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Storyteller



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 Outline text. Carol Smith Headrick (from left) talks to Gene Impiccini and Doris Jean Foster following her review of "Emily Post — Daughter of the Gilded Age, Mistress of American Manners." Headrick, who memorizes her text and presents the review in first-person, was sponsored by Chapter CS, the local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The presentation was held yesterday afternoon.

Morgan to head Lefors ISD

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Bill Morgan was introduced last week as the future superintendent of the Lefors Independent School District (LISD). Morgan attended the school's Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and was able to get acquainted with the district and its students on Friday.

"(Morgan) possesses the qualities we felt we're looking for in the district," said Gary Laramore, interim superintendent of LISD. "His references talked about how they'll hate to lose him, but that he will be a premiere superintendent. He came highly recommended."

Morgan was a Physical Education teacher for seven years before becoming principal of Tool Elementary School, a school in the Malakoff Independent School District, located about an hour and a half south of Dallas. He was principal at Tool for the past five years.

"I opened the school up and got it going," he said. "It was about 20 to 25 minutes away from other schools in the district, and in fact, you had to drive through other school districts to get to (Tool Elementary). I took over every aspect of the school, like transportation,

so it was a natural transition to go to the superintendent spot, because of the experience I had prior."

Coming to the Panhandle has been a dream for Morgan, who shows horses with his wife and son, who will attend seventh grade at Lefors.

"I always wanted to come to the Panhandle, because I like the higher elevation and even the dry heat," he said. "It's beautiful out here."

Morgan said that he was impressed by the campus, staff and board at Lefors, and is excited about getting started.

"We're pushing academically, because we have a wonderful student base and teachers," he said. "We'll hit the ground running to meet the standards the state outlines. We want to be just as competitive as any school in the rest of the state."

Morgan's first school year as Lefors superintendent won't be without its challenges, especially as the state transitions again from one standardized test to another, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), but he is ready for the journey.

"If teachers, principals and students focus on TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), and concentrate

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Early voting begins April 30

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With Pampa city elections approaching, city secretary Karen Price is making sure the city's residents are aware of their voting options.

"We want to put out a reminder that early voting will begin for the City of Pampa election, which is being held May 12," Price said. "Early voting begins April 30 through May 8."

Early voting will be conducted at City Hall, 200 W. Foster. A voting station will be set up on the second floor, Price said. Arrangements can also be made for casting ballots through the mail.

"The city secretary's office is now taking applications for ballots by mail," Price said. "We are taking those currently (Pampa residents) can call City Hall a 806-669-5750 and ask to speak to the city secretary to request an application."

There are four criteria for voting by mail, Price said. To qualify, a registered voters must be either 65 or older, disabled, expecting to be absent from the city, or confined in jail but otherwise eligible to vote. An application must be filled out and approved before a voter can cast a ballot by mail.

Applications to vote by mail must be received by the city secretary office by May 4.

Pampa ISD Board hears literary study report

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A report on early childhood literacy was presented to the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) Board of Trustees last week.

The board heard the presentation in its regular meeting Thursday evening at the Carver Center.

PISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch said that a study on literacy occurred after the district noticed that reading achievement in early elementary grades, which had been seeing steady growth, began to level off two years ago.

"Because we weren't seeing that continual good growth, we, being central administration, began to work with the elementary school principals a couple years ago," said Haenisch. "At the beginning of this year, we really have started an in depth study with our literacy coordinators, our elementary teachers and our elementary principals to look at best practice in reading, and while we realized we are using the best practice, do we have any missing ingredients? What do we need to be doing?"

For over 10 years, the district has used a balanced literacy approach, which combines both phonics and whole language methods to teach reading to children. Haenisch said instruction in this approach involves a specific way that a reading block is done.

"(In teaching reading,) there's either a really heavy dose of phonics, or there's no phonics, but you recognize words in context," he said. "Balanced is a balance of the two. There are some children that thrive with phonics and there are other children that thrive through whole language, so it's a blending of the two."

There are around eight skills included in balanced literacy instruction.

"What we've been looking at this year is what are some things that our kids seem to not do as well that we can really spend time on," said Haenisch. "For instance, being able to rhyme words is critical for kindergarten, first and second graders to be good readers. If they can do that, there is a tendency that those kids can be good readers. Our teachers have been working very directly

to help children who cannot rhyme learn to rhyme."

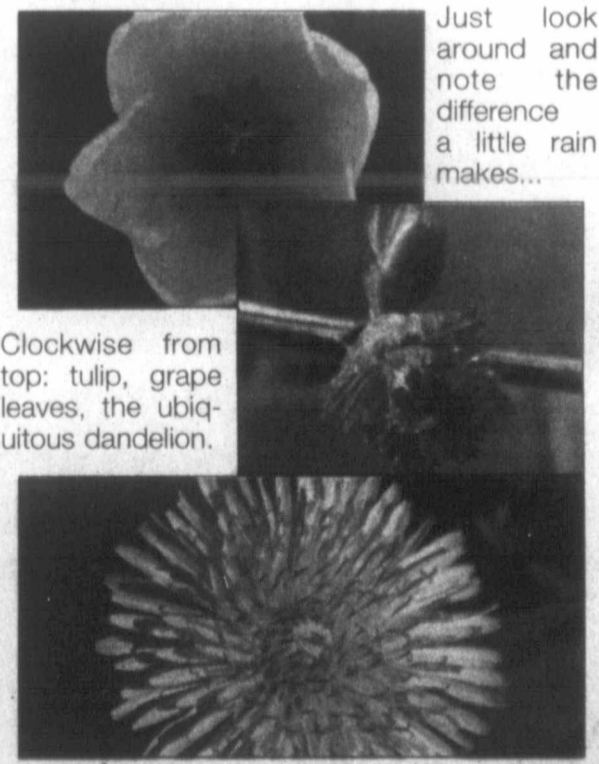
The district has been providing more training for staff recently on balanced reading.

"The original teachers got some in depth training with it, but since that time, our teachers that have come in have only gotten some training on the run, so we've been trying to go back to our campuses, and get some time with our newer teachers to be sure they understand the framework, to make sure they understand what it means when it talks about fluency and whatever those components are, and they're well grounded in the theory and the work," Haenisch said.

He added that consistency throughout PISD in teaching reading is a major goal.

"Next year, since it's a balance between phonics and whole language, we have phonics components in it, but different teachers might take a different approach to phonics," said Haenisch. "We're going to settle on a district wide approach, so there will be phonics instruction in all of our classrooms."

Spring is bustin' out all over.....



Just look around and note the difference a little rain makes...

Clockwise from top: tulip, grape leaves, the ubiquitous dandelion.

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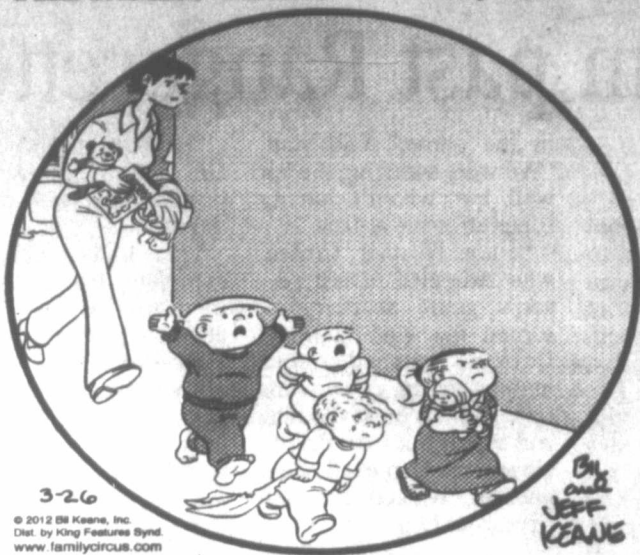
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COMICS PAGE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"If the days are getting longer, why do we hafta go to bed at the same time as usual?"

Non Sequitur



Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 27, 2012:

This year you work on communication to clear out confusion that often seems present. Many people around you act in unexpected ways. You will need to step away in order to regroup and re-evaluate. You could find that anger is an issue that frequently emerges. Use self-discipline when you become triggered. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Take your time before deciding someone is perfect. You easily could meet a better match. If you are attached, take a workshop together to improve your communication. A class involving a mutual interest also could draw you closer. GEMINI knows how to stimulate your imagination.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Express your thoughts. Decide which way would be best to go. A meeting could confuse matters even more. A little self-discipline goes far. If you become triggered or angry, take a walk to gain perspective. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Do not be too sure of yourself, because you easily could make an error with funds, whether it is by accident or by someone taking deceptive action. Listen to your inner voice; don't be reactive. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Keep conversations moving, and stay on top of what is going on. You have a strong sense of direction that emerges when dealing with several people. There also is no better organizer than you. Do not let a personal matter interfere with your plans. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Know when enough is enough. You could be overtired. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a friend or group. Tap into your instincts. Detach rather than get angry. You will gain a new perspective and will handle the situation differently. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Zero in on what you want. Sometimes you undermine yourself without intending to. You might say too much or have a knee-jerk reaction that could give you away. Be careful with your spending, as you easily could go overboard. Deal with anger directly. Tonight:

Where your friends are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Step up to the plate. You know you have a lot to do, but you could become very upset or angry if you have to deal with a parent or higher-up. Be careful. Words said are never forgotten, even if they are forgiven. Diplomacy goes far. Tonight: Working late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Keep reaching out for new information. How you see a situation will change if you can detach and be less invested. You have difficulty understanding an associate or friend who seems determined to mess up your plans. Tonight: Let go of stress with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Work with a partner. You might be surprised by what goes on between you and another person. Confusion surrounds a situation involving a child or an associate. Learn not to judge so much; more information is forthcoming. Stay neutral. Tonight: Dinner for two.

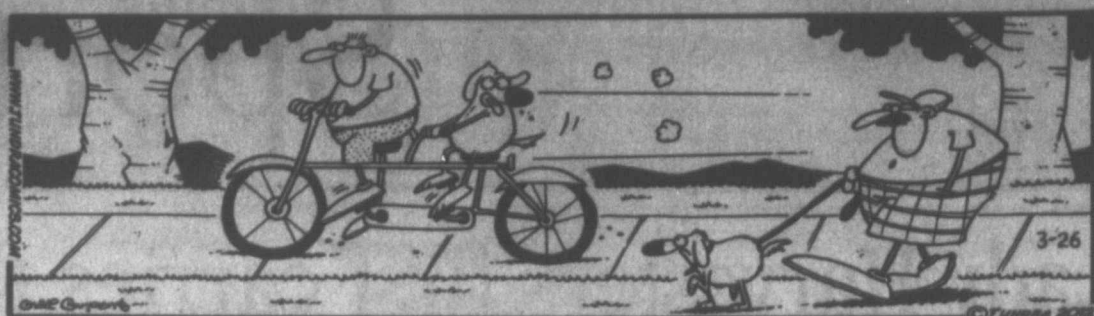
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Push yourself to finish a project, even if you could do something more interesting. You might be surprised how much excitement comes your way. A person you look up to, or need to look up to, could be in a very bad mood. Relax. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Plunge into work without getting distracted. Someone around you might speak in a most confusing manner. Apparently, you two are on different wavelengths. You could have difficulty with someone at a distance. Trust your choices. Tonight: Let's not forget to exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Let your playfulness show, even at work. Everyone knows it is there, yet it is subtle in your interactions. A partner could be quite upset and might need some time. Don't get irritated. Tonight: Let yourself enjoy friends and family. Make it OK to stay up late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Stay centered, knowing what you want. Push comes to shove with a partner who could be quite difficult. Relax. Don't let this person's crankiness create an argument. Walk away, and control your feelings for now. Tonight: Happy to be home.

Tundra



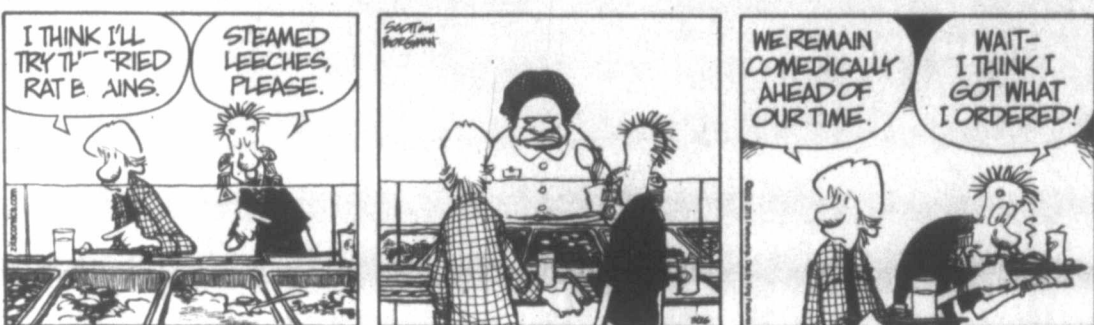
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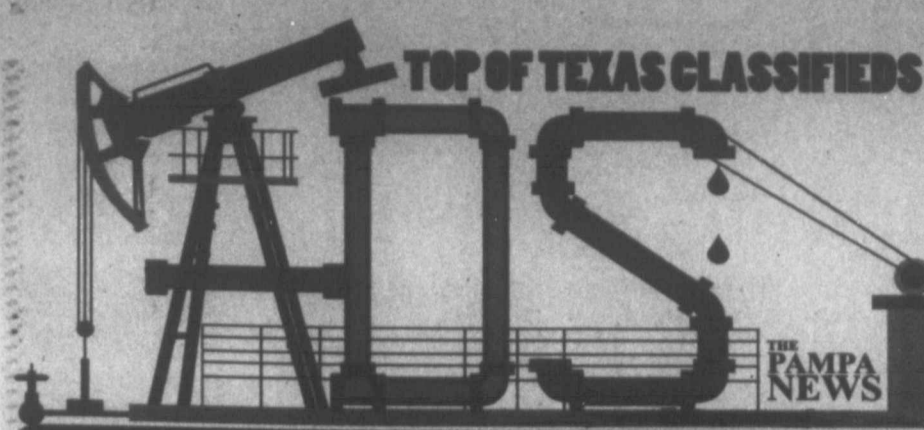
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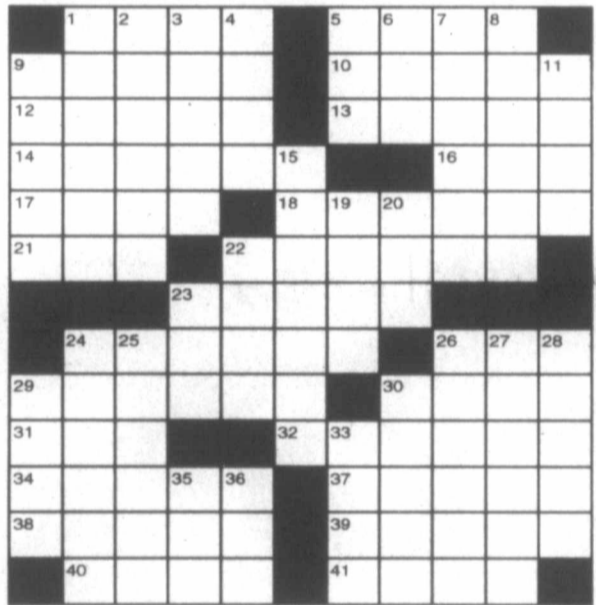
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a grandmother who has her 7-year-old grandson sit in a baby car seat when she's driving? The boy weighs 65 pounds and is 4 1/2 feet tall. His parents don't want to cause a rift with her, as she helps them after school. He looks ridiculous and must feel embarrassed in front of his friends. Should relatives intervene? -- GRANNY'S NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: I took your question to a public affairs specialist with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He said that children through the age of 12 should always ride in the back seat. He also reminded me that seat belts were designed for adults, not children.

According to the NHTSA, the 7-year-old should be in a "booster" seat. A booster seat positions the seat belt so it fits properly over the shoulder and chest -- the strongest parts of the child's body -- so it won't cut him or her on the neck or face in case of an accident.

The NHTSA used to recommend that children 8 to 12 years old or 4 feet 9 inches and under use a booster seat. However, it NOW rec-

ommends that parents visit its website, www.nhtsa.gov, to choose a correct seat. Click on the child safety section, and you'll find an area titled "Which Car Seat Is the Right One for Your Child." There are also videos in this section showing parents how to install the seats correctly.

The recommendations are national and do not vary among the states. And yes -- this information should be shared with the child's parents and the grandmother in order to ensure the boy's safety.

DEAR ABBY: At the age of 2, I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. I have been involved with the American Diabetes Association since I was 6. As its 2012 National Youth Advocate, I'd like to invite your readers to join me by participating in the 24th Annual American Diabetes Association Alert Day tomorrow, March 27.

Alert Day, held on the fourth Tuesday in March, is a one-day "wake-up call." On that day, the American public is invited to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. It's a serious disease that strikes nearly 26 million children and adults in

the United States. Many of them don't know they have it.

Unfortunately, people are often diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes seven to 10 years after it has settled in their system. By then, the major symptoms have already developed and harmed the body, so early diagnosis is critical.

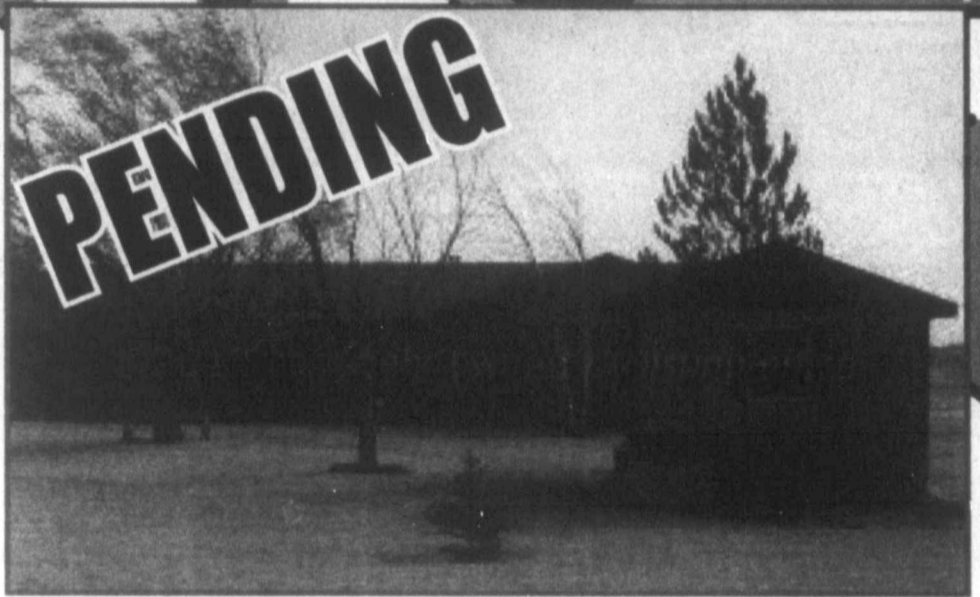
Please urge your readers to "Take it. Share it." Let them know they can protect their health and stop this disease by taking the free risk test. Just answer a few simple questions and share the fact with everyone you care about that there is a test. If they take it, they could be saving lives.

-- LOGAN NICOLE GREGORY, 2012 A.D.A. NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCATE

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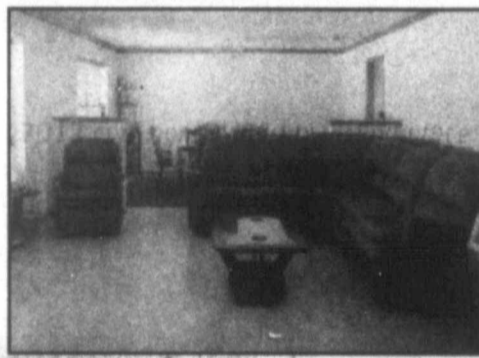
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Sports

Killgo earns first win as Harvesters down Rangers

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Senior Collin Killgo entered Saturday's game at Perryton looking for his first victory of the season. In the district opener, Killgo pitched a complete game, striking out 10 to walk off the mound as a winner in a 9-5 Pampa victory.

"It feels great," Killgo said. "To get it like this in district and getting my first win is good."

Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said it was a great start to district.

"These boys have put in the work," Snelgrooves said. "We might last night at my house and set our goals like last year. Their goal was to take it one game at a time."

Momentum switched hands at the beginning. Junior James Thompson hit a RBI infield single to second. Senior Jared Lusk drove in senior Cole Engle with a single to left. Thompson scored on an error by the leftfielder to give Pampa a 3-0 lead in the top of the third.

Perryton responded in the bottom half with a single, two walks and two Harvester errors. Tony Loustaunan

scored on a passed ball. A throwing error by junior Jordan Lemons and a fielding error by Engle allowed the Rangers to tie the game at three.

The Harvesters (5-10, 1-0) retook the lead the next inning. Sophomore Ethan Hunt scored on a balk. Engle hit a RBI-double to score Graves. Perryton responded with Heath Dorman scoring on a dropped third strike.

Pampa added a run in the sixth and broke the game open in the seventh with three runs. The Harvesters' ability to hit with two outs was key to their success as they scored two runs on three hits.

"We had a good couple of two out rallies," Engle said. "We had to do what we could. We did and took advantage."

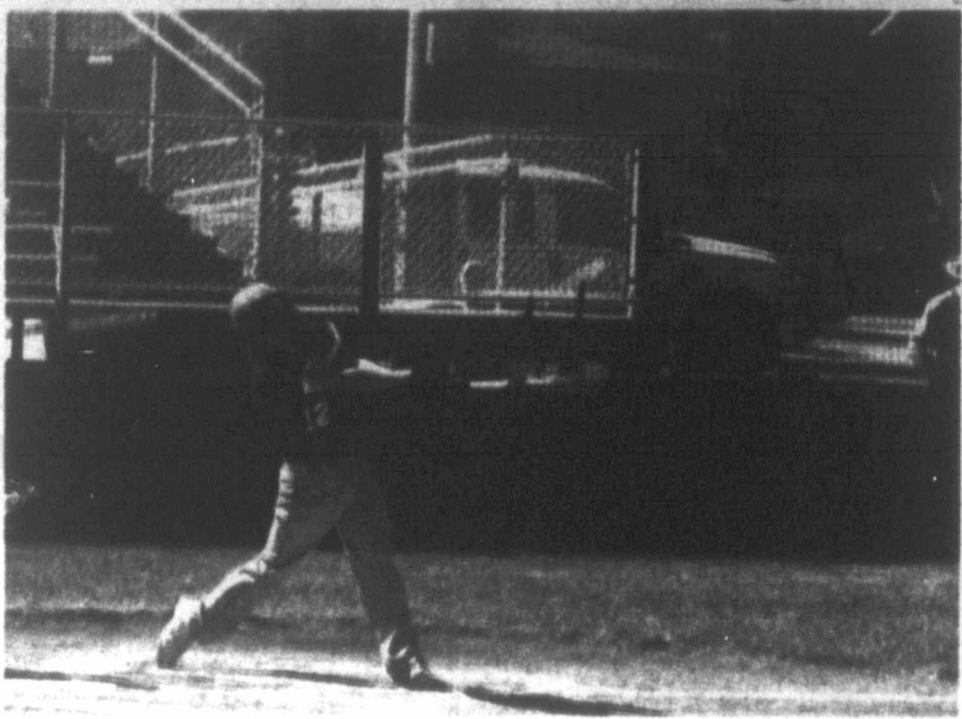
Engle said several people stepped up offensively.

"Devin Coleman and Trace Carter hit huge doubles for us," Engle said. "James Thompson hit the ball well."

Snelgrooves said his team's work has just started.

"We did this last year," Snelgrooves said. "We got to go on from here."

Pampa hosts Dalhart at noon on Saturday.



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Junior James Thompson hits a flyball against Perryton Saturday. Thompson recorded two hits and scored two runs in Pampa's 9-5 victory.

Track

(1:35.32) and third in the 1600-meter relay (3:42.28).

In fielding events, sophomore Brett Troxell finished fourth in the pole vault (11'6"). Radke finished fifth in the long jump (19'1.5") and Maddox finished sixth (18'9"). Ponce finished fifth in the triple jump (38'1") and senior Jesus Cabrales finished sixth (35'9.5"). Junior Kyler Allen won the discus (134'6").

"He thrown that thing about 20 feet further than he has before," Smith said. "It was good enough to get up to the top of our district. I was proud of how he threw the discus this week."

Senior Ryne Richardson finished fifth

(111'7") and junior Chris Garcia finished sixth (110'4.75").

The Lady Harvesters scored 199 points, 15 points above Dalhart. Borger finished fourth with 41.

Junior J'Cee Holmes won the 3200-meter run (12:29) and junior Terra Trutt finished second (12:46). Holmes and Trutt also finished in the top two of the 1600-meter run with times of 5:43.35 and 5:58.44 respectively. Sophomore Myra Tinajero finished third in the 800-meter run (2:51.78), junior Mariela Resendiz finished fourth (2:51.90) and sophomore Michelle Rivera finished fifth (2:56.71). Sophomore Savanna Hulsey won the

100-meter hurdles (16.21). Freshman Tyranda Johnson finished second in the 300-meter hurdles (52.21) and sophomore Taylor Giles (53.77). Johnson finished third in the 100-meter dash (13.61). Freshman Madison Brown finished second in the 200-meter dash (28.22) and freshman Kirsten Hood tied for third (28.44). Tinajero finished fifth in the 400-meter dash (1:12.31).

Pampa finished second in the 400-meter relay (52.54), 800-meter relay (1:52.74) and the 1600-meter relay (4:29.90).

Junior Dakota Watson won the high jump (4'10"), sophomore Taylor Smith finished second (4'8") and senior Kailyn

Troxell finished third (4'6"). Freshman Cheyenne Williams finished sixth in the pole vault (7'). Brown finished third in the long jump (15'1.25"), Johnson finished fourth (14'9.25") and senior Megan Pirtle finished sixth (14'2.5"). Williams finished third in the discus (91'7") and senior Rikki Earnest finished fifth (82'9"). Williams finished third in the shot put (33'1.5"), Earnest finished fourth (31'6.5") and junior Calli Brewer finished fifth (30").

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters compete in Dalhart Friday at the Golden Wolves Relay.

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