as 149 people nationwide. A low-flying plane, later determined to be an Air Force One jet, panicked New Yorkers. General Motors announced plans to cut 21,000 hourly jobs and scrap the Pontiac brand.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Klugman is 88. Actress Anouk Aimee is 78. Announcer Casey Kasem is 78. Actress Judy Carne is 71. Rhythmand-blues singer Cuba Gooding is 66. Singer Ann Peebles is 63. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52's) is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Herbie Murrell (The Stylistics) is 61. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 61. Rock musician Ace Frehley is 59. Pop singer Sheena Easton is 51. Actor James Le Gros (groh) is 48. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 45. Singer Mica (MEE'-shah) Paris is 41. Actress Maura West is 38. Actress Sally Hawkins is 34. Rock singer-musician Travis Meeks (Days of the New) is 31. Actress Ari Graynor is 27. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 26. Actor William Moseley is 23. Singer Allison

Thought for Today:

"For those who do not think, it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while." - Luther Burbank, American horticulturist (1849-1926).

It's not them; it's us

COKIE AND STEVE ROBERTS

The number is startling. Only 22 percent of Americans "trust the government in Washington almost always or most of the time," according to the Pew Research Center. "Trust in government rarely gets this low," said Andrew Kohut, the center's director.

This is a dangerous trend because it reflects our growing inability to trust one another, to work together to solve common problems. And Lord knows we have them: from warring terrorists and warming temperatures to the demographic car bomb of retiring baby boomers that's about to explode.

Government is not them; it's us. It's not some alien force imposed against our will. Government is friends and neighbors, schoolteachers and firefighters, soldiers and social workers. And government is a



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tax-collection system that finances services many of us use every day, from roads and airports to food stamps and student loans. Those same tax dollars fund agencies that keep our water clean, our food safe and our markets honest.

And yet the numbers are clear: Americans are hostile, suspicious and, at times, wildly uninformed. How often during the healthcare debate did protestors demand that government keep its hands off Medicare?

We believe strongly that government is not the answer to all of our prob-US cont. on page 5

NO, BABY, 175 NOT ILLEGAL TO BE WHO YOU ARE. IT'S JUST GOING-TO FEEL LIKE IT IS.

The poster child of economic recovery

GREGG ABBOTT Texas Attorney General

It's official: Texas has yet another reason to brag. Following the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, Texas is one of the first states to emerge from the recession, according to a new report by the Dallas-based bank, Comerica Inc.

Why Texas? The Comerica report says the Texas economy bottomed out and began coming back in September 2009 - a full five months earlier than the rest of the country. Forbes Magazine

even called Texas the "poster child for economic recovery," largely due to its tech, government and education industries that are relatively insulated from volatility. Portfolio. com also says four of the top five job markets in the nation are right here in the Lone Star State, with Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Dallas leading the way.

And the accolades don't stop there. In Chief Executive Magazine's 2009 "Best & Worst States" survey, 543 CEOs rated Texas the No. 1 state

-- for the fourth year in a row. In this publication, the Lone Star State received kudos for its quality workforce and for having no state income tax. That isn't to say Texas

in which to do business

doesn't have some rough patches ahead. We know many Texas families are still struggling to make ends meet, and some industries, like real estate and mortgage, won't recover quickly. But we also know that unlike other states, Texas continues to have job growth in areas such as health care, technology,



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energy, oil and gas, and with that will come more opportunities for our citi-

Risk of major home price decline low in Texas

DAVID JONES Senior Editor Texas Real Estate Center

COLLEGE STATION - A new study from the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University explains why Texas' housing market fared far better than other states during the current downturn. It also suggests why the state's economy is expected to continue to do better than the rest of the nation in the coming months.

"Texas' lower-thannational-average housing cost is one reason for the state's higher-thannational-average growth rate," said Dr. Ali Anari, a Center research economist and one of the study's "When Texans authors. are able to spend more on nonhousing goods and services, the state's economy is strengthened and more people attracted.

"These results illustrate one of the key reasons the Texas economy outperforms the United States in terms of job growth almost every year," said Center Chief Economist Dr. Mark Dotzour. "The fact that Texans pay less of their income for housing means they have more to spend on other things that add to the overall quality of life. Texas offers a lower cost of living than many places in the United States.

"This allows Texas employers to be able to attract workers at a reasonable wage rate that allows them to compete successfully in the global economy," said Dotzour.

Since 1987, the average annual expenditure for shelter per consumer increased in every major American metropolitan

Texas data for the study came from the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria metro areas because they are among the major metropolitan areas for which consumer expenditure data are

cent of Texas labor force last year and 64 percent of Texas GDP the previous

"Houston and Dallas consumers spent the smallest shares of their incomes on shelter in 2008 (18.6 percent)," said Anari.

The two Texas metros in the study had virtually no increase in their shelter expenditure shares from 1987 to 2008. Houston's share rose 1 percent while Dallas' share increased 2.2

According to the National Association of Realtors, Houston was the only metro in the study to post a home price appreciation, albeit a small one. Dallas had the nation's smallest home price decline (-3.8 percent).

"It is not surprising that the two Texas regions are experiencing normal home price fluctuations," said Anari. "The risk of a home price decline in Texas is

"The study found that the larger the share of housing expenditures in the consumer's budget, the more home prices in their region have fallen since 2007," said Anari, who conducted the study along with Center Chief Economist Dr. Mark Dotzour.

allocate "Consumers their income among various goods and services," said Anari. "By doing so, they determine the quantities produced and prices of consumer goods and ser-

"Regardless of income level, the most important items in a consumer's budget are food, shelter and clothing. However, no matter how important an item, its share of a consumer's total expenditures cannot continually increase for a long time."

When expenditures in a particular category in the consumer's budget take larger and larger shares of total expenses, consumers

ros accounted for 60.3 per-stitutes, which can lower chicken. demand for more expensive goods and services, leading to lower prices for those goods and services. "For example," said Anari, "if the price of beef gets

available. These two met- look for less expensive sub- too high, people eat more

Consumers have basic shelter choices: buy or rent. Shelter expenses run the gamut from rent to HOMES cont. on page 3

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The words we use really

On behalf of the Gray County 4-H, Team Eagle Air Rifle members (from left) Walker Kennedy, Michael Parnell, Holland Poole, Olin Boyd and Dallon Poole receive a \$500 donation check from Top O' Texas Longbeards President Richie Thompson (back). The presentation was made at the National Wild Turkey Federation's Hunting Heritage Banquet on March 20 in Pampa. The Longbeards are the local NTWF chapter.

lems, or even most of them, and a vigorous structure of checks and balances serves an invaluable purpose. As Marc Hetherington, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University, told NPR, "When you think about the beginning of the country, it was all about throwing off the shackles of the English monarchy.

As a result, said Hetherington, "We set up institutions that were designed to cut down on people imposing their will on ordinary folks. Given those circumstances, it's not surprising that we've had a legacy of distrust of government ever since the beginning.'

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But as the Pew survey showed, that healthy distrust has morphed into an unhealthy cynicism, a growing belief that government have shown absolutely no is not for the people and by the people but against the people. And there's no doubt that government can be its own worst enemy, alienating citizens by making promises it cannot keep and placing short-term partisan advantage over long-

term national interest. As the well," added Kohut. Sen. Claire McCaskill, a For example: 53 percent Missouri Democrat, told the Associated Press after seeing the Pew results: "This should be a wake-up call. Both sides are guilty." They sure are, and here are just two examples.

The Republicans took power under George W. Bush as the party of small government and fiscal responsibility; yet they cut taxes and increased spending in such a reckless disregard for the laws of economics that budget surpluses turned into stupefying deficits. Democrats

Then the under Barack Obama passed a trillion-dollar healthcare bill that was partly "paid for" by promises to cut payments to doctors and hospitals; yet they willingness or ability to take such unpopular steps.

Outside forces have also undermined government's reputation. "Public satisfaction plunged amid the financial crisis" last year, reported Pew, and partisan "politics has poisoned

of Republicans trusted government when Ronald Reagan lived in the White House, but only 12 percent feel that way with Obama in charge.

Moreover, for an entire generation now, politicians in both parties have run for office by tearing down the very government they want to lead. Reagan campaigned against the "puzzle palace on the Potomac" and derided "welfare queens" buying beer on food stamps. The message was strong and simple: Government does not serve ordinary hardworking Americans, but raises their taxes to pay for lazy cheats.

Democrats have always been more sympathetic to government (one in three trust it today), but Obama played on the same anti-Washington feelings that helped elect Reagan, running against a political culture that he argued was dominated by well-connected lobbyists and special interests.

This incessant drumbeat

Homes

mortgage interest, to property taxes, to insurance, to repairs, to security and other expenses.

"Even when on vacation, consumers have shelter expenses," said Anari, "from costs on vacation homes to hotels and motels. Family members in college must be housed, and that's another shelter expense."

Anari points out that home price changes affect expenditures and wealth. Lower housing costs allow consumers to spend more on other goods and services, leading to higher regional economic growth, increased growth rates, a larger labor force and more demand for goods and services.

"At the same time," he said, "lower costs and prices of real estate properties can significantly increase economic productivity, lead to more investments and increase economic

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growth rates." Where were shelter shares of income highest? California. San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos led the nation with 30.8 percent of income going to shelter.

Spending by U.S. consumers accounts for about 70 percent of the nation's gross domestic product (GDP). Consumer expenditures are critical to the nation's economy, and since 1980, the U.S. Census Bureau has conducted the Survey of Consumer Expenditures for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The survey collects data and information on the buying habits of American consumers. These data are available for the United States, four geographic regions of the country (Northeast, Midwest, South and West), and for major metropolitan areas.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Regarding "Ruminating in Rio Rancho" (Feb. 19), whose wife has an issue with his eating style, I too am a "serial eater," and I have taken a fair amount of kidding and abuse over it. However, the tactic of claiming it is poor etiquette to shame the eater is a new one to me.

In my experience, people react to serial eating because it is unusual. I can't explain why I do it, just as I can't understand why other people feel they must rotate their bites. I just know it works for me, and their method seems as odd to me as mine does to them.

I recall this subject was mentioned years ago in your mother's column. The writer said as a boy he was teased for eating this way, but an uncle of his had a different take. The uncle said that he had the capacity to become a great success because he did one thing at a time, and finished what he started before moving

So, to "Ruminating," what I advise is: Use your silverware, chew with your mouth closed, and compliment the chef. Tell her/him that each dish is so good that you don't want to dilute the taste, which would hamper your enjoyment. FINISHING WHAT I START IN RALEIGH, N.C.

DEAR FINISHING: My readers agree unanimously that a person's eating habits are a matter of personal choice and "Ruminating's" wife should resist the urge to be such a control freak. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Eating one portion at a time is not uncommon. During a homecooked meal in Thailand, I made the mistake of taking a little from each platter and eating a bit of each one in rotation. My host informed me that in his country one takes a serving from one platter, eats it, and then takes another serving from another, etc.

There is no universal standard for proper etiquette. Customs vary from family to family and country to country.

To establish their family "standards," the couple should discuss and do what they decide. At any meal, I follow my host's lead and then I am always correct. --- POLITE IN ANY COMPANY, DWAYNE OZEWALLA, PH.D.

DEAR ABBY: It is actually proper to rotate selections of food on your dinner plate. A good chef plans meals so that the taste of each selection complements the other, and the polite diner acknowledges each one. It's the second-best "gratuity" a chef can receive. Those who formed the habit of eating one item at a time were introduced to this style of eating by their mothers -- who opened one jar of baby food, fed their infant from that, then closed the jar and fed them from the next jar. — KEITH FROM HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: "Ruminating" eats the way some dietitians recommend: protein first, vegetables second, starch last. That's the healthiest way to eat, especially if you are trying to watch what you eat. -DANA FROM KATY, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Do as I do, and take your eating to the next level. Instead of just consuming every item completely before moving to the next, try eating alphabetically ... mashed potatoes, meatloaf, then your peas. — ORGANIZED IN

DEAR ABBY: My husband eats his least-favorite thing first and ends with his favorite. This was incorporated as a young boy to make sure he cleaned his plate. I suggested as an option that he eat his favorite first and then, when he gets full, he will stop eating, instead of always cleaning his plate. He has lost a few pounds in the process. -OF HUSBAND FROM THE CLEAN PLATE CLUB

DEAR ABBY: Does "Ruminating" know he shares the same style of eating as Albert Einstein? This natural habit SHIRLEY IN is a sign of genius. BROOKFIELD, WIS.

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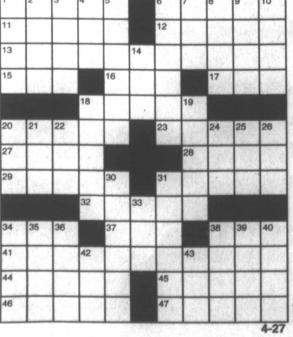
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baseball finishes third in district tournament

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The Pampa Harvesters junior varsity baseball team finished third in the end-ofseason district tournament at Randall and Canyon High School, Thursday through Saturday.

The Harvesters opened the tournament with a 6-5 victory in nine innings against Caprock at Randall High School. Pampa jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. The Longhorns walked two batters, James Thompson singled for Pampa and Hunter Hucks doubled.

Caprock rallied back late in the game putting up one

run in the fifth and three in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at four. After the eighth inning both teams were held scoreless to keep it tied.

Rudy Rodriguez led off the ninth with a double and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Riley Douglas. A passed ball brought home Rodriguez.

Thompson set down the Longhorns in order in the bottom of the ninth. Pampa's starting pitcher pitched a complete game and earned the win. Thompson was two-fortwo with a double, single and walked three times. Jordan Lemons and Douglas also got hits. Coach Dustin Miller said his team made outstanding defensive plays.

"James Thompson caught a fly ball in the infield after slipping in the wet grass and, on his back, caught the fly ball," Miller said. "Taylor Woods had a diving catch in centerfield in a mud puddle with two outs and the winning run on 2nd to send the game to extra innings. Taylor has made a similar catch in the bottom of the 8th to rob

another hit from Caprock." In the second game of the tournament, Pampa played Randall and lost 24-0. Randall scored three in the

first, eight in the second, nine in the third and four in the fourth. Lemons started the game and Tyler Powell and Rodriguez finished the game. Miller said his team used all of their energy in

the first game.

"It was one of those game we had come off and emotional win against Caprock and pretty much left all we had on the field that game and honestly didn't have much left in us to play a really good Randall team right after that," Miller said.

Pampa closed the tournament Saturday with a 13-11 win over the Hereford Whitefaces. After a scoreless first, Pampa scored five runs in the second with singles by Devin Coleman, Powell, Rodriguez and Woods

Hereford answered back with five runs in the top of the third with one of coming off an inside-the-park home run. The Harvesters responded in the bottom of the third with three runs. Coleman, Woods and Lemons singled and Powell tripled. The Whitefaces tied the game in the top of the fourth. Pampa scored two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth to lead

Hereford tied the game in the sixth with three runs.

enth, Coleman singled and Powell won the game with a walk-off two-run home run to win the game 13-11. Miller said they ended

the season on a high note. "Not many teams end their year on a walk off home run," Miller said. "From where we started the season to where we ended it was an incredible transformation into a pretty solid baseball team. To finish third in the postseason tournament as tough as our district is in baseball that was good for our kids and the future of our program."

tennis sends a pair to state tournament in May

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The McLean doubles team of Nancy Castillo and Sheri Haynes will make their second trip to the state girls tennis tournament May 10 after winning the Region II, Class 1A championship April 23 in Abilene.

Castillo and Haynes ripped through their competition at regional, winning 48 games to just eight

for the competition. Five of their eight sets were 6-0

The McLean pair started April 22 by defeating the Archer City team 6-3, 6-0. They shut out Gustine 6-0, 6-0, before stopping Santa Anna that night, 6-0, 6-3.

In the regional finals April 23, Haynes and Castillo beat the doubles team from Chillicothe, 6-0,

The matches were played

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at the Rose Park Tennis Center in Abilene.

David Jurado is the McLean tennis coach.

Castillo and Haynes are scheduled to play in the Class 1A Division 2 state quarterfinals at 1 p.m. May 10 at the World of Tennis at Lakeway, an Austin tennis center. The semifinals will follow at 3:30 p.m. May 10. The state finals will be at 10:15 a.m. May

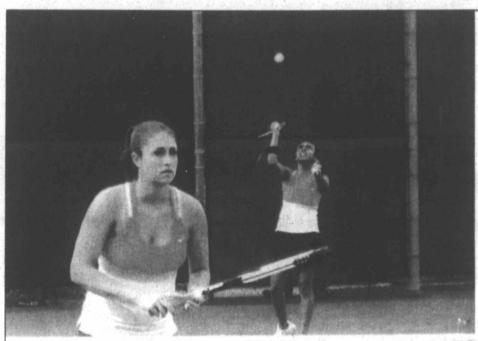


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Nancy Castillo serves with partner Sheri Haynes at the net in the Region II Class 1A tennis tournament Friday, April 23, in Abilene. The McLean girls doubles team finished first and will play in the state tournament May 10-11.

Pampa Special Olympics team competes in Dumas last weekend







photos by Jim Merriot Moore County News-Press The Pampa Special Olympics team competes at Dumas. Top left: Liberty Bloxum runs the fourth leg of the 100-meter dash Friday. Top right: Cody Dyer runs the first led of the 100-meter dash. Bloxtum and Dyer's team won first. Bottom left: Tammy Cline runs in a relay, her team won third place.

Softball bi-district best-of-three

series info Pampa Lady Harvesters vs. Abilene Cooper

Game 1: 9 p.m. Friday at Abilene
Christian University
Game 2: 12 p.m. Saturday at Abilene
High School
Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2

if necessary