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Texas EDC president Schwab visits Pampa

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Economic development, according to the head of the Texas Economic Development Council, is about creating wealth.

"The more wealth," said Carlton Schwab, "the more opportunity."

Schwab, the president and CEO of the Texas Economic Development Council, told a joint meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and the



Schwab
He agreed with Gary Sutherland

Pampa City Commission Thursday afternoon that money usually comes from manufacturing and, in some instances, from such things as distribution centers.

The principal employers create wealth and Schwab indicated that is where economic development officials should concentrate their efforts.

Retail businesses and service operations are the result of those primary employers, he said.

In today's business climate, Schwab advised that the best

strategy is generally retaining and expanding local businesses although he admitted that the developing wind energy industry would appear to be a good opportunity to expand the scope of Pampa's industrial strength.

Schwab said that with Pampa's experience in manufacturing and fabrication, wind energy opportunities would seem to be a good fit for the community.

He also told the joint meeting of **SCHWAB** cont. on page 5

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GIFTS OF LIFE



Stephanie Salcedo (right) of the Coffee Memorial Blood Center prepares Carla Hernandez for a blood donation.

Blood drive at Clarendon College a success

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A day after being recognized in Amarillo as Coffee Memorial Blood Center's Council of the Year, Ray Jaramillo and the Pampa Blood Drive Council weren't just resting on their laurels.

Jaramillo and Clarendon College hosted a blood drive at the M.K. Brown Academic Center Wednesday, inviting Clarendon students and Pampa residents alike to donate a needed

and important resource.

"This is something that has a big impact," said Jaramillo, the Vice President of Clarendon College Pampa Center. "Blood in itself is so important. We went to that (Coffee Memorial Blood Center) luncheon in Amarillo yesterday and heard so many testimonials about how many lives have been saved because of blood that has been donated.

"Any time we have the opportunity to partner up and push the cause of saving lives, that's what

we're about."

By all accounts, that partnership produced another successful blood drive.

"We're exceeding expectations," said Joe McCormick, Vice President of Operations at Coffee Memorial, at the drive. "Our record that we're trying to beat here is 112. We're not even halfway through the day yet and we've already got over 50, so we stand a very good chance."

At the end of the day, the drive **DRIVE** cont. on page 2

Pampa to host VFW District 9 convention

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Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members from throughout the Texas Panhandle will gather in Pampa Saturday for an annual convention.

Pampa's VFW Post 1657 will host the gathering of District 9 posts, which consists of all the posts in the panhandle, from Childress to Hereford.

"We are expecting a very good turnout for the convention," said Post Commander Danny Martin.

Among the items of business for the District 9 convention will be the election of next year's officers, and an address by State Commander Mike Barber.

Current District 9 officers include Senior Vice Commander George Hall of Clarendon, Junior Vice Commander Jimmy Curtis of Hereford, Quartermaster Danny M. Martin of Pampa, Surgeon/Adjutant Matt Allen of Amarillo, Judge Advocate Johnny Johnson of Dumas, Chaplain Paul DeWolf of Dumas, Officer of the Day Dick Thompson of Amarillo, and Service Officer Alvin Johnson of Pampa.

District 9 Ladies Auxiliary President is Pat McKinney of Amarillo.

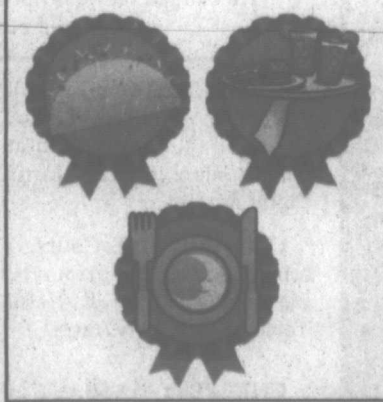
Dennis "Mike" Barber, a life member of VFW Post 3892 in Harker Heights, was elected State Commander for the Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States at the 89th State Convention in Corpus Christi last June 27.

Barber brings his experience as District Commander, Area V Coordinator, State Surgeon for two years, and a full spectrum **VFW** cont. on page 2

2010 Best of Gray County

The Plaza brings home three 'Best of awards

Editor's Note: The winners of this year's The Pampa News "Best of Gray County" poll will be featured over the next two days.



Best Taco/Best Service/ Best Place to Have Dinner:
The Plaza

Martin Ramos, who together with his brother, Jose, established The Plaza in Pampa nearly four years ago, said that being recognized by the people of Pampa has been one of the biggest thrills of his career.

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Martin Ramos, co-owner of The Plaza, shows off the trio of awards given to his restaurant by The Pampa News readers.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 68 Low 43	High 61 Low 42	High 67 Low 41

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Windy, with a south southwest wind 20 to 25 mph becoming north northwest 10 to 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. East wind around 10 mph becoming south.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Obituaries

There are no obituaries today.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 29
Kevin Eugene Huddleston, 33, of Logan, N.M., was arrested by deputies on violation of probation in connection with a sexual assault charge.

La Sonaphady, 37, of Fresno, Calif., was arrested by deputies on a grand jury indictment in connection with a possession of marijuana charge.

Stacy Earl Lamm, 42, was arrested by deputies on a possession of drug paraphernalia charges.

Benjamin Samuel Griffin, 19, was arrested by police on capias pro fine warrant charging him with not having a valid driver's license.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officer reported eight traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 16 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported five ambulance calls. Pampa Police Department reported two medical calls. The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported two medical calls.

Wednesday, April 28
A theft was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors Street.

A theft was reported to police.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800

block of East Browning.

Found property was turned into the police department.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2100 block of North Nelson.

An alarm was reported in the 2100 block of North Lea.

A burglary was reported to police.

An open door was reported at Worrell and Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Faulkner.

A theft was reported in the 2300 block of North Aspen.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Perry.

A suspicious vehicle was reported to police.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Beech Lane.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at Alcock and Naida.

A threat was reported in the 1400 block of South Starkweather.

Officers assisted another agency in the 100 block of North Starkweather.

Thursday, April 29
A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of East Frederic.

A burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of North Deane Drive.

An open door was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A suspicious person was reported at Jordan and Hazel.

A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of East Browning.

A motor vehicle was reported burglarized to police.

VFW

of experience in Post and District offices to bear upon his present duties as State Commander.

Barber has received a number of honors, including All American Post Commander in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. He served as co-captain of the All State Teams in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. He earned All American and All State honors in 2003-2004 while serving as District 14 Commander.

He was the recipient of the J. T.

Rutherford Award in 2007-2008.

Barber is a retired veteran of the U.S. Army, serving 25 years from 1995-1993. He retired with the rank of First Sergeant.

Barber's VFW eligibility was established when he served 13 months with the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea. His military medals and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal Army Commendation Medal (fifth award)

and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

Barber was born in Cadillac, Mich. He and his wife Lynn live in Harker Heights. He enjoys baseball card and coin collecting in his spare time.

The couple has two sons and three daughters. His oldest son was recently promoted to Captain in the U.S. Air Force and recently returned from a tour in Iraq, serving in the Medical Field.

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Drive

collected 96 units — shy of the record but, according to Coffee Memorial, still a great turnout for one day.

"We've gotten a variety of people," said McCormick. "There have been policemen, EMTs, cowboys — a good mix. A lot of them have come in from the Pampa commu-

nity to help us out. It's good to see so many people here."

McCormick was quick to laud the city for its continuing support.

"Pampa's a great community. We always do well here. We've got a good group of folks here helping us out on the Blood Drive Council. They know a lot of people in Pampa and surrounding areas and they get them out to donate."

Coffee Memorial's next blood drive in Pampa will be May 3 at Walmart from noon to 6 p.m.

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's edition of The Pampa News, a front page story carried the wrong headline. The story on the Chamber of Commerce's bike ride should have been headlined "Chamber to sponsor May bicycle ride." The Pampa News apologizes for the error.



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Best

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Lindsey Coutts, 2010's "Best Nail Tech" in Gray County, holds up her certificate at Gel Us Nails, 11746 Hwy 152 on the west side of Pampa.

"I think it feels great," Ramos said. "We feel good about our customers giving us this honor. Pampa has been great for us. They've been good to us since day one."

In return, Ramos said, The Plaza has always strived to give its customers the best of everything it has to offer, from good food to attentive service to affordable prices.

"We put great effort and great attention to the way our food is prepared," Ramos said. "They're all home recipes, and we always try to serve them fresh."

"We focus on our a lot on our service," Ramos added. "Our servers know that it's an important part of our customers' dining experience, and I think it shows."



Best Nail Tech:
Lindsey Coutts,
Gel Us Nails

In an unlikely spot west of Pampa is the city's top-selected nail tech.

Gel Us Nails is on the Borger highway, aka Texas Highway 152., and amid the oil field equipment supply houses, Lindsey Coutts practices her art.

A 2002 Pampa High School graduate, Lindsey said she can't imagine living anywhere else or pursuing another career. Both her mother and her aunt do nails.

With deep family ties here, Coutts said

there's no place she'd rather be. "Pampa is a good town to grow up in," Coutts said.



Best Coach:
Bobbi Gill,
PHS Softball

Bobbi Gill, who has coached for Pampa for eight seasons, has started a strong winning tradition.

The Lady Harvesters have seen both regular season and playoff success, all under Gill's watch. With another strong season this year, the softball team is looking as a strong bet to advance in this year's postseason tournament.

Gill said she loves working with the kids and the opportunity to see them do great things.

"I have had the opportunity to coach such amazing kids, who were so committed," Gill said.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Bobbi Gill of the Pampa High School softball team was named "Best Coach" by *The Pampa News* readers.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 30, 2010:

This year, a partnership enhances your life and becomes far more important than in the past. You might feel out of sync sometimes when interacting on such a close level. Realize how much approval means to you. Learn to stand without it, and you will become freer. If you are single, you will desire a close relationship. As a result, you could hook up too quickly. Don't settle, under any circumstances. Remember, it takes a year to get to know someone. If you are attached, the two of you defer to each other depending on the occasion. This year, you will want your significant other to make more decisions. **SAGITTARIUS** can encompass all your time and attention.

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)

★★★★ You have plans for the weekend that might prevent you from being present in the here and now. You feel uncomfortable with a discussion, a financial matter and others in general. Why not take off early? Tonight: Proving life is an adventure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A key associate, friend or loved one demands to be the one making the decisions. You could be uncomfortable with the decisions this person makes, but you don't have a better solution. You come from a vibrant, centered place when dealing with others. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A lot of opinions come forward if you listen and challenge. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is racing through your mind. Know when to share your ideas, which might not be now. Timing is everything! Be assertive. Tonight: Answer calls and e-mail first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ All work and no play is not a good recipe right now. Friends tend to keep pushing you to join them. Meetings seem out of sync with the real issues. Use care with a financial commitment; you could go overboard with spending. Tonight: Clear out errands first, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your fiery side emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. Your high energy gets others thinking. You are very serious with a co-worker or associate. You

take action quickly and surprise others. Tonight: Going to extremes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep an eye on the basics. You might be more comfortable at home. Your creativity helps you get a project and your week accomplished. Others need your stability and perspective. Use care with frustration. If you suppress it, anger can develop and you could blow up. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Keep conversations moving and don't lock on any one point. Later, you can rethink these conversations. A friend could encourage you to do something you want to do. You are high energy. A partner seems to understand you well. He or she feels connected with your feelings. Tonight: TGIF.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You can gain financially if you don't overthink things too much. Others mean well, but you might feel a little out of sync with them. A professional effort pays off in many ways. Remain centered. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Beam in exactly what you want. With your magnetism skyrocketing, a "maybe" easily could turn into a "yes." Reach out for someone at a distance who you trust. This person certainly has a strong opinion. Tonight: Whatever makes

you happy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time coming to a decision. If you are uncomfortable with what you are hearing, just listen. You will have plenty of time to think later. A partner takes a very strong stand. He or she knows you well. Listen to this person. Tonight: Just for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ All arrows point to a key meeting. As a sign, you excel with people, especially in group settings. Though you might get a strong reaction from another person, express your thoughts in a meeting. Tonight: Where people are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A must appearance is inevitable. You might have a very different idea about what is acceptable to the majority. Communication lets you know when others feel uncomfortable. Do listen. Tonight: Count on going to bed late.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 29, the 119th day of 2010. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 29, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp; the same day, Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.

On this date:

In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.

In 1798, Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" was rehearsed in Vienna, Austria, before an invited audience.

In 1861, Maryland's House of Delegates voted against seceding from the Union.

In 1901, Japanese Emperor Hirohito was born in Tokyo.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1974, President Richard M. Nixon announced he was releasing edited transcripts of some secretly made White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1983, Harold Washington was sworn in as the first black mayor of Chicago.

In 1992, deadly rioting erupted in Los Angeles after a jury in Simi Valley, Calif. acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of angry Cuban-Americans marched peacefully through Miami's Little Havana, protesting the raid in which armed federal agents yanked 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez from the home of relatives.

Five years ago: Insurgents unleashed a series of car bombings and other attacks across Iraq, killing at least 41 people, including three U.S. soldiers. NASA again delayed the first space shuttle launch since the Columbia disaster, worrying that ice falling off fuel tank could doom Discovery.

One year ago: During a prime-time news conference marking his 100th day in office, President Barack Obama pledged "to do whatever it takes" to battle the spread of swine flu. The World Health Organization raised its alert level for swine flu to its next-to-highest notch. Twin car bombs ravaged a popular shopping area in Baghdad's biggest Shiite district, killing at least 51 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Celeste Holm is 93. Poet Rod McKuen is 77. Actor Keith Baxter is 77. Bluesman Otis Rush is 76. Movie director Phillip Noyce is 60. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 56. Actor Leslie Jordan is 55. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 55. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 53. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 52. Actress Eve Plumb is 52. Rock musician Phil King is 50. Singer Carnie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 42. Actress Uma Thurman is 40. Tennis player Andre Agassi is 40. Rapper Master P is 40. Rock musician Mike Hogan (The Cranberries) is 37. NFL player Tommie Harris is 27.

Thought for Today: "An intellectual hatred is the worst." — William Butler Yeats, Irish poet and playwright (1865-1939).



A good time to evaluate grazing pastures

BRITTANY ANDERSON
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Now is a good time to make an assessment of the 2009-10 grazing season, with new green up just under way.

First, you need to evaluate present grass cover left from the last grazing season. Did any of your pastures run out of grass before the end of the season? If you find that some pastures were over grazed, or perhaps under grazed, think about adjusting your herd size or adjusting the length of the grazing period.

NRCS recommends 90 consecutive days of rest during the growing season at least once every three years. A good rule of thumb for grazing native pasture is to



Natural Resources Conservation Service

"take half and leave half."

Leaving half of the annual grass production allows the plants to rebuild the root system, make new leaves, and seed out for more production.

If the grass is not allowed a rest period, the pasture can be taken over by less desirable species, such as three-awn, silver blue-stem, prickly pear, sand sage, et cetera that cattle will not want to eat.

As you can see, resting your pasture is good for plant health. The grass cover also protects the soil from erosion and helps prevent the invasion of noxious weeds. With the recent rainfall, resting your pastures from grazing would allow maximum benefits to your grass.

If you have any questions, call us at 806-665-1751 ext. 3, or come by the Pampa NRCS office, located at 12125 E. Frederic (E. Highway 60 in the County Annex). We can assist you in evaluating your pastures as well as help write a grazing plan that suits your operation.

Brittany Anderson is the NRCS Soil Conservationist stationed at the Pampa office.

Is the GOP's Kool-Aid a little too thick?

Has the Republican Party gone completely off into Cloud-Cuckoo-Land, or have its leading spokesmen simply decided to mimic the party's entertainment wing: trusting its loyal audience to believe even the most brazen falsehoods, and, equally important, to remember nothing?

Does unwillingness to engage reality signal an acceptance of minority status, or merely disdain for the GOP base?

After all, you can trick a cow with an empty feed bucket once or twice. By the third try, she won't even look at you.

GOP savants act as if Republican voters are more easily guided.

Consider Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. For weeks, McConnell has been trying to prevent action on pending financial-reform legislation by claiming that it would lead to "endless taxpayer bailouts of Wall Street banks."

In reality, the proposed law would do exactly the opposite: Liquidating failed investment firms' assets through a process like the one used by the FDIC to shut down insolvent savings banks. Management would be fired and shareholders given nothing until creditors had been paid. Wall Street firms would be required to pay into a fund underwriting the arrangement. Taxpayer dollars wouldn't be used.

Even Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who helped draft the legislation, has pointedly contradicted McConnell's mischaracterization. New York Times columnist Paul Krugman has characterized it as "possibly the most dishonest argument ever made in the history of politics."

(Really, professor? More dishonest than Hitler's "stab in the back" charge that Jews and Socialists conspired to make Germany lose World War I? More dishonest than the Tonkin Gulf resolution that dragged the United States into Vietnam?)

Even so, Krugman's hyperbole is understandable. Say what you will

about academia, in professorial debate so blatant a misrepresentation would be seen as a shameful confession of weakness. Somebody who can't win an argument without resorting to a simple "black is white" lie gets as little respect as he

deserves.

Elsewhere, Krugman puts the question in an appropriately Orwellian context: "Has there ever been a time in U.S. political history," he asks, "when one of the two major political parties was so addicted to doublethink, so committed to pretending that it's advocating the opposite of its actual agenda?"

Specifically, McConnell came up with the "bailout" fiction immediately after meeting with Wall Street high-rollers who A.) want to keep placing risk-free bets with other people's money, and B.) certainly don't want to pay for what amounts to bankruptcy insurance. Sympathetic to the McDuck point of view, McConnell evidently figures that if he can stall the bill for a while, he can get Uncle Scrooge (and eventually himself) a better deal.

Blogger Matt Yglesias fears that such tactics do nothing but work. "True or false," he writes, "The overwhelming evidence is that the media gets bored with these fact checks very quickly and that if you just put your head down and charge forward, you come out a couple of weeks later back into 'he said, she said' territory. The only real test for whether or not lying works is whether or not you can bring your ideological fellow travelers along. Will Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck echo your line? Will the Weekly Standard? Will the bulk of your legislative caucus? The answers are yes,

yes, and yes."

Actually, we're already there. Just watch. Virtually every TV report on the financial-regulation bill you see will feature a sound bite from McConnell, who'll continue to shill for Citibank and Goldman Sachs while pretending to defend the little guy. Bailout, bailout, bailout. The fact that he's engaging in pure doublespeak is highly unlikely to be mentioned. Instead, you'll likely see a snippet from a Democrat making the opposite claim. For an awful lot of viewers, that's like flipping a coin.

For Fox News viewers and Limbaugh listeners, it's actually easier than that. Conditioned by decades of propaganda about liberal media bias, many react with overt hostility to any and all information from other sources. I must get 50 angry e-mails a week calling me a liar for citing some easily verifiable fact at odds with right-wing doctrine.

Recently, certain conservative intellectuals have begun to worry about whether this hasn't left the movement flying blind. "One of the more striking features of the contemporary conservative movement," writes the conservative Cato Institute's Julian Sanchez, "is the extent to which it has been moving toward epistemic closure. Reality is defined by a multimedia array of interconnected and cross-promoting conservative blogs, radio programs, magazines, and of course, Fox News. Whatever conflicts with that reality can be dismissed out of hand because it comes from the liberal media, and is therefore ipso facto not to be trusted."

The movement, hell. It's making the whole country as dumb as a brontosaurus in a blizzard. Because reality eventually asserts itself.

One way or another.

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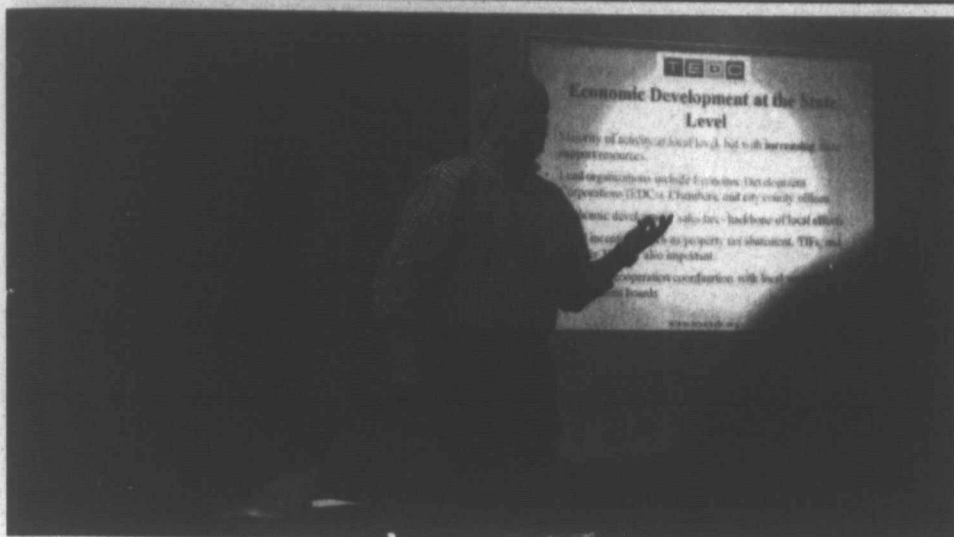
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Carlton Schwab of the Texas Economic Development Council speaks to the PEDC and Pampa city officials.

Schwab

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city officials and staff that they need to continue to recruit new businesses and people.

"You never get out of recruitment," Schwab said.

He said community development and business development were once considered separate entities, but they are becoming closer and closer in sharing common goals.

He reminded the officials at Thursday's meeting that economic development is not an event. He said it is an ongoing process.

Schwab said that funding through such state programs as the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas Emerging Technical Fund and the Skill Development Fund is

in peril because of the budget shortfalls Texas is experiencing.

He said sales tax revenues are expected to be down 10 to 12 percent this year.

Schwab said communities should resist the temptation to expand their economic development programs into community colleges, hospitals, road projects and school projects.

Those areas have other access to funds. Economic development groups should concentrate on primary employers that will expand opportunities for a community.

"A new restaurant is not economic development," Schwab warned. "It is the result of economic development that has taken place."



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My brother is a lifelong drug addict who has spent the last two decades in and out of jail. He rarely works and has no permanent residence, finding shelter instead with various friends, girlfriends and sometimes sleeping in his broken-down vehicle. When he calls me, it's always with some creative story and a request to send him money. The money I have sent over the years has gone to pay for his new drug fix, not to resolve whatever problem his sob story was about.

Recently, our grandmother died and she left each of us some money. As her executor, I am responsible for making sure my brother gets his share. While I want him to benefit from this modest inheritance, I'm afraid he will use it to buy drugs -- possibly enough drugs to harm himself, if unintentionally. Obviously, this is not what our grandmother would have wanted. How can I make sure this money goes to help, and not further enable, my drug-addicted sibling? — CONFLICTED SIS IN MARYLAND

DEAR CONFLICTED: Consult an attorney, preferably one who has experience with wills and trusts, and see if some arrangement can be made that ensures your brother has a roof over his head and won't starve. It may be possible that something can be worked out so his necessities would be paid for him, without his actually getting his hands on the money.

DEAR ABBY: I have been left confused and bitter over the loss of my best friend, "Sally." I expected to go to her children's wed-

dings and be there for the birth of her grandchildren.

Sally had an affair, which I knew about. When her husband, "John," found out, he called me asking why I didn't tell him. After that horrible phone call, during which I lied to protect Sally, I never heard from them again.

Had I known this would happen I would have told John the truth. Instead of leaving her husband, Sally gave up her friendship with me. What did I do wrong? Should I be punished for listening to her? What would you advise your readers to do when someone starts telling them about an affair they're having? — THROWN UNDER THE BUS, BELLEVUE, WASH.

DEAR UNDER THE BUS: What you did "wrong" was allow yourself to be dragged into that mess as a co-conspirator. Silence implies agreement. Once John realized you knew all about her affair and lied, you became as guilty in his eyes as Sally and her lover. My advice to readers about what to do when someone starts telling them about an affair? Stay out of the line of fire by telling the person you don't want to hear it.

DEAR ABBY: Like many parents, my husband and I would like our three children to read more. And they, like many children, would prefer to watch more television. We arrived at a compromise, and I would like to share it with your readers.

Many television shows are also available with closed captioning. For those who don't know what closed captioning is — it is a service available on most TVs that shows

what is being broadcast via audio. We mute the television and have the children read the words instead of listening. It works great! Their reading skills have soared, and I have noticed they are now reading more books than they used to. In addition, I really enjoy the quiet time while we're watching the TV.

Please pass this strategy on. Some of our friends are also doing it and feel it has helped their children, too.

— PROUD PARENTS
DEAR PROUD PARENTS: I'm pleased to spread the word. Closed captioning, which was originally intended for use by people with hearing disabilities, can also be very helpful for individuals who are learning English as a second language.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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Ruut Hanhikorpi of Finland (from left), host parent Sharon Williams and Simone Wullschlegler of Switzerland presented the program at the Altrusa meeting yesterday evening (April 27). The Williams family hosted both students in their home this school year.

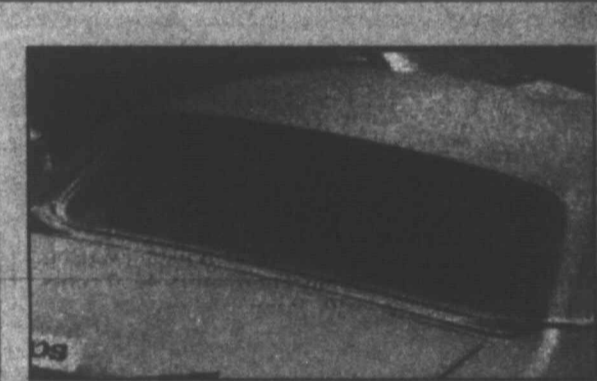
Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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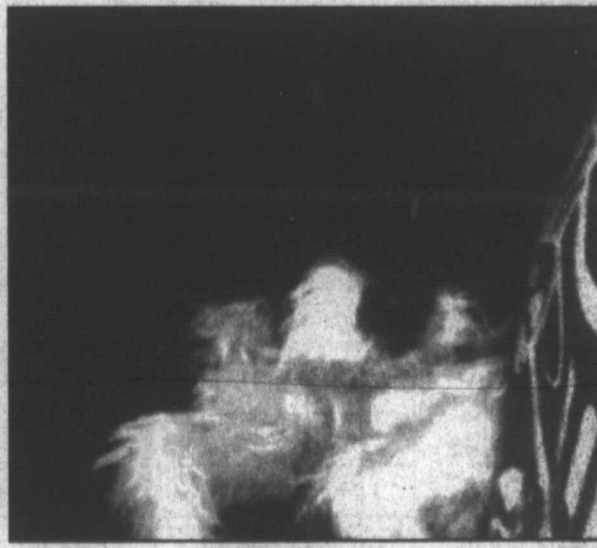
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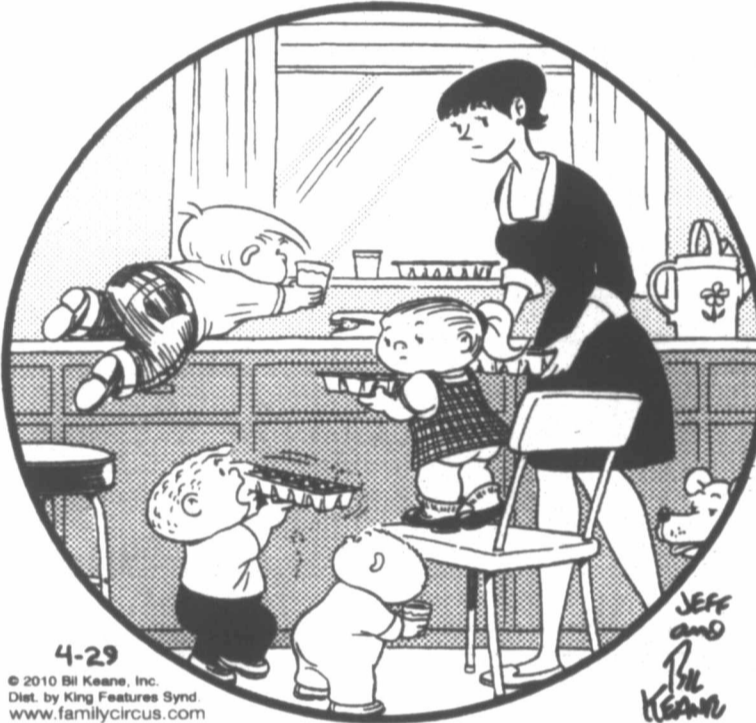
Marmaduke



"With all the bones he's buried, I guess it was bound to happen."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"Today it's MY plants' turn to be on the windowsill in the sun."

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Opera
 - 1 Gun cheer pioneer
 - 5 "— Enter" home
 - 10 Homer
 - 44 Rube
 - 45 Ball wear
 - 12 Fight
 - 46 Used to site
 - 13 Wild dog
 - 14 In a while
 - 15 Apple taster
 - 16 Regatta activity
 - 18 Station worker
 - 20 Alphabet end
 - 21 A long time
 - 23 Superlative ending
 - 24 Green stone
 - 26 Takes the prize
 - 28 Holds
 - 29 Hoosergow
 - 31 Guitar accessory
 - 32 Ryan and Tatum
 - 36 Carpentry work
 - 39 Funny fellow
 - 40 Temptress
- DOWN**
- 1 Autumn
 - 2 Martini
 - 3 Like
 - 4 Price setting
 - 5 Noted surrealist
 - 6 Uttered
 - 7 Web user
 - 8 Unity
 - 9 Goal
 - 11 Rx amounts
 - 17 Gorilla or gibbon
 - 19 Scoundrel
 - 22 Include
 - 24 Reggae's birthplace
 - 25 Hopes
 - 27 Rage
 - 28 Old cab
 - 30 Great weight
 - 33 Not out
 - 34 Bile
 - 35 Fur wrap
 - 37 Pipe problem
 - 38 Taverns
 - 42 Quarrel

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Yesterday's answer

1	Autumn	7	Web user	25	Hopes
2	quaff	8	Unity	27	Rage
3	Martini	9	Goal	28	Old cab
4	extra	11	Rx	30	Great
5	Like	17	Gorilla or gibbon	33	Not out
6	some jackets	19	Scoundrel	34	Bile
7	Price setting	22	Include	35	Fur wrap
8	Noted surrealist	24	Reggae's birthplace	37	Pipe problem
9	Uttered	25	Hopes	38	Taverns
10	Autumn	27	Rage	42	Quarrel

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Sports

First season goal accomplished for Lady Harvesters

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters entered the 2010 season with two goals: win district and make it to the fourth round of the playoffs or further. On April 24, they accomplished one of those goals, clinching a share of the district title. The way they did it was amazing as different people stepped up in different games.

After they lost the district opener to Randall, Pampa easily dismantled the Lady Dons, getting hits up and down their lineup. Six of nine Lady Harvester starters scored a run and got RBIs. After a week off Pampa returned to the field and played Caprock at home.

In this matchup, the Lady Harvesters were challenged as they were limited to three baserunners offensively. Brooklyn Barker came up with a single and reached third on a fielding error. Jordan Mayhew brought Barker home with a single and that was all Pampa

needed to win. On defense, Ashley Facio didn't allow the Lady Longhorns much as they got eight hits. In a game that the offense struggled the defense stepped up and made plays to keep Caprock off the scoreboard.

The next two games, the Lady Harvesters breezed past their opponents, picking up wins at Dumas and Hereford outscoring them 30-1 combined. Then came the biggest district games for Pampa: Canyon and Randall, both at Lady Harvester Field.

Against Canyon, the Lady Harvesters never let them get in the game. The Lady Harvesters struck for three in the first and one in the third and fourth to lead 5-0. Shelby Watson was powering the Lady Harvesters offense with a RBI double and a two-run home run. The closest the Lady Eagles got was with-in three. Pampa won 7-3 to move into second and were set for a rematch with Randall.

Early on against Randall,



Andrew Glover

it looked like the Lady Raiders were on pace to take a commanding district lead with a 6-1 lead after the top of the third. The Lady Harvesters didn't stay down for long, as they immediately got those runs back tying the game at six. That's how the score stayed until the bottom of the seventh. Carlyn Teichmann led off with a double and with one out stole third. After Samantha Pearson flied out, Alanna Stephens walked. Barker came through with another clutch hit as she got the walk-off single. With the win, the Lady Harvesters were in control of their

destiny all they had to do is win the rest of their games.

They did exactly that, outscoring their opponents 50-4 in their final five games. In some of those games, Pampa had to battle things out of their control: the weather. In the final week of the season, cancellations forced Pampa to play their final three games in five days. But this and limited practice time didn't stop Pampa from reaching their goal.

Throughout the district season, strong pitching by Ashley Facio and Carlyn

Teichmann carried the team. Facio was 5-0 and only allowed nine runs in six starts. Teichmann was 6-1 and allowed just six runs in six starts and eight appearances. Just about every game Facio and Teichmann pitched, they got at least 10 strikeouts.

Now, it's time for the team to accomplish the second part of their goal of making it at least to the fourth round of the playoffs. The Lady Harvesters can start accomplishing that goal Friday night when they face the Abilene

Cooper Lady Cougars. If this team can hit well and Facio and Teichmann keep pitching well they will accomplish that goal to. The senior class of Brooklyn Barker, Ashley Facio, Carlyn Teichmann, Shelby Watson, Mikaela Flores, Emilie Troxell and Samantha Pearson definitely wants to leave their mark on the program.

"We want to go further than we've been before," Pearson said. "We want to make it to at least the fourth round, maybe the fifth round or state."

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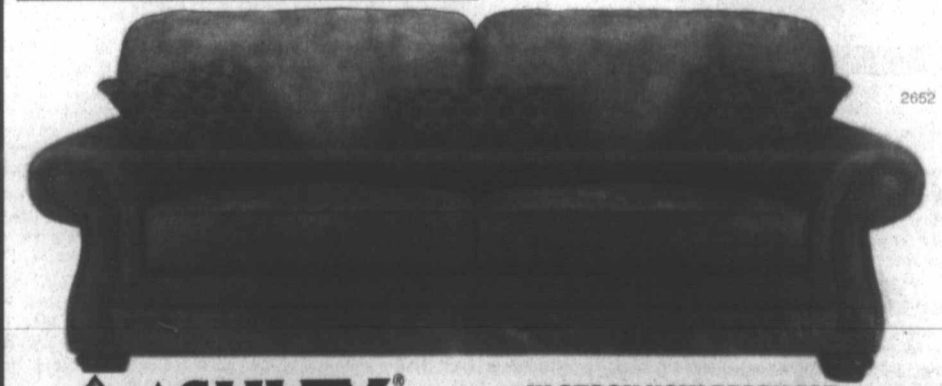
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