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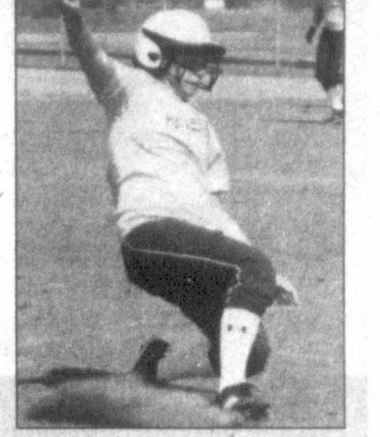
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A TOUGH LOSS, A GREAT RUN



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**

A dejected Pampa High School softball team walks off the field after a season-ending 7-3 loss to Kennedale in Wichita Falls. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 8A.

Early voting numbers lower than expected

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Despite an election loaded with local flavor on many levels, turnout for the first week of early voting was surprisingly low, according to Gray County Election Administrator Linda Lewis.

The Gray County Election Office received 787 in-person voters to go along with 267 ballots in the mail, according to Lewis.

"I think we're all feeling that the numbers are kind of low in respect to what kind of election we're having," Lewis said. "We've got a lot of local races that are pretty important, and then of course the primary. We're thinking as a whole that the numbers are a little lower than what we were anticipating."

The turnout numbers themselves, Lewis added, are not particularly offline with previous years, but she said that the election office expected more attendance at the polls given the gravity of the races involved and a pair of Pampans (Mac Smith for the House and Warren Chisum for the Railroad Commission) up for state office.

"They're not hugely off," Lewis said. "As **VOTING** cont. on page 5A

RODEO REGISTRY



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

Pampa firefighter **Gregg Weston** engraves a bike during Saturday's Bike Rodeo at Central Park.

Dumas musician Welch to perform at Guthrie center in June



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

Singer/songwriter **Welch** of Dumas will play at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on June 14.

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Folk singer/songwriter Jill Welch, who grew up in Dumas and will be coming to Pampa's Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center next month, has come full circle.

After working eight years in Nashville as a staff songwriter, then spending time in the Dallas area and Los Angeles, she returned to her Panhandle roots about two and a half years ago.

As a staff songwriter for Ronnie Milsap's publishing company, Welch performed around Nashville and released an album in 1997. While songwriting, she usually starts with a concept or lyrics.

"It's either a hook line or the first line of the song," she said. "Usually, the skeleton of the song falls out immediately, and then I'm a big editor."

Welch found herself slightly disenchanted with the music industry, when she had the opportunity to play and record with friends in Champaign, Illinois.

"These musicians talked about music and interacted through music like people talk about good books, so it wasn't about getting record deals," she said. "It was about enjoying an album, enjoying a song like you would enjoy a good book. I just thought, 'I've got to get out of Nashville. I've got to get to where (music is) a community and an experience'"

Welch also felt reunited with her love for music while playing a show in the Dallas area.

"There was a band out there that had a gig over Christmas, and asked if I would front the band," she said. "I went back, and played all these songs that I played just because I loved them, not necessarily because someone from Nashville was looking or caring whether it was **WELCH** cont. on page 5A

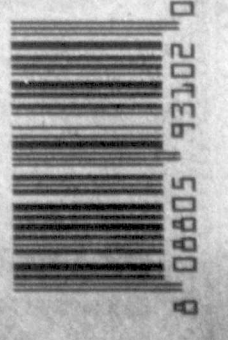
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Today	Friday	Saturday
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Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Breezy, with a south southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Study: 2,000 convicted, then exonerated

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 2,000 people who were falsely convicted of serious crimes have been exonerated in the United States in the past 23 years, according to a new archive compiled at two universities.

There is no official record-keeping system for exonerations of convicted criminals in the country, so academics set one up. The new national registry, or database, painstakingly assembled by the University of Michigan Law School and the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law, is the most complete list of exonerations ever compiled.

The database compiled and analyzed by the researchers contains information on 873 exonerations for which they have the most detailed evidence. The researchers are aware of nearly 1,200 other exonerations, for which they have less data.

They found that those 873 exonerated defendants spent a combined total of more than 10,000 years in prison, an average of more than 11 years each. Nine out of 10 of them are men and half are African-American.

Nearly half of the 873 exonerations were homicide cases, including 101 death sentences. Over one-third of the cases were sexual assaults.

DNA evidence led to exoneration in nearly one-third of the 416 homicides and in nearly two-thirds of the 305 sexual assaults.

Researchers estimate the total number of felony convictions in the United States is nearly a million a year.

The overall registry/list begins at the start of 1989. It gives an unprecedented view of the scope of the problem of wrongful convictions in the United States and the figure of more than 2,000 exonerations "is a good start," said Rob Warden, executive

director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions.

"We know there are many more that we haven't found," added University of Michigan law professor Samuel Gross, the editor of the newly opened National Registry of Exonerations.

Counties such as San Bernardino in California and Bexar County in Texas are heavily populated, yet seemingly have no exonerations, a circumstance that the academics say cannot possibly be correct.

The registry excludes at least 1,170 additional defendants. Their convictions were thrown out starting in 1995 amid the periodic exposures of 13 major police scandals around the country. In all the cases, police officers fabricated crimes, usually by planting drugs or guns on innocent defendants.

Regarding the 1,170 additional **EXONERATED** cont. on page 3A

Obituaries

Betty Jo "BJ" Chestnut Hill, 80

Betty Jo "BJ" Chestnut Hill, 80, died Saturday, May 19, 2012, in Pampa after a two-year battle with cancer. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Betty was an only child born to Aaron "Ace" and Sadie Johnson Chesnut on February 3, 1932 in Oklahoma City. She graduated from Darrouzett High School in 1949 at age 17 and had been a resident of Pampa since 1961. She worked in the food and beverage business in Pampa, and many will remember her from the Coronado Inn, Sandy's Lounge, the WW Sports Bar, and the Pampa Country Club. Betty had been a resident of Pampa Manor Apartments Senior Complex since 2005 and leaves many friends there. Her pastimes were reading, word puzzles, watching movies, and watching NCIS and other detective shows. Her favorite actor was John Wayne.



Hill

She is survived by her six children: Belinda Stafford and husband John, Aaron and wife Debbie, and Timothy Hill and wife Tammy, all of Pampa; Richard Hill of Corpus Christi; Harvey Hill of La Porte; and Kelly Jo Hill of Dickinson; 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and her loyal companion, Molly B., her 10-year-old English bulldog.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will receive friends at 2722 Cherokee. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Lee Etta Ledford, 76

SKELLYTOWN — Lee Etta Ledford, 76, died Sunday, May 20, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ledford was born April 23, 1936 in Nickerson, Kansas and had been a resident of Skellytown for over 50 years. She worked as a salad cook for Furr's Cafeteria in Pampa for 27 years, retiring in 1999. Lee was a member

of First Baptist Church of Skellytown.

She is survived by three daughters: Karen Williams and husband Walt and Brenda Madden and husband Bruce, all of Pampa, and Marcy Ruth and husband Randy of Skellytown; two sons: Mike Ledford and wife Chris of Pampa and Wendell Ledford of Skellytown; 16 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.



Ledford

She preceded in death by her parents, Nelson and Etta Mae Starks, a daughter, Patty Smith in 2004, a granddaughter, Krystal Roby in 1978, and by seven sisters and three brothers.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 6600 Killgore, Suite 110, Amarillo, TX 79106 or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

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

Stephanie Dawn Harrah-Mooney, 38

WHITE DEER — Stephanie Dawn Harrah-Mooney, 38, died Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Mrs. Mooney was born Aug. 17, 1973 in Odessa. She moved to White Deer as a young girl and was a 1991 graduate of White Deer High School. She attended Frank Phillips College in Borger and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education from West Texas A & M University in Canyon. Stephanie married Daniel Mooney on July 21, 2001 in Borger. She taught 5th grade at Skellytown Elementary School and was a professor at Frank Phillips College. She was a member of White Deer United Methodist Church. Stephanie loved the outdoors where she loved to fish and ride horses and motorcycles. She will be remembered as a uniquely positive person who put love and humor in everyone's lives.

She is survived by her husband Daniel Mooney of the home; three sons: Colton, Mason and Aydan Mooney, all of White Deer; a brother: Terry Harrah and wife Lori of White Deer; five nephews: Brian Sanders and Codie Harrah, both of White Deer, Daniel Huckaby and wife Kayla of Brentwood, Tenn., David Huckaby of Haslet, and Ashton Vitela of Dallas; four nieces: Cali Hudson and husband Trey of Oklahoma City, Okla., Darcie Huckaby of Haslet, Victoria Mooney of Wichita Falls and Allison Mooney of Phoenix, Ariz.; mother-in-law: Sue Warren and husband Lyndel of Ransom Canyon; father-in-law: Robert Mooney of Amarillo; brother-in-law: Robert Mooney, II of Amarillo; three sisters-in-law: Catherine Huckaby and husband Shea of Haslet, Kristian Mooney of Amarillo, and Mandy Vitela and husband Fernando of Dallas; and by her special cat, Hemi.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Children's Miracle Network.

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Robber jailed, victim burned

GARLAND (AP) — A suspect is jailed in after the robbery of a suburban Dallas gas station and burning of its 76-year-old female clerk.

A police statement says the incident happened in Garland Sunday morning. Two Garland officers were across the street when they saw a flash inside the station, drove to the station and saw a woman emerge on fire. After the fire was extinguished, the woman told officers she'd been robbed, doused with a liquid and set afire.

Then, police received reports of a man breaking into houses near the station. Police believe the man officers found is their robbery suspect. He's in Garland city jail Sunday awaiting charges.

Police say the woman is in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas with burns to 40 percent of her body.

Car strikes children, two killed

EL PASO (AP) — A car slammed into four children who were walking down an El Paso street, killing two and injuring two others.

A police statement says the four children were walking south on Dyer Street — U.S. Business 54 — near Fort Bliss in far northeastern El Paso when a southbound car swerved into them from behind for unknown reasons.

The 27-year-old Horizon City man at the wheel stopped and rendered aid and wasn't charged. The police statement says neither speed nor alcohol is suspected as a factor in the accident.

Killed were 3-year-old Jonathan Macias and 8-year-old Anne Marie Harrelson, both of El Paso. Eleven-year-old Guadalupe Macias and 15-year-old Fabian Harrelson, both of El Paso, were taken to University Medical Center.

A hospital supervisor declined to release their conditions Sunday.

Small tremor shakes east Texas

CENTER (AP) — A slight earthquake was registered in east Texas near the Louisiana border, four days after a sharper shock struck the area.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports a 2.7 magnitude quake was registered about 1:30 p.m. Sunday just over a mile south of the town of Timpson, 152 miles east-southeast of Dallas. A dispatcher for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in nearby Center said no damage or injuries were reported.

A moderate, 4.3-magnitude earthquake had rattled the area early Thursday.

A Shelby County sheriff's dispatcher that morning reported fallen dishes and broken windows from the quake, but the only injury was an elderly woman who fell out of bed and cut her arm.

POW buried 61 years later

LOCKNEY (AP) — Army Cpl. David Lawrence Catlin of Lockney has finally been laid to rest in his West Texas hometown more than 60 years after he died in a North Korean prisoner-of-war camp.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports Catlin was buried on Saturday with full military honors in Lockney, a town of about 1,900 residents 45 miles northeast of Lubbock.

A Defense Department statement says Catlin was 19 when Chinese forces overwhelmed his unit at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea in December 1950. He died several months later of malnutrition while a Chinese captive.

His remains were among those of more than 200 U.S. servicemen received from North Korea between 1991 and 1994. He was identified last month.

USPS shifts away from Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service says it is shifting operations from a north Fort Worth processing plant to Coppell as part of a nationwide consolidation plan.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that the outgoing operations would be shifted by July or August. Mail will still be sorted at the Jack D. Watson Fort Worth Processing Distribution Center.

Postal Service spokesman Sam Bolen said he could not say how the plan will affect the 1,200 employees who work three shifts at the north Fort Worth plant.

The financially strapped agency said Thursday that it is moving forward with a multibillion-dollar cost-cutting plan that will ultimately consolidate nearly 250 mail processing centers, including 48 this summer.

Baby boomers gamble with Social Security

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you



I find it rather curious that baby boomers, many of whom, in their youth, decried the accumulation of wealth and the materialism of their parents, are the first generation in history to regard Social Security not as the safety net it was intended to be but rather as a pot of gravy to pour over their already meaty investment portfolios.

I'm not saying this is a bad thing. In fact, it is just the opposite. People have always been encouraged to plan for their retirement. And baby boomers have, by and large, done a good job of that. Social Security was never meant to be a person's sole source of income in retirement. Instead, it was meant to be one leg of the proverbial three-legged stool that should prop up your retirement nest egg — the other two legs being a pension or IRA account and whatever savings or other investments you are able to accumulate throughout your working life.

It's just that all this focus on Social Security as an investment, sometimes even as a gambling stake, is still a relatively new phenomenon — especially to a guy who spent most of the last 40 years helping folks sign up for Social Security. And almost all of those people simply applied for benefits at 62, or maybe 65 — and just let the checks start rolling in without giving it too much thought. A Social Security check was simply something you got in your old age, and you used that check to pay the rent or buy groceries.

Today, more and more folks are trying to "game" the system — doing their utmost to squeeze every last nickel out of their Social Security investment. They are putting off taking Social Security until age 70 in order to get a 32 percent "delayed retirement bonus." Many are claiming benefits as a "dependent" husband or wife off of their spouse's Social Security account at age 66, and then living off that smaller amount until age 70 when they switch to their own retirement account — with that added bonus. Until the law was recently changed, others were filing for

reduced Social Security benefits at 62 and investing every dime of that money while they lived off of other retirement accounts. Then at age 66, they would pay back all the benefits they received and file a new claim to get full benefits from that point on. They came out ahead of the game because they were able to pocket whatever interest they earned on the benefits received between age 62 and 66. The government realized they were essentially providing interest-free loans to wealthy retirees, so they put a stop to that practice.

Again, I am not saying that treating Social Security as an investment is bad. Whatever you get from Social Security is your money, after all. And if you want to work within the rules to get the highest return out of that money — well then, more power to you.

But I have been more than a little taken aback by the obsession some people seem to have gambling with their Social Security benefits. People who delay their Social Security until 70 are throwing away tens of thousands, some approaching one hundred thousand dollars, in Social Security benefits, betting that they will live into their mid 80s to "beat the system." But I've got to wonder, even if they live that long, will they really be able to enjoy their Social Security "winnings?" Lots of folks are taking that chance. And I can tell from the tone of their emails that they're really not sure they are making the right wager.

All of this came home very clearly to me recently after I offered my readers a copy of a fact sheet I called, "When to take your Social Security benefits." It was intended to present people with the facts — with the advantages and disadvantages of taking reduced retirement benefits as early as 62 versus waiting until age 66, or even 70, to get full benefits. And I'm afraid I fed some people's manic desire to

gamble with their Social Security by offering some tips for "maximizing" one's Social Security payout.

Most of my readers take this advice for what it is worth. They will sit down, perhaps with a financial planner or with someone at their local Social Security office, go over all the numbers, consider their options, and then make a rational decision based on the facts.

But some of my readers aren't being rational. They are going way overboard. They sent me lists with dozens of different options and asked me to help them make the right choice. Some sent me matrixes. Others sent me spreadsheets with more data on them than I've seen in the annual reports for major corporations. One guy had figured out what he would get from Social Security in 25 different scenarios: file at 62, die at 90; file at 66, die at 85; etc. He said he was losing sleep trying to figure out what to do! A little financial planning is good. But trying to squeeze every last nickel out of the system is maybe too much?

And I noticed that almost all of the folks who sent me emails fretting over their Social Security decision were not between a rock and a hard place. They were, financially speaking, between a cushion and a soft place. No matter what they chose to do with their Social Security, they were going to be living very comfortable lives in retirement.

My wife and I both took our Social Security benefits at age 62. It might not have been the smartest decision in the world. But guess what? We don't care. We are having way too much fun enjoying life and our retirement.

So the message to my readers is this: study the information I give you; maybe give some second thoughts to delaying benefits too long; then make a decision about when to take your Social Security that you are comfortable with — AND ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has the answer. Contact him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net.

Exonerated

defendants who were left out of the registry, "we have only sketchy information about most of these cases," the report said. "Some of these group exonerations are well known; most are comparatively obscure. We began to notice them by accident, as a byproduct of searches for individual cases."

In half of the 873 exonerations studied in detail, the most common factor leading to false convictions was perjured testimony or false accusations. Forty-three percent of the cases involved mistaken eyewitness IDs, and 24 percent of the cases involved false or misleading forensic evidence.

In two out of three homicides, perjury or false accusation was the most common factor leading to false conviction. In four out of five sexual assaults, mistaken eyewitness identification was the leading cause of false conviction.

Seven percent of the exonerations were drug, white-collar and other nonviolent crimes, 5 percent were robberies and 5 percent were other types of violent crimes.

"It used to be that almost all the exonerations we knew about were murder and rape cases. We're finally beginning to see beyond that. This is a sea change," said Gross.

Exonerations often take place with no public fanfare and the 106-page report that coincides with the opening of the registry explains why.

On TV, an exoneration looks like a singular victory for a criminal defense attorney, "but there's usually someone to blame for the underlying tragedy, often more than one person, and the common culprits include defense lawyers

as well as police officers, prosecutors and judges. In many cases, everybody involved has egg on their face," according to the report.

Despite a claim of wrongful conviction that was widely publicized last week, a Texas convict executed two decades ago is not in the database because he has not been officially exonerated. Carlos deLuna was executed for the fatal stabbing of a Corpus Christi convenience store clerk. A team headed by a Columbia University law professor just published a 400-page report that contends DeLuna didn't kill the clerk, Wanda Jean Lopez.

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In addition, I know what it is to be an administrator in this day and age. The Sheriff's Office and Gray County Jail are staffed and operated every minute of every day. There are state and federal regulations that have to be followed to remain in compliance, and we are well-versed in these issues. Integrity and trust have always been a priority during my time as Sheriff, and will continue to be.

We have in the past and continue to have a good working relationships with the Courts, the District and County Attorney offices, the Pampa Police Department, the Texas Department of Public Safety, and other law enforcement agencies.

I want to thank you for supporting me as your sheriff these past 15 years. I still have the passion for law enforcement and greatly desire to be your Sheriff for another FULL 4 year term.

-Don Copeland

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Viewpoints

Today in History

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On this date:

In 1471, King Henry VI of England died in the Tower of London at age 49.

In 1542, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto died while searching for gold along the Mississippi River.

In 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1892, the opera "Pagliacci," by Ruggero Leoncavallo, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1911, during the Mexican Revolution, the Treaty of Ciudad Juarez was signed by President Porfirio Diaz and revolutionary leader Francisco I. Madero; under the agreement, Diaz resigned his office and went into exile.

In 1927, Charles A. Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis near Paris, completing the first solo airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean in 33½ hours.

In 1941, a German U-boat sank the American merchant steamship SS Robin Moor in the South Atlantic after allowing the ship's passengers and crew to board lifeboats.

In 1956, the United States exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

In 1959, the musical "Gypsy," inspired by the life of stripper Gypsy Rose Lee, opened on Broadway with Ethel Merman starring as Mama Rose.

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1982, during the Falklands War, British amphibious forces landed on the beach at San Carlos Bay.

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during national elections by a suicide bomber.

Ten years ago: The State Department named seven states as sponsors of terror, with Iran at the top of the list; the report said that Sudan and Libya had taken some steps — but not enough — to "get out of the business." (The other countries named were Iraq, North Korea, Cuba and Syria.)

Five years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that parents didn't need to hire a lawyer to sue public school districts over their children's special education needs. The Food and Drug Administration issued a safety alert for the diabetes drug Avandia, marketed by GlaxoSmithKline, which disputed a report saying it was linked to a greater risk of heart attack.

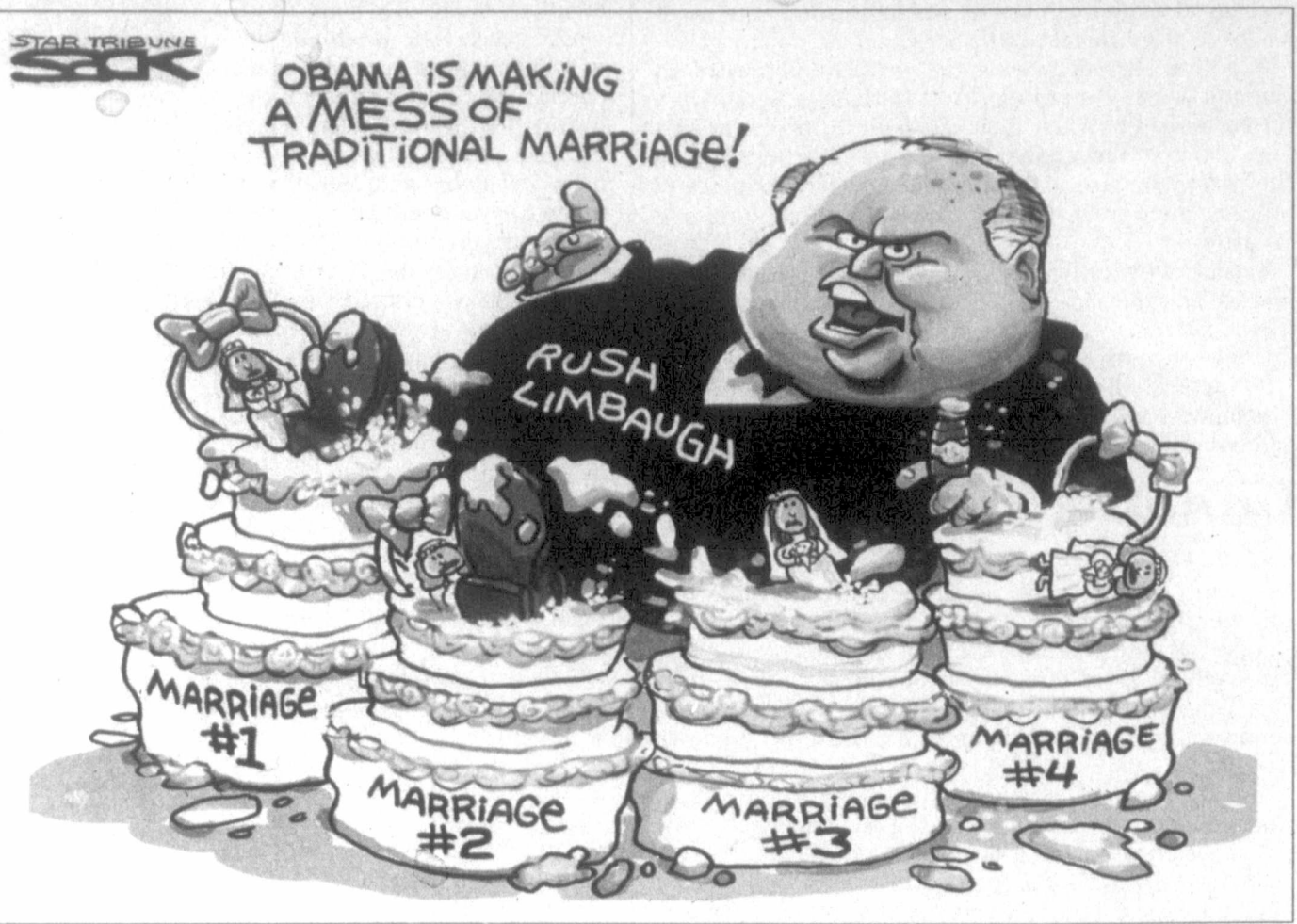
One year ago: The apocalypse did not arrive, despite the prophecy of 89-year-old Christian broadcast group operator Harold Camping, who had been predicting the rolling global destruction of Judgment Day for years. Shackelford won the Preakness, holding off a late charge from Kentucky Derby-winner Animal Kingdom to win as a 12-1 underdog.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Ron Isley (The Isley Brothers) is 71. Rock musician Hilton Valentine (The Animals) is 69. Actor Richard Hatch ("Battlestar Galactica") is 67. Musician Bill Champlin is 65. Singer Leo Sayer is 64. Actress Carol Potter is 64. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., is 61. Actor Mr. T is 60. Music producer Stan Lynch is 57. Actor Judge Reinhold is 55. Actor-director Nick Cassavetes is 53. Actor Brent Briscoe is 51. Actress Lisa Edelstein is 46. Actress Fairuza Balk is 38. Rock singer-musician Mikel Jollett (Airborne Toxic Event) is 38. Rapper Havoc (Mobb Deep) is 38. Actress Ashlie Brillault is 25. Actor Scott Leavenworth is 22. Actress Sarah Ramos is 21.

Thought for Today: "Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters of life begin when you get what you want." — Irving Kristol, American writer (1920-2009).

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Primary campaigns turn nasty in run-up

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas politicians and their operatives have been throwing around a four-letter word that begins with L lately, and it's not love.

Two candidates running for the U.S. Senate have called each other a liar, and that bald-faced allegation has echoed down the ballot. The name-calling reached its logical conclusion last week when incumbent Republican Sen. Jeff Wentworth sued former Railroad Commissioner Elizabeth Ames Jones for slander and libel for a particularly nasty, mudslinging campaign.

Not that Texas politics hasn't always been blood sport, sometimes quite literally when politicians killed or beat their opponents. No historian can point to a golden age in the Lone Star State when candidates followed the idealistic rule that you attack someone's ideas, not their character. There were no good, old days.

That doesn't mean the tenor of the current campaigns shouldn't be lamented. The emphasis on personal attacks does come, however, from the lack of differences on the issues between the candidates in some primary races.

In the Wentworth-Ames Jones race for a San Antonio Senate seat both candidates lay claim to traditional, conservative values: pro-life, pro-business, pro-gun and anti-Democrat. The 72-year-old Wentworth, who has represented San Antonio in the Legislature since 1989, clearly does not appreciate Ames Jones challenging him, though. In an Associated Press interview, he called her "that woman" who "prances."

Ames Jones gives as good as she gets, telling AP Wentworth was "full of hot air." In a radio ad last week, the Ames Jones campaign

alleged that Wentworth had charged both the state and his campaign for the same travel expenses, a felony for which Republican state Rep. Joe Driver pleaded guilty last year. That was too much for Wentworth, who on Thursday produced paperwork that he says exonerates him. He then filed his slander lawsuit.

In the four-way U.S. Senate race, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and former Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz have exchanged the harshest words. Dewhurst says that Cruz's allegations he supported a wage tax are lies. Cruz called Dewhurst a liar for saying he was the lead attorney representing a Chinese company appealing a guilty verdict for stealing intellectual property from an American company. Both campaigns are guilty of exaggeration and spinning the facts, though there are tiny elements of truth in the accusations.

Personal attacks are not limited to Republicans; there are just far fewer Democratic contests. In running for a new congressional district in Dallas-Fort Worth, Domingo Garcia sent an email accusing state Rep. Marc Veasey of taking illegal campaign contributions and said: "He is the establishment's paid errand boy." Dallas Democratic state Rep. Ralph Anchia stepped in to say that calling an African American an "errand boy" crossed a line.

"The Democratic Party is better than this. Our party is an all-inclusive and progressive organization," said Tarrant County Democratic Chairman Steve Maxwell. "The use of terms that raise the specter of the dark side of our prejudiced past have no place in the Democratic Party of today."

The vast majority of the personal attacks, though, come from an internal battle for control of the Republican Party of Texas. On one side are veteran politicians who

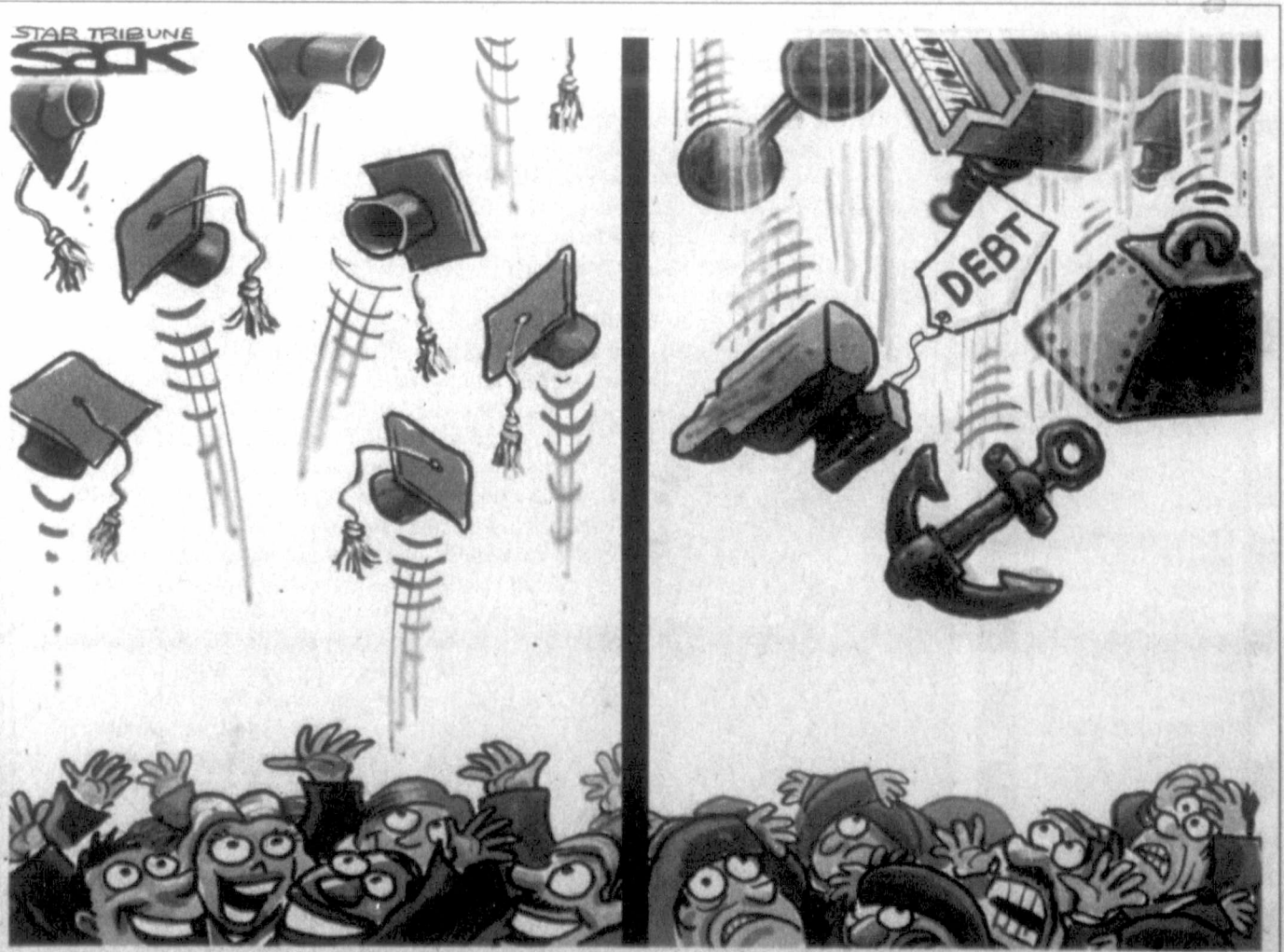
took the party from the fringes of Texas politics in the 1970s to controlling every statewide office, the Legislature and the State Board of Education today. By national standards, Texas is a very conservative, profoundly Republican-controlled state.

On the other side of the schism is a faction that believes Texas is still not conservative enough, personified by tea party activists and amplified by activists such as Empower Texans. And Empower Texans has not hesitated to personally attack Republicans they consider inadequately conservative, in particular Texas House Speaker Joe Straus who they call "weak."

There are real policy differences in the races where Empower Texans has made endorsements, particularly over the state budget. But on the group's Twitter account, the group frequently calls Republican candidates they don't like liars, including state Rep. Vicki Truitt. When Truitt challenged the record of Empower Texans, executive director Michael Quinn Sullivan had the group's attorney send a cease and desist letter to quiet her.

Today's name calling and legal maneuvering is nothing compared to when white Texans lynched blacks trying to enter politics following the Civil War. And attacking an opponent's character is simpler than explaining the complexities of school finance or how to cut Medicaid without denying poor people necessary health care. But it does leave voters wondering who is truly fit to lead, which they will decide on May 29.

Chris Tomlinson is the supervisory correspondent in Austin. He is responsible for political and government coverage across the state.



Navajo Nation faces hurdles in recovering tribe's funds

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) — The Navajo Nation may have little recourse in seeking money from a Colorado man who is accused of spending millions of the nation's funds for personal use.

Hak Ghun, of Durango, Colo., is accused of using corporate funds the Navajo Nation invested into his Shiprock company, Biochemical Decontamination Systems Manufacturing Inc.

Authorities allege Ghun

spent more than \$1 million between 2005 and 2007 and concealed his actions by filing false tax returns in the company's name.

He pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to three federal counts of income tax evasion totaling \$368,000 between 2005 and 2007.

LoRenzo Bates, chairman of the Navajo Nation Council's budget and finance committee, said in the Farmington Daily Times that the Navajo Nation may have little

legal standing to bring its own charges against Ghun.

"The federal government is going to take its money first," Bates told the Farmington Daily Times. "If Hak has any money left over after that, then the nation can go after him."

The Navajo Nation still faces jurisdictional hurdles, Bates said. The tribe has no jurisdiction over a non-American Indian, even if that person is on tribal land.

Voting

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much as we've got on the line here, especially on the local level, I think we were a little surprised. I don't know what we anticipated, to tell the truth, but we thought maybe we'd have over a thousand, maybe 1,500 at this stage of the game."

Last week's numbers were bolstered by a big Friday turnout. There were 601 votes cast at the Gray County Courthouse as of 4:30 p.m. Thursday before nearly 200 more votes came in by the weekend.

Lewis said that she didn't believe the confusion over the late mailout of voter registration cards contributed to the low turnout, postulating instead that timing may have been partly a cause.

"I don't think the voter registration cards had anything to do with it," she said. "It might have been the fact that our primary is normally in March. Then, we had the city and ISD elections in May, and the primary in May. I don't think there's been as much voter confusion as much as the delay may have been unfortunate for the local turnout."

Unfortunate timing could continue to be an issue on Election Day, she said.

"Historically, we normally have as many in early voting as we do on Election Day," she said. "The surprise comes in that we are going to have our election the day after

Memorial Day weekend, and we know that we might have some people who might not be back in town. It's just kind of an awkward time to have an election coming off of a holiday weekend.

Still, with another week of early voting still to go, Lewis encouraged Gray County residents to turn out to make their voices heard. Voting will continue in the county courthouse on the second floor of the courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today until Friday.

"We've definitely got a wonderful opportunity right for people to come and vote early," Lewis said. "We've got a wonderful staff of people who are able to help in any capacity they need. ... We have curbside voting if people are not physically able to come into the courtroom. We have an elevator, but if they can't manage to come in, we can come out and vote them out there. There's ample opportunity for them to be able and vote."

Lewis added that tomorrow is the last day the election office can accept a ballot by mail request.

"If (voters) are needing that ballot by mail, then we definitely need to hear from them," she said. "We want to make sure we can accommodate them, but we need to hear from them as soon as possible."

Welch

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a hit or whatever, just fun songs. I got back, and that really did change my whole direction. I can't write for a reason that's not my own."

In 1999, Welch's perspective on life and music changed drastically after being diagnosed with ovarian cancer.

"That really reshaped everything, my religious beliefs, and I had a spiritual encounter that was incredible, and within a year, I started writing Christian music," she said.

During this time, she developed a more spiritual approach to music and songwriting.

"It definitely became way more spiritual, and way more inspired through prayer, meditation and the experiences that come from prayer and meditation," she said. "Before Nashville, it was more inspired stuff, inspired by life and experience, and then in Nashville, I had to learn whether I thought it was a good or bad song by other writers. It was at least well crafted, no matter what. ... My years in Nashville and the spiritual experience, those two things came together. I came to the heart of just singing and writing my heart, but the craft was there by then, so they were much better songs."

After moving to the Dallas area, Welch reconnected with her high school sweetheart, Kirk, and the couple moved to Los Angeles, before returning to Dumas, where they have converted a garage into a recording studio.

"It totally affects you to come back home, not just to where your people are, but even the canyons and the landscape changes music," she said.

"It's a new level of healing to come back here," she added.

Welch will perform at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on June 14,

and a few of her songs can be streamed on www.reverbnation.com/jill-welchsongs.

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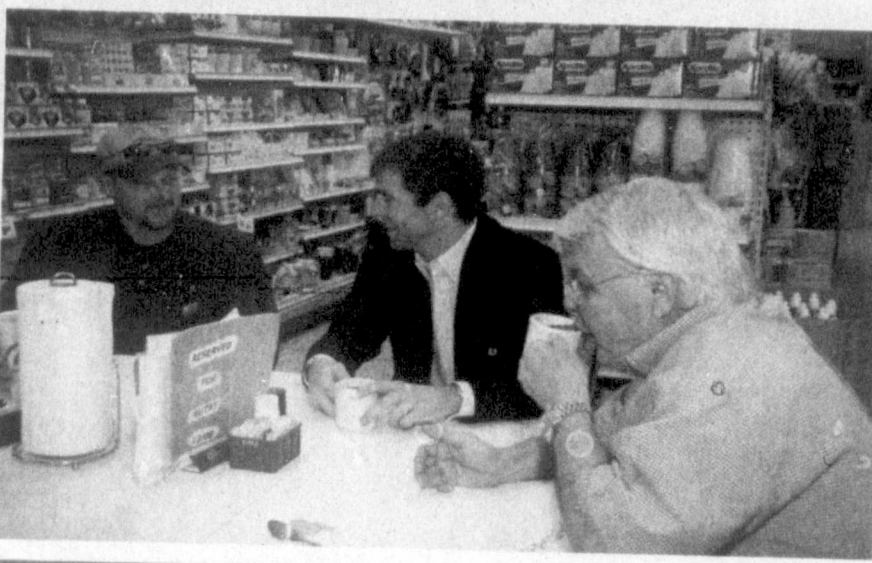
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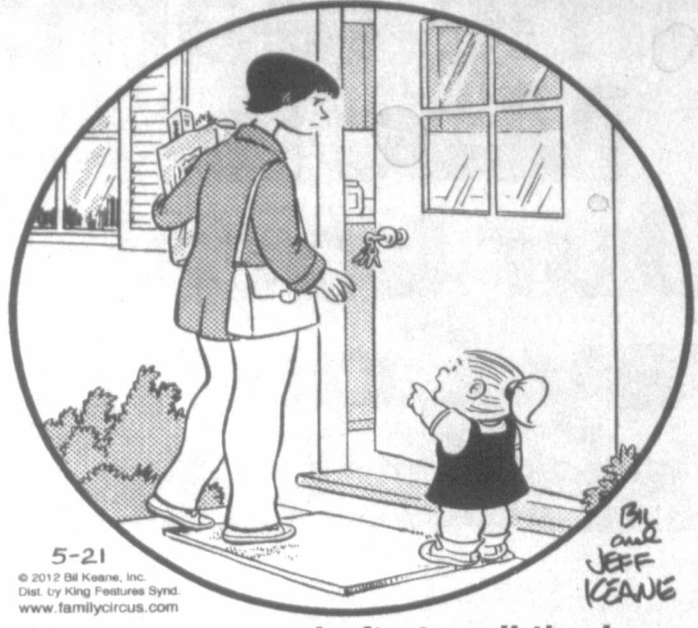
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 22, 2012:

You express a kinder, more feeling quality this year, but you are no one's fool. You will establish strong boundaries. Your relationships will benefit as a result. Communication allows greater flexibility and trust. Friends, family and loved ones love being with you. Your charisma soars. If you are single, you attract someone who could be quite significant to your life's history. If you are attached, with so much going on this year, you could be a touch self-centered. Be sensitive to your sweetie. He or she might have a strong reaction to the new you. You might be surprised at how different each GEMINI you meet is.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You make a strong effort to keep or make peace. You still could get the cold shoulder. Remember that there are other fish in the sea. Postpone any interactions for a while. Check out a purchase that could make your daily life easier. Tonight: Do some price comparison first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are likely to go overboard in anything you do. You cannot help yourself right now. You spread a lot of caring around, which allows many people to feel more comfortable with you. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You simply know what to do. Your very nature expresses your caring to others. Yet at the same time, you cannot force a child or loved one to open up. This person is going to be the way he or she is. A hunch could pay off. Tonight: Your wish is someone's command.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Continue your low profile, and you'll get results. Others will be forced to come forward and express their feelings. You know what you are doing and why. Still, others are confused. A domestic matter cannot continue as it has. It needs to be handled. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, especially if they involve others. Meetings work well today, and others are highly responsive. Tomorrow it might not be the

same story. Touch base with a dear friend who always gives you key feedback. Tonight: Continue with friends and crowds.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to take a stand and handle an issue. By making a call or doing some research, you might find out how right-on you are about an instinct. Someone really does care about you, and lets you know it. Tonight: Don't get uptight about money. It won't help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be more negative than you realize. Others try to help you break out of this mold. Soon you will walk back out into a world with more sunshine. Let your friends help. Tonight: Break past self-imposed restrictions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Though you are comfortable with one-on-one relating, you might need to pull back some and get a different perspective. You most likely feel uncomfortable with a key person you deal with often. Tonight: Talk and chat over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others keep coming to you, and you might be sure that your door is a revolving one today. Know that you might need to establish limits, as your friends and others continue to interrupt you. You can say nicely what you need to. Tonight: Now you're available.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Get your errands and other such matters done quickly. You find that you would appreciate a long lunch with a friend or going out midday to do something you have wanted to do. A parent, older friend or boss could be difficult. Be nice. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You aren't always as playful as today, which might be good. On the other hand, holding yourself back would be a mistake. Build fun plans into the day; get together with a favorite person. Tonight: As if there were no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Stay centered and know when to pull back and relax. Others are unusually demanding and encourage you to cocoon and not get caught up in the uproar that surrounds you. Stay on top of calls. Good news could be heading your way. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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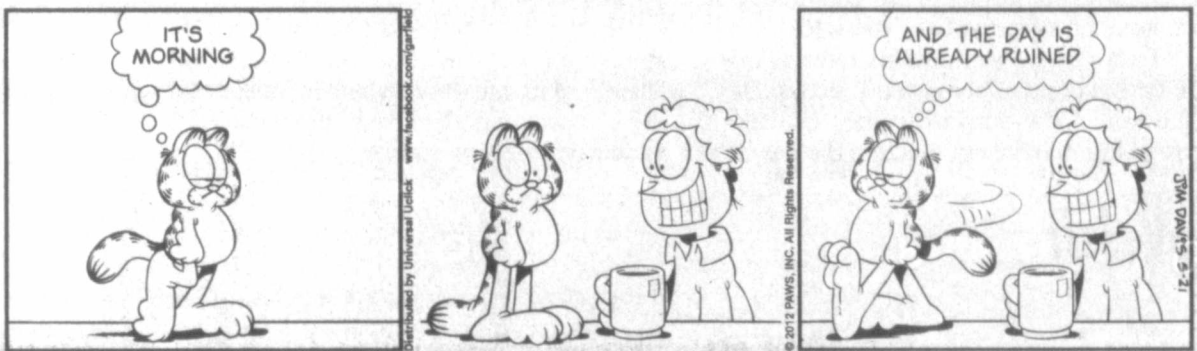
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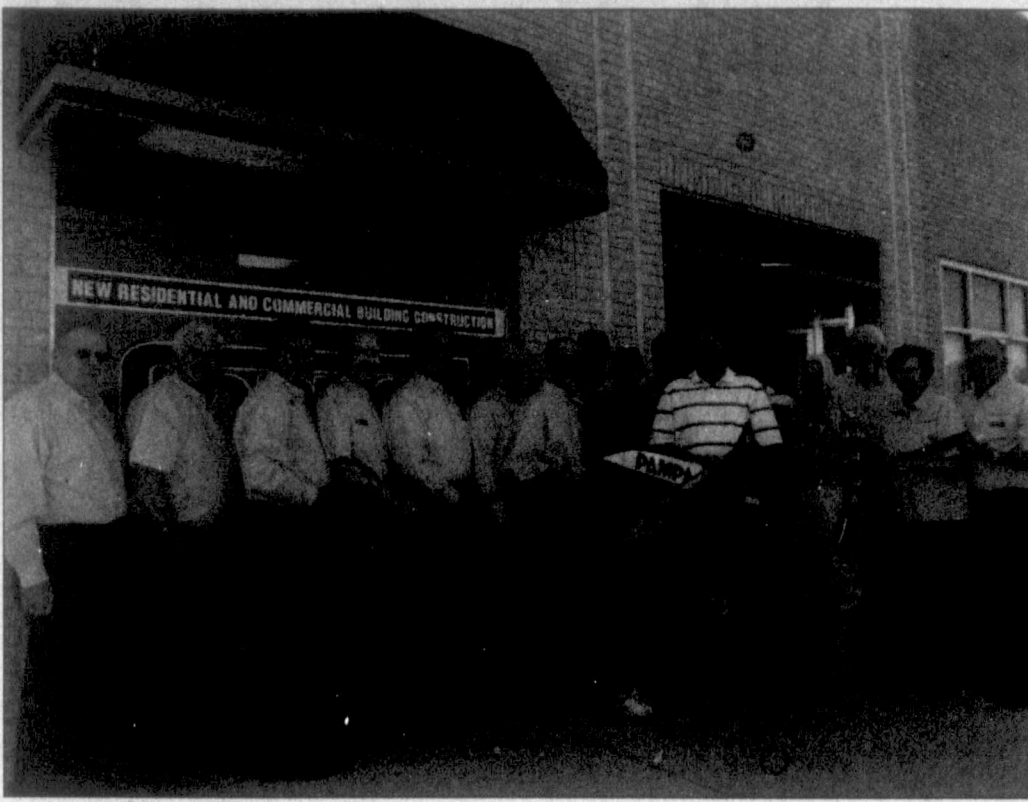
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The Goldcoats welcome Chaney Construction at 208 W. Kingsmill Ave., Suite 202A. Pictured (from left) are Darville Orr, Ronnie Wood, Terry Barnes, Jack Reeve, Richard Morris, Larry Baker, Lyndon Field, Ivan Torres, Jimmy Franks, Jimmy Chaney, Adolpho Resendiz, Rogelio Rivera, Octavio Rivera, Terry Sexton, Scott Hahn, Kerrick Horton and Pay Montoya.



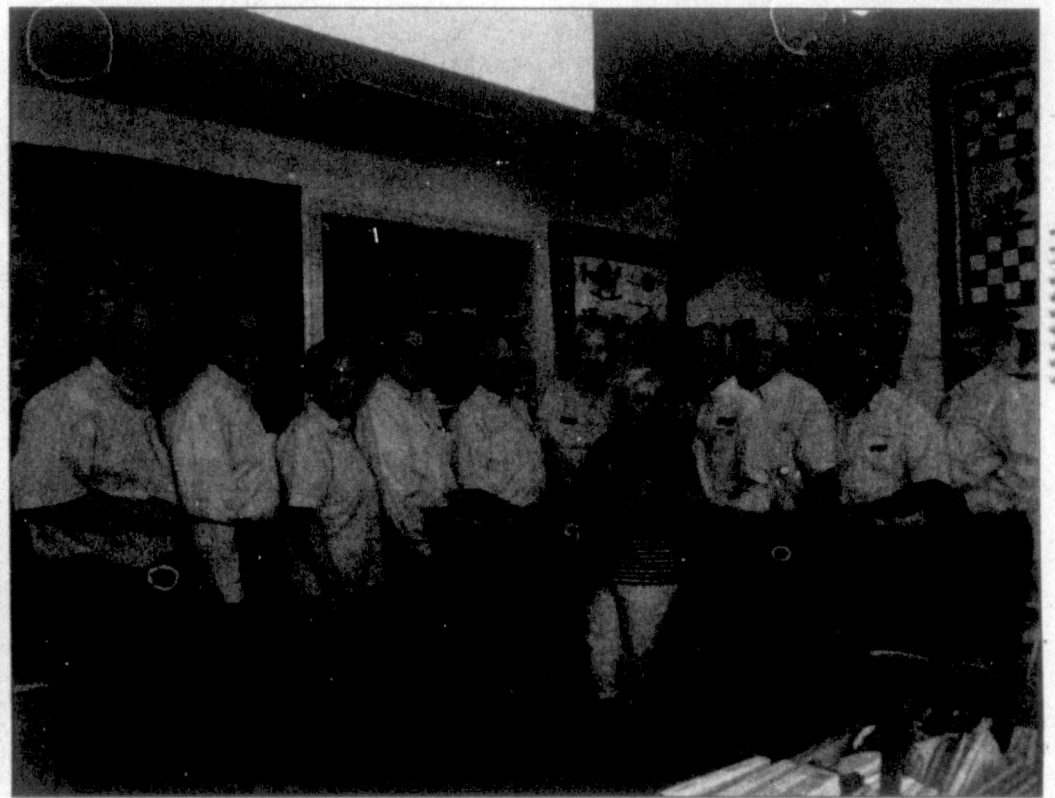
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The Top O' Texas Goldcoats join Lifestar officials in welcoming the organization to the area. Pictured (from left) are Bryan Guymon, Jane Steele, Chuck White, Darville Orr, Jack Reeve, Jerry Foote, John Kelsey, Richard Morris, Brandon Standefer, Lynn Allison, Michael Wiggs, Benny Horton, Christy Lovelace, Tristan Bagwell, Kerrick Horton, Loyd Waters and Sheila Webb.



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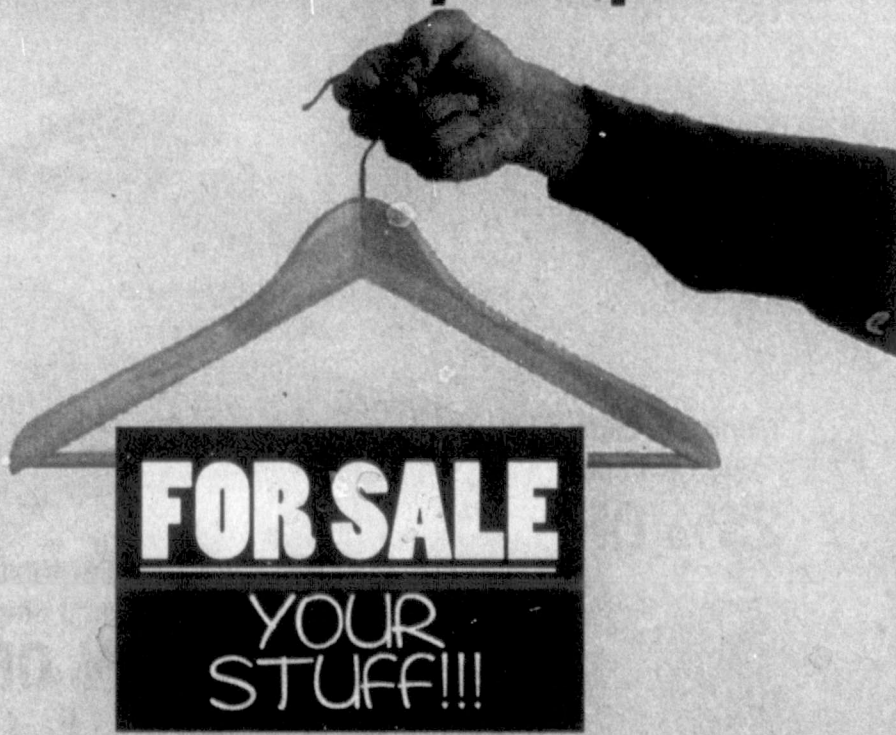
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Top O' Texas Goldcoats (from left) Scott Hahn, Richard Morris, Kerrick Horton, Darville Orr, Larry Baker, Jack Reeve, Lyndon Fields, Ronnie Wood, Pat Montoya and Terry Barnes join Nona Melanson (with scissors) at Sew What Embroidery and Quilt Shop at 915 Wilkes St.

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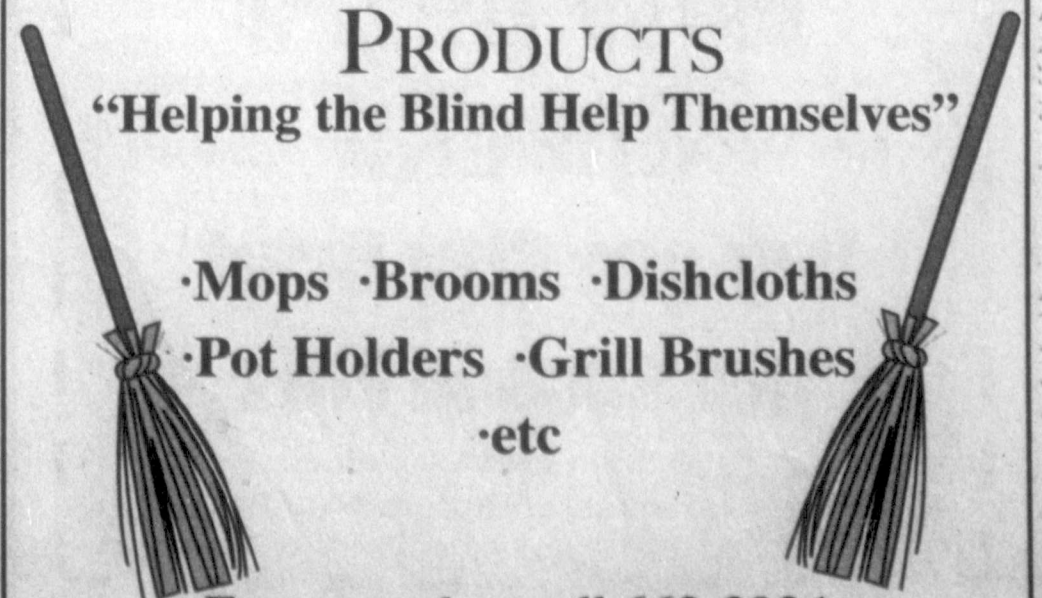
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Sports

Early miscues prove costly as Lady Harvesters fall

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WICHITA FALLS — Before the regional semifinals series, Pampa head softball coach Bobbi Gill said both teams were evenly matched and would need a little luck to advance. On Saturday at Sunrise Optimist Park in Wichita Falls, the ball didn't roll in favor of the Lady Harvesters as they fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 7-3 season-ending loss to the Kennedale Lady Cats in the regional semifinals.

"I was proud of the girls," Gill said. "We couldn't have fought any harder. I felt like they made adjustments like we needed to. We had a starter out, made adjustments and played well."

Junior third baseman Martecia Alexander sat out after taking a hard ground ball off her throwing hand in Friday's game. Senior Kaylene Wyant started in her place, her first outing on the field since April 21.

The Lady Harvesters (26-11) started the game well, as juniors Claire Hopkins singled and Tiffany Britton reached on an error. Hopkins got caught in a rundown in between second and third and was tagged out returning to second, leaving Pampa with a runner on first with two outs instead of first and second with one.

Pampa followed with defensive miscues. With two outs in the first inning, Wyant dropped an infield popup that allowed Kennedale to take the lead. Sophomore Bailey Wichert's dive for a fly ball came up short, allowing a run to score. Senior Alanna Stephens tried to get Kayla Jones out at second, but threw the ball into center field. The ball rolled to the wall, allowing Jones to score.

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien, who was efficient in the regional quarterfinals, found herself pitching in the stretch most of the series. Twelve of Kennedale's 15 leadoff hitters in the series reached base, with the majority of them reaching scoring position. O'Brien walked 11, hit four and only struck out one in the series.

"We had to work around a tight (strike) zone," Gill said. The coach said she was pleased with

her pitcher's effort. O'Brien pitched all of both games, throwing 292 pitches.

"That's what she wanted to do," Gill said. "She wanted to be in that situation." At the plate, Pampa struggled to put the ball in play as 27 of the Lady Cats' 48 outs in the series were by strikeouts.

"We weren't disciplined at the plate as we should have been," Gill said. "That happens when you are behind and trying to make something happen."

The Lady Harvesters rallied in the fourth. Junior Bailey Beck and Britton singled, but Britton was thrown out trying for a double. Stephens drove in Beck with a single. Senior McKinlee Stokes singled and took second as junior Francheska Bridwell beat a throw to third. Senior Heather Coffee drove in Bridwell with a single to cut the lead to 4-2. Pampa added one more in the sixth as Beck scored on a wild pitch.

Senior Alanna Stephens said the team played hard.

"We've always known how to fight," Stephens said. "It's just how we usually play."

Beck said the team battled. "We played hard," Beck said. "I just wish we could have won."

The Lady Cats put an end to the rally as they scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Gill said it was a good run for her team, reaching this round for the third time.

"I told the girls there's only one team that's going to go home happy," Gill said. "We were in the top 16 out of 242."

Stephens said it's a good way for her to end her high school career.

"We fought," Stephens said. "We worked hard and never gave up."

The game was also the last for Stokes, Coffee, Wyant, Harley Mayfield and Nakayla Hardman. Pampa will return four starters and one pitcher.

"I got a pretty good core coming back," Gill said. "We will keep reloading and see what we can do."

Beck said she is looking forward to being a senior leader next season.

"I'm already ready to start again," Beck said.



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Junior Bailey Beck slides into third as the throw is coming in Saturday in Wichita Falls. Beck scored two of the Lady Harvesters' three runs but it wasn't enough as Pampa lost 7-3 ending its season with a 26-11 record.

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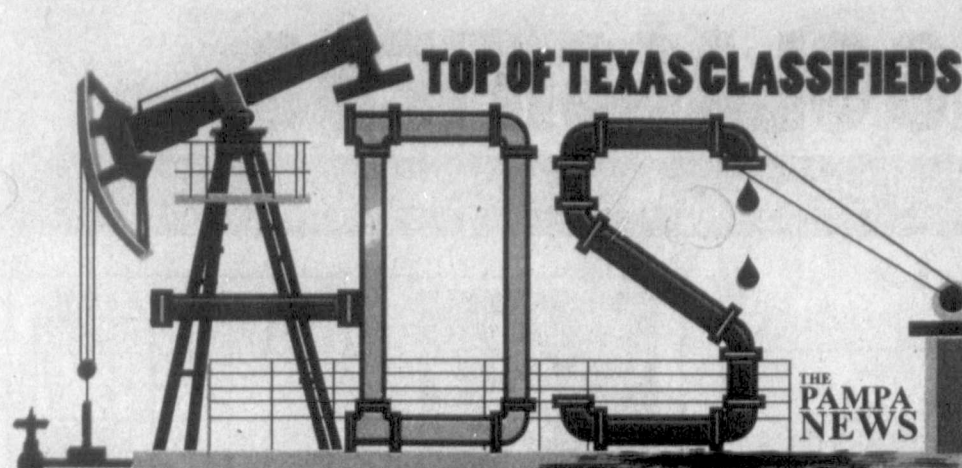
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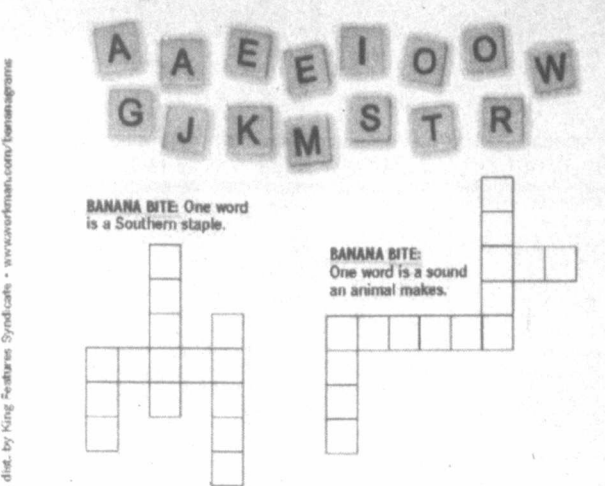
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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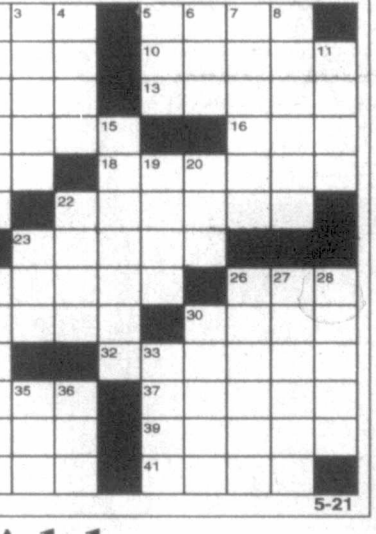
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5-21

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DEAR ABBY: I agreed to be maid of honor at my best friend's wedding. I am now planning her bridal shower and just received the guest list from her mother and the groom's mother, "Alicia."

expenses with you. (Remember, bridal showers are usually hosted by attendants, friends or relatives of the bride, but not members of her or her fiancé's IMMEDIATE families.)

DEAR ABBY: Please pass along this suggestion to your readers: If you're separated or getting a divorce, use discretion if you're tempted to talk about it.

I thought showers were supposed to be for close friends and family only. Would it be out of line to suggest to Alicia that if she wants to invite that many people, she should give a separate shower? — OVERWHELMED IN NEW YORK

The more you bad-mouth the person you are divorcing, the more people will reject you. It may not seem fair, but it's true. People will "forget" that you never complained before and say, "I didn't know she was so vindictive. No wonder he left!"

DEAR OVERWHELMED: You and the groom's mother are not on the same wavelength. She may be trying to repay social obligations, while you are simply trying to perform your attendant's duties.

You will do yourself additional damage by ranting to co-workers. You're paid to work, not talk. Your co-workers are paid to work, not listen.

Because Alicia is so insensitive, you must tell her firmly the maximum number of guests you can accommodate at the shower. It would not be out of line to suggest that she ask one of her friends to also host one. If she insists on inviting everybody to your shower, ask her to share the

and emotional help. Your pain will linger for months, but the patience of your friends and co-workers will fade. My co-worker managed to bore all of us. She quit therapy to spend the money redecorating her home to "erase him from her life." Not only did she lose all sympathy in that short-sighted, shallow act, she also lost precious time she should have spent healing and becoming strong and independent.

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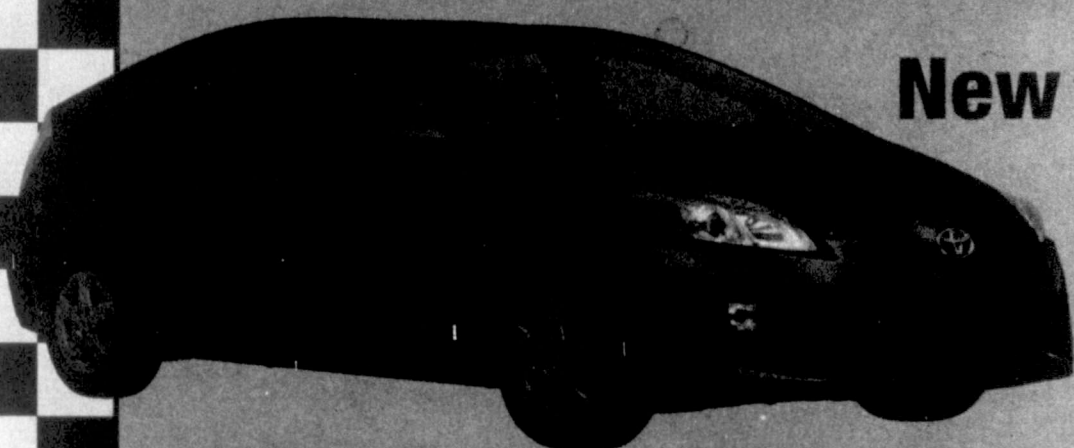
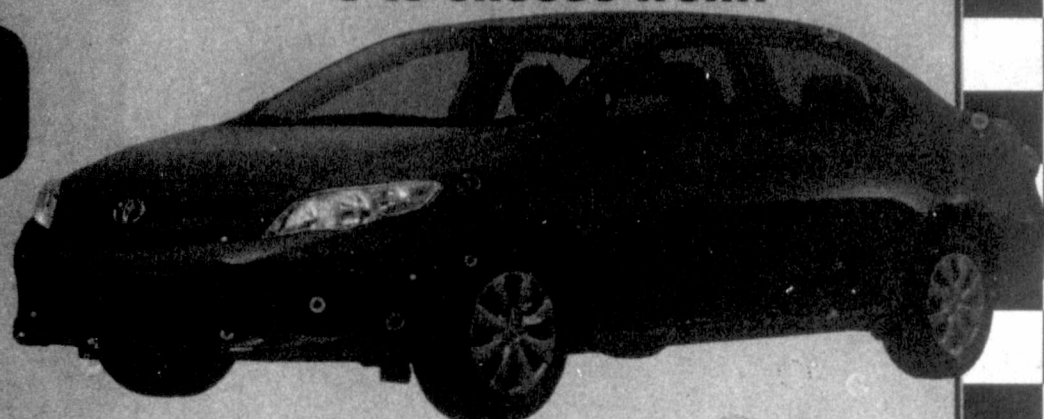
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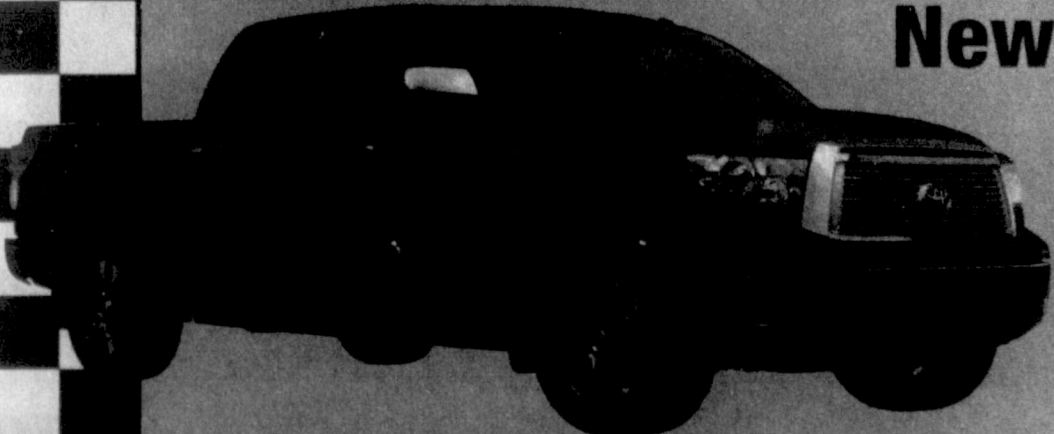
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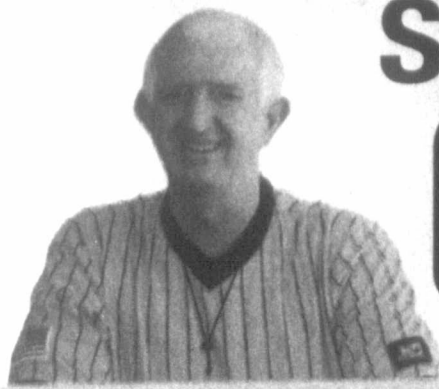
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