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THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are two kinds of people who make mistakes. One won't admit 'em, and the other calls them experience."

There's more proof that the elected folks in Washington, D.C. don't live in — or have forgotten about — the real world.

This headline caught our attention:

Senators feathering Byrd's nest with taxpayer money

The article offered proof that Congress still hasn't exhausted ways to waste our hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

Read on from an editorial in the Philadelphia Inquirer:

"The legendary West Virginia Democrat this month lost his cherished chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, one of the most powerful gigs in Washington. And because Byrd is no longer chairman, he must move out of the chairman's office, a gilded sanctuary at the Capitol over which many a senator has salivated.

"The thought of the proud octogenarian being sent packing to a more humble office was too much for his clubby colleagues to bear. So the Senate agreed to build Byrd a replica of the ornate Senate president pro tempore's office and to bestow on him the made-up title of president pro tempore emeritus.

"This is pompous, self-congratulatory and wasteful, even by the Senate's super-size standard for vanity. No one has said yet how many thousands of tax dollars will be spent on this mini-museum. All the more laughable is that Senate Republicans, so fond of promoting themselves as the watchdogs of public money, went along with the tribute for Byrd.

"'It's not worth the trouble he can create if you don't give him deference,' Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., explained.

"Byrd, who has been a champion of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, ought to acquaint himself with something Alexander Hamilton wrote in 1776: 'A fondness of power is implanted, in most men, and it is natural to abuse it, when acquired.'

"Meanwhile, over in the House, Republicans have loosened their belts a few notches to begin accepting more gifts from lobbyists again. Lawmakers found that the restrictive gift ban enacted in 1995 during Newt Gingrich's era no longer fits their lifestyle.

"The new rules allow lawmakers and staff to once again accept free golf trips and free catered meals at their offices, paid by special interests.

"But don't judge them too harshly. According to Hamilton, they just can't help themselves."

And tax-paying time is just around the corner!

In support of the U.S., one fellow coffee drinker has declared: "No more Perrier water or french fries and absolutely no french kissing."

Until March 21...

Bush may be willing to delay vote on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adopting a two-pronged strategy to avert a U.N. defeat, the Bush administration once again portrayed Iraq as in violation of international demands it disarm, but signaled a willingness to revise its troubled resolution endorsing the use of force.

As new evidence to condemn Saddam Hussein as a deceptive cheat, Secretary of State Colin Powell and his spokesman cited the development of drone airplanes and cluster bombs, both capable of spreading chemicals. Powell said the world should be concerned.

But chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix said existence if the pilotless aircraft was not a "smoking gun" and there is no proof yet that the drones are linked to illegal weapons programs.

"We are investigating what the drones are," he said.

Hoping to win the support of U.N. Security Council fence-sitters, U.S. and British diplomats consulted with them on extending the March 17 deadline proposed last Friday for Iraq to disclose and eliminate all its hidden weapons of mass destruction until March 21.

In the process, a vote planned for today was postponed at least until later in the week. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer described consultations on the March 17 deadline as "fluid."

President Bush and Powell pressed their diplomacy to secure at least the minimally required nine votes for adoption of the resolution. The foreign minister of Guinea, Francois Fall, said after a luncheon meeting with Powell that Guinea and other council members were "in intensive consultations in order to find a compromise."

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher confirmed that revising the tough resolution in a bid to gain support was being considered.

"We are obviously listening to other governments as we talk to them, and we'll see where we come out on this. At this point I don't want to predict anything either way," Boucher said.

Still, opposition by France and Russia loomed as huge hurdles for the resolution devised jointly by the United States, Britain and Spain.

In Paris, French President Jacques Chirac said France was prepared to veto the resolution, if necessary, and joined Russia in saying the two nations would vote against a March 17 deadline.

While today had not been officially set as the date for a vote on the resolution U.S. officials made clear it was the intention.

Signaling a change in timing, Fleischer declined to predict when the resolution would be taken up. "It certainly could be any day later than tomorrow," he said.

Powell, meanwhile, voiced concern over the discovery that Iraq has unmanned drone aircraft capable of dispensing chemical weapons.

Disclosure last week by U.N. weapons inspectors that Iraq had such aircraft "should be of concern to everybody," Powell said.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE — **The curtain will rise at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday for the Ritz Theatre production *Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Resselring. Tickets are on sale at the box office on the south side of the Snyder square through Thursday. Tickets are $7 each and groups of 10 or more are $5 each. Characters from a scene include, from left, John Fenton, Kent Wright, Georgia King and Emily Hataway. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)**

For Democrats...

As war talk heats up, campaign cooling off

WASHINGTON (AP) — The looming war against Iraq is forcing the Democratic presidential hopefuls to rethink their campaigns during the coming weeks.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean has postponed a speech on universal health care; aides say a major policy announcement now would be ill-timed. One-time presidential candidate Gary Hart has delayed disclosing his plans for a possible 2004 bid because of the likelihood of war. And Sen. Bob Graham of Florida may put off by several weeks his formal entry into the White House race.

"It's real simple," said Democratic consultant Dane Strother. "The second the first missile is shot, everyone stands and salutes, the presidential campaign is put in the icebox, and you don't dare politicize anything."

Starting earlier than usual, the presidential campaigns have been in the nascent stage, with candidates making short trips to Iowa and New Hampshire to deliver a handful of policy speeches while focusing primarily on hiring staff and raising campaign money. Only two of the nine candidates — Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri — have announced their candidacies formally.

Even those few public events will be scrapped once a military conflict is under way. Instead, the candidates will focus on another March deadline and a critical measure of which campaigns lead in the crowded field and which are struggling. March 31 is the date when the campaigns must report their fund-raising totals for the first quarter.

One Democratic hopeful, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, plans fund-raisers in New York on today, Boston on Wednesday and San Francisco on Thursday.

"None of the candidates are out having large partisan rallies," said Steve Elmendorf, an aide to the Gephardt campaign. "Most of the campaigns are doing retail, raising money, house parties in small groups. What people would find inappropriate is if you're out having big flag-draped rallies attacking the president."

Many of the Democrats will travel to Sacramento, Calif., at week's end for the state party's convention, even though the session probably is at the cusp of action in Iraq. The decision reflects a political reality: Electoral-rich California, with its wealthy donors, cannot be ignored.

The rhetoric will be at a minimum from most of the candidates, however, especially after the fighting begins.

"I'm sure they'll make very supportive comments and suspend any kind of major campaign events at the very beginning," said David Rohde, a professor at Michigan State University. "If it stretches on, they'll take their cue from what the president does, if the president does engage in political activity."

Few candidates would want a major policy announcement or campaign statement overshadowed, as Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana found out in 1995. Lugar formally announced he was running for president on April 19, 1995, the day of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Still, three vociferous anti-war candidates, Al Sharpton, Carol Moseley Braun and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich, promise to continue their public campaigns against Bush's Iraq policy.

But Democratic consultant Strother said that during the initial phases of the conflict, "there's nothing they can do short of enlisting in the Army to get any press anyway."

SPRING BREAK — Eric and Kirsten Courtney enjoyed time off from school this morning by dropping a line in Towle Park pond. The fish weren't biting, but the siblings agreed it still beat sitting in class. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jurors to report during morning hours March 18

The lights are out on night court.

Prospective jurors have received a summons to report for duty next Tuesday at 8 p.m.

According to District Clerk Trina Rodgers, the jury summons is half right – or half wrong – depending on the point of view.

Those called must report Tuesday, March 18, in 132nd District Court. But the time to report is 8 a.m.

ASK US

Q—When are the annual Bluebonnet Trail events in the Hill Country?

A—The Bluebonnet Trail Arts and Crafts Show is the first two weekends in April.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Laura Menges...

...is a substitute teacher and her husband of 15 years, Karl, is a welder for Kinder Morgan. The couple have four children, John, 15, Clayton, 11, Jacob, 9 and Tori, 6. Laura enjoys reading and going to the movies. She is working on her goal of reading the Bible in one year.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life consists of a lot of minor annoyances and a few matters of real consequence.

—Harvey Penick

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible club

Northside Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Club from 11 a.m. until noon this week through Friday for elementary age children. For more information, call 573-7105.

Community garden planning

The rescheduled community garden planning session is 7 tonight at First Presbyterian Church. Persons interested in growing food for the needy, or have a family garden at the site are welcome to attend.

AARP board meeting

An AARP board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senior Center.

Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

UW board meeting

Scurry County United Way board will meet at noon Monday at the offices at 2311 Ave. T.

Community services fair

The community services fair will be next Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. Free hot dogs, drinks and door prizes are hosted by Scurry Community Services.

GED pre-registration, testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Thursday, March 20, at the GED testing center at WTC, Building 7B, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 21. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

Parenting seminar

All interested persons are invited to a parenting seminar at Central Elementary at 3 p..n. Thursday, March 20. Chris Bane, Snyder ISD nurse, will present a program on health needs of children and how to encourage good health habits. Child care will be provided.

SHS senior activities

Senior parents need to send in their $20 as soon as possible. Also, the three pictures of your senior student are needed by April 4. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

Withered flowers needed

The First Assembly of God youth group is needing withered flowers for a project. Call Camelia Soa at 574-2922 to have them picked up.

Trees still available

The Soil and Water Conservation office still has several varieties of trees available at $1 each. These include Lace Bark Elm, Sand Plum, Honeylocust, and Aromatic Sumac. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

Relay for Life teams needed

Teams are now being recruited for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Scurry County to be held April 25-26 at Tiger Stadium. For more information, contact Margaret Presswood, recruitment chairperson, at 573-4873.

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Monday, 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.

Man admits killing young son

HOUSTON (AP) — In a move that caught prosecutors by surprise, a 34-year-old Houston man admitted that he killed his 19-month-old son last year during a standoff with police SWAT officers.

Timothy Adams pleaded guilty to capital murder on Monday, the day his case was scheduled to go to trial. The jury that had been selected to hear the case went directly into the punishment phase instead.

In his opening statement of the punishment phase Monday, prosecutor Lance Long said Adams was quarreling with his wife, who was trying to move out of their apartment and sue him for divorce.

As she fled the apartment, Adams snatched their child and shot at his wife, Long said. She was not hit by the gunfire.

Witnesses called 911, reporting a man was in front of the apartments, holding a child and shooting at a woman. Adams returned to the apartment, barricaded himself inside with the child and negotiated with police by telephone, jurors were told.

Polls say many in U.S. back likely war

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has managed to rally public support for a war with Iraq, a new poll says, even though most Americans say the administration hasn't said enough about the reasons for war.

While polls released Monday showed Bush's approval rating has dropped into the low to mid-50s, they also show general support for military action holding firm, and sentiment for prompt action growing slightly.

The polls highlighted the stakes for the president in the Iraq conflict.

Two-thirds support military action against Iraq. About the same percentage say United Nations support is desirable but not necessary if the United States has the support of other countries like Australia, Britain and Spain, according to an ABC poll.

Public support for the war has tended to fluctuate depending on the timing and whether this country has the support of allies or the United Nations.

Half of the respondents in a CBS-New York Times poll said the threat of Iraq's development of weapons requires action now, while four in 10 said the threat can be contained; the public was evenly divided on that question in early March. The number in the poll who said weapons inspectors should be given more time was down from 60 percent in early March to 52 percent now.

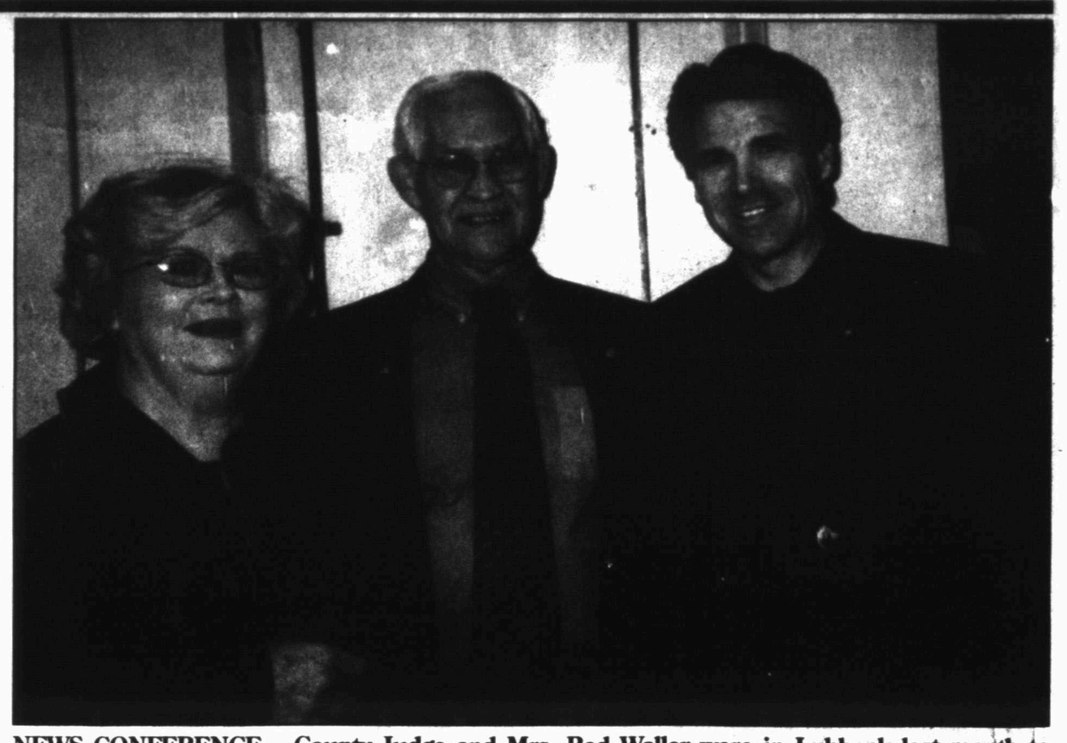
Other findings in the CBS-Times poll:

—Six in 10 said the United States should take allies' views into account, while 36 percent said the United States should do what it thinks is right.

—The public was divided on what this country should do if Russia, France or China veto a new resolution authorizing the use of force if Iraq doesn't completely disarm in the coming days. Those saying proceed anyway made up 44 percent while 49 percent say the United States should take the veto into account.

—People were evenly divided on whether other world leaders respect President Bush, while they thought by a 49-39 margin two weeks ago that he was respected by those leaders.

—More people tend to think a war with Iraq will make the economy worse and will increase the risk of terrorism in this country.



NEWS CONFERENCE – County Judge and Mrs. Rod Waller were in Lubbock last month to attend a press conference given by Gov. Rick Perry. The Texas governor discussed his state of the state address. (Photo contributed by Vicki Shroyer)

For small sites...

EPA lets oil and gas producers avoid permits for storm water

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oil and gas developers are getting another two years before they have to obtain storm water pollution permits at some 30,000 sites around the country.

The permits were to have been required beginning Monday under regulations adopted in 1999, but the Environmental Protection Agency said in a Federal Register notice that the former Clinton administration had underestimated their impact on the oil and gas industry.

Expanding protections against sediments, oil, pesticides and fertilizers carried by storm water into lakes and rivers, EPA officials in the Clinton administration decided to make anyone altering one to five acres of land get a permit from state or federal authorities.

Congress mandated the improvements in 1987 to protect against storm water runoff from industrial and municipal sources. In 1990, the first phase of the program took effect for areas of more than five acres and communities with more than 100,000 people.

The exemption announced Monday by EPA applies primarily to oil and natural gas drillers. Also exempted are smaller pipelines that move oil and gas from the wells to processing facilities and storage tanks that feed into the major transmission pipelines.

Other activities affecting runoff from sites of one to five acres will still require the permits. Developers and others, including some 5,000 communities with less than 100,000 population, must submit plans detailing how they will control the runoff.

EPA estimates it will cost $848 million to $981 million annually for the new protections, with $671 million to $1 billion in benefits from cleaner swimming, improved public health and marine life.

John Millett, an EPA spokesman, said the agency needs more information to calculate the costs and benefits of the oil and gas permits.

"It's not a rubber stamp exemption," he said. "We need data to back the rules; any rule without sufficient data is vulnerable to legal challenge."

Jeff Eshelman, a spokesman for the Independent Petroleum Association of America, a trade group, estimated that complying with the requirements for the permits would cost his industry up to $8 billion.

Some lawmakers and environmental groups accused the Bush administration of singling out the oil and gas industry for favorable treatment.

"While thousands of small communities struggle ... the oil and gas industry gets a break. Delaying compliance for one industrial sector is not justified," said Sen. James Jeffords, I-Vt.

Sharon Buccino, a senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said water runoff from oil and gas sites is often worse than that from other construction sites because it contains heavy metals and other toxic compounds.

"Everybody recognizes these kinds of construction activities cause serious water pollution, but the Bush administration is excusing one sector of industry — their friends in the oil and gas industry," she said. "You not only have the problems of erosion, but you have the potential for toxic pollution."

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Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Today is the 70th day of 2003 and the 80th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1824, the Bureau of Indian Affairs was created by the U.S. War Department.

On this day in 1918, the first cases of the Spanish influenza, so called because of the high number of cases in Spain early in the epidemic, were reported in the United States. By 1920, more than 1 percent of the world's population (22 million people) had died from the disease.

On this day in 1941, Britain was allowed to borrow money from the United States in order to buy food and arms during World War II under the new Lend-Lease Bill.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Treat Paine (1731-1814), signer of the Declaration of Independence; Lawrence Welk (1903-1992), bandleader; Sam Donaldson (1934-), journalist, is 69; Bobby McFerrin (1950-), jazz musician, is 53; Curtis Brown Jr. (1956-), astronaut, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the first public basketball game was played in Springfield, Mass., three months after the sport was invented by Dr. James Naismith.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The questions don't do the damage. Only the answers do." — Sam Donaldson

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (March 11).

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UNITED WAY SPECIAL AWARD — Jane Hinton received an award from Scurry County United Fund from president Stephen Covey. Her husband, the late J.D. Hinton, was posthumously honored at the recent awards luncheon for being instrumental in the success of the organization that now helps support 10 agencies that provide services for the citizens of Snyder. He was the initial organizer of the United Way from a community fund. Other board members shown are, from left, Carl Burleson, Kent Wright, Ann Smartt and Dalinda Roberts. The Snyder High School Honor Society is in the process of helping the organization raise $2,600 to reach its $85,000 goal. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Drug helping people allergic to peanut may help millions more with other food allergies

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press Writer

The first drug designed to protect the 1.5 million Americans who are severely allergic to even the smallest trace of peanuts also may aid millions more with other food allergies, researchers said.

The drug, called TNX-901 for now, significantly increased the threshold of sensitivity to peanuts during trials, according to data presented Monday in Denver to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

While no cure, the still-experimental drug should let people avoid severe complications if they unknowingly eat one or two peanuts, the typical accidental exposure.

Since the drug is designed to grab immunoglobulin-E, or IgE, a molecule that plays a major part in asthma and allergies, it might also help people with other food allergies, said one of the researchers.

"We may be talking 6 to 8 million Americans who will have relief from this medicine," study co-author Dr. Donald Y.M. Leung, of the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver, told the academy's annual meeting.

Though on the fast track for federal approval, the drug is many years away from market and a critical third round of tests has been stalled by legal infighting among the three companies with rights to it.

For 15-year-old Allison Rush, a study participant with a potentially lethal allergy to peanuts, the drug means she will no longer have to be hypervigilant about avoiding even the tiniest bit of peanut contamination.

Before her first treatment, the equivalent of one-60th of a peanut made her throat start closing up, her skin break out in hives, her face swell, and her blood pressure drop. After four monthly injections of TNX-901, it took the equivalent of six peanuts to bring on such an anaphylactic attack. Other symptoms of the attack include shortness of breath and swelling shut of the throat.

"Basically, we would not be seeing people in the emergency room or the morgue from peanut accidents," said Dr. S. Allan Bock, an allergist from Boulder, Colo., who was not part of the study.

Dr. Hugh A. Sampson of Mount Sinai Medical School in New York, also not connected with the study, said patients would need lifelong monthly shots of the drug and still would have to guard against eating peanuts.

Peanut allergies account for 50 to 100 deaths in the United States each year. Some youngsters must eat at peanut-free cafeteria tables or even in an isolated room. Some airlines have stopped serving peanuts.

Peanut allergies have been rising in recent decades. No one is sure why, but a new study found that baby creams or lotions containing peanut oil applied on children may lead to peanut allergies in adulthood.

The TNX-901 study — and research on the effectiveness of the allergy drug — will be published Thursday in the New England Journal of Medicine, which released the results Monday on its Web site.

The study was paid for by one of the drug's developers, Tanox Inc., and by grants from the Peanut Board, the Peanut Foundation and the National Institutes of Health.

In the study, 84 people with immediate allergic reactions to peanuts got monthly shots of either a placebo or TNX-901 for four months. There were three different doses of TNX-901; neither doctors nor patients knew who got what.

Those on the highest dose could handle an average of almost nine peanuts' worth of peanut flour at the end, compared with about a half-peanut at the start. And five of them ate the equivalent of 24 peanuts without reacting.

"That's a pretty impressive amount," Sampson said.

The drug is likely to be expensive even if it hits the market, but none of the companies involved — Tanox, Genentech, and Novartis Pharmaceuticals — would say what it may cost.

Jacqui Corba, 13, wasn't in the first two rounds of tests but has gladly been scheduled for the third set. She once was rushed to the emergency room for a reaction apparently set off when another student opened a bag of peanuts two tables away from her peanut-free table in the cafeteria.

"I would love to be relaxed for once," she said.

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On the Net: Food Allergy Network: http://www.foodallergy.org

American Peanut Council: http://www.peanutsusa.com

LIBRARY SITE FOR GARDEN CLUB — Snyder Garden Club members met Thursday at the Scurry County Library. Pamela Maresch, left, presented the program. Shown with her is Betty Wood. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SGC makes plans to plant tree and attend District VIII convention

Snyder Garden Club members met at the Scurry County Library Tuesday for a program, "Gardening with Youth," by Pamela Maresch.

Members agreed to buy and plant a tree in the park in observance of Arbor Day. After discussion, the matter was tabled until the park construction is further underway. The garden club will comply with the decision of the park manager on the kind of tree and the time to plant.

Plans were discussed by those planning to attend the District VIII Spring Convention on March 27-28 in San Angelo.

The next meeting will be held at the Golden Terrace Apartments where lunch will be served by the residents and garden club members will bring them seeds and plants. Sandra Browning will give the program on making garden ornaments, plant markers, wind chimes and other garden paraphernalia.

Jean McCommas is a new club member.

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Once you can accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy.

—Albert Einstein

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If you can't win, make the fellow ahead of you break the record.

—Anonymous

Births

Morgan Wilson announces the arrival of his brother, Hudson Miles Wilson, at 3:38 p.m. on March 7 in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. He weighed eight pounds, 10½ ounces and was 19½ inches long. Parents are Lance and Rachael Wilson.

Grandparents are Jimmy and Donna Wilson, Beatriz and Jerry Cline of Snyder and the late Brad Morgan.

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Mary Jane Martinez announces the birth of her son, Elias Juan Martinez, at 10:15 p.m. on March 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Elias weighed six pounds and 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Juan and Dora Martinez of Snyder.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Tuesday, March 11, 2003

Look out for those vital spots

By Phillip Alder

Bridge stars watch the spot-cards very closely. You can also watch the stars — on the Okbridge Web site. Here is a typical piece of declarer-play by 13-time world champion Benito Garozzo, who competes most days under the name of Papi.

Garozzo and his partner, Lea Dupont (snabu), had a complicated auction with some artificial bids. In this sequence, South's two-heart reverse promises extra values and, given North's two-over-one response, sets up a game-force. Diamonds are agreed, then there are some control-bids (cue-bids) showing first- and second-round controls.

South must lose a club trick. If he draws trumps, he also loses a heart. If he doesn't draw trumps, East ruffs the third round of hearts. One down then? Not yet. When West led a low trump, East made the fatal error of playing third hand high, putting up the 10. Garozzo won with the queen, cashed the heart ace and club ace, then exited with his losing club. East won with the nine and returned a trump, Garozzo noting the appearance of West's eight. He realized that the missing trump was the five, but would you have known it?

Now came a club ruff in hand, a spade to dummy, another club ruff, a second spade to dummy, and a spade ruff in hand with declarer's final trump. Over to dummy with a heart, Garozzo cashed the diamond seven to draw East's five, discarding a heart from hand, and took the last trick with his heart queen. His 12 tricks were two spades, three hearts, three diamonds, one club and three ruffs in hand.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Rachel Martin, program; Myrtle Joiner, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

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

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

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What God is Like...

What is God like? It is the question of a child. What is God like? It is the question of an adult struggling with the pressures and decisions of life. What is God like? It is the question of one whose life is at an end. What is God really like? Most of us want to know. Some of us want to know very much. Some are curious. There are some who would rather not think about it at all.

Moses wanted to know. God had called him from a burning bush. God had brought the children of Israel out from Egypt with a strong hand. At Mount Sinai, God had thundered his law. At a time when God had granted several requests, Moses made a very bold request of God. He asked God to show him His glory. He asked to see God. God told Moses he could not grant that request, but he could do two things. He would pass by Moses and Moses could get a glimpse of God and then God would proclaim his name to Moses. That does not sound like much, but when God does it he really answers the question, "What is God like?" He proclaims to Moses concerning Himself:

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It is a powerful description. God is loving beyond all bounds, and He is firm in his dealing with sin, beyond all bounds. What is God like? The description above explains God. Jesus revealed Him. And in the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus we see the very same God reflected in Him! It is a reason to truly believe.

Dale Huff

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5 Cravat
8 Hurry along
11 Give off
12 Tack on
13 – St. Laurent
15 Droop
16 Mr. Gehrig
17 Harbor
18 E-mail server
20 Pierre's sweetheart
22 Long-eared animal
25 Orange vegetable
26 Longbow wood
27 Ripen
28 Atomic particle
31 Big family
33 Tokyo, once
34 Stare at
38 Jekyll's alter ego
39 Each
40 Old Roman province
41 Familiar threat (2 wds.)
44 – chi ch'uan
45 Maybes
48 Capp and Joison
49 Happen next
51 Tree trimmer
53 Yea, to a matador
54 Hoofbeat
55 Forest grazer
57 Engrossed
61 Greek goddess
62 Teachers' org.
63 Cello kin
64 Lair
65 Trifle with
66 AC supply

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2 Paris friend
3 A thousand G's
4 Flowery perfume
5 Long-legged
6 Bride's reply (2 wds.)
7 Professors
8 Ad spiel
9 Off-white
10 Spooky
14 Meat dish
19 Oola's Alley –
21 MD employer
22 Johann Sebastian –
23 Like gargoyles
24 Peruse
25 Alpine refrains
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30 Egg drink
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35 B-movie pistols
36 Maui feast
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42 Funny Charlotte –
43 Moray
45 Yen
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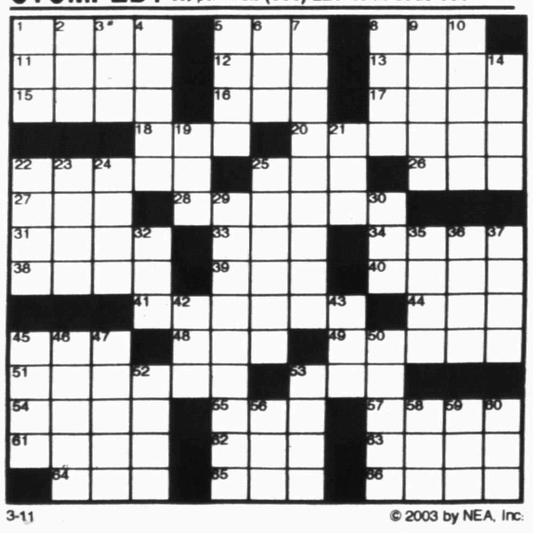

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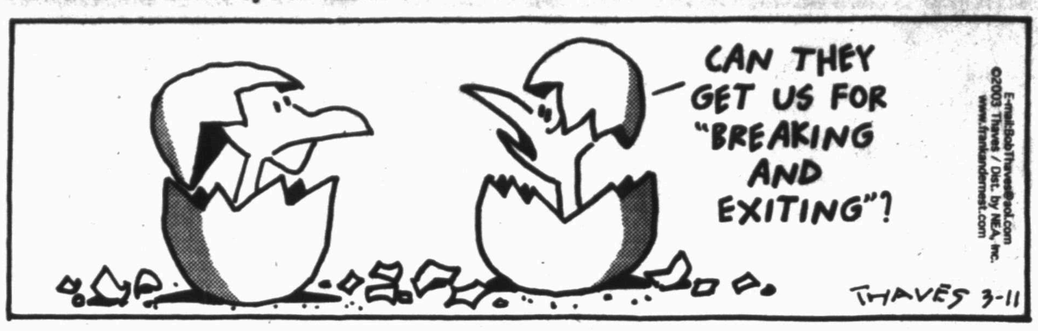

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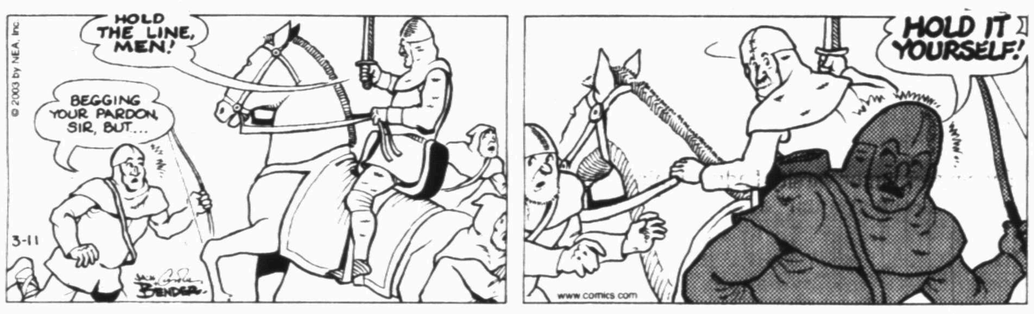

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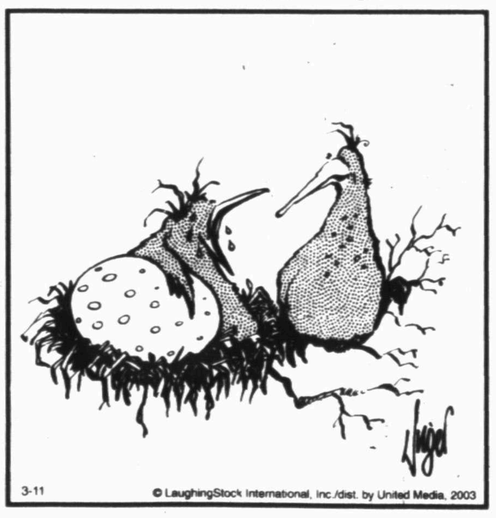

"Where were you?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

Scandals overshadow NCAA hoops tournament

By the Associated Press

This March, the madness is coming off the court.

The week leading up to the NCAA tournament began with scandals and firings as Georgia coach Jim Harrick was suspended with pay Monday after an internal investigation showed three players took a phony class taught by his son.

Three other coaches were fired, another suspended and Bob Knight refused to accept his $250,000 salary because he and his Texas Tech team didn't perform up to expectations.

All of this on the day after St. Bonaventure's president was ousted and its athletic director and head coach were placed on administrative leave.

NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro called it an "unusual" string of events.

"I'm not sure there's precedent for the number of institutions in this position," he said.

Harrick was one of four coaches whose seasons ended Monday. The other three, however, were fired for a much simpler reason — losing too many games:

— Virginia Tech fired Ricky Stokes, two days after the Hokies failed to qualify for the Big East Conference tournament for the third straight year. He went 45-70 in his four seasons, and his teams won only 10 of 48 over three seasons in the Big East.

— Washington State fired Paul Graham, after the Cougars went 7-20 and won only two conference games. He was 31-79 in four seasons and had a 9-63 mark in the Pac-10.

— Columbia, with a 2-25 record, the worst in the school's 103-year basketball history, fired Armond Hill. The Lions ended the season with a school-record 18-game losing streak.

Stanford coach Mike Montgomery was also suspended Monday — but just for one game. The Pac-10 suspended Montgomery for his team's conference opener next season after he made contact with a referee during a Feb. 27 game against Arizona State. Montgomery said the contact was accidental.

The situation at Georgia is the murkiest, and will have the biggest effect on the NCAA tournament.

Georgia withdrew from the SEC and NCAA tournaments and, along with the NCAA, was looking into allegations brought two weeks ago by a former player.

"The evidence and the findings presented to us indicated there was academic fraud," Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley said. "There's no evidence at all that Coach Harrick knew about what took place."

Harrick, one of only three coaches to take four schools to the NCAA tournament, has three seasons left on a $700,000 per year contract.

Former player Tony Cole, who was kicked off the team last year, said assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr. taught a bogus class on coaching. Cole said he never attended the class, but still received an A. Starters Chris Daniels and Rashad Wright were also in the class.

Harrick Jr. was fired Wednesday; Daniels and Wright have been declared ineligible.

Ranked 21st in Monday's AP Top 25, the Bulldogs (19-8, 11-5) were a lock for a third straight invitation to the tourney, which would have been the longest such streak in school history.

On Sunday, St. Bonaventure's board of trustees unanimously sought and received president Robert Wickenheiser's resignation and put athletic director Gothard Lane and head coach Jan van Breda Kolff on administrative leave, pending a review.

The trouble at Bonaventure began when the Atlantic 10 Conference stripped the team of six league victories and barred it from conference postseason play after center Jamil Terrell was ruled ineligible for violating NCAA junior transfer guidelines. Afterward, the players said they would boycott the team's final two games.

And don't forget Villanova and Fresno State.

The Wildcats suspended 12 players for allegedly making unauthorized telephone calls by using a school access code.

Fresno State kept itself out of the NCAA and NIT tournaments after a former student claimed he wrote papers for players for payment.

TOURNEY CHAMPS — The Snyder junior varsity softball squad annihilated the competition at last weekend's Eula tournament to claim first place. The team is, back from left, Coach Laura Moses, Heather Iglehart, Krista Chaidez, Joshlyn Tovar, Kassie Burney, Jessica Calvert, Amber Luecke, Destiney Proctor, and front from left, Desiree Cortez, Samantha Pena, Lindsey Morin, Bianca Gonzales and Ashly Pavlovsky. (SDN Staff Photo)

Junior Lady Tigers destroy field at Eula softball tourney

The Snyder junior varsity Lady Tigers underlined their dominance in the Eula tournament last weekend, pounding Sweetwater, 16-0, in the championship game Saturday.

After allowing just three runs in five previous games at the tournament, Snyder got another brilliant outing from Amber Luecke against Sweetwater. The staff ace gave up two hits and struck out eight in the three-inning shutout.

Lindsey Morin, Joshlyn Tovar and Bianca Gonzales did the bulk of the damage at the plate, each collecting two hits in the mercy-rule shortened game.

Snyder blitzed through the tourney, winning four games Thursday in pool play. The junior Lady Tigers whipped Bangs, 8-1, to open the tournament, and followed that with a 28-0 destruction of overmatched Haskell.

The team then topped Springtown, 14-1, in two innings before crushing host Eula, 12-1.

In the semifinal tilt, Krista Chaidez hammered three hits and Tovar and Jessica Calvert each had two extra base hits, while Luecke had her most spectacular performance of the tournament, fanning 11 in five innings and giving up just one hit.

"Both of our freshman pitchers, Amber and Bianca, pitched well throughout the tournament," JV coach Laura Moses said.

The team is scheduled to play San Angelo Lake View today immediately after the 1 p.m. varsity contest.

Knight tells Tech to keep his base salary

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight's income tax return next year is bound to look a little odd.

He told Texas Tech to keep his salary — all $250,000 of it — because he didn't do a very good job, and neither did his team.

"I'm just not at all satisfied with what transpired with our team in terms of our fundamental execution. I don't think it's anybody's fault but mine," the Red Raiders coach said.

"He has standards," men's basketball spokesman Randy Farley said Monday. "He just didn't meet his standards, and so he said, 'I don't think I should be paid for that.'"

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said it has not yet been determined what will be done with the money.

Myers said Knight told him about the decision Saturday after the Red Raiders lost to Baylor 74-68. The two spoke in the locker room, but Knight didn't announce his decision until Monday.

"I just feel like I had a product, and it broke," Knight said. "You shouldn't have to pay for it."

The Red Raiders (16-11) were 10-1 before Big 12 play began, but faltered the second half of the regular season, going only 6-10 against league opponents, including a 2-8 record in games decided by nine or fewer points.

"You heard me talk after games all season long about missed opportunities and how we didn't see things," Knight said. "Those are things that have got to be taught. Learning those things is just as much a responsibility of the teacher as the ones learning those things."

Former SHS athlete sets personal best

Jared Thornhill

Jared Thornhill, a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School, set a new personal record in the pole vault with a vault of 17-feet, 1-inch at the Last Chance Meet in Ames, Iowa last weekend.

Thornhill, a sophomore at Texas Tech, holds the Snyder record for the pole vault, reaching 15-7 in 2001.

Cowboys sign Giants' TE

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys signed free-agent tight end Dan Campbell to a three-year contract Monday.

Terms were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-5, 263-pound Texas A&M graduate played four years with the New York Giants after being drafted in the third round (79th overall) during the 1999 NFL draft. He is considered a strong blocker, and he finished last season with 22 receptions for 175 yards and one touchdown in 16 starts.

New York has tight end Jeremy Shockey, it's No. 1 pick in last year's draft who made the All-Pro team as a rookie. Shockey's rapid development made Campbell expendable for the Giants.

Tony McGee led Dallas' tight ends in receptions last season with just 23.

Sports Briefs

Correction

The Snyder relay runner receiving the baton in the picture on page 4 Monday was Jason Guynes, not Brad English.

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-up swill take place March 26-27 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on March 29 from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house.

Any coaches interested contact Dwayne Murdock at 573-2207 or Larry Price at 573-0440.

FBC golf tournament

The First Baptist Church youth ministry will sponsor the "Send a Youth to Camp" golf tournament March 29 at the WTC golf course.

Cost is $40 per person, with four people per team. Format is ABCD blind draw scramble. Call the church office at 573-2631 for more information or to register.

Big Spring softball tourney

The 2nd annual Longhorns Softball Tournament will be played March 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field in Big Spring. Entry fee is $110 per team. Call Oscar Cervantes at 268-9597 or Pano Rodriguez at 267-8307 for more information.

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New York	28	35	.444	10½
Miami	20	43	.317	18½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	23	.629	—
Indiana	38	25	.603	1½
New Orleans	36	28	.563	4
Milwaukee	32	31	.508	7½
Atlanta	25	39	.391	15
Chicago	22	42	.344	18
Toronto	20	40	.333	18
Cleveland	11	52	.175	28½
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Memphis	21	41	.339	26½
Denver	13	51	.203	35½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	45	19	.703	—
Portland	40	22	.645	4
L.A. Lakers	35	26	.574	8½
Phoenix	33	29	.532	11
Golden State	30	33	.476	14½
Seattle	28	33	.459	15½
L.A. Clippers	20	43	.317	24½

Monday's Games

Utah 83, Miami 73
Atlanta 95, L.A. Clippers 86
Minnesota 92, Dallas 83

Tuesday's Games

Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 10 p.m.

PERFECT SEASON — The Mavericks won the Little Dribblers Major division with a perfect 12-0 record this season. They are, from left, Brandon Lunsford, Jose Aguirre, Lashondrick Richardson, Gregory Williams, Gage West, Roberto Aguirre, Alex Hernandez. Kneeling in front is coach Brad Hinton. Not pictured are coaches Greg Williams and J.R. Torres. (Contributed Photo)

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State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

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Snyder, Texas 79549
915-574-7282
by FAX: 915-574-7136
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jbhcmh@cogdellhospital.com

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573-3519

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573-9066, contact at 1809 38th.

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BY OWNER
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Two officers killed in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Two police detectives on an undercover mission to buy illegal guns were killed after backup officers lost track of them in the maze-like roads of a New York City neighborhood.

Police today were questioning at least one potential suspect in the case, an official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press.

The detectives, who had been driving with two associates of a gun seller, were found Monday night lying on a street on Staten Island, both shot in the head. They were the first New York City officers killed on duty since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks.

"This kind of barbarism will not be tolerated in this city," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Police officers in riot gear swarmed the crime scene, and police also shut down the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, which connects Staten Island and Brooklyn, and forced a Manhattan-bound ferry to return to its dock on Staten Island so passengers could be checked.

The slain detectives had been working on the gun operation for about six months. Their identities were withheld in part because of the risk to other undercover officers.

The officers reportedly still had the money they carried to buy the gun and their own guns were still in their holsters. They apparently had not fired a shot.

A 19-year-old man identified as Omar Green was wanted for questioning, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	2.40	1.85	1.90	—.51
AOL TimeWrn	11.37	11.08	11.10	—.17
AT&T Corp rs	16.99	16.71	16.78	—.02
Albertsons	18.49	17.93	18.20	+.28
Allitel	41.78	41.13	41.16	—.14
Am El Pw	21.88	21.27	21.33	—.04
AndarkPtr	45.60	45.12	45.31	+.19
ATMOS Egy	21.50	21.00	21.27	+.12
Avlal	6.64	6.47	6.60	+.06
BP PLC	38.52	38.27	38.27	+.17
BakerHughes	30.10	29.54	29.99	+.25
Bank of Amer	67.20	66.10	66.15	—.69
BellSouth	20.27	19.81	20.12	+.05
BurlNoSFe	24.31	23.76	23.81	-.11
Caterpillar	45.23	44.35	44.36	—.43
CenterPoint	6.23	6.05	6.10	+.05
ChevronTex	64.66	63.91	64.04	+.14
Citigroup	32.50	31.78	31.90	—.30
CocaCola	37.63	37.10	37.40	+.33
ColgatePal	49.79	48.85	49.44	+.34
CmclMetals s	13.30	13.14	13.15	—.05
ConocoPhill	51.45	50.76	50.81	—.12
Cooper Inds	36.90	36.26	36.26	—.18
DaimlrChry	27.82	27.05	27.10	—.93
DeltaAirl	8.66	6.77	6.84	—1.82
Dillards Inc	13.04	12.67	12.74	+.09
DowChem	25.47	25.10	25.11	—.25
DuPont	36.17	35.50	35.75	+.28
EastmanChem	30.50	30.00	30.01	—.13
EstKodak	29.09	28.67	28.84	+.08
EDS Corp	14.64	14.43	14.46	
Entergy	46.10	45.37	45.44	—.21
ExxonMobil	34.93	34.60	34.65	+.30
FootLocker	10.32	10.09	10.23	+.20
GenDynam	55.47	54.33	54.49	—.03
GenIElec	23.97	23.55	23.56	—.04
GenMills	42.45	41.90	42.04	+.21
GenMotors	30.90	29.94	29.94	—.74
GaPacific	13.84	13.08	13.11	—.76
Goodrich	13.90	13.65	13.66	—.42
Goodyear	3.99	3.80	3.80	—.10
GtAtlPac	4.20	4.13	4.14	—.08
Halliburtn	20.35	19.84	19.95	—.19
Hanson ADS	23.11	23.00	23.10	+.20
HarteHanks s	18.02	17.75	17.76	—.02
HomeDepot	22.23	21.91	21.94	+.08
honeywellIntl	21.55	21.08	21.08	—.04
IBM	76.33	75.70	75.70	
IntlPaper	34.55	33.93	34.03	+.20
JohnsonJn	54.85	53.98	54.01	—.12
KinderMorg	43.59	43.20	43.30	—.29
Kroger Co	13.12	12.10	12.69	+.56
LockheedM	42.68	41.76	41.80	—.52
Lowes Cos	37.19	36.67	36.79	—.19
Lubys	1.10	1.05	1.08	—.06
LucentTech	1.65	1.57	1.58	+.02
MarathonOil	23.74	23.52	23.69	+.28
MayDeptSt	18.66	18.30	18.34	—.06
Medtronic	44.10	43.50	43.68	+.05
Motorola	8.02	7.90	7.97	+.07
NCR Corp	18.40	18.11	18.11	—.29
Navistar	22.03	21.46	21.51	—.49
PNM Rescs	20.98	20.56	20.71	+.15
Penney JC	18.99	18.50	18.71	+.04
PepBoys	8.35	8.09	8.17	+.08
PepsiCo	38.15	37.62	37.80	+.03
Pharmacia	40.80	40.23	40.28	—.24
PhelpDodge	31.99	31.60	31.60	—.34
PilgrmPrd B	7.35	7.08	7.09	—.26
Praxair	51.43	50.80	50.96	—.25
ProctGamb	80.98	79.66	80.61	+.82
RadioShack	19.93	19.50	19.55	+.06
RoyalDut	39.50	38.85	38.94	+.23
SBC Comm	19.75	19.11	19.44	+.09
SaraLee	18.89	18.60	18.65	+.08
Scripps EW	75.89	74.60	74.61	—.74
SearsRoeb	19.47	19.06	19.21	+.20
SherwinW	25.64	24.49	25.29	—.31
SouthernCo	28.42	28.06	28.09	+.08
SwstAirl	12.98	12.51	12.54	—.47
SprintFON	11.52	11.15	11.17	—.25
SprintPCS	3.58	3.48	3.49	—.03
Sunoco Inc	37.26	36.87	36.98	+.01
TXU Corp	15.85	15.51	15.56	—.03
TempleInland	38.73	37.84	37.85	—.45
TexInd	18.25	17.86	17.98	+.13
TexasInst	16.28	16.01	16.20	+.18
Textron	33.17	32.73	32.77	—.15
TrinityInds	16.50	16.02	16.07	—.01
TylerTech	3.53	3.45	3.46	—.08
UnionPacif	53.24	52.25	52.27	—.47
USSteel	11.28	10.09	10.88	—.25
UnitedTech	55.99	54.80	54.84	—1.13
Unocal	25.90	25.59	25.66	+.01
VerizonComm	33.08	32.45	32.46	—.29
WalMart	47.91	47.17	47.24	+.11
WellsFargo	45.00	44.17	44.27	
WstnGasRs	33.45	32.95	33.08	+.09
WinnDixie	11.87	11.50	11.86	+.35
Xerox Cp	8.63	8.51	8.58	—.01
YumBrands s	22.74	22.33	22.40	+.07

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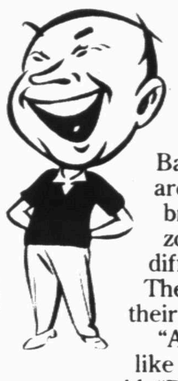
Today's chuckle

Two cats chosen maid of honor, best man

PARKER CITY, Ind. (AP) — Eileen Oren's maid of honor was peaceful as a pussycat, but Bob Taylor's best man was one wild cat.



The newlyweds chose tigers as their top cats when they tied the knot Saturday at ME's Zoo, home to 213 animals. The bride owns the zoo about 50 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

During the ceremony before 100 friends and relatives, Bobbi the tiger became agitated and nearly overturned his cage while serving as best man.

But the maid of honor, a female tiger named Massai, remained tranquil. Omar, a camel tapped to be the ringbearer, also performed his duties peacefully.

"Eileen has a real passion for animals, so this style of wedding is exactly her," said Maria Cooper, a seasonal employee at the zoo.

Oren and Taylor met about nine years ago when Taylor, then a Ball State University architectural professor, brought students to the zoo to design and build different projects.

The pair soon recognized their shared love for animals.

"All of our animals are like our children," Oren said. "Bob would come out and help me feed all of the animals on the bottle. We went from friends to lovers."

Houston resident gets artifical heart

HOUSTON (AP) — The 10th recipient of an experimental self-contained mechanical heart underwent surgery in Houston two weeks ago, the company that makes the heart announced Monday.

Danvers, Mass.-based Abiomed Inc. said Dr. O.H. Frazier, chief of cardiopulmonary transplantation for the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital at the Texas Medical Center, performed the surgery Feb. 24. The company said the patient's identity is being withheld at the family's request.

Dewhurst finds billions for state budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst's staff has found as much as $6 billion to help with the budget shortfall, and he says none of the proposals involve new taxes.

The ideas range from using the emergency Rainy Day Fund to changing the way the state's gas tax is collected.

Dewhurst did not reveal too many details about the ideas.

He said he is discussing them with Senate Finance Committee, which must make decisions about how to balance the next state budget despite a shortfall of at least $9.9 billion through 2005.

"These are tough times. We've got a budget shortfall, and one of the things that we're all concerned about is making sure that we've got enough funding for all of our core services," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst said until now the focus has been on making cuts to state spending. After weeks of budget hearings where agencies and needy Texans testified about the effects of deep cuts, the lieutenant governor said it's time to begin the discussion about revenue.

As long as it doesn't mean new taxes, Dewhurst added.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

The House Higher Education Committee has started looking at legislation to ban colleges from using Social Security numbers as student identification.

The move comes less than a week after hackers stole Social Security numbers and other information from more than 55,000 students and employees at the University of Texas at Austin.

Many colleges now require students' Social Security numbers to register for class, check out books from the library and post grades on public bulletin boards.

Last year more than 14,000 Texans reported to the Federal Trade Commission that their identities were stolen.

DISCIPLINING DOCTORS

The Texas Senate has approved legislation designed to give the State Board of Medical Examiners more power to discipline doctors.

The bill strengthens the board's authority to immediately suspend the licenses of doctors who have been convicted of a violent crime.

It also requires the board to give priority to complaints about doctors that involve sexual misconduct and quality of care and about license holders who currently are under disciplinary order.

"This bill gives the board new tools to ensure that the board can take swift and appropriate action on a few bad actors, the 6 percent of Texas doctors who cause 50 percent of all malpractice claims," said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville.

The bill is part of a package of legislation meant to bring down medical malpractice insurance rates and increase patient access to doctors.

KEEPING IT REAL

A coalition of public interests groups took an unusual message to the road: Texas may need new taxes.

The "Real Budget Project" is an effort the groups say is needed to educate Texans about how much it really costs to run a state of 22 million people. The group laid out a state income tax as a possible solution.

The coalition said that instead of focusing on budget cuts to deal with a $9.9 billion shortfall through 2005, lawmakers ought to consider changing the state's complex tax laws that exempt billions from sales taxes and prohibit state income or property taxes.

"Texans believe the prisons are guarded, the children are educated, our water systems are tested and government is doing what is necessary. But the state budget shortchanges these and other programs. As with anything else, you get what you pay for," said Bee Morehead, director of Texas Impact, an interfaith policy group.

The Texas Citizens Action Network, Citizens for a Sound Economy and Texas Public Policy Foundation were quick to speak up against a state income tax.

"Now is not the time to look at tax increases or dramatically changing our system. It's time to examine how our tax dollars are being spent," said Peggy Venable, director of Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy.

CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY

The attorney general's office would serve as a clearinghouse in handling corporate fraud cases and investigations in Texas under proposed legislation intended to crack down on a recent wave of corporate scandals.

The legislation aims to make addressing corporate fraud more efficient by focusing enforcement and investigation duties in a Corporate Integrity Office within the attorney general's office.

The new office would assist district attorneys, county attorneys and state agencies in investigating and prosecuting corporate fraud.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read in your column that using hydrogen peroxide is a way of cleaning the ears of wax. So I tried it. It works, but has side effects. Within a week I suffered from a painful ear infection. Now I've wised up: It's better to put up with the wax than to have an infection. Please notify your readers of this.

DEAR READER: The human ear canal is composed of three portions: the external ear canal, the middle ear (which contains the mechanism of hearing) and the inner ear (that houses the organ of balance and other nerves).

The external ear canal, which produces cerumen ("wax"), is separated from the middle ear chamber by the tympanic membrane ("ear drum"). Therefore, it is virtually impossible for infection in one region to spread to the other; cleaning out cerumen ordinarily does not affect the middle ear — although the process can, of course, irritate the tympanic membrane.

Putting a half a capful of peroxide into the ear canal will not infect the middle ear (unless there is a hole in the eardrum). Middle ear infections are caused by microorganisms that enter the chamber from internal sources, through the Eustachian tube (the vent that pops during pressure changes, such as those connected with flying or underwater diving).

I believe that your peroxide therapy bore no relation whatsoever to your middle ear infection. Ordinarily, such therapy is totally devoid of complications and side effects. Nonetheless, to be on the safe side, you should run this by your family physician who should at the very least, check you for a perforated eardrum.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm writing in hopes that my experience may help other women who suffer from the urinary incontinence that I have had for several years. My main problem is an inability to empty my bladder completely. By accident, I discovered that if I stand up to urinate (in the shower, for example), I can empty very well. So now I stand for several seconds before relieving myself — or sit down, urinate, then stand up before sitting again to finish the process.

My urologist confirms that my bladder may be "kinked" when I sit, so there is some medical justification for my discovery. At night, I do a "double void." After my initial urination stops, I walk across the room and back. Then I can do more.

DEAR READER: Several women have written me describing similar techniques to overcome incontinence. Apparently, in such women, the bladder-neck is blocked in the sitting position, which prevents complete emptying. Thanks for sharing your observations.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Bladder/Urinary Infections." 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.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Unemployed husband shows wife who's the boss in bed

DEAR ABBY: "Sleep-Deprived in the Midwest" complained that she and her husband quarreled because he would wake her at 3 or 4 in the morning demanding sex, even though she had to get up for work by 7 a.m. If she refused, he would give her the silent treatment. You advised marriage counseling.

I recently divorced a man who had the same habit. I think you missed something in her letter. She mentioned that her husband is unemployed.

My ex was also unemployed for most of our marriage. She's the breadwinner, as was I. I suspect there is a connection between the two. It may be a control issue. I believe my ex's demands for sex at odd hours had a lot to do with his feeling he needed to show me that he was in control in some area of our lives.

"Sleep-Deprived" needs to get that issue addressed before her marriage is affected any further. — **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, AND GLAD I'M OUT IN N.Y.**

DEAR B.T., D.T. AND GLAD: You may be right. However, not everyone viewed the problem as you did. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Instead of complaining, that woman should count her blessings. I have learned to accept my husband for the way he is, and not for what I think he should be. I, too, work a traditional schedule. We have an agreement that works for us. There are times when he will lie down with me until I fall asleep — then he gets up and reads or works on his hobbies until he is ready for bed. I urge that wife to find a healthy and comfortable compromise. If she does, her marriage will be better for it. — **LARK WITH AN OWL IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR LARK: I agree, the key is compromise.

DEAR ABBY: I'm glad you suggested counseling. I hope it works. My husband and I have been married 10 years. We were both married before to partners who didn't think sex was important.

When one of us is in the mood, the other one doesn't just oblige, but races to the bedroom and lets the romantic one "get us in the mood." Ironically, I am usually the one who wakes my husband at 3 a.m.

A suggestion I might offer to the wife: Why not seduce HIM earlier in the evening, so that by 3 a.m. he's sound asleep and not waking you? — **D.L. IN OREGON**

DEAR D.L.: I like the way you think.

DEAR ABBY: Good God, Maude! She should plan on going to bed an hour early! Fix a gourmet snack to eat in bed. Pour two drinks. Drag him into the bedroom and show him the kind of time the two of them had on their honeymoon. After he drops dead from the shock, she can sleep undisturbed forever after. — **BRUCE IN FLORIDA**

DEAR BRUCE: Thank you for adding the male perspective.

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, my spouse also woke me on a regular basis. I adore him, but I need at least 6 1/2 hours of uninterrupted sleep a night. Since these occasions revved my metabolic rate, making sleep afterward impossible, I engaged him in recalling every detail related to President Nixon — his dog's name, Watergate, his personal habits, his lovely wife, Pat, their daughters and their weddings, etc.

My poor darling was so tired, he slept through the following night. Each time I was awakened, I made sure we talked about Nixon.

For some reason, he almost never wakes me now. It's worth a try. — **A SISTER IN SEATTLE**

DEAR SISTER: Water torture would be kinder.

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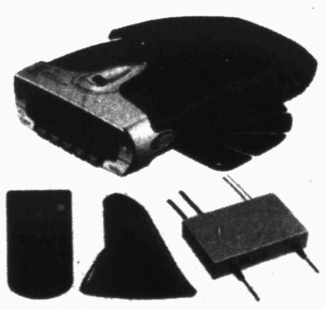

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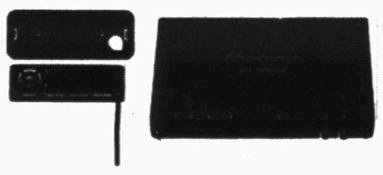

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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Wednesday, March 12, 2003

Your biggest improvements and successes in the year ahead could be from ventures that start out as very small seeds. What you take the time to sow in the months ahead will blossom into major involvements in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you've never thought of yourself as inventive, this opinion could be shattered today. When confronted with situations where you have to improvise, you'll become ingenious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Conditions in general are rather extraordinary for you at this time and you might be able to derive personal benefits in ways you don't seek out and from people you didn't ask anything of.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An exchange of ideas today will help refurbish your outlook and ways of doing things. Go someplace today where you can meet up with friends or associates who look at things differently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Everything should go nicely for you today in both your career and social life, but you're greatest accomplishments aren't likely to surface until you're met with financial challenges.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Chances are you'll be far more at ease today in the company of persons whose philosophies are in harmony with yours. Try to share your time and activities with kindred spirits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your charisma is at a high point, making joint ventures more promising for you than usual today. Stir into the pot some material motivations and it will add further zest to your popularity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'd be surprised what a few sincere compliments will accomplish for you today. If there is something about a person to praise, don't hold back your thoughts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Any ingenious ideas you get today should be put to the test, because what you conceive at this time will have great potential value. You'll enjoy developing them and they could be profitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Someone new and interesting may enter your life at this time and it looks like it could happen today. This person will have a tremendous influence on your thinking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — No one can wiggle out of troublesome spots and turn them around to their advantage like you can. Today this gift will be in full force, working to bring happiness in many ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be extra gracious and kind today, rather than firm and structured, when dealing with others. Something of great significance will come out of a simple gesture of benevolence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — What you do unto others is what they will do unto you today. Give of yourself to those you work shoulder-to-shoulder with and they will make certain you are looked out for as well.

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Chicago officials release 911 tapes of nightclub stampede

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities on Monday released a tape of 911 calls made during last month's deadly Chicago club stampede, a haunting compilation with screaming clubgoers begging for their lives and several complaining of locked doors.

"They keep telling us to go back ... We cannot go back. They need to let us out," one woman pleaded in a call from the clogged stairwell as people yelled in the background. The woman soon began to panic and screamed, "PLEASE! PLEASE! Could you please tell them? ... Please, I don't want to die!"

Another caller said that there were padlocks on the door and that patrons couldn't immediately get out. When emergency officials arrived at the club, security guards used a key to remove the locks, she said.

A third woman screamed at the 911 dispatcher: "There's no way to get out, they've got padlocks on the door, that's a fire hazard!"

The Feb. 17 stampede at the E2 nightclub began when an irritant was used to break up a dance-floor fight and patrons fled for the doors, crushing each other as they tried to leave.

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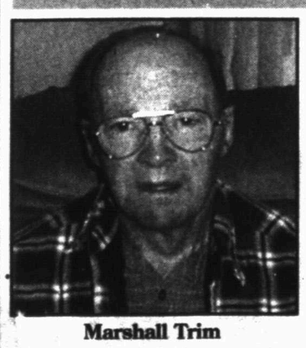

Marshall Trim

Marshall Trim was born in Red River County. He married Ruby Horton of Rotan on July 15, 1944. They have been happily married for 58 years. They have two sons Donnie of Tyler, and Gary of Austin, daughters-in-law and grandchildren. The Trims have lived in Snyder three different times. Marshall was an equipment salesman for the International Harvester Farmall Tractor Co. The Trims have a home in Rotan, Texas. We are glad to have Mr. Trim as part of our Snyder Oaks Community.

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Major airlines say war will widen losses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A war in Iraq plus a major terrorist attack would cause the largest U.S. airlines to lose $13 billion and could collapse the whole industry, according to a report released today by the Air Transport Association.

The government's decision to raise the nation's terror alert status to orange last month produced a 20 percent decline in advance bookings despite fares that are at 15-year lows, according to the association, which represents the largest air carriers. The alert has since been lowered to yellow.

A terrorist attack similar in scope to Sept. 11, 2001, coupled with war, could lead to 100,000 more job cuts and elimination of 3,800 daily flights, many to small and medium communities. That could cost the airlines $13 billion, the report said.

"The mere prospect of war with Iraq has already further weakened this industry, which is literally struggling to survive," the report said. "The government can and should act with dispatch to reduce the burdens currently imposed on the airline industry."

The first Gulf War led to the liquidation of Eastern Pan American airlines. Now, two of the nation's largest airlines are in bankruptcy — United Air Lines and US Airways — and all others except Southwest Airlines are losing money.

Among other things, the airlines want the government to pick up more of the increased cost of security.

OPEC won't change oil output for now

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC members have decided to stick with their current crude oil production quotas but are committed to keeping supplies flowing in case of any disruption such as what might result from a war in Iraq, delegates said today.

Representatives of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries dismissed suggestions that they should formally boost production now as a way of reassuring nervous markets before a U.S.-led attack on Iraq. Despite sharply higher oil prices, OPEC members argued that the world has enough crude to meet demand and blamed the threat of war for causing fears of a possible shortage.

OPEC delegates reached their consensus on production plans during informal talks at a Vienna hotel.

OPEC members, which pump a third of the world's crude, were to ratify their informal decision later today at the group's headquarters in the Austrian capital.

"There is no disagreement over any of the issues. Shall we put it into two words? Status quo," said Nabeela Abdulla Al-Mulla, Kuwait's senior representative and the emirate's ambassador to Austria.

"We're not discussing war. We're discussing stability of the market and that there should be no disruption," Al-Mulla said.

Algeria's oil minister confirmed that OPEC would not change its output target of 24.5 million barrels a day. He added that delegates have made no specific plan for action in case a conflict in the Persian Gulf blocks Iraqi oil exports.

One OPEC delegate said the group would meet again in June to review output. However, a conflict in Iraq that disrupted supplies could force OPEC to call an emergency meeting before then.

Markets worry that a conflict with Iraq would halt that country's 2 million barrels in daily exports. The impact could be more severe if fighting spread beyond Iraq's borders.

OPEC president Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah said Monday that the group could produce an additional 3-4 million barrels a day.

Many OPEC members already are pumping all they can to profit from prices that are near 12-year highs, and it is unclear how much Amore oil OPEC could produce even if it wanted to.

U.S. will help poor countries to track radioactive materials

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The United States announced today it would help developing countries track down loose radioactive materials on their soil, the kind of step the chief U.N. nuclear watchdog said was "urgently needed" to foil terrorists bent on building "dirty bombs."

The U.S. energy secretary, Spencer Abraham, said Washington would spend $3 million in the next year to help poorer governments secure high-risk radiation sources that could be used for terror weapons.

"The threat requires a determined and comprehensive international response," Abraham told the opening session of the first high-level global conference on what are technically known as radiological dispersal devices.

Though at odds over Iraq, the U.S. and Russian governments joined forces as co-sponsors to bring together hundreds of scientists and government officials for the three-day gathering, to confront a threat that hasn't materialized yet but that could plunge cities into chaos if it does.

Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), said that before the Sept. 11 terror attacks, concerns about radiation sources — the cesium, strontium and other isotopes used in medicine and industry — had focused on prevention of accidental exposure.

But now the threat of a dirty bomb — a conventional bomb packed with some radioactive material — presents "a difficult and complex challenge," he told the conference.

"It is clear that additional security measures are urgently needed."

Such a device has yet to be detonated anywhere, but the al-Qaida network is reported to have been interested in trying such a terror weapon. The worry is not of mass and immediate deaths, as in the 2001 attacks, but of a spread of radiation that might cause immediate panic because of long-term fear of illness. It might also make a section of a city uninhabitable for years.

"The fact that you haven't seen one doesn't mean one isn't imminent," ElBaradei said at a news conference.

"It is our responsibility to determine how to prevent such an attack in the first place," Abraham said, "and how to respond if, despite all our best efforts, such an attack occurs anyway."

He noted that the U.S. government and IAEA last year announced a joint effort with Russia to secure radiation sources, particularly "orphaned" materials, in the former Soviet Union.

Arrests top Snyder's police report

Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 23-year-old woman in the 2100 block of College Ave. on warrants for expired vehicle inspection and failure to appear before a judge.

A 27-year-old woman was taken into custody at 4:20 p.m. Monday in the 2400 block of Ave. L on warrants for driving with an unrestrained child and for failure to appear before a judge.

Troopers arrested a 24-year-old man on U.S. 84 at 7:20 p.m. Monday on a misdemeanor warrant for motion to revoke probation.

At 1:44 a.m. today, officers arrested an 18-year-old man in the 300 block of 23rd Street on outstanding warrants for minor in possession, failure to appear before a judge and driving without a license.

Thefts

Bob O'Day Monday morning reported the theft of golf balls from his vehicle. Taken were approximately four crates containing 950 name-brand golf balls.

Officers Monday morning contacted the owner of a Honda push mower reported stolen Sunday and advised an offense report for burglary would be submitted.

Luis Contreras reported at 5 p.m. Monday items missing from his room at the Ponderosa Motel. A deputy filed a report for Class B theft.

Close patrol

A woman in the 2700 block of Ave. V reported seeing someone wearing a ski mask and looking in her window at 11 p.m. Monday. She also advised someone knocked on her backdoor and she requested officers check the area. A close patrol was initiated.

Obituaries

Minnie Clark

1920-2003

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery for Minnie Laura Clark, a former resident of Snyder.

Mrs. Clark, 82, died Monday, March 10, in San Angelo.

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She moved from Snyder to San Angelo in 1989.

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Willie Garrison

1916-2003

IRAAN — W.L. "Willie" Garrison, the brother of Betty Davis of Snyder, died Monday, March 10, in Odessa Regional Hospital

Graveside service for Mr. Garrison, 86, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in Restland Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 24, 1916 in Birds, Ill., he married Ruby Delz on July 14, 1935.

Mr. Garrison had been the owner of Garrison Contractors in Iraan and Fort Stockton since 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Garrison of Iraan; a daughter, Mikie Kelly of Iraan; another sister, Macie Harvey of Iraan; and a brother, John Garrison of Iraan; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Other nominees for judges considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, his appeals court nomination of Miguel Estrada mired in party politics, called today for a ban on judicial filibusters and a mandatory vote on all court nominations he and future presidents send to the Senate.

In a letter read on the Senate floor by Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., Bush called for a permanent rule "to ensure timely up or down votes on judicial nominations both now and in the future, no matter who is president or which party controls the Senate. This is the only way to ensure our judiciary works and that good people remain willing to be nominated to the federal bench."

Senators in the past have called for similar changes but to no effect.

Republicans have so far failed in their efforts to end the Democratic filibuster of Estrada's nomination for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Frist, with Vice President Dick Cheney presiding in the chamber, said today the Estrada filibuster goes against what the founding fathers wanted from the Senate on judicial nominations. Democrats have "brought us to the point to failing that charge," Frist said.

But Democrats said GOP senators have blocked Democratic judicial nominees from getting confirmation votes in the Senate as well.

"Because that precedent stands in the way of their political ends, Republicans now seek to deny their own words and their own actions," said Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "They're here today to claim that the Constitution is threatened by the very same procedures that they themselves have employed. They're here today to claim the Constitution is going to be threatened by the very same powers that it grants."

But Bush called on the Senate to get beyond the past. "I ask senators of both parties to come together and end the escalating cycle of blame and bitterness and to restore fairness, predictability and dignity to the process," Bush said in the letter.

Republicans are moving aside Estrada's blocked appeals court nomination temporarily as they turn their attention to other Bush nominees, including Texas Supreme Court Judge Priscilla Owen, who was rejected last year when Democrats controlled the Senate.

Frist said Estrada's filibustered nomination won't be left behind. The delay is to move other controversial U.S. Appeals Court nominees such as Owen, Ohio appellate lawyer Jeff Sutton and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Deborah Cook.

"I'm not going to give up on the Estrada nomination," Frist said Monday.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 3/12	Thu 3/13	Fri 3/14
77/47	78/40	78/42
Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 77F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 6:58 AM / Sunset 6:49 PM	Sunrise 6:57 AM / Sunset 6:50 PM	Sunrise 6:56 AM / Sunset 6:51 PM

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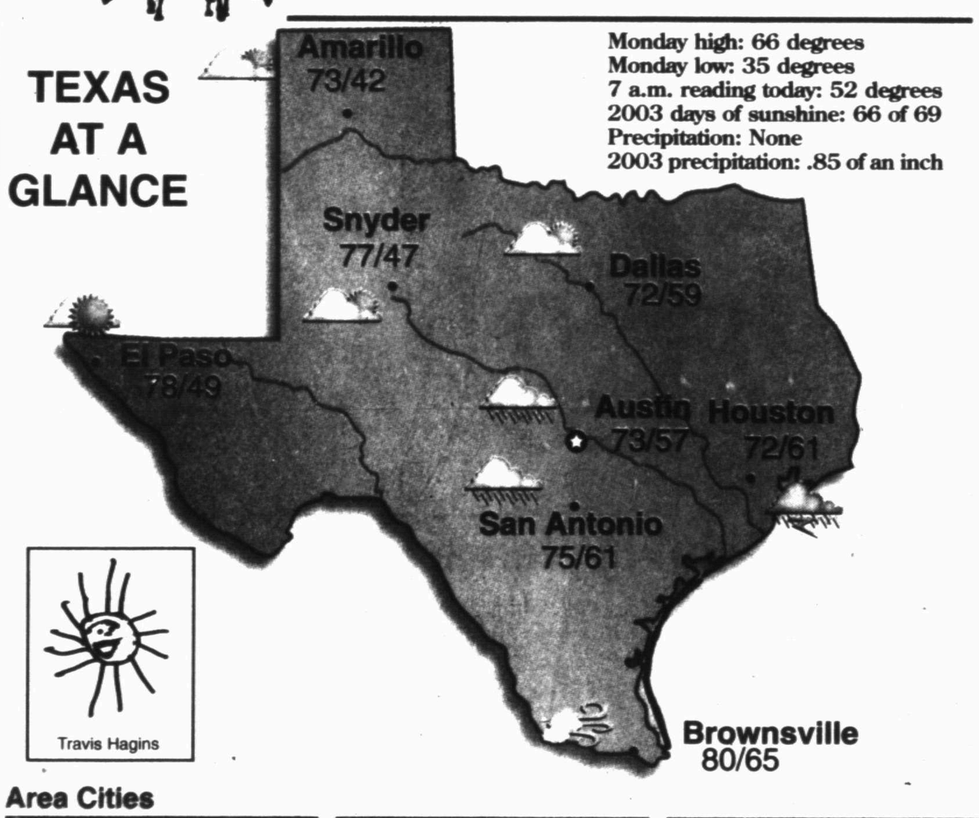
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Monday high: 66 degrees
Monday low: 35 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 66 of 69
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: .85 of an inch



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	78	54	pt sunny	El Paso	78	49	mst sunny	Midland	80	50	pt sunny
Amarillo	73	42	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	83	52	pt sunny	Raymondville	80	62	windy
Austin	73	57	drizzle	Gainesville	70	53	pt sunny	Rosenberg	73	60	t-storm
Beaumont	71	60	t-storm	Greenville	68	54	t-storm	San Antonio	75	61	drizzle
Brownsville	80	65	windy	Houston	72	61	t-storm	San Marcos	74	58	drizzle
Brownwood	77	54	pt sunny	Kingsville	78	61	drizzle	Sulphur Springs	68	54	t-storm
Corpus Christi	75	62	drizzle	Livingston	71	57	t-storm	Sweetwater	79	50	pt sunny
Corsicana	70	56	t-storm	Longview	68	55	t-storm	Tyler	70	59	t-storm
Dallas	72	59	pt sunny	Lubbock	79	45	pt sunny	Weatherford	72	53	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	61	pt sunny	Lufkin	70	59	t-storm	Wichita Falls	77	52	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	73	49	pt sunny	Houston	72	61	t-storm	Phoenix	84	57	pt sunny
Boston	44	26	mixed	Los Angeles	72	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Chicago	43	33	rain	Miami	86	74	cloudy	Seattle	53	47	rain
Dallas	72	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	32	23	sn shower	St. Louis	63	48	t-storm
Denver	63	36	pt sunny	New York	48	33	cloudy	Washington, DC	57	41	cloudy

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Mar 11	Mar 18	Mar 25	Apr 1

UV Index

Wed 3/12	Thu 3/13	Fri 3/14
High	High	High

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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