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SHE'S A SURVIVOR



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Susan Rawlins of Fritch spoke at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon about her experiences fighting chronic myelogenous leukemia. Rawlins, a three-time cancer survivor, now speaks to raise funds and awareness on behalf of the American Cancer Society.

Rawlins shares story at Chamber luncheon

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From behind the speaker's podium on Tuesday, Fritch's Susan Rawlins looked out at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon crowd and smiled from ear to ear.

Given what she came to speak about, the fact that she was even able to do that seemed a small miracle in itself.

"Sometimes, I think it's a wonder that I'm even in the position to look back at it all," she said.

Speaking on behalf of the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life, Rawlins gave a heartfelt talk about her experiences as a three-time cancer survivor.

"My first cancer was diagnosed when I had three children in high school," recalled Rawlins. "My second cancer was diagnosed six months later and we pretty much were told I

wouldn't survive.

"I have now survived to see my children, thank God, leave home," she continued with a grin, "and I have six wonderful grandchildren."

In November of 1994, Rawlins continued, a mole on her stomach was diagnosed as malignant melanoma. After gaining ten pounds during her hospital stay, she visited a weight loss clinic in Lubbock, where preliminary blood work eventually led to a biopsy and the discovery of the final stages of chronic myelogenous leukemia.

"At that time, the only cure for it was a bone marrow transplant," said Rawlins. "We immediately started testing my family. As time went on, we had tested my parents, my children, my siblings — everyone that could be tested in my family — and no one matched.

The search was eventually expanded to the entire

National Bone Marrow Donor Association, but, again, they found no match. Meanwhile, Rawlins' health degenerated, so much so that she had to take medications to survive the shock induced by her original prescriptions.

Fortunately, almost a year later, a bone marrow match was found in a donor in England. It wasn't a full match, with Rawlins saying that, to this day, she still suffers complications every so often; however, the marrow was compatible enough chromosomally to continue with the transplant.

After a battle with her family's insurance company, Rawlins finally received her transplant in a hospital Oklahoma City. She received 21 straight days of chemotherapy, followed by 10 days of total body radiation. She had to have her knee and part of her femur replaced because the

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Junior Ranger Day Saturday at Lake Meredith

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FRITCH — Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a park ranger?

Lake Meredith National Recreation Area is inviting children of all ages to participate in National Junior Ranger Day this Saturday at Spring Canyon below the Sanford Dam. Activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there is no charge to participate.

The event is in its third year of celebration, and national parks across the country will be commemorating the day with their own special activities.



National Junior Ranger Day
 APRIL 25, 2010

At Lake Meredith, children will have the opportunity to learn about the National Park System and the types of things Park Rangers do on a daily

basis.

Various stations will be set up around Spring Canyon, where children can learn about mammals, insects, camping and weather, as well as Park Service occupations such as firefighting and law enforcement.

After answering questions about what they have learned, participants will be rewarded with a Junior Ranger certificate, badge and goody bag.

National Junior Ranger Day occurs as the culmination of National Park Week, April 17 to 25.

"National Park Week is an invitation to the American Public to come visit their national parks," said Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service.

"National parks across the country are hosting special events and activities throughout the week, and I encourage Americans to visit us and have fun."

Visitors can log on to www.nps.gov/npweek/ to find out more about National Park Week, as well as to see a list of the activities and events planned at parks throughout the nation.

For more information, contact park headquarters at 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, TX, or call 806-857-3151.

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SENIOR SALUTE

PHS softball seniors (from left to right) Brooklyn Barker, Mikaela Flores, Shelbie Watson, Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Samantha-Pearson and Emilie Troxell take their final stroll around the bases at Lady Harvester Field after their 2-0 victory over the Hereford Lady Whitefaces. Every year, the softball team has their seniors go around the bases hand in hand one final time after their last home game, with a coach at each base to congratulate the seniors for their hard work. Full coverage of the game is on page 8.

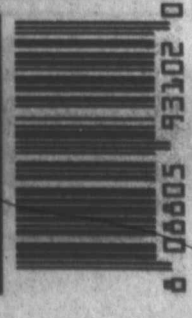


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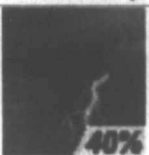


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For the record

PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 74 Low 48	High 69 Low 46	High 67 Low 44

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 1am. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Windy, with a southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Perot: Time will tell Tea Party's impact

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas billionaire Ross Perot said Tuesday that the national tea party movement seems to be doing well but that time will tell how it will affect the country, government and November elections.

The former Reform Party presidential candidate also said he wouldn't be offering the group advice anytime soon.

"In a free society, you're entitled to do whatever you want to do. Time will tell how effective it is," Perot told reporters in Kansas City on Tuesday, where he was receiving a leadership award from the Army's Command and General Staff College Foundation. "Just as a layman looking at it from afar, it seems to me they are pretty well organized and getting the crowd."

The foundation supports the Army's college at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Perot has pledged \$6.1 million to the foundation for the college's programs in interagency cooperation and military ethics.

"What I do for the military is done from the heart. It's something I feel very strongly about," said Perot, a graduate of the Naval Academy.

Perot attracted a following when he ran for president in 1992. His message as an independent, calling for balanced federal budgets and fiscal restraint, influenced the election, taking 19 percent of the vote.

"If we could have gotten people to listen then, we wouldn't have dug the hole as deep as it is now. It's done now and we've got to fix it. The sooner we start, the better off we'll be. But we've gotta be careful."

Perot's supporters were typically white, middle-class Americans who felt squeezed by Washington and a growing federal government. Perot's views on trade and business practices, despite his success at the polls, remained part of the political landscape for years.

Republicans coaxed many of his supporters to their fold and in 1994 recaptured both chambers of Congress in midterm elections.

The tea party movement generally unites on the fiscally conservative principles of small government, lower taxes and less spending — also Perot's ideals.

Perot said it would be wrong to increase taxes to increase the size of government. Perot recommended lowering taxes on the wealthy to stimulate job creation.

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Obituaries

Troy Brewer, 68

Pampa—Troy Brewer, 68, died April 19, 2010 in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Tim Roberts, a Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

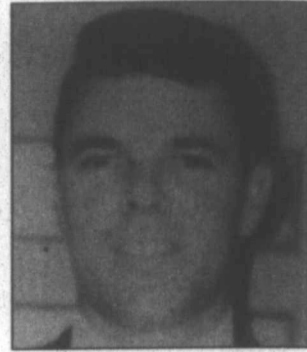
Mr. Brewer was born July 11, 1941 in Ecourse, Mich. He attended Pampa schools. He married Dorothy Musick on April 11, 1972 in Pampa. Troy worked for Serco for 10 years as a mechanic and shop foreman. He owned and operated Gray County Trading Post for 6 years.

He loved being with his four-legged companion "Shy." Troy was a self-taught mechanic and he enjoyed working on cars for friends and relatives in his spare time. He especially loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Brewer of the home; seven daughters, Angie Brewer and significant other Sarah Medley, Rhonda Hagan and husband Van, Melinda Brewer, Alisha Stroud and husband Greg, Becky Willis and husband Lynn, Staci Proctor and husband Tim, and Vicki Leshner and husband Tim, all of Pampa; one son, Troyce Brewer and wife Michelle of

Pampa; son-in-law, R. K. Blalock; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three brothers, his twin, Roy Brewer of McLean, Charles Brewer and wife Margaret of Mount View, Ark., and Bobby Brewer of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Charlene Havron and husband Rondel, and Mary Alice Stanley, all of Mount View, Ark.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many friends, including Donnie Wood and Donna Murphy. Troy was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mitzie Blalock; and two grandsons, Tanner Woodruff and Jimmie Blalock.

The family will be at 1949 Sumner in Pampa.



Brewer

Memorial may be made to Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065, or Interim Hospice, 2217 Perryton Pkwy., Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

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

Officers said there were 11 traffic-related reports and one accident.

Animal control officers reported 15 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported four ambulance calls.

Tuesday, April 20

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Firefighters investigated a carbon monoxide report in the 700 block of North

Price Road.

Firefighters investigated a report in the 900 block of South Dwight.

An assault was reported to police.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Banks.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Officers assisted a motorist in the 2100 block of North Zimmers.

Officers assisted White Deer officials.

Officers were assigned special duty in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

A theft was reported

in the 600 block of North Wynne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy.

Found property was turned in to the police department.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of East Gordon.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Alcock.

Wednesday, April 21

A suspicious person was reported at Campbell

and Osborne.

Phone harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

A suspicious person was reported at Frederic and Finley.

A suspicious person was reported at Starkweather and Browning.

Harassment was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2600 block of North Navajo.

A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 900 block of Octavus.

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, April 20

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 39, was arrested by police on charges of no driver's license, no insurance and

problems with the vehicle registration.

Wednesday, April 21

Clifton Robert Keener, 22, of Lefors, was arrested by police on bond surrender on charges of possession of marijuana.

David Chance Putman III, 23, of El Paso, was arrested by Carson County deputies on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear.

AMBULANCE

Pampa Emergency Medical Services reported the following call during the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

At 19:39 a MICU Unit provided a transport from the 1400 block of N. Dwight to PRMC.

BRIMMING WITH PRIDE



Bob Marx (left) shows Pampa Police Chief Kelly Rushing the green plastic hat award he received at Tuesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Marx's Top Hatter Award was for his volunteer work and support for the Chamber.

staff photo by David Bowser

SPRING FLING SMILES



submitted photos

TOP: Jeff Roberts transformed into daughter Kelsee Robert's No. 1 fan and cheerleader as they neared the finish line during the Create-a-Beat Spring Fling 10K race this past Saturday. **BOTTOM:** D'Abria Smith was the center of everyone's attention at the Craft Fair of the Create-a-Beat Spring Fling, thanks in part to the angel painted on her face by Rachel Smith.



Rawlins

radiation treatments "killed" the bone, and she developed diabetes due to her steroid treatments. She was also confined to a wheelchair for a year following the transplant. Rawlins said that she fell into depression while she fought the disease, but continued on to say that the faith she found in herself and in those around her reaffirmed her hopes.

"(When I had my transplant), they just hooked (the bone marrow up to an IV)," Rawlins said. "I asked the doctor, 'How does it know where to go?'"

"He told me, 'We only know how to put it in there. God does the rest.'"

"I knew at that point I would live a long life."

Since then, Rawlins said that she has also had breast cancer twice. After all of her ordeals, she said, she decided that she wanted to share her experiences to help the American Cancer Society raise funds and awareness for their cause.

"I'll tell you why I do this," said Rawlins. "In 2000, the American Cancer Society funded a doctor named Brian Druker... The federal government in the U.S. wouldn't fund medical research that didn't have proof of success."

"Well, Dr. Druker is now a Nobel Laureate, and because of his research, now, people who get chronic myelogenous leukemia take a pill that stops it. I know many many people who are on it now who are doing wonderful."

Rawlins said that the assistance that the ACS

provides to cancer victims and their survivors is indispensable.

"I knew nothing about the cancer society when they found my melanoma and leukemia. I can now tell you what your money goes towards. In Amarillo, if you're having to drive back and forth for treatments and needing to spend the nights... your room is provided for you if you can't afford it. We have gas cards if you do not have the money to drive."

"We have a call center in Austin that's the greatest thing I've ever seen. You call in and tell them that you can't afford treatments and need help, and they will immediately put

you with someone who can help. If you call in and say I'm so depressed because I'm not getting better, you are immediately put with somebody who can help."

"These people with the ACS, they truly care and they deserve our support." Rawlins encouraged people to contribute to the ACS and to participate in the upcoming Relay for Life of Gray County on June 25 and 26.

"When you're asked to participate in an event that benefits the American Cancer Society, it's well worth the time," she said. "I am living proof of that." "It's just a horrendous thing, cancer," she added.

"Until it impacts your life, you just don't know."

"The American Cancer Society is there to help. It's not just research. It's money that stays and is used and helps. It's awareness that they raise and light that they shine on people's lives. I can't say enough about everything they do."

If interested in volunteering for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, call Christy Robinson at 806-663-2856 or Ann Ogletree at 806-664-1338.

To register a team for the Relay for Life, call Pam Dalton at 806-665-0356 or go to www.relayforlife.org/graycotx.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I think my husband may be a cross-dresser. Last night while "Roland" and I were cuddling in bed, I felt his legs and they were smoother than mine. I asked him why he keeps shaving his legs and stomach, and then it dawned on me. Roland has sent me e-mails hinting about dressing up.

One year, he purchased a pair of high heels, saying he wanted to dress up like a woman. I examined them the other day and there is evidence that they have been worn more than once. My lingerie drawer is sometimes a mess, and sometimes my clothes are a bit out of place. I believe my husband dresses up while I'm out of town on business trips.

I'd kind of like to see him dressed up, but I'm afraid he might look sexier than me. Lately Roland has been asking me if he can join me when I go shopping for clothes. He does chores around the house (vacuuming, ironing, dishes), and if he enjoys cross-dressing, I say he can wear any outfit he wants. How can I tell him I know what he's doing? — **WISE TO HIM IN FORT WORTH**

DEAR WISE TO HIM: The next time the two of you cuddle up in bed, tell Roland you have been thinking about the e-mail he sent you regarding dressing up, that it's OK with you, and you think you might enjoy seeing him that way. It's a non-threatening way to get the message across.

But please remember that not all men who shave their body hair are cross-dressers. And if your husband has been doing the ironing — and the washing that would naturally precede it — your clothes may not have been the way you left them because he put them away. As to him accompanying you shopping, plenty of non-cross-dressers shop with their wives — and some of them have better taste than the women.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend will not let go

of my past. I didn't level with him about a couple of relationships because I knew he was a racist. He found out, and now all I get is teasing and comments almost every day. If he sees a talk show about a liar, he says, "Oh! There you are!" It's the same if the subject is a whore.

What he's doing is hurting me. Is this normal behavior? Am I supposed to ignore him? I have asked him to stop, but he says he won't until I learn to laugh about it. Any suggestions? — **EMBARRASSED IN ANAHEIM**

D E A R EMBARRASSED: Just this: What's going on is not "normal" and it's no laughing matter. Tell your boyfriend that the next time he calls you a whore or a liar, he is history. And stand by your word, unless you want to spend the rest of your life with a racist who has a sadistic sense of humor and no respect for your feelings.

DEAR ABBY: How do I tell a friend of many years that the wig she wears is not flattering? We're nearly 80, and the wig is black and falls past her shoulders. Her hair was dark when she was young, but now the color looks harsh.

She started wearing the wig because it was too much trouble to go to the hairdresser every week. Something shorter and lighter in color would look much better.

My friend can be vain about her appearance. How do I enlighten her without hurting her feelings? — **CARING FRIEND IN OHIO**

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Here's what I'd do. With the understanding that it's affordable, I would suggest to my friend that "for kicks" the two of us "girls" go out for a makeup and hair makeover — and let a professional broach the subject. If she declined the invitation, I'd keep my mouth firmly shut. And that's what I'd recommend to you.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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5	7	9	4	2	3	8	1	6
8	1	4	9	7	6	3	5	2
9	2	6	8	3	1	4	7	5
7	5	8	2	4	9	6	3	1
3	4	1	6	5	7	2	9	8
4	6	7	5	9	8	1	2	3
2	8	5	3	1	4	7	6	9
1	9	3	7	6	2	5	8	4

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, April 21, the 111th day of 2010. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

On this date:

In 1509, England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1980, Rosie Ruiz was the first woman to cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon; however, she was later exposed as a fraud. (Canadian Jacqueline Gareau was named the actual winner of the women's race.)

Ten years ago: The lower house of the Russian parliament overwhelmingly approved the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

Five years ago: A commercial helicopter contracted by the U.S. Defense Department was shot down by missile fire north of Baghdad; eleven people, including six American bodyguards, were killed. Army Sgt. Hasan Akbar was convicted by a military jury at Fort Bragg, N.C. of premeditated murder and attempted murder in an attack that killed two of his comrades and wounded 14 others in Kuwait.

One year ago: Calling on Americans to volunteer, President Barack Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service bill tripling the size of the AmeriCorps service program.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 84. Actor Charles Grodin is 75. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 63. Actress Patti LuPone is 61. Actor Tony Danza is 59. Actress Andie MacDowell is 52. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 51. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 51. Actor John Cameron Mitchell is 47. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 44. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 40. Rock musician David Brenner (Theory of a Deadman) is 32. Actor James McAvoy is 31.

Thought for Today: "I came in with Halley's Comet in 1835. It is coming again next year (1910), and I expect to go out with it. It will be the greatest disappointment of my life if I don't go out with Halley's Comet. The Almighty has said, no doubt: 'Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.'" — Mark Twain (1835-1910).



Community banks a solution, not a problem

As our nation fights through an economic downturn, the worst since the Great Depression, we continue to see the effects this crisis has wrought on Americans. National unemployment continues to hover near 10 percent, its highest level in 26 years. Foreclosure rates are not abating. And while there are some signs of relief in the credit markets, small businesses and consumers are still struggling to obtain credit.

The crisis also remains at the forefront of consciousness because of the immense government intervention this Administration and the Democratic Congressional leadership have pushed through. Companies that were once titans of finance and business failed. As a result trillions of dollars in bailouts and spending packages have been poured into our financial markets and the economy as a whole to prop up these institutions, all in the name of market stabilization. It continues to this day, as evidenced by another \$18 billion spending package enacted last month. This unprecedented amount of spending is sending our national debt spiraling out of control.

At the heart of this intervention is the notion that institutions can be "too big to fail," our government's policy to provide assistance to prevent the failure of large financial firms deemed systemically significant to our economy. This perverts free market capitalism and suggests that entities can "privatize" their profits, yet "socialize" their risks. This absolutely must end. The American taxpayers should not be forced to pay the gambling debts of failed risky bets made by large financial institutions.

In the coming weeks we will begin debate on financial regulatory reform legislation that would put into law this "too big to fail"

mentality. It is absolutely wrong to tie the fate of the national and global economy to the fortunes of a relatively small number of giant financial firms.

Of particular concern is the effect that proposed financial regulatory reform legislation will have on our nation's community banks. Community banks in Texas and across the country serve as the backbone of our economy. Community banks were making home and business loans to local customers, while the giant financial institutions were playing the derivative and subprime market. Local community banks provide the lending and deposit services for our nation's small businesses so that they may continue to operate, invest, create jobs, and drive our economy. Credit from a community bank allows the West Texas exploration company to drill new wells to deliver the oil and gas that fuels our state and nation. Credit from a community bank in Texas allows the Austin area tech start up to create a new product line that could soon revolutionize the way the world communicates. It is this business lending that will help create jobs and grow our economy.

Tom Hoenig, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, said recently that our nation's largest banks would be well-served to take lessons from our community banks. Why? Because community banks have been committed to providing the vital credit and services needed for small businesses to create the jobs that will lead our

nation into recovery.

It is precisely this ability to foster bottom-up growth through small businesses that sets community banks apart from other financial institutions. Unlike the big financial institutions we see in the headlines for bailouts and bonuses, community banks do not pose systemic risk to our financial system, nor are they identified as primary contributors to our latest crisis.

However, our community banks would soon be subjected to a considerable amount of new costs and regulatory burdens as a result of this legislation, a burden that would hamper their ability to effectively provide depository and lending services to our American consumers and small businesses.

Community banks should not be punished as a result of this legislation. We should preserve and enhance our dual-banking system, rather than impose additional federal regulations that stifle their ability to serve their communities. This legislation would gear the Federal Reserve's monetary policy to the large banks mainly in New York without any regard for the 6,800 regional and community banks located across our country. And that means the Fed will lack a fundamental understanding of what small businesses, families, and workers across Texas and throughout our nation are facing on a daily basis.

We should stop "too big to fail," protect taxpayers from bailouts and only regulate what needs to be regulated. It's when government tries to fix what isn't broken that trouble begins.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

National Volunteer Week is this week, April 18 to 25. This is a signature event of Points of Light Institute, which celebrates ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities. What a great time to salute the volunteers who are so valuable to our community! As someone who both shares my time as a volunteer and as the director of a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers, it is obvious to me that volunteers are one of, if not the most, valuable commodities in Gray county!

According to the Independent Sector, a coalition of charities, foundations, corporations, and individuals, volunteer time in 2009 was valued at \$20.85 per hour. This figure has risen each year. In addition, the Independent Sector reports that over one-third of nonprofits surveyed said they had increased their use of volunteers between November 2008 and March 2009 and expected to continue that trend.

I challenge Pampa to consider all the agencies, organizations, churches, schools and maybe even businesses that consider volunteers a key to their success. Why do people volunteer? It certainly is

not for the money, as they are unpaid. Do they have lots of extra time? Not the volunteers that I know! Elizabeth Andrew said, "Volunteers do not necessarily have time; they just have the heart."

For many, the primary benefit to volunteering is in the knowing they are making a difference in the lives of others, or in the quality of life in our community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. However, volunteering can also benefit you and your family. Being a volunteer can help you make new friends, expand your community connections, and expand your social skills.

Volunteering has also been shown to have mental and physical health benefits such as increasing self-confidence, combating depression, and help-

ing you stay physically healthy. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not. Also, it has been shown to lessen symptoms of chronic pain or heart disease.

Volunteering can be a family affair. It may be challenging to coordinate schedules to allow for a family volunteer effort, but the benefits can be long-lasting. By giving back to the community and doing for others, children and youth develop empathy and learn firsthand how one person can make a difference in the lives of others. It is also a way for them to see you doing for others outside of a job. In addition, they can get to know all the valuable organizations and agencies that meet the needs of families and individuals in the community. One of the most

important benefits is that it creates a lifelong ethic of service. Individuals who volunteer as a child or who observe their parents volunteering have a much higher probability of being a volunteer in their adult years.

I am thankful for my parents, mentors, and friends who demonstrated the importance of volunteering to me. I have seen the results of dedicated volunteers throughout my life. They have truly made a difference in my life, in the lives of my family and friends, and in the communities where they serve.

I salute the many volunteers who make Pampa and Gray county a great place in which to live. And, if you aren't sharing your time and talents as a volunteer, I encourage you to give it a try!

Donna Brauchi
 Pampa

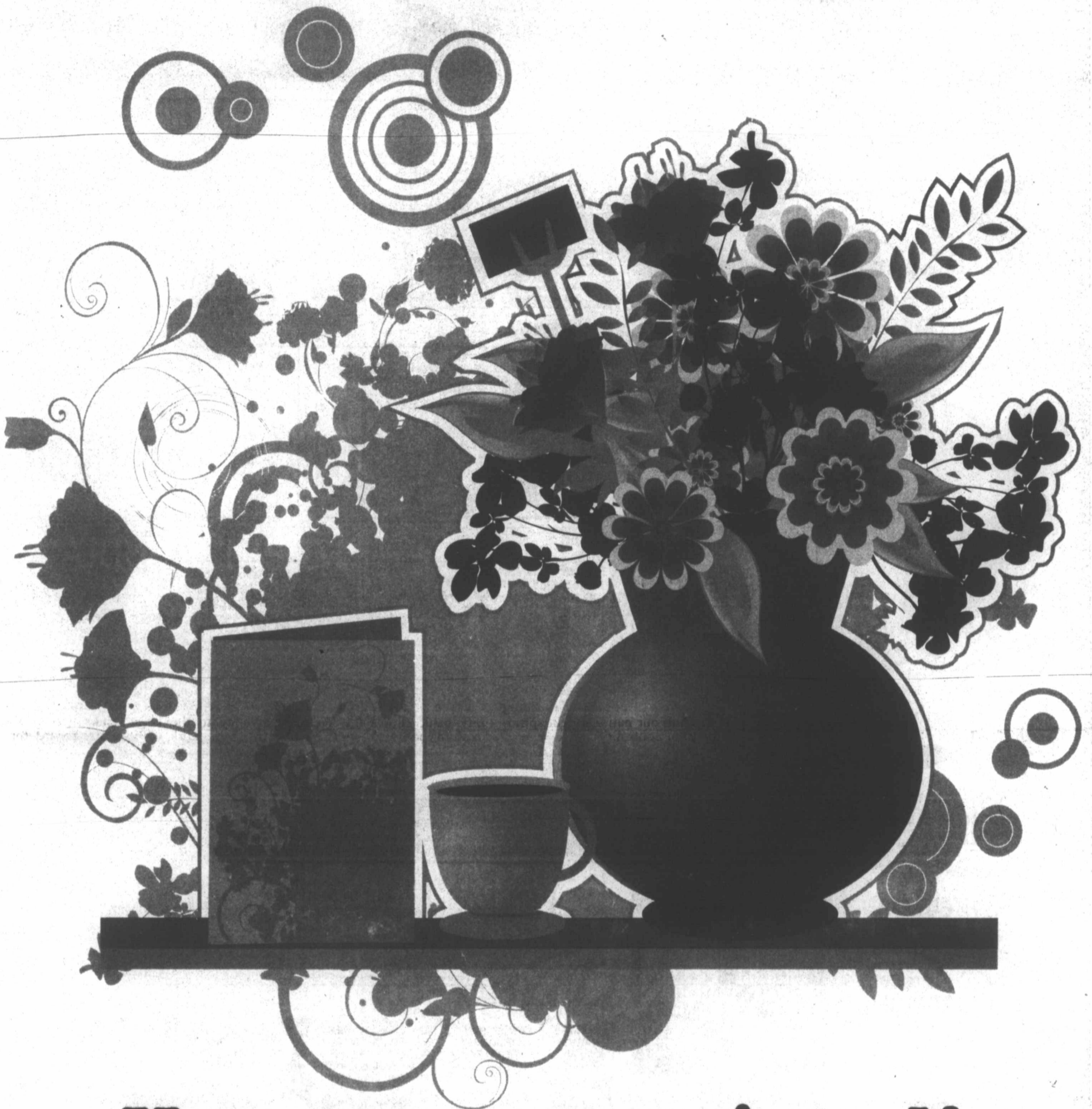
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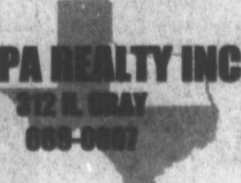
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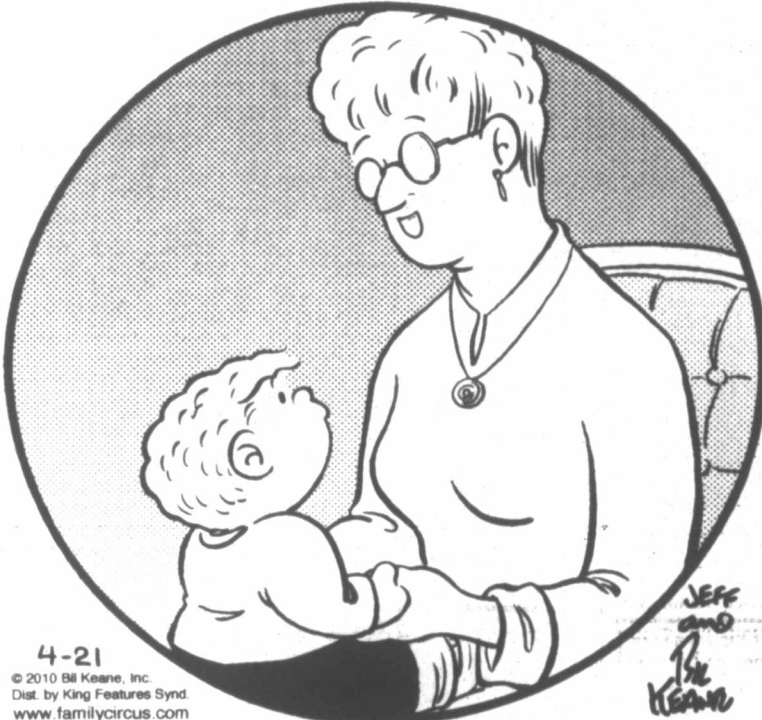
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"Want me to call a tow truck to pull him off the sofa?"

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"No, Jeffy, I don't think I've had any adventures since I last saw you."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 39 Slip-on garment
 - 1 Launderer
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 - 9 Take — at (try)
 - 11 Political meeting
 - 12 Author Calvino
 - 13 Church sight
 - 14 Determined
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 - 20 Brown tint
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 - 34 Cath. or Prot.
 - 35 Leg bone
 - 36 Boosted
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- DOWN**
- 1 Sash site
 - 2 Fall flowers
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 - 5 Soft mineral
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 - 7 Cold and damp
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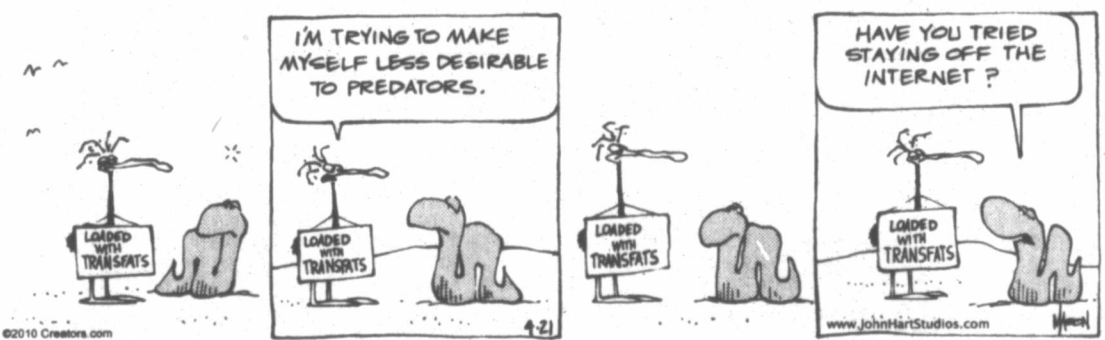
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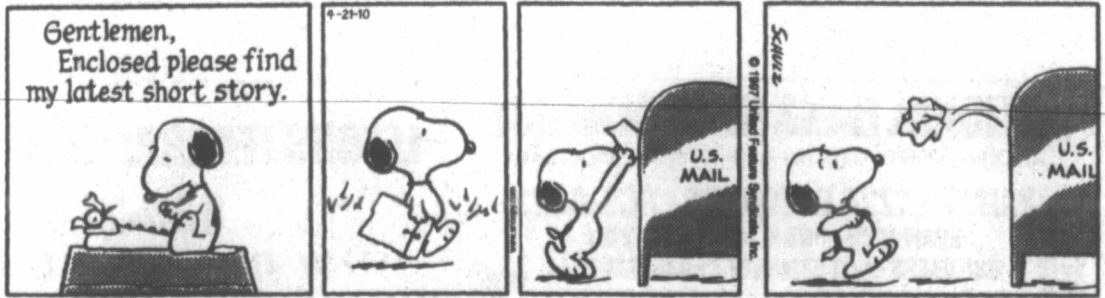
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Sports

Senior pitching duo shuts down Lady Whitefaces

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Ashley Facio and Carlyn Teichmann combined to strike out 14 as the Pampa Lady Harvesters defeated the Hereford Lady Whitefaces 2-0 Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field.

Head coach Bobbi Gill said Facio and Teichmann threw the ball well.

"You can't ask for much more from a pitcher," Gill said. "They did a great job."

Facio pitched the first four innings, and allowed one hit and struck out seven earning the win. Teichmann pitched the last three innings and allowed one hit, hit one batter and struck out seven earning the save. Hereford only had three runners reach base and none of them went past first base.

In the first three and a half innings, neither team plated a run. Hereford only reached base on a single and only had one inning that they didn't go down in order. Pampa had runners on second and third in the first inning but Teichmann struck out and Samantha Pearson flied out to end the first. The Lady Harvesters only reached base in the third when Facio was hit

by a pitch.

Pampa broke the scoreless tie in the bottom of the fourth. Teichmann blasted the first pitch of the inning over the left field wall to put the Lady Harvesters ahead 1-0. The Lady Harvesters got one more hit in the fourth, but the inning ended when Alanna Stephens was tagged out running to third.

Teichmann only hit one batter in the fifth and struck out the other three. The Lady Harvesters scored another run in the fifth. Shanna Keown pinched hit for McKinlee Stokes and singled and tried to advance on an errant throw. Kathryn Collier threw her out at second. Mikaela Flores immediately singled and then advanced to second on Shelby Watson's single. An error advanced Flores to third and Teichmann got her second RBI with a double to left scoring Flores.

In the final two innings, Teichmann only allowed a single while she struck out four. Gill was impressed with her team's defense especially since they hadn't played since April 13.

"We had the rain come in (last week) and we really haven't been doing much practice," Gill said. "It was good to see our defense

perform like that with very little practice."

Dusty Davis pitched for Hereford and took the loss, allowing two runs on eight hits, hit one batter and struck out three. Jill Artho and Collier both got singles to lead the Lady Whitefaces in hitting.

Teichmann was the Lady Harvesters leading hitter, with a home run, a double and batted in both runs of the game. Watson was two-for-three with two singles.

After the game, seniors Teichmann, Watson, Facio, Flores, Barker, Emilie Troxell and Pearson were recognized. Unless a playoff game is at Lady Harvester Field it was their final home game. All seven seniors took one final stroll around the bases receiving hugs and comments from the coaches.

The Lady Whitefaces (10-19-1, 4-7) close the season hosting Dumas (9-15-1, 2-9) Friday. Hereford must win that game to stay in playoff contention. The Lady Harvesters (19-9-1, 9-1) visit Caprock (12-18, 5-6) 4 p.m. today and visit Canyon (21-8-1, 7-2) 5 p.m. Friday to close out the regular season. Pampa is tied with Randall (17-10, 9-1) for first in the district.



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Ashley Facio throws a pitch in the first inning against the Hereford Whitefaces Tuesday at Lady Harvester Field. Pampa won 2-0 and Facio earned the win.

District 3-4A race update

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	T	W%
y-Pampa	9	1	.900	19	9	1	.672
y-Randall	9	1	.900	17	10	0	.630
y-Canyon	7	2	.778	21	8	1	.717

y=clinched playoff spot

Quick Summary

Pampa 2, Hereford 0

Winning and losing pitchers: W-Ashley Facio (9-4) L-Dusty Davis SV-Carlyn Teichmann (2)

It was over when: Vanessa Ramirez grounded out to McKinlee Stokes to end the game.

Game balls go to: Ashley Facio and Carlyn Teichmann. In their final home game, Facio and Teichmann shut down the Lady Whitefaces. Both pitchers combined to only give up two hits, one hit batter and struck out 14. Offensively, Teichmann drove in both runs with a home run and a double.

Stat of the game: 3 balls hit by Hereford reached the outfield. Hereford hit one flyout and hit two singles. Defensively Pampa got 14 of their 21 outs by strikeouts and six on ground outs.

Teams	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Hereford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pampa	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	2

WP-Facio (8-4) LP-Davis SV-Teichmann (2) 2B-Pampa Teichmann HR-Carlyn Teichmann RBIs-Teichmann 2 Stolen Bases-Pampa Claire Hopkins 1, Shelby Watson 1

Hereford Pitching

Pitcher	IP	H	R	BB	K
Davis	6	8	2	1	3

Pampa Pitching

Pitcher	IP	H	R	BB	K
Facio	4	1	0	0	7
Teichmann	3	1	0	1	7

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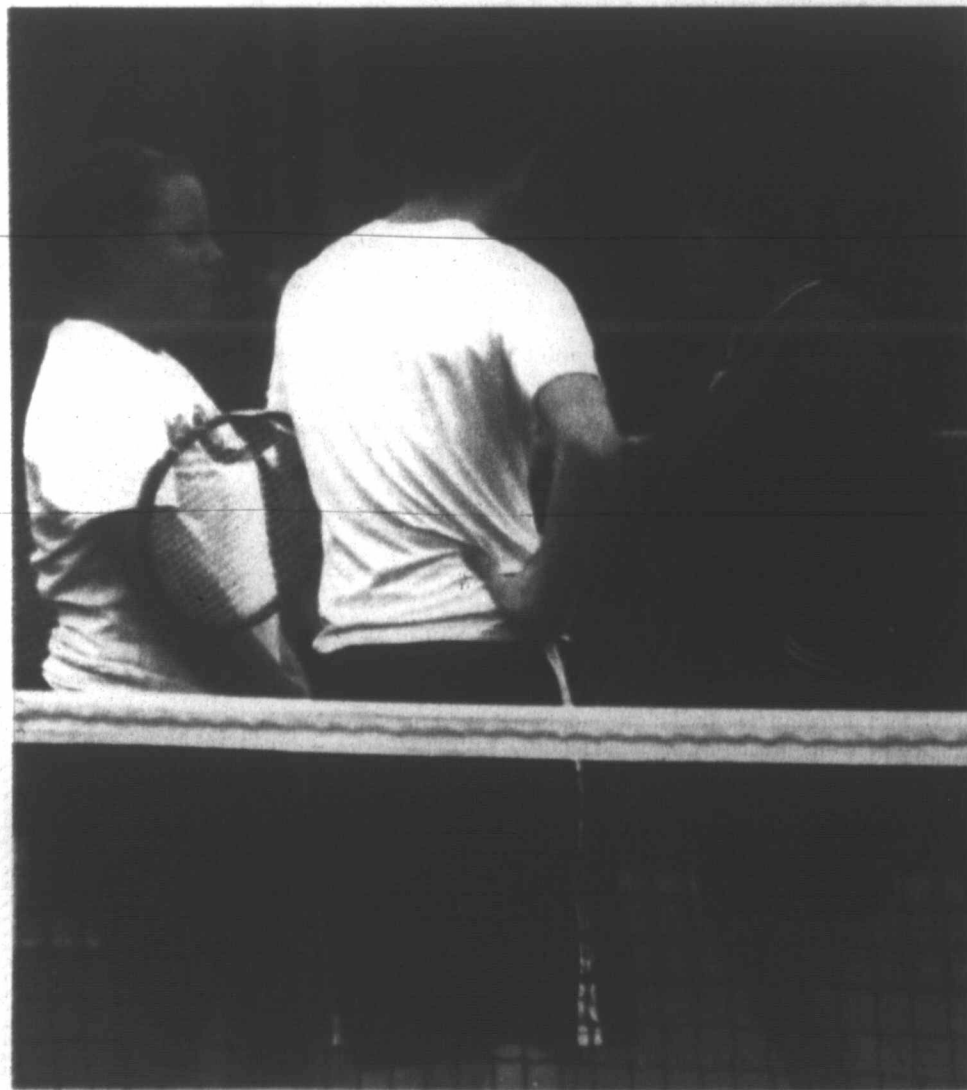
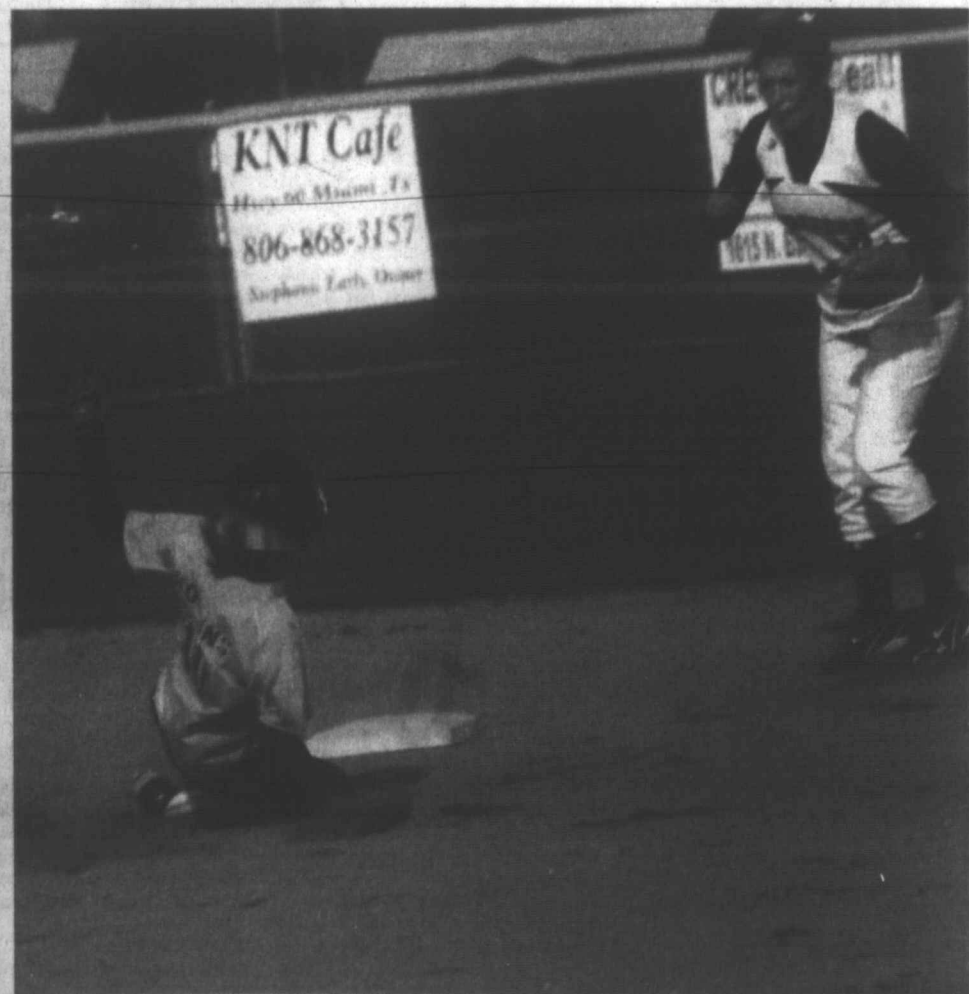


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Sammi Finney and Myles Foreman receive coaching advice from Coach Corse during their match against Abilene Cooper at regionals in San Angelo. Sammi and Myles lost the match 7-6, 3-6, 3-6.

SLIDING IN SAFELY



staff photo by Andrew Glover
Claire Hopkins slides into second base safely on a steal in the bottom of the first. Hopkins reached base on an error by the first baseman in the first. The Lady Harvesters won 2-0 over the Hereford Lady Whitefaces Tuesday.