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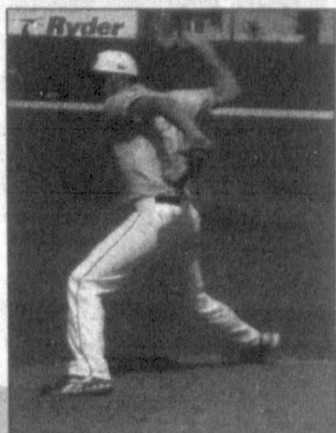
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Pampa, area turn out for juvenile diabetes walk

■ *Second annual event drew participants from Borger, White Deer, Dalhart, others*

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Balloons flew over Central Park on Saturday, but not for Cinco de Mayo. This was a different kind of celebration.

Saturday marked Pampa's second Pampa Walk to Cure Diabetes held by the Panhandle branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Several Pampans, as well as many others from area communities like Borger, White

Deer and Mobeetie, came to Central Park to participate in the fun run/walk and the timed 5K, as well as gather with others to raise awareness of juvenile diabetes in the Texas Panhandle.

Kristy Wilkerson, manager of the JDRF's Panhandle branch, praised Pampans for coming out to support the cause.

"This was great," she said. "All of the people here in town really came up big for us. It's our second year here in

Pampa, and we really feel like we're starting to get things going. We're seeing a lot more community ownership of the event. The first year, we had great volunteers, but it was the first year, so a lot of it was initiated by staff. What was great this year was that a lot of it was initiated by community volunteers here in Pampa."

"Each different colored shirt is a different family team," Wilkerson added, motioning around her to the rainbow of **DIABETES** cont. on page 2

SOFTBALL MOVES ON



staff photo by Andrew Glover

The Pampa Lady Harvesters raise their prize after winning the postseason's opening round matchup against Midland Greenwood. Next up: Lamesa. Full story in **SPORTS**, page 10.

COUNTY ELECTION

Seabourn sees job as giving back

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Josh Seabourn was appointed to the office of County Attorney in 2004, and is currently running unopposed in his third race for a position that he says gives him a chance to help out the county at large.

"I feel like I'm serving the community as a prosecutor, and trying to seek justice," he said. "I try to make our communities better places."

Seabourn, 36, attended Oklahoma University as an undergrad student, but he wasn't quite sure which direction to take his education.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do, but one thing I thought



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Pampa's Habitat for Humanity begins work on first home

■ *House recipient Sims joins volunteers in conducting preliminary renovation work*

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It may not have been the ideal way to spend a Saturday morning, but Janna Sims wouldn't have had it any other way.

Janna Sims and son Terry arrived at the house at 9 a.m., ready to get their hands dirty and contribute to the cleanup effort. Given continued effort, the house on N. Charles Street — Habitat for Humanity's first construction project in Pampa — would soon be theirs, a new home to replace the one on N. Wells that was consumed by a fire in August of 2010.

Asked about how she felt partway through Habitat's first official work day on the house, Sims grasped for the words to describe her emotions, the smile never leaving her face.

"It's awesome," Sims said. "It's the most awesome thing in the world. To see the people that have come, because I wasn't real for sure how many people were going to show up, it's great. Everybody's here on a voluntary basis, and it's just really awesome for the people that have shown up to be here and actually want to help with something. It's the best feeling in the whole world."

Sims, who has pledged 250 "sweat-equity" **HABITAT** cont. on page 2



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Habitat for Humanity volunteers Karen Bridges and Sherry McCavit work during the Habitat home's first day of renovations. Janna Sims and her family will receive the house upon completion.

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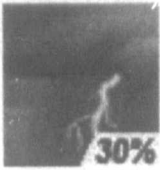

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Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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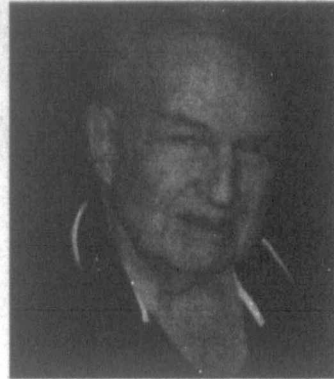
Obituaries

James D. Terrell, 83

James D. Terrell, 83, of Amarillo, died Thursday, May 3, 2012.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 7, 2012, in First Christian Church with Rev. Barry Loving and Regi Fowler officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Terrell was born July 23, 1928 in Guthrie, Oklahoma to George and Zenna Terrell. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1946, where he was captain of the Harvesters football team, and numerous other school activities. He attended Oklahoma State University on a football scholarship, where he founded the first



Terrell

radio station. After graduating, Mr. Terrell was a news anchor and radio announcer in Pampa, Lubbock and Amarillo. He married Faye Burns on March 19, 1955 in Pampa. They moved to Amarillo in 1966. He had a career as regional information officer for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Department of Interior for twenty-two years. Mr. Terrell was a member of First Christian Church and served as Elder Emeritus.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be dearly missed by all.

He was preceded by a son, Kevin Edmund Terrell; a daughter, Shannon Titus; three sisters, Dorothy McConnell, Tess Wilkinson and Marie Jones; and two brothers, Warren Terrell and Ed Terrell.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Faye Terrell of Amarillo; a son, Shaun Terrell of Snyder; and four grandchildren, Stan Titus, Katherine Titus, Caroline Titus of Amarillo and Teagan Terrell of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Building A6, Amarillo, TX 79106, or to a favorite charity.

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Diabetes

shirts dotting the park. "The teams raised money beautifully. This is a good community event."

Wilkerson alluded to Pampa's history of coming together as a community to explain the event's success.

"I think it's a two-part thing," she said. "I think that juvenile diabetes is something that, if you know someone with it or you have a child with it, you quickly embrace the cause, because you want to do something. But I think the other side of it is the power of Pampa. It is an incredible community that rallies around its own, and there are several, several kids in adults with Type 1 (diabetes), and at least 50 percent of it, if not more, is just that power of Pampa where they got behind it."

The fundraising goal for the day was about \$20,000, Wilkerson said. The day's tally came up about \$800 short, although Wilkerson expressed optimism that more donations would come in so the target would be met.

Pampa High School senior Ryne Richardson, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was 11, served as the guest of honor at the walk with his mother, Keziah Hoover.

Richardson, who Wilkerson credited with being a good influence on many recently diagnosed area kids, said that it was fulfilling to see such many Pampans — several of whom wore bright red shirts bearing Richardson's name — present at the event.

"It's definitely a good feeling just to see a bunch of people that I may not even know come and support me and (the fight against) diabetes," Richardson said. "It means the world to me to know that I can help out other kids and make a difference. It's a great privilege, and I think it's really cool to know I was part of the first two (walks). I plan on being around and doing this for a long time."

Hoover said that the day also helped to build fellowship and communication among those who were living with dia-

betes in the area.

"It's awesome," she said, "because when Ryne was first diagnosed, we didn't know anyone in town really that had it. There was no one to talk to about it. Now, we have this big turnout, and to meet and greet and help out and talk when they need someone to relate to, it's good."

Wilkerson confirmed that the event will definitely be returning to Pampa in 2013.

"I've been hearing a lot of, 'Next year, we need to do this,'" Wilkerson said. "'Next year, we need to do that. Let's move this over here.' I say, absolutely. It's great. It crossed my mind, 'Gosh, I hope I never have anything going on this weekend, because I have a feeling that this is always going to be the Pampa walk weekend.'"

The event's competitive 5K, which was held for the first time, was won by Reynaldo Encinas of Dalhart, with a time of 26:04.44.

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Habitat

hours of work in order to receive the Habitat house, was joined by a number of Habitat volunteers in getting the structure ready for renovation,

pounding down old sheet-rock, cleaning up the lawn and clearing out accumulated junk.

"Right into work," Sims said. "Tearing out walls in the

inside. We're tearing out the fence in the backyard. There's a basement in the garage. It's been completely cleaned out. Upstairs in the garage has

been completely cleaned out. We've had two, three truckloads (moved to the landfill) now."

Habitat board member Paul Nachtigall agreed that the work day was a productive one.

"I think we got everything done that we could do," Nachtigall said. "In fact, I think we got a little bit more done than what they even anticipated. We got everything cleaned up and now we're ready to move forward."

"I think it was about 9,000 pounds altogether that we hauled to the landfill," added Jason Bagwell, also of the Habitat board. "It was super productive. We pretty much got rid of all the debris and took down the fence that was pretty much dilapidated."

Nachtigall and Bagwell said that the next Habitat work day is planned for sometime within the next two weeks to one month, although a concrete date has yet to be decided. Nachtigall added that Saturday was a watershed moment for Habitat Pampa after years of planning and organization.

"We're so excited because (a local Habitat program) was the dream that Dr. Joe Donaldson brought to our community back in 2007," he said. "Now, it's finally coming to fruition. ... I was there at that first initial meeting when Dr. Donaldson presented it to us in the community, and I was one of the first board members. There's been a lot of good board members down through the years, but for me, I'm just one of a group now who's so very excited. Yesterday was just an awesome day for us."

Sims, for her part, was grateful to be the beneficiary, thanking Habitat and pledging to do everything she could to restore a home to her family.

"There's no words to describe it really," she said. "To know that this is finally going to be our home, and for us to actually have a home of our own again, like I said, it's the most awesome thing in the world. I love being here. It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of hard work. I know we just started, but we were inside and we were tearing down the plaster and the walls and stuff. I told Terry Glenn, I said, 'You know what? This feels good.' Taking out frustrations, you know? It felt good."

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Pauls hold Tea Party rally

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Presidential hopeful Ron Paul is teaming up with son Rand for what organizers promise will be a "massive" rally at the Texas Capitol.

The national Tea Party Express is sponsoring the event which also features Ted Cruz. Cruz is the tea party darling in a crowded field of Texas GOP candidates vying for their party's nomination to replace retiring Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, a Kentucky Republican, has joined his Texas congressman father frequently on the presidential campaign trail.

Texas holds its primary May 29 and the elder Paul drew thousands to another Austin rally at the University of Texas late last month.

He has attracted big crowds on college campuses in many states, but hasn't won any presidential caucuses or primaries.

Texas investigates Dallas hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Texas regulators have launched an investigation into new allegations that a beleaguered public hospital in Dallas fired a social worker after she filed a complaint that her superiors had asked her to violate safety rules.

The investigation by the Department of State Health Services accompanies a lawsuit by former Parkland Memorial Hospital social worker Sandra Palmer, who has accused her supervisors of asking her to transcribe medication vouchers, discuss pharmaceuticals with patients and "medication options with doctors," the Dallas Morning News reported.

The probe is the latest in a string of problems the hospital has faced in recent years. It comes on the heels of a report by federally mandated safety monitors who said in February that unsupervised doctors in residency training were performing invasive procedures, and sometimes doing so incorrectly. Monitors also said at least one death had occurred when a nurse injected a patient with a narcotic without receiving an order to do so from a doctor. The hospital has also been cited repeatedly for allowing caregivers to exceed their authority.

Woman awarded damages in suit

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Corpus Christi jury awarded \$24 million to a woman who was hit by a Coca-Cola truck driver who was chatting on her cellphone.

The jury decided Friday to give 37-year-old Vanice Chatman-Wilson \$10 million in punitive damages and \$14 million in actual damage.

Chatman-Wilson's attorneys argued their client suffered neck and back pain and had to undergo lumbar surgery after the 2010 accident, when the truck hit the Ford Fusion she was driving.

Coca-Cola said in a statement that it plans to appeal the jury's decision, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported. The beverage company has a policy requiring drivers to use a hands-free device when using a cellphone while driving. The driver maintains she was using a headset, in accordance with company policy.

But Bob Hilliard, one of Chatman-Wilson's attorneys, said the policy is not enforced.

"Not only does Coke need to change it, but when other companies hear the verdict, they will take a look at their policies," Hilliard said.

Coca-Cola, however, said in a statement the damages awarded to Chatman-Wilson had no connection to her injuries.

Group plans climate rallies in NM

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Environmentalists are planning a series of demonstrations around New Mexico on Saturday to bring awareness to the threat of wildfire and other implications of a changing climate.

The group 350.org is coordinating events in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Taos and Socorro. In all, more than 1,000 demonstrations are planned around the world.

Environmentalists and a group of firefighters met earlier this week in the Jemez Mountains to look at the burn scar left by last summer's Las Conchas fire. The largest in state history, the blaze charred more than 156,000 acres, destroyed homes and forced evacuations.

Porfirio Chavarria is a wildland-urban interface specialist from Santa Fe. He says he has noticed an increase in large fires since he first started in 1998.

Santa Fe firefighter Brian Moya says it's been hotter and drier and conditions are expected to become more intense.

Seabourn

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I might like was the legal field, which I didn't know a lot about," he said. "I came home for Christmas break, and spoke with John Warner to see if I could visit him in his office and see what it's like to be a lawyer."

Seabourn interned with the lawyer for several weeks, which sparked for him a desire to study law.

"If I speak at the high school, I always tell kids to give me a call if they think they might be interested in the law, so they can hang out in the office and see what it's like to prep for trial and just the day-to-day of being a lawyer," he said.

After getting his Bachelor's, Seabourn attended law school at Oklahoma University. When he graduated in May of 2001, he worked for Warner as a paralegal until he completed his bar exam, and then he began to work for the lawyer full-time. In April 2003, Seabourn split his time between Warner's office and the 31st District Attorney's office. In January 2004, he began his tenure as Gray County Attorney.

Since then, Seabourn says that the number of cases his offices sees has increased, while the percentage of case type has stayed about the same. However, he has seen some recent changes in juvenile offenses, which he recently looked at for the period between last summer and the one previous.

"We pulled them, because there seemed to be less juvenile crime, and the only change I could think of was the water park, which gave kids something else to do in town to stay out of trouble," said Seabourn, who was surprised at the numbers he found.

"Our number of cases had gone up, but serious crimes, felonies and serious misdemeanors like assault, had gone down," he said.

Social Security Reform, yes ... panic, no!

TOM MARGENAU
Creator's Syndicate

Social Security and you

I was all set to submit a column to my editor with reactions to the fact sheet I recently offered my readers called "When to Take Your Social Security Benefits." But then I woke up this morning to this headline in my morning paper: "Social Security Drain is Gaining Momentum." It was yet another news report predicting the demise of our nation's bedrock retirement insurance program. So I'm delaying that practical column about the best time to sign up for Social Security to write a more politically-charged newspaper story dealing with the hot button issue of Social Security reform.

The latest news stories focused on a recent report issued by Social Security's Board of Trustees, based on data compiled by Social Security Administration actuaries, that the program's trust funds will run dry in 2033, three years earlier than the estimate in last year's report. Lower than anticipated wages (and thus lower projected payroll tax receipts) were cited as the main reason for the sooner-than-expected funding shortfall.

This latest trustee's report will inevitably lead to all kinds of gloom and doom stories in the media — some of them predicting catastrophic consequences for the program and its beneficiaries. Indeed, the report in my local paper said, "Unless Congress acts — and forcefully — payments to millions of Americans will be cut."

And I know I will get emails from thousands of my readers. Some will be seriously concerned that their Social Security checks will soon be reduced. Others will make hasty and ill-advised decisions about starting their Social Security benefits (perhaps too soon) because they are worried that the rug will be pulled out from beneath them — that Social Security rules will change dramatically in the next couple of years.

My message to all concerned is to take a deep breath and calm down. Sure, Social Security has long-range funding problems — due almost entirely to the fact that baby boomers are turning into senior boomers at the rate of tens of thousands per day. But

they are problems that can be dealt with in a rational and comprehensive manner. And they will be dealt with as soon as this country has the political will to take on the challenge. And I think that will be just about there.

This problem isn't new, of course. People have known about the demographic time bomb represented by the aging baby boom generation for many years now. And most folks have been inclined to blame Congress for inaction, wondering: "Why don't they do something to fix Social Security?"

I place a large part of the blame on the American people — on voters and our negatively-focused election process. For example, if I had run for Congress anytime in the recent past on a Social Security reform platform that called for an increase in the retirement age and a slight decrease in annual cost-of-living adjustments (two very realistic and rational reform scenarios), I would have lost the election in a landslide. My opponent would have run negative ads claiming that I was out to gut grandma's Social Security checks.

I can envision the 30 second spot now. There would have been a picture of me taken on my worst bad hair and ugly face day, and next to me would be a sweet little old lady staring at her Social Security check in horror. A very ominous-sounding voiceover would say, "Did you know that Tom Margenau has a plan to slash our Social Security?" Then we would have seen my opponent, as handsome as the day is long, walking through a field of flowers with lots of happy and smiling senior citizens surrounding him. And you'd have heard him say, "Vote for me, Wally Wonderful. I love my grandma and I won't touch her Social Security check with a ten foot pole." And sadly, the voters would have bought it.

But as I said, I think the mood of the country is changing. I think folks are ready to acknowledge that we

have to do something to deal with Social Security's long-range problems.

So what can we do? I've used this column many times to offer some suggestions for reform. These aren't solutions that I dreamt up. They are commonly cited proposals for dealing with Social Security's funding problems. Even though you will hear all kinds of ideas over the next couple of years for changing Social Security — from radical right wing proposals to "privatize" the system to nonsense left wing suggestions to "leave well enough alone" — I will bet money that two or three of the following reforms will eventually be adopted and passed into law:

—A long-range increase in the retirement age, probably to age 68;

—An increase in the number of years used to compute a Social Security retirement benefit, from the current 35 year base to 38, which will have the effect of slightly reducing future retirement benefits;

—An increase in the Social Security taxable wage base, probably to \$250,000;

—A long-range and small increase in the payroll tax, perhaps from the current 6.2 percent to 6.5 percent; and

—A small decrease in the annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) paid to Social Security beneficiaries.

Here is one final note about the timeframe for dealing with Social Security reform. Most of my readers were in their 20s and 30s the last time the program faced a financial shortfall. This was in the late 1970s, and at the time, Social Security was only five years away from insolvency. Many of you were too young to give Social Security a second thought. But a series of amendments in 1983 set the system on the course it's still on today, putting the system in the black for the next half century. I'm not saying we should once again wait until Social Security is five years away from bankruptcy. The sooner we deal with Social Security reform, the better. But I am saying we don't need to panic.

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

Wife saw bullet hole over Skype

DALLAS (AP) — An Army nurse showed no alarm before suddenly collapsing during a Skype video chat with his wife, who saw a bullet hole in a closet behind him, his family said Sunday.

Capt. Bruce Kevin Clark's family released a statement describing what his wife saw in the video feed recording her husband's death.

"Clark was suddenly knocked forward," the statement said. "The closet behind him had a bullet hole in it. The other individuals, including a member of the military, who rushed to the home of CPT Clark's wife also saw the hole and agreed it was a bullet hole."

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Today in History

Today is Monday, May 7, the 128th day of 2012. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1812, English poet Robert Browning was born in London.

On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President George Washington and his wife, Martha.

In 1824, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, had its premiere in Vienna.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner RMS Lusitania off the Irish coast.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

In 1942, U.S. Army Gen. Jonathan Wainwright went on a Manila radio station to announce the Allied surrender of the Philippines to Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims (rams), France, ending its role in World War II.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1963, the United States launched the Telstar 2 communications satellite.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford formally declared an end to the "Vietnam era." In Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — the Viet Cong celebrated its takeover.

In 1977, Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In 1984, a \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action suit brought by Vietnam veterans who charged they'd suffered injury from exposure to the defoliant.

In 1992, the latest addition to America's space shuttle fleet, Endeavour, went on its first flight. A 203-year-old proposed constitutional amendment barring Congress from giving itself a midterm pay raise received enough votes for ratification as Michigan became the 38th state to approve it.

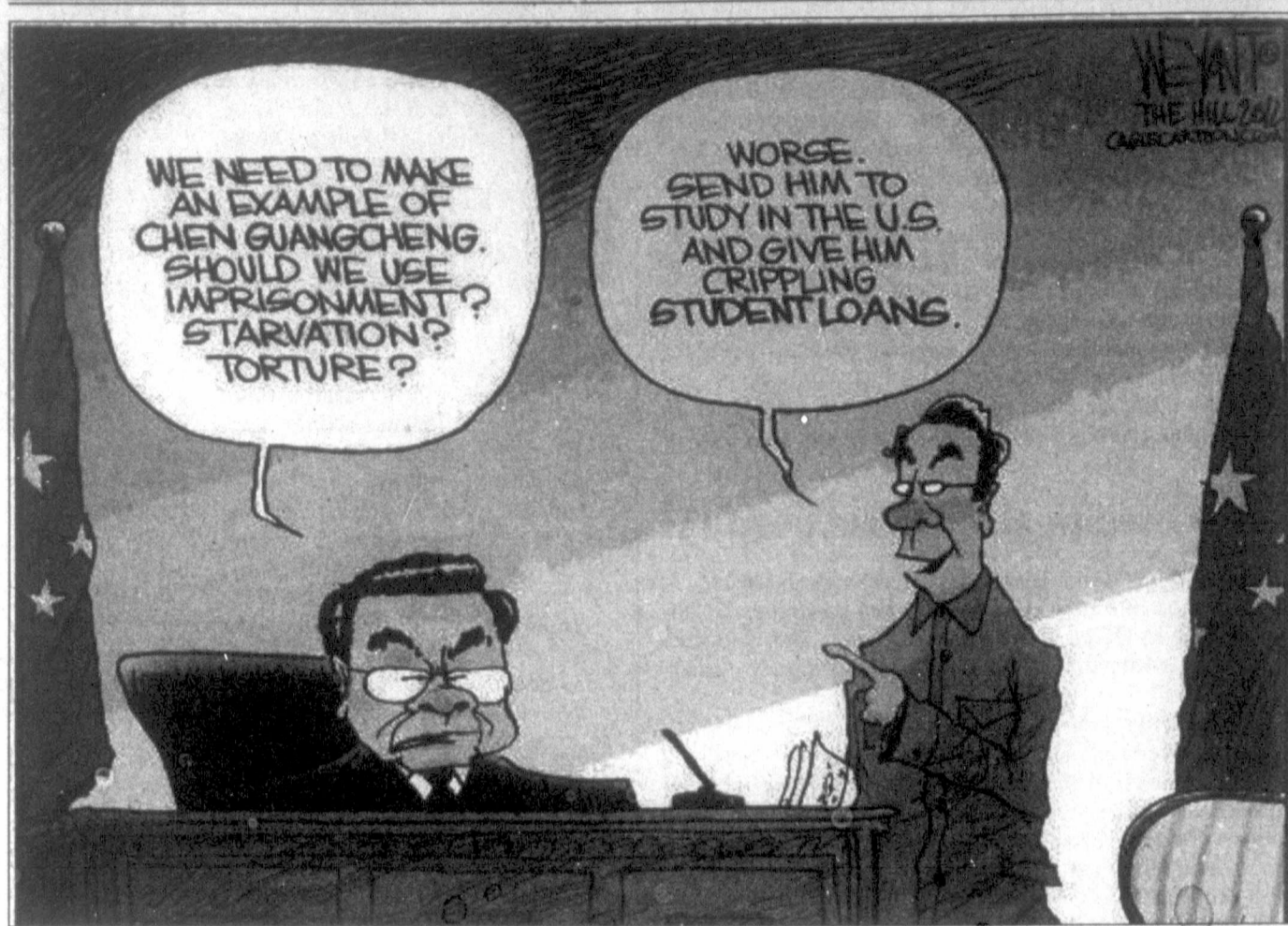
Ten years ago: Authorities arrested 21-year-old college student Luke J. Helder in a series of rural mailbox bombings that left six people wounded in Illinois and Iowa. (Helder was later found incompetent to stand trial, but remains incarcerated.) A China Northern Airlines jetliner crashed into the Yellow Sea, killing 112 people; Chinese authorities later blamed a saboteur who'd set a fire on board. An EgyptAir jetliner with 62 people aboard crashed in Tunisia, killing 14. Fifteen Israelis were killed by a suicide bomber at a pool hall in suburban Tel Aviv. Triple Crown winner Seattle Slew died at age 28, 25 years to the day after his victory in the Kentucky Derby.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed Britain's Queen Elizabeth II to the White House, drawing laughter when he mistakenly started to say that the queen had helped the U.S. celebrate its bicentennial in "1776," then quickly corrected himself to say "1976." Six Muslim immigrants from the former Yugoslavia and the Middle East were arrested and accused of plotting to massacre U.S. soldiers at Fort Dix, N.J. (Five were later convicted in federal court of conspiring to kill military personnel; the sixth was charged only with gun offenses, and pleaded guilty.) Yahweh Ben Yahweh, a former cult leader in Miami linked to nearly two dozen gruesome killings in the 1980s, died at age 71.

One year ago: The U.S. released a handful of videos seized from Osama bin Laden's hideout showing the terrorist leader watching newscasts of himself amid shabby surroundings. The Taliban unleashed a major assault on government buildings throughout Kandahar, Afghanistan. Animal Kingdom sped past the leaders in the turn at Churchill Downs and roared down the middle of the stretch to win the Kentucky Derby. Justin Verlander threw his second career no-hitter, leading the Detroit Tigers to a 9-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. World Golf Hall of Famer Seve Ballesteros, 54, died in Pedrena, Spain. Former General Motors Chairman and CEO Robert Stempel, 77, died in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is 80. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 73. Actress Robin Strasser is 67. Singer-songwriter Bill Danoff is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Thelma Houston is 66. Rock musician Bill Kreutzmann (Grateful Dead) is 66. Rock musician Prairie Prince is 62. Movie writer-director Amy Heckerling is 60. Actor Michael E. Knight is 53. Rock musician Phil Campbell (Motorhead) is 51. Rock singer-musician Chris O'Connor (Primitive Radio Gods) is 47. Actress Traci Lords is 44. Singer Eagle-Eye Cherry is 41. Actor Breckin Meyer is 38. Rock musician Matt Helders (Arctic Monkeys) is 26. Actor Taylor Abrahamse is 21.

Thought for Today: "There are those who believe something, and therefore will tolerate nothing; and on the other hand, those who tolerate everything, because they believe nothing." — Robert Browning (1812-1889).



GOP rallies around Romney — sort of

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican party leaders are starting to rally around Mitt Romney, but it's not exactly a stampede of support for the expected GOP presidential nominee.

With Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich out of the race, Romney is his party's pick to take on President Barack Obama this fall, barring a catastrophe. While Romney talks like the nominee, the former Massachusetts governor has work to do to round up enough convention delegates to make it official.

Romney has 856 delegates, according to The Associated Press count. That's 288 short of the 1,144 he needs to win the nomination. Romney could get about 100 delegates from Tuesday's primaries in North Carolina, Indiana and West Virginia, if he dominates the voting in all three states.

But unless he persuades a lot more Santorum and Gingrich delegates to switch allegiances, Romney might not clinch until the Texas primary May 29. On Sunday, Romney lost 11 delegates to Texas Rep. Ron Paul when Paul's supporters won control of the Maine GOP convention and elected Paul delegates to the party's national convention.

Romney is "the projected candidate," said Peggy Lambert, a member of the Republican National Committee from Tennessee who endorsed Romney last week. "Let's go ahead and get this thing over with. Let's get as many delegates as we can."

Santorum and Gingrich have said they will help Romney defeat Obama, but neither has released his delegates to vote for Romney at the national convention in August. Santorum has 257 delegates and Gingrich has 130. In interviews during the past week, many delegates

said they were reluctant to back Romney without guidance from their former candidates.

Paul is the only other Republican still in the race, and he has 94 delegates.

Many committee members are getting behind Romney, though some are half-hearted about it. These party leaders — three from each state and U.S. territory — automatically attend the national convention and, in most states, can support any candidate they choose.

They will be asked to donate, volunteer and work for Republican candidates up and down the ticket, making their support for Romney an important barometer of enthusiasm and unity among GOP loyalists.

"I think the process has narrowed down and we've got a chance to hear all the candidates and all the debate," said Jonathan Barnett, an RNC member from Arkansas who serves in the state Legislature. "Really, he's pretty much the only one left standing. It's time to get on board."

Alabama GOP chairman Bill Armistead sounded more enthusiastic. He said he's recruiting volunteers to help Romney in Florida, where the race will be much closer than in Alabama.

"The No. 1 objective of the people I talk to is to defeat Barack Obama," Armistead said.

The RNC has 168 members. Some are required to support the candidate who wins the primary in their state. The AP has identified 120 who are free to support any candidate they choose, regardless of the primaries.

Romney has endorsements from 57 of them, according to the AP's latest survey, conducted in the past week after Gingrich's plans to leave the race became public. Paul has one endorsement, while 60 RNC members are holding off on endorsing anyone, even with the race essentially decided. (Two RNC

spots won't be filled until June.)

Some RNC members say they have yet to endorse Romney because of local concerns.

Kentucky GOP chairman Steve Robertson said he isn't endorsing anyone out of deference to Paul's son, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. In Oregon, Nebraska and Nevada, RNC members say they won't endorse anyone before their states' primaries, which have yet to be held.

Back when the primary race was competitive, some RNC members questioned Romney's conservative credentials. In the latest survey, no RNC member was willing to say he or she had a problem with him.

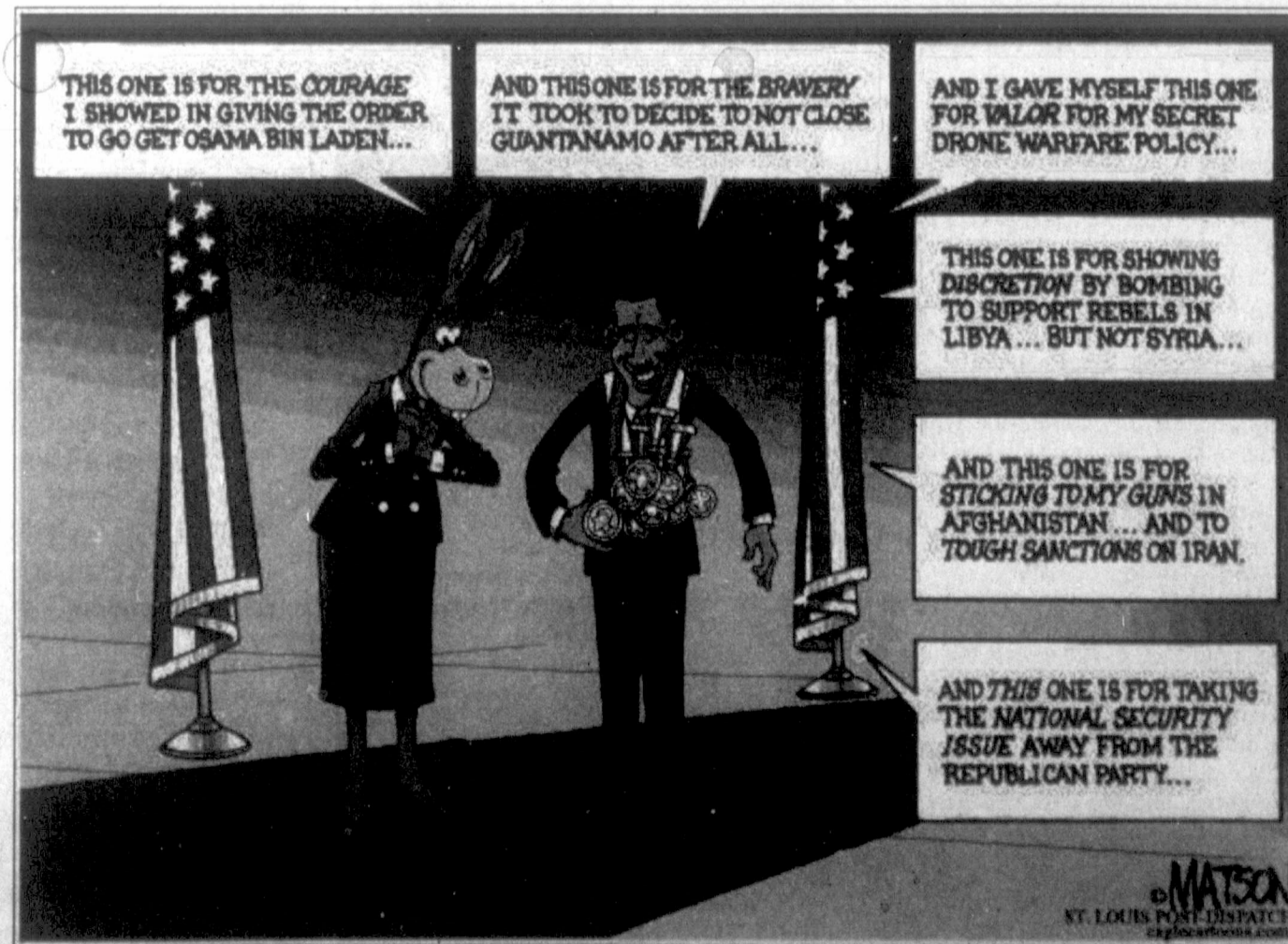
But Richard Giessel, a Santorum delegate in Alaska, wasn't shy about his disdain for Romney, calling him "a big government guy."

"We've got too big a government now," said Giessel, who said he now plans to support Ron Paul.

Romney added 22 RNC endorsements since the last AP survey in early April, and he has support from every region of the country. None of Romney's rivals was able to gain much traction among the RNC delegates. Gingrich had four endorsements at one point, more than any of the others.

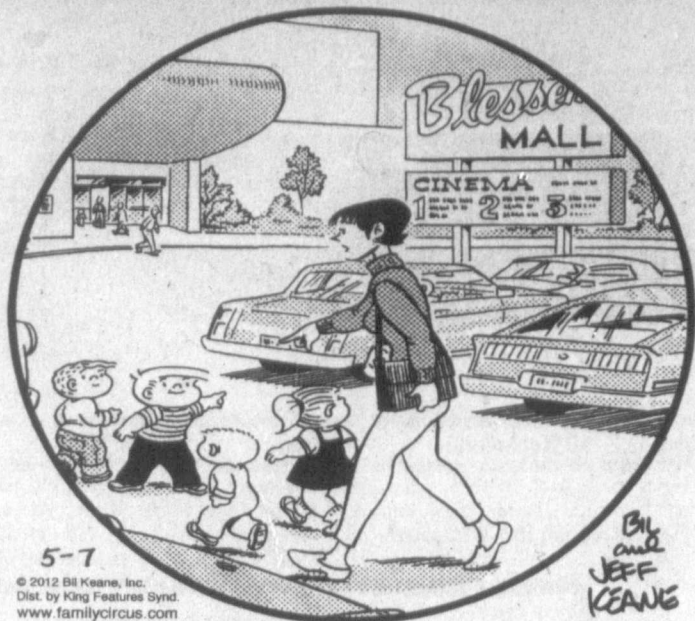
Drew Johnson, a Gingrich delegate from South Carolina, said he thinks the state's delegate will unite behind Romney. South Carolina, a solidly Republican state was one of only two states Gingrich won in the primaries.

"Romney has my endorsement and he can count on South Carolina to be one of his biggest cheering sections at the national convention," said Johnson, who leads the Chester County Republicans. "My focus is crystal clear for the upcoming election. We will be making calls to any state it is needed and ever send South Carolina activists to reawaken swing states to defeat Obama."



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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 8, 2012:

The quality of your communication defines how content you will be this year. You alternate between wanting a lot of closeness and needing some space. If you are single, finding a match that can meet these different needs could be an intense experience. Enjoy the dating process; you will know when you find the right person. If you are attached, your significant other probably can handle this back and forth. Are you as sensitive to your sweetie's needs as he or she is to yours? Learning to respect others rather than wanting to change them could make your happiness soar. **CAPRICORN** can be cold and remote or hot and intense.

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)
★★★★★ Claim your power, even though it might be more agreeable to indulge the other party. Choose your words with care, as the person in question has been overly serious. Discussions will be animated and worthwhile as long as you are open to a new insight. Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A partnership remains a source of pleasure. You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up. Think positively. You'll break past a barrier almost immediately if you can mentally connect with the right person. Tonight: Do nothing halfway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others will come forward if you back off a bit. Your good vibes seem to communicate your intentions. Listen to someone who demonstrates enormous insight and wisdom. At times, this person is overly serious and/or cynical. Tonight: Chat away over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You plunge into work or a project with the best intentions. Carefully consider your alternatives, especially involving a family member, an investment or a real-estate matter. You might need to assume more responsibility than you would like. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination plays an instrumental role in various situations. You

might not have all the answers, but someone else might have a good suggestion or two. Brainstorm away. You'll hop around from one topic to another, so be open to change. Greet more dynamic ideas positively. Tonight: Take a much-needed break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You can find a lot of excuses if you want to have a slow start to the day. The problem is that you go to extremes far too easily. You often exhaust yourself. A little self-discipline could go far. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might have pushed too hard for your own good. It is questionable which way would be the best way to go. Indulge a friend or loved one. Be serious in a conversation, yet at the same time, be open to others' ideas. Tonight: Meet a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You will tend to test your limits, and perhaps be the source of some awkwardness between you and someone else. You'll wonder what is enough as your mind drifts into contemplation. Conversations point to the correct direction. Tonight: Meet a friend later on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Clearly someone wants to get a lot closer to you. The decision is yours to make: Do you want to transform this bond and make it stronger? Recognize the long-term implications before deciding. Communication excels, and you seem to understand others well. Tonight: It is your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might feel slightly out of sorts early on, but later today you will feel better. Give yourself space, and do only what you must. You could be overwhelmed and need a break. Squeeze in some relaxation. Tonight: Perk up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on possibilities rather than problems. You could see a situation far differently than many other people. You will know how to bring others together. Act as if you are a team, and excellent results will ensue. Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Many demands could have you juggling between different people. Do not lose your focus, even if a partner is difficult and tests your limits. Be willing to go to bat for someone you really care about. Tonight: Where the fun is.

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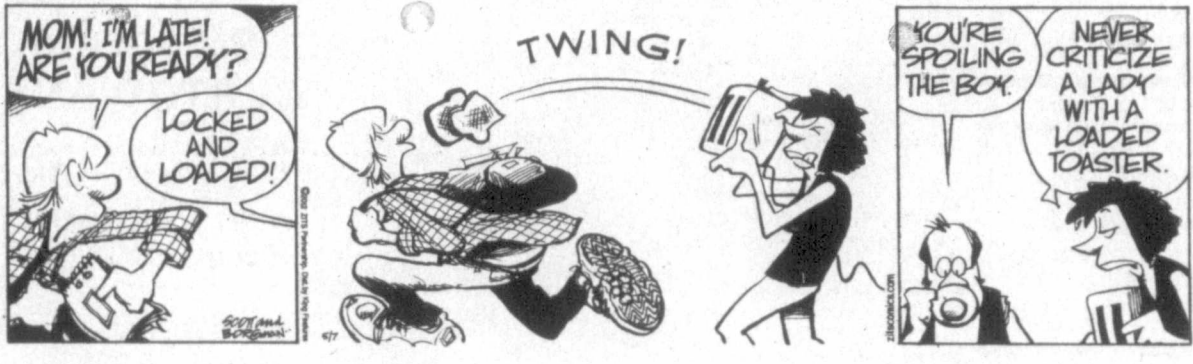
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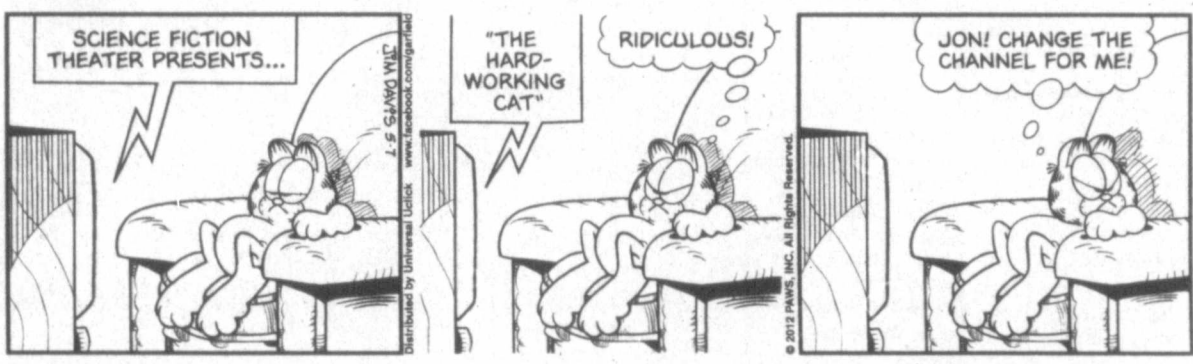
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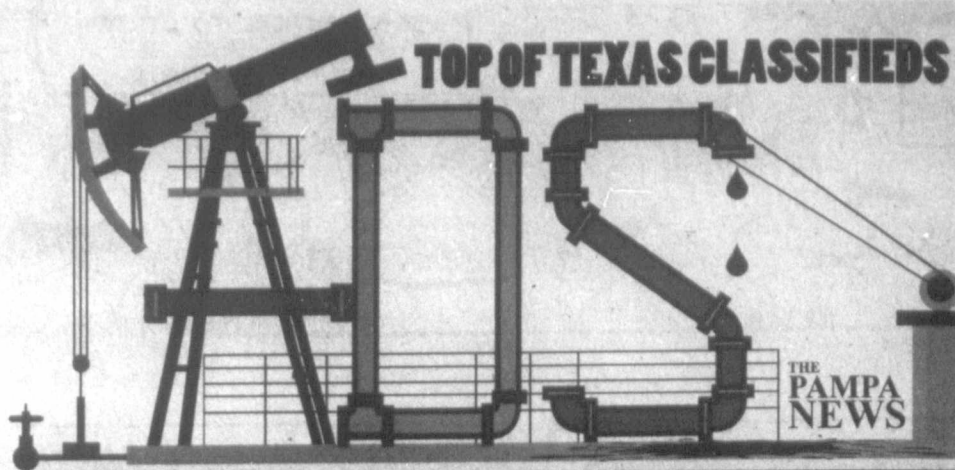


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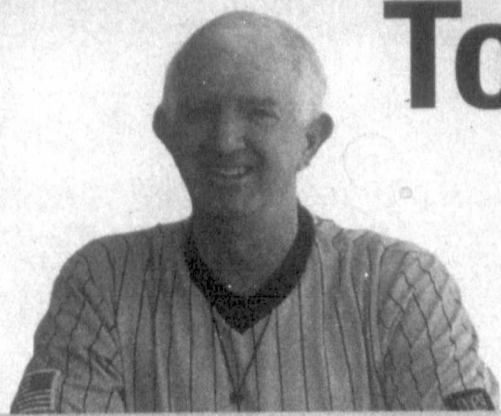
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Sports

Alexander's two-RBI double rallies Lady Harvesters

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PLAINVIEW — Junior Martecia Alexander, the ninth batter for the Pampa Lady Harvesters, hit the ball hard against the Midland Greenwood Rangerettes in Game 1 but couldn't get the ball to fall for a hit.

"She was going to get one at some point," head coach Bobbi Gill said. "I just didn't know when."

With her team down 2-0 and two outs from facing a decisive Game 3, Alexander worked the count full after falling behind 0-2 and hit a two-RBI double then scored the series-clinching run in a 3-2 victory in the area round Saturday.

"I just knew I had to get them in," Alexander said. "We needed to score."

"Couldn't have been at a better time," Gill said.

Junior Claire Hopkins drove in the winning run with a single to right. Alexander said it felt good to send Pampa to the next round.

"It's amazing," Alexander said. "I'm excited."

Senior Heather Coffee, who bats sixth, led off the seventh with a single. Sophomore Bailey Wichert, who was 0 for 2, followed with a single.

"Anyone in our lineup can produce," Gill said. "That's a good asset to have."

Sophomore Alexa O'Brien said the last inning was amazing.

"After Martie (Alexander) hit that amazing hit, I knew when Claire was up to bat we had it," O'Brien said.

SOFTBALL cont. on page 10



photo courtesy of Charla Shults

Junior Martecia Alexander runs to first after hitting a double. Alexander drove in the tying runs and scored the series-clincher.

Harvesters force decisive game but fall

ANDREW GLOVER
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PLAINVIEW — With the Pampa Harvesters' season hanging in the balance, head coach Kaleb Snelgrooves gave the ball to senior Collin Killgo, hoping he could extend the season.

The senior delivered. Killgo pitched a complete game in a 6-3 victory sending the series to a decisive Game 3. Unfortunately, the Harvesters came up short in Game 3 in a 11-1 loss to the Lubbock Estacado Matadors Saturday at Wayland Baptist's Wilder Park in Plainview.

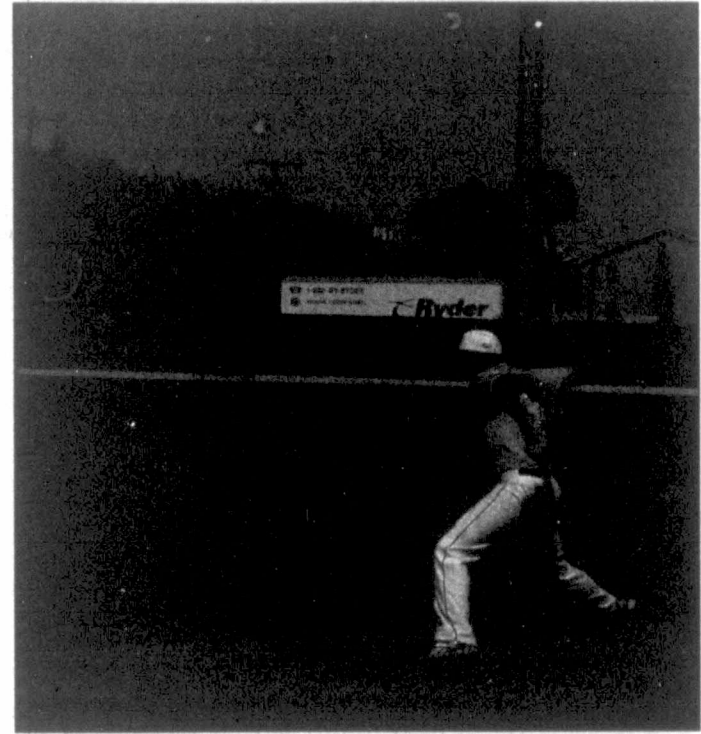
"It felt great to pitch the whole game," Killgo said. "I knew we had to win that game to get to a third game. See who comes out and make it to the next round. We unfortunately didn't come out on top, but it felt good to pitch the whole game and do good."

Snelgrooves said he was proud of how his team played. "Everything I read and heard, they wrote us off for this series," Snelgrooves said. "For us to come out and win that game (on Saturday), our effort was great in the second game. We just had some things not go our way."

Killgo gave up three runs on five hits, three walks, three hit batters and struck out six.

"For him to pitch like that on his last outing, it was unbelievable," Snelgrooves said. "He even wanted to pitch (in Game 3) after he threw 115 pitches. That's something you can build a program on."

BASEBALL cont. on page 10



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Senior Collin Killgo throws a pitch in Game 2 against Estacado. Killgo pitched a complete game, helping the Harvesters force a Game 3.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm getting married soon. My mom says we should have one side of the church reserved for my fiancé's friends and family, and one side for ours. I disagree. Not only does it make me feel like we would be separating people when the occasion should be about unity, but he doesn't have a whole lot of people coming. It could embarrass him if I have 100 guests on my side and he has 30 on his.

My fiancé says he doesn't care, but I do! I want our guests blended in celebration of our union. Because Mom and Dad are paying half, I think Mom should have some input, but I don't feel right about her suggestion. What do you think? — UNITING, NOT DIVIDING

DEAR UNITING: I agree with your thinking. Although in the past brides' and grooms' guests were seated on opposite sides of the sanctuary, today the wedding "rules" have loosened considerably. While the bride's and groom's FAMILIES usually sit on opposite sides in areas marked for them by ribbons, if there is an imbalance in the number of guests such as you have described, an usher can correct it by seating the guests on both sides of the room without regard to who invited them.

DEAR ABBY: Why do people act like it's a disgrace for a son to be living with his mother? They don't have that attitude when it's a daughter. A lot of folks are without jobs right now, and I'm insulted that people feel the need to comment when sons move back home.

My house is paid for and my son is good company. He is not a complainer, we have a lot of the same interests, and he is constantly on the computer trying to find a job. I feel a lot safer now that he lives with me than I did living

by myself, and I will miss him once he has found a job and moves out. — MOTHER OF A GOOD SON

DEAR MOTHER: Because many people are without jobs right now, many individuals — and entire families — are living under one roof. It has been this way since the Great Recession hit our economy, and a person would have to be living in a cave not to understand that it has been driven by necessity. I'm sad that people so often make comments without thinking about the effect they will have on the listener, but please don't take them personally. They are made out of ignorance.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own five parrots, one of which is a Miligold Macaw. "Petie" is a young bird and starting to pick up words and sounds like crazy. Something he has started mimicking has my husband and me embarrassed and wor-

ried. When we go into our bedroom, Petie starts making "amorous" sounds. Honestly, it sounds like someone is at the height of romantic passion in the living room where his cage is located.

Petie practices other words and sounds at various times during the day. We enjoy having people over to the house, and it's good for him to interact with them and be socialized. How should we handle the situation if he starts repeating the sounds of our bedroom activities when guests are over? Any suggestions? — DISCREET IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR DISCREET: You could tell your guests that Petie likes to watch R-rated movies on premium cable. But don't be embarrassed that your bird has the sounds of pleasure to imitate. It would be worse if he were saying, "Not to-night; I have a headache."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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13 Swear

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15 Get rigid

17 Seventh

Greek letter

18 Navy officers

19 Chest bone

20 Foot part

21 Muscle quality

22 Bank fixtures

25 Join together

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33 Scarlet

34 Supplement

35 Using the Internet

37 Norse god

38 Brother's daughters

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Saturday's answer

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Sports

Softball

Gill said she knew her girls were capable of coming back.

"They are supportive of each other," Gill said. "They stay in the game and know at any minute they can produce."

Coffee started for Pampa and struggled to get out of innings quickly, throwing 34 pitches to get out of the first. Greenwood's batters did a good job of battling with two strikes and working the count. Coffee was pulled after the third inning and throwing 82

pitches.

Kassie Maddox drove in both runs with a RBI single in the first and a solo home run in the fourth.

O'Brien, who pitched Friday, took over and only allowed one hit and struck out five to earn the win. This was O'Brien's first playoff series.

"It was crazy," O'Brien said. "It was really fun. I enjoyed it. They are a really good team."

Gill said she was pleased with how O'Brien pitched. "Alexa does a good job

of moving the ball around the zone and making you hit her pitch," Gill said.

The Lady Harvesters (24-8) advance to the regional quarterfinals and will face the Lamesa Lady Tornadoes at Plainview High School. Game 1 will be 6 p.m. Friday and Game 2 will follow at 8 p.m. Game 3, if necessary will be at 11 a.m. Saturday.

O'Brien and Alexander said they are looking forward to the next series.

"I hope we can keep going," O'Brien said. "I

hope we get more and more wins and end up at

the state tournament."

it tomorrow," Alexander said.

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Baseball

Junior catcher Jordan Lemons put the Harvesters in front with a two-RBI single to left. Senior Cole Engle hit a RBI double in the third.

In the fourth inning, Pampa loaded the bases. Senior Jared Lusk brought home two runs as Luis Salinas' throw home went to the backstop, allowing Engle to score from second.

Estacado rallied in the last two innings. Victor Gomez hit a RBI double in the sixth. Matthew Flores hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh. Austin Buitron scored on a wild pitch. Senior Zach Graves ended the Matadors' rally catching a line drive. The Harvesters celebrated their first playoff victory since 2007.

"That was my first playoff win in my high school career," junior Chris Howard said. "It felt really good to get a playoff win but wish we would have gotten two."

Game 3 was back-and-forth for the first three innings. Sophomore Ethan Hunt started and had good command of the strike zone. The Matadors only managed one hit on an RBI double.

The Harvesters (10-16) evened the score in the fourth on a RBI double by Lemons. Pampa was unable to take the lead as junior Taylor Woods, who courtesy ran for Lemons, was picked off. Senior Devin

Coleman grounded out to end the inning.

Pampa's baserunning proved to be costly. Engle was picked off after hitting a lead off single in the first. Senior Trace Carter was thrown out at home, trying to advance two bases on a sacrifice fly in the third.

The Matadors (15-16) put Pampa away in the fourth inning. Hunt allowed the first four batters to reach and allowed a run on an RBI single by Stephen Garcia. Hunt got a strikeout, but that was the last he recorded. Hunt walked Stephen Aguilar with the bases loaded.

Snelgrooves said he liked how Hunt competed.

"For him as a sophomore, to compete like that is going to help us when he is a junior and senior," Snelgrooves said.

Things got worse for the Harvesters. Junior James Thompson's first pitch went past the catcher, allowing David Cruz to score. Estacado followed with a two-RBI double and two-run home run.

The game ended the careers of seniors Jared Lusk, Engle, Killgo, Graves, Coleman and Carter. Killgo said he had a lot of fun playing for Pampa.

"There's a bunch of great people," Killgo said. "Great friends, great coaches, great parents and everybody who comes to support us. It's a great program."

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