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HAPPY HUNTING



submitted photos

TOP: Pre-kindergarteners Kennon Rigoulot (from left), Trenton Watson and Huston Skinner show off their spoils from Wednesday's Easter Egg Hunt at St. Matthews Episcopal Day School. BOTTOM: Kids from Mrs. Roberson's three-day Pre-K class gather Easter eggs as parents and teachers look on.

PEDC holds hearings on EA, cameras

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Pampa The Economic Development Corporation held public hearings on two proposals this week and forwarded them to the Pampa City Commission for further action.

The first of the hearings Thursday concerned a maximum amount of \$35,000 per year for The Entrepreneur Alliance Incorporated for a project to help existing and new retail businesses.

The second concerned a grant for \$21,208 from the PEDC to the City of Pampa to purchase 10 surveillance cameras for Pampa parks. The governor's office would match that amount for a total of \$42.416.

The city will have to approve the grant on two readings and the PEDC will have to wait 60 days before paying the \$21,208, explained PEDC President Gary Sutherland.

The PEDC grant of \$21,208 is dependent upon the city receiving the \$21,208 grant from the governor's office.

Tips for having a safe and happy Easter weekend

THE PAMPA NEWS

Easter is a time for celebration, family fun and, of course, goodies for the little ones.

Every spring, kids' eyes across the country light up with visions of decorating Easter eggs, outdoor egg hunts, marshmallow Peeps and visits from the Easter Bunny.

It's a fun-filled holiday, to be sure, but it's also important to keep kids safe and sound while they enjoy their Easter activities.

Keep these tips in mind when planning a safe, fun Easter week-

 To steer clear of choking hazards, young children (under the age of 5) should not be given small candy. Be sure to give out ageappropriate candy and keep an eye on young children at all times.

· Toys with small or detachable pieces are also choking hazards, so again, take care when handing these out to small children.

· Be mindful of allergies; some children have allergies to food prroducts like peanuts that can be SAFETY cont. on page 3

OC to use bull barn as emergency media center

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In the event of an emergency at the prisons near Pampa, the Texas Department of Corrections will use the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park for a media communications center.

Gray County commissioners agreed to a request by TDC officials Thursday to allow officials to use the bull barn, officially known as the Clyde Carruth Pavilion, as a media center in emergencies so long at there was nothing happening at the barn. They noted it would be difficult is a livestock

show was in progress.

As part of their emergency planning, prison officials from the Rufe Jordan and Bill Bates Units east of town are lining up plans for where the media could come for information as well as families of prison officials or families inmates could gather.

Prison officials said the pavilion would be used in case of damage to the prison system by a natural disaster or other problems such as

In other business in their first meeting of the month:

· The commission agreed to a request from Paul Lloyd, presi-

dent of the airport advisory board, to notify the Texas Department of Transportation the county was willing to consider building a new terminal at Perry Lefors Airport.

Lloyd said that the Pampa Economic Development Corporation had shown an interest in the project and that there was matching grant money available from TxDOT for such a project, but since the airport is owned by the county, the commissioners would need to support the project.

Lloyd presented a general plan for the new terminal that had been drawn up by Pampa engineer Ron

The plans were for a 3,000 square foot terminal building made of steel and masonry with some covered parking. It would replace the terminal that's at the airport now.

The estimated cost of a new terminal and parking as planned would be a little over \$500,000, with the state funding as much as half of the project.

Lloyd said that TxDOT would review the proposal and would meet in May in Austin to discuss the plan as well as other projects across the state.

While Commissioner Joe Wheeley questioned where the COUNTY cont. on page 3





NAME THE BLOCK PARTY CONTEST! The Chamber is holding a Block Party on July 10th and we need YOU to help us name it! Deadline for entries is April 9th Contact Holly with your choice at 669-3241 or holly@pampachamber.com



For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday Sunday Monday

Low 44

Low 54

High 84 Low 53

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Wind chill values between 27 and 37 early. Windy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Stoppers

Cop's Corner

The Citizens of Pampa, Pampa/Gray County Crime the Gray County Sheriff's Department, and the Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers would like to thank the anonymous caller for a tip that solved a burglary. The information led the Sheriff's Department to apprehend four suspects and recover approximately \$20,000 in stolen propertv. Because of the security of the Crime Stoppers program we are unable to personally thank the caller. We hope you see this letter and know what an honor-

able thing you have done. Thank you. Citizens of Pampa, the Gray County Sheriff's Department, and the

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Obituaries

Arthur W. "Art" Skewes, 99

Pampa—Arthur "Art" Skewes, 99 died April 1, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Skewes was born September 26, 1910 in Moab, Utah. He married Lorene Parker on November 20, 1930 in Moab. She preceded him in death in 1992. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1933. He was employed by Cabot and Celanese Corp. for many years. Art was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 før over 50 years, and was a member of Austin; ten great-grand-First Christian Church.

Survivors include his two daughters, Ardyth Atkins and husband Jim, and Linda Holt, all of Pampa; his son, Blaine Skewes and wife Susan of El Dorado, Kan.; four granddaughters, Mary Ann Mayer and husband Joe of Guymon, Okla., Ellen Skewes and Carol Skewes, both of Baytown, and Susanna Cutrone and husband Chris of Austin; two grandsons, John Atkins of Hardesty, Okla., and David Parker Holt and wife Jennifer of

children, and seven greatgreat-grandchildren. Art was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Skewes; three sisters, Elaine Peterson, Madge Duncan and Deone Skewes; a great-grandson, Ryan Avalos; and son-in-

law, David Holt, in 2005. Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 475, Pampa, TX 79066-0475, Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939, or a favorite charity.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the period from March 31 - April 1st ending at 8 a.m.

Officers reported eight traffic stops and three accidents.

Animal control officers reported fifteen animalrelated calls.

Eight follow-up investigations were conducted. Pampa EMS reported two ambulance runs.

Pampa Fire The Department reported three medical emergencies.

Thursday, March 31. A structure fire was reported on US Hwy. 60.

A grass fire was reported in the 1900 block of N. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 2600 block of N. Hobart. A police escort was

requested in the 600 block of N. Ward.

A warrant was served in the 1100 block of N. Duncan An accident was report-

ed in the 1100 block of N. Somerville. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1100 block of N. Somerville.

Information was requested in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill. Information was request

in the 2500 block of Mary Ellen. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 300 block of S. Starkweather. A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block

of W. Kingsmill. Theft was reported in the

500 block of N. Doucette. An information request was received from the 200

block of W. Kingsmill. A burglary was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche Trail.

An alarm was reported in the 700 block of E. Frederic.

A missing person was reported in the 1200 block of E. Foster.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of N. Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2300 block of N. Primrose Ln. Information

requested in the 300 block of N. Banks. Information was requested in the 1000 block of W.

An agency assist was requested in the 400 block

of N. Dwight. A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block

of S. Cuyler. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 2100 block of N. Sumner.

A burglary was reported in the 900 block of Llano St.

A welfare check was requested in the 1000 block of W. Alcock.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart. An open door was

reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart.

An open door was reported in the 200 block of W. Brown. A gas drive-off was

reported in the 100 block of S. Starkweather. A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block

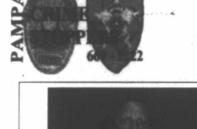
of N. Wells. A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block

of E. Francis Ave. A suspicious person was reported on Louisiana St.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of S. Hobart.

A motorist assist was requested on Browning St.

Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers Most Wanted (806) 669-2222



Kermit Hartley 41 years old/ White Male/6'01"/175 lb/ Blue Eyes/ Brown Hair

> WANTED DWI-3rd Offense



Melody Ann Feil "Epperson" 44 years old/ White Female/5'05"/175lb/ Blue Eyes/Brown Hair

> WANTED **Forgery Probation Violation**



George Russell Luster 44 years old/ White Male/5'10"/200lb/ Hazel Eyes/Blonde Hair

WANTED Illegal use of Credit Cards **Bond Secured**



Lindsey Tatum Smith 23 years old/ White Female/ 5'07"/ 143lb/ Blue Eyes/ **Brown Hair**

> WANTED Larceny



Gaspar Antonio Olivas 21 years old/ Hispanic Male/5'08"/ 180lb/ Brown Eyes/Brown Hair/ Tattoo on right calf

WANTED Injury to a Child Causing Serious Bodily Injury \$500 reward for the arrest of Olivas

Picture Not Available

Oscar Espinoza 30 years old/Hispanic Male/ 5'06"/220lb/Brown Eyes/ **Brown Hair**

WANTED Aggravated Sexual Assault/ Indecency with a child

\$500.00 reward for the arrest of Espinoza

If you have seen any of these people, please contact the Pampa/ Gray County Crime Stoppers at (806) 669-2222. Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest or conviction of persons that commit felony crimes or drug dealing anywhere in the Pampa Gray County area. Remember, you will remain anonymous. The information contained on these fugitives was correct when published, but may no longer be current by the time it is read.

Nation posts largest jobs | Perry receives threat from gain in three years in March

economy posted its largest job gain in three years in March, while the unemployment rate remained at 9.7 percent for the third straight month.

The increase in payrolls is the latest sign that the economic recovery is gaining momentum and healing in the job market is beginning. Still, the healing is likely to be slow, and most economists don't expect new hiring to be fast enough this year to rapidly reduce the unemployment rate.

The Labor Department said employers added 162,000 jobs in March, the most since the recession began but below analysts' expectations of 190,000. The total includes 48,000 temporary workers hired for the U.S. Census, also fewer than many economists forecast.

Private employers added 123,000 jobs, the most since May 2007.

"It's just the beginning of a rise in private hiring that will help sustain the recovery," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "They're not big numbers, but they're welcome numbers.

Still, there are 15 million Americans out of work, roughly double the total before the recession began in December 2007. More Americans entered the work force last month, which prevented the increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's in jobs from reducing the unemployment rate.

> The economy began recovering in the middle of last year, but is only now showing modest job gains.

"It is still disappointing that it took roughly nine months before we started to see any meaningful rebound" in jobs, Paul Ashworth, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a note to

The stock market was closed for Good Friday but stock futures edged up in an abbreviated session of electronic trading. Dow Jones industrial average futures rose about 0.3 percent.

Interest rates rose in the bond market after the report. Investors often sell Treasurys and favor riskier assets like stocks and commodities when the economy is improving.

Manufacturers added 17,000 jobs, the third straight month of gains. Temporary help services added 40,000, while health care added 37,000. Leisure and hospitality added 22,000.

Even the beleaguered construction industry added 15,000 positions, though that likely reflects a rebound from February, when major snowstorms may have kept many construction workers off

anti-government group

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry's office is confirming it received a threatening letter from an anti-government group that's calling for removing governors

Perry spokeswoman Allison Castle and the Texas Department of Public Safety confirmed Friday that a letter arrived from the group Guardians of the Free Republics. The group says it wants to "restore America" by peacefully dismantling parts of government. Texas officials won't say when the letter arrived. They're not releasing any other information except to say the DPS has opened a criminal investigation.

This week, dozens of governors received letters saying if they don't leave office within three days they will be removed, according to federal documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Safety

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very serious. Be sure to check with parents before handing out chocolates or other candies that may contain nuts or other

· If decorating Easter eggs to put around house, remember that eggs quickly spoil if not refrigerated properly before and after you decorate them. Hard-boiled eggs left out for several hours should not be eaten.

 If you are planning to eat the eggs you dye, make sure that you only use food-grade dyes. Keep these eggs refrigerated until they are ready to eat. Don't eat eggs with cracked shells or eggs that have been out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. During indoor egg hunts, do not hide

eggs near electrical outlets, hard to reach areas and household chemicals. · For outdoor hunts, set up a boundary so kids aren't wandering off or exploring places that are unsupervised or may be

· When hiding eggs outside, choose clean hiding places and avoid areas that pets or other animals might visit.

 Speaking of pets, be mindful of them, too! Remember that our four-legged friends can sometimes be overly inquisitive; keep that in mind when placing your eggs.

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money would come from in the county's budget, Lloyd explained that no commitment of funds would be necessary until the project was approved by TxDOT in May

County Judge Richard Peet said he thought a new terminal would have a positive impact on the county

and the City of Pampa. Peet said that if the city is interested in the project, it might be a project that the city and county could work

together on. In the end, the commission voted to proceed with the project for the time being.

· Sheriff Don Copeland opened bids on new video equipment at the jail.

Top of Texas Video of Lefors bid \$27,000; MI5 Security Solutions of Wichita Falls bid \$76,000; Guardian Security of Lubbock bid \$39,000, and Idea Com of Amarillo bid \$30,000.

Because of the variance in the bids, the commis-

sion asked the sheriff to check the specifications and return with his recommendation at their April 15

 Judge Peet told the commission that renovations are set to begin at the county annex on U.S. Highway 60. The cost of the renovations is expected to be recouped, he said, through rents from the agencies renting space at the annex.

 Gray County AgriLife Extension Agent Brandon McGinty told the commission that the rainwater collection system for the Clyde Carruth Pavilion was proceeding and they had permission from the City of Pampa to use city land north of the pavilion for their water collection system.

Plans are for the collection tank to be buried there. McGinty said there might also be some landscaping around the collection system.

· Peet told the commission that he had invited Pat Bagley of the Gray County Appraisal Board to come

cont. from page 1 to the April 15, commission meeting to explain why

some tax collections had to be returned. The county, Peet said, is to return about \$33,000. Pampa Independent School District is to return about \$60,000. Lefors is to return as \$7,000.

A total of \$109,000 is to be returned from the various taxing entities, Peet said.

 Peet also said that he had been notified by TxDOT that would be spending about \$2.4 million to replace a higway bridge near Lefors and that Texas 273 at the bridge could be closed while repairs are made.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Hugh," and I have been married 16 years. We generally have a good relationship, with few arguments. We seldom participate in activities that don't include each other.

Three years ago, I was hired to work in the office of a manufacturing facility. The majority of the workers are men. Although Hugh denies it, I suspect he's uncomfortable about

When I participate in company events for employees only, he becomes jealous and rants that it isn't fair for spouses to be excluded. Once in a while, my co-workers and I go out for drinks after work. When I'm asked to join them, Hugh goes on the offensive, demanding to know all the details. He then calls my cell phone repeatedly until I get home.

I'm hurt that he finds me and my associates so untrustworthy. He has met the people I work with and has seen that they're all friendly and happily married. I encourage him to do things on his own with his friends, hoping he'll see that I trust him and will return the favor. What can I do to improve the situation? -- PULLED IN TWO IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PULLED IN TWO: Have you talked to your husband about his behavior and how it makes you feel? If not, you should. But please understand that short of quitting your job and going to work in a convent, you can't improve the situation. The problem is your husband is insecure. Only he can fix that, which would first require his admitting it. Sad to say, he may not even be able to admit it to

This is a difficult time to go job-hunting, so I don't advise it. But in the meantime, please do not make his problem your own. Accept that he has a problem, but don't allow it to jeopardize your work relationships.

DEAR ABBY: Is it OK to have sex when you're a guest in someone's home? I say no, but my husband feels the host knows we're married so it's not inappropriate. I think it's rude and shows a lack of respect for the host.

Would you please settle this once and for all? When we stay with friends, we end up fighting during our vacation. UNCOMFORTABLE

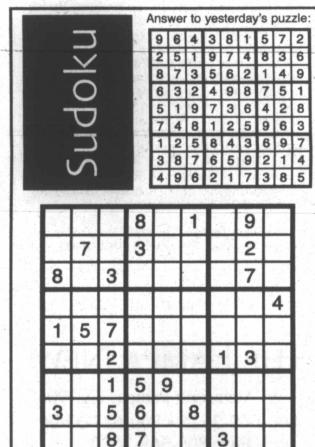
IN TEXAS D UNCOMFORTABLE: For a married couple to make love when they are houseguests isn't rude or disrespectful, provided the pictures don't fall off the walls and there are no complaints about noise from

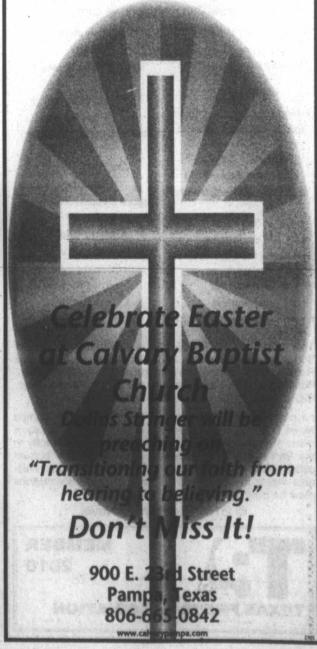
the idea makes you uncomfortable and unable to relax and enjoy the intimacy, then you and your husband should vacation in a hotel where you can expect to have more privacy.

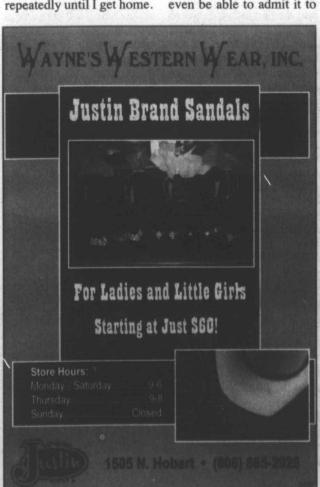
DEAR ABBY: How do I stop my shoes from squeaking? I have a pair that I love, but they squeak so badly it drives me crazy. Everyone can hear my shoes when I am walking. Can you help? -- NOT THE OLD SOFT SHOE

DEAR N.T.O.S.S.: According to the book "Haley's Hints," a way to solve your problem is to pierce the soles of your squeaky shoes four or five times with a darning needle at the ball of the foot.

If that doesn't do the trick, "place the shoes in a solution of salt water at room temperature, just so the soles are covered. After soaking for 15 minutes, dry them off and place the soles in boiled linseed oil overnight. The next morning, remove the shoes, dry them well and your finicky footwear should be com-









Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Good Friday, April 2, the 92nd day of 2010. There are 273 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy." (Congress declared war four days later.) On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in present-day Florida.

In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin. In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va., because of advancing Union forces.

In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and John F. Condon went to a cemetery in The Bronx, N.Y., where Condon turned over \$50,000 to a man in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, who was not returned, was found dead the following month.)

In 1974, French President Georges Pompidou died

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a windfall profits tax on the oil industry. (The tax was repealed in 1988.)

In 1986, four American passengers were killed when a bomb exploded aboard a TWA jetliner en route from Rome to Athens, Greece.

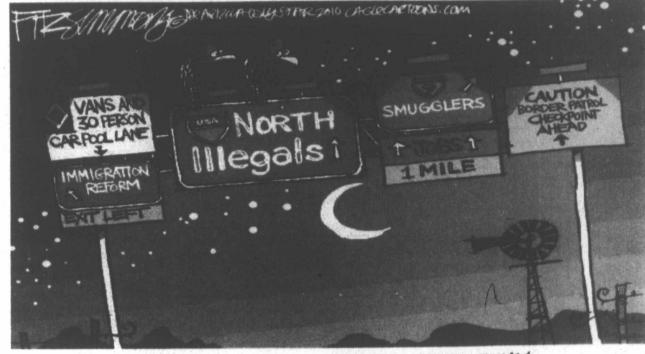
Ten years ago: More than 600 people set out on a five-day, 120-mile protest march to Columbia, S.C. to urge state lawmakers to move the Confederate fiag from the Statehouse dome.

Five years ago: Pope John Paul II, who'd helped topple communism in Europe and left a deeply conservative stamp on the church that he'd led for 26 years, died in his Vatican apartment at the age of 84.

One year ago: Leaders of the world's rich and major developing countries met at an emergency G-20 economic summit in London; afterward, President Barack Obama hailed agreements they had reached as a "turning point in our pursuit of global economic recovery," but cautioned, "there are no guarantees." The House and Senate passed companion budget plans, giving President Barack Obama and his allies on Capitol Hill a key victory. A 19-count federal racketeering indictment was returned against former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who denied doing anything illegal.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Emmylou Harris is 63. Social critic and author Camille Paglia ia 63. Rock musician Dave Robinson (The Cars) is 57. Actor Christopher Meloni is 49. Actor Clark Gregg is 48. Rock musician Greg Camp is 43. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 41. Actress Roselyn Sanchez is 37. Actor Adam Rodriguez is 35. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 34. Rock musician Jesse Carmichael (Maroon 5) is 31. Actress Bethany Joy

Thought for Today: "The future starts today, not tomorrow." — Pope John Paul II (1920-2005).



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Education finance a complicated issue

BARRY HAENISCH Superintendent, PISD

Recently I read an article online penned by another Texas school superintendent regarding school finance. It was well written and an excellent and easy to follow explanation. This week I am going to summarize it and provide some local figures and examples.

Most of us have just finished with our federal income tax return and have paid the taxes on our homes, so taxes are on our mind. The largest part of my property tax bill went to pay school taxes, and I will bet yours did, also. As a result, you most probably think that local property taxes make up the majority of the revenue that Pampa ISD receives each year.

The reality is that money to operate our schools comes from a combination of local and state tax dollars that is determined through a complex, and often confusing, system of funding formu-The current formulas, which contain over fifty variables, including some from the 2005-2006 school year, eventually produce the amount of revenue each district is entitled to on a per student basis.

It sounds fair and equitable and easy to understand. Higher property values create more revenue; more students produce more revenue. Unfortunately, that is not



Haenisch

exactly how it works. As local tax payers' tax burden increases each year, the local schools receive little or no benefit. The additional dollars do not flow to the school district, nor do they flow to the classroom, nor do they end up in the teachers' pay checks. Most of the money generated from higher school taxes ends up in the state's general fund.

A good way to view school funding is to look at it as a large bucket that contains the total local and state revenue to which the school district is entitled. First, the local school district puts in the money generated by local Then the remaining taxes. space is filled with state dollars. So as your property values increase, our tax dollars increase. But our bucket does not get bigger. The state simply reduces the amount of money that they are putting in our bucket. As the value on your home increases, we

collect more taxes locally, but that does not translate into more money for our school children. It results in more money in the state's general fund.

What happens if the amount of money collected locally causes the bucket to overflow - like it does for our neighbors in Miami, White Deer, and Canadian? The state "recaptures" the excess, but that is another story.

With our current system, the size of our bucket is determined by applying the actual formulas or by funding at what is called "the hold-harmless target revenue level". Hold harmless means that if the formulas result in less money than a predetermined amount for each district, the local schools get the greater of the amounts. The problem with both the formulas and hold harmless is they result in different sized buckets in every community.

There are 1,029 school districts in Texas, and the average revenue for schools is \$5,443 per weighted student. Target revenues, however, range from \$3,879 per student in Red Lick ISD to \$13,086 per student at Westbrook ISD. Only 308 school districts in the whole state have a target revenue of \$5,443 per student, which is the state average

The Pampa ISD has a target revenue of \$5,019 per student which ranks in the bottom 30 percent of the state. In other

words, 70 percent of the districts have more money per child to spend on educating their students than we have in our community. If the Pampa ISD were funded at the state average target revenue, the result would be an additional \$1.5 million per year in revenue. That amount of money would allow us, as an example, to reduce the size of our kindergarten classes by one-half and employ an additional seventeen teachers throughout the district to increase educational opportunities for all of our school children.

Every school district in the state is held to the same high accountability standards because we, local school districts and the state, are dedicated to seeing that no child is left behind. However, through no fault of their own, too many students are asked to compete and succeed on a playing field that is tilted in the wrong direction.

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Barry Haenisch is the superintendent of the Independent School District.

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Kitchen fortunes seem to be changing with age

MARTHA RANDOLPH CARR CaglePost.com

My culinary skills have always left a little something to be desired. I lack that instinctive element that tells a good cook to add a little more salt or just a little rosemary or even just how long to cook a chicken breast.

My son, Louie, who at least survived enough to get to adulthood, still loves to tell his friends about the fried chicken breast that was neatly charred on the outside and raw on the inside. He poked a fork in the chicken's side and blood came out. I got out the bread and peanut butter.

He uses a tone of voice usually reserved for tales of being tortured by generally malicious people. I was trying to make something tasty, not instill nightmares. When I tell point that out he rolls

When I was living in New York, I took cooking classes at the Whole Foods store down in the Bowery that were taught by visiting chefs from restaurants in Manhattan. The dishes were relatively simple to make but were beautiful to look at and tasted like we all knew what we were doing.

However, even then I kind of goofed. There was an incident with the fish baked in banana leaves when I forgot to add any salt. The dishes were then distributed for eating in no particular order. An older man looked up, disappointed, after his first bite and said, "Someone forgot the salt." The curse continued.

I tried a soup that had only three ingredients and watched the pot, stirring occasionally. Somewhere in between the stirring I still managed to burn the soup and every bite had a certain crispy taste to it.

I became legendary as the girl who could follow a recipe and come out with a different dish every time. When potluck lists were made, I was automatically given the task of bringing the roast chicken because I could get that, already made, from the local grocery store.

Once I was given fruit salad and went by Sam's Club the night before and picked up a frozen bag of fruit salad. Who knew it would take more than a day for the bag to defrost. All of the fruit bits had a nice, frosty crunch to them.

I come by my lack of cooking skills honestly. My mother, Tina who managed to get five children to adulthood, may have had some of the same challenges. My mother faithfully reads this column in her local Florida newspaper and clips each one. So let's just say she was one of the first to buy in bulk the Chef Boyardee pizza in a box, the first instant dinner of its kind, and would say with a lot of enthusiasm, "Look kids, you can do it yourself!"

There was also a famous clear Jello and tuna with peas and carrots recipe, which is probably all I need to say about that one. However, things may be

inexplicably changing. I asked Louie to give me a crock pot for Christmas and a couple of dishes have turned out okay. I even attempted a chicken with garlic that turned out so well, Louie looked up in amazement and

said, "You made this?" I understand why he was baffled. It was not only cooked

through, it was really good.

My success with the crock pot has encouraged me to get a recipe book and friends have been sending me recipes they've spotted. I'm on a roll

This is one of those rules of getting older than no one really tells you. Yes, there are some things that you may not be able to do very well anymore, or at all, but suddenly there are some new talents that emerge to replace them. There's always this balance thing going on that only requires us to keep trying new things. I may get older but I only grow stale if I stop seeking out something new to learn. More adventures to follow.

Martha Randolph Carr contributes her columns to CaglePost.

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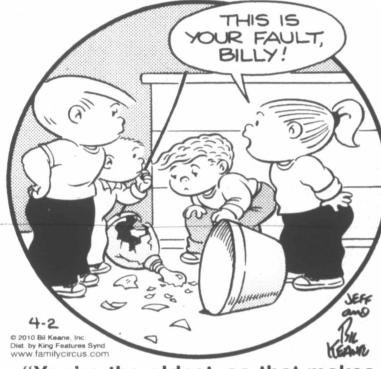
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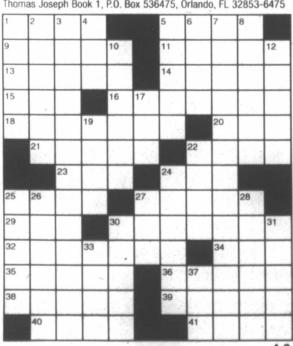
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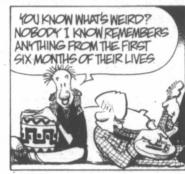


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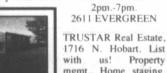
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** Use frustration to energize you. Once you get going, you could be close to impossible to stop. If you can take off for a day trip, do. Recharge and gain a perspective. A sense of tranquility

your intuition with a loved one. Tonight:

**** Others seek you out. Forget

thoughts of a quiet Saturday off doing

your thing. Bend like a weed with events

and invitations. You enjoy yourself with

friends most of all. A difficult person

leads to new perceptions. Tonight: Take in a movie TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Relate on an individual level. When you focus on someone, he or she

feels very important and cared about. A new warmth energizes the dynamics. Use

you want. The child in you comes out when dealing with a loved one. No sign knows how to enjoy him- or herself better than you. Do just that, and you also will make a lot of people happy. Tonight: Discuss a trip in the near future over an VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You might want to rethink plans, especially if they take you away from ner could be quite caring once he or she realizes the issue you are dealing with. Opening up helps you clear your mind. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Make calls, visit with a neighbor and catch up with others in general. Others seem to be more dominant than in the past. A friend, probably a male, could be very assertive. Practice being assertive, too, in your unique Libra way. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be aware of the extremes you can go to. Spending easily could get out of control. Be aware of the long-term ramifications of your actions. You might want to get some extra work done or clear out a project. Your imagination creates great plans. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a

overwhelms you. Tonight: Just not alone

get you going. Make calls and reach out to key people. Perhaps it is time to plan a

★★★ Take some much-needed personal time. Ask yourself what you really would

like to do. Whether it is going to a flea market or to a moyie, indulge. You work very hard, and it is time to let go and nourish yourself. Tonight: Happiest close AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Dote on an older relative or friend This person is delighted by your compa ny. Treat him or her to a late lunch and/or a fun mutual pastime. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is on your

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Sports

Seventh grade girls track wins first, eighth grade finishes fifth in Hereford and Amarillo track meets

aglover@thepampanews.com The seventh grade girls finished first at Hereford and the eighth grade girls finished fifth in Amarillo

March 26 and March 27

Coach Deanna Polasek said the eighth grade girls did a wonderful job finishing fifth out of 17 teams in Amarillo.

Woodruff "Samantha placed sixth in long jump with a distance of 13 feet and 10 inches and Krysten Miller placed second in shot put with a distance of 30 feet 11 inches on March 25," Polasek said. "We had seven girls place in the top six of the running events on March 27.

Jessie Dixon placed third in the 2400 meter run with a time of 9:45. Taylor Giles won first in the 300 hurdles with a time of 53.31. Madison Joyce won second in the same event with a time of 53.81. Samara Cummins won third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.38. Cummins, Mayra Tinajero, Woodruff and Alexa O'Brien won fourth

in the 800 meter relay with a time of two minutes. Tinajero, Cummins, Joyce and Giles won sixth in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:58.

Eight teams competed in the seventh grade girls meet at Hereford March 26. Macie Loggins won second in the long jump with a distance of 12 feet and two and a half inches and first in the triple jump with a distance of 28 feet and two and one fourth inches. Loggins also finished first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.62 seconds.

Madeline Solis finished third in the discus with a throw of 64 feet and 11 inches. Kelsey Henry finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 63 feet and five inches. Elizabeth Gill finished second in the 2400 meter run with a time of 10.19.97, and third in the 1600 meter run with a time of 6:45.81. Jaycee Devoll finished third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.94 seconds.

Brittney Green finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.97 and sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 58.96. Tori Robles finished sixth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.07 seconds. Tyranda Johnson finished second in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.43 seconds. Kayla Perry finished fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.63 and sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 30.78 seconds. Risa Rodriguez won first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 57.56. McKinli Thomas finished fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 30.53.

Pampa finished fourth in the 400 meter relay with a time of 58.63 Perry, Rodriguez, Green and Loggins were the runners. The Lady Reapers finished third in the 800 meter relay with a time of 2:03.97. Madison Brown, Johnson, Martinez, and Loggins were the runners. Pampa took fifth in the 1600 relay with a time of 4:57.06. Caragan Niccum, Rodriguez, Brown and Johnson were the runners.



Madison Joyce (left) and Taylor Giles (right) hold their second (Joyce) and first (Giles) place medals for the 300 hurdles at the Amarillo track meet March 27.



Samara Cummins holds her third place medal for the 200 meter dash in the Amarillo Track Meet March 25-27 at Dick Bivins Stadium.

submitted photo Jessie Dixon stands on the medal stand for her third place finish in the 2400



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Krysten Miller holds her second place medal for the shot put in the Amarillo track meet March 25-27

Girls golf in sixth after opening round in district

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters golf team is in sixth place after the first round of district teams actually played competition Thursday Comanche Trail 'Arrowhead.

Pampa shot a 439 which was 38 more strokes than fifth place Canyon. Randall currently holds first with a 351, Hereford is seca 398.

Segura said they didn't do as good as they were capable of.

"A few of the other better than they have all spring, and we are kind of stuck in a rut," Segura said. "The good thing is that I have a really young team and will have them all back next year."

Liz Hoelting had the best score for the Lady ond with a 391, Dumas Harvesters with a 99. is third with a 396 and Lindsey Brown and Caprock is fourth with Taylor Morgan each shot a 113. Cori Cook

Head Coach Alan shot a 114 and Allison Alexander shot a 115. In singles Sydney Hoelting shot a 112, Ramie Hutto shot a 127 and Tamra Klusmeyer shot a 136.

The second round of district will be April 8 in Plainview. The top two teams and the top two individuals not on one of the top two teams will compete in regionals, April 19-20 in San Angelo. After the first round, Pampa doesn't have anyone in the top six individuals.

Eighth grade boys place first, seventh grade sixth in Borger track meet

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The eighth grade boys track team finished first and the seventh grade boys finished sixth in Borger Thursday.

Coach Eddie Milner said this is the boys first, first place finish in two years and it's a challenge to win a meet.

"To win a meet you must be successful in aspect of events," Milner said. "We

did that today.' Tim Smith finished first in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet and nine inches. Pampa took first in the 400 meter relay with a time of 49.43 seconds, Jathen Miller, Damon Flores, Skyler Been and Freddy Jackson were the runners. Luis Hernandez won first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28. Trey Miller won fifth in the

discus with a distance of 79 feet and nine and a half inches. Ethan Hunt finished sixth with a distance of 79 feet and one inch.

Jackson won the 100 meter run with a time of 11.58 seconds. Pampa won first in the 800 meter relay with a time of 1:43.81. Miller, Smith, Been and Jackson were the runners. Ryan Powell finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 32 feet and two inches. Hernandez finished first in the 400 meter run with a time of 57.56. Keenan Hughes won third in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 49.52. Flores finished second in the 200 meter run with a time of 25.94. Smith finished fourth with a time of 26.49.

Trey Dildy finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of six minutes. Pampa finished third in the 1600 meter relay with a time

of 4:03.21. Hernandez, Hughes, Flores and Been

were the runners. For the seventh grade, Chris Smith finished sixth in the 2400 meter run with a time of 10:41. Pampa finished sixth in the 400 meter relay with a time of 56.66. Alan Stovall, Zachary Gates, John Allen and Kolton Dyson were the runners. Andrew Jimenez won second in the shot put with a distance of 36 feet and 11 inches. Kristian Vizcaino finished sixth in the discus with a distance of 74 feet and nine inches. J. Rossiter placed sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:49. Gates finished fifth in the 100 meter run with a time of 13.03. Dyson finished fourth in the 200 meter run with a time of 28.14.

The junior high boys next meet is April 10 in Randall.

Is golf results

Seniors Scramble March

First—63 Al Bolton Roger Davenport James Lee Richard Abbott Second—63 **Rod Porter** Carl Johnson

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