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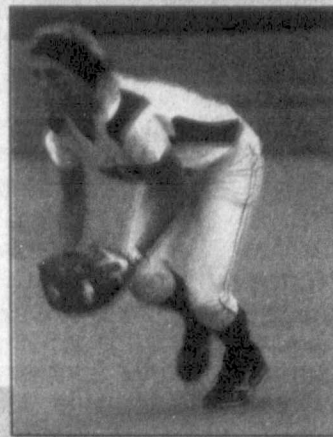
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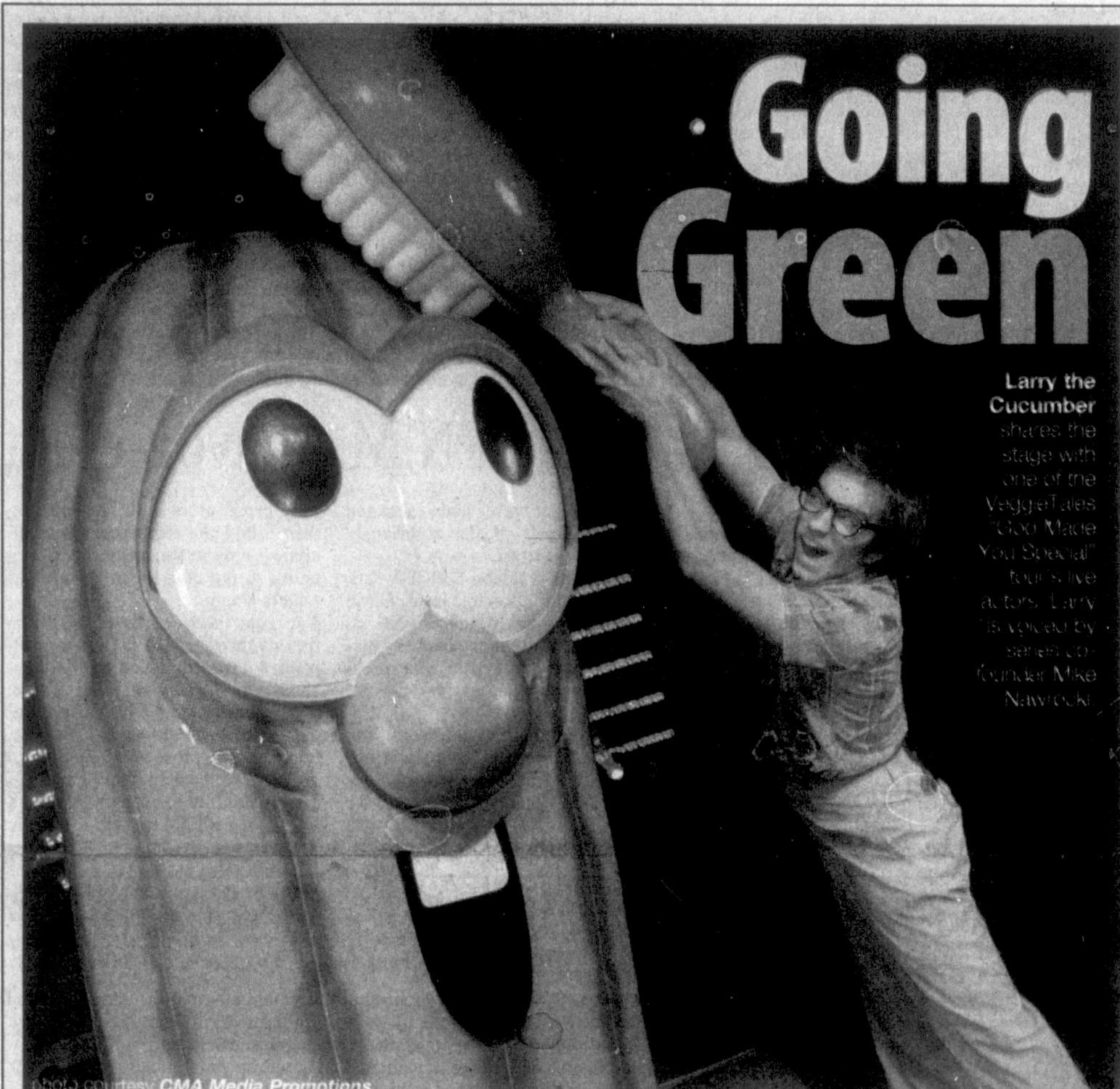
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## Going Green

Larry the Cucumber shares the stage with one of the VeggieTales "God Made You Special" four live actors. Larry is voiced by series co-creator Mike Nawrocki.

### VeggieTales' Nawrocki discusses stage show

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
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VeggieTales videos have been introducing children to Christian values for years, and with the series' sixth live tour (entitled "God Made You Special") coming into Pampa for the first time ever tonight, Pampa kids will get to experience the series in a whole new way.

It's an experience that series co-creator Mike Nawrocki, voice of the famous Larry the Cucumber, is looking forward to sharing with the Pampa community.

"It's a really different experience from screen to stage," Nawrocki said. "We make our shows and we send them out and folks watch them in their living rooms, on DVD or in the theaters, but to be able to live with an audience and to reach out to our fans that way, it's just a difference experience. It's really neat for us and really neat for the fans, too."

Nawrocki, unfortunately, will not be



**Nawrocki**

visiting Pampa with the stage show this go-round; he's currently involved in developing another animation project for VeggieTales' video series. He has, though, toured with the show before, and he said that there's nothing quite like connecting with kids at a live event.

"I get a kick out of going to the live show and just seeing a bunch of kids gathered together that are Veggie Tales fans, that love Bob (the Tomato) and Larry," Nawrocki said. "When the characters come out on stage for the first time, it's great just hearing those reactions and those squeals of glee when Bob and Larry come out on stage. ... I think it helps us to reach out to our fans and to say, 'Hey, we want to share this experience with you and hopefully,

entertain you, have a lot of fun and learn a nice little lesson.'"

The lesson of this tour's shows — "God made you special" — is a particularly dear one to Nawrocki, he said. Nawrocki, who had a part in writing the show's script, said that it's important that every VeggieTales product, whether on stage or screen, conveys its Christian message clearly through its unique blend of songs and silliness.

"That's part of the fun," he said. "I think we want to make sure that, by the **NAWROCKI** cont. on page 2A

### FOR THE KIDS

For more VeggieTales-related content, check out Arnie's audio interview with Larry the Cucumber himself at ThePampaNews.com (click on the "Media" link on the top navigation bar)!

### Crosspointe egg hunt at 2 p.m. today

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Crosspointe Church will host a community wide Easter egg hunt today at 2 p.m. at the church on 711 East Harvester. The hunt will include 15,000 eggs, bounce houses and door prizes, as well as a handicapped egg hunt.

The Pampa Fire Department will also be in attendance.

### PTTR to aid local woman for Easter

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On Easter Sunday, Pampa's Paint This Town Red ministry will be doing something a little different.

Rather than a traditional Easter service, the church will begin its Project Red season by making some repairs to Donna Williams' home at 1032 Huff.

"What makes her so incredible is the things she has overcome," said CJ Frazier, lead pastor of PTTR. "She has lost family members to cancer, illnesses and drugs, and adopted family members and other girls. She's gotten through by working hard and not letting situations dictate her life."

The project will begin at 9 a.m. at Williams' home, where PTTR will work on the inside of the house, as well as the front yard, back yard and a lot near the home.

At noon, there will be a hot dog lunch, followed by an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m., complete with 4,000 eggs and bouncers. All of the events are open to the public.

After the Easter egg hunt, the church will hold a mini-service.

"We were thinking about Easter season, and it's a big day for churches," said Frazier. "Jesus made a point to say that he came not to be served, but to serve. We want to show the expression of what he did for us by serving, especially on this day."

"It's our first Easter as a church, and we thought it would be a great way to celebrate our first Easter together and celebrate this awesome lady."

## Farm Service Agency: CRP deadline extended to April 13

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The deadline for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a program to help agricultural producers carry out land conservation, has been extended to April 13, 2012, according to Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Bruce Nelson.

"Due to strong interest in CRP, the decision was made to extend CRP sign-up 43 for an additional week. I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in CRP," he said. "Whether new enrollees or re-enrolling existing CRP contracts, producers who sign up for CRP help to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources."

After April 13, the FSA will evaluate offers based on cost and the Environmental Benefits Index, which looks at factors including wildlife habitat, water quality protection, soil erosion reduction and air quality protection. CRP contracts last between 10 and 15 years, and currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP.

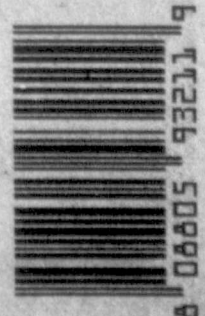
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### PAMPA FORECAST

| Today   | Sunday  | Monday  |
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| High 64<br>Low 47   | High 70<br>Low 53   | High 72<br>Low 51   |

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

**Sunday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Monday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 72. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. East southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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## Officer killed in Austin; suspect charged

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin police officer was shot and killed while struggling to subdue a potentially intoxicated man at a Walmart in Austin on Friday, and two of the employees tackled the suspect and disarmed him until help arrived, officials said.

Senior Police Officer Jaime Padron was shot twice — one in his protective vest and a second time in the neck — and died at the scene, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said at a news conference.

Padron, 40, was responding to a call about a drunk man inside the store around 2:30 a.m., Acevedo said. The suspect tried to run and the officer chased after him, before the two fell to the ground.

"The suspect produced a semi-automatic pistol and shot the officer at point-blank range," Acevedo said. Padron didn't have a chance to even pull out his own weapon.

As the officer called for help with his radio, two Walmart employees tackled the suspect, who fired a third shot at one of them before he was disarmed, he added.

Once the suspect was handcuffed, another officer gave Padron CPR and medics tried to revive him. They pronounced the officer dead at 2:44 a.m. The initial call was considered low priority and low risk, Acevedo said.

"This was a routine call," he said. "What makes our job deadly is that there is no routine call."

Brandon Montgomery Daniel, 24, was taken into custody, Acevedo said, and later booked in the Travis County jail on capital murder charges in connection with the shooting. If convicted of capital murder, Daniel could face the death penalty.

Acevedo said that Walmart security cameras had filmed the entire incident from multiple angles, and the officer's lapel microphone recorded the audio onto his patrol car's video system. But Acevedo refused to discuss details of the investigation.

"I'm not going to do anything to jeopardize a capital murder investigation," Acevedo said.

Padron is the first officer shot and killed in the line of duty in Austin since

1978. He leaves behind two daughters, ages 10 and six, Acevedo said.

Daniel moved to Austin a year ago from Fort Collins, Colo. His Facebook page said that he was a software engineer.

Dante Davis, Daniel's roommate, told the Austin American-Statesman that Daniel had received a promotion at Hewlett-Packard.

Davis, 26, said Daniel told him he was going out Thursday night to get the prescription drug Xanax. Davis said he went to bed early and didn't see Daniel again.

When he woke up Friday, Daniel's bed was made and the lights were on.

"He's been a great roommate. We've never had any problems. It doesn't make sense," Davis told the newspaper.

Acevedo praised the actions of the Walmart employees, saying they did all they were supposed to do.

"I am heartened that two brave souls took action. They tackled the suspect when they saw the officer was shot unprovoked," Acevedo said, adding that

the employees do not want to be identified at this time and want to maintain their privacy.

Mike Sheffield, a retired detective and close family friend, said Padron worked at the department for more than three years and had previously worked for the Austin airport police and the San Angelo police department for 14 years.

Padron had also served in the Marine Corps and was a veteran of the Gulf War, he added.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokeswoman Dianna Gee expressed sympathy for the officer's family and colleagues, and said the Bentonville, Ark.-based retailer is proud of staff at the store.

"The associates displayed courage under these extreme circumstances," Gee said. She declined to provide more details about the shooting, referring questions to the police.

Austin city manager Marc Ott lamented the officer's death.

"It is a sad day for the city of Austin to lose a member of our family," Ott said.

## New charges against N.M. mayor-elect

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Alcohol, padded expense reports, prostitutes and kickbacks. Those are some of the latest charges filed in New Mexico against the mayor-elect of the troubled border town of Sunland Park.

Prosecutors Friday filed 18 new felony charges against Daniel Salinas, who has been in and out of jail since being accused in late February of trying to force his opponent out of the race with a video that showed him getting a topless lap dance.

Those allegations set off what prosecutors have described as a full-

time investigation by state, local and federal officials of the notoriously dysfunctional town.

On Friday, Salinas, Sunland Park Public Works Director Jesus Dario Hernandez and Jorge Angulo of Envirosystems Management Consultants were accused in what prosecutors describe as a "triangle" or "pyramid scheme."

Envirosystems had a \$2.4 million contract to do an environmental impact study of a border crossing for the town, and picked up expenses for Salinas and other city officials who attended a conference in Mexico last

year, prosecutors said. The company then billed the expenses, which included prostitutes, drinks and strip clubs, to the city, the criminal complaints allege.

Angulo is also accused of billing the city thousands of dollars for campaign videos produced for Salinas's campaign. All totaled, he is accused of submitting some \$40,000 in fraudulent expenses through Envirosystems, which prosecutors allege got the contract with Sunland Park after giving \$10,000 in cash to Daniel Salinas and \$10,000 in cash to another

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### Nawrocki

time we get to the climax of the story, we're really focused in on that lesson that we want to teach, but all along the way, just having fun with songs and driving the story forward with songs. We really want to have fun with that and just make it really entertaining. I think that's the whole fun and the whole challenge of it, creating a story that's engaging and that's entertaining, and that really teaches a lesson that's heartfelt that doesn't feel like it's tacked on or preachy. And that's really what we strive to do with every VeggieTales release."

Taking the VeggieTales' computer-animated characters and putting them into a live stage show environment is always an involved process, even after six years, according to Nawrocki.

"Translating the characters from the small screen to stage, you know, given the kind of characters that they are was a challenge," he said. "They don't have arms and legs, so balancing was a consideration. And (we have to) get them to look like they do on the screen, just because kids relate to the characters they see on the TV and they want to go out and see those same characters on stage."

"That was our biggest challenge, but the costume design is so cool. Larry is about eight feet tall. Bob's about five or six feet tall. Their eyes move, their mouths move and they really have a lot of that charm and character on stage."

Another hurdle, Nawrocki said, is the scope of the audience's sight line.

"Well, I think you have to be more broad in the stage, because you're going to have an audience member

who's looking at the whole stage all at once," he said. "When you're writing the story for screen, you can really concentrate on more subtlety and you're going to have a camera that goes up on a close-up of a character to catch a particular motion. For the stage, it is much more broad, and so what we wanted to do with this particular story is really make it a Silly Song showcase — songs that have been such an important part of VeggieTales from the beginning. ... We really wanted to make it kind of a musical with singing and dancing and lights."

That song-centric focus is evident in the show's plot, with the VeggieTales veggies helping investigate a missing Silly Song from the Silly Song Warehouse. Many of the series' familiar Silly Songs, like "The Hairbrush Song" and "His Cheeseburger" will be featured, inclusions that are sure to delight Pampa's VeggieTales faithful.

Nawrocki said that it's a rewarding thrill to have live audiences singing along to the live show, especially the series' longtime fans who have grown up with the characters.

"Oh, it's unbelievable," he said. "It's just really humbling, too, just to know that through all these years, we've had such great fan support. Kids who grew up on Veggie Tales are now — we're in our 18th year — you could've been six years old when Veggie Tales came out and have your own small child now. It's just that next generation of fans we're starting to see, and it's just so neat to see that. Folks want to come out and Bob and Larry are friends to them, and they want to come out and see their show. That's just really, really special to see."

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### Sheriff

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Thursday, April 5 at 7 a.m.

**Thursday, April 5**  
Angela Diann Brown, 41 of Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police officers on a charge of violation of

probation possession a controlled substance.

Christina Avila, 50, of Pampa, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers on violation of probation securing an executive document by deception.

Carl Allen Hinds, 30 of Borger, was arrested by Pampa Police officers on a charge of no driver's license.

Dezi Joe Contreras, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers on a charge of bond surrendered possession of marijuana.

Jeremy Mark Whisenand, 36, of Woodward, Okla., was arrested by Gray County Sheriff officers on a charge of assault causing bodily injury in Potter County.

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## Man charges in 1990 case

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal inmate in prison in Louisiana for drug trafficking has been charged with capital murder in a 1990 Southeast Texas double homicide.

A statement Thursday from the Harris County Sheriff's Office says its Cold Case Unit has charged 52-year-old Donald Wayne Miles in the slayings of 43-year-old Robert Edward Holley and 24-year-old William Joseph Migues.

The Houston Chronicle reports investigators acted on a tip from federal corrections officials. The sheriff's statement says Holley and Migues met with Miles on Sept. 12, 1990, and were lured to a remote storage facility in northern Harris County, where they were shot, killed and robbed. A cable company worker found the men's bodies in a shallow grave five months later.

## Man gets life in plea deal

LUBBOCK (AP) - A Lubbock man will spend the rest of his life in prison with no chance of parole in a plea deal with prosecutors for killing a 15-year-old girl last year.

Humberto Maldonado Salinas Jr., pleaded guilty to capital murder Thursday. The 46-year-old strangled 15-year-old Elizabeth Ennen, his son's girlfriend at the time, after abducting her from a motel where she was babysitting Salinas' children.

The Lubbock Monterey High School student was last seen Jan. 4, 2011. Her body was discovered about three weeks later. She initially was thought to be a runaway.

Court documents detailed motel surveillance video that police say showed Salinas chasing Ennen, then grabbing her by the arm and forcing her toward a parking lot where his vehicle was parked.

## Lawyers: Throw out confession

KILLEEN (AP) - Attorneys for a soldier accused of planning to bomb a restaurant filled with Fort Hood troops want his confession thrown out.

Army Pfc. Naser Jason Abdo's attorneys filed motions Thursday in federal court in Waco. One seeks to toss out any evidence obtained when he was arrested last summer.

The Killeen Daily Herald reports that Abdo's attorneys claim investigators denied him access to an attorney and did not read him his Miranda rights before he confessed.

Abdo was AWOL from Fort Campbell, Ky., when he was arrested in July at a Killeen motel near the Texas Army post.

Abdo faces up to life in prison if convicted of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction and eight other charges. His federal trial is set for May.

## Soccer playoff ends with fight

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Three high school soccer players from Victoria East High School were taken to a hospital as a precaution after a brawl following their playoff victory over Harlandale.

Coaches from the Victoria school say the fight broke out Thursday evening as the teams were shaking hands after the game in San Antonio. Coach Tim Eaton said he was didn't see anything because he got hit and fell to the ground.

Harlandale Independent School District Superintendent Robert Jaklich says school administrators will review the incident next week and could decide on discipline. He has apologized and says the behavior is not indicative of his school district. Victoria coaches say a parent videotaping the game also got the fight on camera.

## High risk sex offender flees

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas Department of Public Safety authorities say an ex-con they describe as a "high risk" sex offender has fled a Houston halfway house.

Police say 42-year-old Michael Elbert Young was last seen Thursday night at the Southeast Texas Transitional Center, a halfway house in east Houston. Authorities said Friday he climbed over a barbed wire-topped fence and detached an electronic tracking monitor from his ankle.

Young was released from prison after serving eight years for two aggravated assault convictions. Both were sex related. He also served a 20-year term for sexual assault of a child and attempted aggravated sexual assault.

Authorities say he may be mentally unstable if not taking medication. He's not believed armed.

## JetBlue pilots seeks waiver

LUBBOCK (AP) - The attorney for the JetBlue Airways pilot accused of interfering with a flight crew by disrupting a Las Vegas-bound flight after leaving the cockpit is seeking to waive hearings set for Monday.

Dean Roper, the Amarillo attorney for 49-year-old Clayton Osbon, filed the motion to a federal magistrate judge Friday to waive a preliminary examination and detention hearing in the case.

A federal judge Wednesday ordered Osbon undergo a psychiatric evaluation to determine if he's competent to stand trial and whether he was legally sane on March 27 when passengers wrestled him to the floor. Witnesses said the pilot left the cockpit and ran through the plane's cabin yelling about religion and terrorists.

## Border patrol agents seize pot

EDINBURG (AP) - Officials say they seized more than 5 tons of marijuana this week in the Rio Grande Valley.

The seizures included nearly 1,000 pounds found inside a truck near La Rosita on Tuesday. U.S. Border Patrol agents observed several men loading a truck with bundles. The driver of the truck attempted to abandon the load but was apprehended.

Another 900 pounds of marijuana was confiscated after agents encountered a traffic accident near Roma, Texas, on Tuesday.

As agents approached, they saw bundles in one vehicle, which sped away. The vehicle was stopped near the Roma Cemetery, and the marijuana was discovered.

Additional seizures pushed the total amount of marijuana seized to more than 5 tons.

# Butterfly migration through Texas down

DALLAS (AP) - Springtime is prime time for watching the monarch butterflies that flutter from Mexico through Texas as they make their annual northbound journey.

But the monarchs are dwindling. The Mexican monarch population was down 30 percent this past winter, the latest in a years-long decline.

Blame this year's decrease on several factors, including last year's drought and fires throughout Texas, which gave monarchs less nectar as they were heading back to Mexico for the winter.

Experts also point to herbicides that are killing milkweed, on which female butterflies lay their eggs.

There's no immediate danger that the monarchs will become extinct, but observers in Texas worry about the butterfly's future.

"The loss of monarch butterflies would be the reduction in the quality of life and the beauty of the world around us," said Mike Merchant, professor and entomologist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Dallas.

Each spring, hundreds of millions of monarchs make their way north through the United States to the Canadian border. In the fall, they head back to Mexico, where they spend the winter and mate before traveling north again.

The World Wildlife Fund reported that the number of monarchs spending the winter in Mexico dropped by nearly one-third in the last year.

There's been a decline in the Mexico monarch population since 2003, reports Monarch Watch, a program based at the University of Kansas. The program says the decline is related to increased herbicide use since the introduction of herbicide-tolerant row crops in the '90s.

The monarchs' decline represents changes that humans are making to the environment, Merchant said.

"If something happens along the migration route at one end or another, it can affect the whole population," he said. "All it takes is one collapse in one of those links in the chain to cause the demise of a species or subspecies of butterfly."

Despite the sagging numbers, scores of monarchs

have been sighted recently across Dallas-Fort Worth. At Fair Park, several have been spotted at Texas Discovery Gardens each week since early March, said John Watts, an entomologist.

But thanks to a warmer winter, monarchs have been flying farther north earlier than usual. Those early arrivals may run into problems: The milkweed they depend on might not be ready. Without milkweed, eggs won't survive, and the emerging caterpillars won't have a food source.

At Fair Park, milkweed grown inside the Discovery Gardens' greenhouse has been moved outside to help the monarchs, Watts said.

"There's a good possibility this might be another bad year for them if they can't find plants to lay their eggs on," Watts said. "If they get too far north and there are no milkweed plants, they've wasted their energy."

Craig Wilson, a butterfly enthusiast and Texas A&M University researcher, wants to encourage monarch growth by seeding milkweed planted along roads and highways, similar to the wildflowers that are sown across Texas.

Watts says that you can even plant milkweed in your backyard.

"You don't need a lot of garden space," Watts said. "Any little bit helps."

Through the winter, monarchs hang out in an area northwest of Mexico City. They cluster together for warmth — and they mate. In February, they begin their journey north.

The butterflies lay eggs and die, while their offspring continue to migrate northward, as does the next generation. Those that reach the Canadian border live the longest — up to nine months.

"Those are the lucky ones," Wilson said.

During that time, they "feed like crazy" to build up fat reserves for the long journey back to Mexico, where they'll spend the winter, Wilson said.

"It's one of the world's great migrations," he said. "It's just magical. The world is a little less rich if we lose something like that."

# American cancels nearly 300 more flights

FORT WORTH (AP) - American Airlines canceled another 296 flights Friday as repairs continued on planes grounded by hail damage in Texas, but it hoped to be nearly back to normal operations Saturday.

Spokeswoman Andrea Huguely said the cancellations Friday affected flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, American's biggest hub.

Since Tuesday's storms, American and its American Eagle affiliate have canceled about 1,900

flights. Huguely said they expected only 27 cancellations Saturday.

Of the original 108 planes hit by hail, 55 were still out of service. They are one-aisle planes, mostly MD-80s, that American uses for flights within the United States and to nearby international destinations such as Mexico. Huguely said the airline was finding planes to operate all international flights, and all the remaining cancellations were domestic trips. Some international flights were canceled in the storms' immediate aftermath.

Huguely said American's two-aisle or widebody planes used on longer international flights were either already in the air or parked in hangars when DFW was hit by storms that also spawned about a dozen tornadoes in north Texas.

The airline has not estimated the financial damage from the storm and canceled flights. Frontier Airlines lost \$10 million last year after hail damaged 22 planes in Denver, and it suffered far fewer canceled flights than American.

## Mayor

city worker, with the understanding she would run for Dona Ana County Commission.

The money was to be reimbursed from a \$12 million account the city created with a donation from Sunland Park Race Track owner Stan Fulton to help get a border crossing to Mexico built in the town, according to the criminal complaint.

Sunland Park borders the Texas city of El Paso and the Mexican city of Juarez.

Angulo was charged with six counts of fraud and conspiracy; Hernandez was charged with five. The charges against Salinas include receiving and soliciting illegal kickbacks, fraud and ethics violations.

Arrest warrants were issued for all three men, but officials said none were in custody at the Dona Ana County jail Friday evening.

Salinas' attorney did not immediately return a phone call. And there was no immediate response

to a message left with a number listed for EnviroSystems in El Paso.

Hernandez of El Paso has been missing since being charged along with Salinas, the city manager and another city worker in the alleged extortion of Salinas opponent, Gerardo Hernandez.

The arrest warrant for Salinas requested a \$1 million bail. He has already been arrested, jailed and released twice, first in the alleged extortion attempt and then on allegations he hired the city's acting police chief in exchange for the man having his sister drop a challenge to a Salinas ally on the city council. Salinas has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Gerardo Hernandez lost the race to Salinas, but he may get another shot at the job.

Isabel Santos, the interim mayor and a city councilor in this troubled


border town, told KRQE he is one of the front-runners to fill the vacant post since Salinas was unable to be sworn in by Thursday's deadline.

Salinas was barred from taking the oath of office by the terms of his release on the extortion charges, which prohibit him from having any contact with

city workers, including the clerk who administers the oath.

Santos said the council will hold an emergency meeting Tuesday to declare the mayor's office vacant and decide whether to appoint a new mayor or call a special election.

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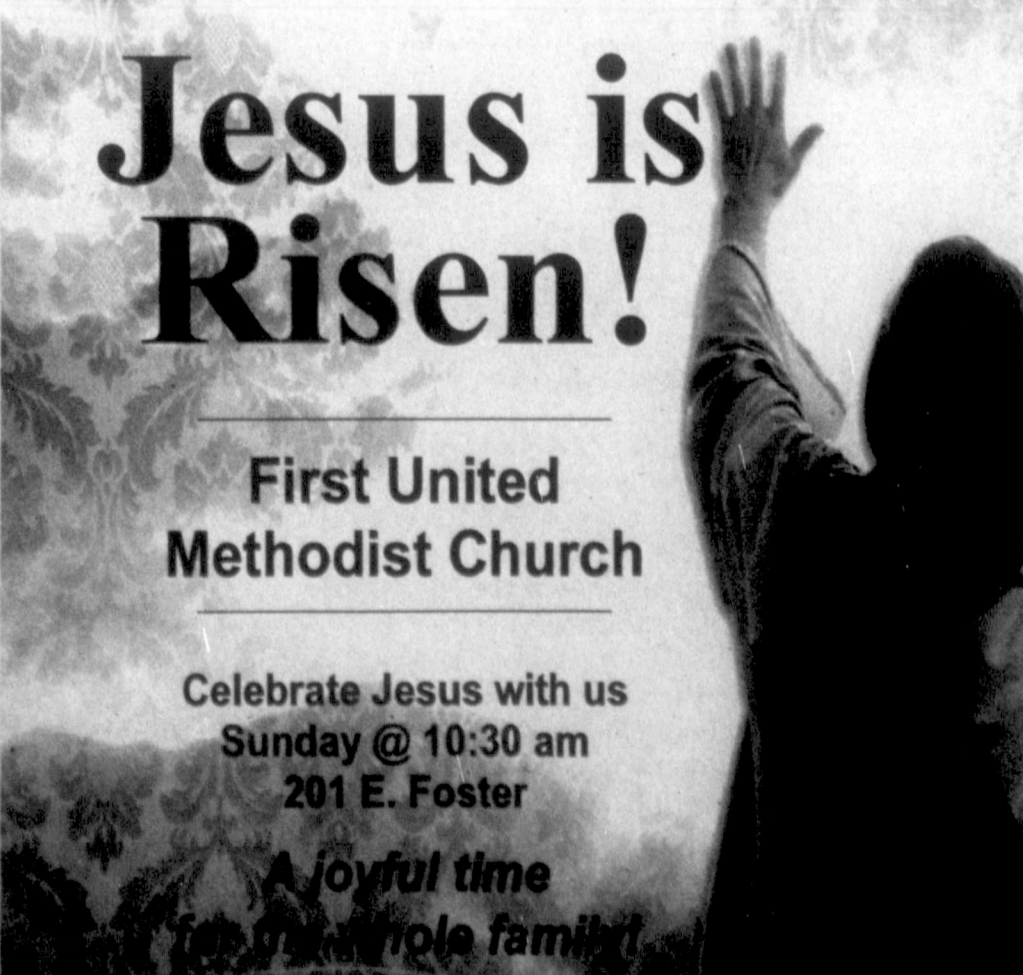
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## Weekly Menus

### Pampa Independent School District

**MONDAY, April 9**  
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**TUESDAY, April 10**  
Popcorn shrimp or chef salad, spinach, carrot sticks, applesauce, cornbread  
**Breakfast-** Donut, sausage patty  
**WEDNESDAY, April 11**  
Spaghetti or popcorn chicken, green beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, garlic toast  
**Breakfast-** Waffle sticks, syrup  
**THURSDAY, April 12**  
Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli florets, rice pilaf, pudding  
**Breakfast-** Biscuit, sausage gravy  
**FRIDAY, April 13**  
Chicken fajitas or hamburger, French fries, burger salad, spiced apples, rice  
**Breakfast-** Cereal, toast

### Pampa Senior Citizens Center

**MONDAY, April 9**  
Chicken fried steak or lasagna roll ups, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, carrot cake, cherry creme pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread  
**TUESDAY, April 10**  
Baked tilapia/rice or goulash, scalloped potatoes, California blend, corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, lemon icebox pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread  
**WEDNESDAY, April 11**  
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston creme pie, cherry cheesecake, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread  
**THURSDAY, April 12**  
Chicken strips or moch filet mignon, steak fries, turnip greens, fried squash, blackeyed peas, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, spice cake, chocolate pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread  
**FRIDAY, April 13**  
Fried cod fish filet/hushpuppies or frito pie, potato wedges, brussels sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, walnut brownies, tapioca cup, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

## ART CLASS



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**JoBeth Gilliam, a watercolorist from Lubbock, gave a presentation** to the Pampa Art Club recently. The class, held at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, included tips on composition, color and ways to change photographs to make them a work of art rather than just a copy of a photograph. Williams describes her style of painting as being a shape painter, which is somewhat impressionistic. She has taught in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, Lubbock and surrounding cities. She has her own website at JoBeth Gilliam, Artist. Among the members attending the class were: (from left) Kayla Pursley, Norma Hinkle, Dr. Vijay Mohan, Kay Crouch, Madelyn Gawthrop, Dee Gill, JoBeth Gilliam, Kay Harvey, Sarah Crim, Suzie Wilkerson, Carol Dunham, Darlene Holmes, and Herb Smith.

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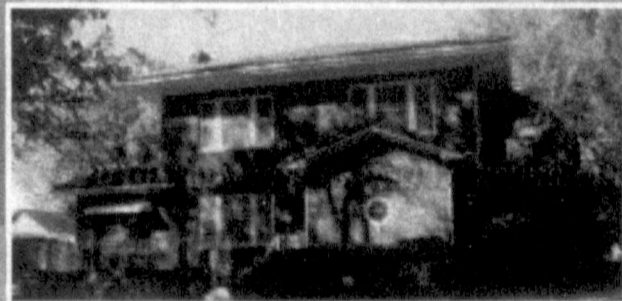
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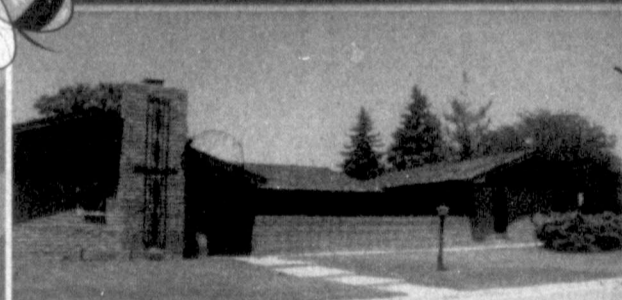
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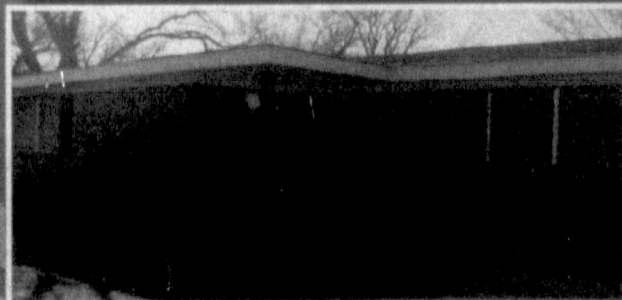
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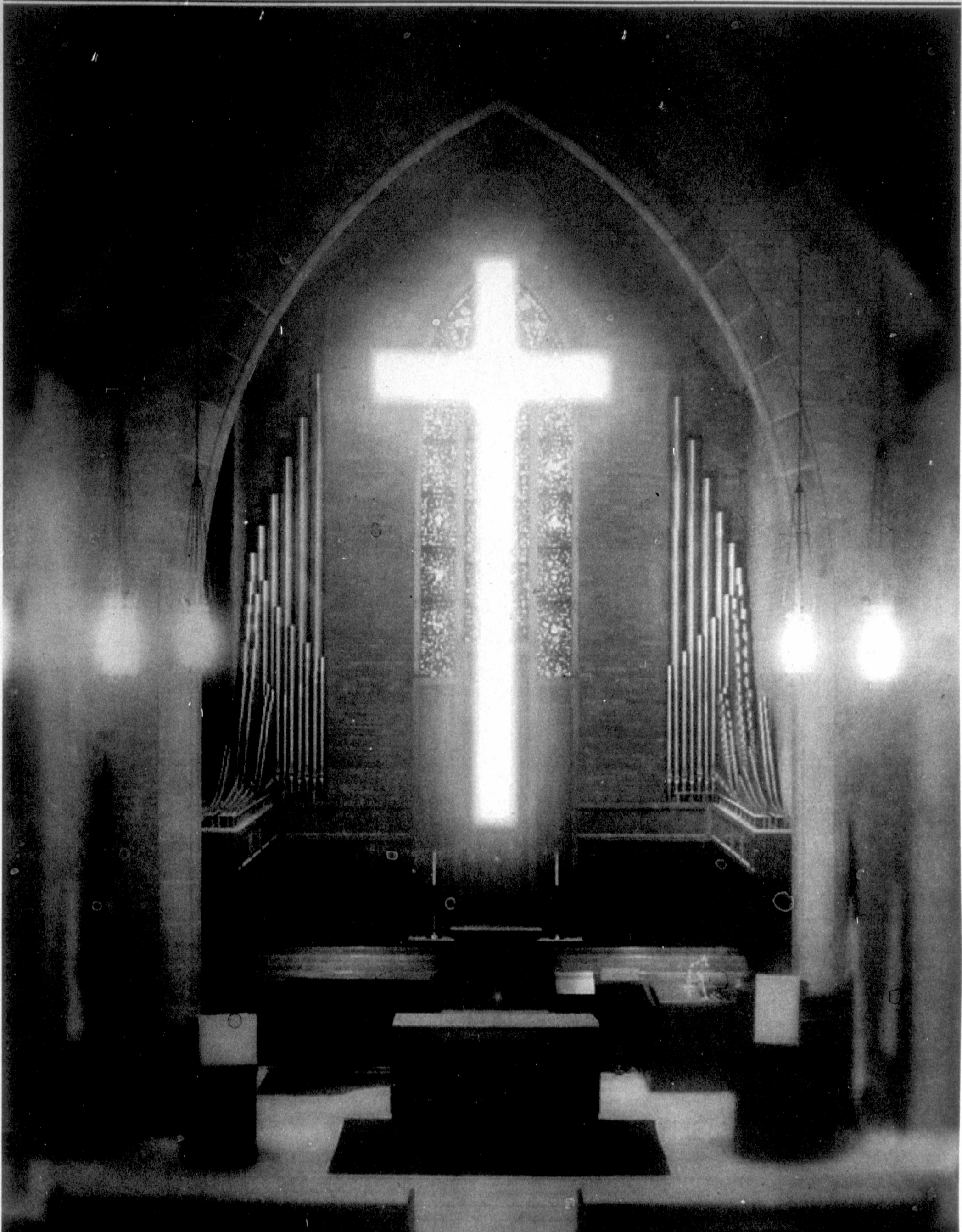


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## Lady Harvesters' strong start carries them to victory

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters' game against the Perryton Rangerettes was their third in three days. Though Pampa had spots where it was sluggish, it jumped out to an early lead to defeat the Rangerettes 11-7 Friday at Lady Harvester Field.

"I felt like we were a little flat," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "We were just tired. It was kind of a sluggish weather day. It took a while to get going, but in the end we came out with a 'W' and that's all that matters."

Pampa committed six errors and was outscored 7-5 after taking a 6-0 lead. Senior Alanna Stephens said the team didn't play as well defensively.

"We committed only three errors in the last two games," Stephens said. "That was the most we committed in all three. It caught up with us a little bit."

The Lady Harvesters (17-7, 5-0) took the lead in the first inning. Junior Bailey Beck doubled to center, hitting the ball to the wall. Junior Tiffany Britton followed with a single and scored Beck. Senior McKinlee Stokes drove in Britton with a ground out to second. Pampa's first

five batters reached in the second inning. Sophomore Bailey Wichert scored on a passed ball, junior Claire Hopkins hit a RBI single and Beck followed with a 2-RBI single, expanding Pampa's lead to 6-0.

"I think we played good," Wichert said. "We got a lot of good hits on."

Gill said the heart of her lineup hit well.

"I'm proud of how they are hitting the ball right now," Gill said. "They are pumping those runs out and I can't ask

for anything more."

Britton went 1 for 3 with an RBI and scored a run. Stephens was 2 for 4 with a RBI. Stokes was 2 for 4 with an RBI and a run scored.

The Rangerettes held Pampa scoreless in the third and fourth. Shelby Skaggs drove in Perryton's first run with a single to center, scoring Katelyn Roberts.

Pampa responded with three runs, putting themselves in striking distance of the

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staff photo by  
Andrew Glover

Sophomore Bailey Wichert slides around Perryton's pitcher Kelsey Beal to score on a passed ball. Wichert led off the second with a single and stole a base. The Lady Harvesters won 11-7 and are a win from clinching district.

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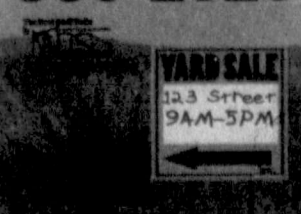
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# Sports

## Harvesters' errors overshadow strong hitting in loss

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The Pampa Harvesters scored nine runs on 10 hits against the Perryton Rangers, usually good enough to win a baseball game.

The lack of fielding by Pampa overshadowed its production at the plate as it committed 10 errors in a 13-9 loss at Harvester Field Friday.

"We competed the whole game," head coach Caleb Snelgrooves said. "We hit the ball well all game. We just had some errors that cost us."

The Rangers scored six of their 13 runs on Harvesters' errors. Three of those errors happened in the first inning, helping Perryton take a 4-0 lead.

Senior Collin Killgo hit a two-run home run to cut the lead in half, but Pampa didn't score again until the bottom of the sixth.

"We didn't hit the ball in the gaps well early," Killgo said. "We found them late in the game."

Killgo carried the Harvesters with three home runs driving in six runs.

"I was just trying to hit the ball," Killgo said of his hitting performance.

Senior Zach Graves led off the seventh with a solo home run. Junior James Thompson hit two doubles and senior Jared Lusk hit one.

The Rangers' also hit for power as Tony Loustaunan hit a solo home run, Kevin Beccirril hit two doubles and Ivan Villagran hit a RBI-triple in the first.

"They are a good ball club," Snelgrooves said. "They hit the ball well. Hats off to them. They hit the ball equally well and did things right."

The Harvesters (7-11, 3-1) trailed 13-3 entering their final at-bat. Pampa rallied with six runs and senior Cole Engle represented the tying run in the final at-bat.

"We didn't quit," Snelgrooves said. "We made it interesting. Tying run came up to bat and that's all you can ask for. For them to compete like that says a lot about their character."

Killgo started and took the loss, allowing nine runs (three earned) on seven hits, walked two, hit one and struck out eight.

Junior Tyler Powell relieved Killgo giving up four unearned runs on two hits, walked two and struck out four in two innings.

Lou Loustaunan started for the Rangers after pitching in relief in the first meeting against Pampa on March 24. Lou gave up six runs (five earned) on seven hits, walked two and struck out nine to earn the win. Tony finished the game and allowed a three-run home run, three hits, walked one, hit one and struck out one.

The loss ends a four-game winning streak and puts the Harvesters in a tie with Borger for the lead in District 1-3A. Killgo said the team is mad about the loss but is looking forward.

"We got to take it and move on," Killgo said. "Fix our mistakes."

Pampa visits Dalhart at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

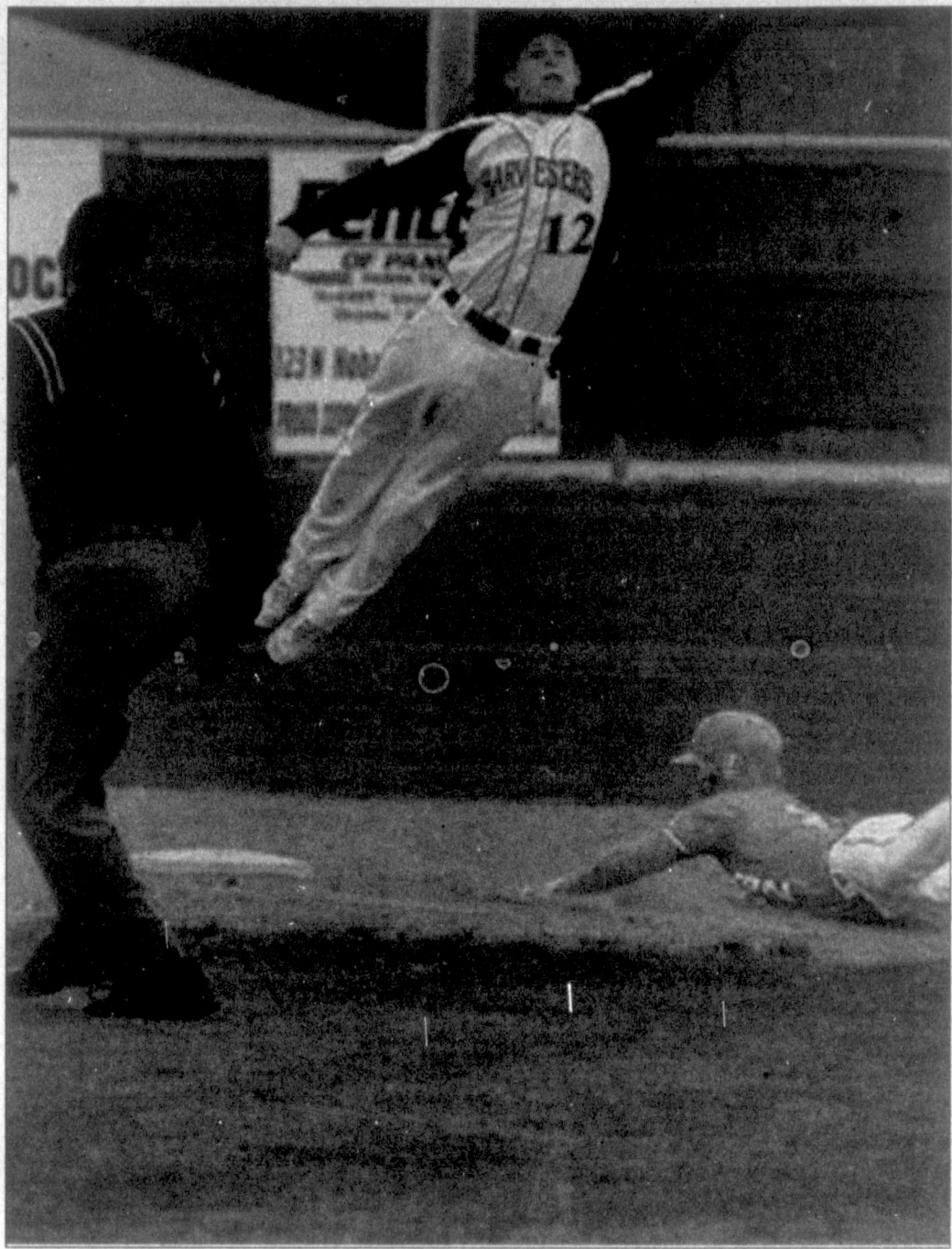


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Junior James Thompson leaps to catch a throw with a Perryton runner sliding. The Harvesters committed 10 errors, overshadowing a strong performance at the plate.

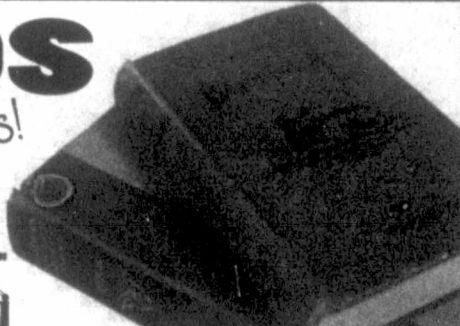
### SPORTS CALENDAR

- Monday, April 9**  
• Boys and Girls Golf District at Dumas
- Tuesday, April 10**  
• Varsity Tennis District, 8 a.m., Pampa High School Tennis Courts  
• Varsity and JV Baseball at Dalhart, games start at 4:30 p.m.  
• Varsity and JV Softball at Dalhart, games start at 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 11**  
• Varsity Tennis District, 8 a.m., Pampa High School Tennis Courts  
• Hidden Hills Senior Scramble, 8 a.m.
- Thursday, April 12**  
• PHS JV, Varsity Boys and Girls Track District 1-3A track meet, Randy Matson Track.
- Friday, April 13**  
• PHS JV, Varsity Boys and Girls Track District 1-3A track meet, Randy Matson Track.
- Saturday, April 14**  
• PHS JV and Varsity Baseball vs. Borger, Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m., Harvester Field  
• PHS JV and Varsity Softball vs. Perryton, Varsity 12 p.m., JV 2 p.m., Lady Harvester Field

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# Sports

## WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

### Varsity Baseball

| SATURDAY       |           |           |          |           |            |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| TEAM           | 1         | 2         | 3        | 4         | 5          |
| Dalhart        | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 0          |
| Pampa          | 3         | 3         | 5        | 6         | X          |
| TEAM           |           |           |          |           |            |
|                | R         | H         | E        |           |            |
| Dalhart        | 1         | 1         | 1        |           |            |
| Pampa          | 17        | 9         | 2        |           |            |
| DALHART BATTER |           |           |          |           |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI      | BB        | SO         |
| N. Subealdia   | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1          |
| S. Witt        | 2         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 1          |
| C. Baker       | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| M. Trajillo    | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| S. Allen       | 3         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 2          |
| D. Avalos      | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| G. Marquez     | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| J. Harris      | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| A. Leal        | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| M. Schaub      | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| A. Vasquez     | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| M. McMurray    | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| C. Vogel       | 0         | 0         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>  | <b>7 8</b> |
| PAMPA BATTER   |           |           |          |           |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI      | BB        | SO         |
| C. Engle       | 3         | 3         | 2        | 2         | 0          |
| J. Thompson    | 3         | 4         | 2        | 4         | 0          |
| J. Lusk        | 4         | 3         | 3        | 5         | 0          |
| C. Killgo      | 1         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 3          |
| J. Lemons      | 4         | 0         | 1        | 0         | 0          |
| D. Coleman     | 3         | 0         | 0        | 2         | 0          |
| Z. Graves      | 0         | 1         | 0        | 1         | 1          |
| C. Howard      | 2         | 2         | 1        | 0         | 1          |
| T. Carter      | 1         | 2         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| T. Powell      | 1         | 1         | 0        | 0         | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>6 1</b> |

2B - J. Thompson 2; C. Engle; J. Lusk; J. Lemons. HR - J. Lusk. SB S. Witt. CS - D. Avalos.

| DALHART PITCHER |      |   |    |    |     |
|-----------------|------|---|----|----|-----|
| IP              | H    | R | ER | BB | SO  |
| Jacob Harris    | 1.13 | 6 | 6  | 2  | 0   |
| Mark Schaub     | 1.23 | 7 | 7  | 3  | 0   |
| Skylar Witt     | 1.03 | 4 | 3  | 1  | 1   |
| PAMPA PITCHER   |      |   |    |    |     |
| IP              | H    | R | ER | BB | SO  |
| Ethan Hunt      | 5    | 1 | 1  | 1  | 7 8 |

Win - Hunt. Loss - Harris. Save - none.

| WEDNESDAY     |           |          |          |          |            |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| TEAM          | 1         | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5          |
| Pampa         | 3         | 1        | 3        | 1        | 0          |
| Borger        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| TEAM          |           |          |          |          |            |
|               | R         | H        | E        |          |            |
| Pampa         | 8         | 8        | 2        |          |            |
| Borger        | 3         | 6        | 2        |          |            |
| PAMPA BATTER  |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB            | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| C. Engle      | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| J. Thompson   | 2         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1          |
| J. Lusk       | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| C. Killgo     | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2          |
| J. Lemons     | 4         | 0        | 2        | 2        | 0          |
| T. Woods      | 0         | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| D. Coleman    | 2         | 1        | 2        | 1        | 2          |
| T. Powell     | 0         | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Z. Graves     | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| C. Howard     | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| T. Carter     | 3         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3 8</b> |
| BORGER BATTER |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB            | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| G. Boren      | 3         | 0        | 2        | 1        | 1          |
| C. Hunter     | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| M. Lusk       | 4         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| C. Tracy      | 3         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| C. Ellis      | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| B. Sharp      | 2         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0          |
| K. Dillard    | 2         | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0          |
| G. Payton     | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| H. Gray       | 2         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2 2</b> |

GIDP - Pampa 0 Borger 2. 2B - D. Coleman, T. Carter. SB T. Woods; D. Coleman; T. Carter. M. Lusk. CS - J. Lusk. M. Lusk.

| BORGER PITCHER |   |   |    |    |     |
|----------------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| IP             | H | R | ER | BB | SO  |
| Chayse Tracy   | 4 | 8 | 8  | 5  | 1 6 |
| Garth Payton   | 3 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2 2 |

Win - Thompson. Loss - Tracy. Save - none.

### Varsity Softball

| SATURDAY       |           |           |          |          |            |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|
| TEAM           | 1         | 2         | 3        | 4        | 5          |
| Dalhart        | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| Pampa          | 0         | 0         | 4        | 0        | 3 3 X      |
| TEAM           |           |           |          |          |            |
|                | R         | H         | E        |          |            |
| Dalhart        | 2         | 3         | 2        |          |            |
| Pampa          | 10        | 8         | 1        |          |            |
| DALHART BATTER |           |           |          |          |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| C. Dovel       | 3         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| A. Coleman     | 2         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| S. Encinas     | 3         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| A. Hightower   | 3         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 3          |
| T. Ballard     | 2         | 0         | 1        | 2        | 1          |
| A. Hales       | 3         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| G. Bower       | 3         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 3          |
| D. Davila      | 3         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| D. Davila      | 2         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| M. Tankersley  | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>12</b>  |
| PAMPA BATTER   |           |           |          |          |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| C. Hopkins     | 3         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| B. Beck        | 4         | 2         | 2        | 0        | 1          |
| N. Hardman     | 1         | 0         | 0        | 1        | 1          |
| A. Stephens    | 3         | 2         | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| M. Stokes      | 3         | 2         | 1        | 3        | 0          |
| H. Coffee      | 3         | 0         | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| T. Britton     | 3         | 1         | 1        | 2        | 1          |
| A. O'Brien     | 1         | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| M. Alexander   | 3         | 1         | 2        | 2        | 0          |
| K. Wyatt       | 1         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>25</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>4 4</b> |

2B - T. Britton. 3B - M. Alexander. HR - M. Stokes. SB - A. Coleman; A. Hightower. C. Hopkins 2; M. Stokes; T. Britton; A. O'Brien.

| DALHART PITCHER |   |   |    |    |      |
|-----------------|---|---|----|----|------|
| IP              | H | R | ER | BB | SO   |
| Courtney Dovel  | 6 | 8 | 10 | 6  | 4 4  |
| PAMPA PITCHER   |   |   |    |    |      |
| IP              | H | R | ER | BB | SO   |
| Alexa O'Brien   | 7 | 3 | 2  | 0  | 2 12 |

Win - O'Brien. Loss - Dovel. Save - None

| WEDNESDAY     |           |          |          |          |            |
|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| TEAM          | 1         | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5          |
| Pampa         | 0         | 0        | 0        | 3        | 0 3 1      |
| Borger        | 0         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0 0 0      |
| TEAM          |           |          |          |          |            |
|               | R         | H        | E        |          |            |
| Pampa         | 7         | 8        | 3        |          |            |
| Borger        | 0         | 0        | 5        |          |            |
| PAMPA BATTER  |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB            | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| C. Hopkins    | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| B. Beck       | 3         | 1        | 1        | 2        | 0          |
| A. O'Brien    | 4         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| A. Stephens   | 4         | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0          |
| M. Stokes     | 3         | 2        | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| H. Coffee     | 4         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| B. Wichert    | 2         | 1        | 1        | 2        | 0          |
| N. Hardman    | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| M. Alexander  | 4         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0          |
| F. Bridwell   | 0         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| T. Britton    | 1         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>0 5</b> |
| BORGER BATTER |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB            | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| A. Lopez      | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| T. Hickman    | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| D. Karins     | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 3          |
| K. Ammerman   | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| T. Karins     | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| D. Jiminez    | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| L. Hernandez  | 3         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| K. Baker      | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2          |
| P. Dompe      | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>12</b>  |

3B - B. Beck. SB: M. Stokes 2. L. Karins; L. Hernandez.

| PAMPA PITCHER  |   |   |    |    |     |
|----------------|---|---|----|----|-----|
| IP             | H | R | ER | BB | SO  |
| Alexa O'Brien  | 7 | 0 | 0  | 1  | 12  |
| BORGER PITCHER |   |   |    |    |     |
| IP             | H | R | ER | BB | SO  |
| Taylor Hickman | 7 | 8 | 7  | 4  | 0 5 |

Win - O'Brien. Loss - Hickman. Save - None

| THURSDAY       |           |           |           |           |            |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| TEAM           | 1         | 2         | 3         | 4         | 5          |
| Pampa          | 0         | 6         | 0         | 2         | 3          |
| Tascosa        | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          |
| TEAM           |           |           |           |           |            |
|                | R         | H         | E         |           |            |
| Pampa          | 11        | 12        | 2         |           |            |
| Tascosa        | 1         | 2         | 2         |           |            |
| PAMPA BATTER   |           |           |           |           |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI       | BB        | SO         |
| C. Hopkins     | 3         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0          |
| B. Beck        | 4         | 2         | 4         | 5         | 0          |
| T. Britton     | 4         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 0          |
| A. Stephens    | 3         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| M. Stokes      | 3         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| H. Coffee      | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| B. Wichert     | 3         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 0          |
| A. O'Brien     | 3         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 2          |
| M. Alexander   | 3         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 0          |
| M. Eldridge    | 0         | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1 4</b> |
| TASCOSA BATTER |           |           |           |           |            |
| AB             | R         | H         | RBI       | BB        | SO         |
| P. Alexander   | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          |
| S. Delgado     | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| W. Lane        | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| A. Orrantia    | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          |
| D. Montgomery  | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0          |
| K. MacInnis    | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 0          |
| K. Gibson      | 2         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1          |
| C. Arnn        | 2         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 2          |
| V. Martinez    | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0 8</b> |

HR - B. Beck. GS - B. Beck. SB: B. Beck; A. Stephens; B. Wichert; M. Alexander; M. Eldridge.

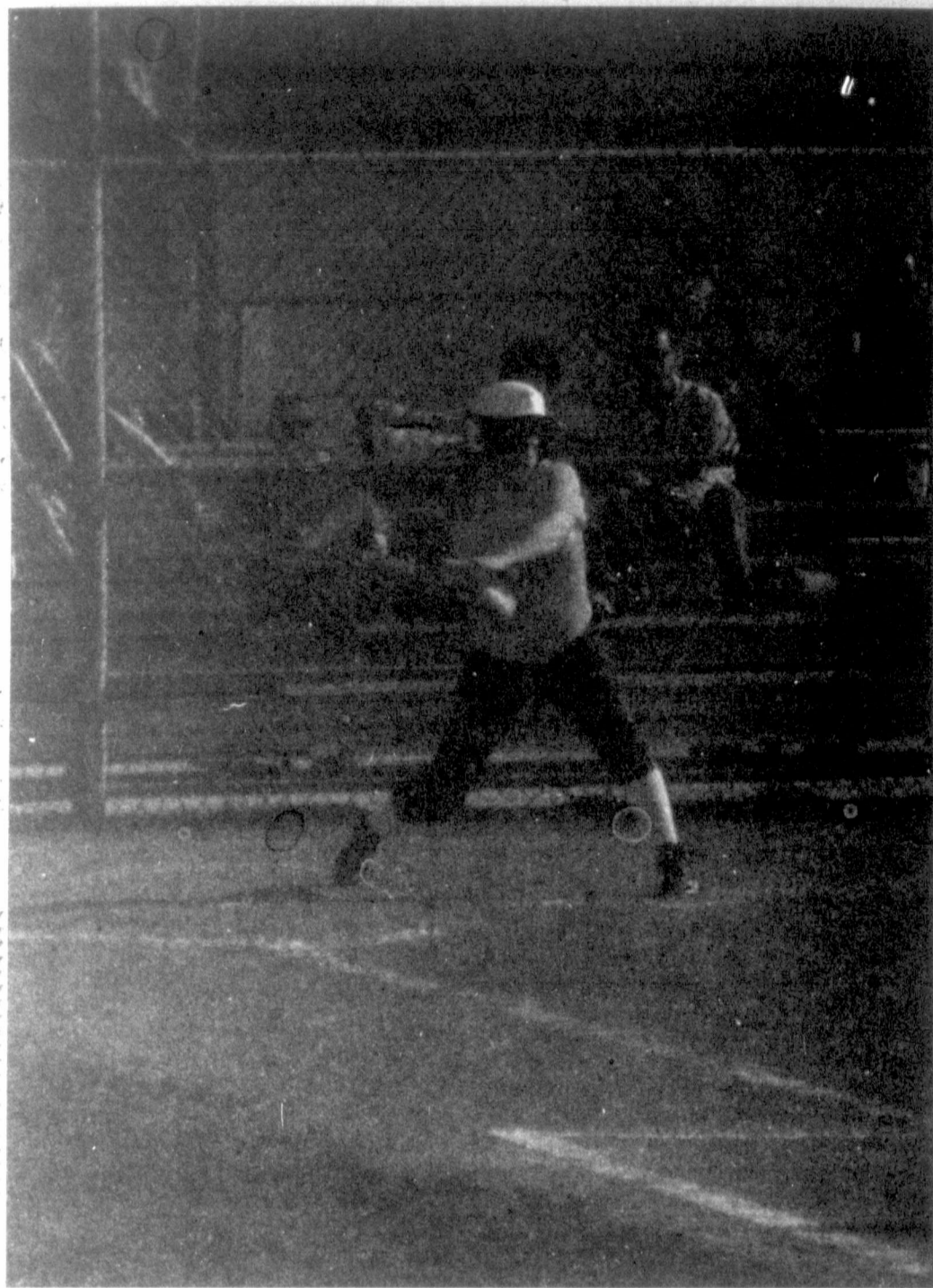
| PAMPA PITCHER   |   |    |    |    |     |
|-----------------|---|----|----|----|-----|
| IP              | H | R  | ER | BB | SO  |
| Alexa O'Brien   | 5 | 2  | 1  | 0  | 8   |
| TASCOSA PITCHER |   |    |    |    |     |
| IP              | H | R  | ER | BB | SO  |
| Camille Arnn    | 5 | 12 | 11 | 8  | 1 4 |

Win - O'Brien. Loss - Arnn. Save - None

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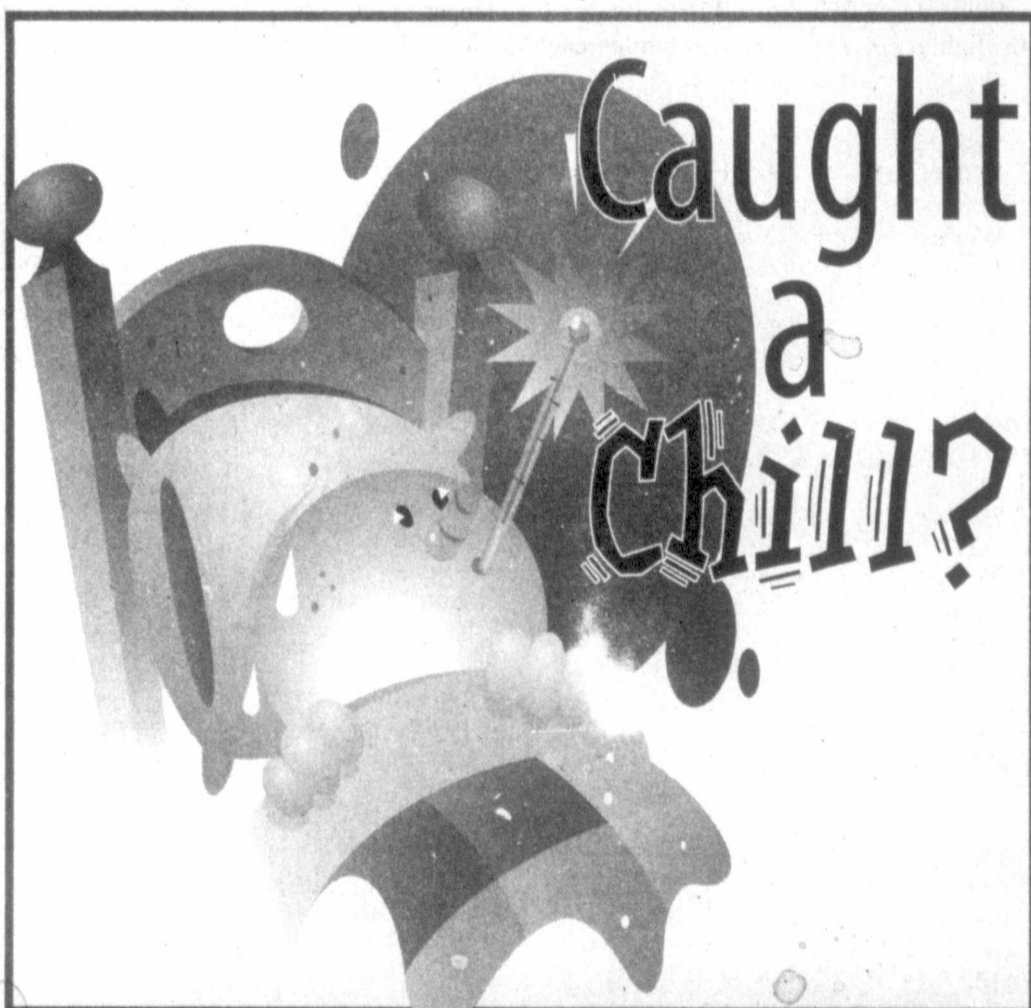
| SATURDAY       |           |          |          |          |            |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| TEAM           | 1         | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5          |
| Dalhart        | 1         | 1        | 1        | 1        | 2 0 0      |
| Pampa          | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 8 0 X      |
| TEAM           |           |          |          |          |            |
|                | R         | H        | E        |          |            |
| Dalhart        | 6         | 5        | 7        |          |            |
| Pampa          | 10        | 11       | 4        |          |            |
| DALHART BATTER |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB             | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| L. Montgomery  | 1         | 1        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| J. Wilson      | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| A. Smith       | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| D. Morris      | 1         | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0          |
| A. Swacker     | 3         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| N. Anava       | 4         | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0          |
| A. Banks       | 3         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| M. Haskey      | 3         | 0        | 1        | 2        | 0          |
| A. Vigil       | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| B. Turner      | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| L. Garcia      | 2         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>20</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3 5</b> |
| PAMPA BATTER   |           |          |          |          |            |
| AB             | R         | H        | RBI      | BB       | SO         |
| T. Robles      | 2         | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1          |
| K. Hulsey      | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0          |
| J. Dixon       | 3         | 2        | 1        | 2        | 0          |
| B. Dixon       | 4         | 1        | 3        | 1        | 0          |
| B. Wichert     | 3         | 1        | 2        | 2        | 0          |
| A. Malone      | 1         | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1          |
| S. Coutts      | 1         | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0          |

# Sports



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**TOP LEFT:** Sophomore Bailey Wichert hits a pitch against Tascosa Thursday. **TOP RIGHT:** Senior Collin Killgo throws a pitch against Perryton Friday. Killgo's effort on the mound was hampered by his team's defensive play. **BOTTOM:** Junior Martecia Alexander throws to senior McKinlee Stokes to get a Tascosa runner out.



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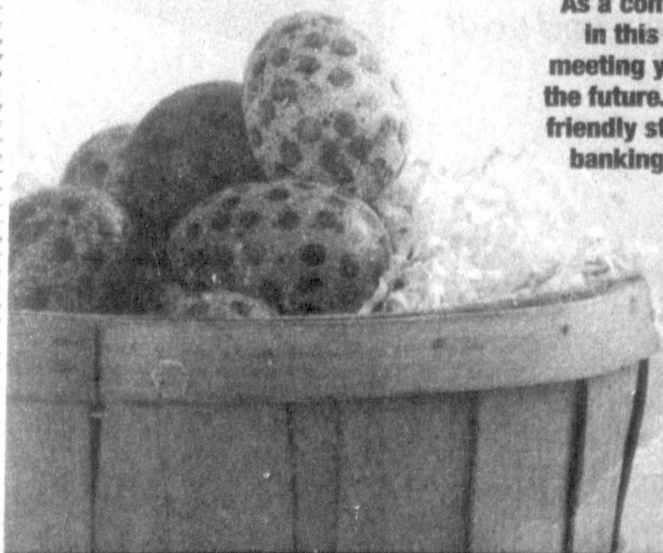
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# Sports

## Kinsler, Rangers can't come to terms on contract

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ian Kinsler began the season Friday without a new long-term contract from the Texas Rangers.

Kinsler and the Rangers had been talking for several weeks about a new deal, but the second baseman has long insisted on a self-imposed deadline of opening day to negotiate.

Before the opener against the Chicago White Sox, Kinsler indicated the two sides were close but that he was now focused on playing.

"Close enough to be disappointed it's not done," Kinsler said. "I'm concentrating on baseball. I'm not worried

about that."

The 29-year-old Kinsler is scheduled to make \$7 million this season and the Rangers hold a \$10 million option for 2013.

The Rangers' leadoff hitter opened the season with a double, then homered in the third inning off White Sox starter John Danks.

While Kinsler said he no longer will be involved in any negotiations, he didn't completely shut the door on the possibility that his agent, Jay Franklin, could have some further discussions with the Rangers.

General manager Jon Daniels said

he wouldn't address or characterize the state of negotiations on a new deal for Kinsler. But Daniels said the Rangers still want to keep Kinsler for a long time.

"Nothing has changed on our end. We absolutely love Ian," Daniels said before the game.

"We love what he brings to the club, and hopes he spends the duration of his career here. Nothing's changed in that regard."

Daniels reiterated that the team's general philosophy is to not negotiate contracts during the season. But like Kinsler, he left open the possibility for

more discussions with Franklin.

"It's really about not letting anything become a distraction," he said. "Anything that we do will be handled privately. ... That's not just with Ian, that's across the board."

Kinsler is a .275 hitter over six major league seasons with the Rangers. He is coming off his second season with 30 homers and 30 stolen bases.

Even though he hit only .255 last season, Kinsler had a career-high 32 homers with 77 RBIs, scored 121 runs and had a .355 on-base percentage. He was 30 of 34 on stolen bases.

## Lively crowd greets Rangers' Opening Day with plenty of noise

ARLINGTON — An exuberant sellout crowd had plenty to yell about during opening day of the 2012 baseball season at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington.

It was hard to tell which was loudest: the booming boos that rained down when White Sox manager Robin Ventura was announced, or the cheers for new Ranger pitcher Yu Darvish.

The former was a 26-year-old third baseman 19 years ago for the White Sox who charged the mound after being hit

by a Nolan Ryan pitch.

Ryan, then 46, placed Ventura in a headlock and landed several punches before the one-sided fight was broken up.

The latter, Darvish, was signed as a free agent during the offseason by the Rangers. The team signed the Japanese star to a six-year, \$60 million contract, and paid his former team a \$51 million posting fee.

Before the game, Ryan, now CEO of the Rangers, and Ventura talked for the first time since the incident.

The most noise may

have been the roar from the crowd as fan favorites Josh Hamilton, Ian Kinsler, Nelson Cruz and Michael Young were called out to the field.

As first baseman Mike Napoli was introduced, the crowd quieted a bit, but only because it was impossible to preserve volume while yelling "NA-PO-LI" over and over.

More cheers and fireworks erupted as Kinsler hit a solo home run in the third inning.

The two-time defending American League cham-

pions went on to beat the White Sox 3-2.

Texas country band Reckless Kelly performed the national anthem as dozens of Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen unfurled a gigantic Old Glory in the outfield.

As the final notes of the song faded, a dark gray B-1 bomber from the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base emerged over the center field scoreboard.

One young fan — decked out in a red Rangers jersey and cap, his glove at the ready —

appeared slightly disappointed with the flyover.

Oohs and aahs from the crowd could be heard momentarily until the sound of the powerful

turbines rolled over the stadium.

Then, the young fan's face lit up as the building rumbled.

## Statue of fan who died at game unveiled

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have unveiled a statue of the fan who died after falling over an outfield railing at a game last summer.

The life-size bronze statue depicts Shannon Stone and his young son wearing baseball caps. They are looking at each other as if they're talking.

Stone was a 39-year-old Brownwood Fire Department firefighter who fell in July while reaching for a ball. Stone had taken his 6-year-old son Cooper to the game

in the hope of catching a ball.

Cooper helped Rangers President Nolan Ryan unveil the statue Thursday. Ryan said it represents the happy memories created by families at baseball games.

Sculptor Bruce Greene said it was important for him to depict the moment where fathers and sons are discussing the game afterward.

### Softball

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10-run mercy rule. The Lady Harvesters scored two runs on an error and a sacrifice fly.

The Rangerettes took advantage of Pampa miscues and closed the gap. Beck couldn't get a handle on a ground ball, turning a potential double play into no outs. Stephens couldn't handle a bunt and loaded the bases with no outs. The Rangerettes' pitcher, Kelsey Beal made Pampa pay, hitting a three-run single to center. The third run scored after Stephens' throw to get Beal out at second didn't arrive on time. Pampa was outscored 6-2 in the last two innings.

Britton started, pitch-

ing in her first game since March 24, which was also against Perryton. In three innings, she allowed one run on three hits, walked two and struck out one.

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien relieved Britton in the fourth after failing to record an out. O'Brien allowed six runs (all unearned) on six hits, walked one and struck out three.

"(Britton) threw pretty well," Gill said. "I brought Alexa in. (Britton) hasn't been in shape to throw a whole game."

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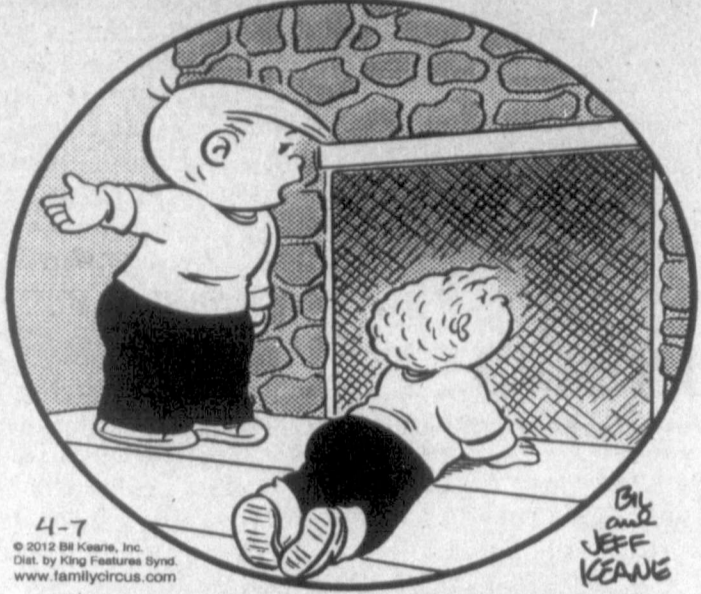
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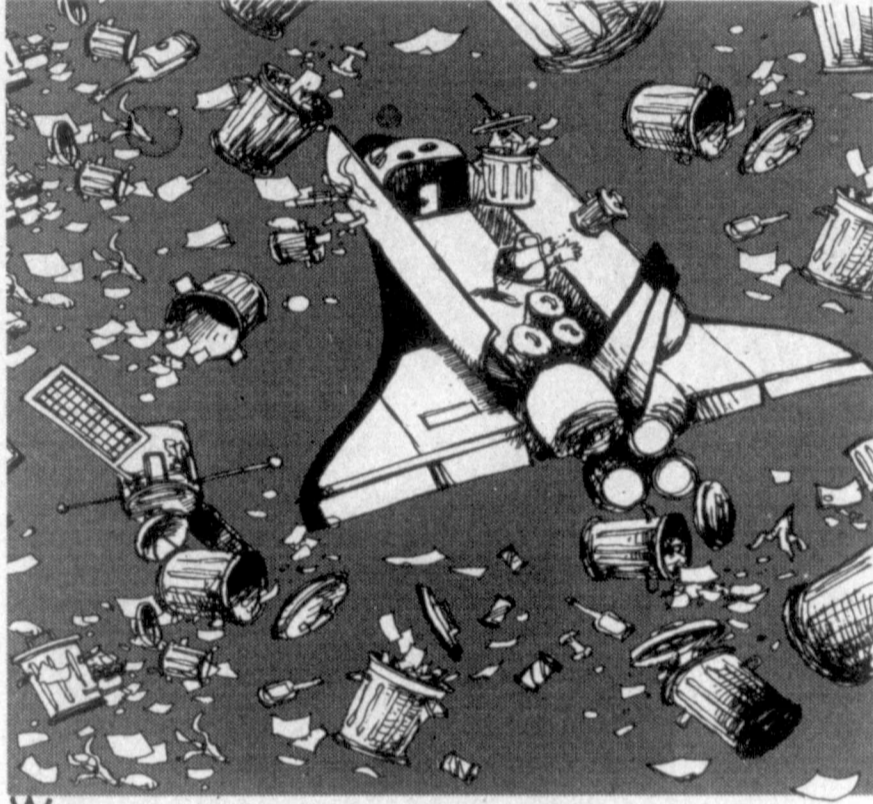
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## daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Monday, April 9, 2012:

This year you develop an interest in the fundamentals of life. You could become interested in psychology, research about life and death, and other studies that deal with the basics of living. You’ll stretch your mind and find more inner peace. If you are single, you will bond with someone very different who will facilitate the above-mentioned process. If you are attached, as a couple you might travel more and witness different lifestyles. SAGITTARIUS encourages impulsiveness.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Start eliminating any illusions surrounding a situation. The unexpected tumbles into your plans, but do not let your irritation or anger show. If you do, you might need to placate others later. Be smart and let go, rather than blow up. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Relate directly to an individual, and maintain that direct avenue of communication in the future. A child or new friend could be unusually difficult. He or she cannot get enough of you and seems to be jealous that you aren’t able to share more of your time. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on with others. Mixed messages seem to come from out of nowhere. Still, you’ll need to be true to yourself. A family member or domestic issue could be quite upsetting. Detach and sort through your issues. Tonight: Go out for dinner.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ Stay levelheaded, no matter what you do. The unexpected opens your mind to a new option or different approach. Choose your words carefully; otherwise, you could be sorry for a very long time. Remain positive. Tonight: Do what makes you feel good.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Where others hit a brick wall, you seem to find a way through. You know what you want and why. You also have the determination to make it so. Do not sell yourself short. Be aware of a child’s and/or loved one’s needs. Tonight: Give into some impulsive fun.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You can turn irritation into energy if you focus. Emphasize a project and pour all of your energy into it. Frustration will dissipate out of the blue. Know that you can do the same with anger. Today provides opportunities to test this process. Tonight: Head home.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ You are likely to say what you mean and mean what you say. You can change what is happening in your immediate circle if you just relax. Know when to stop pushing so hard, as you could be accident-prone. Do not sit on your feelings, either. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Be aware of what you are spending. What are your limits in this situation? You might feel pushed to do something because it is the “right” thing to do within a certain set of friends or acquaintances. Tonight: Indulge a little. Relax.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ You might understand what is going on with others. You are in the position to stay centered and know what it is you want. You will deal with an element of surprise, others’ anger and a need to express yourself. Tonight: Smile, and others will become more agreeable.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★ Understand that others mean to be supportive, whether they actually are or not. You will want to rethink a situation without your normal advisers. You could be surprised by news, no matter how it is delivered. Tonight: Take some much-needed time off.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within your circle of friends. Focus on a key goal that seems to be interfering with others’ interests or commitments. Discussions could become adversarial out of the blue. Tonight: All smiles.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You have a way with people, but you still might choose to walk away from hostility. Be careful, because you might be establishing a precedent, and others will follow your lead. Is this what you want? Use caution with your finances. Tonight: In the limelight.

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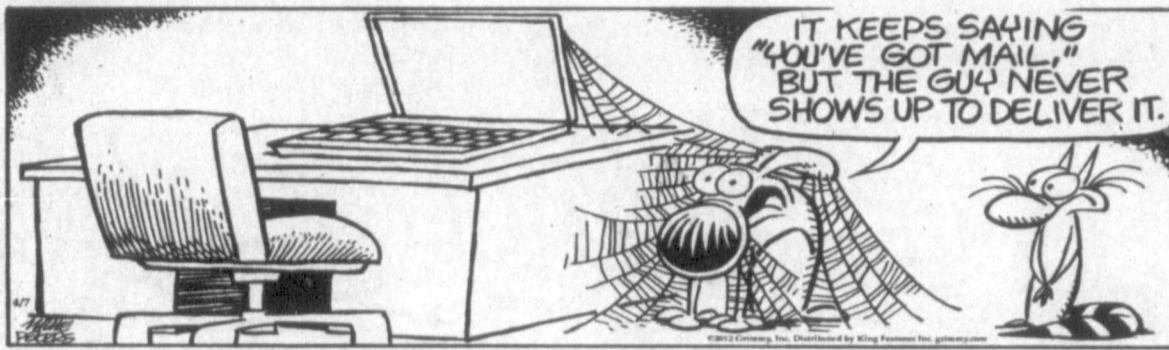


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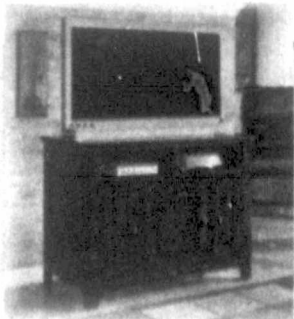
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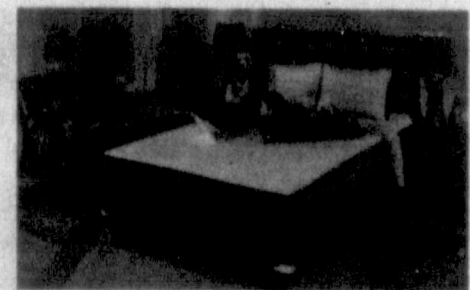
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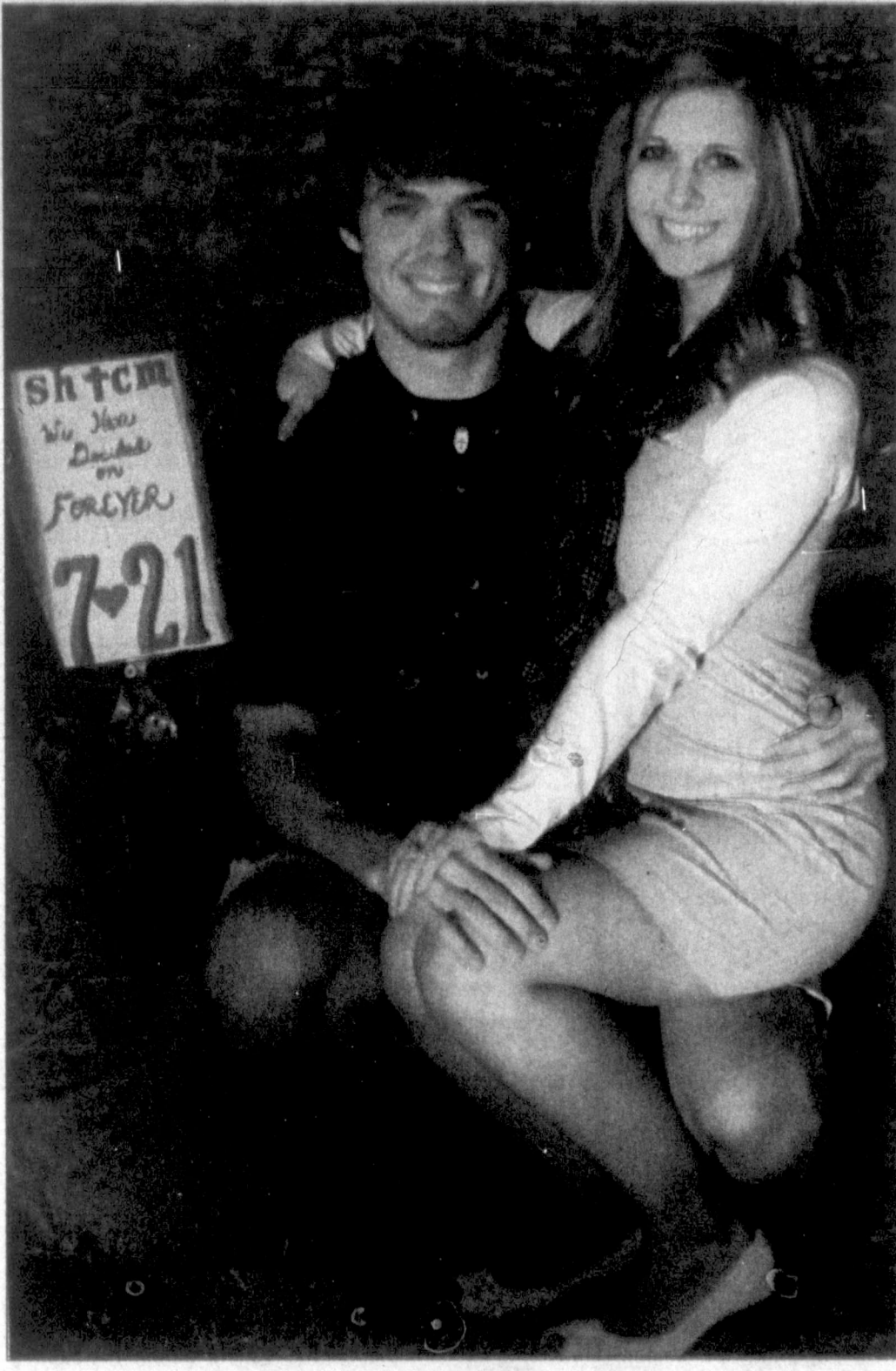
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# Community

## WEDDING BELLS



Chadd Malone and Stephanie Hernandez

## Hernandez, Malone engaged to be wed

Johnny and Cheryl Malone of Pampa announce the engagement of their son, Johnathan Chadd Malone, to Stephanie Alicia Hernandez of Lubbock.

Stephanie is the daughter of Mark and Lesley Hernandez of Lubbock.

The wedding is planned for July 21, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Stephanie is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and is a TEA certified elementary teacher. She is president of Alpha Phi Greek Sorority, and 2009 Red Raider Camp counselor and facilitator.

Chadd is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management and Master's in Wildlife Science. He is a Graduate Research Assistant for TTU Quail Tech Alliance.

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## SCHOOL NOTES

### Ericson inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta

Garrett Ericson has been inducted into the McMurry University chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. The ceremony was held on March 27.

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta was founded as an honor society for students in 1924, the university's first year at an

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continued high standard of learning, and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society.

Ericson is also a member of the 2012 McMurry War Hawks Baseball team. He is a 2011 Graduate of Pampa High School and he is the son of Bob and Cesali Ericson.

## HONOR ROLL

### Wilson Elementary students named to Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Fourth Six Weeks Honor Roll at Wilson Elementary School:

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#### AB Honor Roll

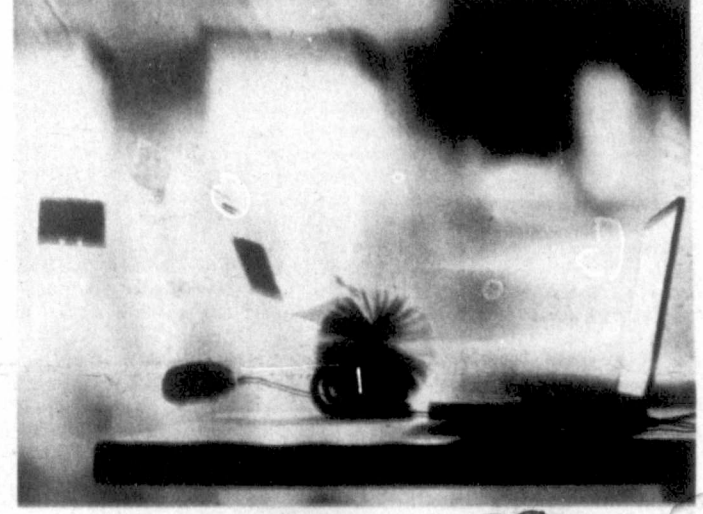
Abigail Crain, Gregory Lang, Lizbeth Badillo, Abel Madrid, Brayden Haigood, Keylee Perez, Robert Vanbuskirk, Alex Anguiano, Mikaela DeLaCruz, Esmeralda Deleon, Samantha Pierce, Baliegh Shaw, Denim

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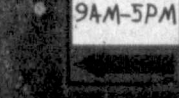
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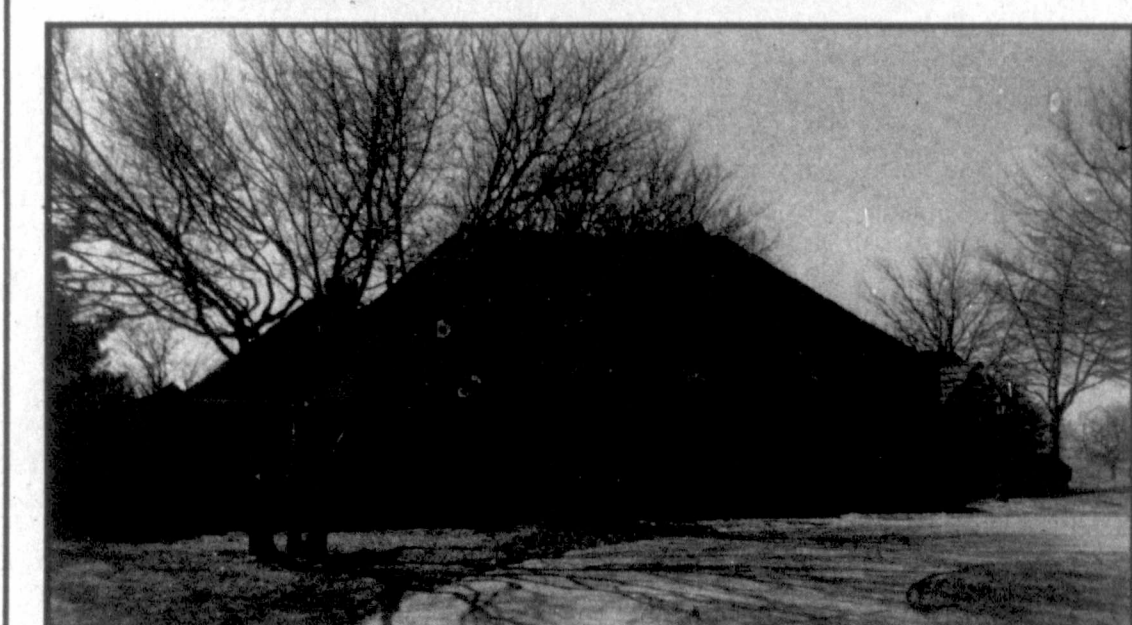
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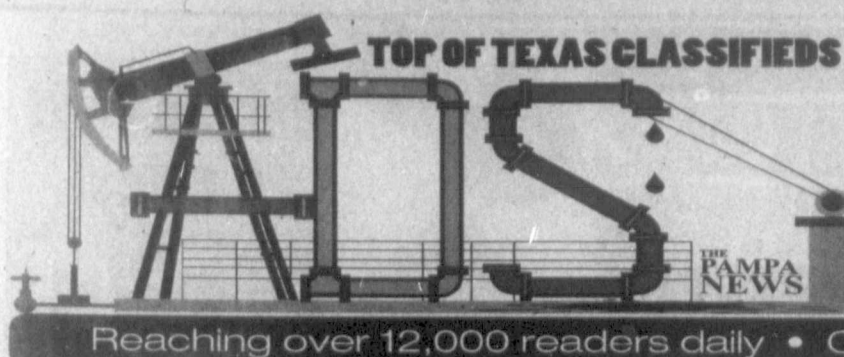
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|                                |           |                     |              |
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| FM 14 Rd, Lefors           | \$530,000   | 530 acres w/water well                    |  |
| 30th & Charles             | \$435,600   | 5 acres in city limits                    |  |
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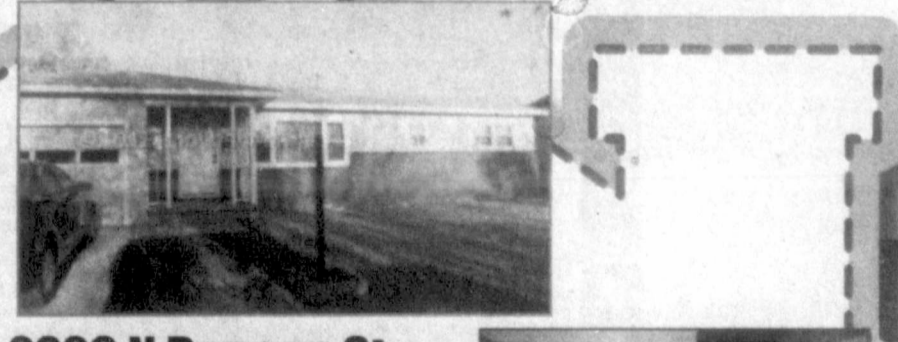
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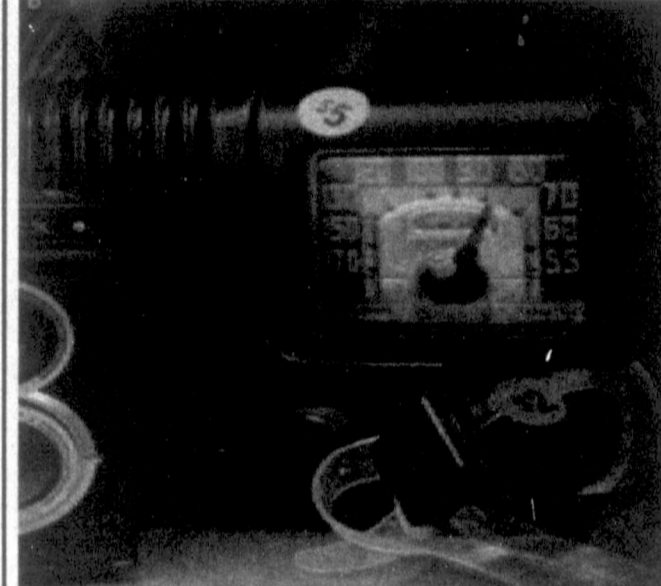
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**PISD aids homeless students through fund**

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Within the Pampa Independent School District, 134 students have been identified as homeless, and while these kids are probably not living on the streets, they may be in the need of stability, that

early know where they'll spend the next night," said Suzanne Pingel, P I S D ' s Homeless

added, "Kids living with their parents in a shelter count as homeless, and so do kids who choose not to live with their parents because of drugs, abuse or being kicked out."

According to Pingel, PISD also includes kids placed in temporary homes through GPS or other

to ask for help. Enrollment may be the first chance to find these students.

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# Let's Eat!

## Bringing out the ham in me

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Show of hands...How many of you eat Ham for Easter?

Yeah, me too. A big, glazed, spiral sliced ham, served with creamed potatoes, green bean bundles, Seven Layer Salad, and deviled eggs. Because that's what is served in my parents' home, and in their parents' homes before them. I love ham. I really do. And that's a good thing, because it makes an appearance rather often.

It is served on Christmas Eve with little rolls to make sandwiches. And it is served on New Year's Day, with black-eyed peas. If you've ever been to a funeral wake in the South, you'll recognize ham as integral to both the pre-funeral family gatherings and the post-funeral reception. Hams beginning arriving before flowers and phone calls of condolence. My Aunt has dubbed it Death Ham. Despite the fact that part of me thinks it wrong to besmirch the most favored of funerary food offerings with such a title, I know it's true.

So I find it a bit ironic that this same Death Ham of the funeral wake is the same ham many of us eat on Easter Sunday—the day that Christians hail as the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Even those that celebrate Easter as a secular Holiday could not argue that the Holiday is decidedly joyous. The time of year that we color eggs and eat our weight in choco-

late bunnies. Are you the ears-first or tail-first sort? The only time of year that yellow-and-white-cream-filled chocolate eggs are available. You know the ones....If you don't like them, and you get some in your Easter basket, just send them to me.

I think that an occasion as auspicious as Easter is befitting of a meal less ordinary than glazed ham. And yet, I don't want to turn my back on the traditions of many generations that came before me. Such a quandary.

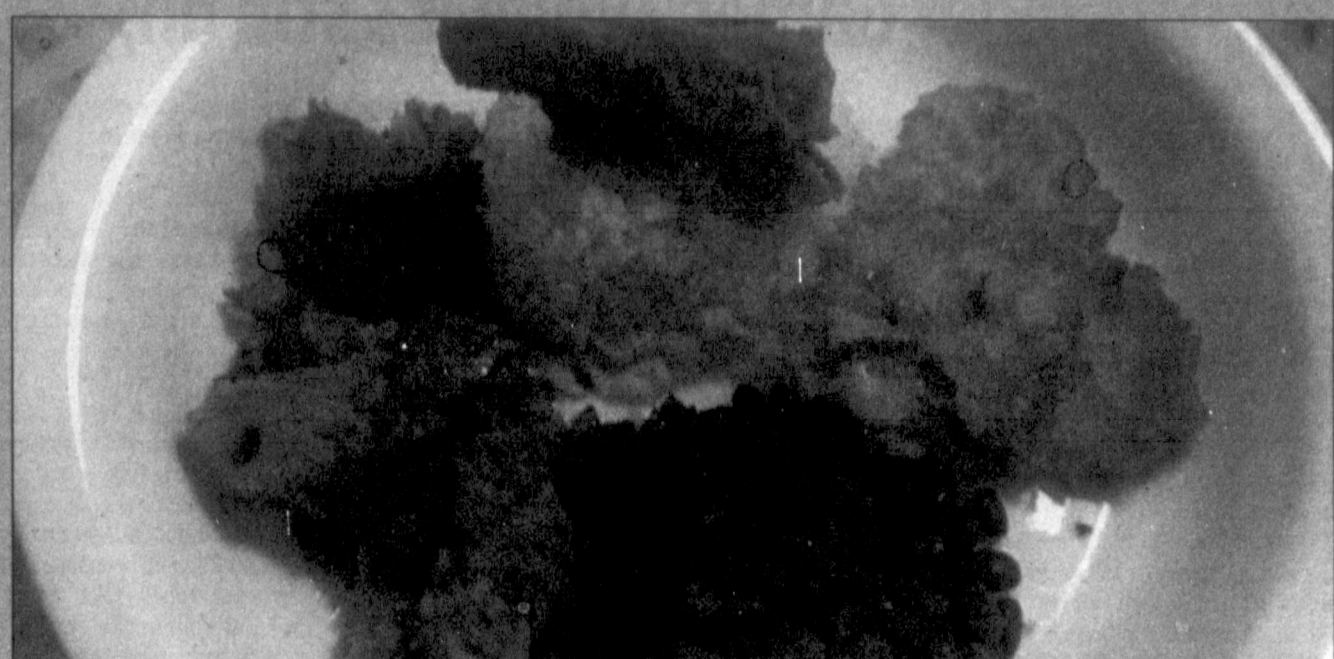
My solution? A non-traditional ham, served with non-traditional sides, from one of my favorite food regions. The Caribbean.

A Cuban staple is the lechon (lech-own)—an uncured ham roasted in a highly flavorful marinade and shredded. I serve it with black beans, garlicky lemon rice, and tostones (crispy fried plantain patties—think of them as Caribbean tater tots). A by-product of making the lechon is the chicharron (cheech-a-ron)—crispy roasted pork skin—which is typically sliced into strips and served as a treat alongside the lechon. Pork croutons, if you will.

These recipes are simple, but they are not fast food. You'll need to start the evening before with a few simple prep steps, but the result is well worth it.

### Cuban Lechon

one 7-10 pound uncured raw ham (pork butt or picnic roast) bone in, and with the skin still on



## TEXANA'S KITCHEN

ABOVE: A Cuban staple is the lechon — an uncured ham roasted in a highly flavorful marinade and shredded. I serve it with black beans, garlicky lemon rice, and tostones.

juice and zest of 2 limes  
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juice and zest of 4 small thin-skinned oranges  
4 garlic cloves  
2 cups packed fresh cilantro leaves  
1/3 cup olive oil  
one fresh jalapeno pepper, stem removed  
2 t salt, divided

The night before serving: rinse and pat dry the ham. With a very sharp knife, carefully cut the fat and skin layer away from the meat of the ham, leaving it attached at one end. Peel it back to expose the meat underneath. Score the meat about 1/2 deep in a diamond pattern, as you would a glazed ham. Place in a large roasting pan.

In a blender, puree the juices and citrus zest, garlic, cilantro, olive oil, jalapeno, and half of the salt. Pour all of the mixture over the scored meat, and rub into the cuts. Replace the skin over the meat, and sprinkle with

the remaining salt. Cover the pan and refrigerate overnight.

Six hours before serving: heat oven to 450\*. Remove cover from roaster, and cook for 30 minutes. Reduce heat to 250\* and cook, uncovered, for 5 hours.

Using a sharp knife, cut the roasted skin away, and remove to a cutting board. Baste the ham with the pan juice, and allow to sit for 10 minutes before shredding the meat and mixing with the juices. Serve with rice and black beans.

If you wish to serve the roasted chicharron as a crunchy treat, use a large knife to chop the skin into thin strips. Serve on the side.

### Black Beans

1 pound dry black beans, washed and picked over for stones  
1 pound bacon or salt pork, cut into 1" pieces

4 cloves minced garlic  
3 cups long grain rice  
4 1/4 cups water  
5 teaspoons chicken bouillon  
Juice and zest of 2 lemons (save the juiced lemon halves)  
1 t finely ground black pepper

Place the bacon into a stock-pot over medium heat, and fry until almost crisp. Add the garlic, onion, and jalapeno, and sauté for 4 minutes. Add the beans, and enough water to cover by a few inches. Bring to a boil, cover with a tight lid, and reduce heat to a low simmer. Simmer for at least three hours. Salt to taste (how much you need to add will depend on how salty your bacon, and how much salt to desire). You can also cook them in a crock-pot all day after cooking the bacon and vegetables in a skillet first.

### Lemon Garlic Rice

3 T olive oil  
1/2 cup finely minced white onion

In a 4 or 5-quart non-stick pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic, and sauté for 3 minutes. Add rice and remaining ingredients, including the juiced lemon halves, and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. Don't peek! Remove from heat and allow to sit for 10 minutes before opening and fluffing with a fork.

The recipe for tostones—crispy fried plantain patties—will appear in Thursday's blog post entitled "Going Bananas".

## Peeps pop up in dessert recipes after Easter Sunday

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If the Easter bunny left some Peeps at your house today, you may be wondering what you can do with the colorful marshmallow bunnies and chicks. Like hard-boiled Easter eggs, you may become tired of eating Peeps one by one and wonder what you can do with all the leftovers.

Thankfully, there are numerous recipes using these cute little marshmallow cutouts. The chicks and bunnies are sold in several bright colors and also are available in chocolate-dipped mousse flavored, chocolate covered, chocolate dipped, rainbow pops, sugar-free and Peeps Peepsters (bite-sized chocolate covered marshmallows.)

One advantage of having leftover Peeps is they are cute and springy. You can use them at this time of year on cakes for a creative and decorative touch. They also can be cut up and used just as you would a marshmallow in any recipe.

### Peeps S'mores

From www.electricrecipes.com/peeps

Peeps  
Hershey's chocolate candy bars  
Graham crackers  
Break one graham cracker in half and top with one half of a candy bar. Top with a Peep and zap in the microwave until soft. (Or place under broiler.) Top with another graham cracker and lightly press down.

### Peep Waldorf Salad

From www.peephut.org/peeprecipes.html

10 Peeps, whole, preferably pink or yellow  
3 just ripe bananas, 1/2 inch dice  
2 large navel oranges, sectioned, 1/2 inch pieces and juice from one more  
12 maraschino cherries, halved  
1/2 cup shredded coconut  
2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1 Tablespoon orange-flavored liqueur  
1/2 cup finely chopped macadamias, or pecans or almonds  
Mix all the ingredients; allow to absorb flavors and soften for a couple of hours, stirring a few times. Serve as dessert with coconut cookies.

### Peeps Sunflower Cake

From Taste of Home, February/March 2008

1 (18 1/2-ounce) yellow cake mix  
2 (16-ounce) cans chocolate frosting  
19 yellow chick Peeps candies  
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
Prepare and bake cake according to package directions, using two greased and waxed paper-lined 9-inch round baking pans. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely; carefully remove waxed paper. Level tops of cakes. Spread frosting between layers and over the top and sides of cake. Without separating Peeps and curving slightly to fit, arrange chicks around edge of cake for sunflower petals. For

sunflower seeds, arrange chocolate chips in center of cake with points facing up.

### Chocolate Mousse Dessert

From www.marshmallowpeeps.com

1 (8-count) Peeps  
Chocolate Mousse Flavored Marshmallow Bunnies  
1 package of chocolate flavored instant pudding mix and ingredients to make it  
1 (16-ounce) Cool Whip  
1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced  
1 sprig of mint (optional)  
Prepare pudding mix according to package directions. Chill until set. Fill dessert bowls 1/2 full with pudding. Add a layer of Cool Whip. Place sliced fresh strawberries on top of Cool Whip. Chill in refrigerator until ready to serve. Before serving, top each bowl with a dollop of Cool Whip, a Peeps bunny and a sprig of mint. Makes 8 small to medium sized dessert bowls.

### Peeps Pool Cake

From www.marshmallowpeeps.com

Assorted Peeps  
Marshmallow shapes, bunnies and ducks  
1 package Mike and Ike Assorted fruit candies  
Flavored jelly beans (optional)  
2 boxes vanilla cake mix and ingredients to make cake  
2 containers white frosting  
1 (3-ounce) box berry blue gelatin  
1/2 cup boiling water  
1/2 cup cold water  
Ice cubes

Taffy or rolled fruit snacks

Graham crackers

Prepare each box of cake mix according to package directions for a 9x13-inch cake. Bake as directed or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes. Transfer cakes to wire rack and let cool completely.

In small bowl, dissolve gelatin in 1/2 cup boiling water. Pour 1/2 cup cold water into a 2-cup measuring cup; add enough ice cubes to measure 1 1/2 cups. Add to gelatin; stir until slightly thickened.

Discard any remaining ice. Refrigerate for 30 minutes or until soft-set. Entirely frost one cake with one can white frosting. Using a second cake, create the pool area as follows: using a kitchen knife, cut a 1-inch deep 4x8-inch rectangle into the middle of the cake. Using a spatula, carefully lift the rectangle piece out of the cake and eat or discard. Place cake with pool area cut out on top of the frosted cake. Slowly pour the gelatin into the cut out rectangular shape. Before gelatin sets completely, place Peeps shapes into pool to create the appearance of the shapes swimming. Frost the top and sides of cake. If desired, decorate the sides of cake with Mike and Ike candies, jelly beans and fruit-snacks.

Using graham crackers, place a small dollop of frosting on them to glue Peeps marsw shapes onto them to create the appearance of the shapes laying down on towels around the pool. Use your imagination to create a fun pool party scene.



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### Peeps Rice Krispie Treats

From www.justapinch.com

35 Peeps, multi-colors  
6 cups rice krispies  
3 Tablespoons margarine or butter  
Melt butter in large cooling pot. Add peeps, try not to do too much mixing if using different colors. Melt them in separate color sections within your pot. Remove from heat when melted and add rice krispie cereal, stir until coated. Pour into buttered 9x13-inch pan and carefully press into pan with a buttered spatula. Allow to set for one hour, cut into squares.

### Bird Nests

From Taste of Home, April/May 2011

2 (10-12-ounces each)

white baking chips  
1 (10-ounce) package pretzel sticks  
25 yellow chicks Peeps candy

1 (12-ounce) M&M's eggs or other egg-shaped candy

In a large microwave safe bowl, melt white chips; stir until smooth. Set aside 1/2 cup for decorating. Add pretzel sticks to remaining chips; stir until coated. Scoop a small amount of mixture onto waxed paper; shape into a nest using two forks. Repeat, forming 25 nests. Dip bottom of Peep into reserved white chips; place in a nest. Add eggs to nests, securing with white chips. Repeat. Let stand until set.

# Entertainment!

PAMPA NEWS

## Catch 'Hunger Games' while it's still on; '21 Jump Street' hilarious

### The Hunger Games

★★★★★

Rated PG-13 for intense violent thematic material and disturbing images involving teens

Can't get away from "The Hunger Games" hype?

I couldn't either. It's OK. Just let it happen. It's a good thing.

"The Hunger Games" is hanging around the local cinema here in Pampa for at least another week, and if you haven't caught it yet, I highly suggest you do.

Based on the eponymous first book in the best-selling young adult series by Suzanne Collins, "The Hunger Games" tells the story of young Katniss Everdeen, a teenaged citizen of the fictional, dystopian country of Panem. Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) volunteers herself for the Hunger Games, a fight to the death between teenagers from each of Panem's 12 districts, to save her younger sister, who was originally chosen by blind draw.

From the poor, coal-mining 12th District, Katniss is joined by baker's son Peeta Mellark (Josh Hutcherson), a preek boy with surprising physical strength. With only one survivor crowned Hunger Games champion, Katniss and Peeta must overcome tremendous odds to make it through the competition as they vie not only for their district's bragging rights, but also for the right to return home alive.

Melodramatic? Sure. Unoriginal? Definitely. (Ever hear of Japanese film "Battle Royale" from back in 2000? It's about the exact same premise.) Still, there's quite a lot to like about "The Hunger Games," not the least of which is due to the young actors it features.

Lawrence, who punched her fast-track ticket to the A-list with an Oscar-nominated performance in 2010's "Winter's Bone," is spectacular as usual, radiating quiet, understated strength as the resourceful Katniss. She brings her now-trademark toughness and sincerity to the role, the latter of which is often lacking in a young actress, especially in a big budget offering like "The Hunger Games" with plenty of chances to chew up the scenery. (On a side note, does anyone else remember all the tromping over hillsides that she did in "Winter's Bone?" There's a lot more of the same here; I just really

want someone to put poor Lawrence in a movie where she's lounging on a really comfortable couch for like two hours straight.)

Hutcherson likewise is impressive, although most of his screen time is resigned to reserved, docile self-sacrifice. Liam Hemsworth, as erstwhile third wheel Gale Hawthorne, is worth a mention, too, though his character, at least without taking the inevitable sequels into consideration, is fairly unnecessary.

As far as the grownups go, Woody Harrelson shows up as Haymitch Abernathy, a former Hunger Games winner turned drunk mentor for Katniss and Peeta. He turns in a solid performance, as you'd expect, although his look (he looked like what Kurt Cobain would look like now if he were still around) is a little distracting. Rounding out the cast are Donald Sutherland, Wes Bentley, rocker Lenny Kravitz and the normally gorgeous Elizabeth Banks, who's so made-up here that she looks almost like Willem Dafoe. That's not a complaint, mind you, as her role calls for the paint job; if anything, I suppose it's impressive that they made her so hard to recognize.

I do have one bone to pick here: The directing. Gary Ross is no filmmaking newbie with credits like "Big," "Pleasantville," and "Seabiscuit" on his resume, but "The Hunger Games" is not his best work. It feels really overdirected at some points — too-long hallucination sequences, shaky close-ups, gratuitous sound effects — that really slow the action down. It's noticeable, to be sure, but nothing that really ruins the viewing experience.

"The Hunger Games" is a movie that never lets up in either intent or atmosphere. In that sense, it's very faithful to Collins' book, which is no "Harry Potter" but still stands up on its own merits. Like Potter, the series is sure to spawn multiple follow-ups. Whether the franchise will ultimately have legs is a legitimate question, but "The Hunger Games" is certainly a perfectly fine start.

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### 21 Jump Street

★★★★★

Rated R for crude and sexual content, perva-

sive language, drug material, teen drinking and some violence

"21 Jump Street" is probably best known for launching the career of a young lad named Johnny Depp. The series was a drama that followed a group of young-looking police officers who go undercover as high school and college students. The series was also known for tackling tough issues. Now, Hollywood, running out of ideas yet again, has gone back to that well and given us "21 Jump Street," the movie. However, this film is as far from the television series as one could get, and that's a great thing.

The film, co-written by Michael Bacall ("Scott Pilgrim vs. The World," "Project X") and star Jonah Hill, takes the concept and, acknowledging the absurdity of the situation, makes it the best comedy so far this year, and one of the funniest films of the past five years. Starring Hill and Channing Tatum, the movie begins seven years ago with the characters in high school, Hill's Schmidt the school loser, Tatum's Jenko the popular jock. Cut to the present and the two run back into each other in the police academy. Schmidt is smart, but not the most physical, and Jenko, while killing the physical challenges, has trouble with the written exams, which leads to a new friendship as the two help each other out with their weak-

nesses and essentially form a single competent cop.

Soon the duo get sent down to enroll in a new program that sees the duo back in high school. Through a mix-up, Schmidt becomes the cool kid and Jenko the geek. Their mission is to infiltrate the dealers, and find the supplier of a new super drug that has caused the death of one teen.

The film's plot is simple enough, but the amazing performances by all involved and the brilliant writing elevate the movie above and beyond most comedies. While all involved, including Hill, Dave Franco, Rob Riggle, Ice Cube, Jake Johnson and Bree Larson, do a wonderful job, it's Tatum that truly destroys it. His performance is a revelation, showing a comedian with great timing with a long comic career ahead of him. There's more to the laughs, too, and as with most comedies, it's hard to describe exactly what makes it so great.

For fans of the original series, there are also a number of wonderful moments that will reward you for your years of devotion. Overall, the film overcomes the stigma of being a remake of a "classic" and manages to become its own property, while still expanding on the original.

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