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WIND ENERGY Boom one step closer

by David Bowser
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A key piece of the wind energy puzzle fell into place last week when the Public Utility Commission of Texas announced the transmission providers who will carry the panhandle wind to the rest of the state.

Cross Texas Transmission, LLC, was chosen to build, operate and maintain over 200 miles of double circuit 345-kV transmission lines along with the associated equip-

ment from the Texas Panhandle to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, grid downstate.

An affiliate of LS Power, Cross Texas Transmission is one of eight service providers that will cover more than 2,300 miles with new high-voltage transmission lines designed to increase the state's capacity by 18,456 megawatts of renewable energy.

"There are a number of different service providers," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa

Economic Development Corporation, "Cross Texas is one of them. They're the ones that are responsible for our area, but there are a number of different service providers throughout the state."

Cross Texas will be responsible for the competitive renewable energy zone that includes Gray, Briscoe, Carson, Cottle, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall Counties.

The \$4.9 billion in new statewide electric transmission

infrastructure will carry renewable energy from competitive renewable energy zones, or CREZs, to electric customers in other parts of the state.

"Throughout the state," Rice said, "the demand for energy is growing."

Rice said the selection of the transmission provider was a key part of the plan to move electricity generated by wind farms around Pampa and other parts of the pan-

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Fire nearly contained, but danger remains high during rest of week

by Rachel Stennett
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Three days have passed since a downed power line sparked a fire that ravaged Wheeler County, burning 15,000 acres and causing the evacuation of Wheeler.

"I'm amazed it didn't do more damage than it did. The fire was headed straight into the town, and the firefighters took it on head on as it was coming into town and they stood their ground and got it out," Wheeler County Public Information Officer David Rushing said.

Agencies from across the panhandle worked together—the fire has been reduced to hot spots and non-threatening burning embers.

The fire started by a river

near Magic City, and quickly small sparks were turned into a large blaze, spread by wind gusts reaching nearly 70 miles per hour. Now, the fire has been 75 percent contained according to Rushing.

Four firefighters were treated at a Canadian hospital, and about 20 others were treated by paramedics on the scene and at the fire station, with routine procedures after large fires, according to Rushing. The firefighters were released from the hospital the same day, and instead of going home, they wanted to get straight back to the fire.

"They were told not to go back to the fire," Rushing explained of the hospitalizations. "They still wanted to help, so they stayed at the stations and helped with radios and load the trucks."

It was this attitude, and the cooperation of 40 agencies working as one, that is the reason the city of Wheeler still stands, Rushing said.

Of the eight homes that were destroyed, five were occupied.

Three houses in Wheeler sustained damage, but they still stand. Rushing said the fences and outbuildings near the houses were burnt completely down by the fire, but the work of the firefighters



Remains of a power pole smolder over the weekend in Wheeler during a fire that has claimed 15,000 acres. Fire danger remains very high for the next few days the public is urged to use extreme caution. (AP photo)

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Thornberry: Small businesses key to recovery

by David Bowser
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AMARILLO — Back in his district for the April recess, Congressman Mac Thornberry talked taxes.

Pampa's congressman stopped in Amarillo Monday afternoon to rail against taxes on small businesses and the proposed elimination of tax incentives for independent oil and gas producers.

Thornberry said he is concerned about tax incentives such as the ability to write off intangible drilling costs, percentage depletion, geological and geophysical amortization and marginal well tax credit.

"I know some of them are in the President's budget proposal to do away with," Thornberry said. "The net result is that we will produce less energy here at home, and we will buy more oil from overseas. I just don't think that makes any sense."

He said that eliminating the tax incentives would dry up investment capital for independent oil producers.

Thornberry said that local oil and gas producers came to see him in Washington recently.

"Their point was that Exxon and Shell will be fine," Thornberry said. "The little guys who drill many of the wells are small businesses, and they're the ones that are going to be affected by this."

Standing in the service bay of Ditch Witch of West Texas Monday afternoon, Thornberry said that in each of the last 10 years, small businesses have created 60 to 80 percent of all the net new jobs in the nation.

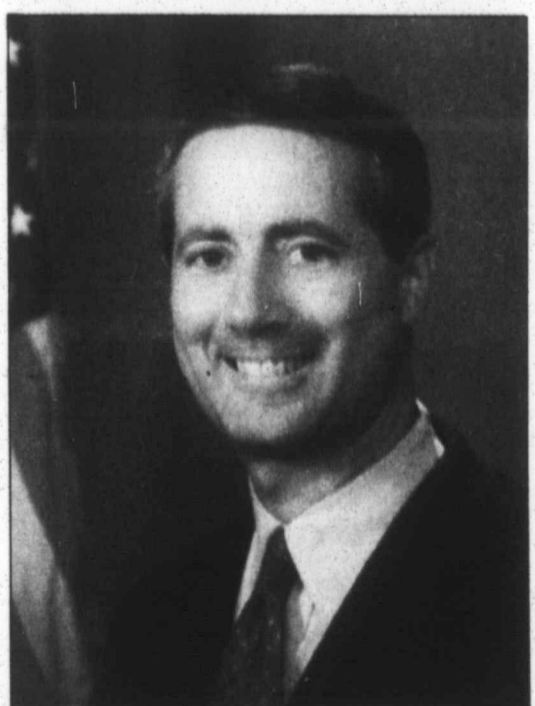
"The key to economic recovery in this country is small business," Thornberry said.

Thornberry said he thinks there will be a major battle on Capitol Hill concerning energy.

While the new administration is talking about renewable energy sources to replace fossil fuels, Thornberry said he is disappointed that the Production Tax Credit for wind energy was extended last year for only two years.

"I think it needs to be longer," Thornberry said. "Five or ten years."

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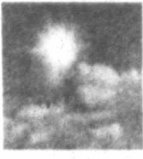
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
High 77 Low 47	High 72 Low 39	High 62 Low 38

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 77. Wind chill values between 32 and 42 early. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. Windy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 55 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-34-35. Bonus Ball: 13.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$425,000

Winning ticket purchased in: Houston.

Number matching four of four: 4. Prize: \$3,797.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 32. Prize: \$58.

Number matching three of four: 1,051. Prize: \$24.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 870. Prize: \$19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,726. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 10,064. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Cash Five Texas results

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

Winning numbers drawn: 32-3-25-24-8.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Matching four of five: 69. Prize: \$564

Matching three of five: 2,654. Prize: \$10

Matching two of five: 26,780. Prize: \$2

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Emergency Services

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Monday

Teddy Horace Coleman, III, 36, of Detroit, Mich. was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation on possession of marijuana.

Shawleen Michelle Brown, 33, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for bond failure on manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, and theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Valerie Lynn Greene, 34, of Friona was arrested by the GCSO for bond failure on possession of a controlled substance.

Roberty Anthony McMonigle, 26, of Wichita Falls was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds, but less than 2,000 pounds.

Kymberelee Sue Smith, 48, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for driving while license invalid, and theft under \$50.

Alan Michael Smith, 20,

of Wichita Falls was arrested for possession of marijuana greater 50 pounds, but less than 2,000 pounds.

Tuesday

David Lee Ellison, 43, was arrested by the PPD for resisting arrest or transport, and public intoxication.

Keith Ross Franks, 31, of Lefors was arrested by the GCSO for driving while intoxicated.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local elderly care facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local elderly care facility.

For the Record

Obituaries

Jessie Marvin Young, 68

CLAUDE (Formerly of Pampa) — Jessie Marvin Young, 68, died on Saturday, April 4, 2009 in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Trinity Fellowship Church in Pampa with Ronnie Goode, Associate Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be with US Navy Honors will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa.

Arrangements are being made by Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Jessie was born July 28, 1940 at Shreveport, Louisiana to Jack Theron and Elizabeth Alma McPherson Young. He spent six years in an orphanage with his two brothers. He married Edna Harvey on February 13, 1965 in North Bend, Oregon. He was a US Navy veteran for 14 years and served during the Vietnam War. He also played football in high school and was an avid billiard player. He had been a

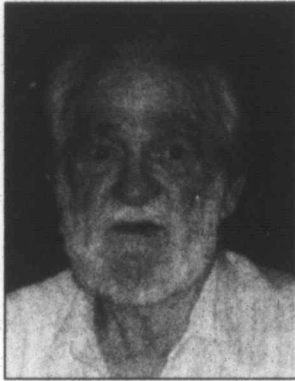
longtime resident of Pampa before moving to Claude a year and a half ago. He was a longtime member of the VFW. He was the best husband, father, and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Jacquelin Dean Bufkin.

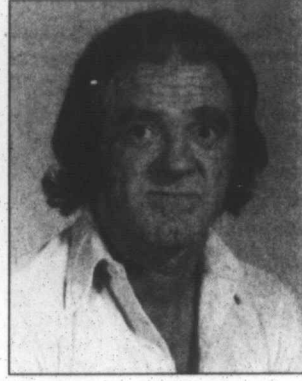
Survivors include his wife, Edna Young of White Deer; a son, Brian David Young of Borger; four daughters, Ocie Garza and husband Joe of Victoria, Katrina Huston and husband Chuck of Wells, NV, Jessica Shaw and husband James of White Deer, and Tamara Kitchens and boyfriend Ryan Mears of Pampa; two brothers, James Young of Stockton, CA, and Bill

Young and wife Ethelene of Louisiana; a half brother, Fred Young of Lodi, Calif.; a son in law, Randall Kirkland; a brother in law, Jimmy Bufkin of Sibley, LA; his grandchildren, Kody and Amy Kirkland, Kristen and Jon Pierce, Cedric, Jessie, Francis, and Gregory

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Viewing will be held from 12:30 p.m. until service time

Wednesday at the Church, Food & Flowers may be sent to 600 Popham in White Deer.

MEMORIALS - The family request memorials be to a local VFW of choice.

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Emergency Services

PAMPA PD

Due to training of police department personnel and the holiday Friday, we will be unable to bring you the blotter for Pampa PD until Monday. At that time, the blotter for Wednesday through Monday will be run.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday

Officers conducted 22 traffic stops.

A total of 13 calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of North Hobart, where two windows were shot out of a 1989 Chevy Suburban, and the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Rider and Montagu streets, and the 800 block of North Duncan.

Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD.

One alarm was investigated.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of East Foster, and the 1100 block of Huff.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Lost property was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in

the 2400 block of Comanche, where a lawn mower was stolen, value \$700; and Tayler mart, where a 24 ounce beer was stolen.

Prowlers were reported in the 400 block of North Magnolia, the 1400 block of West Somerville, and the 1100 block of Prairie.

Tuesday

Suspicious person calls were received from the

2000 block of North Starkweather, and the intersection of Alock and Hobart.


Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Dwight, the 1300 block of North Coffee, and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of West Brown.

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Wheeler fire update

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to protect the houses was successful.

"Embers were flying over the houses catching the front yards on fire, but the firefighters contained them and saved the homes."

"I'm totally impressed with the firefighting that went out," Rushing said.

A total of 26 outbuildings, which included garages and barns, were destroyed by the fire. Early reports say that only four cows were lost in the fire, and a number of calves. Rushing expects those numbers to increase as landowners assess the land and livestock, but he said those numbers are still remarkable.

Rushing said that "fantastic" reports have been received from all Emergency Management System personnel involved in the fire. On top of law enforcement agencies, a number of local business helped contribute to the success in battling the blaze.

Firefighting units from Oklahoma, Perryton, Fritch, Borger, and other cities from the Panhandle participated in fighting the fire. The Red Cross of the Eastern Panhandle was at the fire, providing water to firefighters and victims.

Steve Walker, a local businessman in Wheeler, provided barbecue for the firefighters, since the meal was already planned for a chamber of commerce banquet Saturday evening.

TxDOT provided maintainers and bulldozers out of Childress. They also provided gasoline and diesel trucks, which were staged at different places along the 15,000 acres,

enabling fire trucks to refuel on location. Oil and gas companies also donated 30 water trucks for the cause. They were stationed along with the TxDOT vehicles.

"It was a well coordinated effort," Rushing said of the different companies working together.

The Texas Forest Service dropped fire retardant from tanker plans, which Rushing said was a "big asset" in getting the fire contained.

Rushing said a pilot told him it was some of the best wild fire fighting on the ground he had ever seen.

"You can't say that was just one fire group. They were all intermingled and working together. This is a tribute to new emergency management systems in place."

The EMS systems are in place after the panhandle was effected by severe wild fires in 2006, which Rushing said were not handled as successfully as this fire.

"We are refined, we showed a local and state system that worked."

In a wrap-up meeting held Sunday evening, Rushing said that EMS crews discussed what was done well and what changes need to be made with the next emergency situation. Overall, 95 percent of crews had good reports.

"The biggest help was that this was not chaotic," Rushing explained of EMS work. "It was executed well. We evacuated the entire city and got all the people out with accident or injury. Everything worked like a charm."

"Unless something bad happens with horrific

winds, the fire is in good shape," Texas Forest Service spokesman Lewis Kearney said. "Today is almost a day of reprieve. It's almost a day our guys can work on equipment to get ready for later this week."

Several new fires broke out across the state Monday. Three homes and four other buildings were destroyed in a fire in Gregory, which is located in San Patricio County across the bay from Corpus Christi. R.J. Thomas, deputy fire chief for Ingleside's fire department, said in a story for the online edition of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times that the buildings weren't occupied. The San Patricio County Sheriff's Office said the fire in Gregory was out late Monday.

New fires also were reported on Monday in Anderson, Hardin, Tyler, Marion, Taylor, Brooks and Kleberg counties, according to the Texas Forest Service. The largest appeared to be about 200 acres.

Fire officials say the outlook gets worse later in the week. Thursday, all of Texas will be under critical wildfire danger when low humidity and high winds are forecast, Kearney said.

Rushing has an optimistic look at what the fire could mean for the land. He sees the fire as a "cleansing" for the land, much like the 2006 wild fires cleansed the land, which became very fertile and lush after rain.

"It's kind of a disaster, but it's a cleansing too in a way. It's just nature. It really is."

PRIDE CONTEST WINNER



Rick Blain, winner of the Gray County Scenes portion of The Pampa News' photo contest, picked up his \$100 check Friday.

SMOKE ON THE ROAD? DON'T DRIVE INTO IT!

Texans have lost their lives during severe wildfire seasons because wildfire overtook them in their vehicles. The following safety tips have been provided by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

Never drive into dense smoke. You could become a fire fatality.

High winds may cause wildfires to spread rapidly and jump across natural barriers such as roads and even waterways. Strong winds can force smoke to stay low to the ground, obscuring roadways and traffic signs. Texas wildfires have been propelled

by wind gusts as high as 60 mph.

During severe fire seasons, pay attention to TV and radio broadcasts BEFORE you travel. Be aware of fire and weather conditions along your route. Avoid traveling into areas where wildfire activity has been reported. Delaying your trip could save your life.

As you travel, monitor local radio and TV news broadcasts — and watch for highway signs providing information on fire danger.

Watch for traffic control personnel, fire fighters and law enforcement officers. Slow down and be pre-

pared to stop if they signal you to do so.

If you encounter dense smoke — slow down as you prepare to stop and turn around.

Activate your emergency flashers to warn vehicles behind you that you have decreased your speed or stopped. Do not turn around until you have checked for oncoming traffic and can turn safely.

For more information on fire danger and advisories, see the Texas Forest Service Web site at: <http://texasforestservicetamu.edu>

Small business recovery key

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He said that much time is needed to make investment decisions in that field.

"Every two years," Thornberry said, "is not enough. You can't build a wind farm in two years."

He said he doesn't understand why Production Tax Credits for solar energy were extended for a longer period than for wind energy.

"I really don't understand that," Thornberry said. "In last year's energy bill, I really tried to make the point that they needed to be treated the same."

But he said that now debates on global warming and health care reform are coming up in Congress and he's concerned about them.

A member of the House Armed Services Committee, Thornberry also said that, while he hadn't seen Secretary of Defense Robert Gates list of weapons programs to be cut, he understands that it would mean no more orders for F-22 fighter aircraft, but it would mean more F-35 aircraft, the joint strike fighter.

Gates announced Monday that he was capping the F-22 program at 187 aircraft, the number that the Air Force had requested. He is also pushing for more unmanned aircraft.

"I don't know of any changes in the V-22 or H-1

programs that would affect our area," Thornberry said.

He said the V-22 is performing very well in Iraq. "I'm sure it will be in Afghanistan soon," Thornberry said.

He said it makes sense for the U.S. to beef up its efforts in Afghanistan. He said he thinks the country's NATO allies ought to do more.

Wind energy update

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handle to growing electricity markets downstate.

Rice explained that the transmission lines will be the highway that will carry the electricity produced by independent power providers in the panhandle to metropolitan areas of the state that are demanding more power.

Up until the Texas Legislature formed the competitive renewable energy zones and began the infrastructure process, there was no way for energy generated in the panhandle to reach the markets downstate.

With the transmission lines now being planned and built, wind energy developers can go ahead with their plans for wind

farms to generate that power.

Rice said the transmission lines have been the missing link in the way to get the wind power generated in the panhandle to customers that are willing to pay for that electricity.

Cameron Fredkin, spokesman for Cross Texas, said the wind farms could be built as the transmission lines are planned and constructed.

Fredkin said there should be a draft plan soon. That will go through a series of reviews.

"They've been working on this for quite some time," Rice said of Cross Texas. "They want to be ahead of the curve."

Fredkin said construc-

tion could begin by late 2010. The PUC has mandated that the transmission lines be complete by 2013.

Fredkin said there would be a series of public meetings concerning the right-of-ways for the transmission lines over the next year.

"We're very excited," Fredkin said. "We're getting ready to hit the ground running."

Rice said he's excited that after years of talking and planning, there is finally something solid happening.

"Now there's a schedule," Rice said. "There's a plan. There's something concrete."

Accused Texas employees had limited experience

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — All 11 former Corpus Christi State School employees accused of encouraging fights among mentally and developmentally disabled residents at the troubled school had little work experience beyond fast-food jobs, according to a review of personnel records.

The employees have either left the Corpus Christi State School or have been fired over the orchestrated fights, which were recorded on a cell phone camera on 16 days between late 2007 and early this year. Six of the employees face criminal charges over the mistreatment, which involved at least 16 state school residents.

Two of the employees had already faced disciplinary action from the Department of Aging and Disability Services. One failed to report a fight that resulted in an injury; the other was found to have verbally abused a resident, Dennis Borel, executive director of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, called hiring such employees "managerial incompetence."

Timothy Dixon, the 31-year-old former state school employee accused

of filming the late-night fight clubs on his cell phone camera, was hired at the Corpus Christi facility despite being fired from previous jobs at Wendy's and a community care facility for people with disabilities. In 2000, he was suspended from the

center over allegations of rough horseplay and teasing. Those who face criminal charges are Dixon, Jesse Salazar, Guadalupe De La Rosa, Vincent Johnson, D'Angelo Riley and Stephanie Garza.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, April 7, the 97th day of 2009. There are 268 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1652 - The Dutch under van Riebeeck settle Cape Town in South Africa.

1897 - Turkey declares war on Greece.

1933 - A purge of Jews, socialists and democrats in public office begins in Germany, with the Nazis coming to power a month earlier.

1936 - Cape Parliament passes native representation bill permitting natives to elect three Europeans to represent them in Union Parliament in South Africa.

1945 - U.S. aircraft carrier planes sink Japan's largest battleship, the Yamato, in World War II.

1948 - The United Nations World Health Organization is established to research and prevent disease and improve public health worldwide.

'Real generosity toward the future consists of giving all to what is present.'

— Albert Camus, French writer

1953 - Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish diplomat, is elected secretary-general of United Nations.

1957 - New York City's last electric trolley completes its final run from Queens to Manhattan.

1966 - U.S. hydrogen bomb lost from

bomber is recovered in Mediterranean Sea off coast of Spain.

1987 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan announces that American diplomats will not occupy the new embassy in Moscow until he is sure that it is secure from Soviet eavesdropping.

1988 - Iran and Iraq bomb each other's capitals and other towns, killing and wounding scores of people.

2000 - Iqbal Masih, a slain-Pakistani boy who rose from virtual slavery at a carpet factory to become a symbol of the fight against child labor, is named the winner of the first World's Children's prize.

2003 - An audio tape purportedly made by Osama bin Laden, the fugitive leader of the al-Qaida terrorist organization, is delivered to The Associated Press urging Islamic followers to devote themselves to "martyrdom," by engaging in suicide attacks against the U.S. and Britain.

2007 - A Russian rocket carrying the U.S. billionaire Charles Simonyi and two cosmonauts blasts off on a 13-day trip en route to the international space station. Simonyi, the fifth paying space tourist to make the trip, paid \$20 million.

2008 - A coroner's jury in London rules that Princess Diana and boyfriend Dodi Fayed were unlawfully killed through the reckless actions of their driver and paparazzi in 1997.

Today's Birthdays:

St. Francis Xavier, Jesuit missionary (1506-1552); William Wordsworth, English poet (1770-1850); Sir David Low, New Zealand cartoonist (1891-1964); Billie Holiday, U.S. jazz singer (1915-1957); Francis Ford Coppola, U.S. director (1939--); David Frost, British television personality (1939--); Jackie Chan, Hong Kong movie star (1954--); Russell Crowe, Australian actor (1964--).



Texas newspapers' opinions

The Dallas Morning News on North Texas' support for a local-option transportation bill:

North Texas support for a local-option transportation bill is shaping up in the state Senate as befits a traffic-choked metro area.

By our nose count, a majority of the region's nine-person delegation are solid or likely supporters of this important legislation. At stake is the right of voters to decide whether to raise new revenue to attack job-killing road congestion, and these members get it.

The remaining senators are still digesting details or working through apprehensions about the bill (SB 855) authored by Dallas Sen. John Carona. We urge them to get engaged quickly and become part of the effort to ease gridlock by expanding rail transit and improving roadways.

The bill may come up for full Senate consideration as early as this week, and strong North Texas backing will send a message about urgency. We urge Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to give the bill the prompt hearing it deserves. Senators from Austin, San Antonio and El Paso have come aboard as supporters.

For years, state leaders have been negligent about meeting the transportation needs of metro areas. If they insist on freezing the gas tax at its 1991 level of 20 cents a gallon, and if they are unfazed by traffic congestion's toll on the quality of life and the economy, top leaders must at least let urban areas solve those problems themselves.

The fundamentals of Carona's bill are sound. The measure allows county elections on new transportation projects and new taxes and fees to fund them. Communities could choose to expand the region's transit network a goal of local leaders for more than five years; Dallas and other DART cities could build roads or make other transportation improvements.

As Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano said in helping pass the bill out of committee, "Local voter determination of future transportation and mobility projects is what this is all about."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on health care outsourcing:

The state Health and Human Services Commission's latest adventure in government privatization will mercifully end May 31, when it terminates its contract with UnitedHealths Evercare program.

The program, which sought to coordinate care for more than 74,000 elderly and disabled North Texas Medicaid clients, produced more than 1,300 complaints and was assessed more than \$1 million in fines by the state for inadequate staffing and other bureaucratic sins in its first 11 months.

State Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, filed SB 2417 in mid-March to repeal the integrated-care management program. In theory, program case managers coordinate care for Medicaid beneficiaries to maintain independent living by minimizing institutionalized care and, of course, save the state money.

Dr. Robert Gunby Jr., then-president-elect of the Texas Medical Association, hailed the program in 2005 as "what managed care is supposed to be. It creates a medical home, monitors best practices, seamlessly shortens hospital stays, improves health care for Medicaid clients and allows patients to stay in their communities."

This failed miserably under Evercare. The contractor and state officials blamed each other, but it does not change the fact that local vulnerable residents were ill-served. Deuell's bill would allow the state to attempt integrated-care management under a different contractor or try another model of care. On June 1, local Medicaid clients will receive services through existing Medicaid programs and traditional fee-for-service.

The outsourcing scenario is familiar. The state contracted with Bermuda-based Accenture Ltd. in 2005 for more than \$898 million to handle enrollment in a number of state services such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Plan, food stamps and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. One-stop shopping, they called it, designed to save \$646 million over five years.

The state pulled the plug in 2007 after computer glitches and bureaucratic snafus that would make any state government hang its head in shame. Texas newspapers had a field day reporting on Accenture's comedy of errors. For example, the company misprinted a fax number on its forms, resulting in CHIP applications going to a warehouse in Seattle rather than Health and Human Services in Austin.

But there is no humor in the fact that eligible Texans were denied basic human needs and health care because of incompetence. State workers have been rehired and are still working to repair the damage, which included more than 200,000 children falling off CHIP rolls because of shorter enrollment periods and red tape.

Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Legislature have been enthusiastic advocates of outsourcing government functions. Faced with skyrocketing health care costs, lawmakers seem compelled to naively buy into the argument that the private sector can always deliver services more efficiently and effectively. So far, overwhelming evidence suggests otherwise.

It is one thing to use contractors to pick up trash. It is quite another to cavalierly entrust health and welfare services to those insulated from political repercussions. Lives are at stake.

numbers from 383 of the rifles seized in Reynosa. Eighty percent of them were purchased from licensed firearms dealers in Texas.

Mexican instability is an American problem. Violence south of the border can easily spread to violence on this side of the border.

Moreover, the American appetite for illicit drugs is fueling the narco wars in Mexico. And guns purchased in Texas and illegally transported across the border are arming the cartels.

State Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, has introduced a measure that would raise the penalty for unlawfully carrying a weapon or transporting prohibited weapons across the border, unauthorized use of another person's motor vehicle while crossing the border and harboring a fugitive with the intent to cross the border.

All these offenses would be upgraded to second-degree felonies. Given the gravity of the situation in Mexico, those are appropriate changes to Texas law. But the more important issue doesn't have to do with state law or even federal law. It has to do with the manpower to enforce those laws.

Firearm tracing through the ATF's Project Gunrunner provides valuable information about the flow of weapons into Mexico. Unfortunately, southbound inspections by the Customs and Border Patrol to stop that flow is inappropriately funded as only a minor facet of border security.

That needs to change. Congress and the Obama administration need to put more emphasis on uncovering weapons transfers before they reach Mexico, and the administration is vowing to do so.

That's a necessary commitment. Tougher laws are only as effective as their enforcement. In the case of gunrunning, an ounce of prevention on the U.S. side could stop tons of weaponry from reaching the drug cartels and creating havoc on both sides of the border.

Here's another shocking figure. The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives was able to trace the serial

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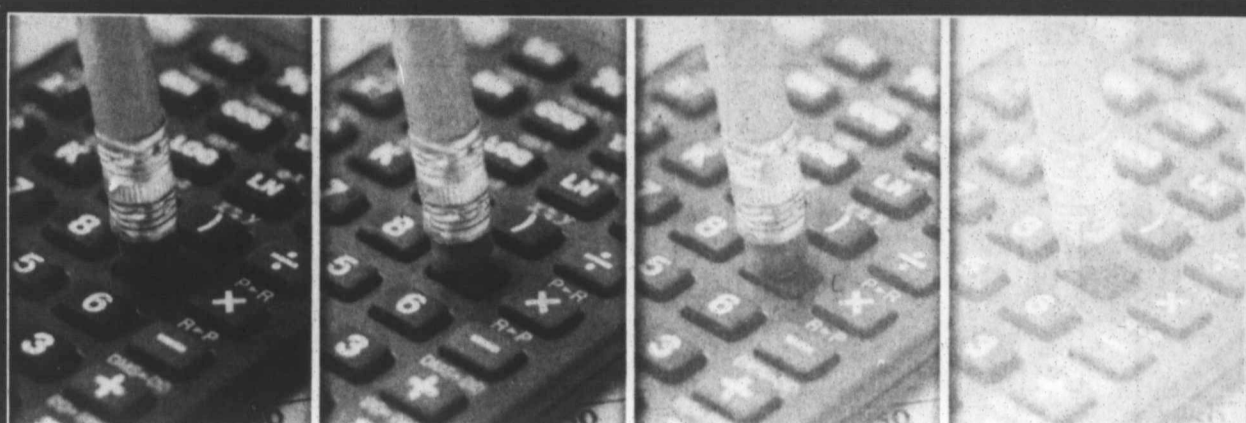
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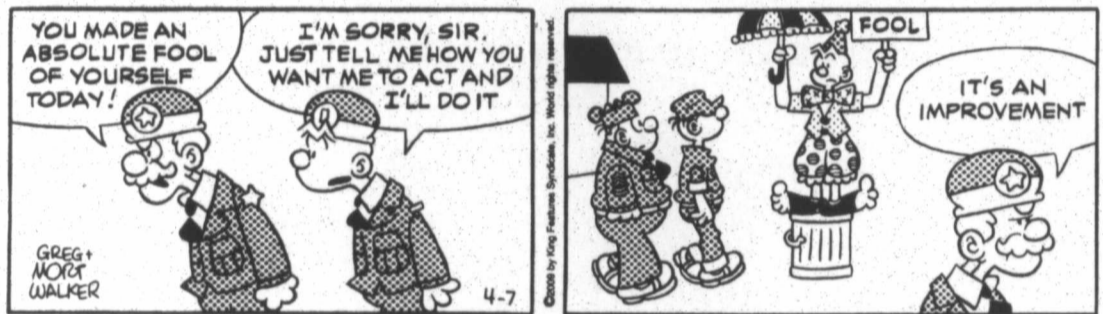
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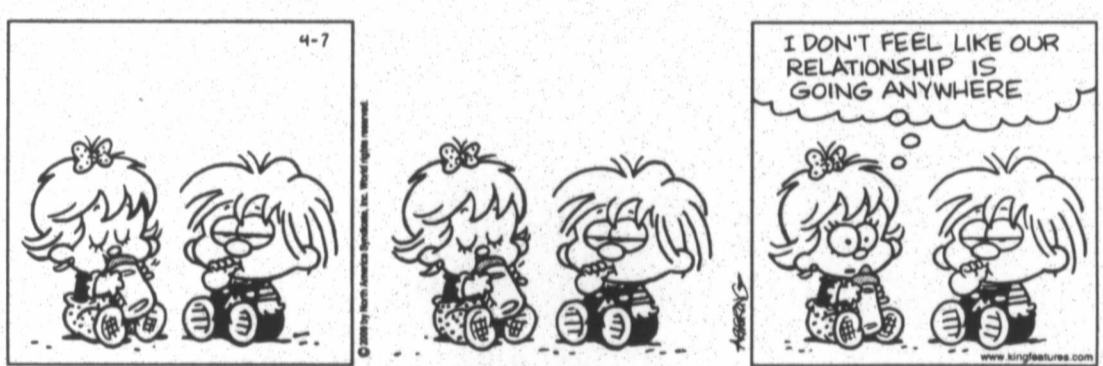
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 Intuit
 - 1 After, in Avignon
 - 6 Bath bars
 - 11 Freezing rain
 - 12 "The Tempest" sprite
 - 13 Tom's friend
 - 15 Flightless bird
 - 16 Luau instrument
 - 17 Light metal
 - 18 Katharine's co-star
 - 20 Ripen
 - 21 Help out
 - 22 Alimony payers
 - 23 Caterpillar, for one
 - 26 French cheeses
 - 27 Hugh Grant film "About —"
 - 28 — Lanka
 - 29 Ray-gun sound
 - 30 Poem parts
 - 34 Bar choice
 - 35 Engine part
 - 36 Fall mo.
 - 37 "Star Trek" creator
 - 40 Strike group
 - 41 Clothing tag
- DOWN**
- 1 Fire remnants
 - 2 Chubby
 - 3 Give another prompt to
 - 4 Mouse-spotting cry
 - 5 Caribbean island
 - 6 Fencing weapon
 - 7 Raw metal
 - 8 Short flight maker
 - 9 Orbital minimum
 - 10 Cunning
 - 14 — out (got by)
 - 19 Blue hue
 - 22 "— go brag"
 - 23 He was raised from the dead
 - 24 Marine mollusk
 - 25 Inveigled
 - 26 Prickly shrub
 - 28 Ollie's pal
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 - 33 Panache
 - 38 Uno plus uno
 - 39 Lobed organ

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Lessons learned, systems upgraded since massive wild fires of 2006

by David Bowser
No matter how well prepared a fire department is, local firefighters agree, it's never easy. That was one of the lessons learned during the Texas Panhandle, burning across the Texas Panhandle, burning through a million acres and killing 17 people, including one firefighter, during the massive wildfires that swept across Hutchinson, Carson, Gray and Roberts Counties, threatening Pampa, Levell, Alton and Skellyville. Pampa, Levell, Alton and Skellyville are still being put into practice.

Next week, the county will begin making letters and notices to post on the tops of county vehicles so they can be identified by aircraft. Much of the old fire fighting equipment in the area that had been replaced or upgraded.

Firefighters from Hoover Volunteer Fire Department douse flames along a canyon ridge north of Pampa March 13, 2006.

While the equipment replacements and upgrades from funding through state and federal sources took time, the management strategies began to be developed quickly.

"There were a few lessons learned," Millican said. "The state says it's coming from Katrina, but up here in the panhandle we know where these thoughts are coming from. It may come from us and go to Austin and come back, but we know where a lot of this is coming from." "These days are pretty well embedded."

FAMILY SETS UP TRAINING FUND

The children of a Hooper grandmother who lost her life trying to save her elderly neighbors during the 2006 wildfires established a scholarship fund this week for grants to fire and rescue personnel in the Texas Panhandle for training.

The Kathy Ryan Rural Fire and Rescue week for grants to fire and rescue personnel in the Texas Panhandle was announced Thursday afternoon in Amarillo by Kathy Ryan's daughters, Pam Ayres and Tonya Griffin and son Donald Ryan.

An two devastating wildfires swept across the panhandle, destroying almost a million acres of grass.

Fund—cont on page 3

What do the people have in common?
Our readers think the "Best" ... See Pages 18-19.

County meets M

The county just the airport and drug agenda for the Gray County Council Monday morning.

The county commission will come back to call by at Perry Leffers Airport Monday morning. They will also call for a tractor at the airport, to allow allowing drug races at the airport.

The commission will also come to the airport to see the truck celebration. Justice Benefits, Inc., a contractor, hearing illegal sales in the Gray County. They will consider a contract to get an additional maintenance house and job.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Helene," refuses to speak to me for days or even weeks. When I try to find out why or talk to her, she ignores me. She has moved into another bedroom, which has become her own little domain. She refuses to have sex or even watch TV with me.

I have no reason to believe Helene is cheating, and I am certainly not cheating on her. We are raising my son from a previous marriage, and sometimes I wonder if this is what is bugging her.

My ex-wife lives in another state, and we communicate only once in a while. My boy is a pre-teen, and Helene and I have had him since he was a baby. He considers her his "Mama," and she considers him her son.

I am very much in love with my wife, and I can't

figure this out. Can people just fall out of love? -- **FREEZING IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR FREEZING: Rarely. More often they are either pushed or lured away.

As much as you love your wife, I hope you realize that her behavior is both passive-aggressive and abusive. Could she have emotional problems? Whatever has caused her to withdraw, unless she's willing to talk things out like a mature adult, there is no way to fix the problem.

Your marriage is in serious trouble. It's time to consult a licensed marriage and family counselor. If your wife won't go, you should go alone.

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-year-old daughter, "Kristy," lives at home. She works full time and goes to school, but lives here with free

room and board, cable TV, etc. She has been seeing a man for a month and now is spending two or three nights a week at "his place."

I am not unreasonable or naive, but I feel that because Kristy is living under my roof, she should live by my rules, which do not include sleeping over at some man's house after only one month of dating. To top it off, we have never met him, although we have asked several times to be introduced.

We know that Kristy is an adult, but I believe that as an adult she should have enough respect for us to refrain from spending the night at his place until she knows him better and we have at least met him. Am I being unreasonable?

My wife throws up her hands and says, "What can we do?" I believe parenting does not end at 18. I am not a prude, but this seems

wrong to me. Any advice? -- **DAD IN DISTRESS**

DEAR DAD: Your daughter is a self-supporting adult with a full-time job, so stop treating her like a child.

It is her right to come and go as she pleases, but if she does, she should have a place of her own. That way she won't be obligated to introduce you to her men friends, some of whom might not feel ready to meet her father. It will give her some degree of privacy, and you can keep your illusions about your daughter intact.

Bottom line: It is your house. You and your wife have every right to make the rules and be comfortable in it. My advice is to suggest kindly to Kristy that all of you might be happier if she got an apartment.

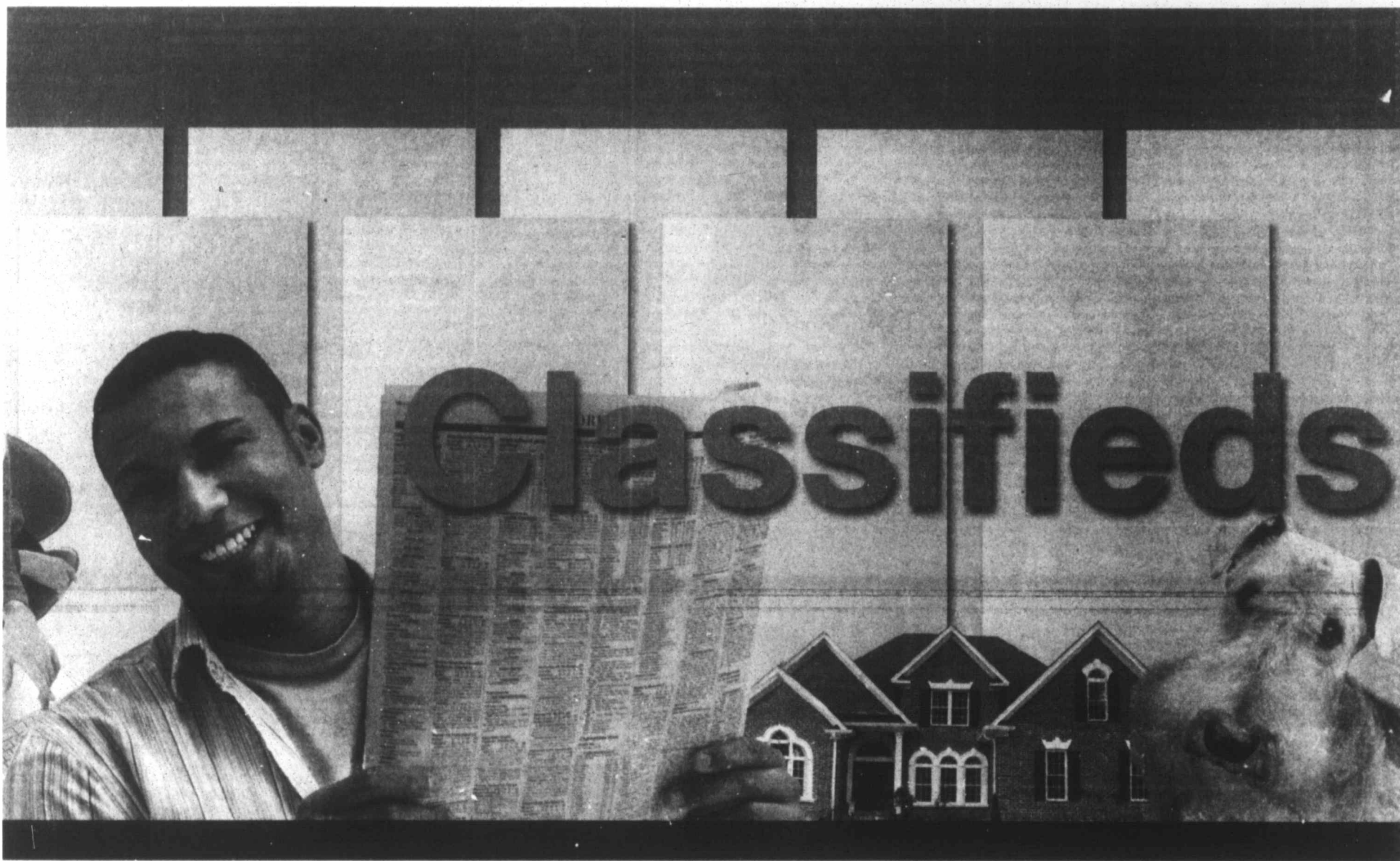
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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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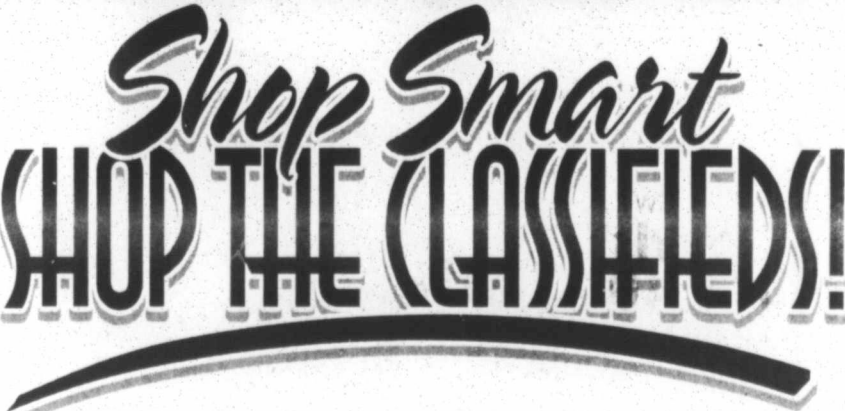
ARIES (March 21-April 19) **★★★★** Proceed with a project. Timing is important, but also recognize that you don't need to rush. Be steadfast and sure of what you are doing. Listen to what an associate shares. Know that you can handle a problem in many different ways. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** You hit a clear period in which you can think and associate different ideas. Others cooperate with you. Use the moment to accomplish many projects or to start one. Be painstaking and careful. You don't need to rush. Tonight: Try to get a good night's sleep.

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Others seek you out, as they find your manner very appealing. Your high energy seems to be contagious; your enthusiasm floats to others. Consider a boss or higher-up who could be pushing hard. Become sensitive to the winds of fate, and you won't be unprepared for a major change. You would do well as a troubleshooter, if needing to change your work. If you are single, finding a potential mate is easy, but choosing the right person could be more taxing. Your popularity soars. If you are attached, let your significant other play a bigger role. Learn to respect his or her opinion. Agree to disagree. LIBRA has the same issue as you but manifests it differently. Learn from each other.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** Empowered, there is little that you cannot do. Remain upbeat and direct with others. Many seek you out for advice. A personal issue needs to be handled as such and not interfere with your work and immediate issues. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** Know when to back off and listen more. A problem in your immediate circle could invade your thinking and mood. Look at the issue of power and control. Are you sick of these games? Do not play. Tonight: Take some time off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Zero in on what you want. You can decide what works best and proceed in just that manner. Understanding will grow to a new level if you listen and digest another's view. Revamp your savings and spending. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** Inside, a revolution could be beginning where you no longer want to do the same old, same old. What might be critical is how you handle this issue. Meanwhile, continue in a former role until you are ready to make a dramatic change. Tonight: Late, very late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Take an overview. Refuse to fall prey to your inner dialogue or someone else's attitude. The direction you head in could make all the difference. With detachment, you won't need to put on mental armor and can be quite compassionate. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** You might discover that your goals are no longer aligned with someone else's. You don't need to immediately detach, but it might be wise to verbalize your perception in a nonconfrontational manner. Avoid black-or-white thinking. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

BORN TODAY Olympic figure skater Sonja Henie (1912), former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan (1938), singer, songwriter Julian Lennon (1963)

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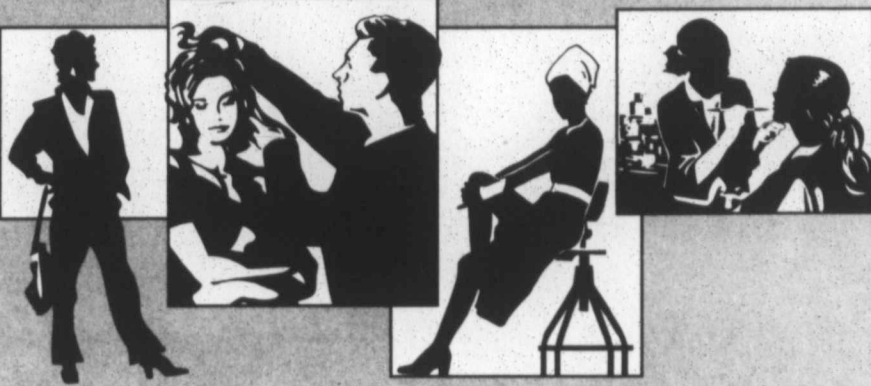
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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-7 **CRYPTOQUOTE**
YHA QMHHYI IPFHZ UAEE.
EYTA UAEE, JEAAG UAEE, FL
YHA PMJ HYI NPHAN UAEE.

— TFSBFHFM UYYEL
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN HEARD. THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE HEART. — HELEN KELLER

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MSRP.....\$17,525
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CLEARANCE PRICE.....\$22,170

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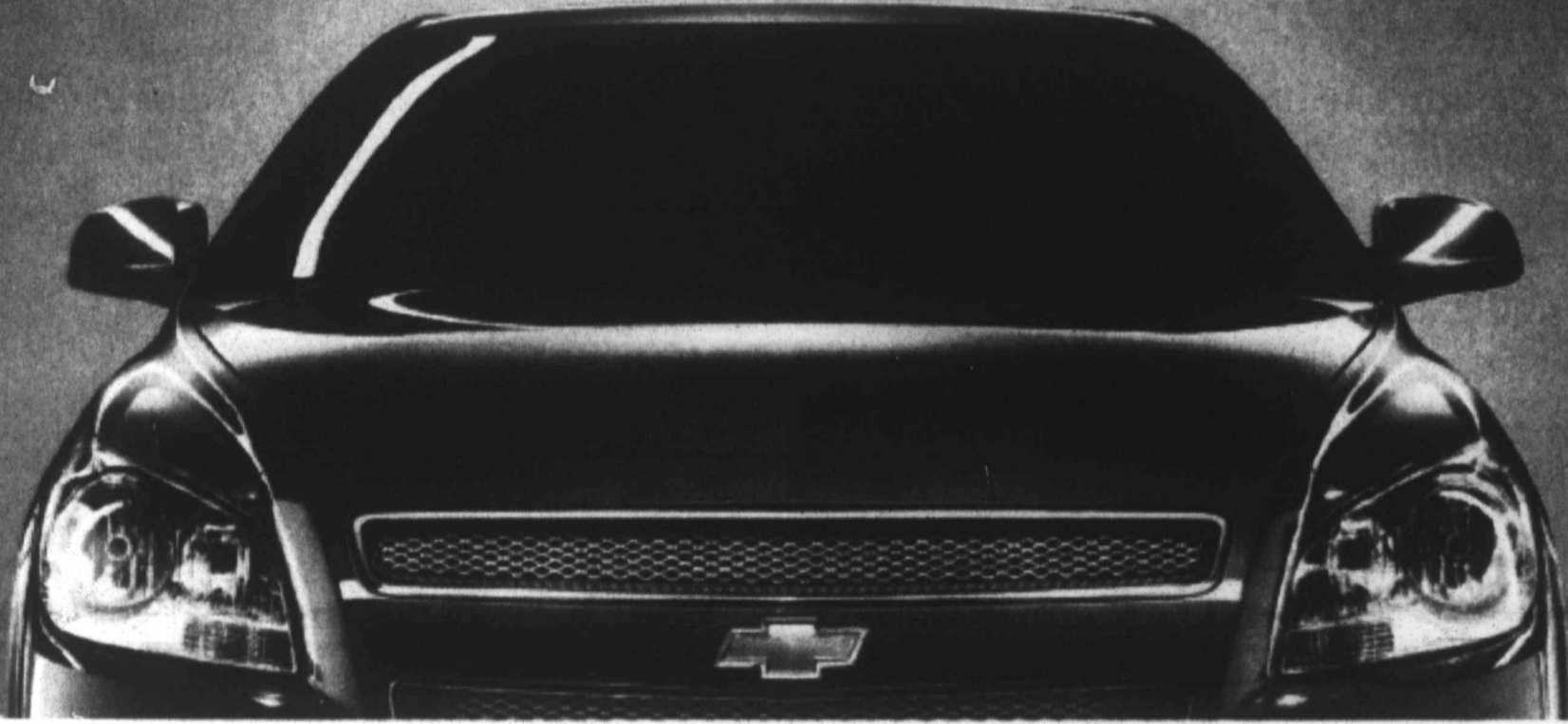
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