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Rural health clinic seeking to fill PA slot

Although Cogdell Memorial Hospital's rural health clinic does not currently have a permanent physician's assistant or nurse practitioner, the clinic is in full operation.

"The last candidate we offered the job to turned us down because his current employer gave him a $10,000 per year raise, plus tuition reimbursement," said Nick Blythe, clinic administrator.

"We offered the job on a Thursday and he called us back Friday that he had gotten the raise and wasn't wanting to move," said Blythe.

"Monday, we have a temporary replacement coming in who is available for permanent placement," said Blythe.

"We'll both be looking at each other and if it works out, we'll offer the job permanently," said Blythe.

Currently, Bill McGuire is doing an excellent job for us," said Blythe.

Blythe said a recent insurance glitch has been worked out and filings are going as they were previously.



SPARKS FLY FOR RODEO — Scott Crenwelge, director of Scurry County Parks and Recreation Department, repairs a gate in preparation for the Western Texas College Rodeo that opens tonight in the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Oil prices to go higher

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC's decision to cut its oil output target by 4 percent starting today will cause prices to rise from their already high levels, analysts predicted.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries hopes the cut will prevent a price drop this spring, when the global demand for oil slips to a seasonal low.

Some analysts said the cut could soon push crude prices above the psychologically important threshold of $40 per barrel and worsen the pain for U.S. motorists.

OPEC agreed in talks at its headquarters in Vienna to reduce its output target by 1 million barrels per day. Although it had announced plans for the cut when its members met last month in Algiers, Algeria, a subsequent surge in prices led a few of the group's 11 members to suggest postponing the decrease.

OPEC had to balance concerns that high prices could choke off economic growth with its own fears that swelling inventories and reduced demand could cause prices to plunge.

Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates proposed postponing the cut, but Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ali Naimi and the majority of ministers prevailed in their effort to reduce the ceiling to 23.5 million barrels per day.

Those ministers blamed speculators and the weak U.S. dollar for the high prices. Oil is bought and sold in dollars, and the recent decline in the dollar's value has caused the nominal price for oil to increase.

OPEC President Purnomo Yusgiantoro told reporters that "crude markets remain more than well-supplied" and argued that a failure to follow through on the planned cut would "bring the prices into crash" because of increasing inventories.

"The trend that we have now is unusual: in the crude, we have enough stock, but in the product (markets), it's very tight," Purnomo said.

Claude Mandil, the chief of global energy watchdog the International Energy Agency, said his group does not view the market as well supplied and argued the OPEC cut was unjustified.

Also today, Nigeria's OPEC representative, Edmund Daukoru, the presidential adviser on petroleum and energy, said the cut would cushion a fall in prices, which "might skim the top of $28."

"Prices will come down. We don't want the fall to be catastrophic," he said.

Futures markets responded to the official announcement with a sell-off as traders liquidated their long contracts and took profits.

U.S. crude futures for May delivery fell 32 cents in early trading ahead of the market's opening this morning to $35.44 per barrel in New York, while May contracts of North Sea Brent rose 1 cent in Thursday trading, selling at $31.52 in London.

Analysts argued that prices would soon begin to rise again, especially if OPEC showed that it was determined to curtail its actual output and not just reduce its production target. U.S. crude could spike to $40 a barrel "within a week or two."

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Bobby Allen



Bull, bareback and saddle bronc riders will be on display tonight at Scurry County Coliseum, taking leave of their senses and their lives in their own hands.

Two things we know about horses — don't look them in the eye, and they will bite your fingers off if you try to feed them.

These important lessons weren't gleaned from experience or from paternal advice, but from an innate aversion to large, hoofed beasts.

Any animal that can step on your head without jumping should be feared, respected and avoided at all costs.

Which is what makes covering rodeo so darn tough — it's like sending a guy afraid of heights out to clean the windows on the Empire State building.

Riders are a different breed — part athlete, part thrill-seeker. It takes an unimaginable amount of courage (some would say chutzpah) to climb aboard a wild steed that has been zapped in its tender parts, and not just try to hang on, but hang on with style.

The rewards are money, belt buckles and saddles, which clearly do not match the risks involved.

We've never been hurt by a horse or a cow, but an old friend once was kicked in the ribs by a Shetland pony, and it didn't look like fun, even though it was hysterically funny.

See, our friend figured that horses were nice animals, thus Shetland's — being miniature versions — must be even more gentle.

Smart thinking.

On Near Island in Alaska, a herd of wild Shetlands graze and do whatever it is horses do when they aren't eating or biting people's fingers off. They are relatively easy-going, taking no notice of the humans they come in contact with on a daily basis.

Unless provoked.

Trying to mount the wild animal a la Randolph Scott, our old buddy took a pair of hoofs right to the solar plexus, sending him flying like a crash-test dummy.

No permanent damage was sustained by the pony, but we hear our buddy took a job in a glue factory.

And bulls? Forget it. Steer clear of them at all costs.

While stationed in Germany, we took a trip to Spain one summer, and were disappointed we missed the running of the bulls at Pamplona, at least until we saw the carnage from that year.

Every July in Spain to celebrate the Fiesta of San Fermin, dozens of wild, angry bulls are let loose upon the streets of Pamplona to run to the bull-fighting ring.

Evidently, someone with a belly full of vino decided long ago a good way to spice up the festivities would be to have people run down narrow, cobblestone streets in front of the stampede.

What follows are goring, tramplings and sometimes bloody deaths, and it's hard to work up sympathy for someone who chooses to tempt fate and run with the pack.

The herd always finds a way of thinning itself out.

So here's a tip of the cap to the hands that will thrill and spill for your entertainment this weekend.

And remember, if you want to feed the horses, look away. And wear mittens.

WTSB re-elects officers, directors

Shareholders of West Texas State Bank re-elected directors last Thursday, and this morning officers of the bank were named by the board.

Directors re-elected are Martin Brooks, Darryl Calley, Dan Cotton, Harold Denson, Bill Eiland, John Greene, David Holt, Terry Martin, R.C. Patton and Dale Stuard.

Greene was re-elected president and chief executive offieer while Forrest Pendleton was named executive vice president. Calley was re-elected vice president and cashier.

Vice presidents are Vic Jeter and Jennifer Voss and elected assistant vice presidents were Terri Cahoon, Judy Dunk, Tana Holt, Theresa Jones, Donna Koonce, Lesa Mayer, Joyce Pace and Jana Taylor.

State rep tells local teachers he followed leadership urging

By Jeff West
SDN Staff Writer

State Rep. Scott Campbell came to Snyder Wednesday to meet with teachers and try to answer charges that many of his votes in the last session of the legislature were anti-education.

Before the meeting, the local branch of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association distributed a flyer listing 12 votes that the group said affected teachers. Of those, 10 of Campbell's votes got frowning faces and only two received smiley faces.

"Looking at that list makes us look like the sorriest scoundrels that ever walked the face of the earth. I am not a scoundrel," Campbell said. "My mother was a teacher and I think there is not a more noble profession on the face of the earth."

The first-term Republican house member from San Angelo said the votes came at the request of the Texas House leadership who urged legislators to do what the leadership felt was necessary to cut spending and avoid a tax increase.

"What we faced was the state had been spending money out the kazoo since back in the '80s and we had hit the wall," he said. "The simplest thing for us to do was to raise taxes and everybody go home, but that was not the solution that the leadership in the state wanted to address."

Among the votes the group seem most concerned with was reducing a $1,000 supplement to $500 and linking it with health care, voting to allow full certification of teachers without requirements for training and allowing teachers to be put back on probationary status without their consent.

The CTA did give him good marks on returning the $1,000 in 2005 and for voting against giving state money to home school students.

Campbell said the only way to get anything done in the legislature is compromise, and he said he often did not know the full meaning of some of the 3,000 votes he cast during the last legislative session.

"I'm trying to be a good guy and trying to help my friends in rural Texas," Campbell said. "I'm just one little guy in my first term, I don't have the clout that someone who has been there 30 or 40 years."

When asked about specific bills and his reasoning for the votes he cast, Campbell said he did not remember the details of specific bills and often relied on the advice of the leadership and friends in the legislature.

"I want to make everybody happy and fix everybody's problem, but I'm one of 150 guys and I can't fix everybody's problem," he said. "It was never the intention of any of us to do anything that would be detrimental to your family life or your financial situation."

Campbell complained that he only had two office staff members and himself to try and keep up with all the various issues and often had to just call someone to learn about a bill.

Charlotte Clifton, president of the Snyder Classroom Teachers Association, said she thought that she and the state organization had tried to inform him on the issues.

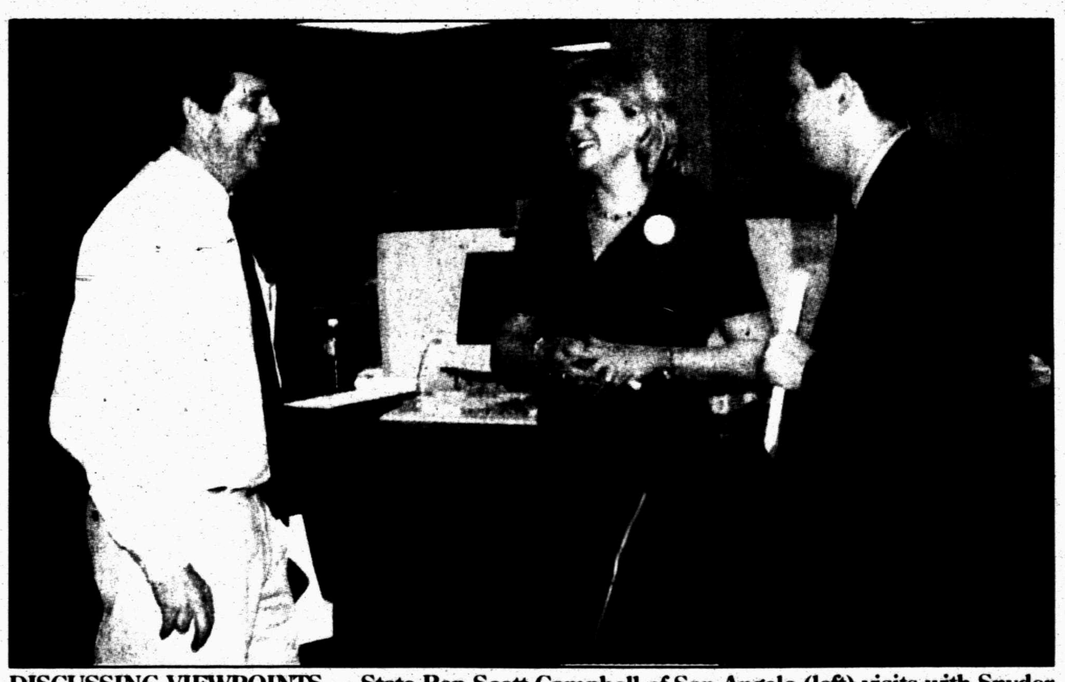
Campbell said that it was possible that a special session would be called in the middle of April.

Parents invited to open house

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club is hosting an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. today.

The open house is being conducted to help promote the "Campaign 3PM" program designed to raise awareness of the club's effort to get every child in a safe and structured supervised after-school program.

Parents, teachers and others interested in the program that runs from 3 to 8 p.m. daily are invited to attend.



DISCUSSING VIEWPOINTS — State Rep Scott Campbell of San Angelo (left) visits with Snyder CTA President Charlotte Clifton and Dr. Ronny Collins, Snyder ISD superintendent. (SDN Staff Photo)

BBQ caterer Kerry Clay is building restaurant in Dunn

Barbecue pro Kerry Clay is building a restaurant in Dunn that he hopes to have open sometime next month.

"At least we're shooting for a May opening," said Clay who annually wins awards participating in cook-offs throughout the United States.

The slab of the 52x100-foot building was to have been poured this morning on FM 1606, just a west of the Hwy. 280 intersection en route to Ira.

"We will have seating for about 200 and will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, plus noon on Sunday," said Clay.

The new facility to be called Dunn-Right BBQ & Steak House, will have Kerry cooking plus one more person in the kitchen, and about three on the wait staff, said Clay.

"We'll also book parties, weddings, family reunions, just about anything. We're ready to get it going," added Clay.

ASK US

Q—When do the Texas Rangers open the season?

A—Monday at 9:35 p.m. against the Athletics in Oakland. The first home game is April 9 at 1:05 p.m. against the Anaheim Angels.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Ronnie Williamson...

...has managed the SISD warehouse for 17 years. He is married to Diana Williamson, the Scurry County tax assessor-collector. They have a grown son and daughter. Ronnie, a lifelong resident of Snyder, loves to hunt and fish.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You can't hold a man down without staying down with him.
—Booker T. Washington

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Game night

The adult singles class of First Baptist Church meets the first and third Thursdays at the old bus barn across the street from the church in the Desperados meeting room. Learn to play bridge. All singles welcome.

Relay for Life bake sale

The courthouse Relay for Life team will have a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Ira Class of '44 reunion

The Ira High School class of 1944 will hold its 60-year reunion Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Call 573-6655 or 573-0604 for more information.

Easter Egg hunt

The Knights of Columbus will hod the 5th annual Easter Egg hunt at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park. The hunt is for children 12 years and under.

Building fund garage sale

The Church of God will have a building fund garage sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 1411 College Ave. Burritos also will be on sale.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Missing university student found safe

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Audrey Seiler's parents were always confident that the University of Wisconsin student would be found after her baffling disappearance from her off-campus apartment last weekend.

The 20-year-old sophomore was located alive and healthy Wednesday in a marsh near campus, four days after she vanished with no coat or purse.

"Audrey is doing well. She's happy to be back," said her father, Keith Seiler. "Needless to say she's thrilled to be home again with her family and friends."

Police said Wednesday night that Seiler had been abducted at knifepoint, but that the abductor had not been found.

Officer Shannon Blackamore said Seiler did not know the abductor. He also said there was an indication or threat of a gun, though Seiler never saw the weapon.

"Audrey reports she was not free to leave and was not injured," Blackamore said.

Assistant Police Chief Noble Wray declined to answer questions about how Seiler got free.

Seiler was treated at a hospital and released after being there less than six hours. Dr. Philip Schultz said Seiler was cold and dehydrated and had muscle aches.

Her discovery capped an intense search in which dozens of volunteers from Seiler's hometown slogged through marshes and woods around campus and investigators scoured phone records and apartments for any clue into the disappearance. Police used dogs, planes and boats in the search.

Officer Larry Kamholz said Seiler was found after an employee at a nearby office building called police to report what she thought was a body in the marsh less than two miles from Seiler's off-campus apartment.

Officers with weapons drawn searched the heavy brush, and a helicopter with heat sensors was brought in to aid the search.

Rejoicing residents took to the streets to tear down missing-person posters in Seiler's hometown of Rockford, Minn., a small town about 30 miles west of the Twin Cities.

"Right now it's just an unbelievable feeling," said Roman Pierskalla, principal of the high school in Rockford. "Today, the prayers of everyone in the Rockford community have been answered."

Later, a candlelight vigil turned into a celebration; a local Domino's sent free pizzas and the Rockford Fire Department brought a ladder truck that hoisted an American flag.

Seiler was last seen on a surveillance tape from her apartment building early Saturday. She apparently left without her car or any personal belongings, and her door was left open.

Seiler was involved in another mysterious incident Feb. 1, when she was struck from behind by an unknown assailant and knocked unconscious, police said. She was then moved about a block from where she was attacked but was not sexually assaulted or robbed, authorities said.

Police are unsure if there was any connection between the attack and Seiler's disappearance, which had been a shock to people in Rockford, even though it happened so far away.

Martha Stewart seeks new trial on grounds that one juror lied

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart says she should be tried again because one of the jurors who convicted her last month didn't fully come clean about his background, including a 1997 arrest for assault.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo said in papers filed in federal court Wednesday that he would have sought to strike juror Chappell Hartridge had he known about his past.

"Ms. Stewart's conviction cannot stand," Morvillo wrote.

The papers also accused Hartridge of seeking money for post-trial interviews. On the day of the guilty verdict, the juror said publicly that he believed the decision was "a victory for the little guys."

Marvin Smilon, a spokesman for the federal prosecutors who brought the case against Stewart, said: "We are reviewing the motion and will respond at the appropriate time."

Hartridge could not immediately be reached for comment. A phone number that matches his Bronx address was listed as out of service, and a message left at an alternate number was not returned.

Stewart was convicted March 5 along with her broker, Peter Bacanovic, of obstructing justice and lying to the government about her sale of a block of stock in a biotechnology company just before the price dropped.

The homemaking guru is scheduled to be sentenced June 17. She is widely expected to get 10 to 16 months in prison.

In its motion, the defense team cited a 1984 Supreme Court case saying convicts can seek new trials if a juror lied in jury selection, and if the truth would have provided a basis to remove that juror.

Stewart's lawyers said Hartridge was arrested in 1997 after a woman with whom he was living filed an assault complaint. They said Hartridge spent several days in jail before the woman withdrew her complaint because she could not miss work to attend court.

Included in the defense filing was an affidavit from the woman, who said Hartridge was "occasionally physically abusive" to her during the four months they lived together.

Morvillo wrote that Hartridge "dishonestly suppressed information concerning a gender-related incident ... to be able to sit in judgment of a well-known and highly successful woman in a case alleging false statements."

In a juror questionnaire, Hartridge claimed he had never been in court other than for a minor traffic violation, the defense said.

The juror also allegedly failed to disclose on his jury questionnaire that he had been sued three times. The defense filing said civil judgments had been entered against him in each case.

New York state again fails to approve budget on time

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York state begins its 20th straight year without an on-time budget today, a record of futility unmatched in the nation.

To the dismay of New Yorkers, there's plenty of finger-pointing, angry accusations and some weakly offered excuses but no progress and seemingly no stomach for change. Lawmakers were to observe the dubious milestone by leaving the Capitol today for a 12-day spring break.

"They're not doing their job, they don't want to address the issues," said Paul Merritt, a photo lab supervisor at the Rochester police department. "If you run your checkbook the way state government does, where would you be?"

Republican Gov. George Pataki, who offered up a $100 billion budget plan in January, said state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, a Democrat, simply wouldn't negotiate. Silver pinned the blame on Pataki.

"It is late and it's not my fault," chimed in Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, a Republican.

New York's fiscal year begins April 1, earlier than any state. Forty-six states begin July 1, Texas on Sept. 1 and Michigan and Alabama on Oct. 1.

The governor on Monday sent the Legislature emergency appropriation bills to keep state government operating until at least April 18 without a new budget. The Legislature is expected to approve the measures, worth more than $9 billion, before it breaks today.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, April 2, 2004

There will be a major shift in conditions occurring sometime during the year ahead in areas where you may never have had any breaks previously. Armed with your new luck, many good things could happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Associates who are trying to help you will withdraw their support today if you become critical about the way they are going about doing things. Be grateful, not grumpy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lady Luck will be bringing you ample opportunities today, but a negative attitude will blind you from recognizing them or from acting upon them in ways that could serve your best interests.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You will be reasonably lucky today in a number of ways, but your luck could be made of a fragile substance. It's going to be up to you to be very careful that you don't push it to extremes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be able to distinguish between being optimistic and realistic today. Wishful thinking can only work if you put it to practical use and don't let it block your common sense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Early indicators may be flying false colors today, so adhere to that old saying, "Try, try again." If you continue to persist, Lady Luck will jump on board and bail you out in the end.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Normally you're quite a resourceful person and are very capable when confronted with challenges. Today, however, you could be tempted to toss in the towel should things get tough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and you'll cry alone today. You can get over any rough spots or difficulties if your treat what occurs philosophically and optimistically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You may think you've been left out of the loop today, but in reality the activity won't be anything you would want to be associated with, as you'll find out later and be grateful you weren't involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You can count the seeds in an apple, but you can't count how many apples are in a seed. Just because an opportunity may look minuscule today, when it blossoms, it might surprise you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A negative attitude will severely diminish your potential and possibilities to advance your interests today. Force yourself out of the doldrums and watch your luck change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — So that you won't be tempted to overindulge in any involvements today, start the day with a large dose of self-discipline. It's just the tonic you need.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Those you are associating with today might not have the deep compassion you feel for others. If an incident occurs, be sure to maintain your high standards, not comply with theirs.

Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph year ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

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Cardiology clinics set in Snyder

Covenant Heart Institute will sponsor cardiology clinics in Snyder on Tuesday and on April 13.

Dr. Andrew Robinson, cardiologist, will be at the Covenant Health Care Clinic at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. For an appointment call 1-877-604-3278.

On April 13, Dr. Paul Walter, cardiologist, will be at the clinic beginning at 9:30 a.m. For an appointment call 1-800-692-4313.

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-28-29-33-39. Bonus Ball: 43.

Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: $12,568.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 9. Prize: $2,534.

Number matching four of five: 439. Prize: $111.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 443. Prize: $98.

Number matching three of five: 17,357. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,422. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 25,140. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $19 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-23-28-36.

Number matching five of five: 3.

Prize per winner: $13,084.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Dallas, San Antonio.

Matching four of five: 126. Prize: $140.

Matching three of five: 3,855. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 40,183. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 0-6-6
(Night) 3-7-1

World Almanac

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Today is the 92nd day of 2004 and the 13th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1918, in Britain, the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Force merged to form the Royal Air Force.

In 1945, U.S. troops landed on the Japanese island of Okinawa.

In 1948, the Soviet Union started a land blockade of West Berlin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Otto von Bismarck (1815-1898), German political leader; Edmond Rostand (1868-1918), playwright; Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943), composer; Milan Kundera (1929-), writer, is 75; Ali MacGraw (1938-), actress, is 66.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1985, Villanova upset heavily favored Georgetown to win the men's NCAA basketball crown.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Laws are like sausages. It is better not to see them being made." — Otto von Bismarck

TODAY'S FACT: Playing tricks on April Fool's Day is common in Europe; in France the victim is called an "April fish."

TODAY'S NUMBER: 0.02 — The number of seconds the Earth's rotation is slowing each century.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (March 28) and full moon (April 5)

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Parker to get award

NEW YORK (AP) — Sarah Jessica Parker will receive a Fashion Icon award at the 2004 CFDA Fashion Awards to be presented June 7 at The New York Public Library.

Parker, star of HBO's "Sex and the City," was selected for her "personal and professional commitment to fashion, and for her quintessentially New York style," the Council of Fashion Designers of America announced Tuesday.

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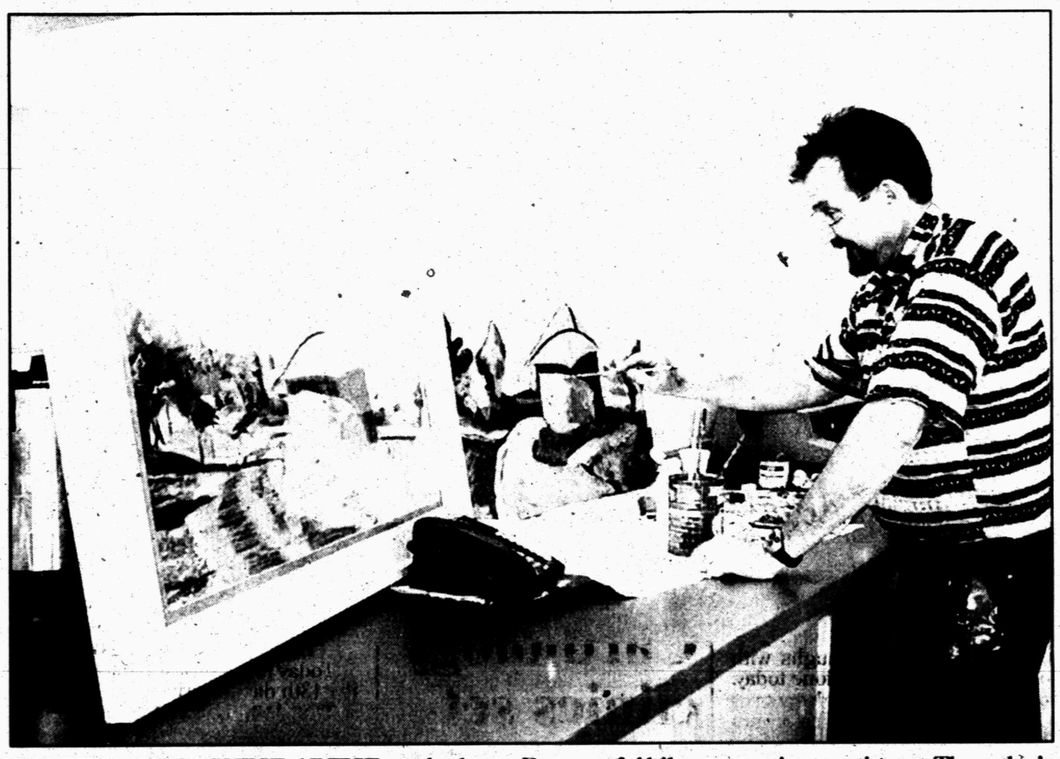
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YOUTH DONATES TO GATEWAY — "Kids of the Kommunity" that started out as a fun club for a group of young girls has become a charitable organization with the recent donation of $229 to Gateway Family Services, a facility for victims of abuse. Funds were raised by the girls through bake sales and donations. The organization's creators Rachael Dupree and Jessie Hibbitt are very civic and charity minded individuals. "We just like helping people who need it," said Rachael, who's future plans include more fundraising, clean up projects, Easter baskets for Gateway and helping at the Food Cupboard this summer. From left are Shari Jamison, Gateway representative; Rachael Dupree; Meghan Cooley; Jessie Hibbitt; Stacey Clifton; Beth Zajicejk, Gateway volunteer; and Amanda Midwell. All girls are in the sixth grade at West Elementary. (Contributed Photo)



PALETTE CLUB GUEST ARTIST — Anthony Brown of Abilene gave instruction at Thursday's Palette Club meeting in three dimensional oil paintings he calls the relief method where he uses objects like puzzle pieces, masonite and plywood. Brown is a member of the Center for Contemporary Arts and his work will be displayed during May in the Midland Celebrate the Arts Show at the civic center. The Palette Club meets twice a month at the Winston Field terminal building. On April 8, Esme Glen will give instruction in sumi brush painting in watercolor and Ann Walton will be the hostess. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Citrus, tomato and steak, a good combination

CITRUS-MARINATED TOMATO SALAD OVER STEAK

¼ cup prepared Italian salad dressing
½ teaspoon grated orange or lemon peel
1 pound fully ripened fresh tomatoes, diced (about 2-½ cups)
1 package (6-8 ounces) yellow or Spanish rice mix
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound beef round cube steaks pounded thin (4 steaks)
2 teaspoons olive oil, divided
1 bag (about 12 ounces) mixed salad greens

In a medium-sized bowl, combine salad dressing and orange peel. Add tomatoes; toss gently; let stand for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare rice according to package directions. In a cup, combine salt, cumin and pepper; rub into steaks. In a large skillet (preferably nonstick), over medium-high heat, heat 1 teaspoon of the oil.

Cook 2 steaks at a time, turning once, until browned on both sides and cooked to desired doneness, about 1-1/2 minutes per side for medium (use remaining oil as needed). Spoon cooked rice on 4 serving plates, dividing equally. Top with steaks, salad greens and marinated tomatoes.

YIELD: 4 servings

Per Portion: 519 calories, 29g protein, 25 g fat, 85 g carbohydrate

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-01-04
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♦ Q 10 8 7 4
♣ 8 6 5 2

West
♠ K J 8 7 5 4
♥ 9 7 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 4

East
♠ 9 6 2
♥ 10 8 5
♦ K J 3
♣ 10 9 7 3

South
♠ Q 10 3
♥ A K Q J
♦ A 9 5
♣ A K Q

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 7

Thursday, April 1, 2004

Fooling an opponent into a foolish play

By Phillip Alder

Here's another great comment by journalist Helen Rowland, who died in 1950: "Some women can be fooled all of the time, and all women can be fooled some of the time, but the same woman can't be fooled by the same man in the same way more than half of the time."

There is something satisfying about defeating a contract by fooling declarer, whether female or male. Do you see how it might happen on this deal? Also, taking it in isolation, how should the diamond suit be played for four tricks?

South's sequence, an artificial and forcing two clubs followed by three no-trump, promises a balanced 25-27 points. It is an awful start to an auction because North has no room to maneuver. Here, with six points and some shape, North probably should act, but with what? Reaching six diamonds, which can be made, is very difficult.

In six diamonds, declarer (North) should start with a low diamond to dummy's nine. (If you are sure West will always rise with the king from king-doubleton, beginning with the diamond five is sensible too.)

In three no-trump, South has nine top tricks. But suppose, after winning with dummy's spade ace, he calls for a low diamond, hoping to be able to put in the nine. East should play the king!

Now South could cash out for an overtrick, but surely he will think the king must be a singleton. He is almost certain to run the diamond nine. East produces the jack and returns a spade for two down. Cool!

If the contract looks laydown, try to fool declarer, especially on April 1.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

NA-Just For Today; Park Club; for information call 573-6179; 6-7 p.m.

Births

Marina and Francisco Corona of Hermleigh announce the birth of their son, Alexis Daniel Corona. He was born, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces, at 5:53 p.m. on March 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Cirila and Marcial Corona of El Espirito Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Isabel and Esteban Nopal of Cerro Blanco Ixmiquilpan, Hidalgo, Mexico.



Lillian Wade

Lillian Wade celebrated 97th birthday

Lillian Wade, a resident of Snyder for 80 years, was 97 on March 23.

A birthday party, organized by Ann Walton, was held Saturday in the Cogdell Assisted Living Center and was attended by friends from her Sunday school class at First Baptist Church, residents and staff members at the hospital. Her son, Wade, of Houston surprised her with his attendance.

Lillian was born in Eastland County and moved to Scurry County with her parents in the early 1920s.

She married Lyman Wade in 1926 and they had one son, Harold. She and Lyman operated a bakery in Snyder for many years and many people will still have a fond remembrance of the brownies from there. Lyman died in 1974.

Lillian has been a resident of the Cogdell Long Term Care Center, now the Cogdell Assisted Living Center, since January 2000.

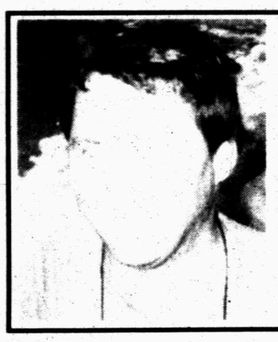
Ira Class of 1944 is holding reunion

The Ira High School Class of 1944 is having its 60th reunion this weekend at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Anyone interested may call 573-6655 or 573-0604 for additional information.

Book sale underway

The Scurry County Library's annual book sale continues through Saturday. The library opens Friday at 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The proceeds support the children's summer reading program.



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Monday - Saturday 10:00 am - 7:30 pm
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Varsity Square Shopping Center
573-3606

PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 25, 2004 TXU Energy Retail Company LP ("TXU Energy"), in accordance with Substantive Rule 25.41 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), filed an Application to Implement Revised Price to Beat Fuel Factors. If approved, the filing will establish new fuel factors for TXU Energy to include in its Price to Beat charges for residential and small commercial customers. For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month, the total electric bill will increase by approximately $3.39 per month. For a small commercial customer using an average of 2,500 kWh per month, the average monthly increase will be approximately $8.38. The proposed fuel factors, differentiated by rate class, voltage level, and season are as follows per kilowatt-hour (kWh):

Rate Class	Voltage Level	Summer (Jun-Sept)	Winter (Oct-May)
Residential Service	Secondary	$0.046264	$0.046264
General Service	Secondary	$0.050764	$0.043326
General Service	Primary	$0.049979	$0.042543
General Service	Transmission	$0.049410	$0.041971
Municipal Service	Secondary	$0.046264	$0.046264
Municipal Service	Primary	$0.045163	$0.045163

The Application, if granted, will affect all of TXU Energy's residential and small commercial Price to Beat customers. Persons with questions or who want more information on this application may contact TXU Energy, 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201 or call 1-800-242-9113 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the above address. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

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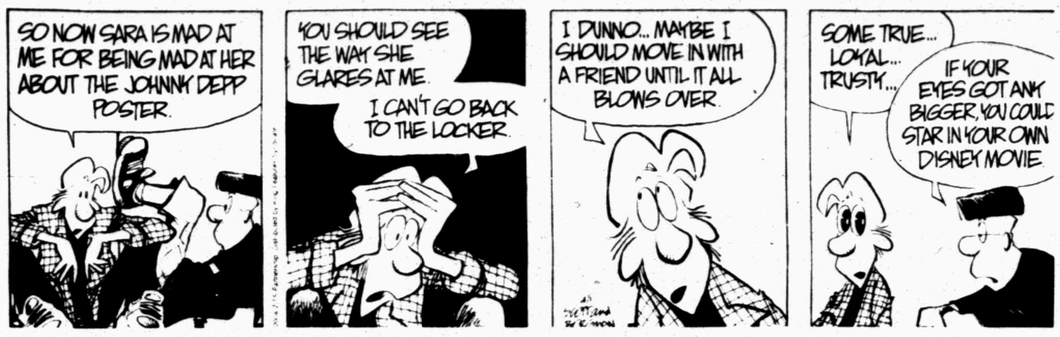
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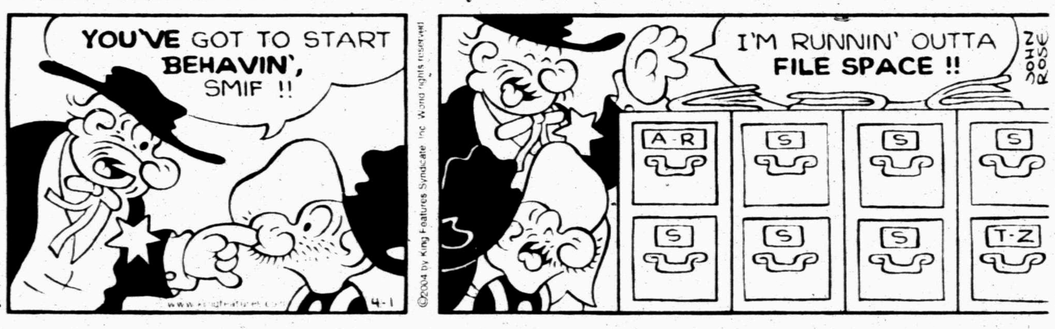
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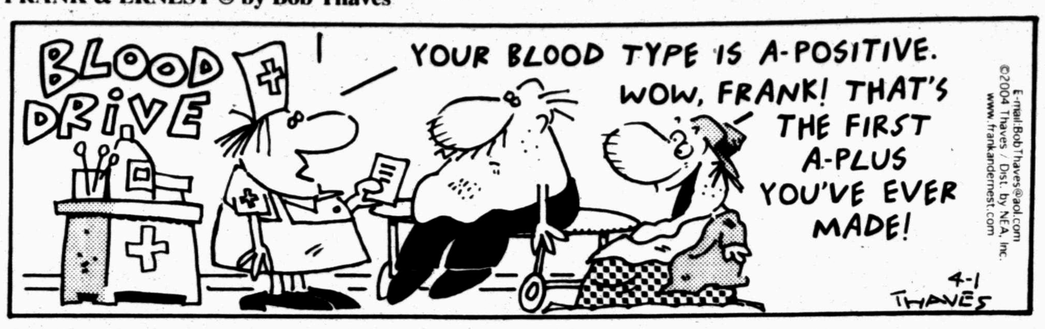
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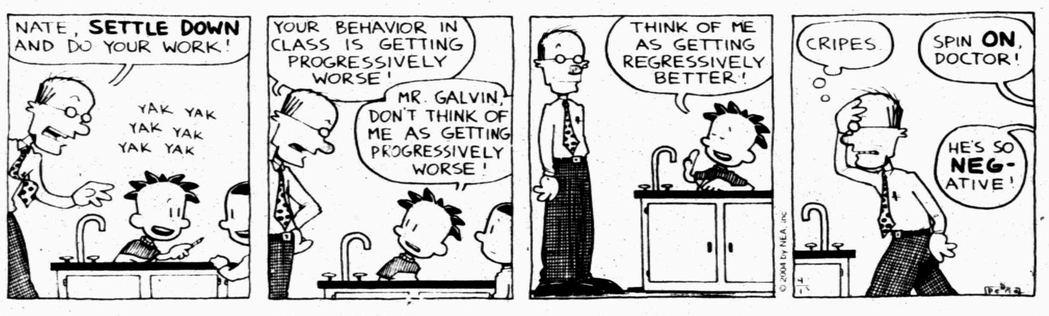
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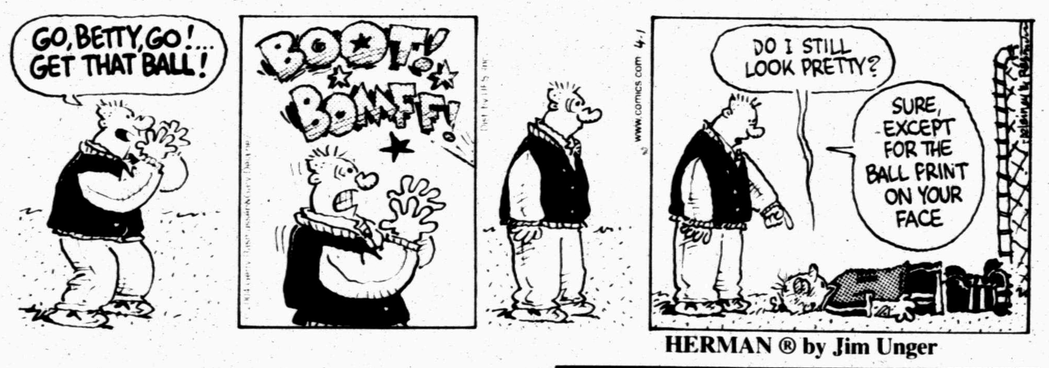
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12 Not tight
13 Sponge up
15 Seashells
16 Fine as can be
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21 Cassius Clay
22 Chess piece
23 Like a hermit
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28 Jose's friend
30 Catch for speeding
31 Astonish
32 Hosp. staffer
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35 Fundraisers, often
37 Chow mein enhancer
38 Stuffed shirt
40 Dear, in Italy
41 Veldt grazer
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57 Movie about UFOs (hyph.)

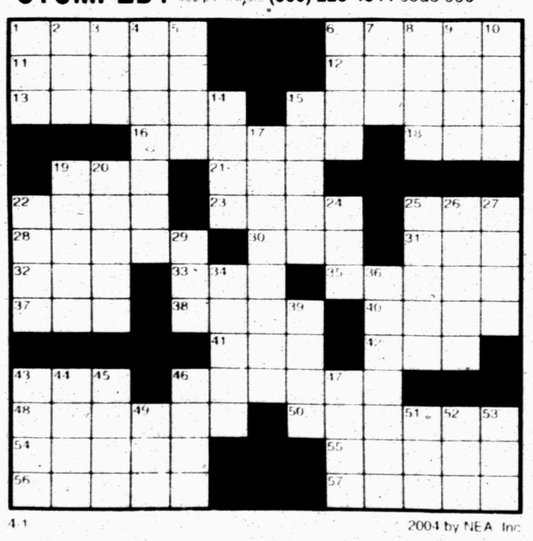
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10 Student's concern
14 Phoenician deity
15 Dinnerware
17 Socks and shirts
19 Turnpike exits
20 Unpaid
22 Glove part
24 Breakfast item
25 Tibet's — Lama
26 Trophy
27 High plateau
29 Comic-strip caveman
34 Heart or liver
36 Plastic
39 Six-shooters
43 "Born Free" lioness
44 Wall Street stats
45 Soul singer — Redding
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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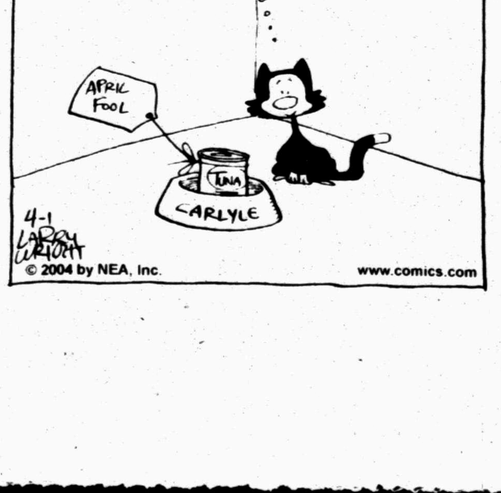
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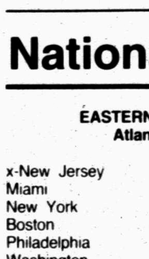
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SPORTS



BANG-BANG PLAY — Western Texas College shortstop Kyle Toney applies the tag to a Hardin-Simmons runner trying to advance in the second inning. Toney and the WTC defense turned two double plays and helped WTC hang on for a 3-1 win. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Westerners stymie HSU, 3-1

The Westerners tuned-up for a conference showdown with Howard College this weekend with Hardin-Simmons Wednesday, getting all the offense they needed in the first two innings of 3-1 victory.

It was the second time in two weeks the Westerners have won back-to-back games.

Employing a "starter by committee" approach to the pitching staff, head coach Billy Hefflinger used three pitchers through the first three innings, ultimately getting quality innings from seven pitchers, who collectively allowed just six hits.

Logan Hill started and surrendered Hardin-Simmons' only run, while Tyler Trout pitched a scoreless second inning to get the win.

Casey Mund relieved Trout in the third, and Cody Guzman, Galdino Pena and Garrett Graham combined to stifle HSU's offense, and closer Shay Franks was credited with the save.

"It was a pitchers' duel," Hefflinger said. "Everybody threw well. There wasn't much offense, but we scored enough to win, and we'll take it. We need as many wins as we can get."

After falling behind 1-0 after the first half-inning, WTC responded with three runs in the bottom of the first.

Chase Gilbert scored the first run on a hit by Kyle Toney and a two-base error. Jay Tust then drove in Toney with an RBI double and later scored on sacrifice bunt.

Tust, Eric Brown and Rafe Martinez each had two hits in the game.

Hefflinger also praised the glovework of his starting nine, which helped the pitching staff hold HSU scoreless over the final eight innings.

"Our defense has come around. We were kind of struggling earlier in the season, but we are right at the top of the conference in defense," Hefflinger said. "It's been a big help this year. Last year our defense caused our pitching to look worse than it was. This year it's helping our pitchers."

The WTC staff ERA has dropped to 9.13, the first time it has been under 10 since the program started.

"We've played our best baseball the past two weeks, and if we keep it up, we can make some noise in the conference tournament."

WTC (9-27, 3-15) will host Howard (24-13, 14-10) in a four-game series beginning with a noon doubleheader Friday.

NFL bans TD celebrations

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Skip the line dance. Stop rolling the dice. Drop the phony photo taking.

Or else it will cost you and your team.

NFL players who participate in such group celebrations will be penalized 15 yards. They'll be fined, too.

"Leave the dancing to Broadway," Carolina Panthers coach John Fox said Wednesday when NFL owners concluded their meetings by adopting the 15-yard penalties for Terrell Owens/Joe Horn-type demonstrations, especially when they are orchestrated by groups of players.

So if Horn pulls out a cell phone from under the goalpost again, the Saints will be hurt by it. And if Owens, now with the Eagles, has a pen in his sock and uses it to autograph a football after a touchdown — 15 yards.

"All of the sudden, now you've got a 15-yard penalty following one of those," Fox said. "As a head coach, that's quite a penalty. I think it puts more pressure on the coaches and the players not to get carried away.

"It's still a team game. I don't mind guys getting a little excited because it's an emotional game. Act like you've been there before."

Fines went up from 18 in 2002 to 61 for such shenanigans last season. Team owners were embarrassed, believing those displays are tantamount to taunting. So they voted 31-1 for the penalties, with Oakland dissenting.

"We accomplished quite a lot at these meetings, on and off the field," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Among the other accomplishments was the passage of a modified instant replay system for five years. Now, coaches who successfully challenge twice will get a third challenge.

Last season, only Carolina had two successful challenges. In fact, 85 games last year (33 percent) had no challenges at all.

"Is this a big change?" competition committee co-chairman Rich McKay said. "I don't think so."

A new emphasis on enforcing existing rules properly also was approved, focusing on illegal contact against receivers outside five yards from the line of scrimmage. Too often, coaches said, receivers were being hit, pushed or having their jerseys held when they were past the five-yard limit.

Of course, more flags means longer, slower games. But the league wants to kick-start the passing game after yards through the air went down 10 per game, an 11-year low.

Owners also approved:

— Expansion of practice squads from five to eight players, something coaches have pushed for in the last few years.

— Allowing the head coach to call a timeout by signaling to any official on the field. In the past, a player had to call the timeouts.

— Stopping the clock as soon as a punt hits the end zone. Previously, the clock didn't stop until the ball was whistled dead.

Hornung regrets comments

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Paul Hornung regrets suggesting that Notre Dame needs to lower its academic standards to "get the black athlete."

"I was wrong," the 1956 Heisman Trophy winner told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday. "What I should have said is: For all athletes, it is really tough to get into Notre Dame."

During a radio interview Tuesday night in Detroit, he told WXYT-AM that his alma mater has to "ease it up a little bit" on its standards.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned because we've got to get the black athlete," Hornung said. "We must get the black athlete if we're going to compete."

Hornung, who is white, said in the AP interview that he changed his mind after being flooded with telephone calls from friends and media.

"I stood by my comments, but then when you have time to reflect you can always come up with some ideas," he said. "I rethought it, and if I had to do over again, I wouldn't."

Notre Dame spokesman Matthew Storin called Hornung an illustrious alumnus but objected to the comments he made Tuesday night.

"They are generally insensitive and specifically insulting to our past and current African-American student-athletes," Storin said.

Dusters split with EPCC

The Lady Dusters split a midday doubleheader with El Paso Wednesday, taking the finale, 7-6 after falling 3-1 in the first game.

Patricia Gonzales went the distance in the opener, allowing two earned runs.

The Dusters (22-23, 9-13) had the bases loaded with no out in the first inning and failed to score.

Head coach Rodney McNeill said his team lacked urgency in the first game, and was surprised at the lethargy with so much on the line.

"We played with no heart or energy," he said. We have an unbelievable shot at the conference tournament, but for some reason we were dead in that first game. We played with a lot more energy in the second game."

The Dusters jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the second game, and held on to a 7-6 win in a game in which they never trailed.

Eryn Kearbey got the start, and was relieved by Amber House. Gonzales pitched the final two innings for the save.

McNeill said Kearbey pitched well before running into trouble with free passes.

The Dusters were slated for another doubleheader at 2 p.m. today against El Paso (25-18, 12-10), and McNeill said the team needed to close out the series with a sweep of the Tejanas, who sit in thrid place in the conference, three games ahead of WTC.

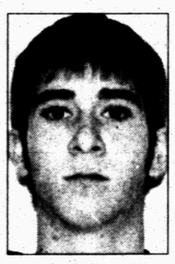
"There's no doubt we are the better team, and if we win three at home, it makes it easier on the road," he said. "(El Paso) played with a lot of heart, and the team that wants it more will win. We should be able to beat them if we come out and play."



GOOD EYE — Lady Duster Brandy Jordan takes a pitch low in the opening game of a doubleheader with El Paso Community College Wednesday. The teams split the first two games, and were scheduled to play another doubleheader at 2 this afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen

Scott picked for All-South Plains

Snyder senior basketball player Lee Scott was named to the second team on the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's All-South Plains team. The honor follows Scott's selection as a first-teamer on the Abilene Reporter-News' All-Big Country team, as well as an all-district selection in 3-3A.



Scott

Scott averaged 17 points, seven rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.8 steals per game.

Merkel contest moved to 4 p.m.

Friday's scheduled Snyder Tigers baseball game with the Merkel Badgers has been moved up one hour.

Originally slated for 5 p.m., it has been reset for 4 p.m.

The Lady Tigers' softball game at Lubbock Cooper has been moved from 5 p.m. Friday to 1 p.m. Saturday, with the JV contest following at 3 p.m.

Both the Tigers and Lady Tigers are undefeated in district play, and both secured 10-0 victories in their most recent outings.

Area Sports Calendar

	TODAY
Golf:	SHS girls at Lamesa, district
Softball:	WTC vs. EPCC, DH, 2 p.m.
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo
	FRIDAY
Baseball:	SHS varsity at Merkel, 4 p.m. WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon
Softball:	SHS varsity at Lubbock Cooper, 5 p.m. SHS JV at Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.
Track:	SHS varsity at Brownwood SJHS at Lamesa, district
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo
	SATURDAY
Baseball:	WTC vs. Howard JC, DH, noon SHS JV vs. Wylie, DH, 1 p.m.
Track:	SHS varsity at Brownwood
Tennis:	SJHS at Sweetwater Tournament
Rodeo:	Western Texas College Rodeo

National Basketball Association

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New York	35	40	.467	8½
Boston	34	41	.453	9½
Philadelphia	32	43	.427	11½
Washington	23	52	.307	20½
Orlando	19	57	.250	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	55	20	.733	—
x-Detroit	48	27	.640	7
Milwaukee	37	38	.493	18
New Orleans	37	38	.493	18
Cleveland	32	42	.432	22½
Toronto	30	44	.405	24½
Atlanta	24	51	.320	31
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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	52	24	.684	—
x-San Antonio	50	25	.667	1½
x-Memphis	48	26	.649	3
x-Dallas	46	28	.622	5
Houston	42	31	.575	8½
Utah	39	36	.520	12½
Denver	39	37	.513	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	52	22	.703	—
x-L.A. Lakers	51	23	.689	1
Portland	38	36	.514	14
Seattle	34	41	.453	18½
Golden State	33	41	.446	19
L.A. Clippers	27	49	.355	26
Phoenix	26	49	.347	26½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 109, Orlando 91
Portland 105, Boston 98
Indiana 111, Milwaukee 78
New Jersey 103, Washington 99, OT
Miami 100, Atlanta 97
Golden State 85, Toronto 78
Detroit 108, L.A. Clippers 99
Minnesota 90, Seattle 83
San Antonio 107, Sacramento 89
Utah 89, New Orleans 76

Today's Games

Portland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball program will kick off the second annual Baseball Buddies program this Saturday.

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Sox start season without Garciaparra

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star said that doctors told him to stay off his feet. Pokey Reese will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore.

Garciaparra was examined in Florida by Mark Slovenkia, an ankle and foot specialist from New England Baptist Hospital.

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Saturday, April 3

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Duke (31-5) vs. Connecticut (31-6), 7:47 p.m.

Championship
Monday, April 5

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR
At New Orleans Arena
New Orleans
Semifinals
Sunday, April 4

Tennessee (30-3) vs. LSU (27-7), 6 p.m.
Connecticut (29-4) vs. Minnesota (25-8), 8:30 p.m.

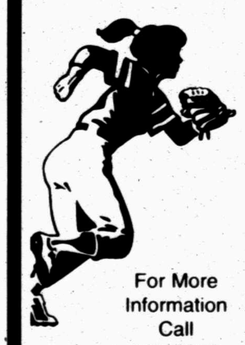
Championship
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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of JOHN A. SNEED, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by ROD WALLER, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 30th day of March, 2004, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Shirley J. Baker, 15127 FM 612, Fluvanna, Texas 79517, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 30th day of March, 2004.

(s)SHIRLEY J. BAKER
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of the Estate of
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the **Texas Natural Resources Code**, as amended, and the **Statewide Rules** of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Ms. Judy Long
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Selena CDs still selling even though she died 9 years ago

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Nine years after her death racked the emotions of Mexican-Americans across the country, albums by Tejano star Selena are still selling, with her "Ones" album ranked 70th on Billboard's Top Latin Albums chart.

The female Tejano singer broke ground by making it in the mainstream pop market.

"Every success makes it easier for the next guy," Ramiro Burr, author of the Billboard Guide to Tejano and Regional Mexican Music said.

The career of Selena Quintanilla Perez was cut short on March 31, 1995, when her fan club president Yolanda Saldivar fatally shot her after a dispute over missing funds. The singer was 23.

An English-language recording of the "Dreaming of You" album was released shortly after she died. The record went multiplatinum, selling more than 3 million copies.

"She's still one of the top acts in the industry," said Guillermo Page of EMI Latin.

EMI Latin last week released "Momentos Intimos," a new Selena CD with a previously unreleased song called "Puede Ser."

Family members and all the "Dinos" of Selena's original band, "Selena y Los Dinos" announced Wednesday night plans for a performance to mark the 10th anniversary of her death.

The special, which is set to air on Univision, will be the first time the group has performed together since 1995. The family is working out the details of the program but possible host cities include Houston, Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Plans include inviting Latin music stars such as Jennifer Lopez, Thalia and Juan Gabriel to participate in the event, Selena's father Abraham Quintanilla said in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

The Dinos will begin a concert tour following the anniversary special where Selena's voice will be digitally added to the band's music.

Selena's sister, Suzette Quintanilla Arriaga, said Selena's crossover to the English-language pop market was a natural result of her talent and crowd appeal.

"She still would have been at the forefront," she said. "She was destined to go that way."

Saul Barbosa, a clerk at Janie's Record Shop in San Antonio, said even small children come into the store looking for CDs, dolls, and other Selena items.

"Little kids come in that weren't even alive when she died," Barbosa said.

Saldivar shot Selena outside a Corpus Christi motel after being accused of stealing money from the singer. Saldivar is serving a life sentence and is eligible for parole in 2005.

In June 2002, Nueces County officials destroyed the handgun used in the crime and scattered the pieces in the Corpus Christi Bay.

Mobster's girlfriend found dead

EAST GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP) — The girlfriend of mobster Peter Gotti, brother of the late mob boss John Gotti, was found dead of a possible suicide in a Long Island motel room, police said.

Marjorie Alexander, 43, had been reported missing on Tuesday and was discovered Wednesday afternoon at a Red Roof Inn, Nassau County police said. A preliminary investigation indicated that Alexander may have committed suicide, police said in a news release.

In the past week, the Daily News and the New York Post have reported that Alexander wrote numerous letters to a judge asking for leniency for Peter Gotti, who is awaiting sentencing for a racketeering conviction. He faces up to 15 years in prison.

"I did not fall in love with the wrong guy. I am proud of loving him," Alexander told the News.

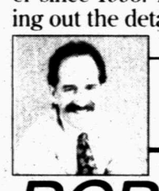
"I took a chance. Life is about taking chances. Now I'm destroyed."

Gotti and six co-defendants were convicted last year of trying to extort up to $3 million from action-film star Steven Seagal.

"I can tell you Peter Gotti was very much in love with her," Gotti's lawyer, Gerald Shargel, told the News.

"And this is devastation beyond words for him."

Gotti allegedly took charge of the Gambino crime family when his brother fell ill in federal prison.



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PCBs in wild and farmed salmon

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DEAR S. and L.G.: Polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, are a family of chlorinated compounds that were once used as coolants and lubricants in transformers, capacitors and other electrical devices, including older fluorescent lights.

Some PCBs are quite toxic, and they do not readily decompose. After a number of spills and mishaps, production of PCBs in the United States was halted in the late 1970s.

Considerable damage had already been done, however, and the PCBs remain in the environment. Many continue to find their way into the food chain and, due to their wide distribution, it's virtually impossible to avoid all sources of PCBs.

If there is any comfort in this matter it is that low levels do not seem to represent a significant risk. But if there is a high exposure, PCBs can accumulate in the body and are then associated with a variety of health problems.

Where do wild and farmed salmon fit in? Similar to the way that we can absorb contaminants when we drive on the freeway or walk near a smoking grill, fish can absorb PCBs — and other contaminants — from their environment. PCBs exist in water, in suspended sediments, and in food that itself contains the contaminants. Fish species that are higher in fat, as well as predator fish that feed on other varieties, tend to accumulate more contaminants than smaller, younger fish that haven't had as much opportunity to hang around and feed on contaminated prey. Salmon are a fatty fish that eat other fish, which means that both wild and farmed salmon can contain PCBs.

A recent study revealed that samples of farmed Atlantic salmon contained more PCBs than wild Pacific salmon. The study, unfortunately, did not include wild Atlantic and farmed Pacific varieties. That would have provided a more informative comparison between wild and farmed salmon for each ocean. Regardless, the data did not show that farmed fish were quite as "loaded" with PCBs as many accounts have suggested. The levels fall well below FDA guidelines for PCB safety, which are based on examining all fish in the marketplace.

So, what is a salmon lover to do? As PCBs and many other toxins tend to accumulate in the fat, liver and other organ tissues, there are significantly lower amounts in fish that has been cleaned, with the organs and visible fat removed, prior to consumption. (Keep in mind that it's not only fish that are at risk; you can find PCBs and other environmental contaminants in meat and dairy products as well.)

The key is where fish have lived and what they have eaten. Because PCBs can be found in lake and river sediment near industrial areas, there would be a lower risk in wild fish that swim in the deep sea. There is, however, no guarantee that wild fish are automatically safe; they don't have to show their passports before jumping into a fisherman's net.

With salmon farming, there is a greater measure of control over what the fish eat. A basic requirement for a farm would be a location in clean water and the use of feed that has been cleared of contaminants. Salmon farming is a young but fast-growing industry, and it is difficult at present for consumers to know the good players from the bad. The onus falls on retail outlets and your confidence in their selection.

Right now, farmed fish is marketed generically. I look forward to a time when fish farms that take special steps to provide a safe, quality product will be able to market their name and label so that consumers can seek out and purchase their products. In tandem with this, the industry could enforce a set of standards, providing a "seal of approval" that would signify adherence to those standards. At present, salmon remains a healthful food with great flavor and wonderful health assets, and is still a regular dish on my table.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.94	12.61	12.75	+ .02
AT&T Corp	19.48	19.05	19.40	—.17
Albertsons	22.39	22.06	22.37	+ .22
Alltel	50.13	49.73	49.92	+ .03
AmEl Pw	33.58	32.86	33.01	+ .09
AndarkPtr	52.09	51.60	51.86	
ATMOS Egy	25.84	25.55	25.83	+ .26
Aviall	15.59	15.22	15.51	+ .31
BP PLC	51.49	51.09	51.38	+ .18
BakerHughes	36.55	36.00	36.06	— .42
Bank of Amer	81.92	81.25	81.76	+ .78
BellSouth	27.86	27.32	27.82	+ .13
BurlNoSFe	31.59	31.37	31.46	—.04
Caterpillar	80.04	78.50	80.03	+ .96
CenterPoint	11.65	11.50	11.62	+ .19
ChevronTex	88.74	87.95	88.70	+ .92
Citigroup	52.44	51.60	52.26	+ .56
CocaCola	50.48	50.23	50.40	+ .10
ColgatePal	55.15	54.82	54.98	—.12
CmclMetals	31.90	31.32	31.39	—.45
ConocoPhill	70.44	69.80	70.10	+ .29
Cooper Inds	57.65	57.03	57.53	+ .35
DaimlrChry	42.67	41.99	42.58	+ .84
DeltaAirLines	8.05	7.92	8.00	+ .08
Dillards Inc	18.41	18.06	18.09	—1.07
DowChem	41.25	40.29	41.01	+ .73
DuPont	42.98	42.36	42.91	+ .69
EastmanChem	43.15	42.90	42.96	+ .28
EstKodak	26.17	24.85	25.59	—.58
EDS Corp	19.67	19.29	19.57	+ .22
Entergy	59.90	59.45	59.70	+ .20
ExxonMobil	41.99	41.68	41.87	+ .28
FootLocker	25.80	24.97	25.43	—.37
GenDynam	90.82	89.66	90.56	+ 1.23
GenlElec	30.97	30.33	30.62	+ .10
GenMills	47.01	46.35	47.01	+ .33
GenMotors	48.10	47.20	48.07	+ .97
GaPacific	34.85	33.92	34.67	+ .98
Goodrich	28.21	27.82	28.20	+ .13
Goodyear	9.04	8.65	8.96	+ .42
GtAtlPac	7.77	7.53	7.68	—.06
Halliburtn	30.57	30.20	30.42	+ .03
Hanson PLC	39.73	39.44	39.44	+ .69
HarteHanks	23.75	23.28	23.70	+ .28
HomeDepot	37.34	37.06	37.29	—.07
HoneywellIntl	34.12	33.77	34.08	+ .23
IBM	92.57	91.62	92.42	+ .58
IntlPaper	42.35	41.40	42.21	—.05
JohnsonJn	51.23	50.72	51.16	+ .44
KinderMorg	63.47	63.00	63.41	+ .39
Kroger Co	16.74	16.54	16.73	+ .09
LockheedM	46.37	45.90	46.03	+ .39
Lowes Cos	56.15	55.27	56.07	—.06
Lubys	5.99	5.93	5.98	+ .03
LucentTech	4.20	4.12	4.18	+ .07
MarathonOil	34.10	33.73	34.03	+ .36
MayDeptStr	34.58	33.78	34.00	—.58
Medtronic	47.92	47.54	47.78	+ .03
Motorola	18.10	17.77	18.05	+ .45
NCR Corp	44.56	44.00	44.31	+ .25
Navistar	45.87	45.20	45.72	—.13
PNM Rescs	30.60	30.05	30.55	+ .50
Penney JC	35.02	34.32	34.74	—.04
PepBoys	28.31	27.66	28.29	+ .54
PepsiCo	53.97	53.69	53.92	+ .07
PhelpDodge	82.95	81.75	81.87	+ .21
PilgrimsPride	22.62	22.23	22.23	—.20
Praxair s	37.75	37.27	37.64	+ .52
ProctGamb	105.72	104.80	105.29	+ .41
RadioShack	33.50	32.98	33.33	+ .17
RoyalDut	48.08	47.48	48.08	+ .50
SBC Comm	25.01	24.54	24.70	+ .16
SaraLee	22.30	21.96	22.12	+ .26
Scripps EW	102.33	100.95	102.12	+ 1.01
SearsRoeb	43.32	42.76	43.21	+ .25
SherwinW	38.32	37.60	38.26	—.17
SouthernCo	30.59	30.44	30.56	+ .06
SwstAirl	14.29	14.17	14.22	+ .01
SprintFON	19.14	18.57	19.04	+ .61
SprintPCS	9.57	9.28	9.53	+ .33
Sunoco Inc	62.69	61.91	62.21	—.17
TXU Corp	28.86	28.62	28.85	+ .19
TempleInland	64.33	63.13	64.32	+ .98
TexInd	37.10	36.12	37.00	+ .85
TexasInst	29.90	29.35	29.83	+ .61
Textron	53.55	52.96	53.39	+ .24
TimeWarner	17.06	16.86	17.04	+ .18
TrinityInds	28.46	27.72	28.41	+ .61
TylerTech	9.83	9.65	9.80	+ .09
UnionPacif	59.85	59.55	59.66	—.16
USSteel	37.74	36.75	37.09	—.18
UnitedTech	87.18	86.20	87.11	+ .81
Unocal	37.45	37.23	37.26	—.02
VerizonComm	37.59	36.97	37.43	+ .89
WalMart	59.69	58.48	58.83	—.86
WellsFargo	57.16	56.71	57.09	+ .42
WstnGasRs	51.49	50.95	51.03	+ .18
WinnDixie	7.69	7.53	7.67	+ .07
Xerox Cp	14.75	14.57	14.74	+ .17
YumBrands	38.05	37.54	37.97	—.02

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Today's chuckle

Appreciation of military letters sought

ORANGE, Calif. (AP) — Between studying for geometry and playing softball, high school student Shauna Fleming has somehow found time to organize a campaign to collect 1 million letters of appreciation for military troops at home and abroad.



With the help of her classmates at Orange Lutheran High School, Fleming began her push Wednesday to gather the letters from around the nation by the end of May — which is National Military Appreciation Month. The campaign is called "A Million Thanks."

"I believe we need to support our troops 110 percent, even if we don't agree having them over there," the 15-year-old freshman said. "We need to show them that we care for them and will support them no matter what."

Over the next two months, letters are expected to pour in from all over the nation to the private Christian school. The mail will get sorted by students, who will receive credit toward the school's mandatory service requirement, and then get shipped to various military bases. Soldiers will then transport the letters to various points.

"For a 15-year-old to do this is just wonderful," said Alice Wax, founder of the National Military Appreciation Month. "It's resonating across the nation, and she has already gathered so much support."

Fleming helped when her father, Michael, started his own mission three years ago, sending Valentines to enlisted men and women across the world. Since that time, he has distributed more than 1.5 million Valentines to U.S. troops.

2 deputies are killed

MILLERTON, Pa. (AP) — Authorities continued searching early today for a man accused of fatally shooting two sheriff's deputies who were serving a warrant for a minor offense at a junkyard in rural Pennsylvania.

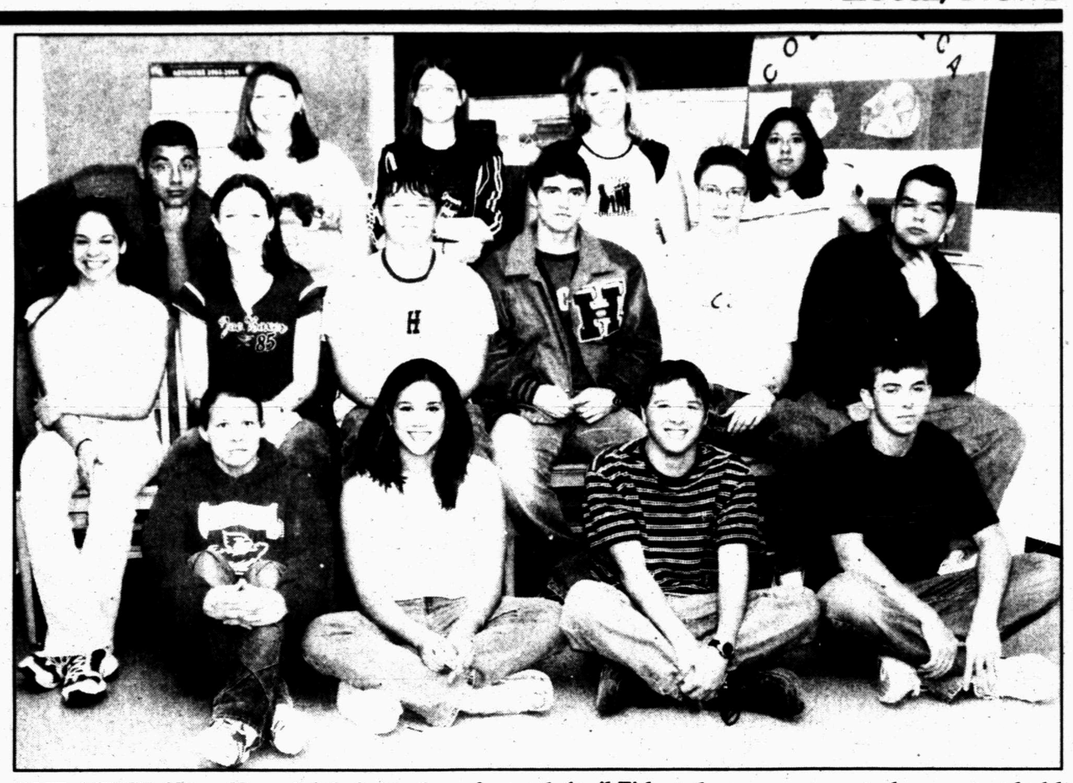
Authorities were hunting for the suspect who got away, identified on wanted posters as Dustin F. Briggs, 27.

The shootings happened at Briggs' junkyard in Wells Township, a rural farming community about 10 miles southwest of Elmira, N.Y., said Walt Beach, the police chief in neighboring Lawrenceville.

Police described Briggs as armed and dangerous. They set up roadblocks in the area, stopping every car that passed. Schools were locked down.

Briggs had been wanted on a warrant for failing to appear in court and was previously convicted of criminal possession of a weapon, a felony.

"He's well-known to law enforcement all throughout this area," state police Trooper Tom Kelly said. "He's not afraid of authority in any way, shape or form."



ONE-ACT PLAY — Hermleigh School performed *April Fish* at the zone one-act play contest held March 23 at Sweetwater High School. Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson and Brittainy Jones received honorable mention all-star cast recognition. Students pictured back row from left are Michael Hermosillo, Samantha Berry, Shae Rinehart, Danni Webb and Christy Garcia. Middle row from left are Brittany Kelley, Alicia Culp, Dustin Williamson, Shane Berry, Joakim Lundvik and Justin Kelley. In front from left are Georgianna Smith, Brittainy Jones, Justin Williamson and Robby Anderson. Mary Spieker directed the play. Blackwell and Highland advanced. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Rainfall Since 1911

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1912	*	1.90	.77	.72	1.68	2.54	1.30	.76	.80	2.80	*	1.12	14.39
1913	.25	.58	1.57	2.48	1.52	2.44	2.58	.24	2.44	3.45	3.79	3.05	24.39
1914	.22	.04	1.04	4.06	2.59	4.78	3.03	5.54	1.22	3.58	1.59	1.27	28.96
1915	.22	.83	1.00	8.03	2.25	2.70	.50	4.48	5.40	3.77	**	.82	30.09
1916	.15	*	.34	3.58	1.67	.65	1.40	.49	1.52	2.00	.76	.05	12.61
1917	.34	*	.34	.88	.99	.83	1.04	2.18	1.53	**	.02	*	08.15
1918	.32	.57	.21	.45	2.46	1.14	**	.34	1.20	3.73	.62	1.28	12.32
1919	.99	.21	3.43	3.45	2.19	3.72	1.82	2.93	3.20	5.63	1.13	**	28.70
1920	**1.08**	**.25**	**	**	**4.66**	**4.01**	**.50**	**11.27**	**2.37**	**1.55**	**.22**	*	**25.91**
1921	**.13**	**.96**	**1.05**	**.30**	**.87**	**7.05**	**.70**	**.40**	**3.15**	**.70**	*	**.03**	**15.34**
1922	**.58**	**.02**	**1.20**	**7.43**	**5.19**	**4.48**	**.05**	**1.75**	**	**.93**	**1.65**	**	**23.28**
1923	**.40**	**2.25**	**2.05**	**4.28**	**.75**	**2.40**	**.93**	**2.10**	**2.00**	**6.88**	**3.15**	**1.30**	**28.55**
1924	**	**.05**	**1.15**	**4.34**	**4.27**	**.45**	**.57**	**1.55**	**1.40**	**2.00**	**	*	**15.78**
1925	**.40**	**	**	**2.75**	**4.26**	**.25**	**1.13**	**2.47**	**5.00**	**3.55**	**	**	**19.81**
1926	**.75**	*	**1.98**	**4.20**	**3.10**	**1.47**	**1.91**	**4.35**	**2.59**	**3.60**	**1.10**	**3.30**	**28.35**
1927	**1.25**	**1.20**	**.90**	**1.83**	**.70**	**3.05**	**6.35**	**3.85**	**5.30**	**.05**	*	**.50**	**25.85**
1928	**.40**	**.80**	**.40**	**.27**	**5.35**	**1.17**	**5.87**	**2.82**	**.98**	**.35**	**1.52**	**.28**	**20.21**
1929	**.60**	*	**1.99**	**1.05**	**3.97**	**.50**	**2.76**	**.61**	**2.51**	**1.61**	**.52**	**.10**	**16.22**
1930	1.02	*	.27	4.05	5.00	2.52	.10	1.67	.25	4.95	1.85	1.25	22.95
1931	1.40	1.15	.57	1.62	1.30	1.10	1.74	.18	.13	5.35	1.80	1.80	18.14
1932	1.78	3.01	.05	2.25	3.57	3.12	1.12	5.79	10.60	.43	*	4.10	35.82
1933	.20	1.63	.70	.10	2.30	.02	3.60	1.90	**	2.63	1.20	1.13	15.46
1934	.35	.22	2.70	.56	.65	.30	.21	1.25	1.58	.24	2.69	.03	10.78
1935	.05	1.03	1.61	.42	4.07	4.09	4.58	.21	2.54	1.79	2.11	.67	23.13
1936	.64	1.12	.44	1.03	2.40	.33	.92	**	9.01	1.79	.77	.67	18.06
1937	.17	.25	1.36	.06	4.25	1.55	1.45	2.38	1.76	.44	.68	1.03	15.40
1938	1.55	3.51	1.73	1.00	3.35	2.76	3.51	.12	.94	1.22	.84	.06	20.59
1939	2.42	.20	1.00	.29	6.38	7.46	.65	2.28	*	1.66	1.09	.71	24.14
1940	**.22**	**1.50**	**.32**	**1.44**	**1.37**	**2.81**	**.30**	**3.51**	**.78**	**.49**	**2.63**	**.29**	**15.66**
1941	**.91**	**2.04**	**2.20**	**4.85**	**5.97**	**5.39**	**6.70**	**2.66**	**2.37**	**9.81**	**.21**	**.91**	**44.02**
1942	**.14**	**.09**	**.54**	**1.50**	**1.10**	**1.48**	**2.56**	**6.35**	**3.59**	**3.61**	**1.80**	**1.50**	**24.26**
1943	**.15**	**	**1.30**	**.60**	**4.37**	**2.17**	**.19**	**.05**	**.37**	**.25**	**1.31**	**1.49**	**12.25**
1944	**.83**	**1.84**	**.20**	**.69**	**7.34**	**1.11**	**6.04**	**1.13**	**2.22**	**1.05**	**2.49**	**2.41**	**27.35**
1945	**1.20**	**.36**	**1.25**	**1.03**	**1.45**	**2.51**	**5.44**	**3.00**	**2.60**	**4.02**	**.34**	**.48**	**23.68**
1946	**1.53**	*	**.53**	**.41**	**3.49**	**2.42**	**.04**	**1.52**	**.97**	**2.71**	**.75**	**2.60**	**16.97**
1947	**.30**	*	**.92**	**.36**	**6.64**	**2.13**	**.80**	**1.06**	**1.77**	**.37**	**1.81**	**1.60**	**17.76**
1948	**.21**	**1.98**	**.06**	**.29**	**4.38**	**1.67**	**7.30**	*	*	**2.55**	*	*	**18.44**
1949	**2.30**	**.47**	**.23**	**3.22**	**3.69**	**3.70**	**1.04**	**1.94**	**2.32**	**1.82**	*	**.55**	**21.28**
1950	.40	.66	*	2.55	7.37	2.00	3.03	.98	4.20	**	*	**	21.19
1951	.14	.67	.30	1.06	1.42	1.57	.80	1.42	2.36	.48	**	.04	10.26
1952	.12	.18	.80	2.19	1.60	*	3.18	1.85	2.42	*	1.89	.90	15.13
1953	.15	.48	1.17	1.75	.66	.08	1.73	3.30	.98	3.70	.10	.15	14.25
1954	.30	.03	.10	2.93	3.55	1.20	.18	.81	**	.64	.55	.07	10.36
1955	.46	.18	.39	.21	6.21	1.40	3.21	.61	1.59	3.39	.10	*	17.75
1956	.19	.11	*	2.97	2.50	.45	1.88	.24	*	1.77	.28	1.01	11.40
1957	.53	2.80	.16	3.61	7.13	2.29	2.93	.82	1.38	1.52	2.83	.04	26.04
1958	1.01	1.11	.94	3.72	2.73	2.32	.55	2.06	1.44	2.41	.55	*	18.84
1959	**	.21	1.03	.97	2.46	6.95	5.05	.37	.57	2.23	.20	1.22	21.22
1960	**1.40**	**.28**	**.02**	**.28**	**.97**	**.47**	**6.28**	**2.56**	**.35**	**3.40**	*	**1.18**	**17.16**
1961	**1.87**	**.54**	**.66**	**.71**	**2.12**	**5.90**	**3.63**	**.26**	**2.95**	**2.22**	**3.36**	**.56**	**24.79**
1962	**.01**	*	**.60**	**1.16**	**.22**	**5.16**	**2.23**	**1.36**	**6.47**	**2.30**	**.69**	**.81**	**21.01**
1963	**	**.23**	**.43**	**1.16**	**3.05**	**2.46**	**.17**	**.47**	**1.63**	**1.15**	**2.21**	**1.13**	**14.09**
1964	**1.15**	**.25**	**.57**	**.04**	**2.07**	**2.72**	**.94**	**.88**	**1.70**	**1.34**	**.71**	**.57**	**12.94**
1965	**.15**	**.46**	**.03**	**.29**	**7.21**	**3.20**	**1.21**	**3.14**	**1.05**	**2.11**	**.40**	**.41**	**19.66**
1966	**.72**	**.55**	**.47**	**4.51**	**.91**	**3.32**	**.68**	**5.20**	**1.98**	**1.04**	**.15**	*	**19.48**
1967	*	**.14**	**1.59**	**.47**	**.10**	**8.44**	**1.58**	**.94**	**3.19**	**1.91**	**.91**	**.57**	**19.64**
1968	**2.19**	**1.68**	**2.02**	**3.39**	**2.90**	**1.60**	**1.44**	**.87**	**.74**	**.37**	**3.30**	**.19**	**20.63**
1969	*	**.40**	**1.24**	**1.01**	**5.72**	**2.46**	**.70**	**.55**	**2.95**	**3.65**	**.62**	**1.98**	**21.28**
1970	*	1.15	2.25	1.31	3.30	1.40	*	.50	2.11	2.42	*	.26	14.70
1971	*	.49	*	.56	3.77	2.02	1.78	16.7	4.0	3.62	.27	.45	33.66
1972	*	.05	*	3.35	2.95	1.03	1.07	7.60	7.59	6.25	.29	.03	30.21
1973	2.09	2.47	3.19	1.25	1.12	2.07	.87	*	4.14	.29	*	*	17.49
1974	.19	.35	.50	2.32	.62	2.37	.10	6.41	8.24	5.80	.63	1.08	28.61
1975	.33	2.04	.15	.31	3.33	1.14	6.24	2.43	5.38	.58	2.36	1.01	25.30
1976	.02	*	.31	4.79	1.09	.56	6.16	.45	5.30	6.69	.12	*	25.49
1977	.58	.63	4.77	3.81	1.35	4.03	4.71	5.38	.07	.37	.30	.09	23.09
1978	.46	1.28	.11	.15	7.37	2.70	1.01	1.79	5.68	1.84	.86	*	23.25
1979	.62	.68	1.26	.17	3.88	3.02	4.05	2.73	.02	.44	1.19	2.40	20.46
1980	**.50**	**.53**	**.48**	**.59**	**5.77**	**1.94**	**.96**	**.60**	**11.91**	**.44**	**.55**	**1.43**	**25.70**
1981	**.56**	**.70**	**.59**	**6.60**	**1.51**	**3.08**	**1.53**	**.81**	**.58**	**3.27**	**.70**	**.16**	**20.09**
1982	**.68**	**.35**	**.81**	**2.25**	**8.04**	**6.59**	**2.71**	**1.19**	**.52**	**.28**	**1.48**	**1.72**	**26.62**
1983	**2.91**	**.43**	**.47**	**1.17**	**3.11**	**1.37**	**.42**	**1.22**	**.20**	**4.33**	**1.06**	**.10**	**16.79**
1984	**.52**	**.01**	**.30**	*	**.81**	**1.75**	**1.76**	**2.0**	**2.70**	**4.15**	**1.78**	**2.40**	**18.19**
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1988	**.25**	**.55**	**.77**	**1.06**	**1.61**	**1.20**	**3.81**	**4.51**	**1.02**	**5.52**	**.22**	**.72**	**21.24**
1989	**.76**	**1.72**	**.19**	**.53**	**.48**	**2.95**	**.11**	**2.71**	**1.21**	**.82**	**.03**	**.16**	**11.67**
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1992	1.81	4.48	.56	1.61	6.04	3.87	2.43	2.07	.95	*	2.10	1.79	27.71
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2002	**.39**	**1.09**	**3.89**	**3.13**	**2.95**	**2.24**	**2.80**	**0.77**	**1.22**	**5.82**	**0.31**	**0.98**	**25.59**
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A year later, Lynch ponders surviving Iraq war, celebrity

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Fame has come at a price for former POW Jessica Lynch.

Since the supply clerk's wounding and rescue made her the Iraq war's most famous soldier a year ago, well-wishers have been drawn to her at every public appearance, whether at the diner near her home or at the Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills.

"I'm just a country girl. It's something I'm not used to, and I probably never will be," the 20-year-old Lynch told The Associated Press. "I do want my life back to normal, because it's hard — it's so hard. But at the same time I'm like — wow, I get to go to New York, I get to go to Hollywood. I get to hang out with people like Britney and Leonardo."

With help from publicists, the young woman who joined the Army to see the world and receive an education has made a handful of appearances since last year's book tour for Rick Bragg's biography, "I Am A Soldier, Too."

Lynch, still a few weeks shy of legal drinking age, won an award from Glamour magazine (where she met Britney Spears); rode in the Gator Bowl parade; starred at Gov. Bob Wise's State of the State speech; attended parties after the Golden Globes (where she met Leonardo DiCaprio); and took a three-day jaunt to the Bahamas after christening a cruise ship.

She tries to oblige every photo and autograph request, most of



Jessica Lynch

which come from young girls. But she has turned down scores of other requests, including offers to speak at schools across the country.

"I feel bad, but I can't do them all," Lynch said.

As she grapples with fame, she also struggles with questions both personal (When should I go to college? When should I get married?) and philosophical (Why did I survive when others didn't?).

"I mean, obviously, there has to be a reason," she said. "I don't know what it is yet. So I have to explore all these things to figure it out."

This month, Lynch will do the first of four events for Get Motivated, a national business seminar company that hires speakers such as former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev.

Her message will be "if I can do it, you can," Lynch said. "I was put in one of the worst situations there is out there. So if you're having problems with your boyfriend or whatever, you can get through it."

Lynch's whirlwind started March 23, 2003, when her 507th Maintenance Company got lost in the southern Iraqi desert and was ambushed in Nasiriyah.

With her vehicle stalled and her rifle jammed, Pfc. Lynch hopped into a Humvee driven by her best friend, Pfc. Lori Piestewa. The vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade and crashed. The 11 American soldiers who died in the ambush included Piestewa and three others in the Humvee: 1st Sgt. Robert Dowdy, Sgt. George Buggs and Spc. Edward Anguiano.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Kids learn lesson of life by fostering shelter cats

DEAR ABBY: Spring is here, and once again animal rescue workers are preparing for the inevitable: kitten season. Shelters from coast to coast will soon be inundated with pregnant cats, mother cats with kittens and unwanted litters. I am writing to remind people about the importance of spaying or neutering their cats.

Too often we hear about parents wanting to give their children an opportunity to witness the "miracle of birth," so they allow their cat to have one litter. What most people don't know is that they can reduce the feline population by having their own cat spayed or neutered and still participate in the miracle. All they need to do is contact any private or public animal shelter and offer to become foster parents to a pregnant cat. Their offer will be greatly appreciated.

The shortage of foster homes at this time of year is immense. Most shelters, like our own, provide the foster families with support that includes: education about pregnant cats, testing of cats for feline AIDS and leukemia, medical attention when needed, help with supplies if the foster family is unable to pay, spaying or neutering of the mother cats and kittens, and finally — finding good permanent homes.

Thank you for getting the word out, Abby, and for all your support. — **JACQUELINE WOOD, MEOW CAT RESCUE IN KIRKLAND, WASH.**

DEAR JACQUELINE: You have made a terrific suggestion, one I'm sure many people haven't considered.

Parents who want their children to witness the "miracle of birth" and plan to get rid of the cat and her litter should first ask themselves what kind of message they are sending. By adopting your idea, the lesson would be conveyed that pets are more than expendable commodities — their lives have value.

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DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with my alcoholic husband, "Tom." He drinks from morning till night. Now my children say he's bribing them not to tell me.

What bothers me most is that he drinks and drives when he has our 10-year-old son, "Tommy," in the car with him. Tommy described several places where his dad bought vodka and 7UP. Another time Tommy told me his father bought him candy at the movies so he wouldn't tell me about the drinking.

My mother-in-law has advised me to approach the matter "positively." She thinks that if I tell Tom I can no longer trust him with the children, he will try to corrupt them to spite me.

I don't want my children to grow up to be liars and substance abusers. What can I do to fight this? — **TOM'S WIFE**

DEAR WIFE: I agree with your mother-in-law on one point. You should "positively" tell your husband that he will either get help for his drinking immediately or he is out the door. Driving a child while under the influence is child endangerment! That he would bribe his son and encourage him to lie to you is an indication of how much his addiction to alcohol has impaired his judgment.

You cannot "fix" your husband; only he can do that. But at all costs you must protect your children. The worst thing you can do under these circumstances is nothing.

I recommend that you attend some Al-Anon meetings. You will benefit from it. Al-Anon is a 12-step fellowship of men, women, adult children, and children whose lives have been affected by the compulsive drinking of a family member or friend. The toll-free number is (888) 425-2666.

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Would new energy bill stem gas prices?

WASHINGTON (AP) — For three years Congress has struggled to put together a new national energy policy, only to fail repeatedly because of disagreements that have little to do with what worries Americans today — record high gasoline prices and the government's inability to counter the OPEC oil cartel.

The White House renewed its call Wednesday for Congress to act amid growing concern that high energy costs and the specter of an invincible OPEC could hurt President Bush's re-election bid.

When asked how the president intended to deal with the rising gasoline prices and OPEC's tightening of the oil spigot, White House spokesman Scott McClellan repeated a single theme: Get Congress to pass energy legislation.

"We need a comprehensive national energy policy so that we don't keep going from one crisis to the next," McClellan said in response to the decision by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut oil production by 4 percent, despite administration efforts to persuade OPEC not to do so.

If Congress had acted "we wouldn't be in this mess," McClellan said.

In 2000, candidate Bush had pledged a get-tough response to force OPEC to retreat when it cut production, which puts upward pressure on oil prices.

On Wednesday, McClellan said the administration would "stay in close contact with major producers from around the world to discuss these issues and make sure our views are known." He said that oil prices should be set by the market.

McClellan blamed Democrats for blocking energy legislation and suggested that if Republicans had gotten their way, a new national energy policy would be in place today to keep gasoline prices down and the OPEC oil cartel in check.

The White House and the Bush re-election campaign also went after Democratic Sen. John Kerry, contending that the party's presumptive nominee for president would raise gas taxes.

Democrats said the energy bills that came close to being enacted into law in both 2002 and again last year contained little that would reduce America's dependence on OPEC oil and virtually nothing that would assure an end to the volatility of gasoline prices.

And they said Republicans had been as much to blame for the stalemate on energy as anyone else. Republican senators who objected to the high cost of a largely GOP-crafted energy bill helped kill the legislation in the Senate late last year.

Even if the bill had passed, would it have helped?

"I don't think there's anything in the pending energy bill that would have effect on gas prices in the short term at all, or affect them substantially in the long-term either," Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Energy Committee, said in an interview Wednesday.

He said the same was true in legislation passed by the Senate in 2002 when Democrats were in control.

The bill that's now before Congress and crafted essentially by the GOP majority does nothing to increase refining capacity, ease problems with so-called boutique fuels or reduce oil imports, Bingaman said.

Supporters of the bill say it would lead to a diversity of energy sources, boosting production of coal, natural gas and renewables. But cars and trucks depend on oil, and the bill does nothing to increase automobile fuel economy or to get more domestic oil.

Proposals to increase fuel economy were defeated repeatedly and a Bush administration proposal to tap oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge also quickly became a non-issue because of strong opposition from Democrats and moderate Republicans in the Senate. While ANWR represents the biggest untapped U.S. oil resource, a recent Energy Department study acknowledged its production would only modestly slow the growth of imports.

Another report by the DOE's Energy Information Administration recently concluded that the energy bill Congress came close to passing last year would result in no significant increase in domestic oil production and reduce oil imports — currently 9.8 million barrels a day — by a scant 100,000 barrels a day by 2010. After that imports would increase.

And, according to the EIA analysis, it would add to the overall cost of gasoline by 3 cents a gallon — and increases of as much as 8 cents a gallon in some parts of the country — by 2015 because of the wider use of the corn-based additive ethanol and a phaseout of another additive, MTBE.

The ethanol industry disputes the figures and has insisted that wider use of its additive would not cause higher gasoline prices.

While the White House is blaming Democrats for blocking energy legislation, such legislation might have passed last year had it not been for two issues involving Republicans.

There was strong opposition from a group of GOP senators who objected to the measure's $31 billion price tag over 10 years, a cost that ballooned as programs were added to attract support.

And Senate Democrats objected to a giving the makers of the MTBE gasoline additive protection against product liability lawsuits. Democratic leaders said they could deliver the votes for the bill if the MTBE provision were scrapped. But House Republicans — especially Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Rep. Joe Barton, both of Texas — refused to budge on the issue.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., the bill's Senate floor leader, has scaled back its cost and removed the MTBE provision, hoping to get the bill through the Senate this year. But Barton, now chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, says any bill that passes the House must include the MTBE waiver.

Clarke wants group against Bush to pull ads with his criticisms

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's former counterterrorism adviser objected Wednesday to the use of his name and critical comments about Bush in a new broadcast advertisement from a political group supporting Democratic candidate John Kerry.

Richard Clarke said he instructed his lawyer to ask the MoveOn.org Voter Fund to stop broadcasting the ad, which Clarke said was created without his knowledge or permission. The group said it wouldn't pull the ad, and one outside legal expert said the ad was clearly permissible under U.S. copyright laws.

"I just don't want to be used," Clarke told The Associated Press. "I don't want to be part of what looks like a political TV ad. I'm trying hard to make this not a partisan thing but a discussion of how we stop terrorism from happening in the future, keep this on a policy issue. I don't want this to become any more emotional or personal than it has already."

The campaigns director for MoveOn, Eli Pariser, said Clarke's comments were presented fairly and accurately but acknowledged it didn't speak with Clarke about the spot.

"This is a public statement that Clarke had made," Pariser said. "We think it's important to get what Clarke has to say out there."

One copyright expert said Clarke had little legal recourse under copyright statutes protecting the publicity rights of celebrities or public figures.

"It's very difficult to imagine any claim that a court would take seriously in this context," said Susan Crawford, an assistant professor at Yeshiva University's Cardozo Law School in New York. "I'm surprised he's doing this. No one would assume that Richard Clarke encouraged them to do this."

Clarke's attorney, Robert B. Barnett, couldn't be reached immediately for comment; his office said he was traveling.

The advertisement by MoveOn.org accuses Bush of "shamelessly" exploiting the September 2001 terrorism attacks against New York and Washington. It includes two audio excerpts from an interview with Clarke that CBS aired on "60 Minutes" on March 21, the day before Clarke's book, "Against All Enemies," went on sale.

In the interview excerpts, Clarke said it was "outrageous" that Bush was promoting his response to the terror attacks because "he ignored terrorism for months when maybe we could have done something to stop 9-11."

A spokesman for CBS said the network didn't know about the ad.

Kerry recovering after surgery

BOSTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry was recovering off the campaign trail today after minor shoulder surgery that his doctor described as free of complication.

The four-term Massachusetts senator underwent the 45-minute procedure Wednesday to repair tendons in his right shoulder and bicep. Dr. Bertram Zarins, chief of sports medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, said Kerry would be in pain for a few days and probably need an ice pack and narcotic painkillers.

Kerry had no public schedule for the rest of the week.

Zarins said the presumed Democratic nominee was smiling and talking shortly after coming out of surgery.

"He joked a little bit and said, 'I hope I didn't reveal any state secrets,'" Zarins told reporters in a conference call.

The doctor also said Kerry would have to forgo temporarily the most time-honored tradition in politics: shaking hands.

Kerry, 60, tore the subscapularis tendon, one of the tendons that make up the rotator cuff, in January. He wrenched his right shoulder while bracing himself during an abrupt stop on his campaign bus in Iowa.

Kerry was under general anesthesia for the surgery. Zarins said he made an incision about an inch and a half long, found a small tear in the bicep tendon next to the subscapularis and then made a second, smaller incision and repaired both.

Zarins, who also treats the New England Patriots, the New England Revolution and the Boston Bruins sports teams, said he would evaluate Kerry over the next few days and remove the stitches.



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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Gout has several medication options

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband suffers from gout for which he was prescribed indomethacin and Allopurinol. Although the indomethacin is to be used only for pain, my husband won't take it because he doesn't want to be addicted to pain medication. Now a friend has recommended taking colchicine once a day as a preventive. What is your opinion of this?

DEAR READER: In my experience, colchicine is a very effective antidote for acute gout attacks, although it can cause diarrhea, abdominal discomfort and other side effects. However, when compared to indomethacin, it is robably as (or more) effective. don't have a preference except to say that indomethacin is well-tolerated, relatively free of side effects, unquestionably not addictive and is a reasonable alternative to colchicine.

I do not believe colchicine or indomethacin is a good preventative. Allopurinol is superior.

Therefore, I suggest the following. Your husband should continue Allopurinol to prevent gout attacks. If, however, such attacks (of joint pain) appear, he should use either colchicine or indomethacin.

Should your husband's gout become a regular annoyance, he should double up on his Allopurinol, from 300 milligrams daily to 300 milligrams twice a day.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "About Gout." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please guide your readers through the menstrual cycle and give your opinion as to the safest point where intercourse would be least likely to cause conception. Is it the first few days after the end of the flow? Is pregnancy possible during the monthly bleeding?

DEAR READER: Let's keep it simple. Most women ovulate about two weeks after the first day of their menstrual cycles. Therefore, the best time to conceive is on or about day 14. Intercourse is least likely to result in pregnancy if it occurs just before, during or just after menstruation.

Remember that this is merely a rule of thumb. There are reported instances of women conceiving at any point in their cycles, especially if their menstrual patterns are irregular.

Because of your interest in the subject, I am sending you a free copy of my newly updated health report "Contraception." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read that a tablespoon of apple cider vinegar taken before meals will aid digestion. Is there any truth to this claim?

DEAR READER: Drinking vinegar will not aid digestion, even though many people swear that this home remedy will cure a variety of medical afflictions. Don't believe everything you read — except in this column, of course.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Insurgents attack U.S. convoy

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — A roadside bomb injured three American troops in a U.S. military convoy today near Fallujah, a day after the grisly killing and mutilation of four American contract workers in the city. The top U.S. administrator in Iraq said the deaths would not go unpunished.

In Ramadi, west of Fallujah, six Iraqi civilians died and four were wounded Wednesday evening in a car bombing at a market, said Lt. Col. Steve Murray, a coalition spokesman.

"The Iraqi police had not determined whether it was detonated by remote control or whether it was a suicide bomber within the car," Murray said.

Associated Press Television News footage showed smoke pouring from a Humvee that had been abandoned on a roadside just outside Fallujah on today. In Baghdad, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said insurgents targeted the convoy with a bomb, and the injured troops were flown to a combat support hospital.

Also today, two explosions near a U.S.-escorted fuel convoy in northern Baghdad wounded at least one Iraqi. APTN footage showed U.S. soldiers putting a wounded person on a stretcher inside an armored vehicle.

In Fallujah, police retrieved the remains of the four slain Americans Wednesday night, wrapped them in blankets, and gave them to U.S. forces, said Iraqi police officer Lt. Salah Abdullah.

No action at Ira meet

The Ira Independent School District board of trustees met in an executive session this morning to discuss personnel matters.

According to officials there was no action taken following the approximately 50-minute long meeting.

Budget deal not likely this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Dennis Hastert said today he is willing to seek a deal with the Senate over curbs that chamber has approved on future tax cuts, but expressed doubt an agreement could be reached before Congress' spring recess.

"Philosophically we're opposed to limiting tax cuts" with the restrictions the Senate approved last month, Hastert, R-Ill., said in a brief interview. "But we're going to have to do the art of the possible, what's possible with the Senate."

Hastert drew a hard line for those negotiations, saying the House had not abandoned its opposition to restraining tax cuts. Tax reductions are the core of President Bush's plans for energizing the economy, and the dispute is the major roadblock to finishing a House-Senate compromise on a $2.4 trillion budget for next year.

"We don't want to accept this limitation. And that's what the discussions are about," he said.

Participants in the talks have said privately that if a compromise emerges, it could be a watered-down version of the constraints the Senate approved exempting tax cuts expected to be approved this year. It might also last less than the five years the Senate voted for.

"Now, we're still in negotiation. We haven't done anything yet," Hastert said.

Asked whether he believed an agreement could be reached by the end of this week, when the House begins a two-week spring recess, he said, "I don't think so."

At an earlier appearance with reporters, Hastert said the House's work on highway and pension legislation this week made him unsure the chamber could vote on a budget this week.

The Senate-approved language would require any future tax cuts or expanded benefits be paid for either with tax increases or spending cuts.

Woman arrested on county warrant to revoke probation

• ***Arrests***

At 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, a 44-year-old female was arrested at Wal-Mart on a county warrant concerning a motion to revoke probation.

At 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, a 32-year-old female was arrested at the sheriff's office on a motion to revoke probation.

At 6:23 p.m. Wednesday, a 20-year-old male was arrested on two city warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

• ***Solicitors***

At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, a police officer was dispatched to the 2000 block of 37th Street concerning a man trying to sell kitchen items door to door.

• ***Fight***

At 7:18 p.m. Wednesday, officers responded to the 800 block of 26th St. to a reported fight. The combatants had left the area before police arrived.

Gov. Perry set to call special session on school finance

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has told Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick that he will announce this week a special legislative session in mid-April to address school finance, sources told The Associated Press today.

The three Republican leaders have not reached an agreement on how to overhaul the share-the-wealth system of funding public education, despite Perry's insistence that he would call the session once a consensus has emerged.

Two days have been mentioned as possible start dates, April 12 or April 19, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Spokespeople from Perry's office did not immediately return a telephone call from the AP.

Lawmakers have said they want to slash property taxes now levied on homeowners who bear the brunt of the state's public education costs. School officials say they need additional money and that the so-called Robin Hood plan is not working efficiently.

Perry has said one way to replace Robin Hood is through a "split-tax roll," an idea he has praised that would tax residential and commercial property separately.

Bush to sign fetus rights bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, eager to hand another victory to the social conservatives who make up his most loyal base of political support, decided on an elaborate ceremony to sign into law legislation expanding legal rights of the unborn.

The Unborn Victims of Violence Act makes it a crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman. Bush was signing the bill, which took five years to get through Congress, today in the Rose Garden.

People on both sides of the fetal rights and abortion issue have said the new law will have far-reaching consequences.

Abortion opponents welcome it as a step toward more sweeping protections for the unborn, while abortion-rights proponents say the measure represents the first recognition in federal law of an embryo or fetus as a person separate from the woman.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Bush's opponent in this fall's election voted against the bill.

Bush has said he doesn't believe the country is ready to completely ban abortions; he opposes them except in cases of rape or incest or when pregnancy endangers a woman's life.

Obituaries

Dorothy Savage

1918-2004

Dorothy Anne Savage, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 31, in Green Briar Nursing Home in Tyler.

Funeral service for Mrs. Savage, 85, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder. The Rev. Allan Cartrite, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Paul Savage, a son, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 8, 1918 in Ladonia, she married Travis Savage on June 15, 1941 in Ladonia. He died Sept. 7, 1989.

A longtime resident of Snyder, she moved to Midland in 1991 and to Tyler in 1993. In Snyder she was a member of the Greenhill Baptist Church until it closed and she became a member of First Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Bill Harless of Midland and Barbara and Butch Cearley of Tyler; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Kathy Savage of Africa; a sister, Mary Jane Hamlett of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Opal Davidson

1922-2004

Opal Alene Davidson, a former resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, March 30, in Hobbs Healthcare Center in Hobbs, N.M.

Funeral service for Mrs. Davidson, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Faith Baptist Church in Snyder with the Rev. Larry White, pastor, and the Rev. LaVoid Ford, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hobbs, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 2, 1922 in Hermleigh, she married James Davidson in 1984. He died in November, 1999. A homemaker, Mrs. Davidson was a member of the Temple Baptist Church in Hobbs.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Karleen McMahan of Hobbs and David R. and Sheri McMahan of Castaic, Calif.; a sister, Lee Lam of Winnsboro; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

John Trussell

1910-2004

Graveside service for John Henry Trussell of Bangs, formerly of Scurry County, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Snyder Cemetery with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Englunds Funeral Service in Slaton.

Mr. Trussell, 93, died Tuesday, March 30, in Bangs.

He was born Aug. 28, 1910 on the J. Wright Mooar Ranch in Scurry County. He was in the Army infantry during World War II serving in the European Theatre and the Battle of the Bulge. He was employed with the RS&P Railroad before moving to Slaton in 1962 where he worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in the track maintenance department, retiring as a section foreman.

Mr. Trussell married Lora I. Wood on Jan. 1, 1936 and she preceded him in death on Sept. 24, 1979. He also was preceded in death by a son, Morris Wood Trussell; a sister, Pauline Scrivner; and a brother, Ambrose Trussell.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Travis and Libby Trussell of Bushland and Tommy Trussell of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Kelly Schaffer and Calvin Schaffer, both of Groom; and three nieces, Shirley Miller, Kathy Hall and Elois Pruitt, all of Snyder.

A. J. White

1927-2004

A. J. White, a resident of both San Angelo and Menard, died Tuesday, March 30, in a San Angelo hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. White, 77, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder.

Viewing will be today and Friday at Robert Massie Funeral Home in San Angelo.

Mr. White was born March 18, 1927 in Fort Worth to Archer and Nellie White. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. White worked 34 years for Southwestern Bell, many of those years in Snyder, and after retirement he enjoyed working in his shop and motorcycling. He also worked with the Boy Scouts for several years.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Kathlyn White of Menard and San Angelo; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bob and Betty White of San Angelo, Jim and Margaret White of Pampa and Danny White of Menard; a grandson, Chris White and wife Kelly of Kennesaw, Ga.; two granddaughters, Jenny White of Pampa and Becky Mohling and husband Jim of San Angelo; and a cousin, Katherine Taylor of Carrollton.

In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be sent to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

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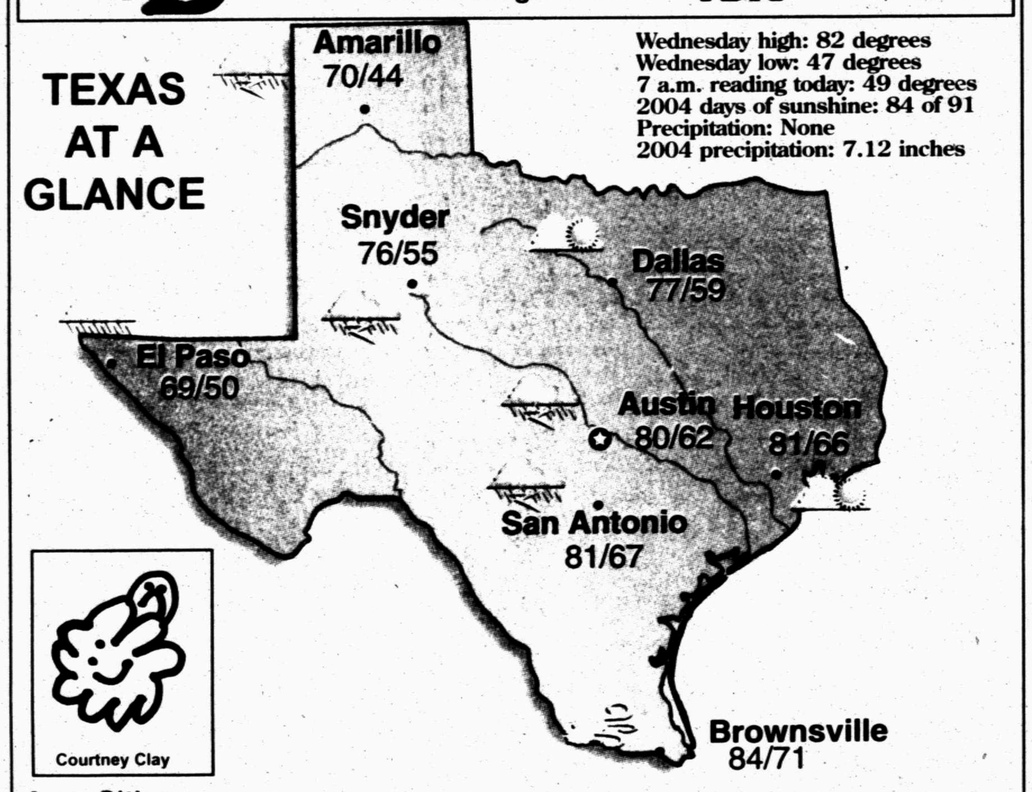
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4
76/55	62/45	61/44
A few showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the a.	Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.	Showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise 6:30 AM Sunset 7:05 PM	Sunrise 6:29 AM Sunset 7:06 PM	Sunrise 6:27 AM Sunset 7:06 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 82 degrees
Wednesday low: 47 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 49 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 84 of 91
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 7.12 inches

Courtney Clay

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	59	t-storm	El Paso	69	50	rain	Midland	76	56	t-storm
Amarillo	70	44	t-storm	Fort Stockton	75	55	t-storm	Raymondville	85	68	pt sunny
Austin	80	62	t-storm	Gainesville	74	55	pt sunny	Rosenberg	81	65	pt sunny
Beaumont	80	64	pt sunny	Greenville	75	56	pt sunny	San Antonio	81	67	t-storm
Brownsville	84	71	windy	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	81	63	t-storm
Brownwood	81	59	t-storm	Kingsville	85	69	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	75	55	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	82	70	t-storm	Livingston	81	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	78	58	t-storm
Corsicana	78	59	pt sunny	Longview	76	54	pt sunny	Tyler	77	56	pt sunny
Dallas	77	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	75	52	t-storm	Weatherford	76	56	pt sunny
Del Rio	81	65	t-storm	Lufkin	80	60	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	76	56	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	61	40	sunny	Houston	81	66	pt sunny	Phoenix	75	57	t-storm
Boston	41	37	rain	Los Angeles	74	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	78	51	windy
Chicago	51	36	pt sunny	Miami	76	62	mst sunny	Seattle	64	44	sunny
Dallas	77	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	57	37	sunny	St. Louis	60	39	sunny
Denver	47	32	t-storm	New York	52	41	rain	Washington, DC	51	43	rain

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 28	Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19

UV Index

Fri 4/2	Sat 4/3	Sun 4/4
7	5	6
High	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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