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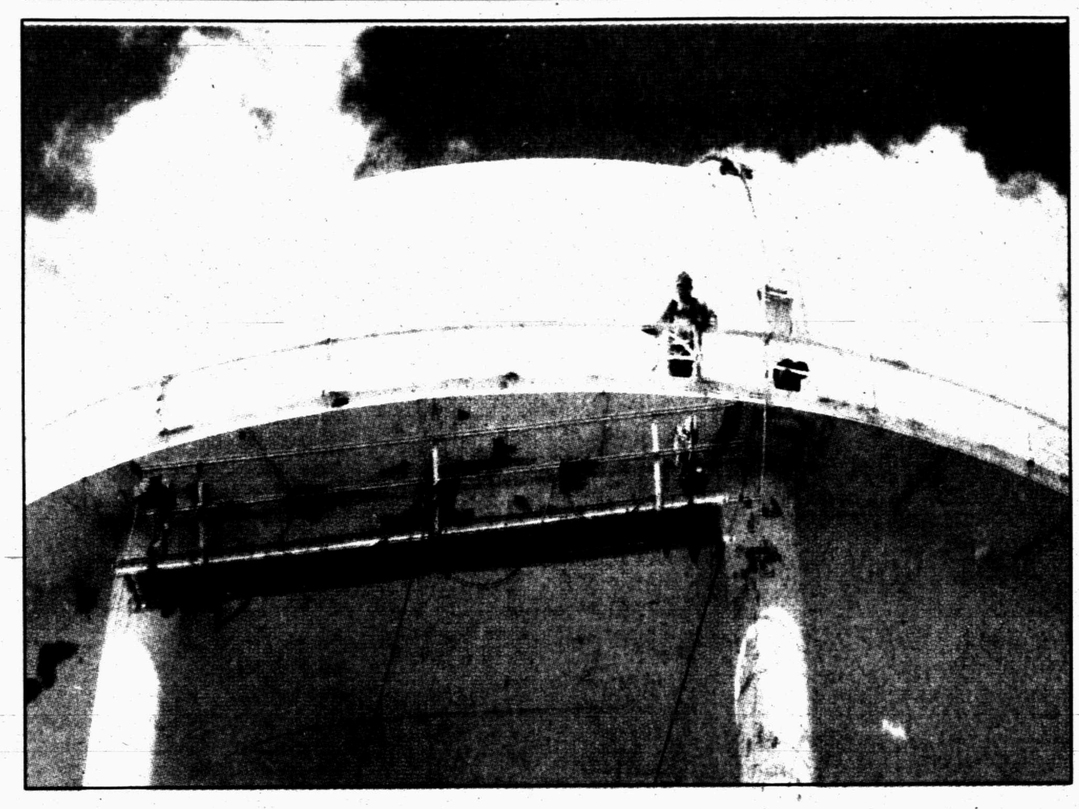
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Home of Brad Ashworth



WAY UP THERE — Martin Rico of Odessa prepares the city water tower near Midland Avenue for painting. (SDN Staff Photo by Jeff West)

Hospital banquet is tonight

Eighteen employees of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be recognized tonight at the annual awards banquet at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Topping the list with 25 years of service to the hospital are Lucille Clinkinbeard of the surgical department and Diane Braziel of the OB ward.

Receiving awards for 15 years of service will be Laverne Holloway, OB; Marilyn Lockhart, surgery; and Betty Woodward, health information.

Receiving 10-year awards are Lori Baldwin, medical-surgical department; Kathy Eaton, central supply; Janna Helms, patient accounting; Kathy Huff, Price Daniel Unit clinic; Laurie Leuck-Sharp, lab; and Lyn Small, financial services.

Those receiving five-year awards include Vicky Bell, specialty clinic; Valerie Crisp and Sandy Smith, medical-surgical; Nancy Messenger and Nina Sutton, Price Daniel Unit clinic; Mary Perez, central supply; and Tracey Williamson, social services and assisted living.

The banquet gets underway at 7 o'clock and will include the introduction of new hospital CEO Carol Hanes.

Both Hanes and Cheryl Chance, director of nurses, will present the service awards.

Board member Terry Williams will give the invocation and Cindy Nix will provide the entertainment.

Early voting comes to end

Early voting ends today for the two elections to be held Saturday.

Western Texas College incumbent trustee Carolyn Barbee is facing challenger Bob O'Day for Place 3 on the college board.

Voting at WTC is in the administrative building reception area and it ends today at 4 p.m.

Three persons are on the ballot for two at-large positions on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees as Billy Luna, Burton Sandefur and John Williamson are vying for the posts vacated by Sherene Digby and David Higgins, who did not seek new terms.

Voting at Hermleigh ended at noon today.

New program in place at Cogdell to judge service

As one means of monitoring patient satisfaction at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, a new patient satisfaction phone line extension will be in operation beginning Wednesday.

Patients or family members can call the extension any time, day or night, and leave a message for the newly-formed patient satisfaction team. The extension number for persons at the hospital is 7190, or if a patient has gone home, the number is 574-7190 for comments on care received.

The line will be checked several times a day and a member of the hospital staff will address the problem in a timely manner with the caller, hospital officials said.



LET'S FISH — Students and game wardens enjoyed their annual fishing day at Western Texas College on Monday. Lora Harris caught a fish while Ted Davey of Matador watched. Behind them are Crystal Rodriguez and Lacy Loudermilk of Spur. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

WTC trustees hold extended closed session

Western Texas College's board of trustees met in open session for 30 minutes Monday evening and then had a two-hour executive session to discuss personnel.

No action was taken following the closed session.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said this morning the board was "brought up to speed on a number of personnel items."

During the regular session, trustees approved the employment of Roy Bartels as an instructor for computerized business technology, and accepted the resignation of Shane Christensen, assistant art professor.

In an action item, trustees approved $9,588 for the college's rodeo team to attend the NIRA National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo., in June.

Trustees also heard a report on student mentoring from Dr. Jim Clifton, dean of student services.

Dr. Clifton spoke on the success of the mentoring program for at-risk students, and added that he would like to see the program involve all new students on campus.

Lee Presswood presided and all board members were in attendance to include Eddie Peterson, Dr. Jay Kidd, Carolyn Barbee, Jackie Greene, Drew Bullard and Scott Richburg.



WELCOME TO SNYDER — New Cogdell Memorial Hospital CEO Carol Hanes visits with hospital staff members, Bill Harris (center) and Dr. John Gregg at a reception in her honor Monday night. Harris is the hospital anesthesiologist and Dr. Gregg is a surgeon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Additional personnel on Hermleigh's agenda

The Hermleigh ISD board will discuss new personnel, school policies and phone service at the meeting scheduled for tonight. Both current and possible future land use also will be discussed in closed session.

The board could act on adding or extending several positions. One is a teacher/coach that will be the district's new technology director.

Supt. Marvin Beaty said the person will act as assistant coach for several sports but would primarily be involved in updating the technology at the school, including an improved web site and teacher training. Several applicants have been interviewed.

Beaty is also requesting a new office person to help answer phones and do clerical work for the district.

"When you grow as fast as we have you just need more people to get the work done," Beaty said.

The board also will decide if it wants to give the superintendent authority to negotiate a contract for a librarian. The position has been part-time contract labor for a while and should come in at $3,000-$5,000, Beaty said.

Revisions to the student and employee handbooks will be considered, as they are each year. Beaty said most of the proposed changes are routine except perhaps changing the way cheerleaders are picked from popular vote to a talent-based judging system.

"That's how other sports are done, we don't vote on who's going to be quarterback," Beaty said.

The student insurance will be voted on as well, the same carrier is being considered but with a $900 savings over last year, according to Beaty.

The board also will consider getting the phone service from Birch Telephone, a change made possible by phone deregulation.

A presentation by Wind-Tex Energies has been postponed until after the Texas Legislatures special session.

The board will meet in executive session to discuss land they own and want to own to discuss possible uses, Beaty said.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in the Hermleigh High School cafeteria.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "To attend a meeting of the minds, everybody needs to come fully equipped."

Even Geleska Baze will agree that her husband is one of a kind.

It may not have been our first meeting, but it was an early one. We were attending an end-of school social at the WTC's president home when Mrs. Baze sauntered up to whisper some friendly advice.

After the death of banker Roger Mize and with a new Republican governor in office, Roy Baze had been asked to spearhead Snyder's efforts to locate a prison unit in Scurry County.

She advised, "Roy, you'll just have to stand up to him or he'll try to run everything."

Mrs. Baze was right — and we're glad she was.

Roy Baze had retired early from Exxon and made a decision that benefited us all. The oil company senior veep and his bride made the decision to return to their hometown.

Baze once told us that while living and traveling all over the world, he never had time for civic involvement. Wow, did he ever make up for it when he returned to Snyder!

Roy is the kind of individual who can make others uneasy — usually because he has done his homework and others may not have.

He not only is a person with a strong opinion, but he props that up with researched data and moral conviction. He admits to being wrong — at least twice.

During the prison project that lasted for a couple of years, Jack Denman would report, salute and call him "General."

Former Mayor David Holt once said, "Those of us who had the privilege of working with General Baze have had the benefit of a graduate course in organizational skills and management.

In addition to the Rotary Club, where he is a Paul Harris Fellow, Roy Baze was elected to the Western Texas College board. As a trustee, he had always read his agenda packet in advance.

He knew the details and the numbers. He was not anti-athletics, but believed that sports programs should not come at the expense of the classroom. That was not always popular, but he's right.

He and Mrs. Baze are two of the most generous givers in Snyder — not only of time, but of resources. Sure, they could afford it, but a lot of folks can afford it and choose not to give back to their community.

Baze brought good business acumen to the board of the Development Corporation of Snyder. Even after leaving the board, his expertise was sought and appreciated.

Mrs. Baze did her part, too, as an active member of the Snyder Garden Club and Cogdell Hospital auxiliary.

They likely wouldn't be leaving Snyder had the hospital's fourth floor remained the same — something that Mr. Baze had hoped he would never need, but found assurance that it was available.

We're going to lose other good citizens because Snyder lacks good assisted-living facilities. We hope that void soon can be alleviated.

Roy and Geleska Baze soon will be moving to a retirement community in abilene — and it sounds like a good deal for them.

From 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus, a reception will be held in their honor. The public is invited.

Before the reception was scheduled, Mr. Baze called and asked for our opinion on it.

"Go ahead," we said. "Those of us who don't think you're worthy will just say he moved to abilene and improved both towns."

Fortunately, over the past 24 years, Mr. Baze has learned to smile at our "warped sense of humor."

ASK US

Q—What are the salaries of the two JPs?

A—Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1, Debra Boyd makes $26,222.14 for her base salary and newly-appointed Precinct 2 JP Julie Culp will make $18,850 once she is sworn into office May 17.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Terri Collins...

...has lived in Snyder one year and is a 7th grade Texas history teacher at Snyder Junior High. Her husband, Dr. Ronny Collins, is superintendent of SISD. They have a son, Brad, who attends Parker Chiropractic College in Dallas and a daughter-in-law, Kandace, who attends Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. Another son, Todd, will graduate from Howard Payne University and will attend Baylor College of Denistry. Terri enjoys reading, snow skiing and visiting her children.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Act the part and you will become the part.
—William James

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Janie Carroll, Kenneth Parker and Lee Presswood will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in the East Elementary library.

Hermleigh kindergarten pre-registration

Pre-registration for children turning five on or before Sept. 1 will be from 2:45-3:30 p.m. today and Wednesday in the Hermleigh kindergarten classroom. Adults need to bring current driver license and children's immunization record, social security card and birth certificate.

Stanfield Elementary parent council

The Stanfield Elementary parent council will meet at 4 p.m. today in the school's conference room.

Central parents seminar

"Color Your World: Read" is topic of the last in a series of Thursday seminars hosted by Central Elementary. Janie Romine and Linda Jones of the Scurry County Library will present a program on the library's summer reading program and also will discuss ways to develop and maintain a child's reading skills during the summer. The seminar begins at 1:30 p.m. in room 5 at Central. Door prizes, child care and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 573-8592.

WTC GED testing dates

Western Texas College GED testing dates are set for Thursday. Future dates are June 17, July 8, and July 22. To take the test or for more information contact Betty Thompson at 573-2310 or Emily Hataway 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Reception

A reception to honor Roy and Geleska Baze will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus.

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WINS TROPHIES — Snyder High School choir department's Mastersingers competed Saturday in the Directors Choice Gulf Music Festival at South Padre Island, receiving a superior rating and outstanding performance in the show choir category. Ronda Haire is the director. Girls pictured top row to bottom row are Sarah Carpenter, Devin Chandler, Stephanie Parmer, Jessica Calvert, Alexis Dupree, Lacey Kincaid, Molly Haire and Nadia Chairez. Boys pictured top row to bottom row are Brandon Robbins, Brent Tyler, Levi Stahl, Jeremy Rodriguez, Michael Nelson, Ryan Ward, Michael Mann, Ramsey Herrera, Cody Reed and Corbin Smith. The SHS choir pops concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Worsham Auditorium. Admission is $5. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Bush begins three day education tour

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is putting his education policies on display during a three-day focus on the subject, including visits to two states that are toss-ups in the November presidential election.

Bush today discusses the No Child Left Behind education law when he visits Butterfield Junior High School in Van Buren, Ark., a Republican stronghold near the Arkansas-Oklahoma border. On Wednesday, in suburban Washington, he speaks about the importance of reading in early grades, followed by a visit Thursday to a West Virginia high school.

The president's education tour follows a similar three-day swing by Democratic presidential rival John Kerry.

Signed in 2003, the No Child Left Behind education law was the centerpiece of Bush's domestic policy agenda. It mandated tough testing and gives all students until 2014 to become proficient in reading and math.

The legislation had bipartisan backing initially, but has run into opposition from Democrats who claim Bush is enforcing the law on the cheap by holding schools accountable for big gains without enough money to succeed.

Administration officials dispute that, saying states and school districts had not tapped some $6 billion in education funding that was available at the start of the year.

Last month, the administration announced it was easing some testing and other provisions of the law that required teachers to have a degree or be certified in every subject they teach.

Kerry, a Massachusetts senator who voted for No Child Left Behind, now says he sees problems with the legislation and wants changes, mainly in the way student progress is measured.

During a three-day education tour of his own last week to Minnesota, New Mexico and California, Kerry vowed that 1 million more students would graduate high school if he is elected. Kerry wants to roll back Bush's tax cuts for people making more than $200,000 a year and use some of the money to create a $200 billion education trust fund over 10 years.

Kerry says about half the money would be used to fully fund No Child Left Behind. He also pledged to channel $30 billion over 10 years to improve teacher pay as well as raise teaching standards, including bonuses of up to $5,000 for those who teach math and science or work in high-need schools.

'Sasser' worm creator launched new damage-limiting version

BERLIN (AP) — An 18-year-old German who confessed to creating the "Sasser" computer worm launched a new version meant to limit the damage just before his arrest last week, investigators said Monday.

Authorities who have questioned Sven Jaschan got the impression his motive was to gain fame as a programmer, prosecutor Detlev Dyballa said.

Dyballa labeled as speculation news reports that Jaschan may have created the disruptive program to drum up business for his mother's computer store, PC-Help, in the small town of Waffensen.

"One can never rule out anything, but there are no facts to suggest it," he told The Associated Press by telephone.

Jaschan was arrested Friday at his mother's house, where police said agents found him sitting at his computer. Investigators say the machine contained the worm's source code.

Earlier Friday, investigators said, Jaschan unleashed the new "Sasser e" — a failed attempt to limit the damage caused by the four previous versions.

Frank Federau, a spokesman for the state criminal office in Hanover, said the worm was "a slightly modified form" of the program that raced around the world over the past week, exploiting a flaw in Microsoft's Windows operating system.

"He did it with good intentions, but it had exactly the same damaging effects," said Sascha Hanke, a Microsoft data protection official in Germany.

Nineteen are charged with sex trafficking

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Prosecutors announced state and federal charges against 19 people for alleged child prostitution and sex trafficking of children.

Pimps allegedly transported girls as young as 13 from Oklahoma — many of them runaways — to cities in Texas, Florida, Colorado, Pennsylvania and Arkansas for prostitution, said U.S. Attorney Robert McCampbell.

McCampbell said pimps recruited young girls and then controlled them through violence, threats and intimidation. As many as 13 underage girls, and several women over 18, were involved, he said.

He would not elaborate on the evidence that led to the indictments.

"Pimps transported these children so they could be sexually exploited on the streets of places like Houston, Denver, Harrisburg and Miami," McCampbell said.

World Almanac

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

Today is the 132nd day of 2004 and the 53rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1894, the Pullman Strike began, involving 3,000 Chicago railroad car plant workers.

In 1987, the first heart-lung transplant was performed, in Baltimore, Md.

In 1996, ValuJet DC-9 crashed in the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people aboard.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Irving Berlin (1888-1989), composer; Dame Margaret Rutherford (1892-1972), actress; Salvador Dali (1904-1989), painter; Louis Farrakhan (1933-), Nation of Islam leader, is 71; Natasha Richardson (1963-), actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1997, IBM's Deep Blue computer defeated world chess champion Garry Kasparov.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is only one difference between a madman and me. I am not mad." — Salvador Dali

TODAY'S FACT: In 1970, 381 strikes involving almost 2.5 million workers caused over 52.7 million idle work days.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 84,800 - approximate number of patients awaiting a major organ transplant in the United States

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (May 11).

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LOTTO TEXAS
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RESULTS

Monday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 16-20-26-29-30.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $46,206.

Winning ticket sold in: Houston

Matching four of five: 120. Prize: $174.

Matching three of five: 4,021. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 41,514. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 6-8-9
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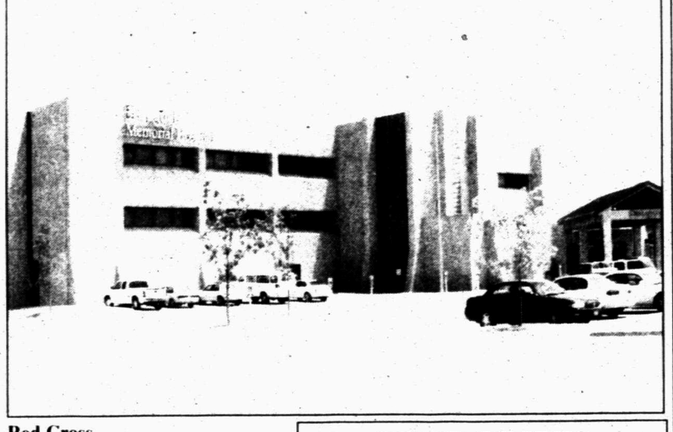
BOOTHS - First floor of hospital.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary serving
PUNCH & COOKIES - lobby of hospital

ASSISTED LIVING OPEN HOUSE - fourth floor - 1:00-6:00 pm
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary serving refreshments

TOUR CRITICAL AIR HELICOPTER
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BOOTHS
Auxiliary Gift Shop
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Social Services
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Snyder EMS
Scurry County Sheriffs Department
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Radiology
Snyder Family Chiropractic
CADA
Child Protective Services
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Shannon Behavioral Center
Respiratory Therapy
Wal-Mart Pharmacy
Scurry County Health Clinic

DOOR PRIZES
Numerous donated prizes given by many vendors and associates of the hospital.
Register for the
GRAND DOOR PRIZE
donated by
Davis & Davis Attorney of Law, Austin, TX; Harding, Inc., Lubbock, TX and Snyder National Bank.
Other door prizes will be throughout the hospital at various booths and will be given away at 6:00 pm.

HEALTH/ COMMUNITY RELATED TOPICS
• EDUCATION/INFORMATION
Consent to treat
Foster Parenting
Safety Related Topics
Poison Control
Home Medical Equipment
Home Health
Blood Typing
Mammogram
Childbirth Class
Hospice
Diabetic
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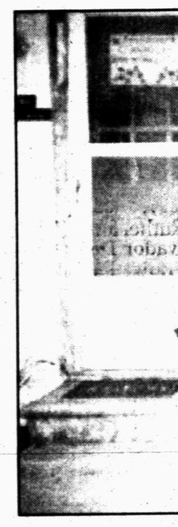
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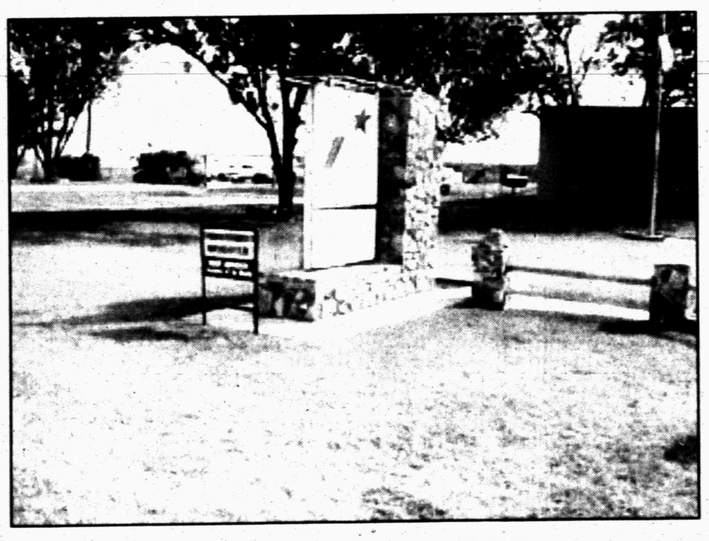
HALL-HERRLEY WEDDING SHOWER — A bridal shower honoring Renae Hall, bride-elect of Kaleb Herrley, was held Saturday, April 24, in the home of Diana and Stoni Riggan. From left are Lisa Hall, sister of the bride-elect; Amy Hall, mother of the future bride; the honoree; Karen Herrley, mother of the prospective groom; and Kara Smith, his sister. The couple will wed May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lazy Mesquite Ranch. (Contributed Photo)



COSMORAMA STUDY CLUB PROGRAM — Linda Devitt displayed her collection of Barbie Dolls, explaining their importance to her at the recent Cosmorama Study Club meeting. The meeting was held at her shop, L&L Antiques and Ceramics located in the location of the old Thompson's Shoe Store on the square. Cosmorama members will meet for breakfast at the Rusty Spur at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by a tour of the gardens at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)







YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS — Faith Blocker, 2102 Peyton Ave., was one of three named as outstanding yards for May. Another winner was the yard of Esmeralda Maldonado, 2205 Merrill Ave. She gardens with the help of her son, Estroberto Maldonado Jr., 7. In the bottom photo, the Snyder Garden Club chose the Department of Transportation for the Most Improved Business for the month. The early rains have helped local gardeners to have the most attractive yards in some time. (Contributed Photos)



Dee Wilson

Wilson will move to Wichita Falls

Dee Wilson, former Snyder Noah Project director who took the position in Abilene in 2001, is now moving to Wichita Falls where she will be the executive director of Patsy's House Child Advocacy Center Inc.

In her new position, she will continue to help young victims of neglect and sexual or physical abuse and provide outreach to educate the community.

Wilson's last day in Abilene will be May 31. Wilson has worked with Noah since 1993 and while in Snyder was instrumental in planning and raising funds for a new building that is now called Gateway Family Services.

The mission at Patsy's House is similar to that of the Noah Project which offers aid to victims of domestic violence while providing outreach to educate the community.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program by Joan Head, "Make up for Seniors;" installation of officers; executive officers are hostesses; 4 p.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 573-7625 or 573-1055 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th St.; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

Bridge by Phillip Alder

Tuesday, May 11, 2004

If partner doubles, you should bid

By Phillip Alder

This week, we are looking at bidding with weak hands. If your left-hand opponent opens with one of a suit, your partner makes a takeout double, and your right-hand opponent passes, you must bid something, even with a Yarborough (unless you are long and strong in the opener's suit). And when you have a hand like South's, try to make your one-heart bid in a normal voice, not sotto voce, and avoid shaking your head several times.

Now assume that you (South) are the declarer in four hearts. West leads the diamond ace, then shifts to the spade king. You win with dummy's spade ace, cash two rounds of trumps, dropping West's jack, and cross to hand with a heart. How would you continue from there?

North's four diamonds is a splinter bid, showing game values in hearts with at most one diamond. Note also that East might have raised diamonds — and if the vulnerability had been different, he should have raised. Here, though, five diamonds doubled costs 500, more than the value of the North-South game.

You need four club tricks to go with one spade and five hearts (four tops and a diamond ruff on the board). But getting those club tricks will require taking three club finesses. (You know from the auction that West has at least four clubs.)

You must start with the club nine — the lowest card in your hand that can take the first trick in the suit. When that holds, continue with the club jack. This will leave you in your hand, able to lead a third club through West. You lose only two spades and one diamond.

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North 05-11-04
♠ A 7 6 4
♥ A K Q 5
♦ 6
♣ A Q 10 4

West
♠ K Q
♥ J 2
♦ A K J 8 5
♣ K 8 6 5

East
♠ J 10 5 2
♥ 7 4 3
♦ 10 9 4 3 2
♣ 7

South
♠ 9 8 3
♥ 10 9 8 6
♦ Q 7
♣ J 9 3 2

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♦	Dbl.	Pass
1 ♥	2 ♣	4 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Births

Jazmyne Nicolle Hernandez was born to Juan and Berlinda Grace Hernandez of Snyder at 12:15 p.m. on May 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Jazmyne weighed six pounds, 11 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Henrietta Estrada and maternal grandparents are Mariano and Marta Gonzales. All are of Snyder.



WESTERN SWING FESTIVAL
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SCURRY COUNTY COLISEUM

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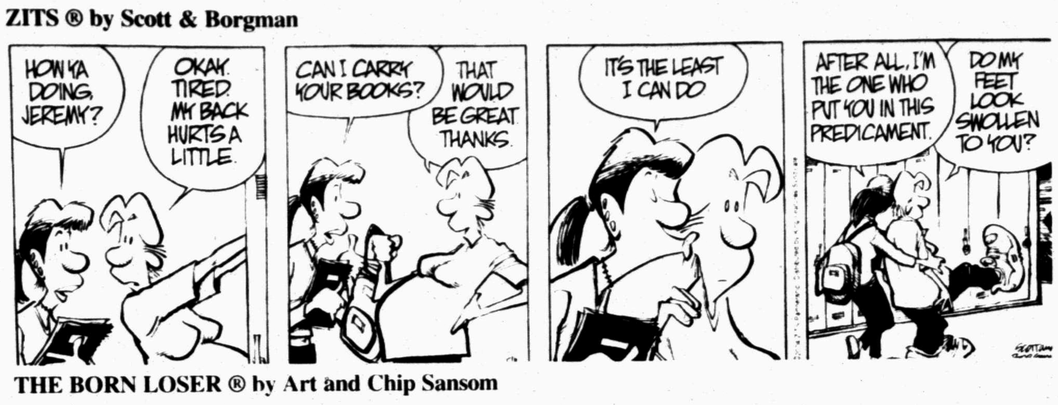
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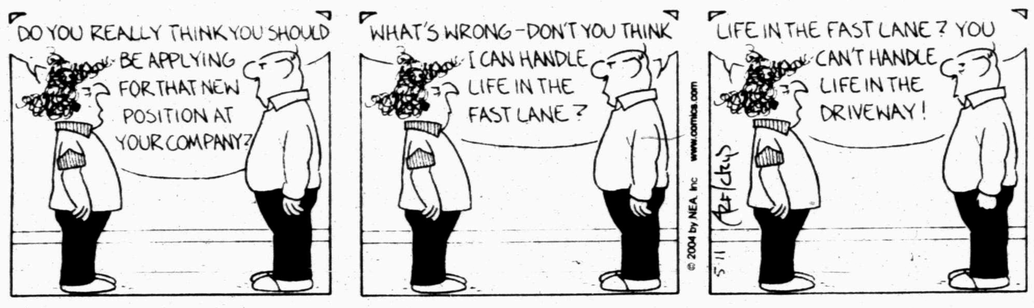
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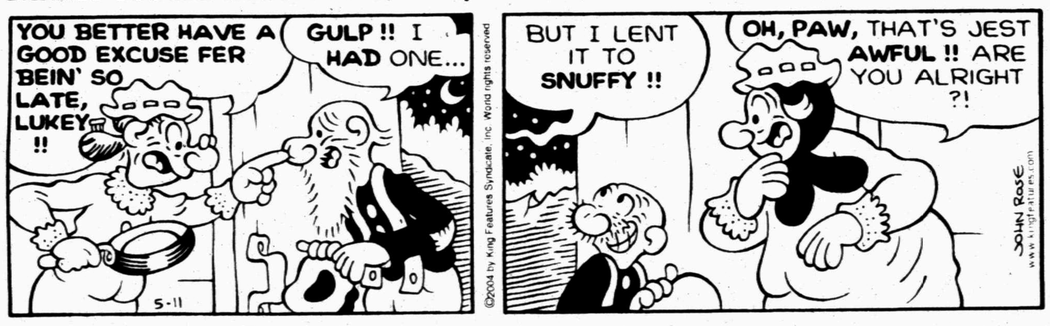
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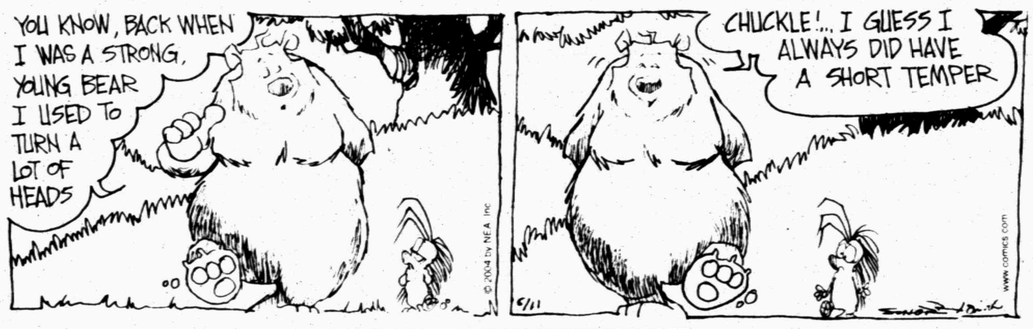
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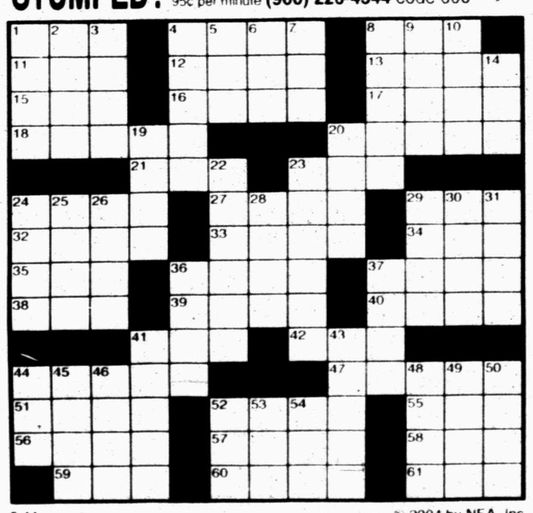
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SPORTS

Defending champ Wooten in 3A tennis championship today

AUSTIN (AP) — Three-time defending state champion Stephanie Wooten of Crandall won her quarterfinal and semifinal matches Monday in the Class 3A state tennis tournament.

Playing on a morning with high humidity, Wooten won her first match 6-0, 6-0 in 34 minutes over Tamara Chadick of La Feria. She took 32 minutes to defeat Marissa Briggs of Abilene Wylie 6-0, 6-0.

Wooten will face Mount Vernon's Giovanna Arrondo in the championship today. Arrondo defeated Hazel De La Torre of Abilene Wylie 6-2, 6-1 in the other semifinal.

Connor Smith of Kaufman will face Luke Hawk of Clyde in the Class 3A boys' finals.

In the Class 3A doubles, Rachel Anders and Kaycee Wood of Lindale will face Tracy Hennington and Sadie McClarty of Abilene Wylie in the girls' finals while Seth Bridges and Jason Melton of Lindale face Jeremy Barton and Jared Prewitt of Kaufman in the boys' finals.

Jessica Wente of Whitehouse will face Brooke Jones of Conroe Oak Ridge in the Class 4A girls' finals today. Mark Tate of Conroe Oak Ridge meets Hunter Mills of San Antonio Alamo Heights in the boys' finals.

In the girls' doubles, Amy Bedell and Katelyn McKenzie of Dallas Highland Park will face Jennifer Flack and Brenna Jackson of Wichita Falls Rider in the finals. Randy Chang and Andrew Plum of Richardson Pearce will face Eric Olson and John Arvesen of Dallas Highland Park in the boys' doubles finals.

Paloma Escobedo of Houston Westside faces Pavi Francis of Lewisville Marcus in the Class 5A girls' finals while Daniel Hwang of Plano will meet Marcus Lunt of San Antonio Marshall in the boys' finals.

Garnett sinks game-winner in OT

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Garnett already had the smile, the scintillating game and the MVP award — and when he calmly hit a fallaway jumper in the dwindling seconds of overtime, his fans had their first unforgettable playoff memory.

Garnett scored 15 of his 30 points after the third quarter of the first landmark playoff performance of his career, leading the Timberwolves to a 114-113 victory over the Kings in Game 3 of the second-round series Monday night.

Minnesota nearly blew the victory, allowing Sacramento to rally from a 14-point deficit in the final four minutes of regulation. Peja Stojakovic forced overtime, hitting two late 3-pointers in a thrilling duel with Garnett.

But with a one-point lead and time running out, the Wolves put their hopes squarely on Garnett's shoulders. He calmly glanced at the opposite shot clock, moved and jumped backward, releasing a soft jumper that bounced in with 10.8 seconds left in overtime.

When Stojakovic failed to score on a difficult jumper before the buzzer, Garnett led the Timberwolves off the court with a 2-1 series lead. Both victories were tense, last-second affairs — and Garnett embraced the pressure.

Heat get back in series with 94-87 home win

MIAMI (AP) — Jermaine O'Neal made it look so easy in the fourth quarter, hitting eight consecutive free throws. If only he could have done it earlier.

Indiana's All-Star forward missed five free throws in the third, helping the Miami Heat build their biggest lead of the series.

It was all the momentum the Heat team needed to extend their home winning streak to 17 games and cut Indiana's lead to 2-1 in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Dwyane Wade scored 25 points — including 14 in the fourth — and the Heat handed Indiana its first loss of the postseason, 94-87 Monday night.

O'Neal led the Pacers with 29 points, nine rebounds and four blocked shots. But he also took blame for his team losing the rebounding battle (43-35) for the third straight game.

"This is on my back," he said. "I have to set the tone. If I'm aggressive in getting rebounds, it's like a virus that spreads. They wanted it more. We had a lot of breakdowns."

Lamar Odom had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Heat.

Game 4 is Wednesday night in Miami, where the Heat haven't lost since March 2.



TOP ATHLETES — Ira seniors Jake Barnes and Lindsey Wilson, standing, were named the male and female Athletes of the Year at the Ira sports banquet last week. The Fighting Heart Awards went to Bubba Walker and Kate Wall. (Contributed Photo by Becky Hudgins)

Teams combine for 21 runs in one inning in four-hour game

AMARILLO (AP) — A 21-run inning was memorable enough. Never mind the game's other highlights — a backup catcher on the mound, three consecutive triples and an eye-popping final score.

The Amarillo Dillas' 24-22 win over the Shreveport Sports on Monday night in the independent Central League included plenty of moments sure to make it downright unforgettable.

Shreveport took a 9-0 lead into the bottom of the third, but the Dillas scored on two- and three-run homers, as well as a grand slam by Dan Meier. Eight runs came with two outs.

Amarillo also hit three consecutive triples in the inning. Carlos Figueroa hit one in his second at-bat of the inning, followed by Odannys Ayala and Alex Llanos.

"I have ever seen anything like this in my 43 years of baseball," Dillas manager Murray Wilson told the Amarillo Globe-News in today's online edition. "After they scored nine runs, I knew we would hit. But that was incredible."

The high-scoring inning came two nights after the Detroit Tigers and Texas Rangers combined for 18 runs in a single inning on Saturday night, one short of the major league record.

Shreveport's Jason Slanina took the loss, allowing 11 runs on 11 hits in 2 2/3 innings. The game took 4 hours, 10 minutes to play.

During the marathon inning, which lasted 1:12, Shreveport lost its designated hitter when Terry Bevington had to move Derek Henderson to first base because of an injury.

Sports Briefs

Football parents meeting

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a meeting for parents of incoming ninth-12th graders at 6:45 p.m. today at the high school.

Benefit barrel race

The Scurry County Rodeo Association will hold a benefit barrel race beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday at the rodeo arena.

Exhibitions will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and cost $4 each. The eight-and-under class will begin at 1 p.m., and there is a $15 entry fee and a $5 one-time arena charge.

Call Raylene May at 529-5636 or Gwen Cumbie at 573-4895 for more information.

Boys basketball camps

Two basketball camps are scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Snyder High School. The first will be a fundamentals camp from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for incoming eighth-graders and below, and will be led by SHS head coach Bud Birks, assistant coach Zach Williams and graduating all-district varsity player Lee Scott. Cost is $35.

The second camp will be a shooting camp for freshmen through seniors from 10:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. It will be coached by former SHS all-state player and former Lubbock Christian standout Rick Henderson, and cost is $25.

Contact coach Birks at 574-6139 or 573-1297 for more information.

Girls basketball camp

Snyder girls head coach Mike Martin will host a girls basketball camp June 21-24.

Incoming third through fifth grade players will go from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and incoming sixth and seventh-graders will receive instruction from 10:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Camp for incoming eighth graders and freshmen will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Cost is $60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Forms can be picked up in the basketball office or the athletic office. Call coach Martin at 574-6040 or 575-1917 for more information.

Football camp set for June

Snyder head football coach Chad Rogers will host a football camp June 28-30 at the field house.

Incoming fourth through sixth grade players will work from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. Camp for incoming seventh through ninth graders will take place from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Cost is $35 and includes a T-shirt and a cook-out the last day.

Applications can be picked up at the football field house or the athletic office. Call the field house at 574-6039 for more information.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	18	13	.581	—
Philadelphia	15	14	.517	2
Atlanta	14	16	.467	3½
New York	14	18	.438	4½
Montreal	10	22	.313	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	20	11	.645	—
Chicago	18	13	.581	2
Cincinnati	16	15	.516	4
St. Louis	16	16	.500	4½
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	5
Pittsburgh	12	17	.414	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	20	10	.667	—
San Diego	19	13	.594	2
San Francisco	14	18	.438	7
Colorado	13	17	.433	7
Arizona	13	18	.419	7½

Monday's Game

Arizona 12, N.Y. Mets 8

Today's Games

Florida (Penny 3-1) at Houston (Clemens 6-0), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 2-2) at Milwaukee (Sheets 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Wright 2-2) at St. Louis (W.Williams 0-3), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 2-4) at Colorado (Elarton 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 1-1) at Arizona (Dessens 1-4), 8:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harang 2-1) at San Diego (D.Wells 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 3-2) at Los Angeles (Weaver 1-4), 9:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 3-2) at San Francisco (J.Williams 3-1), 9:15 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	19	13	.594	—
New York	18	13	.581	½
Baltimore	16	12	.571	1
Toronto	14	18	.438	5
Tampa Bay	9	21	.300	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	13	.567	—
Minnesota	17	13	.567	—
Detroit	15	16	.484	2½
Cleveland	13	18	.419	4½
Kansas City	9	21	.300	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	22	10	.688	—
Texas	19	12	.613	2½
Oakland	15	16	.484	6½
Seattle	12	19	.387	9½

Monday's Games

Cleveland 10, Boston 6
Toronto 9, Kansas City 3

Today's Games

Oakland (Zito 2-3) at Detroit (Johnson 1-5), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Escobar 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 4-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 1-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 4-2), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Drese 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Waechter 1-2), 6:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 1-4) at Minnesota (Silva 5-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 3-3) at Kansas City (D.Reyes 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 9

L.A. Lakers 105, San Antonio 81, San Antonio leads series 2-1
New Jersey 82, Detroit 64, Detroit leads series 2-1

Monday, May 10

Miami 94, Indiana 87, Indiana leads series 2-1
Minnesota 114, Sacramento 113, OT, Minnesota leads series 2-1

Tuesday, May 11

Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 14

New Jersey at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

Sunday, May 16

Minnesota at Sacramento, 2:30 p.m., if necessary
Detroit at New Jersey, TBD, if necessary

Stanley Cup

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Monday, May 10

Philadelphia 6, Tampa Bay 2, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, May 11

Calgary at San Jose, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 13

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 16

San Jose at Calgary, 3 p.m.

Monday, May 17

Calgary at San Jose, 9 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 18

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19

San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m., if necessary

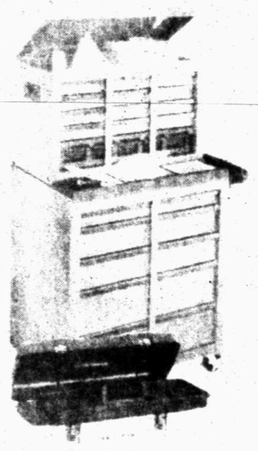
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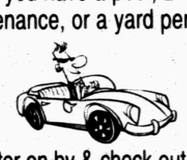
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Judge orders defense attorneys to keep defendant awake

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — An Army sergeant accused in a deadly grenade attack on his fellow soldiers fell asleep twice Monday during a pretrial hearing, causing an annoyed military judge to order government attorneys to deal with the man's sleep disorder.

Col. Patrick Parrish expressed frustration that he had to tell defense lawyers to wake up Sgt. Hasan Akbar as the defendant dozed at a courtroom table.

"It should have been something you brought to my attention," Parrish said. "I shouldn't have had to bring it to your attention."

Akbar, 32, is charged with attacking a group of fellow 101st Airborne Division soldiers and others in Kuwait during the opening days of the Iraq war. Two people were killed and 14 were wounded.

It is the first time since the Vietnam War that a U.S. Army soldier has been prosecuted for the murder or attempted murder of another soldier during wartime, the Army has said.

Akbar's attorneys argued that the judge should order the government to provide treatment to their client for sleep apnea, a condition that causes sufferers to periodically stop breathing while asleep and can often make people drowsy in a quiet or monotonous environment.

"If that treatment is not in place by the next proceeding, what can we do to keep him awake?" defense attorney Wazir Ali Muhammad Al-Hakk asked. "The court ordered us to see that he stays awake, and we believe that is beyond our power."

In other developments, defense lawyers complained that everyone in the pool of potential Army jurors outranks Akbar, whose court-martial is set to begin July 12.

They also asked that the death-penalty trial be moved or that jurors be chosen from another branch of the military.

"This offense received worldwide coverage at the time when everyone's attention was focused on what was happening in Kuwait," defense lawyer Capt. David Coombs said. "Any Army member who heard this had a visceral response."

Capt. Rob McGovern, one of three military prosecutors, said there was no evidence that any potential jurors have been influenced by the publicity. He said panel members already selected for the pool promised that they would not expose themselves to coverage of the case.

Parrish did not rule immediately on the defense motions and recessed the hearing until May 24.

Schools looking to cut energy bills to save money

STATESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — School officials in North Carolina have turned to their utility bills to save money in the face of dwindling funds.

Squeezing dollars out of energy bills and making schools "greener" is a trend in public school management, said Barbara Worth, an official with an Arizona-based international organization of school building officials.

She said school districts spend about $1 per square foot a year on utilities nationally, compared with a 70-cent per square foot average for businesses. In larger school districts, that can mean about $17 million in annual utility bills.

Iredell-Statesville, a fast-growing district, is in its first year with a consulting company that specializes in cutting schools' energy bills. The company is called Energy Education Inc. About 20 school districts in North and South Carolina have signed contracts with the Wichita Falls, Texas, company.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools joined a free U.S. Environmental Protection Agency conservation program this year. The district also is considering a company that will front the district money for more energy-efficient equipment, in exchange for a portion of future energy savings.

Energy Education's contract with Iredell-Statesville calls for at least 17 percent savings on its expected annual $3.3 million utility bill, or about $560,000. The cost of the contract is about $200,000, to be paid out of the savings.

Since August, Iredell-Statesville has saved $282,105, even as energy costs rose, said Jim Sherrill, an energy manager for the school district. The district used about 2.2 million fewer kilowatts of electricity in the last seven months than last year, Sherrill said.

Iredell-Statesville teachers and students are expected to turn off lights and shut down computers when they leave the classroom.

But conserving energy is also about getting students to think "green."

"We only need half the lights to fill up the room," said Deanna Hedrick, a third-grader at Third Creek Elementary School.

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ColgatePal	57.31	56.40	56.47	— .54
CmclMetals	27.15	26.25	26.51	+ .69
ConocoPhill	72.61	71.62	72.31	+ .53
Cooper Inds	53.18	52.15	52.81	+ .62
DaimlrChry	42.59	42.23	42.31	+ .27
DeltaAirLines	4.93	4.63	4.72	+ .18
Dillards Inc	16.06	15.55	16.04	+ .50
DowChem	37.69	37.24	37.46	+ .36
DuPont	42.19	41.57	41.90	+ .27
EastmanChem	43.35	42.95	43.14	+ .33
EstKodak	25.26	24.95	24.98	— .23
EDS Corp	17.00	16.05	16.08	—1.43
Entergy	52.20	51.74	51.95	+ .05
ExxonMobil	42.50	42.00	42.32	+ .54
FootLocker	22.37	21.69	21.76	—1.11
GenDynam	92.30	91.65	91.81	— .49
GenlElec	30.31	30.11	30.23	+ .20
GenMills	47.23	46.90	47.10	+ .15
GenMotors	44.97	44.37	44.92	+ .89
GaPacific	33.03	32.19	32.41	+ .32
Goodrich	28.00	27.75	27.94	+ .19
Goodyear	8.29	8.02	8.21	+ .21
GtAtlPac	7.69	7.55	7.68	+ .15
Halliburtn	29.01	28.70	28.83	+ .89
Hanson PLC	36.75	36.53	36.56	+ .34
HarteHanks	23.42	23.15	23.40	+ .12
HomeDepot	33.52	33.12	33.26	— .18
HoneywellIntl	33.56	33.23	33.43	+ .17
IBM	87.88	87.05	87.70	+ .82
IntlPaper	39.50	39.01	39.16	+ .49
JohnsonJn	56.39	55.03	55.27	— .18
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MayDeptStr	28.69	27.75	28.57	— .21
Medtronic	51.35	50.81	50.82	— .19
Motorola	19.15	18.82	19.03	+ .32
NCR Corp	45.85	45.28	45.45	+ .03
Navistar	41.13	40.40	40.97	+ .84
PNM Rescs	28.65	28.40	28.43	— .06
Penney JC	33.26	32.71	32.81	+ .10
PepBoys	25.71	24.93	25.66	+ .86
PepsiCo	54.00	53.06	53.17	— .63
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SBC Comm	24.50	24.29	24.32	— .19
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Scripps EW	103.60	102.06	103.15	+ .84
SearsRoeb	38.20	37.75	37.96	+ .16
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TXU Corp	36.24	35.85	36.04	— .05
TempleInland	61.72	60.70	61.17	+ .68
TexInd	32.90	32.19	32.64	+ 1.22
TexasInst	26.45	25.81	26.10	+ .47
Textron	53.64	53.15	53.36	+ .13
TimeWarner	16.55	16.15	16.51	+ .23
TrinityInds	28.94	28.51	28.57	+ .16
TylerTech	8.77	8.40	8.70	— .07
UnionPacif	57.25	56.58	57.02	+ .33
USSteel	27.21	26.44	26.63	+ .32
UnitedTech	83.27	82.65	82.82	— .45
Unocal	35.02	34.67	34.92	+ .49
VerizonComm	36.41	35.93	35.96	— .39
WalMart	55.68	55.15	55.20	— .02
WellsFargo	55.20	54.60	54.85	+ .06
WstnGasRs	53.60	52.78	53.08	+ .06
WinnDixie	6.82	6.66	6.75	+ .07
Xerox Cp	12.99	12.85	12.99	+ .19
YumBrands	37.90	37.33	37.85	+ .30

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Kerry focuses on health care in midst of prisoner abuse furor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Democrat John Kerry is focusing on health care reform in a very complex environment, one complicated by the furor at home and abroad over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers.

Kerry was scheduled today to tour a family health center before sitting down for a "conversation on health care" with health professionals, advocates and consumers struggling with rising medical costs.

The event, and its focus on the effects that soaring costs are having on small businesses, will be the Massachusetts Democrat's second on a four-day swing through some key battleground states. The tour is designed to call attention to what Kerry sees as a crisis in the nation's health care system.

"We know that the foundation of our economy is the small business," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery today. "The health care crisis is bad for business."

But those remarks are unlikely to challenge the prisoner abuse scandal for top news billing of the day. Questions about whether Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will keep his job, a new round of congressional hearings today on the matter and talk of additional photos of abuse will likely overshadow Kerry's roundtable discussion.

"There's a real problem when you want to be focused on one thing and the news wants to focus on something else," said Kathleen Jamieson, dean of the University of Pennsylvania's Annenberg Public Policy Center.

The "theme week" is only the latest effort by Kerry to devote blocks of time to a single issue. He spent several days last week discussing his plans for education, after wrapping a jobs bus tour of several battleground states.

But although reports about Iraqi prisoner abuse dominate the national news media, Kerry pulls heavy coverage from local and regional outlets as his campaign makes its way through electorally important states. His appearances often lead local news broadcasts and appear on the front pages of local newspapers, generally reflecting his message.

Jamieson said the best Kerry can hope for is good local news coverage, especially in competitive states.

"He doesn't need to win the nation," she said. "He needs to win the battleground states."

Bill Carrick, a California-based Democratic consultant, said Kerry's time-consuming focus on issues is laying the groundwork for voters, many of whom still know little about him, recent polls have shown.

"You lay down a lot of these issues as a foundation or a base and use that as a base for the campaign later on," he said.

Some analysts have argued that Kerry already has carved out a stark difference with Bush on the issue with sharp criticism of the president. Last week, Kerry criticized the administration's handling of the reports of abuse by saying that if he were president he would not be "the last to know what is going on in my command."

Kerry's focus on issues other than the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners also may not be a bad thing, Carrick said.

With Bush and his administration facing heavy pressure and criticism from the scandal, the Democrat does not need to comment on the situation more than necessary, Carrick said. He said the contrast between a president on the defensive and a challenger talking about serious issues, like health care, can help Kerry.

"It may be good that Kerry is out there talking about bedrock, serious issues that affect real people while Bush is wrestling with this," Carrick said.

Bush will attempt to change the subject today when he begins a three-day focus on education with a trip to Arkansas.

Kerry is making the case on health care costs with a campaign study that says health premium costs have grown by $2,777 per family.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Women tired of shouldering burden of bad bra design

DEAR ABBY: "Double-Jointed in Dayton," who complained about how difficult it is to buy a bra, touched upon a subject that has been my pet peeve for years.

Why is it that if a woman wears a 32-A and really doesn't need to wear a bra at all, she has her choice of white, black, beige, navy, shocking pink and turquoise, as well as plaids, polka dots and leopard prints? But if a woman is a 42-D (or more) and requires a bra every waking moment, she has a choice of — white.

The lingerie industry is missing out on a large (literally) part of its potential customer base. Sign me ... **THE WOMAN IN WHITE, LONGPORT, N.J.**

DEAR WOMAN IN WHITE: When I printed that letter, I thought I'd do it as a hint to the lingerie industry. Little did I know that the letter would hit a nerve with so many women. My cup runneth over ... **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: While you're on the subject of bras, may I add my 2 cents? I want to tell you how inconvenient it is for large-sized women — 200 pounds — when our size is always displayed near the floor on the racks. Every store puts the small sizes at the top of the rack. Not only are the items we need hard to reach, but it's also hard to locate what I'm looking for while bent over. Thanks for letting me have my say. — **BETTY IN SAN JOSE**

DEAR BETTY: I agree. It is shortsighted to expect all heavy-set women to be farsighted — or limber.

DEAR ABBY: I am very slender and small-busted. Underwire bras hurt. Just try to find a 34-B that doesn't have underwires. — **BRA-LESS IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR BRA-LESS: Do what I do. Emancipate yourself by using a razor blade and removing the wires.

DEAR ABBY: When someone asks if there is a "Satan," I always respond, "Yes. Who else would have invented women's undergarments and shoes?"

Truly, the manufacturers have no concept of reality when it comes to brassieres. Those of us old enough to remember the 1950s know what real torture is. That was the day of the bullet-shaped bra! No wonder the first act of rebellion in the women's liberation movement was the burning of bras. — **RUTH L. IN FRESNO**

DEAR RUTH L.: We don't have to look back to the '50s to remember those bras; all we have to do is rent an old Madonna video. She wore hers on the outside, no less, so no one could miss the point.

DEAR ABBY: I wish manufacturers would design something that fits real women instead of Barbie dolls. The strap adjustments are only the beginning of the problem. We women are not fooled for one minute as to why those sharp little hooks are always right in the dead center of our backs. We know it's to keep us gals from relaxing for even a minute. It's pretty hard to lean back and feel comfortable with those little devils fracturing your spine! I'm sure I'm not the only one complaining. — **DISGUSTED CUSTOMER**

DEAR DISGUSTED CUSTOMER: You're not. And if the garment manufacturers are reading, here are a few other tips from well-endowed readers. They'd like wider strap options, straps with better support and no elastic, straps that are placed a little more to the center so they don't slip off the shoulders. Listen up!

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Last SLA fugitive gets 6 years

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The last fugitive member of the Symbionese Liberation Army to be brought to justice was sentenced Monday to six years in prison for the shotgun slaying of a bank customer during a 1975 holdup.

James Kilgore, 56, who evaded authorities for more than two decades before his November 2002 arrest in South Africa, was the last of five SLA members sentenced for murdering Myrna Opsahl, 42. The housewife and mother of four was killed as she deposited a church collection at Crocker National Bank.

"I can say if there is one day in my life I could live again, it would be that moment," Kilgore said as he apologized to the Opsahl family at Sacramento Superior Court.

"I accept full responsibility for my actions on that day," said Kilgore, a one-time economics major who became an SLA bomb maker and eventually a professor at the University of Cape Town.

Today's chuckle

Cabby goes on 2,300 mile odyssey

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — What started out as just another early morning fare turned out to be an odyssey stretching about 2,300 miles for taxi driver Mark Forbes.

"When I look back at it, it was one of those cab rides that you think about, but you never realize it's going to come true," Forbes said. "I think every cab driver has a once-in-a-lifetime trip."



The 62-year-old cabbie was nearing the end of a 12-hour shift April 10 when he picked up two men at a Days Inn and one asked to go to a Sikh temple near Seattle, about 25 miles to the south.

After they had gotten a few miles south, the passenger changed his mind and said they wanted to visit his brother in Milwaukie, a Portland suburb.

Once the 1991 Chevrolet Caprice Classic got to Portland, the passengers used Forbes' cellular telephone to call for the brother for directions that didn't line up with the streets.

"Are there two Milwaukees?" the taller passenger asked.

"Yes," Forbes said. "There's another Milwaukee. In Wisconsin."

"How much for you to take us there?"

Figuring it had to be close to 2,000 miles to Milwaukee, the driver asked for $3,000, a discount from his normal rate of $1.60 a mile, and the two agreed.

The trio arrived in Milwaukee the evening of April 12. The bill was paid and Forbes began the long trip home.

But he said his view of the job has changed. Now, he says, when a fare asks to go to the mall or a restaurant, he thinks, "Is that all?"

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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You can get a lot further in the year ahead in bettering your lot in life if you concentrate on using your talents to get what you want rather than thinking you can buy your way to top of the ladder.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It won't be for a lack of effort that you could fail today; it will be due in part to a lack of proper organization. Clarify your objectives and work in an orderly fashion to attain them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Unless you skillfully handle those with whom you have to deal today, your goals are likely to be thwarted. Be realistic about their purposes and don't take their expertise for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your well-meaning intent and ingenuity today in getting something started will count for nil if you don't push things through to conclusion. Follow-through is essential for success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This should be a profitable day for you so long as your aspirations are realistic and feasible. Relying on Lady Luck to pull things off will leave you holding an empty wallet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If your motives for teaming up with others today are selfish or if you're simply trying to use people, you'll end up being the big loser. Strive to be sincere and fair in dealing with associates.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Nothing is going to be handed to you today, so don't make the mistake of banking on such a scenario. Substantial returns are possible for the things you truly work for and earn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It is going to be impossible to be both a big talker and a doer today. If you're looking to produce anything of substance, you're going to have to be more industrious and less vocal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should you be placed in the position today of having to make a choice as to what you should devote your energies and resources to, give family top priority. All else should come second.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your associates aren't apt to be impressed by dynamic displays of phoniness today, but what will impress and captivate them will be modesty and dependability. Don't put on any airs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Great strides can be made today, both financially and where your career is concerned, if you don't allow yourself to get sidetracked by involvements that aren't pertinent to either. Stay focused.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Continue to be diligent and watchful where your personal interests are concerned today. Unless you think through your every step, you could do something that would work against you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Be sure you go to the best minds possible if you're seeking ways of constructing something in which you're not an expert. Don't trust advice that sounds too good to be true.

Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. 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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Lawyers: Army reservist ordered to pose

DENVER (AP) — An Army reservist who was photographed smiling and pointing at naked, bound Iraqi prisoners had been ordered to pose because her presence would be especially humiliating to the men, her attorneys said.

The photos were staged by intelligence agents to intimidate other prisoners, and appearing naked in front of a young woman would be especially humiliating to Iraqi men, attorney Rose Mary Zapor said Monday.

Pfc. Lynndie R. England, 21, is charged with mistreating prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison in a scandal that has sparked worldwide outrage.

"The (soldiers) pictured were congratulated. They were told the photographs were successful in gathering information," Zapor said.

Defense lawyers believe the photos may have been made at the direction of civilians in the CIA, Zapor said. She said the defense team did not know who told England to pose in them.

Six other soldiers from the 372nd Military Police Company are also charged. One, Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits of Hyndman, Pa., will face a court-martial in Baghdad next week.

Another of England's Denver-based attorneys, Giorgio Ra'shadd, was expected to meet with her today in Fort Bragg, N.C., where England is now stationed.

He said his client was being offered up as a scapegoat for the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners.

"What is offensive to me is that we have generals and the secretary of defense hiding behind a 20-year-old farm girl from West Virginia who lives in a trailer park," Ra'Shadd said.

He said the military was so short of troops in Iraq that untrained people were being used as guards.

"Because there was a shortage of personnel the commander on the scene took people who had no idea how to be MPs and cut them off at the neck from their leadership," he said. "That is crazy."

Asked if his client considered refusing to obey unlawful orders from jail commanders, he said her rank meant she took orders from most other ranks.

Ra'Shadd plans to ask for a change of venue because he does not believe England can get a fair court-martial at Fort Bragg, Zapor said.

England faces military charges including conspiracy to maltreat prisoners and assault consummated by battery, and could face punishments ranging from a reprimand to more than 15 years in prison.

Ra'Shadd, part of a group of attorneys in the Denver area with experience in military cases, and three other lawyers have agreed to take England's case for free, Zapor said.

In photographs that have been shown worldwide, England is seen smiling, cigarette in her mouth, as she leans forward and points at the genitals of a naked, hooded Iraqi. Another photo shows her holding a leash that encircles the neck of a naked Iraqi man lying on his side, his face contorted.

Ra'Shadd said his client joined the Army Reserves out of patriotism and to prevent another terrorist attack like Sept. 11. He said intelligence operatives staged many of the scenes depicted in the photographs to frighten prisoners into talking.

"That is a standard psychological war method," he said. But when it comes to defending his client, he said, "the spooks from the CIA, Defense Intelligence Agency and State Department won't show up when we subpoena them. They will go into hiding."



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Fats in creams are not absorbed

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does the skin absorb all the bath oils and lip creams that we apply? I use so much lotion and cocoa butter on my hands and feet in the winter that I am concerned about the cholesterol and triglyceride fats that may be entering my body.

DEAR READER: Under ordinary circumstances, the substances in topical products are not absorbed through the skin into the body, although they are absorbed into the skin itself.

Therefore, you needn't worry that the fats in soaps, salves and lotions will enter your system. The only glaring exception to this is cortisone creams. The steroids in these products may be absorbed into the system, especially if the treated skin is raw, abraded or irritated. Thus, a person can develop the complications of steroid therapy (such as diabetes and osteoporosis) if the affected skin surface is large and the cortisone cream is used regularly for a protracted time.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." 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 am taking triamterene/hydrochlorothiazide for high blood pressure. One pharmacist suggested that I take a potassium supplement as well, but other resources (including my doctor) indicate that this is not necessary. I'm confused.

DEAR READER: As well you might be. Let me help.

Many diuretic medications have the potential to cause inappropriate losses of potassium. Hydrochlorothiazide is such a drug.

Triamterene, however, isn't. It may raise potassium levels. Therefore, when the two drugs are combined (as in your case), the end result — from the potassium-losing drug coupled with the potassium-sparing one — is a neutral balance. When taking this combination medication, your potassium level should neither rise nor fall. This is one reason why this treatment for hypertension has been popular for decades. Along with being safe and inexpensive, it is not ordinarily associated with the mineral imbalances that can complicate therapy with other kidney stimulants. Follow your doctor's advice.

I should mention that I have seen extremely rare instances in which combination therapy has resulted in low potassium levels. The cause of this phenomenon is unclear, but it can be easily treated with high-potassium foods, such as prunes, apricots, bananas and orange juice.

Although this reaction is very unusual, your primary care physician may choose to monitor your potassium level with a blood test once or twice a year. Also, you should report to him if you experience any unexplained muscle weakness and/or cramps, the primary symptoms of low potassium.

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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Civilian worker missing since April 9...

Body on Baghdad overpass identified

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Relatives and U.S. officials said today a body found on a Baghdad highway overpass was that of an American civilian contract worker missing since April 9 — the same day insurgents attacked a U.S. convoy west of the capital.

Also today, the Russian Foreign Ministry said one Russian energy company worker was confirmed dead and two others abducted Monday when gunmen fired on their car south of Baghdad. An Iraqi serving as a bodyguard and translator was wounded, said Yevgeny Loginov, spokesman for the Interenergoservis energy company.

Gunmen attacked a U.S.-run civilian convoy operated by workers hired by a subcontractor of Kellogg Brown & Root in the western desert about 230 miles west of Baghdad, and a motorist said he saw six burned vehicles, including one Iraqi civilian car caught in the crossfire.

Although initial reports said some of the workers were missing and possibly abducted, Halliburton Corp. spokeswoman Wendy Hall said "to our knowledge, all drivers have been accounted for." She said the workers had been hired by a subcontractor for Kellogg Brown & Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton.

The body found on the overpass was identified as Nick Berg, 26, of West Chester, Pa., a self-employed civilian contractor. Berg's body, with signs of trauma, was found Saturday, the military said.

The family was informed Monday of his death.

Berg's mother, Suzanne, said her son had been in Iraq doing contract work to improve the country's infrastructure and had been missing since April 9.

"He had this idea that he could help rebuild the infrastructure," she said.

Berg, who was in Baghdad from late December to Feb. 1, returned to Iraq in March. He didn't find any work and planned again to return home on March 30, but his daily communications home stopped on March 24.

Congress targets peeping toms with cell phone cameras

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cell phone cameras are useful for the unusual moment that demands a picture, like when a congressional aide pulled one out of a pocket to get a snapshot of Michael Jackson strolling the halls of Congress.

Some people, however, are using them for nefarious purposes, such as taking pictures beneath women's skirts and posting them on the Internet. Lawmakers want to make taking such surreptitious photos and other illicit uses of video technology a federal crime punishable by up to a year in jail.

"No one should have to go through the embarrassment of being secretly taped by an electronic peeping Tom, or seeing those pictures turn up on the Internet," said Rep. Mike Oxley, R-Ohio, a former FBI agent who is an advocate for the bill.

While there are no official studies on the intrusive use of camera phones, lawmakers and anti-crime advocates say "video voyeurism" is a serious crime that deserves a serious response by the government.

Simple voyeurism, secretly photographing or videotaping someone in a compromising position or in a private place, already is against the law in most states. The proliferation of tiny cellular telephones that can take pictures silently has facilitated the taking of illicit photos in public places such as grocery stores, sidewalks and restaurants.

In December, a Sammamish, Wash., man pleaded innocent to a charge of voyeurism after being accused of using a cellular telephone camera to take photographs up a woman's skirt. Jack Le Vu, 20, was released on $25,000 bail.

A witness told investigators the man pretended to scan a grocery store's shelves as he followed a 26-year-old woman in a supermarket. He periodically crouched with his camera phone extended beneath her skirt and snapped photos.

Clogging lessons set Thursday

Clogging lessons will begin Thursday at the Scurry County Coliseum annex.

Lessons will be from 6-7 p.m., for all ages, and regular cloggers will continue until 8:30.

Cloggers meet each Thursday and often perform for special events in the area.

Cuba announces emergency measures to save hard coins

HAVANA (AP) — Officials suddenly halted most of the dollar sales that Cubans have come to count on and warned of higher dollar prices for food and gasoline. They blamed new U.S. measures meant to undermine the island's communist government.

Dollar stores all across the Cuban capital were closed today morning, many displaying identical "closed for inventory" notices.

Scores of agitated people lined up for last-minute purchases at late-night variety stores after the official declaration was read on Cuban state television shortly before 8 p.m. Monday night.

The measure could have dramatic effect on everyday life in Cuba, where hard-currency stores offer plentiful goods that are available in scant quantities, if at all, at highly subsidized prices in Cuban pesos.

Except for food, gasoline and personal hygiene products, the announcement said, sales in dollars "are suspended until further notice." It was not clear if they would resume at some point.

It also said that dollar prices would be raised on food and gasoline. Prices in pesos, the government said, would remain stable.

Sales of goods at dollar stores "are suspended until further notice," announcers on state television announced, reading an "official notice." Crucially, food and personal hygiene products were exempted.

Cuba blamed the measure on "the brutal and cruel" measures adopted last week by President Bush to strengthen the embargo of Cuba and to hasten the end of the communist government here.

Georgia beatings reveal how vulnerable day laborers are

CANTON, Ga. (AP) — Domingo Lopez Vargas, a 55-year-old legal immigrant from Guatemala, was outside a grocery store when a group of teens pulled up in a green truck, offering work for $9 an hour.

He got in and was driven to a remote area, where the boys told him to empty trash bags out of the back of the truck. As Vargas got to work, one of the boys hit him with a large stick as the others watched.

"From the pain I was feeling, I wasn't able to count how many times I was hit," said Vargas, speaking through an interpreter about the February beating. "I was left there half-dead."

Vargas was apparently not the only Hispanic day laborer to be picked up by a group of white teens, taken to the woods, beaten and robbed of hundreds of dollars. Two other men claim they, too, were victims.

The muggings have raised questions about whether there are deeper rifts in the area between the white majority and a largely undocumented Hispanic day laborer population, which waits on street corners for work offers.

"It obviously grew out of the fact that they were Hispanics," said Joe Beasley, southeast region director for the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. "They know Hispanics are vulnerable because many of them don't speak English."

The day laborer beatings aren't the only recent racial incidents in Canton, a town of 7,709 that's 78 percent white, 5 percent black and about 24 percent who identify themselves as Hispanic, according to census data.

At Cherokee High School in fall 2002, about 150 students showed up for class wearing T-shirts featuring Confederate flag emblems to protest a school ban of such clothing.

In the case of the day laborer beatings, prosecutors are considering charging five boys with hate crimes for deliberately seeking out immigrants who often carry large amounts of cash, speak little English and are willing to get in anyone's car if promised a job.

The accused attackers include the grandson of a prominent couple who helped found the Cherokee County Republican Party and whose ties to two judges and the district attorney led them to recuse themselves from the case and move it to Cobb County.

The teens — four 18-year-olds and one 16-year-old — were arrested on charges including armed robbery, aggravated assault and false imprisonment. They are Ben Cagle, Kenneth "Ian" Beavers, Brian Cowart, Chad Whetherington and Devin Wheeling. Cagle's grandparents started the county's Republican Party.

Cagle's attorney said the boy would plead not guilty if indicted. The other boys' attorneys declined comment.

"It was a real shock to the community. There was no rhyme or reason to this," said Linda Parker, former head of the county's Republican Party who is now secretary for the Georgia Republican Party.

Some people speculate there may have been other Hispanic beatings that have gone unreported in Canton, about 35 miles north of Atlanta, because the victims fear repercussions if they come forward.

"People just are afraid. If they're undocumented, they're afraid to say anything because they don't want to ruffle the feathers or be obvious in any way, so they don't say anything," said Maria Teresa Fraser, honorary consul for Guatemala in Atlanta.

Four arrested in Snyder

• ***Arrests***

Police responded to a call in the 4400 block of Ave. U at 12:56 a.m. Tuesday reporting a woman had flattened a man's tires. Upon investigation police, arrested Diana Castro, 36, of 2807 Ave. U on a felony warrant for driving while intoxicated

A 27-year-old male was arrested at 6:25 p.m. Monday in the 2400 block of 27th St. on city warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, disregarding flashing signal and failure to appear.

At 3:45 p.m. Monday, police responded to a call of two juveniles in the Lincoln School building, and one juvenile was taken into custody.

• ***Criminal mischief***

A report of someone breaking windows at an empty business and residence in the 200 block of 28th was taken at 10:59 a.m. Monday.

At 11:01 a.m. Monday, officers received a report of someone throwing a brick and damaging the glass of a back door in the 2500 block of Ave. X.

• ***Burglary***

A burglary of a residence was reported at 11:40 a.m. Monday in the 1200 block of 29th. St. Cash and Playstation games were reported missing.

• ***Theft***

At 7:41 p.m. Monday, a four wheeler was reported missing from the 7500 block of U.S. 180 west.

• ***Fighting***

Police responded to Snyder High School to reports of a fight at 11:39 a.m. Monday. Four citations for disorderly conduct were issued.

• ***Fire call***

Snyder firefighters were called to a small tank battery fire at the Scurry-Kent County line, but were called off before arrival at the location.

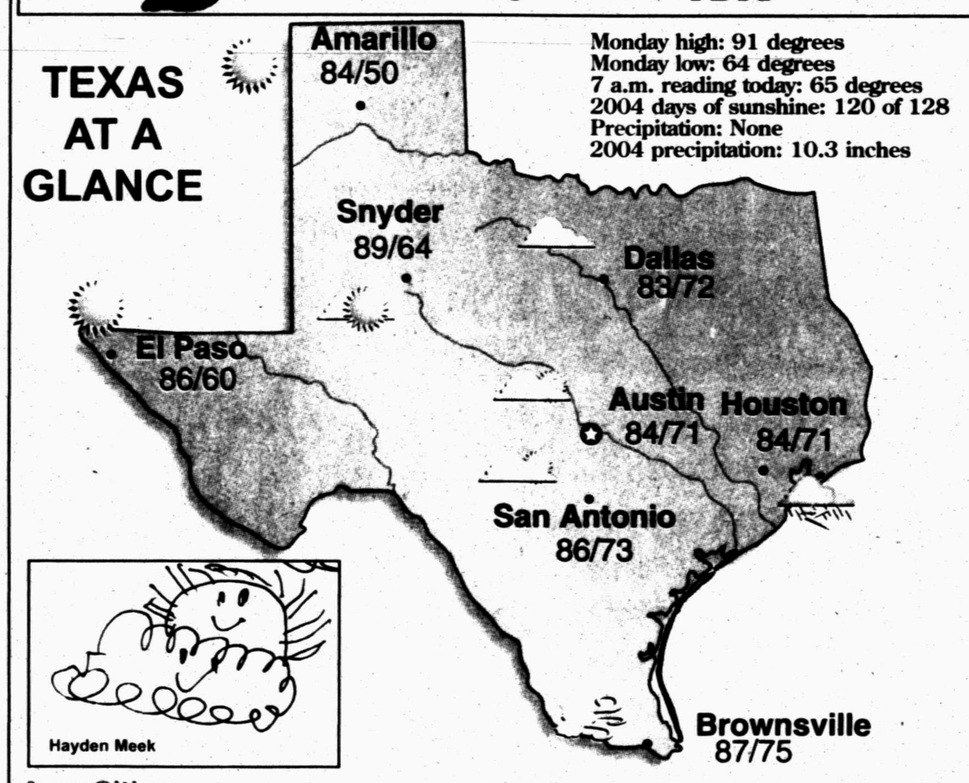
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 5/12	Thu 5/13	Fri 5/14
89/64	83/63	81/59
Sun and a few passing clouds. High 89F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.
Sunrise 6:47 AM, Sunset 8:34 PM	Sunrise 6:46 AM, Sunset 8:34 PM	Sunrise 6:45 AM, Sunset 8:35 PM

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Monday high: 91 degrees
Monday low: 64 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 65 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 120 of 128
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 10.3 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	85	68	pt sunny	El Paso	86	60	sunny	Midland	92	63	sunny
Amarillo	84	50	sunny	Fort Stockton	93	63	sunny	Raymondville	88	73	pt sunny
Austin	84	71	cloudy	Gainesville	82	69	pt sunny	Rosenberg	85	71	t-storm
Beaumont	83	71	t-storm	Greenville	82	69	t-storm	San Antonio	86	73	cloudy
Brownsville	87	75	windy	Houston	84	71	t-storm	San Marcos	85	71	pt sunny
Brownwood	87	68	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	73	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	82	69	t-storm
Corpus Christi	83	74	cloudy	Livingston	84	68	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	66	pt sunny
Corsicana	82	70	cloudy	Longview	82	69	t-storm	Tyler	83	69	t-storm
Dallas	83	72	cloudy	Lubbock	88	57	sunny	Weatherford	83	69	cloudy
Del Rio	88	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	84	70	t-storm	Wichita Falls	86	66	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	77	62	t-storm	Houston	84	71	t-storm	Phoenix	89	65	sunny
Boston	67	54	pt sunny	Los Angeles	72	57	mst sunny	San Francisco	68	51	windy
Chicago	81	64	t-storm	Miami	83	76	pt sunny	Seattle	65	46	pt sunny
Dallas	83	72	cloudy	Minneapolis	70	47	t-storm	St. Louis	83	67	t-storm
Denver	60	41	rain	New York	78	63	t-storm	Washington, DC	89	67	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
May 11	May 19	May 27	Jun 3

UV Index

Wed 5/12	Thu 5/13	Fri 5/14
Very High	Very High	Extreme

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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