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PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
High 67 Low 41	High 70 Low 42	High 70 Low 45

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. West wind 15 to 20 mph becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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THE OFFICERS and Members of Pampa Masonic Lodge 966, Top O' Texas Lodge 1381 and Pampa Ind. School District invite you to the corner stone laying at the New Junior High Sch., Sat. May 1, 2010 at 2pm. The school will not be open for the public to view yet, that will come at a later date.

Obituaries

Donnie Ledbetter, 43

Pampa — Donnie Ledbetter, 43 died April 29, 2010 in Pampa.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Donnie was born June 3, 1966 in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident and graduated from Pampa High

School in 1984. He married Tammy Lynn Maennche on July 2, 2000. She preceded him in death on May 15, 2006. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He was employed by W&W Fiberglass and was a truck-driver for various oilfield related industries.

Survivors include five daughters, Britnee Ledbetter of Pampa, Kassie Ledbetter, Jaya Ledbetter, Kalli Tice and Danyel DeLeon, all of the home;

a son, A. J. Ledbetter of the home; fiancé, Regina Tice of the home; parents, Herman and Lois Ledbetter of Pampa; a sister, Kathy Brecht of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Taylor Huddleston of Pampa; and many nieces and nephews. Donnie was preceded in death by a brother: Ronnie Ledbetter on November 9, 2009.

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



Ledbetter

Judy Neslage, 70

Dallas — Judy Neslage, 70, died April 29, 2010 in Dallas.

Services are pending with Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Our beloved sister, aunt, friend and colleague, Judy, passed away at her residence in Presbyterian Village North in Dallas. Judy has endured many health problems over the past years; she always came back from these, but this time it was not to be. Her family and friends know that Judy is at peace and restored to health in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Judy was born in Ponca City, Okla., on October 22, 1939, to her parents, Dorothy and Fred Neslage. Judy was the eldest of eleven brothers and sisters. She loved her family and was very proud of them, loved to talk about them and all of their accomplishments. She doted on all of her nieces and nephews and regarded them as her own kids. They brought so much joy to her life. As her nieces and nephews married and brought their own children to visit, Judy embraced them and they learned to call her "Dodie," as their parents had before them. Family pictures always surrounded Judy. This feeling of family and being loved brought Judy much peace.

Judy received a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University and

a master's degree from The University of North Texas. She taught for several years in Pampa, prior to moving to Richardson where she became a member of the Richardson ISD staff. She was an educator for 42 years prior to retirement.

Judy served RISD in a variety of leadership roles: teacher, assistant principal, principal, and director. She began her career in RISD as a first grade teacher at Richardson Heights Elementary. Judy was chosen to go to Hamilton Park Pacesetter Elementary the first year their program began. She loved her days there and was very proud to have been a part of this innovative school. Judy also worked at Bowie Elementary, Brentfield Elementary, Spring Valley Elementary and Dartmouth Elementary, as well as at the Special Education Department where she served as director.

Judy received many accolades and honors while serving the RISD. Her proudest accomplishments were in being recognized as an advocate for children. She always had time for students, parents and staff—and always made them feel valued. Judy maintained friendships with many who worked with her over the years, and former students often visited her. Just recently, a former student brought his wife and children to visit. He wanted his family

to meet her as she had had such a positive impact on his life.

Judy possessed an amazing intellect and wit. She was called upon many times to be the keynote speaker at school district events and functions, and her speeches always had the audience laughing — no one could tell a story like Judy. Her ability to capture an audience was never more evident than the year she spoke to district personnel at the annual convocation prior to the beginning of the school year. The audience loved her, and she loved doing it.

Judy was named to Leadership Texas, an organization that recognized outstanding women leaders across the state of Texas. The time she spent in this organization was among her happiest. She made so many friends from across Texas, many of whom remained close friends throughout her life.

Her generous and caring spirit was a big part of Judy's personality. She was most generous with her time and resources to anyone in need, and always had an encouraging word or a shoulder to cry on—whatever would help. She cared deeply about her family, friends and everyone with whom she came in contact.

In the past few years, family, friends and colleagues were a constant presence in Judy's life.

Their visits, calls and cards brightened her days. Birthdays were really big with Judy—especially her own! She loved her last birthday when friends and family gathered with her to celebrate. Presents, flowers, cards and, of course, a crown for "The Queen" were all part of the celebration.

Judy felt fortunate to have a wonderful family who loved her and cared for her so much. Her family loved her unconditionally, as she did them. Her friends held a special place in her heart, as she did in theirs. She leaves a hole in the lives of many.

Her survivors include her brothers Fred, Bill, Bob, Tom, Terry and Tim Neslage, and her sisters Marion Gerome, Jean Wright and Patsy Urbanovsky, as well as many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her mom, dad, and brother, John.

In lieu of flowers, please submit donations* to: The Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter, 4300 MacArthur Avenue, Suite 245, Dallas, TX 75209 or Faith Presbyterian Hospice, 6100 Colwell Boulevard, Suite 225, Irving, TX 75039-3112.

*Please include Judy's name on your donation.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

AMBULANCE

Pampa Emergency Medical Services reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

At 8:59 a MICU unit responded to a call in the 400 block of Warren.


At 14:08 a MICU unit transported a patient from

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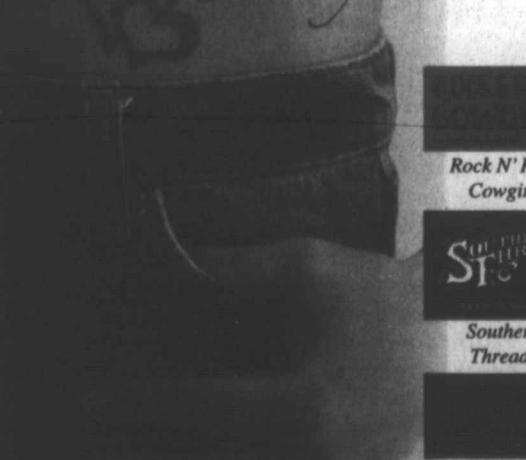
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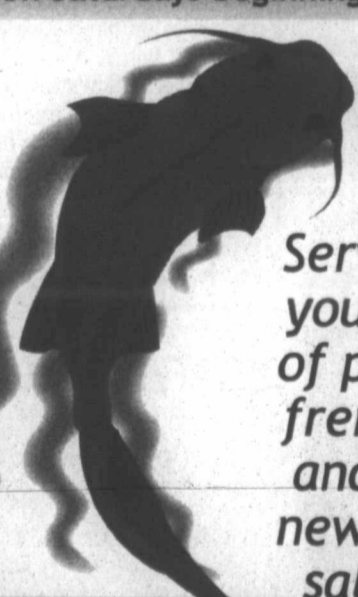
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Today in History

Today is Friday, April 30, the 120th day of 2010. There are 245 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1657 - English fleet defeats Spanish fleet off Santa Cruz, Bolivia.
- 1789 - George Washington is inaugurated as the first president of the United States.
- 1803 - The United States doubles in size with the purchases of the Louisiana Territory and New Orleans from France.
- 1824 - Crete, in rebellion against Turkey along with the rest of Greece, is captured by Egyptian allies of the Turks.
- 1881 - France invades Tunisia from Algeria on a pretext, and later establishes a protectorate.
- 1900 - Hawaii becomes a territory of the United States.
- 1919 - World War I peace conference grants German concession in Shantung, China, to Japan, whereupon China leaves the conference.
- 1945 - Adolf Hitler commits suicide in his Berlin bunker with his new wife, Eva Braun.
- 1948 - The Organization of American States holds its first meeting, in Bogota, Colombia.
- 1953 - People's Progressive Party wins first election in British Guyana.
- 1970 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces he has ordered American troops into action against Vietnamese Communist sanctuaries inside Cambodia, a move that sparks widespread protests.
- 1973 - U.S. President Richard Nixon announces the resignations of his aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, along with Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and White House counsel John Dean.
- 1975 - Vietnamese Communist troops take over Saigon, ending Vietnam War.
- 1977 - Argentina's Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo hold first weekly march to demand return of their disappeared children.
- 1986 - Soviet government says 197 people were hospitalized following Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster, that plant's reactor has been shut down and radiation levels are dropping.
- 1988 - College student hurls three homemade bombs into headquarters of President Roh Tae-Woo's governing party in Seoul, South Korea, and is arrested.
- 1990 - American hostage Frank Reed is released in west Beirut, Lebanon, after 3 1/2 years in captivity.
- 1991 - Cyclone hits Bangladesh, killing at least 125,000 people.
- 1993 - Tennis star Monica Seles, the world's No. 1 player, is stabbed with a kitchen knife in Hamburg, Germany, by a supporter of her German rival Steffi Graf.
- 1994 - Bosnian Serb soldiers attack British peacekeepers twice near Gorazde.
- 1995 - U.S. President Bill Clinton ends U.S. trade and investment with Iran, accusing the Tehran government of supporting terrorism.
- 1996 - In Liberia, shells and gunfire rip through central Monrovia and a diplomatic enclave. U.S. Marines shoot and kill three Liberians firing toward the U.S. Embassy.
- 1997 - An airlift starts to ship Rwandan refugees, trapped in Zaire and hunted by rebels, back to Rwanda.
- 1998 - Argentine police arrest Dinko Sakic, accused of committing atrocities while the commander of a concentration camp in Croatia during World War II.
- 2002 - The International Skating Union, figure skating's world governing body, suspends two French skating officials from the sport for three years after the two are implicated in a judging scandal at the Winter Olympic Games in February.
- 2004 - Ten countries join the European Union bloc in a historic enlargement that brings in a region separated for decades from the West by barbed wire and Soviet ideology. The EU's biggest expansion in its 47-year history adds the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia - along with Cyprus and Malta. Together, they boost the EU's population to 450 million people.
- 2005 - Insurgents unleash another day of deadly bombings in Iraq's capital and beyond, staging a series of assaults that kill at least 65 people over two days and appear timed to deflate hopes that the installation of the nation's first democratically elected government would curb spiking violence.
- 2006 - Nepal's Parliament calls for a cease-fire with communist rebels and elections for an assembly to rewrite the constitution.
- 2007 - A gasoline tanker crashes and bursts into flames near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in the U.S. state of California, creating such intense heat that a stretch of highway melts and collapses. The driver walks away from the scene with second-degree burns.
- 2008 - DNA tests carried out by a U.S. laboratory prove that remains exhumed last year belong to two children of Czar Nicholas II, Crown Prince Alexei and his sister, Maria, putting to rest questions about what happened to Russia's last royal family.
- 2009 - Iraq war formally ends for British forces as America's main battlefield ally hands control of oil-rich Basra area to U.S. commanders and prepares to ship out its remaining 4,000 troops.

Today's Birthdays:

- Casimir III The Great, Polish king (1310-1370); Jacques-Louis David, French artist (1748-1825); Carl Friedrich Gauss, German mathematician (1779-1855); Kaspar Hauser, German mystery youth (1812-1833); Corinne Calvet, French-born actress (1926-2001); Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden (1946-); Kristen Dunst, U.S. actress (1982-).

Thought For Today:

To die for a religion is easier than to live it absolutely - *Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine author (1899-1986)*



Letter to the editor

To the Editor,

Hmm, Pampa - We have a problem... My prayer for our Lord to drop an urban renewing tornado upon our little burg has not been answered.

There can be any number of reasons why God has not answered my prayer. First and foremost being, yours truly...

However, after sitting in the Pampa city commission's meeting in regard to the proposed ordinance against citizens parking vehicles upon their front lawns, I left with the knowledge that the Lord our God is perhaps waiting for those that govern Pampa to get it right before

he performs some natural urban renewal.

What perplexed me during the meeting is what came from the mouths of our public works manager and our code enforcement manager. In preparing his report to present to the city commission, the public works manager noted that when he drove around Pampa, he counted 200 violations - if an anti-front lawn parking ordinance was already law.

My immediate thought was why there is not an ordinance already in place? Two hundred violations would be a windfall for our city coffers! Aside from taxes, fines are an impor-

tant part of city revenue.

What our code enforcement officer said when adding his words to the discussion highlighted part of Pampa's problem. He said that if his office got a call about a code enforcement issue, that they act on the call post haste, and that is true.

However, he noted if they do not know a code is being violated, nothing will be done.

Acting on citizens complaints is always good for squeaky wheels. My question is why isn't he driving around the city seeking code violations and citing those offending existing ordinances?

I mean after all, Pampa is just one, possibly two yawns wide in any direction.

So, for a third time, I must imply, with the city ordinances that are and have been law for years - (ie, litters laws, parking on sidewalks, derelict vehicles on streets and lawns, run down houses and buildings, etc.) - why aren't they being enforced? What has city government accomplished to date to make us think any new ordinance on the books will ever be - continually enforced?

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

Crist's move ominous political trend

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Charlie Crist's departure from the Republican Party is not just a Florida story, it's an American story - a tale of two parties driven by their ideologues, squeezing out moderate candidates, alienating independent voters and isolating the place in U.S. politics where most things get done: the middle.

Crist, a populist governor with a history of bipartisanship, bolted the GOP on Thursday to run for the Senate as an independent. He did so only after it became clear that he would lose his party's primary to conservative purist Marco Rubio.

No matter who wins a three-way race in Florida, the factors that drove Crist from the GOP are a microcosm of broader political and social changes contributing to polarization.

"We have a deadlocked democracy," said Pat Buchanan, a conservative commentator and three-time presidential candidate. "Both parties, held hostage by their extremes, are incapable of tackling the issues that threaten this country."

Buchanan left the GOP for the Reform Party after he twice failed to win his party's presidential nomination.

Moderate Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut left the Democratic Party after losing a 2006 nomination fight to liberal Ned Lamont. He won re-election in an independent.

Sen. Arlen Specter quit the GOP last year as he faced a conservative challenge in Pennsylvania. He found a more welcoming home in the Democratic Party.

And now Crist. True, they abandoned their parties for purely

political reasons - to save their skins. But Lieberman, Specter and Crist had viable options outside their parties because so many voters feel disconnected from the Democratic and Republican establishments.

"Unfortunately our political system is broken," Crist said in an appeal to independent-minded voters in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Democratic consultant Steve McMahon calls these voters the "invisible middle" because parties care far less about them than hard-core liberals and conservatives. This is especially the case in nonpresidential election years like 2010, which tend to draw high percentages of partisan voters.

"Politicians are responding to the noisemakers of their party," said McMahon, who helped engineer the 2004 presidential campaign of liberal Howard Dean.

Dean's unsuccessful campaign brought to light one of the factors contributing to polarization: new technologies and media.

He launched his bid when the war in Iraq was highly popular. That was a political problem for the anti-war candidate until like-minded people began finding and organizing each other through websites such as Meetup.org.

Soon the anti-war minority became a vocal, unyielding majority. A generation ago, it would have taken much longer for people opposed to the war to realize they were hardly alone and could reshape the campaign agenda if they banded together.

Fast forward a few years to the explosion of blogs and the rise of partisan cable news channels and we're a national people who increasingly get their information from people who already agree with us. Facts become fungible.

Compromise become cowardice.

McMahon's firm recently conducted research that showed most young voters

get political information from Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" and

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"We're just trying to make the customer happy and trying to stay on top of everything," said Ferguson.

Apparently, they're doing a great job, as Easy's took the "Best Place to Get a Soda" award for the second straight year.

"That's exciting," said Ferguson. "We're glad to be recognized."

According to Ferguson, Easy's runs under a simple philosophy: good service and good sodas.

"We just try to take care of our customers and get them through as fast as we can," she said. "Sometimes, it gets kind of crazy, but we always do our best."

"Oh, and the drinks are delicious," she added. "(Steve) spoils people with the way that they taste."

Best Teacher:
Susan Parrish,
Pampa Junior High

Pampa Junior High eighth grade language arts teacher Susan Parrish, this year's "Best Teacher" of Gray County, certainly has no lack of experience.

Parrish taught in elementary school for several years before she moved up to Pampa Junior High.

"I taught for years at Lamar," Parrish

said. "A couple of years I taught a half day at Wilson and a half day at Travis in reading recovery. That wore on you after a while because it was one on one. I missed the classroom. I asked to go back to the classroom. I taught fourth grade a year or two. They needed a gifted and talented teacher at the middle school and asked if I would be interested."

Parrish said she likes getting to know the kids she teaches every year.

"It's difficult at first," Parrish said. "As the year progresses, they get to know you a little more and you get to know them. Get to really enjoy the differences in personalities and how they interplay with one another."

Parrish has a Bachelor of Science in Education from West Texas State University. She has certifications in all levels of speech and hearing therapy, endorsement all level classroom 1-8. ESL, endorsement regain recovery trained and gifted and talented.

Parrish has taught a total of 23 years in Pampa.



Best Place to Get Furniture:
Texas Furniture

When he was young, Texas Furniture's Judson Eddins didn't



staff photo by **Arnie Aurellano**

Judson Eddins shows off Texas Furniture's "Best Place to Buy Furniture" award among the many pieces for sale in the store's showroom.

envision himself coming back to Pampa to sell furniture when he was a kid.

"To be honest, it wasn't exactly what I aspired to," laughed Eddins. "But it was a family business and I just worked my way back into it."

Good for Pampa that Eddins, who now operates Texas Furniture with his father, Jack, came back to help continue the family legacy.

"It's all about good services, good prices and friendly staff," said Eddins. "When people come here, they know that they're going to get all of those things."

"We're here to be as helpful to our customers as we can be, and our customers know that they can find good deals on furniture here."

Eddins added that a reason why Pampa buys at Texas Furniture is that people know that the store is committed to the community.

"People want to buy here because they know we're here to stay," Eddins said.

"The original Texas Furniture has been in business since 1932," added Eddins, whose family took over the operation in the late 1970s.

"We've been here for a while, and we're not going anywhere."



Best Auto Body Shop:
Prestige

Chad and Amy Quarles may be listed as head of Prestige Auto Center,

but it's a family operation. Known for their body shop, Prestige is a relative new comer to the Pampa business community.

Chad, a 1991 graduate of Lefors High School, and Amy, a 1995 graduate of Pampa High School, are a hometown couple with deep roots in the community.

Chad was following in his family's footsteps when he went into the body shop business.

"Here I am," Chad said, standing in the showroom at Prestige surrounded by automotive equipment.

Amy, too, is following in a family tradition.

In fact, her father Larry Knutson runs the body shop at Prestige. Her brother Casey works at Prestige and her step brothers Ryan and Stephen McCarley also work there.

John Locke and father and son team Eugene and Jason Cray round out the Prestige crew.

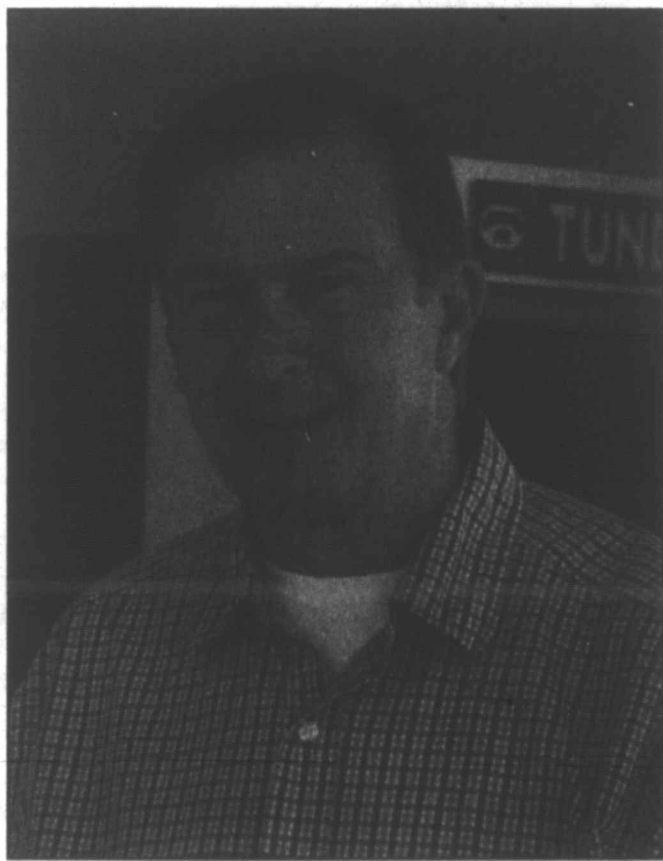
"We plan on staying here," Chad said.



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Susan Parrish, 2010's "Best Teacher" award winner, has taught for a total of 23 years in Pampa.

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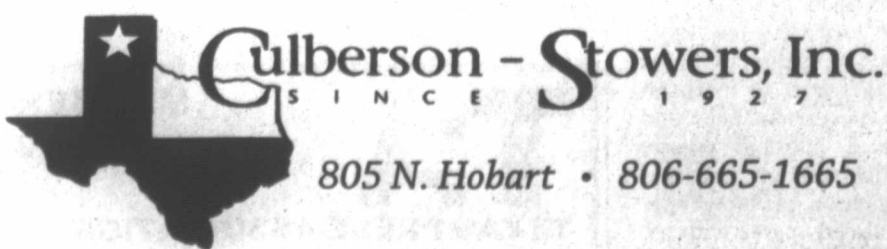


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Chad Quarles (left) poses with Casey Knutson and Larry Knutson at Prestige Auto at the corner of Foster and Hobart.



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TOP: Utility Tire's Steve Beckham was named 2010's "Best Mechanic" in Gray County. **BOTTOM: Hoagie's** took the award for best sandwich.



Best Place to Get Coffee:

The Coffee Shop

When Ron Nelson moved to Pampa from Montana to work for Celanese, he planned only to stay in the Texas Panhandle a couple of years. That was 30 years ago. "God had other plans for him," his wife, Pampa native Robin Nelson, said with a charming smile. Ron now has his own engineering firm, Open Range Engineering Services on Cuyler across the street from The Coffee Shop, which he and his wife own. "I traveled a lot with Celanese," Ron said, adding that he always enjoyed stopping at coffee shops wherever he went. "I like coffee." Eleven years ago in March, the time seemed right to open a coffee shop in Pampa. At the time there weren't any coffee shops in town although there were places one could buy a cup of coffee. They ended up buying the building where The Coffee Shop is now located on Cuyler and remodeling it. The rest, as they say, is history.



Best Mechanic:

Steve Beckham, Utility Tire

Walk into Steve Beckham's garage area at Utility Tire and Auto Repair and you have to ask yourself, "What economic downturn?" as you gaze at the full service bays and busy mechanics. "Business is picking up," says the owner. "A lot of people are not going out and buying new cars. They are fixing up what they have." Beckham, the self-described mechanic, owner and 'head coach,' says his business philosophy is simple: Be as fair as possible at a competitive price. "It's customer service, basically," he says. "People want to communicate. They don't want to just come in and hear, 'Here's my bill or here's my card.' They want it explained." Utility Tire has been at its present location (447 W. Brown St.) for three years, although Beckham has been a mechanic "going on 15 years." The company does all kinds of mechanic work on all makes of automobiles. "We want to keep people coming back and keep them on the road," Beckham says.



Best Sandwich:

Hoagies

Hoagies Deli, on the 1200 block of Hobart Street, was voted best sandwich in Gray County. Owner Shane Dyer said they have been in business for 14 years and their higher quality ingredients set them apart from competitors. "All of our breads are custom baked," Dyer said. "We use a higher quality deli meat." The sandwich Hoagies is most known for is their Philly Cheese Steak. "It's the sandwich people buy the most by far," Dyer said. The owner said they want to thank everyone who voted for them. "We are humbled and honored that they were chosen," Dyer said.



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Robin and Ron Nelson are the owners of The Coffee Shop on Cuyler in downtown Pampa, 2010's "Best Place to Get Coffee."

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Level: Intermediate

Sports

Two Pirates seniors competing in regional meet

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Trever Czubinski and Keenan Lott from Lefors

will be competing in the regional track meet May 2 and 3 in Levelland. Czubinski got third in

the triple jump at the area meet and Lott tied for first in the high jump April 13 at White Deer. Lott ended

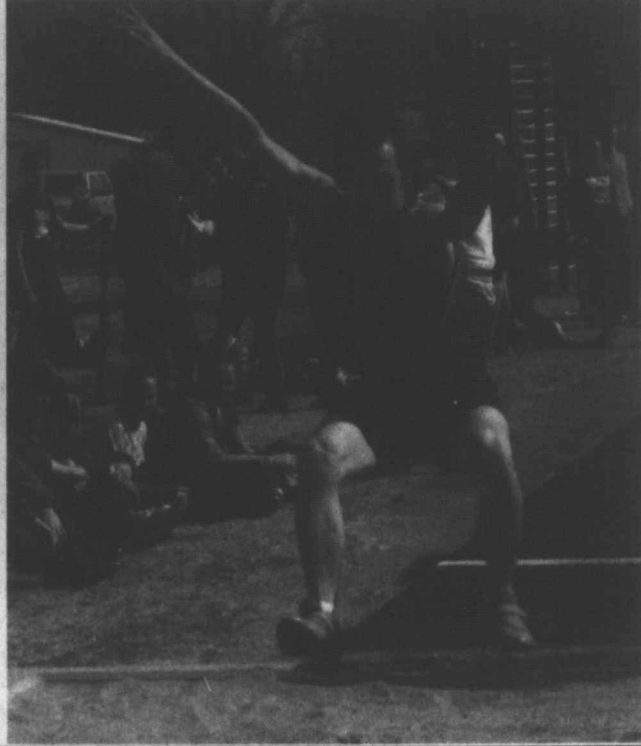
up getting second because he lost a tiebreaker. Head coach Joey Czubinski said both athletes are deserving.

"We have a monster area that we have to compete in every year with all those 11-man schools with 150 plus kids," Coach Czubinski said.

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Senior Keenan Lott (left) tries to make it over the bar in high jump during the Pirate Relays, at Lefors March 5. Senior Trever Czubinski (right) attempts his first jump in the long jump March 5 in the Pirate Relays at Lefors. Both Lott and Czubinski will compete in the regional meet May 3-4 in Levelland.

Good luck in regionals Keenan and Trever!!



City slow pitch softball and kickball league scores

Results - April 27, 2010

Softball	Snappy J&J Karts	Services/OCB - 12
Panhandle Meter - 15	Gayla Rigdon State Farm - 20	B&G - 16
OCB - 0	- 20	- 16
B&G - 18	Panhandle Meter - 25	Top O Texas/AMA Techtel - 7
Desperados - 9	Snappy Services/J&J Karts - 19	Top O Texas/AMA Techtel - 6
Gayla Rigdon State Farm - 12	Desperados - 11	

Mixed	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Panhandle Meter	0-0	6-0
Gayla Rigdon State Farm	0-0	4-2
Snappy Services/J&J Karts	0-0	4-2
Top O Texas/AMA Techtel	0-0	3-3
OCB	0-0	2-4
B & G	0-0	2-4
Desperados	0-0	0-6

Kickball 4-29-10 Results

Snapping Turtles - 8	Goode Angus - 3
Code Black - 13	Central Baptist - 5
NOV - 17	Team C B C - 3
Goode Angus - 8	Central Baptist - 3
First Baptist - 4	Organized Chaos - 3
Snapping Turtles - 15	Code Black - 2
First Baptist - 2	Team C B C - 1
NOV - 11	Organized Chaos - 10

Kickball Results from April 26, 2010 (Rained out April 15 and 22)

- Goode Angus - 12 Organized Chaos 0
- NOV-4 Central Baptist 1
- Snapping Turtles-18 Team CBC-3
- Snapping Turtles-10 Central Baptist-0
- First Baptist-5 Code Black-3
- Organized Chaos-6 Team CBC-4
- Code Black-5 Goode Angus-2
- First Baptist-6 NOV-5

Mixed	Conf. W-L	Overall W-L
Snapping Turtles	0-0	6-0
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NOV	0-0	5-1
Goode Angus	0-0	3-3
Code Black	0-0	2-4
Team CBC	0-0	1-5
Organized Chaos	0-0	1-5
Central Baptist	0-0	0-6

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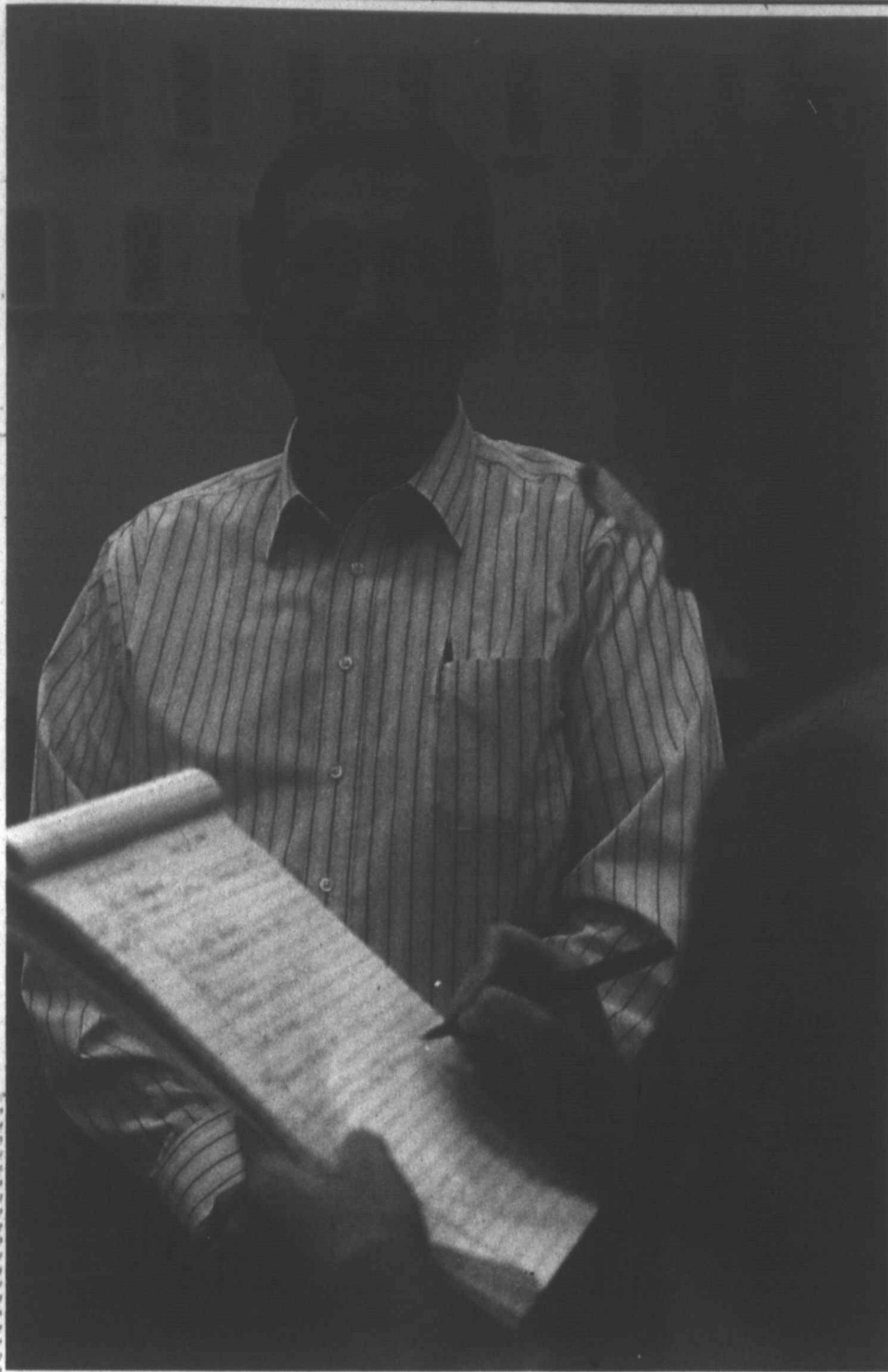
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Pampa City Manager Richard Morris talks with consultant Simone Kiel following the introduction of the new area groundwater plan Wednesday in Amarillo.

Water

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that would leave 50 percent of the water at the end of 50 years. One, the North Plains Groundwater District, adopted a rule that would leave 40 percent of the water in the four western counties of the district at the end of 50 years, and would leave 50 percent of the water in the eastern counties of the district at the end of 50 years.

The fourth district, Hemphill County Underground Water District, would retain 80 percent of their water at the end of 50 years.

Marty Jones, an Amarillo lawyer representing Dallas billionaire and Roberts County rancher T. Boone Pickens and Hemphill County ranchers George Arrington in a lawsuit against the Texas Water Development Board over Desired Future Condition of the aquifer in Hemphill County, suggested the water planning group retain their 50-50 rule rather than change it to an 80-50-40 rule, the three different Desired Future Conditions in the Groundwater Management Area.

Jones said that the Texas Water Development Board figures show an average of all the Desired Future Conditions in the counties in the panhandle water planning group would be 49 percent of the water left at the end of 50 years.

Other comments can be filed with the Panhandle Water Planning Group, Attn: Kyle G. Ingham, Local Government Services Director, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105.

New drilling on hold due to oil spill

MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER (AP) — Oil from a massive spill in the Gulf of Mexico oozed into Louisiana's ecologically rich wetlands Friday as storms threatened to frustrate desperate protection efforts. The White House put a hold on any new offshore oil projects until safeguards are in place to prevent rig explosions like the one that caused the spill.

Boats patrolled coastal marshes early Friday looking for areas where the oil has flowed in, the Coast Guard said, and the state of Louisiana diverted thousands of gallons of fresh water from the Mississippi River to try to flush out the wetlands, though that effort was being hampered by wind.

The Louisiana National Guard prepared to send communication equipment, boats, all-terrain vehicles and other equipment to help.

The National Weather Service predicted winds, high tides and waves through Sunday that could push oil deep into the inlets, ponds and lakes that line the boot of southeastern Louisiana. Seas of 6 to 7 feet were pushing tides several feet above normal toward the coast, compounded by thunderstorms expected in the area Friday.

An animal rescue operation at Fort Jackson, about 70 miles southeast of New Orleans, had its first patient Friday, a young northern gannet found offshore.

The bird is normally white with a yellow head and long, pointed beak but was covered in thick, black oil. Workers with Delaware-based Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research used Dawn blue dishwashing soap to scrub it.

Volunteers started arriving in Venice, La., though there wasn't much for them to do because the weather was so bad. About two dozen workers in hard hats and lifejackets were stuck on shore at a marina, lounging on small work boats, some laden with boom, ready to go to work. Some smoked cigarettes and spat sunflower seeds as they waited for assignments.

Volunteer Valerie Gonsoulin, a 51-year-old kayaker from Lafayette who wore an "America's Wetlands" hat, said she hoped to help spread containment booms to hold back the oil.

"I go out in the marshes three times a week. It's my peace and serenity," she said. "I'm horrified. ... I've been sitting here watching that NASA image grow and it grows. I knew it would hit every place I fish and love."

President Barack Obama on Friday directed that no new offshore oil drilling leases be issued unless rigs have new safeguards. Obama ordered Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to report within 30 days on what new technologies are needed.

"We are making sure any leases going forward have those safeguards," said Obama at a White House Rose Garden event. He recently lifted a drilling moratorium for many offshore areas, including the Atlantic and Gulf.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon approved the use of two Air Force planes to dump chemicals on the oil spill, which civilian planes have already been doing.

The Navy also sent equipment for the cleanup, and Pentagon officials were talking with the Department of Homeland Security to figure out what other help the military could give.

Obama reassured Gulf Coast communities that the federal government is "fully prepared" to meet its responsibilities to them as the spill gets worse.

The leak from a blown-out well a mile underwater is five times bigger than first believed. More than 200,000 gallons of oil a day are spewing from the site of the rig, which was operated by BP and owned by Transocean Ltd. It sank two days after the explosion.

The Coast Guard is working with BP to deploy floating booms, skimmers and chemical dispersants, and has set controlled fires to burn the oil off the water's surface.

Faint fingers of oily sheen began reaching the Mississippi River delta late Thursday, lapping the Louisiana shoreline in long, thin lines. Thicker oil was farther offshore. Officials have said they would do everything to keep the Mississippi River open to traffic.

The Coast Guard defended the federal response so far. Asked on all three network television morning shows Friday whether the government has done enough to push oil company BP PLC to plug the underwater leak and protect the coast, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara said the response led by the Coast Guard has been rapid, sustained and has adapted as the threat grew.

Brice-O'Hara was also asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" about the possibility of dispersing chemicals about a mile beneath the surface to break up oil. She replied: "That is a technology that is in new stages. We are working closely with our scientific support from NOAA, and there will be careful scrutiny. But if it has applicability, which we think it does, we want to get that in place very quickly."

Wind

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focus is shifting to moving that energy downstate.

The seminar Thursday focused on transmission lines that will soon be built to connect panhandle wind farms to electric grids in other parts of the state.

Cameron Fredkin with Cross Texas Transmission, one of the utilities selected by the State of Texas to move the wind-generated power south and east to the statewide electric grid, explained that Monday his company would propose several power line routes from a substation south of Lefors to Childress. In months to come, he said, other legs of the network including power lines through Silverton and White Deer would be presented to the PUC.

Pampa lawyer Ken Fields asked Fredkin whether care was being taken to protect the Lesser Prairie Chicken, a candidate species for listing as an endangered or threatened species.

One of the routes proposed by Cross Texas Transmission would

cross Fields ranch in Wheeler County, a prospect to which Fields objects.

Fredkin said that the Public Utility Commission would take such questions into consideration in deciding upon a final route for the power lines.

Mark Meyer with Sharyland Utilities outlined routes his company is proposing from White Deer, Silverton, Nazareth and Hereford to the downstate electrical grid.

Pat Bourne with the Southwest Power Grid said there are alternative routes to take the wind-generated electricity in the panhandle to Oklahoma and Kansas.

Frank Barbera with Tres Amigas explained that the three major power grids in the nation all come together in this area.

Tres Amigas is a proposed power super station near Clovis, N.M., that could connect the three national grids. It would have the ability, Barbera said, to convert direct current to alternating current and back again and make the current in one

grid compatible to the other grids for transmission purposes.

The Tres Amigas station is presently going through an environment assessment, but Barbera said he expects construct to start on the super station in a year to a year-and-a-half.

Harald Dirdal, a Norwegian with Scandia Wind, spoke at the seminar concerning a proposed wind farms in the western and northwestern panhandle that he projects will ultimately feed electric power through Tres Amigas for use in other parts of the nation.

Audie Sciombato with the Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo talked to the gathering about landowner considerations in the growing wind energy field.

This is the second year that Class 4 Winds has sponsored a wind energy seminar, and Swope said that the organization would continue to promote wind energy in the panhandle and keep landowners updated on the industry.

Trend

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"The Colbert Report," mock news shows with a liberal bent.

"As a Democrat that sounds great," McMahon said, "but as an American, that's scary, because a lot of them think those shows are news."

Another contributor is the fact that both parties work hard - often in concert - to draw congressional districts so that most lawmakers represent areas that are heavily Republican or Democratic. This gerrymandering is designed to protect incumbents but, as technology makes the practice more precise, it also favors hyper-partisan candidates.

Also fueling the trend: Money.

Special interest groups on both sides of the partisan divide - say, anti-tax groups on the right and abortion-rights groups on the left - raise the most money when there is a fight over their issue. So they pick fights.

Incumbents who cross swords with their party's interest groups will find their fundraising drying up or even face a well-funded primary rival.

Record numbers of people tell pollsters they are independents. The public's approval of both parties is at an all-time low. Will more politicians follow voters out of

the major parties?

Yes, said McMahon: "There is a market for independent candidates that Joe Lieberman capitalized on and Charlie Crist seized, so there will be others who explore that market."

To be sure, Republicans seem more likely than Democrats this year to impose purity tests and struggle through divisive primaries. And Democrats can point to more moderates in Congress than the GOP could.

But there is no doubt that both parties are drawing ideological lines in bright colors.

Take one of the nation's most pressing issues - the debt. The two most logical ways to avoid a financial collapse like the one facing Greece is to raise taxes and/or slash entitlement programs. Conservatives won't do the former and liberals won't do the latter.

And so it's a fair question to ask in the wake of Crist's decision: Is there a will or a way for compromise? In this political climate, is America willing - much less able - to make hard choices and sacrifice?

"It's much bigger than Florida. It's much bigger than politics," said McMahon, a concerned Democrat and citizen. "It's what's happening in America."

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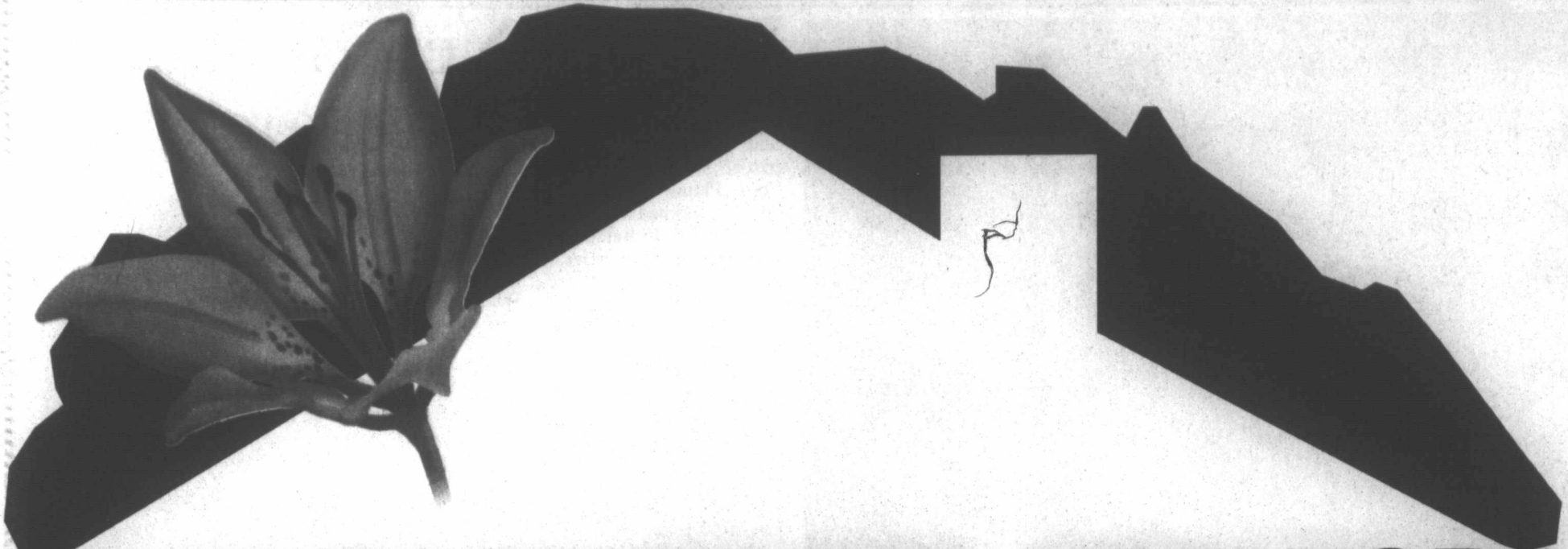
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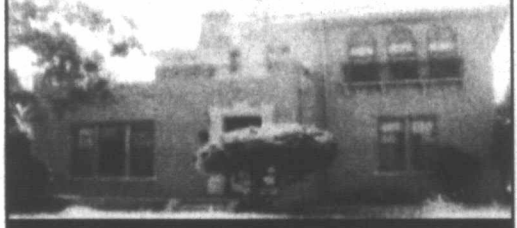


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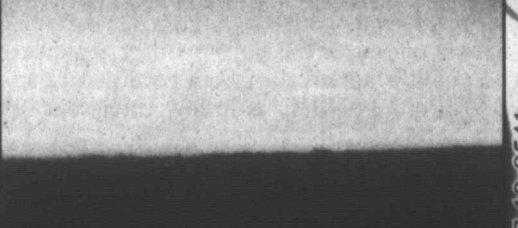
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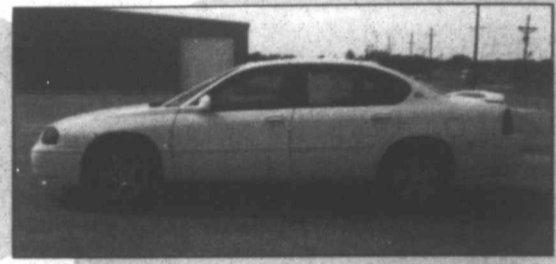
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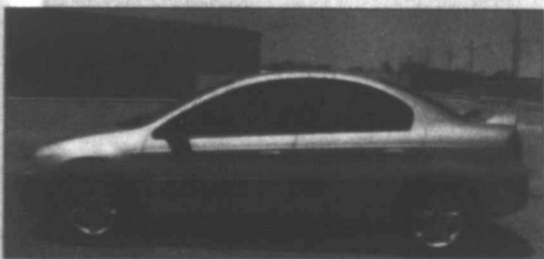
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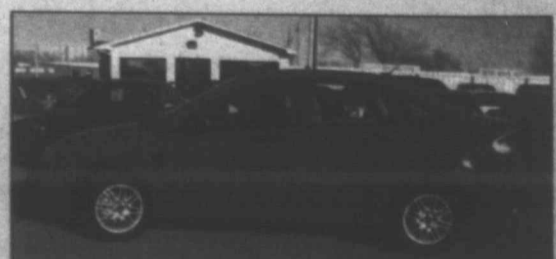
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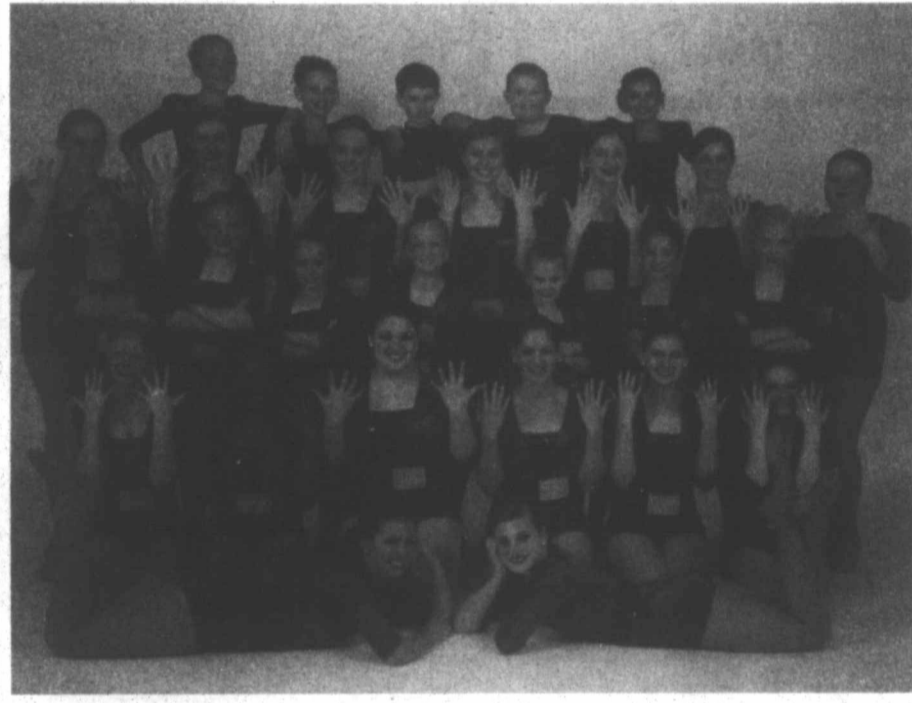
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Front row, from left - Lillian Palomares, Gracey Durham, Mika Bell, Halie West, Joseph Munsell, Jacey Baten, Blayke Breeding, Avery Lynn, Madeline Underwood, Kaitlyn Roberson. Second row, from left - Elysa Clements, Jenna Munsell, Haley Macina, Jenna Gee, Caylee Steward, Danielle Zuniga. Back row, from left - Olivia Tyler, Edy Brainard, Ashley Williams, Kirrah Powell, Ashton Standerfer, Marlee Richardson



Opening Number

Front row, from left - Ashton Standerfer, Marlee Richardson. Second row, from left - Elysa Clements, Kirrah Powell, Danielle Zuniga, Haley Macina, Jacie Ketcherside, Olivia Tyler. Third row, from left - Kaleigh McIntosh, Kaitlyn Roberson, Audrey Cotton, Halie West, Mika Bell, Gracey Durham, Blayke Breeding. Fourth row, from left - Kendra Lowery, Jenna Munsell, Caylee Steward, Katelin Stafford, Jenna Gee, Ashley Williams, Edy Brainard. Fifth row, from left - Madeline Underwood, Jacey Baten, Joseph Munsell, Jana Shults, Avery Lynn.



Friday 4-5 Class

Front Row, from left - Sidda Thomas, Elizabeta Rodriguez. Back row, from left - Hannah Wood, Xitlaly Patino, Anastazia Grimes, Reagan Dyer, Heather Wood.



Friday 5-6 Class

Front row, from left - McKenzie Woods, Carrie Glaesman. Back row, from left - Kendyll Roberson, Autumn Woods, Ariel Lacher, Dallas Vaughn, Brooklyn Smith

Thornberry to serve on new group

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) has tapped Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) to serve on the new National Security Solutions Group, which will develop and advocate better policy solutions to the national security challenges the country faces. The group is part of the House GOP's efforts to create a "governing agenda" to deal with America's most pressing issues.

"I believe that the first job of the federal government is to defend America so I am honored to join the National Security Solutions Group," said Thornberry.

"People tell me every day that we need realistic, common-sense policies to deal with a whole variety of issues, including current and future threats we face at home and abroad. With the help of the American people, this group will create the kinds of proposals to make America safer and more secure moving forward," he continued.

The National Security Solutions Group will complement and support the work of the Chief Deputy Whip Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

Members of the GOP National Security Solutions Group include:

Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-CA), Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-MI), Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Rep. Jerry Lewis (R-CA), Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX), Rep. Michael Conaway (R-TX), Rep. Charles Dent (R-PA), Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ), Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI), Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL), Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC), Rep. Hal Rogers (R-KY), Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA), Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), and Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA).

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DEAR ABBY: My fiancée, "Cheryl," and I are in our early 30s and recently made an extremely difficult decision. We decided to terminate her pregnancy at six weeks. Cheryl's sister "Nicki" — my future sister-in-law — is opposed to abortion and now no longer wants to talk to me or have anything to do with me.

I have tried reaching out to Nicki to explain the reasons for our decision, but it has fallen on deaf ears. Should I continue asking her for forgiveness, or have I done enough already? This is causing Cheryl a great deal of pain, and I don't believe that it's fair for Nicki to punish me for a personal family decision. Please let me know your thoughts. — CHERYL'S FIANCEE IN PHOENIX

DEAR FIANCEE: So how did Nicki get inserted in the middle of something that was none of her business in the first place? Surely, she didn't have a vote. Nicki is entitled to her feelings, but she has no right to punish you for a decision that was arrived at by both you and her sister. And the person

to make that crystal clear to Nicki is Cheryl, not you, so stop apologizing.

The decision to terminate a pregnancy is an extremely sensitive one and never one that is taken lightly. Every decision has consequences, and I am sure that you and your fiancée accepted that when you made yours.

DEAR ABBY: Many senior citizens, including me, never get a phone call, visit or e-mail from our children or grandchildren. They say they're too busy with school, sports, etc. I say baloney!

Is this present generation so narcissistic that all they can think of is themselves? Your answer will go to many, many seniors who would like some communication once in a while. — WAITING BY THE PHONE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

DEAR WAITING: There are far more constructive and rewarding things to do with your time than wait fuming by your phone because you feel you're not receiving enough attention. One of them would be to reach out and contact your

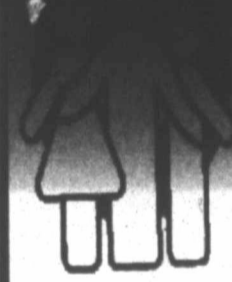
children and grandchildren yourself. Others include getting out of your house, volunteering at a hospital (a pediatric ward, perhaps?), library, animal rescue or your political party — ANYTHING but sit around feeling angry and isolated.

There is more pressure on families today than at any time I can remember. Many teens are so overscheduled and pressured to succeed they don't get enough sleep. So please try to judge them less harshly.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a computer programmer. When he calls me from work I can hear him typing on his keyboard. I find this as rude as people texting while they're in the company of others. My husband thinks it is just fine and becomes angry if I mention it. What do you think? — ANNOYED IN IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ANNOYED: I think that when your husband is working, he should devote his full attention to the job he's being paid to do. And as accomplished as your husband may think he is at multitasking, it is unfair to his boss to chat you up on company time. He should be making his personal calls during his breaks — away from his computer.

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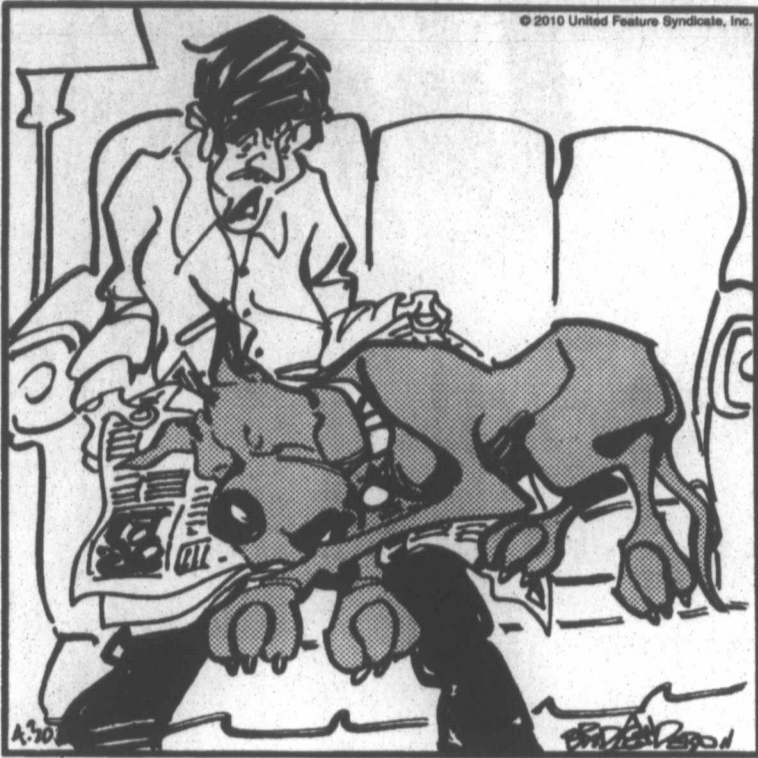
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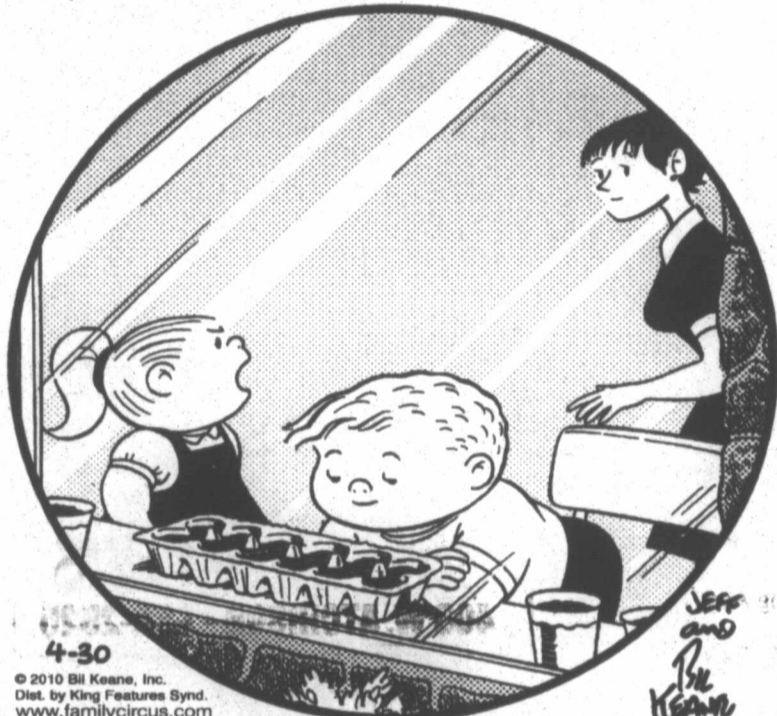
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- ACROSS**
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 - 5 Foot-wiping spots
 - 9 Up in the air
 - 11 Blow one's top
 - 13 Sample
 - 14 "Casa-blanca" co-star
 - 15 Hosp. sections
 - 16 Escorted through the door
 - 18 In love
 - 20 "— a deal!"
 - 21 Snide look
 - 22 Dandling spot
 - 23 Wander
 - 24 Whopping
 - 25 Criticize harshly
 - 27 Sound-related
 - 29 According to
 - 30 Arthur's son
 - 32 U-235, e.g.
 - 34 Paddle's kin
 - 35 Chimney parts
 - 36 Mistreat
- DOWN**
- 1 Board victories
 - 2 Dis-tresses
 - 3 Dis-cussing
 - 4 Toward the stern
 - 5 Noggin
 - 6 In — (lined up)
 - 7 Changing for the better
 - 8 Pixie
 - 10 Tried out
 - 12 Uptight
 - 17 That lady
 - 19 Squad
 - 22 Consid-erate
 - 24 God of the north wind
 - 25 — up (neaten)
 - 26 Singer Uggams
 - 27 Outdo
 - 28 Rented
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 - 33 Started a hole
 - 37 Book-jacket item

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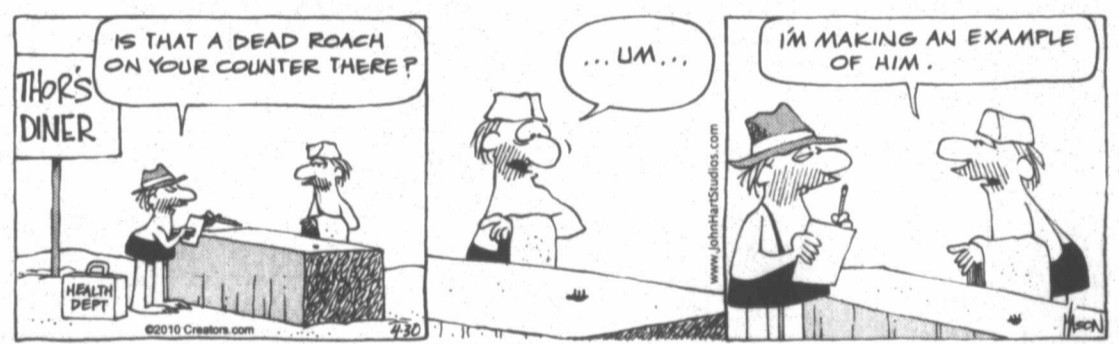
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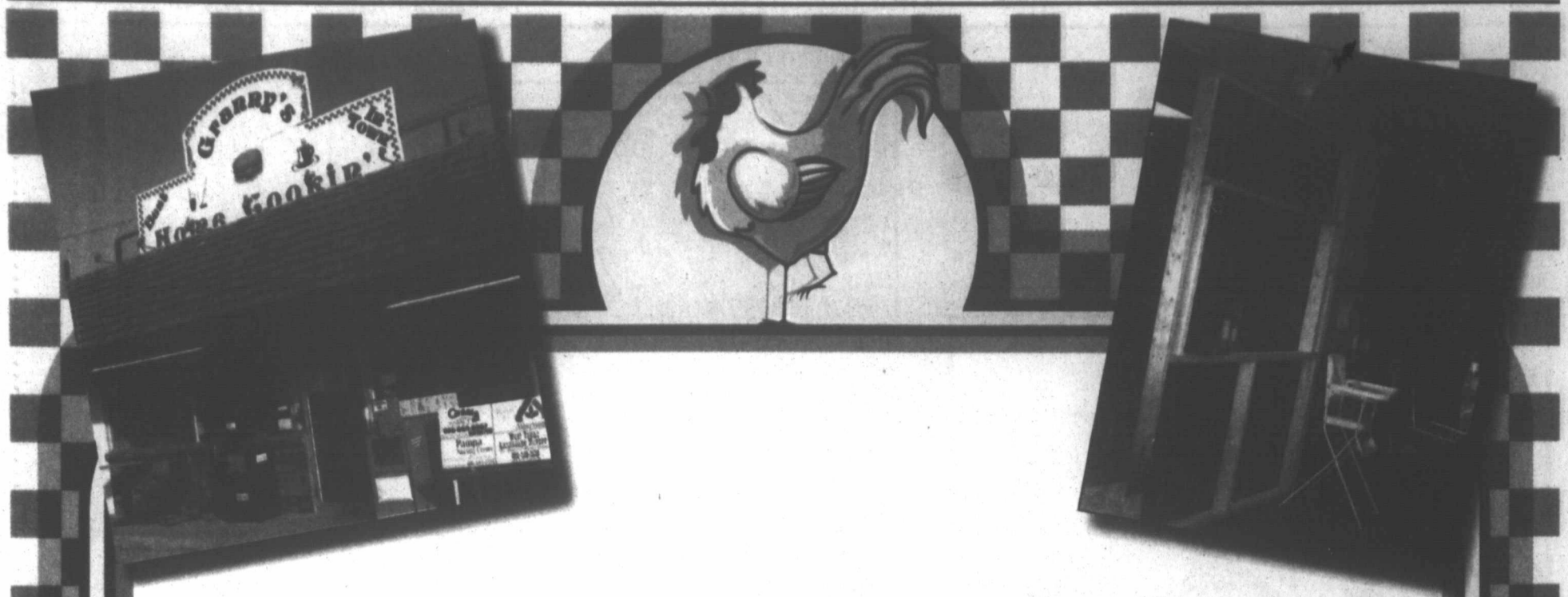


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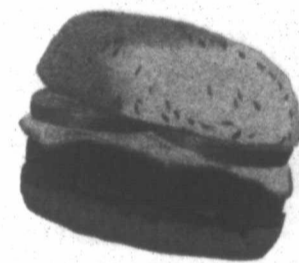
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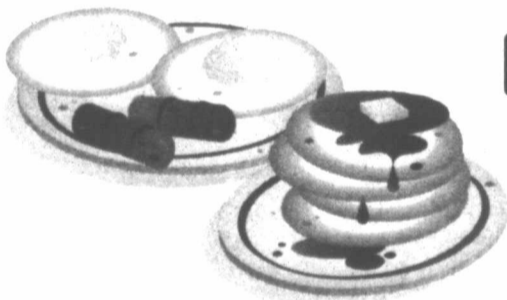
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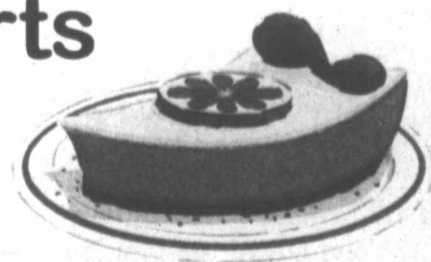
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