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Great Texas Warrant Roundup March 6

It's time to pay those outstanding tickets and fines
 Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts from more than 250 jurisdictions across Texas announced the third annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning Saturday, March 6.
 The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrest expected to continue for several days.
 Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities.
 Numerous counties, justices **WARRANTS** cont. on page 3

Fire claims mobile home



Fire gutted a mobile home early this morning on Wilcox St. on the southern edge of Pampa. Staff photo by David Bowser

Cause of blaze under investigation

BY DAVID BOWSER
 dbowser@thepampanews.com
 Pampa firefighters battled icy weather as well as thick smoke and flames at a pre-dawn fire this morning.
 The burning mobile home in south Pampa was under investigation today as authorities try to determine the origins of the blaze and whether any one was there when the blaze started.
 Firefighters were called to 1244

S. Wilcox at 7:11 a.m. today when a neighbor reported smoke coming from the mobile home.
 Officials said seven units and 12 personnel responded in the cold, gray hours before dawn this morning. Battling 23 degree temperatures, firefighters had the blaze under control by 7:26 a.m.
 Fire officials said the entry and front bedroom of the mobile home sustained heavy damage. There were no reported injuries.

Early voting ends Friday

502 voters cast ballots at the Gray County courthouse during the first four days of early voting in the Democratic/Republican Primary. Early voting will conclude on Friday, Feb. 26 at 5 p.m.
 Mclean will have early voting two days this week at the Lovett Library in Mclean from 8:30 am until 5pm.
 Last day to apply for a ballot by mail is tomorrow, Tues. Feb. 23. Signed requests for a ballot must be in the elections office before 5 pm. Tuesday.

City leaders meet Tuesday

The Pampa City Commission will meet for its regular meeting Tuesday and is expected to set May 8 as election day for the purpose of selecting commissioners for Ward 2 and Ward 4.
 Commissioners will consider authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with CGI Communications to create a video tour book for the city's Web site. The project information states that there will be no cost to the city.
 The proposal is for six community highlight videos including welcome, education, quality of life, real estate and two others of the city's choice. The videos would be filmed this summer.
 The city will also con- **CITY** cont. on page 3

Water board rules for district, next step up to Pickens, Arrington

WHITE DEER - The Texas Water Board in Austin ruled in the panhandle groundwater districts' favor. The next step is up to Boone Pickens and George Arrington, who had challenged the groundwater districts' decision on future of the area's aquifers last summer.
 As part of the state's water plans, the various water conservation districts in Texas have been grouped and instructed to set the Desired Future Condition of aquifers in their regions.
 Three of water conservation districts - the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District which represents Pampa, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District to the north and west of Pampa and the Hemphill County Underground

Water District around Canadian - and part of a fourth - the High Plains Underground Water District headquartered in Lubbock - were grouped together in Groundwater Management Area 1.
 Last summer, they voted to set three Desired Future Conditions for Groundwater Management Area 1.
 The Desired Future Condition of the northwestern counties of the panhandle were set so that 40 percent of the water in the aquifer today would remain at the end of the 50-year planning period, 80 percent of the water in Hemphill County would remain and 50 percent of the water in the other counties would still be in the ground at the end of 50 years.
 Mesa Water, founded about a

decade ago by Dallas businessman and Gray County rancher Boone Pickens, and Hemphill County oilman and rancher George Arrington protested Hemphill County's Desired Future Condition.
 They claimed that there was substantially no difference in the hydrology across the panhandle and that artificial lines were being drawn for political reasons.
 Hemphill County's stricter water pumping rules, they argued, made the water beneath Arrington's land worthless.
 The protest was brought to the Texas Water Development Board in Austin last week.
 The water board staff had rec- **WATER** cont. on page 2

DNA, hot line lead to arrests in church fire

\$10 mil bond set
TYLER, Texas (AP) - Investigators say DNA evidence collected at the site of one of several Texas churches destroyed by arson links one of two suspects to the blaze, and they haven't ruled out more charges.
 Jason Robert Bourque, 19, and Daniel George McAllister, 21, were arrested and charged Sunday with one count of felony arson for the torching of a church in rural

Smith County, said Tom Crowley, spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
 Crowley declined to say which suspect produced the positive DNA match.
 The church near Tyler, about 90 miles east of Dallas, was among 10 in east Texas burned since the beginning of 2010. Authorities believe those fires, along with another in central Texas, were arson. No injuries have been

reported in the fires.
 "Because they are charged with one doesn't mean they're not going to be charged with some of the others," Crowley said.
 Crowley said a telephone hot line established as the number of church fires mounted produced a tip that implicated one of the pair, and that they had been "on our radar" for several weeks. Officials declined to discuss a motive at a news conference Sunday.
 Investigators collected DNA

from the site of several of the fires, and samples from one of the suspects matched evidence found at the scene of the Smith County fire, Crowley said.
 Bourque and McAllister could face life in prison if convicted. Bond is set at \$10 million apiece. Crowley and Smith County jail officials said they had no information on attorneys for either man.
 The pair used to attend First Baptist Church in McAllister's **ARSON** cont. on page 3




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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
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Tonight: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 21. Wind chill values between 11 and 16. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. Wind chill values between 11 and 21. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A slight chance of snow before 10am, then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday Night: A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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Water

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mended that the decision by Groundwater Management Area 1 to use three separate Desired Future Conditions be upheld.

In the end, the board members voted five-to-one in favor of Groundwater Management Area 1, upholding their decision to

divide the region into three areas with separate Desired Future Conditions.

Williams said that the next step will be up to Mesa and Arrington. Following the Texas Water Development Board's ruling, they can appeal to the judiciary and file suit in district court.

No new trial in Texas police officer death

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday reversed a lower court decision that gave a new trial to a man convicted of killing a police officer in Texas.

The high court ordered the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reconsider its decision that Anthony Cardell Haynes should get a new trial or be released from death row. The New Orleans-based federal appeals court had ordered Haynes retried or released because a prospective juror was improperly excluded from his trial because of race.

Haynes was convicted for the 1998 fatal shooting of police Sgt. Kent Kincaid. The high court said the 5th Circuit misinterpreted Supreme Court

rulings in its decision to order a new trial.

Haynes, who is black, contended state District Court Judge Jim Wallace improperly allowed Harris County prosecutors to exclude two black people from consideration as jurors.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1986 found it unconstitutional to dismiss a juror because of race.

Prosecutors contended the jurors were stricken because of their demeanor, but the appeals court said Wallace, who upheld the juror removals, wasn't even present during the individual questioning of jurors.

A second judge was presiding during the individual questioning. Wallace was on the bench while the jury pool was questioned as a group. There was no explanation for Wallace's absence during the individual questioning.

But the high court said none of its rulings say "a demeanor-based explanation for a peremptory challenge must be rejected unless the judge personally observed and recalls the relevant aspect of the prospective juror's demeanor."

Kincaid was killed after he followed a passing truck that had fired a bullet into the windshield of his car. When the 40-year-old officer pulled up alongside the truck and identified himself as an officer, he was shot in the head.

Obituaries

Lucy Leona Johnston, 91

Pampa — Lucy Leona Johnston, 91, died Friday, Feb. 19, 2010 in Pampa.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010, at the First United Methodist Church of Mobeetie with Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Happy, officiating.

Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Johnston was born on April 7, 1918 in Welch,

Oklahoma to Charles and Daisy Ross. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past 20 years and was a former longtime Mobeetie resident. Lucy married Henry Johnston in 1950 in Wheeler. He preceded her in death in 1990. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mobeetie. She was a homemaker and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Chesher

and husband John Alvin of Pampa; six grandchildren, Tammy Stevens and husband Jeff and Kevin Chesher and wife Julie, all of Pampa; Krista Carver and husband Grant of Carrollton, Shelley Malone of Wheeler, Erika Morgan of Amarillo, and Keadron Morgan of Lubbock and eight great grandchildren.

Lucy was preceded in death by a son, Larry Johnston and by several brothers and sisters.

MEMORIALS: First



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United Methodist Church of Mobeetie.

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Celia Powers, 55

Jacksonville Tennessee — Funeral services for Celia Powers, 55, will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 3 p.m. in the chapel of Arrington Funeral Directors with Rev. Lonnie Sanders officiating. Mrs. Powers died February 19, 2010 at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, TN.

She was born March 27, 1954 in Borger, TX the

daughter of the late Ernest E. Searle and Doris Blocker Searle. She worked as a phlebotomist for Jackson Madison County General Hospital.

Celia is survived by her husband Hobert Powers of Huron, TN, one son Bradley Powers of Huron, TN, one daughter Dayna Powers of Seattle, WA, three sisters, Suzette Crim of Cordova, TN, Bunnie Chapman-

Doyle of Chattanooga, TN and TiAnn Woodruff of Bordentown, NJ. She was preceded in death by one brother Glen Searle.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be directed to The American Heart Association, 2170 Business Center Dr., Suite 1, Memphis, TN 38134.



Powers

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the weekend.

Friday, Feb. 19. Donna Lynn Minyard, 58, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Lawrence Scott Olds, 47, was arrested police on charges of theft of property and assault causing bodily injury in a family.

Rod Lamond Donnell, 33, was arrested by police on charges of evading arrest.

Saturday, Feb. 20. Rachael Renae Gonzales, 22, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on capias pro fine warrants charging her with theft by check.

Patricia Vargas Perez Ramirez, 31, was arrested by police on five outstanding capias pro fine warrants.

Isaac Martinez, 35, was arrested by police on charges of driving without a driver's licens and failure to appear.

Joshua Kade Seymour, 22, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of possession of a controlled substance, theft, escape, possession of marijuana, possession of stolen property, evading service of a warrant, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

Dolven Ray Briggs, 37, was arrested by police on charges of wrong or fictitious vehicle registration, driving without a license and not having liability insurance.

Edwin Clark Woods, 42, of Cleveland, Ohio, was arrested by Texas Department of Safety on

charges of possession of over 50 pounds but less than 200 pounds of marijuana.

Alan D. Trice, 38, of Cleveland, Ohio, was arrested by Texas Department of Safety troopers on charges of possession of over 50 pounds but less than 200 pounds of marijuana.

Wade Craig, 53, of Borger, was arrested by deputies on charges of forging a financial instrument.

John Mark Hicks, 39, was arrested by deputies on 20 counts of sexual performance with a child.

Sunday, Feb. 21. Jason Lee Davis, 36, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors Marshall on charges of criminal trespass.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Officers reported 40 traffic-related calls.

Animal control officers reported 25 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 10 medical calls. Lefors Volunteer Fire Department reported two. The Pampa Fire Department reported two.

Friday, Feb. 19. Officers reported five attempts to serve legal papers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A dumpster fire was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block

of South Municipal Drive.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of West 28th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

A structure fire was reported in the 900 block of East Fisher.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles.

A violation of city ordinances was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of West Sirroco.

Theft was reported to police.

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

Officer performed a building check in the 600 block of West Foster.

An assault in the 1200 block of North Duncan was reported.

Saturday, Feb. 20. A runaway was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1200 block of East Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of South Harlem.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Starkweather.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 2300 block of North Pringrose.

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

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of South Anne.

A fire alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Ward.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of South Somerville.

Officers were put on special assignment in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60.

Sunday, Feb. 21. A theft was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of North Rosewood.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

Officers made a welfare check at 321 North Davis.

Officers made a welfare check in the 1100 block of South Finley.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 900 block of West Rheams.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of East Sloan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

A burglary was reported in the 1000 block of East Brunow.

Monday, Feb. 22. A suspicious person was reported at Foster and Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

and unlawful flight.

• Rene Morales Munoz, DOB 12-19-67, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for homicide, probation violations and possession of cocaine.

• Leeroy Suarez, DOB 6-2-83, last known address: New Braunfels. Wanted for homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful flight.

• Ngoc Van Tran, DOB 6-8-70, last known address: Amarillo. Wanted for murder, delivery of a controlled substance and burglary of a habitation.

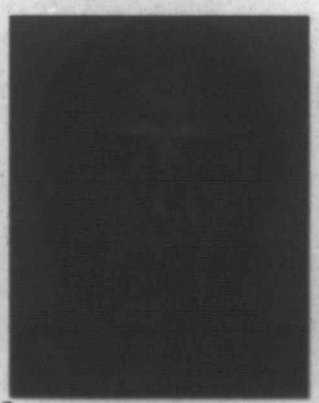
DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives to be featured on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list.

DPS releases photo of Most Wanted fugitive

The Texas Department of Public Safety has released a more recent photo of one of its Top 10 Most Wanted fugitives, Gwen Komahcheet, DOB 9-17-50. He was last seen in Spring, Texas.

Komahcheet is wanted in Texas for aggravated rape with a deadly weapon and in Comanche County, OK, for failure to register as a sex offender. His criminal history in Texas, Oklahoma and California includes drunk driving, disturbing the peace, vandalism, vehicle theft, assault with a deadly weapon, robbery and rape with a deadly weapon.

In 1979, Komahcheet was arrested and convicted in Dallas for sexual assault



Komahcheet

with a deadly weapon. He received a 75-year sentence but was paroled in 2004 after serving 24 years. He absconded shortly after his release from prison.

Here is a list of the remaining Top 10 Fugitives:

• Robert Barrera, DOB 9-26-82, last known address: Austin. Wanted for obstructing police, escape and burglary of a habitation.

• Javier Castro, DOB 5-26-62, last known address: Houston. Wanted for robbery and failure to comply with sex offender registration.

• Binus Jackson IV, DOB 7-31-68, last known address: Waco. Wanted for two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and robbery by threat.

• Gaspar E. Loya III, DOB 6-20-74, last known address: Weslaco. Wanted for indecency with a child, burglary, failure to register as a sex offender, escape

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Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 22, 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" occurred in Lake Placid, N.Y. as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

On this date:
In 1732 (New Style date), the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born in Westmoreland County in the Virginia Colony.

In 1784, a U.S. merchant ship, the Empress of China, left New York for the Far East to trade goods with China.

'The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive disease.'

— Marianne Moore, American author

in Nov. 1861.

In 1909, the Great White Fleet, a naval task force sent on a round-the-world voyage by President Theodore Roosevelt, returned after more than a year at sea.

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1940, the 14th Dalai Lama (Tenzin Gyatso) was enthroned at age four in Lhasa, Tibet.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held in Daytona Beach, Fla.; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1973, the United States and China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1984, 12-year-old David Vetter, who'd spent most of his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

Ten years ago: John McCain won Republican primaries in Michigan and his home state of Arizona.

Five years ago: A powerful earthquake struck central Iran, killing more than 600 people. A Virginia man was charged with plotting with al-Qaida to kill President George W. Bush. (Ahmed Omar Abu Ali was convicted on all counts in November 2005; he was sentenced to life in prison after a 30-year sentence was overturned.) Buckingham Palace said Queen Elizabeth II would not attend the civil marriage ceremony of her son Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles — but that her absence should not be interpreted as a snub.

One year ago: The late Heath Ledger won the best supporting actor Oscar for "The Dark Knight"; "Slumdog Millionaire" won best picture and seven other Academy Awards. A gas explosion in a coal mine in northern China killed more than 70 miners.

Today's Birthdays: Announcer Don Pardo is 92. Actor Paul Dooley is 82. Hollywood "ghost singer" Marni Nixon is 80. Baseball Hall of Fame manager Sparky Anderson is 76. Movie director Jonathan Demme (DEH'-mee) is 66. Actor John Ashton is 62. Actress Miou-Miou is 60. Actress Julie Walters is 60. Basketball Hall of Famer Julius Erving is 60. Actress Ellen Greene is 59. Former Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) is 58. White House adviser David Axelrod is 55. Actor Kyle MacLachlan is 51. World Golf Hall of Famer Vijay Singh is 47. Actress-comedian Rachel Dratch is 44. Actress Jeri Ryan is 42. Actor Thomas Jane is 41. Actress Tamara Mello is 40. Actress-singer Lea Salonga is 39. Actor Jose Solano is 39. International Tennis Hall-of-Famer Michael Chang is 38. Rock musician Scott Phillips is 37. Actress Drew Barrymore is 35. Actress Liza Huber is 35. Singer James Blunt is 33. Rock singer Tom Higgenson (Plain White T's) is 31. Actor Daniel E. Smith is 20.

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- E-mail submissions are welcome.



Do you remember junior high?

BY SUSAN BAKER ASST. PRINCIPAL PJHS

Most of us can pull a few warm, fuzzy memories from long ago. Perhaps you played a sport, won an award, or had a particularly inspirational teacher. However, I would be willing to bet that most of your memories of junior high have been blotted out for the sake of sanity. You might have even wiped sweat from your brow or begun scratching at a sudden case of hives after these few sentences. Is your right eye twitching?

There is no doubt that junior high is a time period fraught with emotion, conflict, and most of all, change. Our students are special. During this time in their lives, they are change agents. They are busy changing physically, emotionally, and socially. They are making decisions, consciously and subconsciously, about the type of adult they will eventually become. They are interested in their friends, their looks, their social lives, their clothes, and their connections. They are also funny, sweet, insecure, and challenging. At this time in their lives, children need us more than ever.

One of the things that most char-

acterizes this age group is the flux in friendships. As these young people grow and change, their friendships change, too. They make new friends, some friendships slip away into a childhood memory, and some friendships go down kicking and screaming. This leads to interpersonal conflicts. Mix a conflict in a large group of young people and throw in a dash of gossip. It is a recipe for disaster. In girls it leads to something called relational aggression. This topic is a whole other article, but to be brief, this is basically "girl bullying". It hurts. It happens. A lot.

What about boys? They have the same problem to a small extent. The problem with boys this age is their attempt to prove their manhood by wanting to fight over every perceived slight. They tend to threaten and bluster about how they are going to fight and beat someone up. Most of the time, it is just bluster and bravado, but we act on every threat we hear about to be on the safe side. We want our community to know that your children are safe here with us. We minimize and act on these conflicts as soon as we hear about them.

Fortunately, we have wonderful counselors here. They are probably the best in the whole world. Jennifer Brown and Sherese Oles

are excellent at working with our boys and girls and helping them navigate through the friendship forest and emerge relatively unscathed. The minute we know of a problem, they work with the students to minimize the conflict. Please help us by letting us know of ongoing problems your child might be having. We can't fix it if we don't know, and kids this age do not like to tattle. Keep in mind that bullying is defined as negative actions toward another over a period of time. We would much rather deal with a situation while it is just a single incident. There is no need for any of our students to suffer and be unhappy.

Pampa Junior High is a great place to be. We want your child's experience here to be positive and productive. We appreciate working side by side with you as we help our pre-teens and young teens learn how to interact appropriately and positively with one another. Please know you are welcome at any time. Our parent coordinator, Charlene-Gee, will even help you get hooked up with a volunteer opportunity. Feel free to call us with problems or with suggestions. And may the force be with you as you begin the challenging journey of parenting a teenager.

President's EPA Power Grab Will Hurt American Jobs

BY U.S. SENATOR KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

When our great nation was established, the Founding Fathers created a careful system of checks and balances between the three branches of government. America would have no "Imperial Presidency" and the Constitution gave certain powers to Congress to ensure that unelected members of the Executive branch would not have the ability to bypass the elected representatives of the people.

Now the Obama Administration's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is attempting to do an end-run around Congress by imposing unilateral regulations on American businesses large and small over greenhouse gas emissions. The American people will be the losers if the EPA is allowed to get away with it.

Texas, with our strong domestic energy production industry, will be particularly hard hit if "cap and trade" regulations are enacted. And throughout my travels across the state, I have heard the voices of families, small business owners, farmers, and ranchers who will also be devastated by this legislation. Currently, Republicans have been able to slow the

disastrous "cap-and-trade" legislation in the Senate. But this has not stopped the Administration from now trying to force its policy through "government regulation" and bypassing Congress entirely.

Earlier this month, the states of Texas, Alabama and Virginia filed federal lawsuits to challenge the EPA's "endangerment finding." They join several groups, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Mining Association, and several others, who have already filed court challenges to this EPA ruling. Many of these challenges raise concerns over the science the EPA used to make its determination.

The EPA's new regulatory authority would allow it to look at millions of "sources" of greenhouse gas emissions. Farms, apartment and condominium buildings, schools, colleges and hospitals could come under the EPA's regulatory scrutiny right along with energy plants and manufacturing businesses.

We must work together to ensure that Americans' voices are heard and this bureaucratic power grab is stopped.

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Softball team wins Abilene tourney



Harvester softball team members in Abilene are, top left to right, Shanna Keown, Jordan Mayhew, Emily Troxell, Brooklyn Barker, Alana Stephens and trainer Jeanette Almanza; middle row left to right, Carlyn Teichmann, Samantha Pearson, Bailey Beck, Madi Shults and trainer Kasey Reyes; bottom row, left to right are McKinlee Stokes, Ashley Facio, Makayla Flores and Shelbie Watson. See story on page 8.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two children, ages 13 and 6. Our older son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes last year. Because of this, we must carefully watch everything he eats. We're struggling to deal with it, but lately we have other issues we need help with.

We were out one evening and our younger son wanted ice cream. My husband told him he couldn't have any because it would be unfair to his brother. I, in turn, said that it's not fair to punish the younger one. This has become a huge deal for us lately. Can you tell us who is right, and what's the best way to handle this? -- TRYING TO BE FAIR IN HAWAII

DEAR TRYING TO BE FAIR: This is something you should discuss with your older son's doctor. It is my understanding that years ago, diabetes was treated more with diet. But with the advent of glucose meters and better insulin, most people with Type 1 diabetes, while trying to eat healthfully, do not completely deprive themselves of treats but accommodate them by adjusting their level of insulin. If your husband refuses to budge on the "treats" issue, then your younger child should be given something else to compensate.

The American Diabetes Association offers a free kit that can be sent to you. It can be ordered by calling 1-800-342-2383 or logging onto www.diabetes.org/families. The kit contains a parents' guide, a card game for your kids, a paperback book, "The Diabetes Dictionary: What Every Person With Diabetes Needs to Know," and more.

If you haven't already done so, please contact the ADA. It will be a terrific resource for you, your husband and your son in managing his diabetes, as well as keeping peace in your household.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I threw a party for which we hired a bartender, so we could spend

more time with our guests.

We figured that, in addition to his hourly rate, we would tip him at the end of the night. Without consulting us, the man placed a plastic cup out for our guests to tip him. My wife was appalled and demanded that he remove it. He actually argued with her, but finally put the tip cup away.

My wife and I asked friends to weigh in on the subject. The men had no problem with the practice, while every woman found it offensive. Were we too harsh? Should a bartender at a private, in-home party be allowed to solicit tips from the guests? -- BAR NONE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR BAR NONE: Absolutely not! When you hired this person, all the details should have been agreed to in advance -- and if the compensation your bartender was being offered wasn't satisfactory, he should have refused the job.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married six years and have two wonderful children. Lately, my mother-in-law has made several comments in front of family members suggesting that one of our kids bears no resemblance to my husband -- implying that I have been unfaithful.

At first, I took it as a joke. Now I'm wondering if she really believes it. My husband isn't concerned, but I wonder if I should set her straight. What would you suggest? -- NO LAUGHING MATTER

DEAR N.L.M.: I would suggest you set your mother-in-law straight. To say that her remarks are tasteless is an understatement. Either she has a warped sense of humor or she has been watching too many soap operas. Talk with her privately and, if necessary, offer to have both your children DNA-tested to prove their "authenticity." That may be the only way to stop her snide remarks once and for all.

Credit card reform may shock some

NEW YORK (AP) — Your next credit card statement is going to contain an ugly truth: how much that card really costs to use.

Now, thanks to a long-awaited law that goes into effect Monday, you'll know that if you pay the minimum on a \$3,000 balance with a 14 percent interest rate, it could take you 10 years to pay off.

"Jaws will drop," said David Robertson, publisher of The Nilson Report, a newsletter that tracks the industry. "I don't doubt for a nanosecond that it's going to give a lot of people a sinking feeling in their stomachs."

That's not all that will make them queasy.

During the past nine months, credit card companies jacked up interest rates, created new fees and cut credit lines. They also closed down millions of accounts. So a law hailed as the most sweeping piece of consumer legislation in decades has helped make it more difficult for millions of Americans to get credit, and made that credit more expensive.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. The law that President Barack Obama signed last May shields card users from sudden interest rate hikes, excessive fees and other gimmicks that card companies have used to drive up profits. Consumers will save

at least \$10 billion a year from curbs on interest rate increases alone, according to the Pew Charitable Trust, which tracks credit card issues.

But there was a catch. Card companies had nine months to prepare while certain rules were clarified by the Federal Reserve. They used that time to take actions that ended up hurting the same customers who were supposed to be helped.

Consumer advocates say the law still offers important protections for the users of some 1.4 billion credit cards.

At the same time, the law is expected to cut into future profits. FICO Inc., the company best known for its credit scores, projects the average card will generate less than \$100 a month in revenue within three years, down from \$200 a month before the law.

That helps explain why the industry reacted so aggressively to the legislation. Among the moves it made:

— Resurrected annual fees.

Annual fees, common until about 10 years ago, have made a comeback.

During the final three months of last year, 43 percent of new offers for credit cards contained annual fees, versus 25 percent in the same period a year ear-

lier, according to Mintel International, which tracks marketing data. Several banks also added these fees to existing accounts. One example: Many Citigroup customers will start paying a \$60 annual fee on April 1.

— Created new fees and raised old ones.

These include a \$1 processing fee for paper statements for cards issued some stores.

Other banks increased existing fees. JPMorgan Chase, for instance raised the cost of balance transfers from one card to another to 5 percent of the transfer from 3 percent.

— Raised interest rates.

The average rate offered for a new card climbed to 13.6 percent last week, from 10.7 percent during the same week a year ago — meaning cardholders had to pay almost 30 percent more in interest, according to Bankrate.com.

For millions of other acBesides making credit more expensive, banks also made it harder to get and keep credit cards. One big reason: Since the financial meltdown, many credit card issuers have been trying to reduce risk.

The number of Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards in circulation dropped 15 percent in 2009, for example. Rarely used cards were among the

first cut off. Some cards linked to rewards programs for purchases like gasoline were likewise shut down.

Card companies also slashed credit limits for millions of accounts that remain open. Credit lines were frequently cut in regions most affected by the housing crisis and high unemployment, such as Florida and California.

Because the law makes credit cards less profitable, some subprime borrowers may not be able to get cards at all, at least for the next few years. There's no fixed definition, but subprime borrowers generally have a FICO score below 660. For a good portion of this group, options may be limited to alternatives like PayPal and other electronic payment services, prepaid cards and payday lenders.

"Not everyone either deserves or should have an open-ended credit card," said Roger C. Hochschild, chief operating officer of Discover Financial Services.

Joining those who won't easily get cards: college students and others under age 21. The law strictly limits card marketing on campuses, ending giveaways like T-shirts and pizza Cards can only be granted to applicants who show they have the means to repay, or those who have a co-signer who can pay.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010:
This year, you head in a new direction as some of the burdens of the past lighten up. You also might wonder at your luck as you begin a new luck cycle this year. Think about what you want, and you easily could start manifesting it. If you are single, you could welcome a very special person into your life. Romance easily could bloom. If you are attached, the two of you could feel quite connected. **CANCER** brings out your feelings.

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)
*** Don't take someone's words personally. Stop, center and look at your priorities. There is the inevitable push and pull between your different concerns. A friend inspires you in a very special way. Tonight: A must appearance.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Handle a money matter directly, and you will feel great. You might be on the verge of making an important decision. Someone you respect means well but might lead you down the wrong path. You could be tired from all the demands. Tonight: Hanging out.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** You are all smiles and handle a situation far differently from many other people. Be aware of what you have to offer, but don't overestimate your value, either. Someone might give you a strong push. Tonight: Treat yourself.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** This morning, do only what you must, and if you can close your door and do your thing, do. Midday, you perk up. Understand how magnetic and powerful you can be when you are in "prime" shape. Tonight: As you like.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** If you can, schedule meetings and discussions for the a.m. You might be taken aback by everything that happens. Someone might feel quite negative and is tossing that perspective on you and your ventures. Tonight: Take some personal time.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** No one can complain about your sense of responsibility. Letting go could be problematic, especially in the afternoon. A meeting proves to be significant, especially if you let go and worry less. Many people want to pitch in. Tonight: All smiles, as long as you are with others.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** Do needed research in the morning, because by the afternoon, you will be on top of your game. If you need to take the lead on a key project, please do. No one will stop you. Others might not agree 100 percent, but they will follow your lead. Tonight: Leader of the gang.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You might have gotten an earful from a certain friend or partner. Disengage and carefully go in your own direction. Listen to news knowing what works well in your opinion. Blaze your own trail. Tonight: Read between the lines.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Others continue to dominate. How you choose to look at this situation

is your call. Your perspective will determine if it is palatable, a good thing or possibly a control issue. Try looking at these events in a different light. Tonight: One-on-one relating.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Get as much done in the a.m. as you can, because by the afternoon, meetings and/or networking could take over your schedule. People just seem to need your attention at any cost. Someone could be quite demanding. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** What triggers your ingenuity might not be as important as how you use this gift. Once more, you are challenged to move in a new direction or come up with a different and more effective path. Tonight: Take it easy.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You could be slow to get going, but a handful once you get started. Don't try to curb your imagination; rather, use it to ease any situation or add that extra zip. Actions could clue you in to the fact that a friend is changing. Tonight: Let go of the worries of the day.
BORN TODAY
Author John Sandford (1944), founder and CEO of Dell computers Michael Dell (1965), musician Johnny Winter (1944)

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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Correction

In Friday's paper on page 10, Ryan Jimenez was incorrectly identified as Nathan Webb in one of the photos.

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"The car can wait. I've got to find his food dish."

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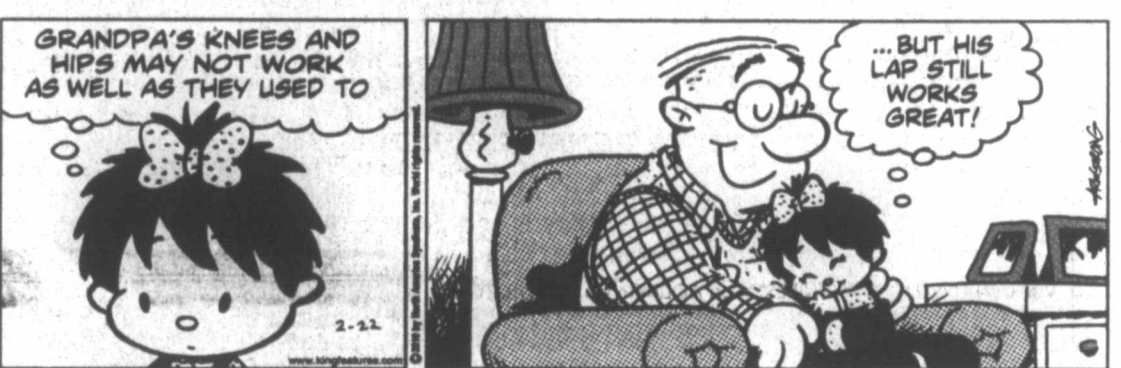
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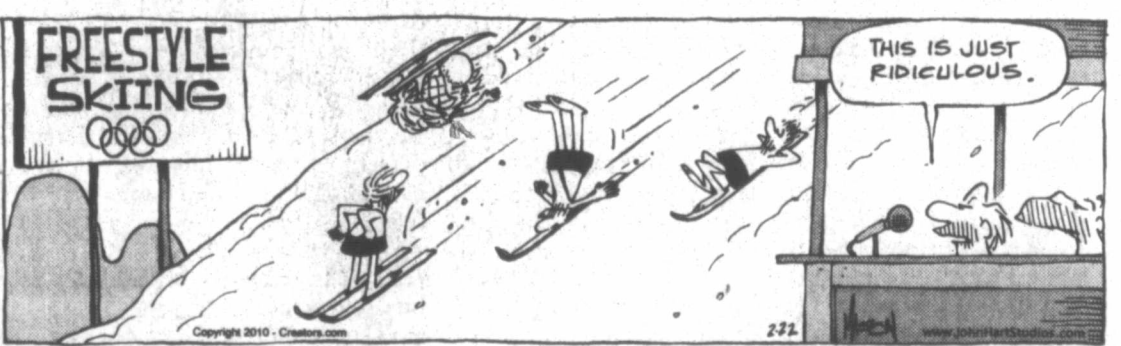
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Hagar The Horrible



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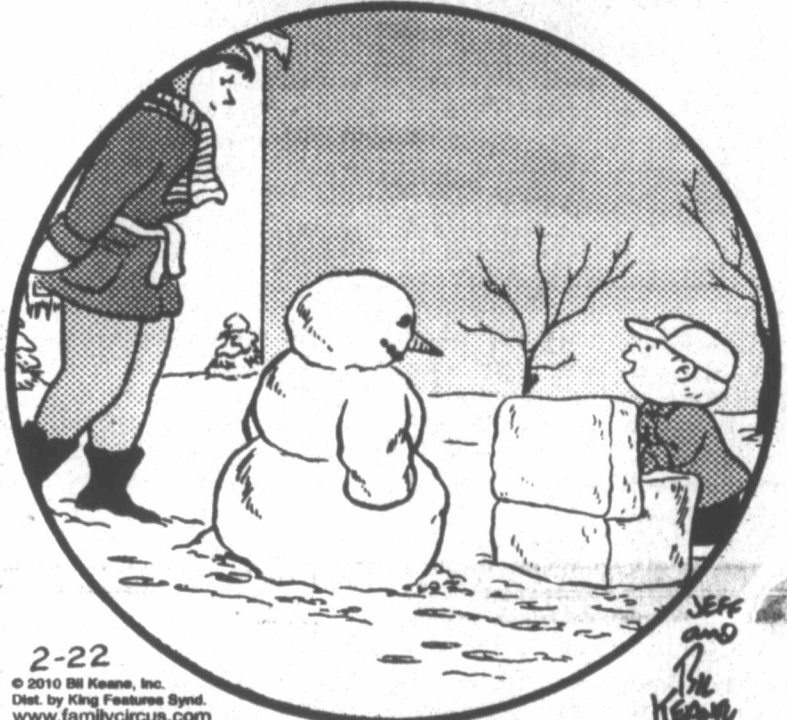


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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"It's a TV set. He wanted to watch the Olympics."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 48 Boxer Mike

1 Canadian ski resort

6 Portion out

11 Coral island

12 Depart

13 Circle spokes

14 Crowbar, for example

15 Therefore

17 Sleeve filler

18 Rise from the launch pad

22 Tiny bit

23 Key of Mozart's "Requiem"

27 They may be furrowed

29 Wed in secret

30 Capitol group

32 Senator Bayh

33 House-cleaning event

35 Trip around a track

38 Scarlett's home

39 Wonderland visitor

41 Anticipate

45 Real bargain

46 Deceitful

47 Penitent

DOWN

1 Saloon

2 — loss (baffled)

3 Sign of approval

4 Abandons the nest

5 Act the coquette

6 Steve Martin/Lily Tomlin film

7 Director Ang

8 Volcano flow

9 Finished

10 Time in office

16 Zeus or Apollo

18 Mealt ime protectors

19 Folk learning

20 Heaps

21 Stores for future reference

24 Flaring star

25 Milky stone

26 Painter Magritte

28 Grand

31 Memo-rable time

34 House chiller

35 Colleen

36 Choir voice

37 Docking spot

40 Auto

42 Capp and Capone

43 Equal: Prefix

44 Finger count

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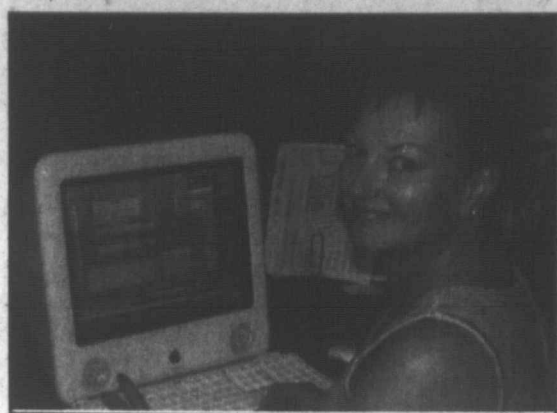
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

EBBEFOTAPOV MUANHQ DPOC
 OCEQH DCE UFH UGFHUMV EA
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C. SUNXQEA LFEDA SF.
 Saturday's Cryptquote: WAY DOWN DEEP WE'RE ALL MOTIVATED BY THE SAME URGES. CATS HAVE THE COURAGE TO LIVE BY THEM.
 — JIM DAVIS

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Sports

Lady Harvesters win Abilene Icebreaker tourney

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters softball team won first place in the Abilene Icebreaker tournament Thursday through Saturday in Abilene.

Pampa beat Abilene Wylie 12-2 Saturday to win the tournament championship. The Lady Harvesters took an early 3-0 lead after one. Pampa scored three more runs in the third to expand their lead to 6-0. In the fourth inning the Lady Harvesters scored two more runs to widen their lead to 8-0. After a scoreless fifth, Pampa scored four runs in the sixth and allowed two.

Carlyn Teichmann only

allowed four hits and took a perfect game into the fifth inning before it was broken up by a single. Teichmann struck out eight and walked one in six innings and finished the tournament with a 2-1 record. Along with her pitching, Teichmann drove in four runs and was a home run shy of hitting for the cycle. Sammie Pearson drove in four runs. Ashley Facio and Teichmann hit doubles and Teichmann hit a triple.

Early in the day Saturday, Pampa beat Forsan 10-4. The Lady Harvesters (4-1) host Borger today and will compete in the Burkburnett tournament February 25-27.



McKinlee Stokes slides into home safely in the Abilene Tournament. The Lady Harvesters won first and host Borger today at 4:30 p.m.

Photo courtesy of Charla Shults

JV soccer ties

The Pampa Harvesters junior varsity soccer team tied 0-0 with the Randall Raiders Friday at Harvester field.

Coach Byron May said it was a fun game and his played the hardest they had all season.

"The game went extremely well for us," May said. "Even though it didn't show up on the scoreboard our kids played the best they have all season. Our kids showed a lot of fight and we showed a lot of improved skills. We had a

lot of shots on goal. It was an exciting game against a very good JV."

May said his team had a lot of shots on goal but couldn't get one in.

"Sometimes in soccer it just doesn't," May said. "We've been working on scoring. A lot of times it's hard to pull a trigger on a shot. Our kids are learning to do that and we are creating more opportunities for shots."

The junior varsity plays at Borger tonight and hosts Palo Duro on Friday.

Pampa JV teams win bracket, runners up in memorial tournament

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The Pampa junior varsity B (4-2) softball team won the bronze bracket and the junior varsity A team (6-1) were runner ups in the gold bracket in the Amy Youree Memorial Tournament Saturday at the softball complex.

Coach Jim Gill said both teams performed really well and was pleased with what he saw.

"They played well," Gill said. "This game right here hurts a little bit losing 2-0 to a team like Randall that we don't like to lose to. They (Pampa) competed well in adverse conditions and can't see with the fog and all. But they never quit."

After both teams got opening victories on Friday, the B team lost their last two games on Friday 13-2 to Randall and 1-0 to River Road. The A team went unbeaten on Friday as they beat Childress varsity 12-4, beat Dumas and beat Hereford 8-2.

The B team was the top seed in the bronze bracket Saturday and the A team

was the third seed in the gold bracket. The B team won 12-2 to advance to the championship game. The A team had a rematch with Caprock's A team who they beat 25-1 earlier in the tournament. Pampa was victorious again as they won 7-0.

The A team played River Road in the semifinals. The Lady Harvesters jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. Martecia Alexander and Delaney Clendening led off the game with singles. Both of them stole bases to get into scoring position. Nakayla Hardman drove both of them in with a double, Hardman would be thrown trying for a triple.

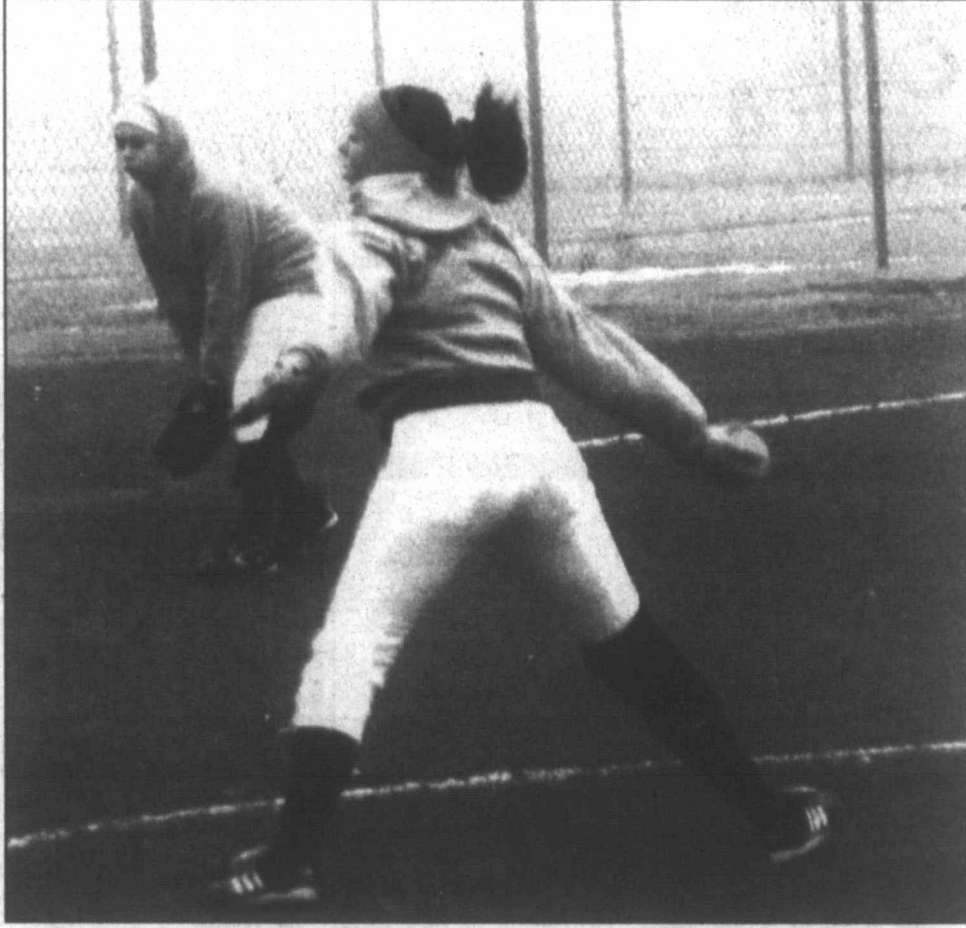
River Road was held scoreless in their half of the first, and Pampa didn't score in the top of the second. The Wildcats got on the board in the bottom of the second. The first three batters reached base on two singles and a walk. River Road scored on a wild pitch and a passed ball to tie the game at 2. The Wildcats took a 3-2 lead on a base hit which

would be the last time River Road scored.

In the top of the fourth, Claire Hopkins led off with a single and stole second when Alexander batted. Clendening drove in Hopkins with a double to tie the game at 3. Pitcher Tiffany Brittan gave Pampa the lead for good with a two-run home run to left. Pampa led 5-3 after the second. The Lady Harvesters scored two more runs in the fourth to win 7-3 and advance to the championship game.

The B team played Perryton for the bronze bracket championship. The Rangerettes held Pampa scoreless in the first and took advantage of it in the bottom of the first. Perryton led off with a walk and one batter later they scored on a double to take a 1-0 lead. That's all the Rangerettes would get as they ended the first with runners on second and third.

Pampa got on the board in the second inning. Monica Zubia led off with a walk and stole second. Zubia scored on a single by Courtney Ward. Ward



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Tiffany Brittan throws a pitch against Caprock's A team Saturday. Pampa JV A team won 7-0 and won second place in the gold bracket in the Amy Youree Memorial Tournament.

stole second and third and scored on a wild pitch to give Pampa a 2-1 lead.

Perryton scored another run in the second as they led off the inning with a walk. Perryton would score on a single. The Rangerettes got two hits and walk in the second and went into the third with the

game tied at 2.

In the third, Pampa regained their lead. Trista Strickland led off with a walk and scored on a ground out. Perryton didn't go down easily as they rallied in the fourth. After their lead-off batter grounded out, the Rangerettes singled twice. Down to their last out, the Rangerettes singled up the middle and the tying run came home.

In the bottom of the fourth, Hardman and Ward walked. Both of them stole bases to be on second and third. While Chelsie Winkleback was batting, Perryton threw a wild pitch and Hardman came home to give the Lady Harvesters the game and first in the tournament.

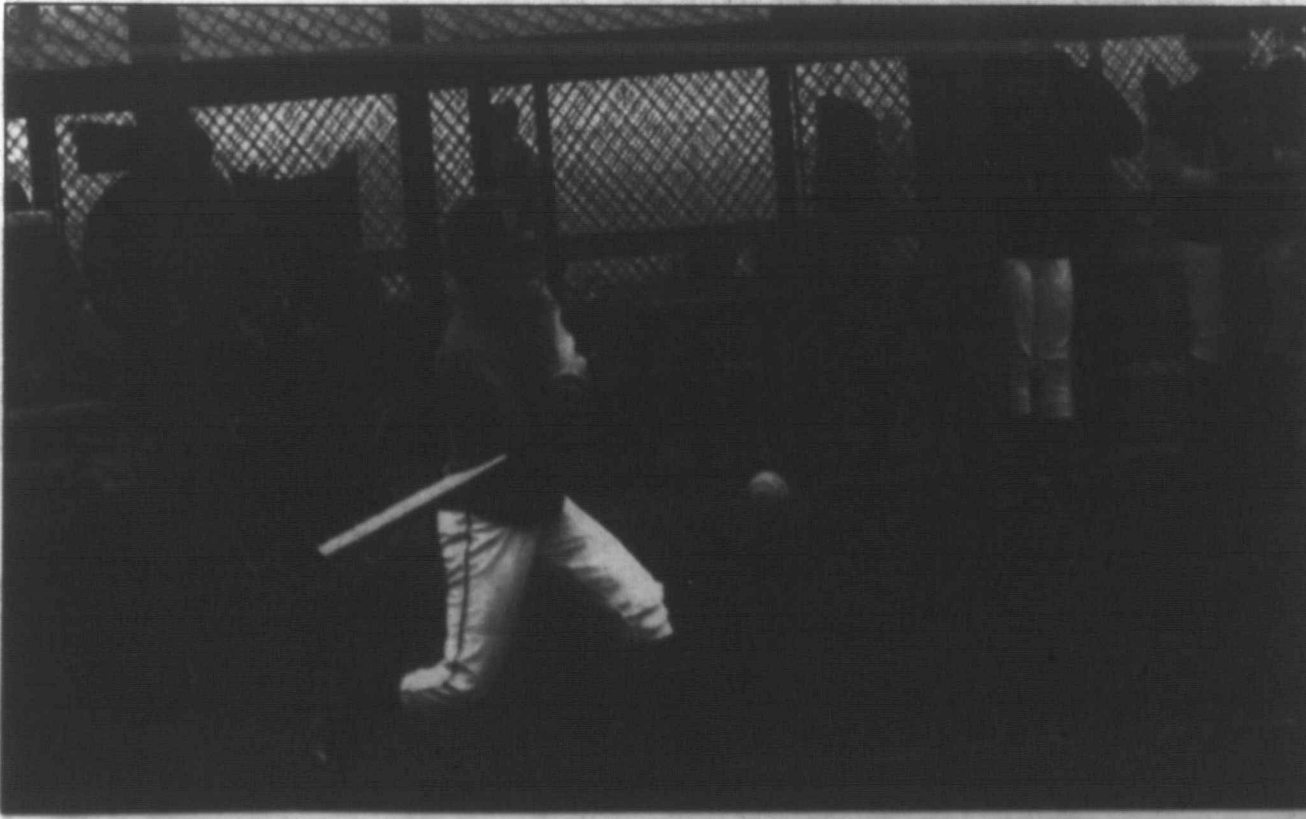
The A team played Randall in the gold bracket championship. Neither team plated a run in the first inning. Pampa didn't reach base and the Lady Raiders stranded a runner on third. The Lady Raiders got another three up and three down in the second. The Lady Raiders led off their second inning with a triple and scored on a passed ball to take a 1-0 lead. Randall got one more hit but that runner was stranded at second. Pampa got their first base runner

of the game when Hopkins reached on an error by the pitcher and advanced to third on a passed ball and stolen base. But that's where Hopkins would stay as Alexander struck out to end the inning.

Randall added to their lead in the bottom of the third. The Lady Raiders reached base on an error by the second baseman. That runner scored as they advanced on a stolen base, a passed ball and wild pitch. Randall stranded a runner at third but led 2-0 after three.

Both teams were held scoreless in the fourth. In the top of the fifth, Pampa had a chance to force a bottom of the fifth with the tying runs in scoring position. Hopkins struck out to end the game and give the gold bracket championship to Randall.

The tournament was named in honor of Amy Youree, who was a former Lady Harvester that was killed in a car accident a couple of years ago. Amy's parents, Melody and Doug Youree got to throw the first pitches before the gold bracket championship. Coach Jim Gill presented them with a plaque.



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Delaney Clendening swings at a pitch against Caprock's A team Saturday. Pampa JV A team won 7-0 and won second place in the gold bracket in the Amy Youree Memorial Tournament.