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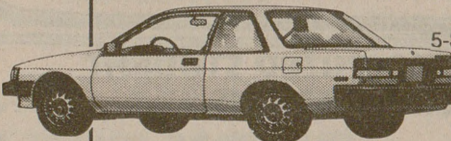

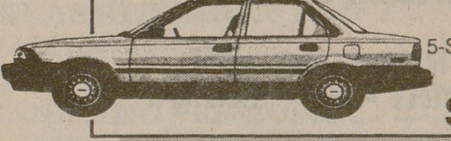

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Thank you for helping to speed Dan's recovery.
We are very proud that our son chose to attend school and play baseball at Texas A&M.
Ralph and Marilyn Robinson

Mavs won't dwell on loss, look to future

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas owner Donald Carter says the Mavericks won't sit around pouting about being swept by Portland in the first round of the NBA playoffs.
He said the first thing they'll do is sign forward Sam Perkins, who is a free agent and asking for some \$3 million a year.
"I don't plan on him leaving," Carter said after Dallas was whipped 106-92 by Portland on Tuesday night to sweep their best-of-five series 3-0. "That (signing Perkins) is pretty well already done as far as I'm concerned. In my mind it's done."
"When two people know they want the same thing in the same place, they'll work it out. Norm's (general manager Norm Sonju) has pretty well got that done in my opinion."
Carter said he had confidence coach Richie Adubato, who recently signed a contract, could make the Mavs a better playoff team next year.
"I feel empty, but I've been emptier, though," Carter said. "This season gave him an opportunity to prove what he could accomplish and get out of the players and that's been a real plus."
Carter said all the distractions created a season "that was tough on me and my family. It was tough on Norm and (player personnel director) Rick Sund. I'm worried about Rick. He looks so unhealthy."
The Mavs get three first-round draft picks in the June NBA draft, including a lottery choice.
"I'm going to send my wife (Linda) to the (May 20) lottery," Carter said. "She can't be worse than what I've been getting."
The Mavs get Washington's No. 1 selection from a 1986 trade involving Jay Vincent. Dallas got the eighth pick in the lottery last year and the seventh in 1986.
"We've got a lot of ideas for this team," Carter said. "I'll just be the referee while Norm and Rick and Richie decide what we need to do."
"You gotta add something. You can't play pat. We had one excellent, excellent season and we stood pat, and this club will never stand pat again."
Adubato took over the second week in the season after John MacLeod was fired, the earliest dismissal in NBA history.
"This is not a season I'd say I wish I had experienced," Carter said.
The Mavs also were torn by the problems of center Roy Tarpley who missed a third of the season by violating his drug aftercare program.
Then Tarpley missed practices and was suspended for two games.
Against Portland he scored only six points.
Tarpley said he had a 24-hour virus.
"I was up all night and I was weak and that's why I didn't play well," he said.
Tarpley, who had told a reporter last week he wanted to be traded, was singing a different tune in the dressing room after the game.

Summer Squall leads Derby hopefuls at Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — First he was called Thunder Bolt, then Stormy Weather, then Storm Cloud. Finally, it was Summer Squall.
By any name, the colt is a leading contender for Saturday's Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs.
For a time in February it looked as if Summer Squall was going nowhere.
Having recovered from a hairline fracture of the right-front cannon bone that ended his five-race unbeaten campaign as 2-year-old, Summer Squall bled during a workout Feb. 15 at Gulfstream Park.
"It wasn't a trickle," Cot Campbell, president of Dogwood Stable, said of the bleeding. "There had never been any indication of bleeding before. It was a fluky thing."
Campbell and trainer Neil Howard think the bleeding might have been the result of a fungus or bacteria.
"He was one of 35 horses who bled during a 10-day period in Florida, Campbell said.
Veterinarians gave the OK for Summer Squall to start in the seven-furlong Swale March 17 at Gulfstream and the colt finished second, a length behind top sprinter Housebuster. Campbell said it "might have been his best race, given the circumstances."
Two weeks later, Summer Squall won the Jim Beam at Turfway Park and two weeks after that won the Blue Grass at Keeneland. Both races were run at 1 1/4 miles on muddy tracks.
Now comes the 1 1/4-mile Derby, and Summer Squall figures to be no worse than the second betting choice to unbeaten Mister Frisky, winner of all 16 of his starts.

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that day on he never missed a game for 14 seasons.
In 1927, Gehrig was named Most Valuable Player, an honor he was to again receive in 1936. With 47 home runs, 175 runs batted in and batting .373, Gehrig had just what the Yankees needed.
In the 1928 World Series, Gehrig was batting .545, but he was second to Ruth, who was hitting an incredible .675. No matter what Gehrig did, Ruth was always the hero. Gehrig was always in the wings. Gehrig even followed Ruth in the batting order.
Gehrig won his only outright home run title in 1934 and, with Ruth's departure from the squad a year later, it looked as if he would finally find his place in the sun.
Enter DiMaggio. Another powerhouse to fill the gap created by Ruth's loss. Another powerhouse to muscle ahead of Gehrig.
Gehrig hit his last World Series home run in 1937 against the Giants, and he felt he was losing his touch. His 1938 statistics slipped to .295, 29 home runs and 114 RBI.
On that May 2, his reflexes were slow, his coordination was gone and he realized what he had to do. He asked manager Joe McCarthy to take him out of the game.
As captain of the team, Gehrig led the group to the home plate at Briggs Stadium in Detroit to call out the lineup that he wasn't on. The crowd knew something was wrong and as he walked back to the dugout, he received a terrific standing ovation that brought tears to his eyes.
After 2,130 consecutive games, the Iron Horse was to watch from the dugout.
Doctors diagnosed Gehrig's problem as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis — an unusual disease that attacks the central nervous system and causes a hardening of the spinal cord, leading to total incapacitation. They gave him two years to live.
Baseball fans around the world heard of his affliction, which was later named "Gehrig's disease" and many decided to pay him the tribute he deserved.
On July 4, 1939, Yankee Stadium was packed with 61,808 fans as well as both the 1927 and 1939 Yankee teams for Lou Gehrig Appreciation Day.
Gehrig delivered an emotional speech that marked the end of his great career. Ruth, who was never really close to Gehrig, walked up to his ailing teammate and hugged him tightly.
Gehrig, trying to hold back emotions as he spoke, lauded his team, the fans and his favorite sport of baseball and was thankful for the many good years he had.
"Today, I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth," Gehrig said.
That was the day he had finally come out of the shadows of Ruth and DiMaggio and the public finally appreciated the hitter that had been so quiet for so long.

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