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MY TURN
by Brian Briscoe

We rarely tire of the documentary features produced by The History Channel and many times have stayed up past bedtime to finish an engrossing tale.

There's something about the old newsreel footage and dramatic stories that keep us enthralled.

For obvious reasons, the shows recently have focused on war and the tools and weapons used to wage battle.

We're a sucker for big machines and other things that go boom, so we've enjoyed the testosterone-fueled lineup of late.

It was even more interesting during the brief war with Iraq to flip between the studio-produced programs and the live-action footage as American troops from all branches raced toward Baghdad.

Some day soon, we expect to see the footage aired as breaking news on CNN and all the other 24-hour news stations in the documentary format detailing the impressive and quick victory over Iraq.

One such feature caught our attention this week, which included the unforgettable footage of U.S. tanks roaring through the streets of Baghdad on a "thunder run" deep into the city.

The move was of little strategic importance we were told, but had a convincing psychological chill on Iraq's military forces.

What we found most interesting is that even after the dominance of American and British tanks in two separate wars with Iraq, the hefty machines most likely will go the way of the dodo before America wages war again.

We found this hard to believe, but got further confirmation from military expert and author Ralph Kinney Bennett in his report about the mammoth machines.

It's no secret that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld envisions smaller, more agile armed forces.

Bennett says the tanks are "clanking dinosaurs ill suited for the army after next that will fight the new kind of war" previewed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Abrams — America's premier tank — is a remarkably fast and formidable fighter once it's on the battlefield, but it takes a long time to get it there.

Tanks, the documentary offered, most likely will be replaced by fierce helicopters. The flying fighting machines, whose acrobatic feats inspire awe, were utilized heavily and triumphantly in the latest war.

Even more advanced helicopters currently are being tested and will allow U.S. troops superior maneuverability and precision to what they now have.

Considering the dominance displayed by U.S. and coalition forces this time around, a more apt force is hard to conjure.

And through all this tank talk came a neat bit of history and irony regarding those allied tanks rolling through the streets of Baghdad.

Tanks were invented by the British during World War I, and originally were called "land ships."

But in an effort to keep development secret from German spies, they were said to be mobile water tanks for use in Mesopotamia.

The machines were successful and the name "tank" stuck, but the name Mesopotamia didn't.

In the postwar partitioning of the conquered Ottoman Empire, Mesopotamia took on an entirely new name.

It became known as Iraq.

House bill vote deadline nears without quorum

AUSTIN (AP) — Embattled lawmakers sequestered in an Oklahoma hotel are holding out for the Texas House leadership to meet their demands, but they say they're eager to get back to the business of making the state's laws.

Back in Texas, the tick of the clock was getting louder as the midnight deadline for voting on House bills approached. The House convened for the fourth straight day without a quorum because of the absent legislators.

The 51 Democrats fled Austin in a parliamentary maneuver to derail Republicans' plans to redraw the state's congressional districts in their favor. Now, they say they're not coming back until House Speaker Tom Craddick removes redistricting from the House agenda or until Friday — when it's too late to consider it.

Craddick has said he won't negotiate.

The bill's other possible avenue, the Senate, isn't looking likely.

A similar redistricting measure filed this week in the Senate has some high hurdles to clear if it's going to keep alive Republicans' dream of a new voting map.

If they succeed, quorum-busting Democrats will have derailed the redistricting measure in the House by staying out of the state and halting debate through today's deadline for initial passage of House legislation.

On Wednesday, the Democrats said they sent a letter to Craddick offering to come home immediately and to not break a quorum again if he promises not to bring up redistricting. But Craddick did not respond personally and left the talks between an aide and the Democrats.

There was no immediate response from Craddick's office.

Just before 10 p.m. Wednesday, a few Democrats said they had still not heard from Craddick. But they had heard from country singer Willie Nelson, who they said sent them red bandannas, whiskey and a note saying 'Way to go. Stand your ground.' The lawmakers were wearing the bandannas.

After today, according to House rules, the only legislation the House can vote on without a two-thirds vote will be Senate bills.

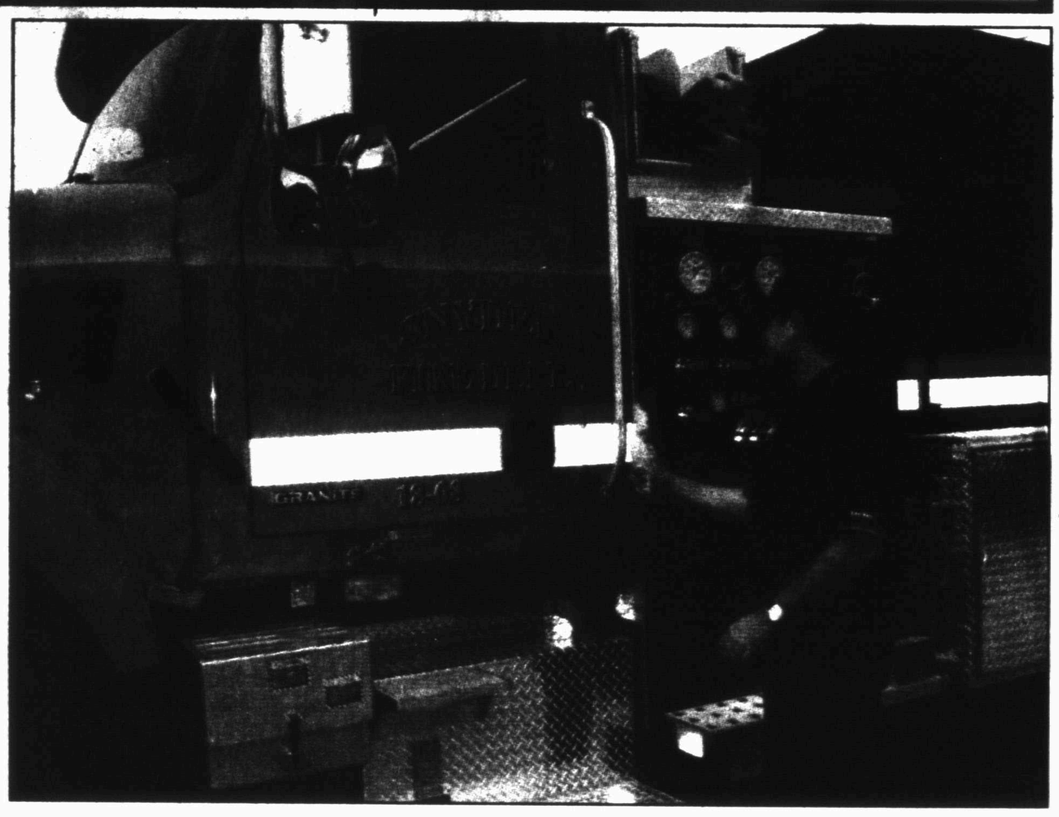
"It's not too late. That's the message," said Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, who has emerged as the ringleader of the group. "I believe you always have a chance when it's not too late."

Pops concert set for Friday

The Snyder High School choir annual pops concert is at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Worsham Auditorium.

Cost is $5 per person.

The theme of this year's concert is "Rocking Through the Ages."



NEW TRUCK — City Fireman Darrell Craig polishes the department's newest fire truck, a 3,000-gallon water tanker, which was purchased using grant money from the Texas Forest Service. (SDN Staff Photo)

City receives new water truck from grant money

With budgets growing tighter every year and equipment continuing to age, a grant worth more than $100,000 was a welcome gift for the Snyder Fire Department.

The grant, totaling $108,000, was one of only four granted statewide from the Texas Forest Service as part of the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. It allowed the local department to purchase a new water truck valued at $120,000.

The city paid the remaining $12,000 and the 3,000-gallon tanker was ordered and manufactured in Louisiana.

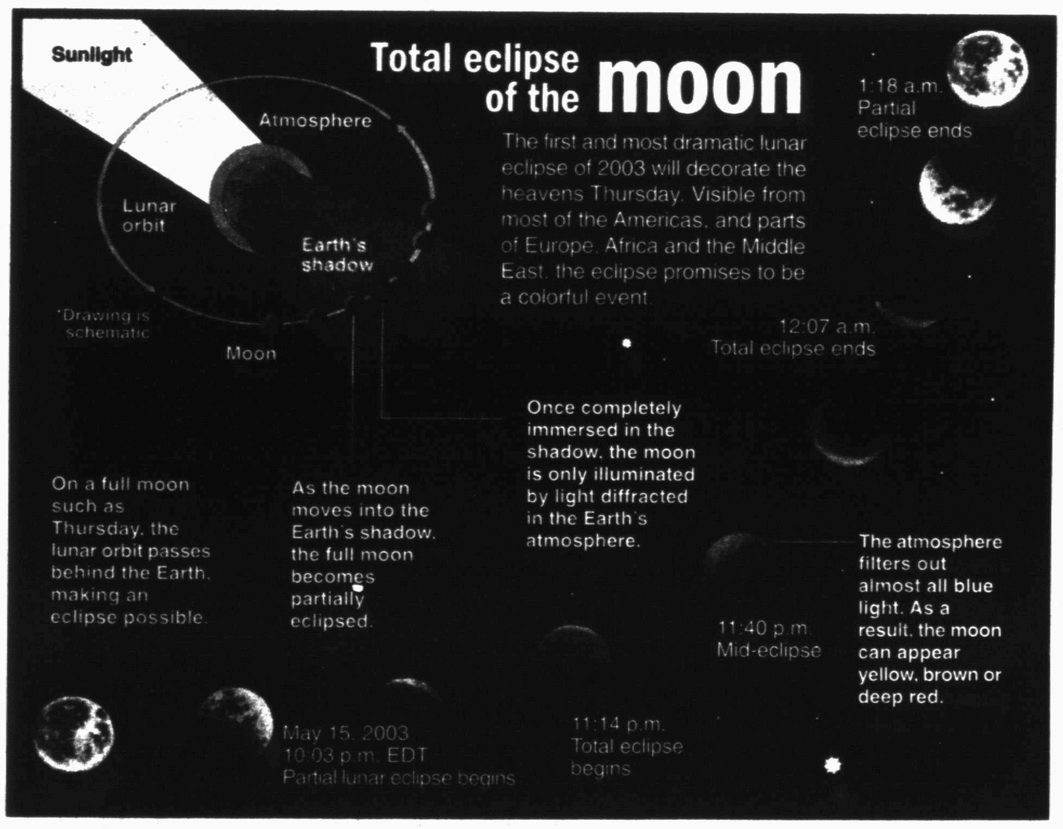
Fire Marshal Cy Posey said the new vehicle has many advantages.

"It has a 500-gallon-per-minute pump on it so we can fight fire with this truck rather than just hauling water to a scene," he said. "And another feature is that it has a portable tank we can deploy at a scene, allowing the truck to dump its load and leave to refill."

The truck was built on a 2003 Mack chassis and will relieve the department's dependency on its older tanker.

"We were becoming concerned with the big yellow tanker we have. It's starting to get tired," Posey said. "We will still use it, but we're not dependent on it anymore."

Posey said the department has intentions to apply for more grants.



Total lunar eclipse set tonight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the weather cooperates, a total lunar eclipse will be seen across North America late today — the first visible in the United States in three years — and just before dawn Friday in western Europe and western and southern Africa.

A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth casts its shadow on the full moon, blocking the sunlight that otherwise reflects off the moon's surface. Unlike solar eclipses, lunar eclipses are safe to view with the naked eye.

In North America, the moon will remain totally eclipsed for 53 minutes, and should turn substantially darker and reddish in color.

The total eclipse will start at 10:14 p.m. in Snyder.

A second lunar eclipse, on Nov. 8, will be visible from North and South America.

Eclipses once helped prove the Earth is round, because its shadow on the moon is curved.

Immigrants tried to notify authorities by use of cell phone

VICTORIA (AP) — Locked inside the back of a sweltering, airless semitrailer, a large group of illegal immigrants tried desperately to save themselves.

One dialed 911 on a cell phone and pleaded for help in Spanish. But by the time a South Texas police dispatcher found someone to translate, the call had been lost.

Minutes later, one hung a bandanna out of a hole in the trailer's back door as it sped north on U.S. Highway 77. Another motorist saw the signal, but his mobile phone wasn't working, so he couldn't call authorities in time.

When the trailer's door was opened early Wednesday, 17 people in the illicit cargo had lost their lives in one of the deadliest cases of human smuggling in U.S. history. Another died several hours later.

"This is a serious, serious crime," Bob Wallis, the region's top immigration official, said Wednesday at the truck stop outside Victoria, where sheriff's deputies made the gruesome discovery.

A federal complaint filed today charged the truck's driver, Tyrone Williams of Schenectady, N.Y., with transporting and harboring aliens and conspiracy to transport and harbor aliens, Victoria County District Attorney M.P. "Dexter" Eaves told The Associated Press.

He said Williams would go before a federal magistrate in Houston today. Two other people believed to have accompanied Williams also were sought, with the possibility of other suspects to be identified.

Williams' wife, Karen, told the Houston Chronicle that her husband normally hauls watermelons from the border to the Northeast. She said he told her the trailer was hijacked and that he dropped the trailer "for his own safety and ran."

Williams likely also will face state charges, Eaves said today.

"We want to get every bit of justice for these guys," he said. "I want this insurance for these 18 people — that they did not die in vain."

ASK US

Q—When is graduation for the local schools?

A—Hermleigh and Ira seniors graduate May 23, while Snyder seniors graduate May 30.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Raul Alcala...

...is a recent graduate of Western Texas College and Midwestern University and is now working on a master's degree. Raul and wife, Sandra, have been married 18 years. The couple have four children, Kenny, 17, Omar, 15, Alex, 11 and Elisa, 7. Raul works as a computer technician at Western Texas College and enjoys home projects when he's not working.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see heart to heart.

—Sam Levenson

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Home school field trip

There will be a field trip for home schooled students from 8:45 to11:45 a.m. Friday at Joyland Amusement Park in Lubbock. Cost is $8 per child. Contact Malinda McClung at 574-1133.

Ira kindergarten registration

Registration for kindergarten at Ira is underway from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until Friday. If these times are not convenient, call 573-2628 to make other arrangements. Shot records, birth certificate and child's social security card should be brought.

Girls Little Dribblers fundraiser

The Scurry County Girls Little Dribblers junior division all-stars will be selling Krispie Kream donuts starting at 8 a.m. Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Job fair

Ceilo Wind Power will conduct a job fair starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Individuals as well as contractors are invited to make application. Some of the jobs could become permanent. The company will have a similar job fair Saturday afternoon in Borden County.

End-of-school party

An end-of-school party for SJHS 8th graders only will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the WTC Student Center. Admission is $5.

Hobbs Baptist Church revival

Hobbs Baptist Church will have a revival beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday and continuing with 7 p.m. services through Wednesday. Dinner will be served after the Sunday morning service. Evangelist is Jerry Vinson and the music is by Lonnie Hines, both from Roby.

AARP meeting

The AARP will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. John DeLille, executive director of the DCOS, will be the speaker.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Prophet Joel," followed by "What Make You and Me Human."

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school to elect officers due to the cancellation of last Monday's meeting.

Retirement reception

A farewell reception will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. next Thursday in the East Elementary library for Bobbie Anderson and Betty Richardson, retiring teachers at East.

Parenting With Love & Logic

SISD will present Parenting With Love & Logic from 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday at the junior high auditorium. Brenda Bird will be the parent trainer. Child care and interpreter will be available.

Memorial Day events

The VFW will conduct a flag ceremony at 8 a.m. Monday, May 26, at the VFW and then American Legion and then go to the Snyder Cemeteries. A dinner featuring a brisket with all the trimmings will be served at 6 p.m. at the post home. Auxiliary ladies need to bring a dessert. Cost is by donation.

WIN Women's Conference

WIN Women's Conference, sponsored by His Joy Ministries, is set for May 30-31 at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Music will be by Mercy & Truth, Dance Troupe Doorkeepers of His Glory. Speakers are Barbara Murrell of Forney and Jay Hawkins of Toccoa, Ga. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Red Cross fundraiser

The American Red Cross has opened an office at 1800 26th. As a fundraiser, "I love my troops" dog tags are available for a minimum donation of $5. Call 573-1419.

Joy School fall registration

Fall registration for Joy School, 201 31st St., is from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. weekdays for birth to pre-K children. For more information call 573-3554.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail classof 93shs@yahoo.com.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a class reunion July 5 at Jack Greene's park starting at 7 p.m. Barbecue and music will be provided. Cost is $15 per person and those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP by June 25. Contact Gina Rhodes at 573-2400, or Janet Lay at Janetlay@remax.net.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.



FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES — Western Texas College employees recognized for five years service at Tuesday night's service awards dinner include, from left, Dave Hanes, Kyle Smith, Jennifer Beard, Sandra Hall, Marjann Morrow, Sherrye Cooper and Jim Clifton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kerry health care effort stalled

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry put off his plunge into the Democratic health care fray, saying he was scrapping a major campaign event to stand up against President Bush's tax cuts.

Kerry had scheduled a high-profile event today at a Des Moines hospital to unveil his $80 billion expansion of the health care system, but instead found himself headed back to Washington when votes were scheduled on the tax cut.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kerry said the two issues are inextricably linked because the nation can't afford health care reform if big tax cuts force budget deficits.

"The tax bill is so important to all the things we need to do in this country," said Kerry. "It's a fateful decision and I want to be there to make that point."

As a practical matter, Kerry would have found it very hard politically to miss a vote on a tax cut that Democratic presidential candidates routinely attack, particularly since the vote is expected to be close.

"I believe the country wants health care over tax cuts for people who make $350,000 a year," Kerry said.

Aides were scrambling to reschedule the event for Friday, although word of Kerry's health proposal began to leak out.

His plan would expand existing programs to insure children and low-income adults, paying for the effort by repealing some of Bush's tax cuts. He estimates 95 percent of adults and virtually all children would be covered by his plan.

Central to the is an effort to rein in soaring health care costs and cutting into the estimated $350 billion spent each year on the nation's system. The Massachusetts senator argues that administrative waste can be cut in half through "new quality and technology measures."

Among Kerry's proposals is an end to legal provisions that allow drug manufacturers to block generic drugs from entering the market and a requirement that those who manage pharmacy programs disclose any financial incentives they receive from drug manufacturers.

Like former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, Kerry would expand federal and state programs to cover children and low-income parents. He would offer tax credits to help small businesses and uninsured adults buy into the health care program that covers the president and Congress.

"It's paid for by canceling only the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy, while keeping tax cuts for the middle class," Kerry said in prepared remarks obtained by The Associated Press. He did not say what taxes he would keep and what he would repeal.

Kerry aides said the focus on controlling health care costs was a key distinction between his plan and those offered by Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt and Dean.

In the contest for the Democratic nomination, health care has emerged as an early and defining issue.

Blood pressure guidelines changed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 45 million Americans with blood pressure levels once considered normal or borderline actually have "prehypertension," say new government guidelines that urge them to exercise, avoid salt and make other changes to stave off full-blown high blood pressure.

It's a major change that affects people with blood pressure as low as 120 over 80 — once thought to be a good level but now considered not good enough.

Scientists now say that damage to arteries from the pressure of blood pounding through them begins to increase at levels as low as 115 over 75. Even a small jump from that low — to 130 over 85, a level previously considered in the normal range — means a doubling of the risk of later death from heart disease, say the guidelines by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

Hence the new emphasis on at least delaying the gradual rise in blood pressure that so many Americans see with age. Still, the report promises to be a shock for people told for years their blood pressure was healthy, only to learn they're now considered "prehypertensive" unless their level is below 120 over 80.

"We don't want to frighten the public, we want to get action," said Dr. Aram Chobanian, dean of Boston University's medical school who chaired the government-appointed committee that drafted the guidelines. "Even small changes in blood pressure are important."

Other recommendations in the broad report, published in a special online edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association on Wednesday, are generating controversy, as doctors debate just which medication is best once hypertension hits.

The guidelines say most people who already have high blood pressure will need at least two medications to control the dangerous disorder — and most should at least try a cheap, old-fashioned diuretic as initial therapy.

At a major meeting of hypertension experts, doctors argued Wednesday that that was the wrong advice for many people.

"They haven't justified those steps," said Dr. John Laragh of New York Hospital/Cornell University Medical Center, who contends only 35 percent of people with hypertension have the type that responds to diuretics. Many of the rest, he said, could do fine with one other drug, such as an ACE inhibitor or beta blocker.

Date Book

Thursday, May 15, 2003

Today is the 135th day of 2003 and the 57th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, Ellen Church flew on a Boeing Air Transport (now United Airlines) flight from Oakland, Calif., to Chicago as the first flight attendant.

On this day in 1940, the first entirely man-made fiber, nylon, went on sale in the form of panty hose.

On this day in 1942, 17 eastern states adopted a plan of gasoline rationing in response to the scarcity of resources and commodities during World War II.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lyman Frank Baum (1856-1919), writer; Katherine Anne Porter (1890-1980), writer; Joseph Cotton (1905-1994), actor; Max Frisch (1911-1991), writer; Richard Avedon (1923-), photographer, is 80; Brian Eno (1948-), musician, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, Len Barker of the Cleveland Indians pitched a perfect game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The road to the City of Emeralds is paved with yellow brick." — Lyman Frank Baum, from "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz," Chapter 2

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon (May 15).

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $15 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 29-35-40-41-44, Bonus: 9

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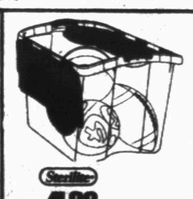
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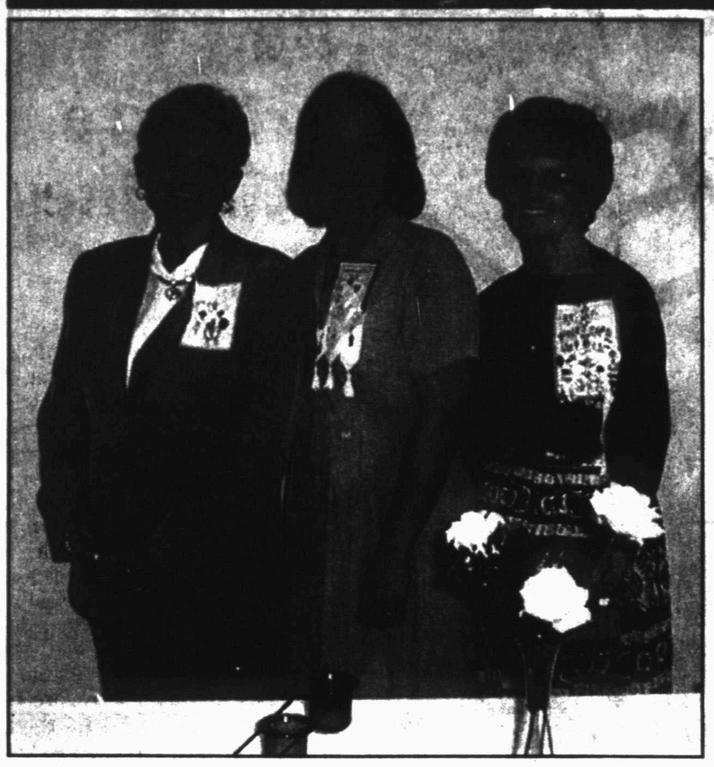
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FOUNDER'S DAY AWARDS — Beta Sigma Phi members received awards at the Founder's Day event on April 26 in the home of Janine Schoolcraft. Receiving awards were (from left) top photo, Schoolcraft, girl of the year and perfect attendance; Hope Heaton, Pledge of the Year and Ms. Congeniality; Dena Ellis, President's Award and 22-year perfect attendance; bottom photo, Carla Allen, Lois Cave and Norma Cumbie, all 10-year pins; and Jacalyn Lowrance, 20-year pin. (Contributed Photo)

Beta Sigma Phi celebrated 72nd Founder's Day with dinner and awards ceremony

Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi together with 12,500 chapters of 200,000 members throughout the world celebrated their 72nd Founder's Day.

Founder's Day honors Walter W. Ross, who during the Depression, saw a need among young women he met in his work as a traveling encyclopedia salesman. Ross believed they needed more in their lives than work, responsibility and hardship, and devoted his life to providing them with a social and cultural outlet.

His efforts brought seven young women in Abilene, Kan., together in 1931 to form that sort of organization. Beta Sigma Phi met their needs and continues to meet the needs of hundreds of thousands of women today. On April 30, Walter Ross was remembered for founding the largest Greek letter sorority in the world.

Local members met at the home of Janine Schoolcraft on April 26 for a garden party. She was mistress of ceremonies. Tables were covered in white and yellow cloths and decorated with fresh flower bouquets.

Schoolcraft, assisted by her sister-in-law Martha Dillard, prepared a meal and was served to members by Matthew Schoolcraft.

Following the meal, outgoing and new officers were recognized as well as committee chairmen. Mickey Baird gave the Founder's Day Pledge and Carolyn Limmer read a message from International. Ronda Robinson, Wanda Early, Janeen Patterson, Lois Cave, Norma Cumbie and Marie Boone also participated in the program.

Awards were presented to Vicky Bell, Valentine Queen; Schoolcraft, one-year perfect attendance; and Dena Ellis, 22 years perfect attendance. Membership pins were presented to Carla Allen, Lois Cave and Norma Cumbie for 10 years; Vicky Bell, 15 years; and Jacalyn Lowrance, 20 years.

Other awards include Hope Heaton, Pledge of the Year and Ms. Congeniality; Ellis, President's Award; and Schoolcraft, Girl of the Year. Schoolcraft was also presented a gift for her year as president along with a scrapbook of the year's activities.

Incoming president Ellis announced next year's theme, "Colors of Friendship," and the meeting closed with the ritual and mizpah.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-15-03
♠ A 9 7 6
♥ A J
♦ A 10 7 2
♣ Q 5 3

West
♠ —
♥ 10 8 4 2
♦ K Q J 5 4
♣ 8 7 6 4

East
♠ J 10 4 3
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 9 8 6
♣ J 10 9

South
♠ K Q 8 5 2
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ 3
♣ A K 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

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3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Thursday, May 15, 2003

The powerlessness of the dummy

By Phillip Alder

Quentin Crisp, an English author, wrote, "Though intelligence is powerless to modify character, it is a dab hand (an expert) at finding euphemisms for its weaknesses." Though dummy is powerless to modify declarer's line, he may be a dab hand at explaining its weakness.

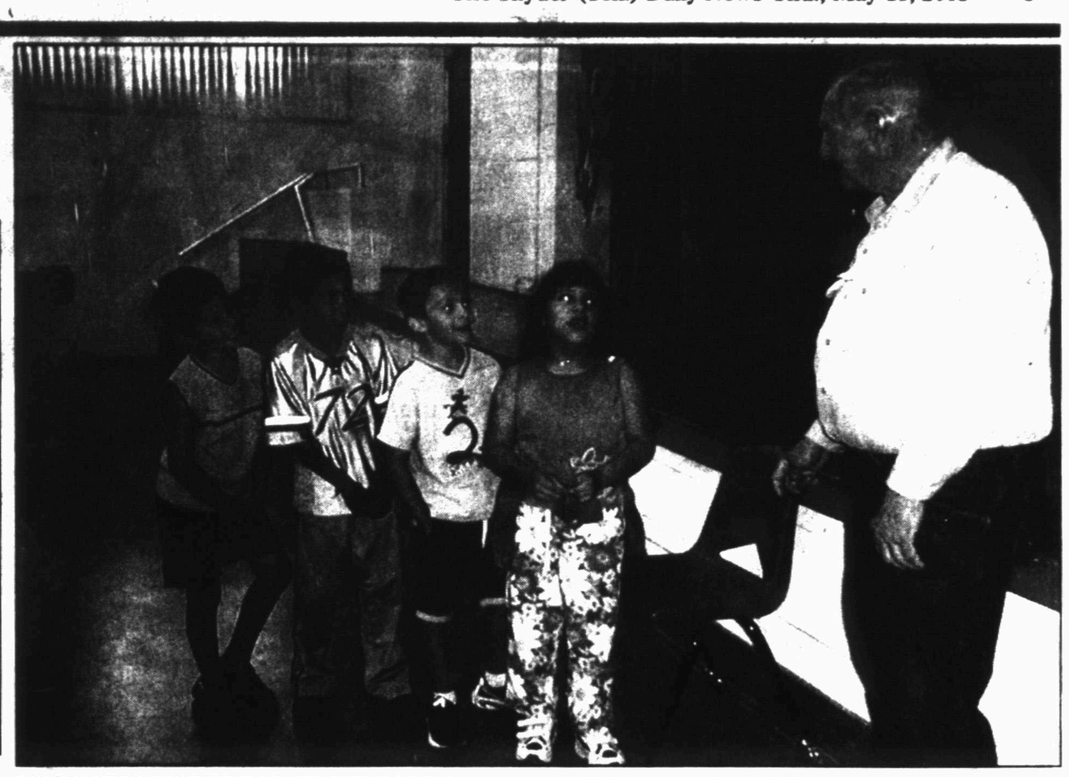
This deal was described by the powerless dummy, Frenchman Roger Trezel. How should the play proceed in seven spades? West leads the diamond king to dummy's ace.

Trezel, a world champion, was partnering a young Belgian. After Trezel tabled his dummy, he (illegally) looked into the East hand and noticed the four spades. He wrote, "I began bitterly to regret my opening bid of one no-trump instead of one spade, because, oh cruel irony of sorts, I would have played the seven spades." Trezel was also unlucky that South hadn't responded with two clubs, Stayman. And maybe Trezel should have concluded the auction with an undisciplined seven no-trump.

Trezel's worst fears were confirmed when South immediately called for the spade six and won East's three with his king. Now East was guaranteed a trump trick, and the contract went one down.

As Trezel pointed out, the only danger is a 4-0 spade break. If West has all four trumps, South is powerless. But when East holds four spades, they can be picked up if declarer begins with dummy's spade ace. After the bad break is exposed, South calls for a low spade, capturing East's 10 with his queen. Back to dummy with a heart or club, declarer finesses his spade eight, draws East's last trump, and claims.

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LEARNING YODELING TECHNIQUES — James Quinney, right, of Snyder sang songs interspersed with yodeling to kindergarten and first grade students at Central Elementary Thursday. Trying out the art of yodeling are students Matthew Lara, Christopher Esquibel, Christian Garcia and Roselia Jaimes, from left. Quinney, learning from his father, has yodeled nearly all his life. He also performs at churches, nursing homes, Colorado Opera House in Colorado City and Senior Centers. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Speegle joins CHBC as new music minister

Colonial Hill Baptist Church introduces a new minister of music, David Speegle, coming from the Mineral Wells First Baptist Church.

His first Sunday at Colonial Hill will be June 1.

Speegle received a bachelor's degree in music at Corpus Christi State University in 1977 and his master's degree in church music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1980.

He has served in the Fannin Terrace Baptist Church in Midland during 1980-1983, and in First Baptist Churches in Winters, 1983-1992; Gatesville, 1992-2000; and Mineral Wells, 2000-2003.

His wife, Jeri, is the daughter of Juanita Farren Glover of Snyder. She was reared in Snyder and is a Western Texas College graduate. She has been a teacher's aide in Palo Pinto ISD.

They have two children. Sarah, 18, will be attending Hardin-Simmons University as a music education major. She played volleyball in high school and was selected first team all-district this past season and is salutatorian of her class. Jonathan, 13, will be in the eighth grade next year. He played basketball and participated in drama in the seventh grade.

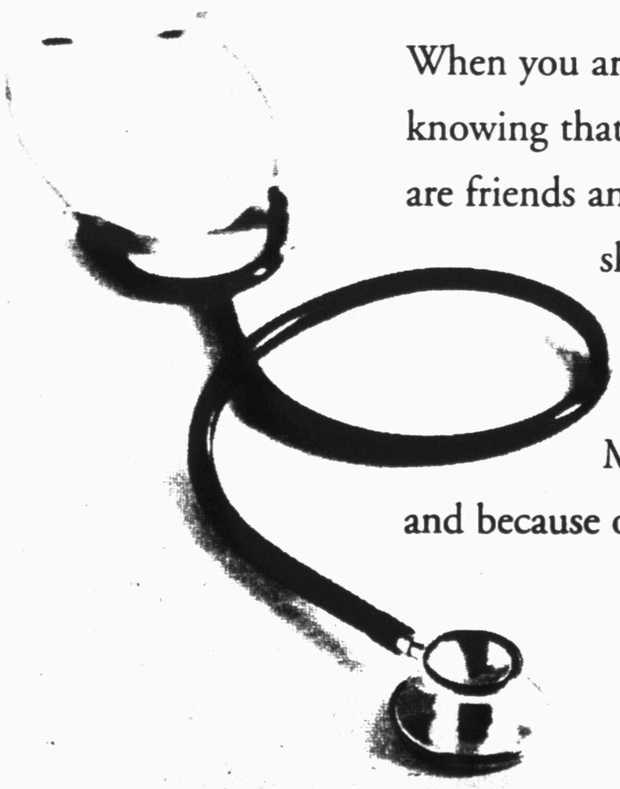


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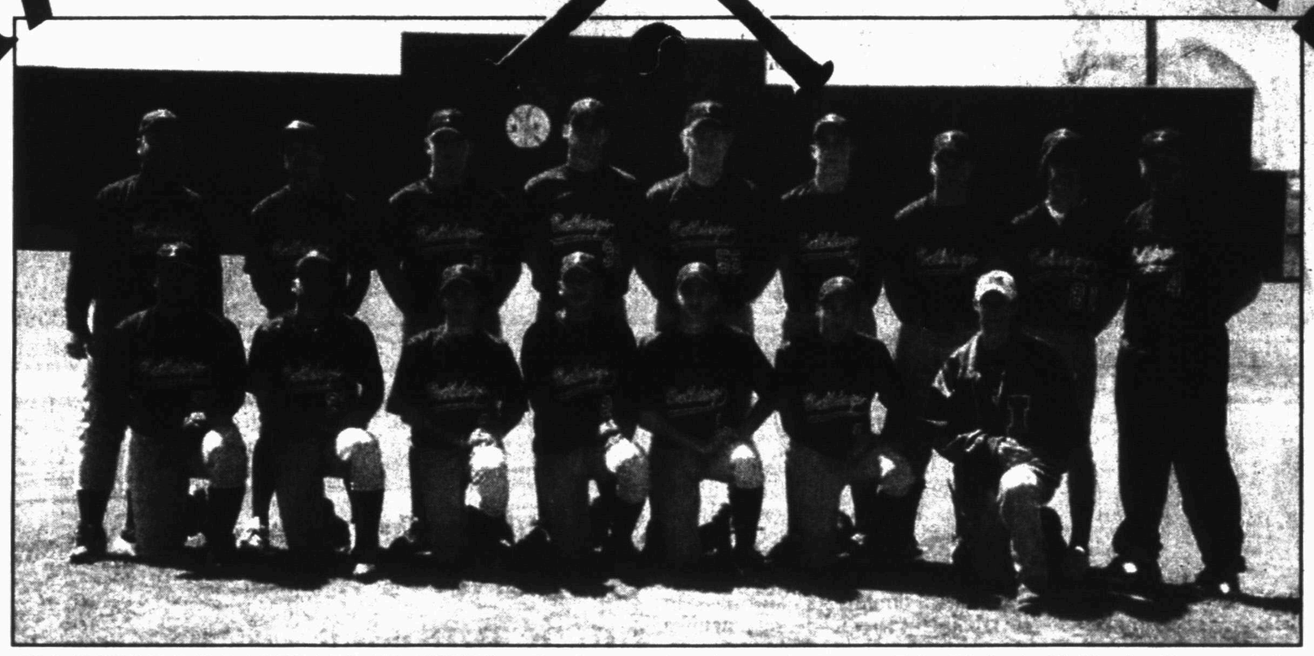


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SPORTS



CLEAN-UP TIME — Ira cleanup hitter Jake Barnes takes his cuts at practice as the Bulldogs get ready to take on Miles in the area playoff series Friday and Saturday at McMurry University in Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs thriving under new coach

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

IRA — A combination of strong pitching and a deep lineup usually leads to success on the diamond.

And in the case of the undefeated Ira Bulldogs, who have both, there is one more ingredient in the mix.

"We are having a lot of fun," said junior cleanup hitter Jake Barnes.

With a first-year coach and a new, relaxed atmosphere, the Bulldogs have thrived, completing a sweep of district competition in posting a 14-0 record, before cruising past Paducah, 14-4, in the bi-district round last weekend.

Practices have the air of a Sunday pepper game, with the players — and the coach — loose and laughing as they prepare to face Miles in the area round Friday at Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University in Abilene.

"That's just my personality," said baseball coach and Ira athletic director Randy Jones. "The bottom line is you have to have the kids' respect. Once you get respect, it comes down to coaching style. I've never had a problem with kids playing hard for me."

Jones said he tries to hold his players to the same standard he holds himself, which means excusing a bad day or an occasional lapse of concentration.

"You're going to have good days and bad days," he said. " If I have a kid that has one bad day out of 150, I consider that a success. This year we have had a whole lot more good days than bad."

The Bulldogs' skipper likes to mix things up in practice, and won't hesitate to stop a practice and send the team home if lethargy sets in.

"Monotony is bad," Jones explained. "If I see the kids bored or having a bad day, I'll either change what we are doing or send them home early. I won't stay on them if it's a bad day."

That approach has yielded a team full of contented players, who all say they are enjoying the more relaxed environment.

"He lets us go out and play ball," Barnes said.

Senior Eric Dickerhoff said the team had too much pressure last year in the area series with Windthorst.

"Last year we let it get to us," he said. "Now we are loose and ready to play."

Jones took over for Bubba Edwards at the beginning of the school year, and said his predecessor had the team well schooled in the fundamentals.

"He did a great job," Jones said. "These kids have had success, and they expect to win when they walk onto the field. It's not anything I've done. I walked into a good situation."

That situation includes a lineup that has connected at a .332 clip this season, and has the speed to employ the aggressive base-running philosophy by which Jones manages.

The team swiped 32 bases in district play.

"When I got here I tried to stress base running, and running aggressively," he said. "It puts pressure on the other team. I told the kids to run hard and make them throw us out."

A hefty top three sets the table, with base-stealing leader Jess Wall hitting .400 with 12 steals and an on-base percentage that has remained around .600 for the season.

Josh Gutierrez is hitting .372 in the two-spot, and Dickerhoff provides a well-rounded presence batting third, stealing 10 bases while hitting .419 with 15 RBI.

Barnes leads the potent Ira batting order in virtually every offensive category, hitting .467 with four homers, eight doubles and 23 RBI, and the team has gotten solid contributions from Jeff Fine and Caleb Gutierrez.

"My top six have done the job all year," Jones said. "I don't know if there is a deeper lineup at this level."

The Ira pitching staff has relied on Dickerhoff to carry the load this year. He has pitched 42 innings, twice the number of Josh Gutierrez, who is second with 21 1/3.

Dickerhoff is 8-0 with 75 strike outs and a 1.50 ERA.

"Eric is definitely the ace of the staff," Jones said. "Every team could use a pitcher of Dickerhoff's caliber. I really feel like he could pitch at any level. Baseball is big for him, and he has put in a lot of work and time and played summer ball to make it happen."

Dickerhoff is backed up by the one-two punch of the Gutierrez brothers, who give Jones different options to throw at teams.

"Caleb has good speed and his curve is coming along. Josh has a good curve and knuckleball, and he will sneak the fastball by you. He's got a good arm, but he's more of a finesse pitcher," Jones said. "They have thrown strikes all year, and at our level, if you don't put runners on, teams are going to have a hard time scoring."

Jones also can lean on Fine, who pitched five innings this year.

But the Bulldogs haven't had to worry with bullpen matters much, as Jones has only made two pitching changes in the 14 games the club has played.

"That's nice," he said. "We've been fortunate to be in every game or be ahead, because these guys throw strikes."

The team has responded to Jones' style with enthusiasm, and the results indicate that the new coach was the right tonic for a team trying to get to the regional quarterfinal.

"They have responded. They are having a good time and have good chemistry," he said. "I have no doubt we'll show up Friday. We've shown up and played all year, and when you do that the rest takes care of itself."

Dickerhoff will get the call in game one Friday, which is scheduled to get underway at 5 p.m.

Red Sox bullpen stymies Rangers

BOSTON (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra hit a two-run homer in the first inning and Casey Fossum and three relievers shut down the Texas Rangers on six hits in a 7-1 victory Wednesday night.

"I didn't do too well in spring training. I came back and figured things out," said Fossum (4-1). "We have a great bullpen right now."

That wasn't the case early in the season when Boston's relievers allowed 36 earned runs in 44 1-3 innings in the first 13 games, an ERA of 7.30. But in the last nine games, they've allowed four earned runs in 29 innings, a 1.24 ERA.

"Fossum did a tremendous job. Our bullpen did a tremendous job. That was a good team win," Garciaparra said.

His homer extended his hitting streak to 15 games, the longest on the Red Sox this season. It came one at-bat after he stretched it to 14 with an RBI-double that drove in the winning run in Boston's 5-4 win over Texas on Tuesday.

David Ortiz also drove in two runs as the Red Sox, with the help of eight walks and three wild pitches, won for the fifth time in seven games.

And they didn't have to score in their last at-bat to win, as they did for the eighth time this season Tuesday.

"It's a little bit different feeling than we've had," Boston manager Grady Little said. "That felt like a blowout to us."

Pistons edge Sixers, 78-77

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Chucky Atkins' layup with 0.9 seconds left was goaltended by Philadelphia's Derrick Coleman, giving Detroit a 78-77 victory Wednesday night and a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Atkins averaged just 7.1 points and 21.5 minutes in the regular season after losing his starting point guard spot when Billups signed as a free agent. But after Billups sprained his ankle in Game 1, Atkins scored 23 points to help the Pistons win Game 2.

Billups limped through 23 minutes in Game 4, but wasn't in uniform Wednesday night, giving Atkins extended playing time.

If Detroit upsets the 76ers on their home court, it plays New Jersey at home in Game 1 of the conference finals on Sunday.

But the Pistons had better not count on that scenario because they have lost 14 of their last 15 playoff road games.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson missed 20 of 25 shots and finished with 14 points, one more than his career playoff low.

Giguere continues dominance

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — When Minnesota's Marian Gaborik bore down on the Anaheim goal early in Wednesday night's game, there was no one in front of Jean-Sebastien Giguere. The Anaheim goalie deftly blocked Gaborik's point-blank shot and went on to his third consecutive shutout, a 4-0 victory that put the Mighty Ducks within one win of the Stanley Cup finals.

"Maybe it's the result of the breakaway, not scoring, and other chances we had that we didn't score, that gave them a lift," Wild coach Jacques Lemaire said. "They're playing well, and the goalie is a big part of it, no doubt."

The seventh-seeded Ducks can sweep the Western Conference finals with a home victory Friday night.

The save against Gaborik, who has a playoff-high nine goals, was one of 35 by Giguere, another outstanding performance in what has become one of the most sensational playoff runs ever by a goalie.

The 25-year-old Giguere, in his first postseason, has stopped 98 Minnesota shots in the three games.

Last ABA commish DeBusschere dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave DeBusschere, the defensive cornerstone of two championship teams who also was the NBA's youngest coach and the last commissioner of the rival ABA, died of a heart attack at age 62.

DeBusschere collapsed on a Manhattan street and died at NYU Downtown Hospital, the NBA said.

A two-sport star at the University of Detroit, DeBusschere went from the court to the front office to the Hall of Fame and was one of a handful of players to reach the major leagues in both baseball and basketball.

He pitched for two seasons with the Chicago White Sox and was the youngest coach in NBA history when he took over the Detroit Pistons in 1964. Traded to the New York Knicks in 1968, he played for championship teams in 1970 and 1973.

NBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, May 13
Dallas 112, Sacramento 93, Dallas leads series 3-2
San Antonio 96, L.A. Lakers 94, San Antonio leads series 3-2
Wednesday, May 14
Detroit 78, Philadelphia 77, Detroit leads series 3-2
Thursday, May 15
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
Sacramento at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, May 18
Philadelphia at Detroit, TBA, if necessary

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	27	13	.675	—
Montreal	25	15	.625	2
Philadelphia	22	18	.550	5
Florida	19	23	.452	9
New York	17	23	.425	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	23	16	.590	—
Cincinnati	21	19	.525	2½
Houston	21	19	.525	2½
St. Louis	18	19	.486	4
Pittsburgh	16	24	.400	7½
Milwaukee	13	27	.325	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	25	14	.641	—
Los Angeles	21	20	.512	5
Arizona	19	21	.475	6½
Colorado	19	21	.475	6½
San Diego	13	27	.325	12½

Wednesday's Games
Colorado 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Montreal 6, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 2
Arizona 2, Philadelphia 0
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 0
Florida 10, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 5, Atlanta 1

Today's Games
Houston (Oswalt 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Benson 4-4), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Wood 4-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 4-3), 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Riedling 0-1) at St. Louis (Stephenson 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Desseins 3-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 5-2), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 2-2) at San Diego (Deago 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 3-2) at Colorado (Jennings 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 4-1) at San Francisco (Rueter 3-1), 10:15 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	13	.667	—
Boston	25	14	.641	1
Toronto	19	21	.475	7½
Baltimore	18	21	.462	8
Tampa Bay	15	24	.385	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	23	15	.605	—
Minnesota	22	17	.564	1½
Chicago	19	20	.487	4½
Cleveland	12	26	.316	11
Detroit	9	28	.243	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	24	15	.615	—
Seattle	24	15	.615	—
Anaheim	19	19	.500	4½
Texas	16	23	.410	8

Wednesday's Games
Boston 7, Texas 1
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 6
Detroit 2, Oakland 1
Anaheim 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
Cleveland 7, Seattle 2
Minnesota 7, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 5, Baltimore 1

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Parque 1-1) at Toronto (D.Davis 1-1), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Asencio 2-1) at Minnesota (Rogers 4-1), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Al.Benes 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 3-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 5-3) at Detroit (Bernero 0-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Franklin 3-2) at Cleveland (Westbrook 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Colon 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Playoff games at Moffett

Colorado City (17-5) and Post (25-9) will tangle at 7 Friday night at Moffett Field in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal game.

Game two will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, with game three, if necessary, to follow 30 minutes after the completion of game two.

SHS football car wash

The football booster club is holding a car wash at 10 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Tickets are $5 and can be bought at the car wash or from any booster club member.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is point system.

LGA spring tournament

The Ladies Golf Association will have its spring tournament at Scurry County golf course Saturday and Sunday.

SHS sports banquet

The SHS All-Sports Banquet will be held May 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Coliseum. Tickets are available for the hamburger supper for $5.00 and can be bought at the door, or at the high school. Every sport at the high school will be recognized as well as female and male athlete of the year. Everyone is invited to attend.

Memorial Day scramble

A Memorial Day scramble will be held May 26 at Scurry County golf course. Tee-off is 10 a.m.

Sorenstam will get live coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — Annika Sorenstam will get more TV coverage at the Colonial than Tiger Woods ever got on the PGA Tour.

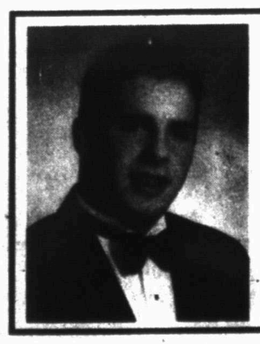
USA Network announced it will provide live coverage of Sorenstam's first two rounds next week when she becomes the first woman in 58 years to compete on the PGA Tour.

NHL Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 10
Anaheim 1, Minnesota 0, 2OT
Ottawa 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Monday, May 12
Anaheim 2, Minnesota 0
Tuesday, May 13
New Jersey 4, Ottawa 1, series tied 1-1
Wednesday, May 14
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 0, Anaheim leads series 3-0
Thursday, May 15
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 16
Minnesota at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 17
Ottawa at New Jersey, 3 p.m.
Sunday, May 18
Anaheim at Minnesota, 7 p.m., if necessary

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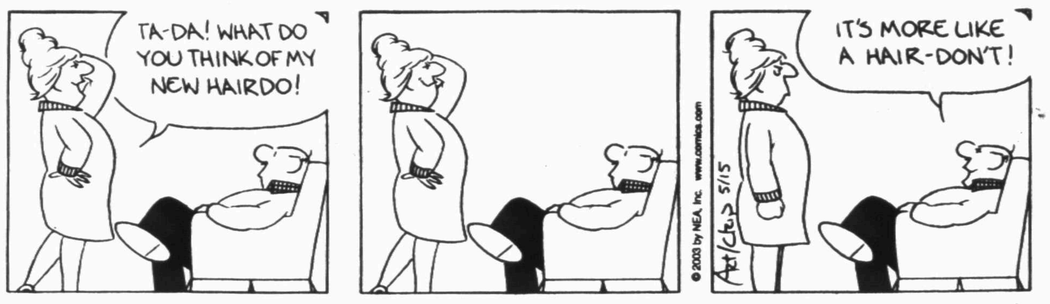
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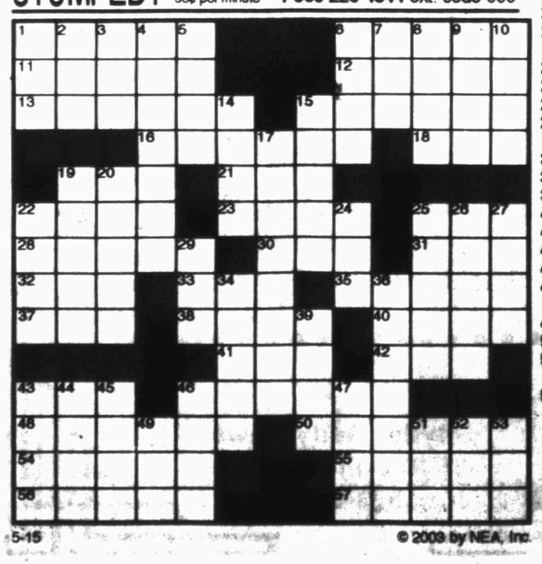
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HONORED — Three long-time Western Texas College employees were honored at Tuesday night's service awards dinner. Joe Carter, left, was recognized for 30 years service. Gail Snider, center, received a pen or 25 years and Robert Adams, right, was presented a watch to commemorate his retirement. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rebellious Texas Democrats face tornado alert in Oklahoma

ARDMORE, Okla. (AP) — Texas Democrats holed up in an Oklahoma hotel were awakened early Wednesday to pounding on their doors — but it wasn't the long arm of the law.

Just before 4 a.m., employees alerted hotel guests about a tornado warning and ushered the sleepy lawmakers — many wearing T-shirts and shorts — into a dingy basement.

They waited less than an hour in the room cluttered with boxes, chairs, mattresses and carpet rolls. The storm brought some hail but no twister, and no one was hurt.

"At first I thought, 'How in the world did (U.S. Attorney General John) Ashcroft come up with a reason to get the FBI banging on our door?'" Rep. Jim Dunnam of Waco said with a laugh.

Texas troopers had been ordered to round up the missing House Democrats, who secretly fled the state Sunday night to protest a congressional redistricting bill. The absence of 55 lawmakers — including 51 in Oklahoma — halted the House of Representatives because there weren't enough people for a quorum.

But Texas authorities had no power to serve the civil warrants outside the state, and federal officials never got involved. But the search for the lawmakers was called off Tuesday night after it was determined all were out of state.

The defiant group says it won't return until Friday, the day after the deadline for preliminary votes on House bills. The redistricting bill would die, although it could still get to the floor with a favorable vote by two-thirds of the House — which is unlikely.

"You get to a point where you draw a line in the sand and make a stand on principle," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

But Democrats late Wednesday sent a letter to House Speaker Tom Craddick saying they would come home now if Craddick agrees not to discuss redistricting the rest of the session or in a special session. Craddick had not responded to the offer late Wednesday.

The Democrats remained at the Holiday Inn in Ardmore, about 30 miles north of the Texas border.

Their day began about 11 a.m. Wednesday with a Bible reading and prayer in the conference room. Then they met privately, breaking several times throughout the day to chat on cell phones, talk to reporters or snack at Denny's.

Lawmakers have said that each representative will pay for his or her own room, travel and other expenses.

Meanwhile, Republicans in Austin were able to meet in committees to consider Senate bills Wednesday after having passed time earlier in the week going to the Bob Bullock State History Museum, touring the House chamber to look at the historic portraits and throwing wads of paper at each other.

In Austin on Wednesday, a handful of members of various conservative groups rallied at the Capitol. A brown plastic garbage pail-turned-tombstone read: "R.I.P. The people's agenda."

"What these members have done represents politics at its worst. This walkout is an absolutely shameful display of partisanship that ought not be tolerated by the public," said David Rushing, state chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas.

The group planned an evening rally to support the lawmakers working in Austin.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Teen who threatens suicide needs help now, not later

DEAR ABBY: My youngest stepson killed himself four months ago. He was only 16. His father and I knew what signs to look for, but we didn't recognize any of them in him. The friends who were with him the day he died knew he wanted to commit suicide, and they also knew he had a loaded gun. However, thinking they had talked him out of going through with it, they left him alone. By the time he was found, it was too late.

I am writing this so others will understand that a person who threatens suicide should never be left alone — especially if he or she has the means to do it. I know my stepson's friends thought they had the situation under control and that he'd be all right — but he wasn't.

My family will grieve our son's loss for the rest of our lives. As long as I live, I will never understand why no one called us or the authorities. — **HEARTBROKEN IN TEXAS**

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The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) publishes a fact sheet to help people recognize signs of depression and suicide risk. They are:

(1) Change in personality: sad, withdrawn, irritable, anxious, tired, indecisive, apathetic.

(2) Change in behavior: can't concentrate on work, school, routine tasks.

(3) Change in sleep pattern: oversleeping or insomnia, sometimes with early waking.

(4) Change in eating habits: loss of appetite and weight, or overeating.

(5) Loss of interest in friends, sex, hobbies, activities previously enjoyed.

(6) Worry about money, illness (either real or imaginary).

(7) Fear of losing control, going crazy, harming self or others.

(8) Feelings of overwhelming guilt, shame, self-hatred.

(9) No hope for the future: "It will never get better; I will always feel this way."

(10) Drug or alcohol abuse.

(11) Recent loss through death, divorce, separation, broken relationship, or loss of job, money, status, self-confidence, self-esteem.

(12) Loss of religious faith.

(13) Nightmares.

(14) Suicidal impulses, statements, plans; giving away favorite things; previous suicide attempts or gestures.

(15) Agitation, hyperactivity, restlessness may indicate masked depression.

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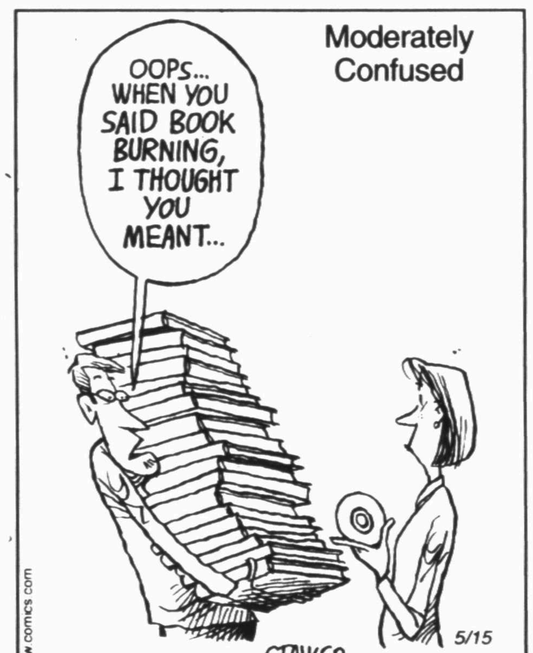
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers coming home from Iraq will get counseling, marital advice and other help in a new Army program aimed at easing their transition from the bloodshed and stress of war back to life in America.

The military is trying to prevent tragedies such as occurred last summer when three men from Army commando units at a North Carolina base killed their wives after serving in the counterterror war in Afghanistan. A fourth wife also was killed at the base, Fort Bragg, all in the span of six weeks.

"We have people who have gone through some tough stuff," Brig. Gen. Steven P. Schook of the Army's human resources office said of the war in Iraq.

"Part of the message ... is that you've been through something extraordinary," Army psychologist Lt. Col. Charles S. Milliken said at a news conference Wednesday with Schook.

"Every person who has been through it and every family that has been through it ought to have some kind of reaction to it. And that's OK," he said. "And if you need some extra help, that's OK too."

Troops returning from the Persian Gulf will get mandatory training on how to fit back into marriages and families that may have changed during their absence. They and spouses will answer questionnaires to help assess their marriages. Those who feel they need it also can call a toll-free hot line to talk confidentially about marriage or other things troubling them — and get up to six counseling sessions for their problems.

The program is expected to become ready at military bases as troops return. Already, it has begun in the Persian Gulf region, where troops are being questioned in their units to see if they have alcohol problems, depression, suicidal thoughts, financial issues or other factors that might hurt their ability to fit back into civilian society.

All services have had some types of readjustment assistance for some time. Army soldiers, who get "more up close and personal" on the battlefield, tend to be more at risk for problems, Schook said.

The Army has had programs through the chaplain's office, family advocacy services and home bases, but they have not always been used fully, he said.

"Folks hesitate to come forward and get help," Milliken said.

And, until now, programs have been neither required nor uniform across the entire Army. The hot line has been tried at Fort Bragg and a couple of other bases since the deaths last year. It is expected to be available service-wide around June 1.

Some soldiers may have a parent who died while they were away, or a spouse who started divorce proceedings in their absence.

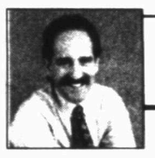
"They may find if they've been gone six months to a year that their wife may have exerted a greater role in running the household," Schook said. "The kids have adjusted to the wife's new role in that household. So as they come back they are going to find a different set of conditions within that home."

While they are being trained on how to handle such developments, officials are working with families as well to give spouses the skills needed for the reunion or with information on how to spot problems.

Part of the reason for the expanded program is to make sure units that suffered a significant number of casualties in Iraq do not go home without proper help. But the program is not just for them, but for all Army active and reserve troops, as well as civilian defense employees and family members who want it.

The killings at Fort Bragg forced the Army to take a hard look at the culture of its elite soldiers and programs aimed at helping them.

On June 11, a Special Forces soldier shot his wife and then himself two days after he returned from Afghanistan.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Food allergy basics

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My questions have to do with food allergies in general — what causes them, and why I might have developed an allergic reaction to a food when there was no problem for so many years. Is there a way to cleanse the body and eliminate an allergy? — S.W.

DEAR S.W.: A true food allergy occurs when the body's immune system believes that a normally harmless food is an invader out to cause harm. The first step in the development of a classic food allergy is called sensitization. This occurs when part of a food, usually a fragment of protein, is somehow absorbed before it's completely digested. It's an uncommon event, but there's a greater risk of this happening during the first six months of life, before the digestive system has fully matured.

Soon after the food fragment enters the body, it runs into the immune system — the body's security police. Because the protein is where it doesn't belong, the immune system carries out its primary mission to attack and eliminate all trespassers. The immune system remembers this invader and prepares itself for any future encounters. At this point, the body is said to have been sensitized. The immune system then responds when the person eats that same food, only this time allergy symptoms ranging from gastrointestinal upset, sneezing, runny nose, asthma, skin rashes, swelling and headache, to a life-threatening drop in blood pressure, can occur. The most common food allergies involve nuts, eggs, shellfish, wheat, milk and soy. It's believed that the proteins in these foods may have the peculiar ability to slip through the intestinal wall. People can outgrow some types of food allergies, but there are some that persist into adulthood.

When speaking of food allergies, it is important to differentiate them from an adverse reaction.

An adverse reaction refers to any time you react to a food in an undesirable way. All allergies are adverse reactions, but not all adverse reactions are allergies. Adverse reactions often get mislabeled as allergies. Lactose intolerance — a reduced ability to digest the carbohydrate found in milk products — is a classic example of an adverse reaction that is not an allergy.

People sensitive to preservatives, the flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate (MSG), food coloring and sulfites in wine often react in a way that resembles a food allergy. For these people, the only practical remedy is to switch to foods that don't contain these additives.

Figuring out whether a food allergy or an adverse reaction exists, and then pinpointing the responsible food, can be a challenge. The symptoms match those in common illnesses, and the same food allergy that causes a runny nose in one person could cause a life-threatening reaction in another.

Even if you are aware of which food causes the allergy, it's not always easy to stay out of trouble. For example, corn syrup is a popular sweetener in processed foods. If you have a corn allergy, you have to avoid all foods that contain this or any other corn byproduct. Conditions under which you eat the suspect food may also play a role. Because stress, infection or alcohol consumption all have an effect on the immune system, they can make you more susceptible to a food allergy reaction that might not normally take place. The mystery is further compounded by the fact that some reactions can have a delayed onset of hours, or even days. With such an array of puzzling possibilities, it's no wonder there's often confusion over who's suffering from what, and over how to proceed.

It is unclear why an allergy might develop later in life. There is always a possibility that an illness, particularly one affecting your digestive or immune systems, might have created a situation in which you became sensitized to foods that you had previously tolerated. Another possibility is that you had always been sensitized to a particular food, but the threshold at which you reacted underwent some sort of change. As for cleansing the body to help eliminate allergies, there is no real evidence that this is possible.

If you have allergy symptoms that you believe are food related, it's helpful to keep a food diary. By recording all your meals and then comparing the entries with your reactions, you may begin to see a pattern emerge.

Always seek qualified assistance if you, or a member of your family, want professional help for your food allergy investigation. A good place to start is with a physician certified through the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. You can also get more information online at the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis network at www.foodallergy.org.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	7.16	6.90	6.93	—.11
AOL TimeWrn	13.76	13.50	13.55	+.08
AT&T Corp rs	17.47	17.15	17.21	+.02
Albertsons	21.58	21.16	21.26	—.19
Alltel	48.99	48.35	48.66	+.41
AmEl Pw	25.92	25.67	25.77	+.20
AndarkPtr	48.20	47.18	47.57	+.39
ATMOS Egy	23.50	23.35	23.39	+.22
Aviall	9.73	9.54	9.72	+.21
BP PLC	40.64	40.35	40.59	+.34
BakerHughes	30.63	30.10	30.46	+.10
Bank of Amer	74.47	74.05	74.15	+.21
BellSouth	26.82	26.61	26.72	+.22
BurlNoSFe	28.85	28.37	28.50	—.14
Caterpillar	53.44	52.99	53.28	+.49
CenterPoint	8.68	8.18	8.66	+.48
ChevronTex	67.64	67.04	67.20	+.08
Citigroup	39.39	38.90	39.13	+.23
CocaCola	44.95	44.45	44.90	+.65
ColgatePal	58.13	57.60	58.05	+.28
CmclMetals s	18.48	18.26	18.31	—.18
ConocoPhill	52.13	51.90	51.98	+.18
Cooper Inds	38.60	38.20	38.44	+.22
DaimlrChry	31.66	31.12	31.31	—.31
DeltaAirl	14.74	14.05	14.07	—.41
Dillards Inc	14.40	14.13	14.15	—.02
DowChem	32.06	31.79	31.91	+.03
DuPont	43.20	42.56	42.68	—.19
EastmanChem	31.10	30.70	31.06	+.34
EstKodak	30.10	29.86	30.00	+.05
EDS Corp	18.72	18.42	18.46	+.01
Entergy	48.58	48.20	48.51	+.44
ExxonMobil	35.44	35.19	35.24	+.03
FootLocker	11.39	11.28	11.33	+.08
GenDynam	64.70	63.80	64.49	+1.37
GenElec	28.93	28.54	28.64	+.03
GenMills	45.92	45.60	45.66	—.06
GenMotors	36.25	35.43	35.54	—.37
GaPacific	18.60	18.34	18.38	+.02
Goodrich	17.14	16.86	16.90	+.02
Goodyear	6.65	6.48	6.59	+.05
GtAtlPac	7.09	6.96	7.02	+.12
Halliburtn	24.67	24.06	24.60	+.39
Hanson ADS	27.78	27.49	27.78	—.34
HarteHanks s	19.16	18.98	19.05	+.09
HomeDepot	29.90	28.83	28.90	—.70
Honeywellntl	25.24	24.77	24.85	—.15
IBM	89.96	88.75	89.29	+.59
IntlPaper	37.46	37.01	37.14	+.01
JohnsonJn	55.94	55.24	55.31	—.04
KinderMorg	47.38	47.14	47.14	+.12
Kroger Co	15.35	15.14	15.20	—.05
LockheedM	49.77	49.10	49.29	—.28
Lowes Cos	45.07	43.96	44.09	—.45
Lubys	2.50	2.44	2.45	+.03
LucentTech	2.22	2.16	2.20	+.02
MarathonOil	24.67	24.43	24.51	+.21
MayDeptStr	21.50	20.80	20.90	—.40
Medtronic	48.50	47.93	48.26	+.41
Motorola	9.28	8.90	9.00	+.08
NCR Corp	24.20	23.40	23.97	+.66
Navistar	27.69	25.00	27.64	+.02
PNM Rescs	24.67	24.35	24.64	+.29
Penney JC	17.40	16.50	16.99	—.23
PepBoys	9.46	8.80	8.93	—.78
PepsiCo	43.80	43.41	43.69	+.32
PhelpDodge	33.95	33.40	33.78	+.18
PilgrmPrd B	8.53	8.35	8.36	—.15
Praxair	58.30	57.64	58.01	—.02
ProctGamb	89.69	88.60	89.58	+.98
RadioShack	23.80	23.17	23.24	—.55
RoyalDut	44.79	44.45	44.64	—.10
SBC Comm	24.97	24.60	24.71	+.05
SaraLee	17.63	17.46	17.48	—.01
Scripps EW	86.20	85.89	86.00	—.20
SearsRoeb	27.12	26.73	26.80	—.37
SherwinW	28.20	27.90	27.98	+.02
SouthernCo	29.13	28.99	29.00	+.01
SwstAirl	15.90	15.66	15.70	—.08
SprintFON	11.78	11.60	11.64	—.05
SprintPCS	3.71	3.59	3.61	—.06
Sunoco Inc	38.11	37.70	37.89	—.16
TXU Corp	19.64	19.37	19.56	+.24
TempleInland	46.59	46.13	46.35	+.13
TexInd	21.59	21.22	21.22	—.22
TexasInst	19.88	19.30	19.38	—.04
Textron	33.77	32.41	32.42	+.13
TrinityInds	18.40	18.03	18.09	+.09
TylerTech	4.03	3.98	4.01	+.04
UnionPacif	60.52	60.10	60.15	—.01
USSteel	14.47	14.22	14.39	+.14
UnitedTech	67.95	67.15	67.26	—.15
Unocal	29.04	28.85	28.90	+.04
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Teen's killer to be executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The criminal history of convicted killer Bruce Charles Jacobs showed a pattern of threats or assaults with sharp objects like knives or razor blades.

Texas prison officials were set this evening to stick a pair of needles carrying lethal drugs into Jacobs' arms for the fatal stabbing of a Dallas teenager while he slept at home almost 17 years ago.

The lethal injection would make Jacobs the 15th Texas inmate executed this year.

Jacobs, 56, was condemned for the slaying of Conrad Harris, hacked with a butcher knife on July 22, 1986, his 16th birthday. A medical examiner testified the boy had been stabbed at least 24 times in an "overkill" and lost half of his blood supply in the attack.

"This is one of those cases, if there was ever a death penalty case, in my mind this is one," Day Haygood, one of the prosecutors at Jacobs' trial, recalled this week. "The most horrific part was his father heard the boy screaming and found Jacobs cutting him."

With Hugh Harris providing the eyewitness identification of Jacobs as his son's killer, a Dallas County jury convicted Jacobs of capital murder and decided he should be put to death.

While acknowledging he was in the Harris house near the Southern Methodist University campus at 6:30 that morning, Jacobs insisted he was wrongly accused.

"I'm going to get executed for something I didn't do," he said recently from death row. "Somebody jumped me from behind... I left and went home. I didn't know there was a murder until three days later."

Harris' wife and the victim's stepmother, Holly Kuper, told authorities a man matching Jacobs' description tried to push his way into her house the morning before the murder but she managed to get the door locked and called police.



10 YEARS — Four Western Texas College employees were recognized for 10 years service at Tuesday night's awards dinner. Receiving plaques were, from left, Linda Englert, Marvin Bentle and Linda Wright. Not pictured is Lester McClain. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, May 16, 2003

There are strong indications that your entrepreneurial instincts may be greatly enhanced in the year ahead and you could take on a venture or enterprise that would turn out to be very lucrative for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Follow your hunches today because you'll intuitively sense things that your intellect could overlook. These hidden little hints could give you something to smile about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There will be nothing wrong with using all of the leverage you have at your disposal today, so long as you do so in an ethical manner. Friends or associates will consider it smart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may come to your attention today that something you've been involved in now has far greater potential than you had realized. Get right on it and start reevaluating things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Stop filtering an important issue that needs to be resolved through subordinates who don't have the clout to do anything about it. You can get right to the head honcho today if you'll give it a try.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone with whom you enjoy a close emotional relationship may open up a channel for you today that will bring a great deal of happiness into your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Focus your efforts today on a common cause you share with others. You could be exceptionally lucky in an arrangement that has a number of friendly associates involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Financial opportunities could develop for you today in ways that you would consider totally unexpected. Something opportune would be at its base and increase your earnings or holdings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Wherever you go today, sunshine follows. Your bright, happy-go-lucky attitude helps you instinctively know what to do and say to brighten the lives of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'd be smart today to stand back and let others who claim they can do better run the show. In reality, they actually can and will bring about much larger rewards than you could muster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Something that you've been hoping would take place looks like it could happen today and turn out even better than what you have been anticipating. It'll be like a dream come true.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Concentrate all your efforts today on something that looks like it would be one of the most promising things that could happen to you. It is, and will be. Go, man, go.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The same areas in which you came up empty yesterday could now prove to be the luckiest ones for you. Chance will play the leading role in making this possible today.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Nickel allergy causes rash

DEAR DR. GOTT: My hands and arms constantly break out in tiny water blisters. Then the skin swells and cracks. A dermatologist diagnosed nickel allergy and treated me with antibiotics. Yet, I still have symptoms. In fact, my sweat literally eats the metal off the frames of my glasses. What advice can you give me?

DEAR READER: Skin allergies (contact dermatitis) often cause blisters that eventually break, leading to raw, cracked skin surfaces. These allergies can be due to soaps, detergents, cosmetics, medications and a wide variety of environmental factors; nickel allergy is one of the worst. It's particularly bad, because nickel is added to many metals in their processing, especially jewelry. Rings, frames of glasses, bracelets and earrings may cause severe skin reactions that may be difficult to diagnose, because they often resemble other skin ailments, such as eczema, or allergies to one of the other compounds I listed above.

I don't know if nickel is the culprit in your case — I'll accept your dermatologist's conclusion that it is — but I do know that antibiotics are not the treatment of choice. (Perhaps, however, your dermatitis had become infected, making antibiotics an appropriate option.) Avoidance of nickel-containing metals and the use of cortisone (in cream or pills) are preferred therapies. Although contact dermatitis is not hazardous to health, it can be annoying because of itching and pain. Perhaps your body is reacting to the nickel in the frames of your glasses.

I suggest that you visit an allergist for extensive testing to determine the precise basis for your skin reactions. Then, once the situation has been clarified, you can be advised about how to avoid continuing symptoms.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." 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: My daughter has good days and bad. Sometimes she's OK; other times she vomits a lot and has bad stomachaches. How long can I expect this to last? Could it be life threatening?

DEAR READER: I cannot answer the specifics in your question without obtaining much more information than you have supplied. Assuming your daughter is not suffering from morning sickness, cyclic vomiting and abdominal pain often reflect diseases of the stomach and upper intestine, such as gastritis (stomach irritation), peptic ulcer or acid reflux. However, pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) and gallstones could also cause these symptoms.

To discover the cause of the problem, your daughter should see her family physician, who will take a detailed medical history (to learn about the type of pain, its pattern and its location), examine her thoroughly and order certain lab tests, such as an upper gastrointestinal X-ray, a CT scan and an abdominal ultrasound.

Whether the vomiting and pain are serious (or simply temporary and harmless) remains to be seen. Your daughter clearly needs professional attention.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes excessive sweating? My 80-year-old aunt with arthritis has the problem. Her only medication is ibuprofen.

DEAR READER: Excessive perspiration (hyperhydrosis) can be caused by stress and fever. It is also associated with skin diseases (such as contact dermatitis) and glandular abnormalities (such as hyperthyroidism). Ibuprofen does not ordinarily increase sweating.

Your aunt should see a doctor. For instance, although an overactive thyroid gland is not common in the elderly, the ailment is treatable and can be diagnosed with a simple blood test.

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Low-flying plane worries New York

NEW YORK (AP) — A commercial plane carrying returning military personnel flew near the Statue of Liberty and low over part of Manhattan, prompting emergency calls from people on the ground.

The Continental Airlines plane, a Boeing 777, was given permission to change its flight plan as it approached its destination of Newark Liberty International Airport at about 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

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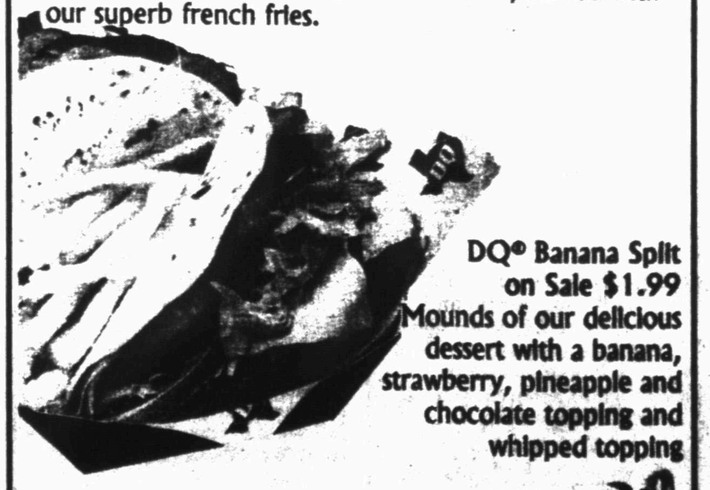
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Lawmakers: Saudi attack hard to prevent

WASHINGTON (AP) — No level of security can guarantee protection against attacks by terrorists willing to die for their cause, the Saudi ambassador to the United States said today.

"But what we can do, however, is pursue them vigorously and when we get them, we bring them to justice, try them and punish them swiftly and harshly," said Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Bandar once again defended his country's response to a request by the United States for improved security in an area of Riyadh where Westerners live. Speculation about security arrangements there continues in the wake of the car-bomb attacks early this week that killed over 30 people, including several Americans.

Leading congressional figures on intelligence issues said Wednesday the attacks would have been difficult to stop even if Saudi officials had responded more aggressively to U.S. pleas.

U.S. ambassador Robert Jordan said that before the attacks, Saudi officials failed to respond to repeated requests for more protection at Western residential compounds and government installations.

Bandar acknowledged that Wednesday in a series of U.S. television interviews. He suggested that Jordan sought security for only one compound.

"He asked for increased security at a certain compound," Bandar told CBS News. "We have passed it to the right authority, and that compound that he was concerned about was the only place that the evil people who did this attack did not cause injuries except killing the Saudi guards."

"Our security agencies, ... the air force came to the conclusion there were adequate measures there," he said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Bandar quickly added: "There is no 100 percent security when a determined, crazy, evil person is determined to die."

Traveling with Secretary of State Colin Powell in Europe, a senior U.S. official said it was up to the companies involved and to the Saudi government to act on requests for more security.

China threatens to execute people who spread the SARS virus intentionally

BEIJING (AP) — The SARS emergency worsened in Taiwan, which had its biggest one-day jump in cases today, while China threatened possible execution for people who cause death or injury by deliberately spreading the disease.

The warning by China's Supreme Court, reported by the official Xinhua News Agency, appeared to be an effort to force compliance with quarantines and other restrictions. It cited existing laws with tough penalties, including a possible death penalty for even nonviolent offenses.

Police said today that a doctor carrying SARS was arrested for allegedly breaking quarantine and starting an outbreak that infected more than 100 people in the northern Chinese city of Linhe — the first known arrest on charges of infecting others. He was to be charged under a law that has a maximum sentence of three years — and it was not immediately clear if the tougher penalties would apply to him.

The disease continued to wreak havoc on businesses throughout Asia. At a meeting in the Philippines, travel executives said SARS has caused more damage to the global airline industry than the Sept. 11 attacks and the war in Iraq combined. The world's airlines expect to lose more than $10 billion this year, they said.

"At no time in the history of aviation have we ever seen declines of the magnitude that we are now seeing in the Asian region as a result of SARS," said Thomas Andrew Drysdale, regional director for the International Air Transport Association.

The number of people killed by SARS climbed to at least 602 with new deaths reported today. More than 7,600 have been infected.

Taiwan today reported 26 new infections bringing its total number of cases to 264, with 34 deaths. And more hospitals reported possible outbreaks, widening the crisis.

The capital's Mackay Memorial Hospital said today 90 workers were quarantined after staff showed SARS-like symptoms, and a similar quarantine was imposed at a hospital in Kaohsiung, Taiwan's second largest city.

Taiwanese authorities also sought to track down 1,600 people who may have come into contact with SARS patients at Taipei's National Taiwan University Hospital, which has been overwhelmed by a surge in cases.

Republicans woo moderates to pass aggressive dividend tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans secured just enough votes today to temporarily eliminate taxes on stock dividends and preserve the foundation of President Bush's formula for using tax cuts to stimulate a languid economy.

House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said a temporary solution may not be good enough. "My view, it doesn't solve the problem," he said. "There needs to be a permanence."

Republicans collected 50 votes in favor of an amendment to expand the dividend tax cut and will need the tie-breaking vote of Vice President Dick Cheney.

Two wavering moderates announced this morning they will back the bigger package. Moderate Republican George Voinovich of Ohio said it "gets the biggest bang for the buck that we can possibly get."

"I have concluded that the Nickles amendment is more stimulative to the economy than what came out of the Finance Committee," he said.

Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska said he will be one of two Democrats voting for the amendment, along with Zell Miller of Georgia. "I think this is a package that I can vote for," he said

Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., prepared the amendment, which would eliminate taxes on 50 percent of dividend income for one year, then eliminate the whole dividend tax for three years. The dividend tax would return in 2007 under the proposal.

The more robust dividend plan shaves tax cuts for married couples and small businesses to make room for more dividend breaks in the bill, which cuts taxes $350 billion over the coming decade, Nickles said.

Nelson's support makes up for the loss of Republican Olympia Snowe of Maine, who favors an approach that eliminates the taxes for 86 percent of shareholders by excluding $500 of dividend income.

"My position hasn't changed," Snowe said.

The bill, as crafted by the Senate Finance Committee, would have provided taxpayers $500 in tax-free dividends, plus an additional 10 percent tax-free for five years and an additional 20 percent tax-free for the next five years.

The House chose to reduce the top tax rate on dividends to 15 percent, treating dividends in the same manner as capital gains and reducing taxes on both types of investment income. Low-income taxpayers would pay 5 percent tax.

The shape of the dividend tax cut will be one of dozens of decisions made today during a marathon of votes.

Democrat John Breaux of Louisiana will ask senators to choose between a tax increase on Americans who work abroad and keeping the entire dividend tax cut. Breaux said oil and gas workers in his state will be harmed by a tax cut never debated by lawmakers. "It just appeared mysteriously," he said.

A memo drafted by Republicans on the Senate Finance Committee said the tax break is "skewed heavily toward upper-income taxpayers working overseas."

Other Democratic amendments extend unemployment insurance, give the child tax credit to more workers, and double the bill's $20 billion in state aid.

Woman arrested on city warrants

Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a 24-year-old woman at Royal Trailer Park Wednesday morning on city warrants for driving without a license.

Criminal mischief

A woman in the 3400 block of Houston Ave. reported her storm door was shattered when she returned home at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Theft

Robert Lane reported the theft of a day planner that contained his social security card, driver's license and bank account information.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off worth $11.01 at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

A drive off in the amount of $7.90 was reported at 6 p.m. from Town and Country East.

Deputy killed near Palestine

PALESTINE (AP) — An East Texas sheriff's deputy was found shot to death early today after a short chase with a vehicle he had radioed in as suspicious, authorities said.

Shelby Green, a 39-year-old investigator with the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, was on his way to back up another officer on a domestic disturbance call when he noticed a suspicious vehicle at a Bradford area store where he thought a burglary might be taking place, Chief Deputy Mike Link said.

Green chased the vehicle, which appeared to be a silver Chevrolet truck, until it stopped on a bridge. As Green approached the vehicle gun fire was exchanged and he was apparently shot once in the chest, Link said.

An officer on the way to assist Green found his body about 1:00 a.m. Officers went back to the scene after daylight to search for evidence, Link said. The Texas Rangers are assisting the investigation.

Link described Green, a nine-year veteran of the sheriff's department, as a hard worker who was well liked in his community, where he was a former school board member.

"He'll be missed," Link said. "We're a small department — a lot like a family. Everyone is very upset, but we still have a job to do."

Green is survived by his wife and three children.

Obituaries

Mrs. Willingham

1927-2003

Olive Yvonne Willingham, 76, died Wednesday, May 14, at her home on the Colorado City highway after a sudden illness.



Willingham

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Breckenridge Cemetery. The Rev. Sam Earp of North Park Assembly of God Church in Abilene will officiate where Mrs. Willingham was a member. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 20, 1927 in Brownwood, she married Barton C. Willingham on Oct. 16, 1994.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sam Martin Jr. in October 1972; and two brothers, Adrian and Alton Wesley.

Survivors include three sons, Jerry Martin of Snyder, Jimmy Martin of Plano and Billy Martin of Brownfield; and two daughters, Nelda Randolph and Samantha Cunningham, both of Snyder; a brother, Royce Wesley of Keller; four sisters, Deveda Watson of Woodson, Josie Colburn of Alabama, Juanita Procter of Santo, and Wanda Martin of Olton; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6-7 Friday evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Bobbie Marchel

1908-2003

Bobbie Lou Marchel, 95, died Wednesday, May 14, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Marchel will be cremated and a memorial service is planned for a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 22, 1908 in Dangerfield, she married William Marchel in 1975 in Snyder. He died July 24, 1981. Mrs. Marchel was a homemaker and a Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include a daughter, Sallie Mae Peterson of Snyder; two sons, Curtis H. Thompson of Snyder and Billy Ray Thompson of Phoenix, Ariz.; and numerous grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

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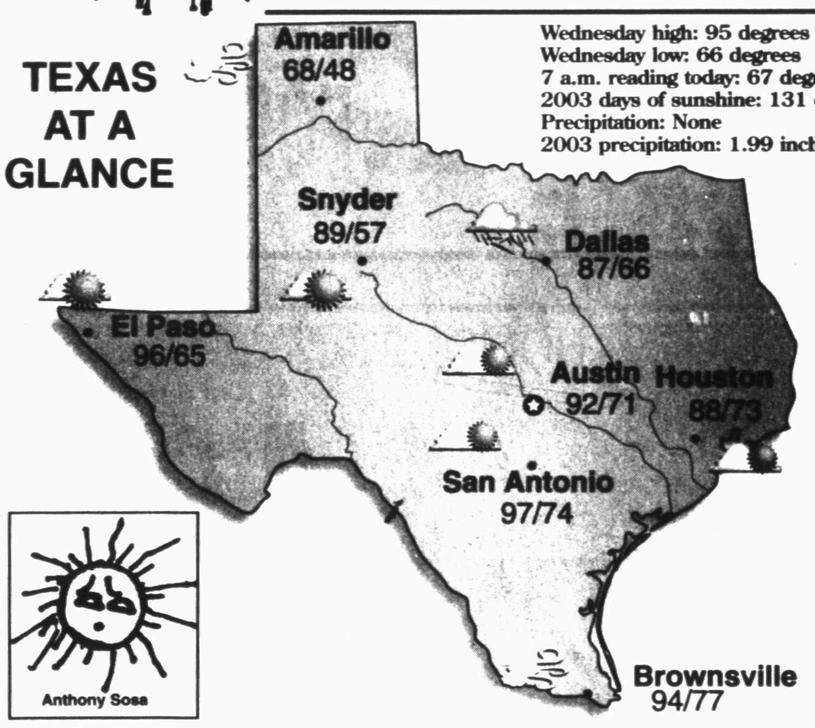
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18
89/57	88/56	95/72
Mostly sunny skies. High 89F. Winds WNW at 15 to 25 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:44 AM, Sunset 8:36 PM	Sunrise 6:44 AM, Sunset 8:37 PM	Sunrise 6:43 AM, Sunset 8:37 PM

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Wednesday high: 95 degrees
Wednesday low: 66 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 67 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 131 of 134
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.99 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	61	mst sunny	El Paso	96	65	mst sunny	Midland	96	61	sunny
Amarillo	68	48	windy	Fort Stockton	97	63	sunny	Raymondville	96	74	windy
Austin	92	71	pt sunny	Gainesville	84	60	pt sunny	Rosenberg	88	73	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	73	pt sunny	Greenville	83	61	t-storm	San Antonio	97	74	pt sunny
Brownsville	94	77	windy	Houston	88	73	pt sunny	San Marcos	93	72	pt sunny
Brownwood	93	64	pt sunny	Kingsville	97	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	63	t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	76	pt sunny	Livingston	89	69	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	59	mst sunny
Corsicana	87	65	t-storm	Longview	84	67	t-storm	Tyler	85	67	t-storm
Dallas	87	66	t-storm	Lubbock	82	53	windy	Weatherford	87	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	101	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	85	59	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	63	t-storm	Houston	88	73	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	75	mst sunny
Boston	50	43	windy	Los Angeles	73	58	pt sunny	San Francisco	67	50	windy
Chicago	64	49	pt sunny	Miami	85	76	pt sunny	Seattle	51	38	rain
Dallas	87	66	t-storm	Minneapolis	71	53	pt sunny	St. Louis	66	58	cloudy
Denver	69	47	pt sunny	New York	53	45	rain	Washington, DC	60	55	t-storm

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
May 9	May 16	May 23	May 31

UV Index

Fri 5/16	Sat 5/17	Sun 5/18
Extreme	Extreme	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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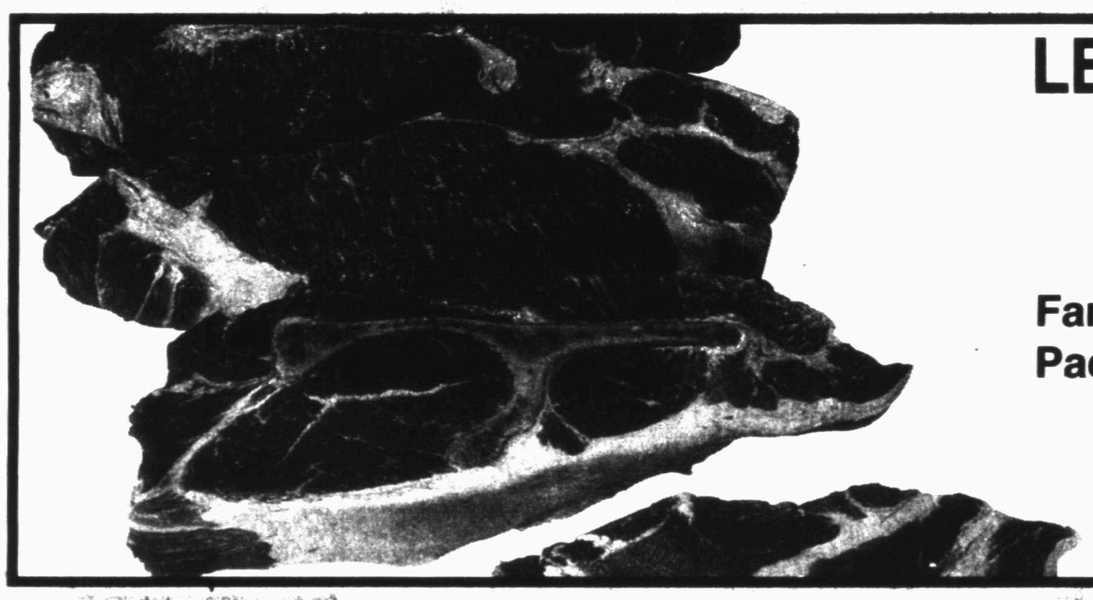
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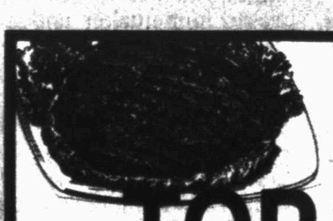


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