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Home of Andrew Chavarria

Iraqis advance toward Marines

By the Associated Press

A large contingent of Iraq's elite Republican Guard headed south in a 1,000-vehicle convoy today toward U.S. Marines in central Iraq. In Baghdad, Iraqi officials said two cruise missiles hit a residential area, killing 14 people.

In the far south, British forces fought on the fringes of the beleaguered city of Basra, where Iraqi militiamen also faced a local uprising. The first substantial relief convoy reached the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr after weathering a blinding sandstorm in its trip north from Kuwait.

Word of the Republican Guard advance came as U.S. units in central Iraq appeared to be shifting their strategy because of the attacks from Iraqi militiamen. Instead of racing to Baghdad, some units were moving slower to clear out pockets of opposition.

"We're going into a hunting mode right now," said Lt. Col. B.T. McCoy of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. "We're going to start hunting down instead of letting them take the cheap shots."

Cobra pilots resupplying Marines in central Iraq cited military intelligence reports that 3,000 Republican Guard troops were moving from Baghdad to the city of Kut, and 2,000 more were seen south of Kut.

The Iraqis issued their first report of battlefield action by the Republican Guards. A military spokesman said a Guard special forces unit attacked coalition troops in south-central Iraq, destroying six armored vehicles and inflicting an unspecified number of casualties. There was no allied confirmation of such an attack.

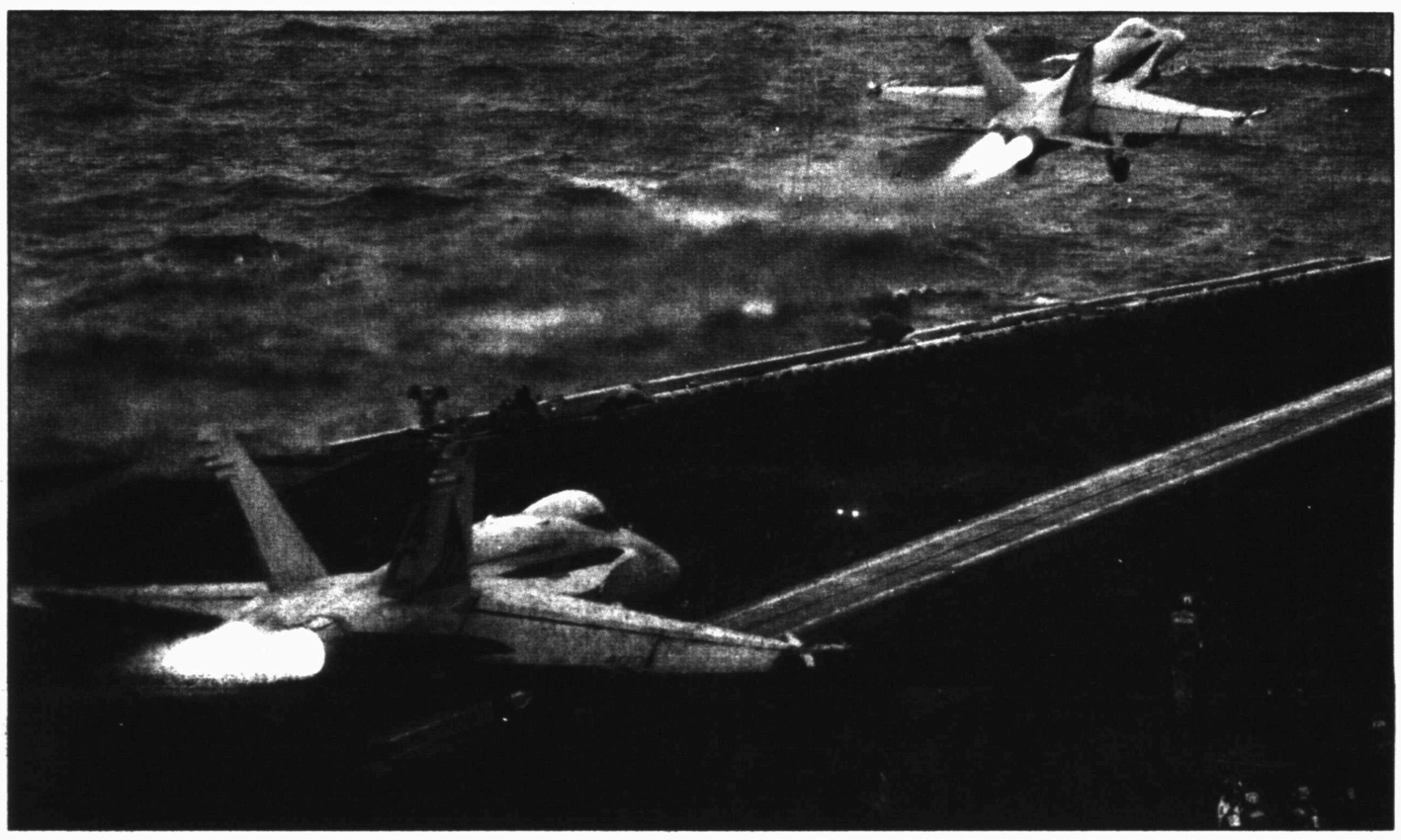
The reports appeared to signal that the Republican Guard, Saddam Hussein's best trained and most loyal force, was still prepared to take the offensive despite days of allied air strikes and missile attacks on its positions.

The U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division drew to within 50 miles of Baghdad, west of where the Republican Guard was advancing. Other American forces were expected to join soon in squeezing the capital from several directions.

A military source said the U.S. Central Command now had evidence that the Iraqi regime had wired many of the bridges around Baghdad for destruction.

Iraqi officials said the U.S. missile attack in Baghdad killed 14 and injured 30 in the Al-Shaab neighborhood, an area crowded with apartments, auto repair shops and inexpensive restaurants. AP TV News footage showed a large crater in the middle of a street, a child with a head bandage, and bodies wrapped in plastic sheeting in a pickup. Hundreds of people stood in front of a damaged building, some shaking fists in the air and shouting.

U.S. Central Command said it had no information about the incident.





WARTIME OPERATIONS — Two F/A-18 Hornets take off for a strike against Iraq aboard the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier early today. The Truman is conducting missions in the Mediterranean in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. At right, U.S. Marines of 3rd Batallion 4th Regiment on the move alongside the main road to Baghdad used by the U.S.- led coalition in central Iraq. Sandstorms starting Tuesday thwarted air missions over Iraq and slowed to a crawl coalition forces edging toward the capital. See more war coverage on Page 10. (AP Photos)

Hermleigh's one act play moves to area

How sweet it is!

Hermleigh High School's one act play, *The Diviners*, advanced to area from district 10A competition Tuesday at Throckmorton.

Hermleigh's next performance will be at Jayton on Saturday, April 5. Blackwell also advanced to area.

This year marks Hermleigh's first trip to area since Mary Spieker became director.

Mrs. Spieker said she is very pleased with the cast and crew, referring to them as "the best bunch of kids in the state. They had a fantastic performance (at Throckmorton) with no mistakes."

Terrel Culp and Dustin Williamson of Hermleigh were named to the all-star cast.

Four from HHS received honorable mention all-star cast recognition including Misty McClure, Alana Culp, Brittainy Jones and Justin Williamson.

Also appearing in the play are Justin Kelley, Danni Webb, Valerie West, Christy Garcia, Cassie Harbin, Johnathon McClure and Samantha Berry.

Members of the crew are Georganna Smith, Robbie Anderson, Keenon Garcia and Shae Rinehart, crew chief.

The Diviners, by Jim Leonard Jr., is a serious play, but it does have humorous moments.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



Hank Ballard, one of the early rock 'n' rollers, died recently. He's not as well known because his rendition of "The Twist" wasn't as successful as the one Chubby Checkers released a year later.

Still Ballard was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. In a 1996 interview, he described music as his medicine.

"If you're looking for youth, you're looking for longevity, just take a dose of rock 'n' roll," Ballard said. "It keeps you going. Just like the caffeine in your coffee. Rock 'n' roll is good for the soul, for the well being, for the psyche, for your everything. I love it. I can't even picture being without rock 'n' roll."

We've never really thought about it before, but that's about the way we feel. When we were very young, we recall listening to Johnny Cash on the radio and we can remember watching *The Porter Waggoner* TV show.

But then our tastes changed to rock and roll. We would thank our older brother for that if we could. He loved it and that rubbed off on us and our younger siblings.

He scraped together enough money to buy us a small stereo so we could play our vinyl albums and singles. And we did our best to wear it out playing our favorite artists. And we still have our vinyl collection.

We liked Elvis Presley, but were never crazy about him.

Hands down the Beatles were, and still are, our favorite. We never got to see them perform in an actual concert but one Saturday my older brother and I drove to Lubbock to see a film of one of their concerts, where the stage revolved periodically giving everyone a chance to see the Fab Four.

At Lubbock, my brother and I had good seats, but as soon as the lights dimmed and the concert film began all of the teeny boppers in the audience started screaming frantically and they never shut up until the end. Trying to shush them was impossible. We would have preferred they remained at home, but you can't have everything.

We've attended only a few concerts over the years, but our favorite is Bon Jovi's appearance in Lubbock. We had a ticket for the floor area and we picked out what we thought was a good seat. It wasn't long before people behind us started rushing the stage. We barely got to our feet in time to keep from being trampled. We spent the entire concert on our feet straining to see between the heads of tall guys who blocked our view. We couldn't hear very well for a couple of hours after the concert, but we will never forget Bon Jovi.

The list would be too long to list the other artists we like. But rock and roll has always been like a tonic to us. During high school years, it didn't matter how tired we were or what was going on in our life, our spirits were always lifted as soon as we turned on the music.

And the same is true today. Road trips don't seem quite as long if we bring our favorite groups along.

A few months ago, we discovered Snyder's KLYD radio station, and we have been tuning in ever since. There is nothing quite like listening to Billy Joel sing "We Didn't Start the Fire" to recharge our batteries as we dash from one picture assignment to the next.

$500,000 grant requires matching funds...

WTC to renovate health, PE facilities

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College is the recipient of a half million-dollar grant from the Dodge-Jones Foundation in Abilene for renovation of the Health and Physical Education building on campus.

Cost of renovation is estimated at $1.8 million and the college must find the remaining $1.3 million to obtain the Dodge-Jones grant.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said construction wouldn't begin until the remaining funds are raised, but he is optimistic that WTC can collect the necessary amount in the coming year.

"We have our work cut out for us, but we can do this," he said. "In the next 12 months we need to raise about $1.5 million."

Dr. Williams said most of the money will come from additional foundations and grants that WTC intends to apply for.

The building, which houses the swimming pool and basketball gym, will be remodeled and enlarged. Blueprints of the project were on display Tuesday at a press conference to announce the gift.

"We're trying to look for ways to grow at WTC and we realize that the college is more than 30 years old and many of our facilities are in need of repair," the president said. "We think this will be a facility that will attract people to our campus. We already have one of the nicest gyms in the area and this will make the whole complex almost like a YMCA for the community to enjoy."

Dave Hanes, director of workforce technology, has led the drive for the expansion project, which he said is another phase of bringing more athletics to the college.

"The benefits of the facility to the community and to the students and employees at Western Texas College far outweigh the price tag," Hanes said.

He added that the new facility would include state-of-the-art exercise and cardiovascular equipment. Additional offices, new locker rooms and training facilities also are included in the plans.

The $1.8 million projected cost includes startup costs for new academic programs as well, according to John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction.

"We intend to have new programs in fields such as sports and exercise sciences and kinesiology, because that's what a lot of our student athletes want to study," he said. "We'll look to start these programs in the fall of 2004, so they will be up and running before the facility is completed."

Dr. Williams acknowledged that the venture is coming at a time when budgets are tight, but said the college must remain active to survive.

"Our board didn't bring me in to be complacent," he said. "We can't just sit back. We can't just be stagnant. If we hadn't been on this course last year, the current cuts would have had a much more drastic toll on WTC."

The president said the college faculty would contact private and corporate foundations, local companies or large corporations with a presence in Snyder and individual donors to aid WTC in reaching its goal. Incentives and naming rights also will be offered to contributors.

ASK US

Q—Has the new hospital in Colorado City opened?

A—No. It is expected to be completed around the first of June.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Sandy Hodges...

...has lived in Snyder all her life. She is bookkeeper and clerk at Scurry County School Federal Credit Union. Sandy and husband, Allen, have three children, Lena Hodges, Jessica Smith and Jake Hodges and seven grandchildren. Favorite activities include watching her grandchildren play sports, walking, reading, doing crafts and watching Texas Tech basketball.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

In its truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed, it must be achieved.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SISD reception

The public is invited to a reception for new SISD superintendent Dr. Ronny Collins, and a farewell reception for interim superintendent Jim Kirkland from 3:30-5 p.m. today in the administration boardroom, 2901 37th St.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library is holding its annual book sale today through Saturday. Hours today and Friday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday hours are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the children's summer reading program.

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.

Rotary putting out flags

The Rotary Club will put up American flags around the square Thursday.

FBC services televised

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

Family council meeting

Snyder Oaks Care Center will have a family council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Eastern Star meeting

Snyder Chapter No. 450 of the Order of Eastern Star will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All members are welcome.

City hall burritos

Employees at city hall will prepare breakfast burritos between 7-8 a.m. Friday to help raise money for the city's Relay for Life team. All donations go to the American Cancer Society. Call in orders at 573-9361, or fax them at 573-5326 by noon Thursday. Choose any three ingredients – eggs, potatoes, cheese, bacon or sausage.

Gold Coats luncheon

Gold Coats will have a luncheon at noon Friday at The Shack.

CNA classes

CNA classes will begin Saturday at Snyder Oaks Nursing Center. Classes are 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free tuition, books available at WTC book store. Orientation is 2 p.m. Thursday in the dining room. For more information, call 863-2426.

Junior high dance

Seventh and eighth graders only are invited to a dance from 7-11 p.m. Friday at Towle Park barn. Sponsored by the SHS senior class and their parents as a fundraiser, cost is $5 per person.

VBS training clinic

The Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will host a Vacation Bible School training clinic from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. This year's theme is "The Great Kingdom Caper." For more information call the area office at 573-1803 or Patsy Day at 573-0971.

MAWC luncheon

To pay for extensive plumbing repairs, Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4 for children 10 and younger. The menu includes turkey and dressing, or ham, vegetables, salad, dessert and a drink. Carry-outs will be available and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Make reservations by 5 p.m. Saturday by calling Sandra Brace, caterer, 573-3427.

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.

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 Thursday, April 4. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

St. Elizabeth will have its annual sausage festival Sunday, April 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the parish center. Tickets are $7 for adults and all take-outs; and $4 for children 12 and under. Game booths, raffles and country store will be available. Sausage also sold by the pound, $3 uncooked and $4 cooked.

Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

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.

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.

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.

Site of factory fire named NY landmark

NEW YORK (AP) — Ninety-two years after a sweatshop fire killed 146 girls and young women and triggered dramatic labor reforms, the factory site was dedicated as a city landmark.

"It was one of the worst industrial disasters, not just in New York City's history but really in the history of the whole country," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said at the ceremony Tuesday, when a commemorative bronze wall plaque was unveiled. "It was horrific and worst of all it was largely preventable."

The neo-Renaissance-style building in Greenwich Village, which was not heavily damaged in the fire, was named a national historic landmark in 1991 and today houses New York University classrooms.

Early in the 20th century, the top three floors of the 10-story building were home to the Triangle Shirtwaist factory.

At about 4:30 p.m. on March 25, 1911, a fire broke out in the eighth floor cutting room and spread rapidly, consuming thousands of pounds of fabric.

Panicked workers — Jewish, Polish and Italian immigrants, aged 13 to 23 — tried to escape. But some of the doors were locked, a tactic the factory's bosses used to keep employees at their sewing machines. Other exits were blocked and there were no sprinklers.

Within 15 minutes, dozens inside the factory were dead. Stunned passers-by watched as others jumped to their deaths, their skirts ablaze.

The factory fire, the worst of its kind in New York City history, prompted adoption of some of the era's most stringent workplace safety laws and crystallized efforts to unionize garment workers. It also forced lawmakers to begin enforcing strict building codes after years of negligence by corrupt politicians.

"It was sort of a Watergate of the time, a scandal that led to huge changes in the city," said Andrew Coe, a contributor and editor of F.D.N.Y.: An Illustrated History of the Fire Department of the City of New York.

Nearly a century after the blaze, it continues to be invoked by labor activists and politicians. That happened last July, when the state Senate approved a bill to allow State University and City University of New York campus stores to refuse to sell clothing produced in sweatshops.

The bill, state Sen. Guy Velella said, was "built on the foundation of the Triangle Shirtwaist fire tragedy."

Several hundred people, including students, union workers and firefighters, attended Tuesday's ceremony. In a symbolic gesture, the fire department raised a ladder to just below the fire floors — the highest a ladder was able to extend in 1911.

The names of the victims were read aloud. For each one, a bell was tolled and a white carnation was placed at the base of the building.

Vincent Maltese, 68, who lost two aunts, ages 14 and 18, and a grandmother in the fire, attended the dedication.

"It's only right that we remember," said Maltese, a retired court officer from Queens. "If it hadn't been for people like my family, there would be no protection at all."



RELAY FOR LIFE — Hermleigh School's relay for life team has 32 members. Brice and Joyce Fuqua donated this chair set that he made to be given away. Chances are $5 each. Students are Samantha Berry, seated at left; and Valerie West. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

Today is the 85th day of 2003 and the seventh day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1973, "The Young and the Restless" made its television debut.

On this day in 1979, the Camp David peace treaty was signed by Menachem Begin, Israeli Prime Minister, and Anwar Sadat, Egyptian president. The agreement, fostered by U.S. President Jimmy Carter, ended 30 years of war between the two countries.

On this day in 1992, Serge Krikalev, a soviet cosmonaut, returned to Earth after spending 313 days in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Lee Frost (1874-1963), poet; Tennessee Williams (1911-1983), playwright; Leonard Nimoy (1931-), actor, is 72; Bob Woodward (1943-), journalist, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, the Los Angeles Lakers closed out their season by defeating the Seattle SuperSonics and winning a record 69 season victories.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Before I built a wall I'd ask to know / What I was walling in or walling out." — Robert Frost, "Mending Wall".

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 24) and new moon (April 1).

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Tour postponed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Andy Williams has postponed an April concert in Hong Kong because of a flu-like disease that's spreading through the Asian city.

Williams, along with a troupe of 20 musicians, singers and dancers, had been scheduled to perform April 12 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center.

But he postponed the show until June 6 because of the severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, that has sickened hundreds of people.

"In deference to my band and the others traveling with us, I just didn't want to take any health risks," Williams said.

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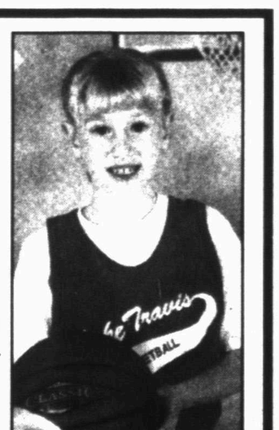
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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman hopes fling with boss will become steady commitment

DEAR ABBY: I'm kinda involved with this guy at work. He's my boss and he's really hot. "Rod" and I started sleeping together almost a year ago, and he's told me all along that he cares a lot for me. My problem is he says he can't "be" with me, because he can't give me what I deserve emotionally — he can only fulfill my physical needs.

So, in my head I'm saying, "OK, that's better than nothing." Rod bought me a car and has been generous in the money department. But a couple of months ago, he started seeing this other girl. I refer to her as the "Sexless Unwilling Virgin."

Rod says he loves her, but he still wants to sleep with me. I don't understand why he doesn't love me, and I can't figure out why he's never taken me out on a real date. Lately he only stays overnight when he doesn't have anything else to do.

I know he cares for me, and that we have a history he doesn't have with the "S.U.V." Should I keep sticking it out? I can't stop hoping that one day we'll end up being a real couple. Rod means the world to me. I'd do almost anything for him. What do you think? — **IN LOVE WITH THE HOT ROD**

DEAR IN LOVE: Idle your motor. The man you have described appears to be fulfilling your material and physical needs — but not your emotional ones. It's up to you to decide how long you can live with two out of three. I hope you'll soon wake up to the fact that you are being used, and that it will spur you to find a man who truly loves you and is willing to make a commitment.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother and I have always agreed that we don't interfere with each other's decisions. Emotional support and tidbits of advice are welcome — but no meddling. This worked well for us until she met "Don" nine months ago. They're currently living together and plan to be married this summer.

Don spends his afternoons at the neighborhood bar, has worked only two weeks since Mom has known him (he was fired for stealing), has been arrested for shoplifting, and lies about his "war experience" in hopes of gaining sympathy. (He never served a day in the military. I checked.)

Mother is one of those women who are incapable of living alone. Her second husband of eight years died suddenly last year, and since then her life has been anything but normal and stable. My sister flat-out told her how she feels about Don ("Dump the loser") and now they're not speaking. I don't want to harm our relationship, but Mom constantly asks me for money I don't have. What am I supposed to say to her, Abby? — **TOO EXASPERATED FOR WORDS IN ARKANSAS**

DEAR EXASPERATED: Tell her no, and tell her why. Explaining that you have no intention of supporting her free-loading fiance is not meddling. It's a bracing dose of the truth, and a glimpse of what lies ahead for her.

Your mother needs to know now that although you love her, you refuse to dispense dollars like an ATM machine, and she deserves someone who will treat her far better than Don does.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful double strand of pearls I'd love to wear, but it was a gift from my ex-husband. Can I wear the necklace while out with my current husband? — **NEW WIFE IN GUAM**

DEAR NEW WIFE: As long as your current husband doesn't object, I see no reason why not. Sometimes a string of pearls is only a string of pearls.

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Today's chuckle

War in Iraq changes couple's wedding plans

NEW YORK (AP) — The Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie has a strict policy: No refunds on deposits after you've booked your wedding reception — even if your plans change.

But management is bending the rules for one young couple separated by the war in Iraq.

Bonnie Luft, 23, and Robert Kissmann, 24, had planned a May 24 reception at the hotel until Kissmann, a U.S. Marine Corps reservist, was called to active duty on Jan. 11.

Eager to get married before he was sent to Kuwait, the pair tied the knot in a last-minute ceremony at a friend's house just days after he learned he would be leaving.



Luft, now Bonnie Kissmann, then tried to get the couple's $5,000 deposit back, and was told it would not be refunded. The hotel said it would give the couple credit for a future party, but would not return the money.

After the Kissmanns' story attracted local media attention, the hotel relented.

"We're going to refund their money, with no conditions," Joseph Bonura Jr., a manager and the co-owner's son, said last week.

First graders get the facts on nutrition

During March, National Nutrition Month, Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension Agent, conducted classroom workshops for all Snyder first grade classes.

The 234 students were introduced to the food pyramid, discussed milk products, importance of milk, amount of milk needed, and each class made a nutritious snack from milk.

Each first grade class made pudding in a jar learning how to measure ingredients and shaking the jar to congeal the pudding.

These workshops are a part of the Better Living For Texas Grant (BLT) which targets Title 1 schools, WIC, Head Start and Food Stamp recipients with nutrition programs. The grant is through the Texas Department of Human Services and Texas Cooperative Extension.

Sears may sell its credit card division

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck and Co. said today it is considering selling its credit card division, considered one of the top customer databases in the retail industry with about 25 million active accounts.

The division was once a major earner for Sears but a number of cardholders who have not been paying their bills has become a growing problem.

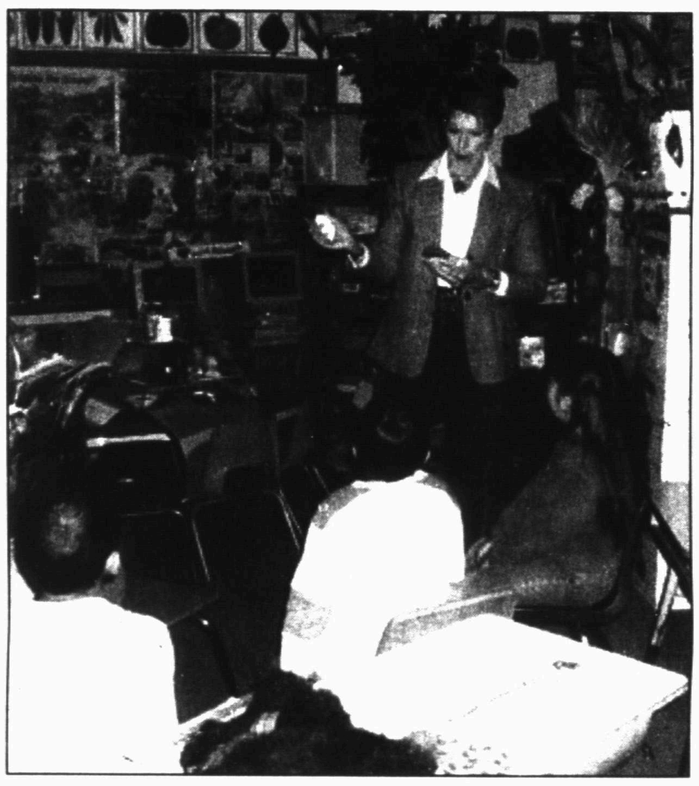
The recent credit division difficulties have driven Sears' stock price down from a high of $60 last year to $21.45 Tuesday. Sears on Tuesday also announced a pending round of layoffs at its corporate headquarters.

Sears CEO Alan Lacy said today he believes the value of the credit operation is "not reflected in today's market valuation of Sears."

Selling the operation would assist the company's cost-cutting attempts after 18 months of slow sales.

Likely bidders for the operation include major credit card issues such as Citigroup Inc., Bank One Corp. and Bank of America Corp., The Wall Street Journal reported in today editions. Both The Wall Street Journal and the Chicago Tribune, citing unidentified sources, said Sears had already decided to sell.

The Chicago Tribune said sources estimated the company could get as much as $6 billion to $7 billion for the credit card operation.

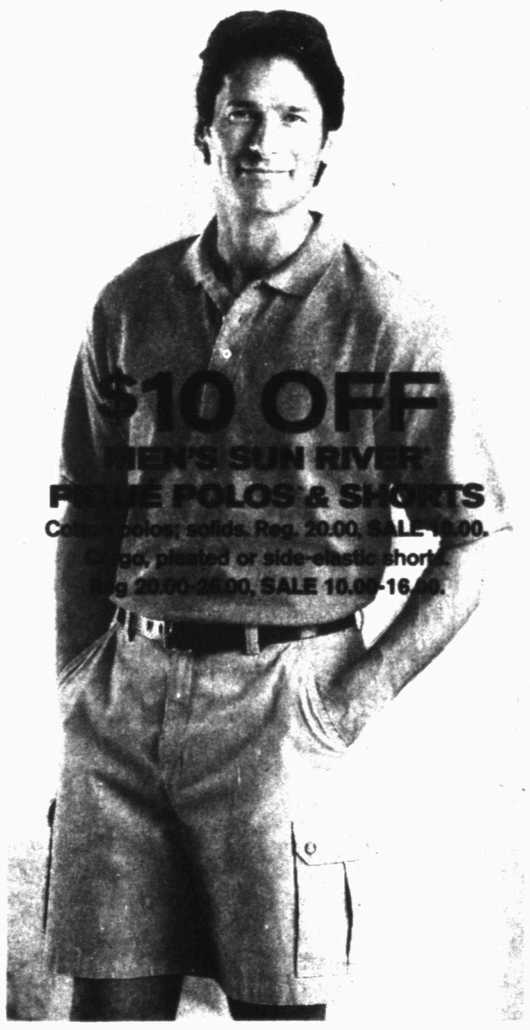


LEARNING ABOUT NUTRITION — Beth Dannheim, an Extension agent for Scurry County, recently presented a nutrition program for Central first graders in Liffin Molter's and Florence Lewis' classes. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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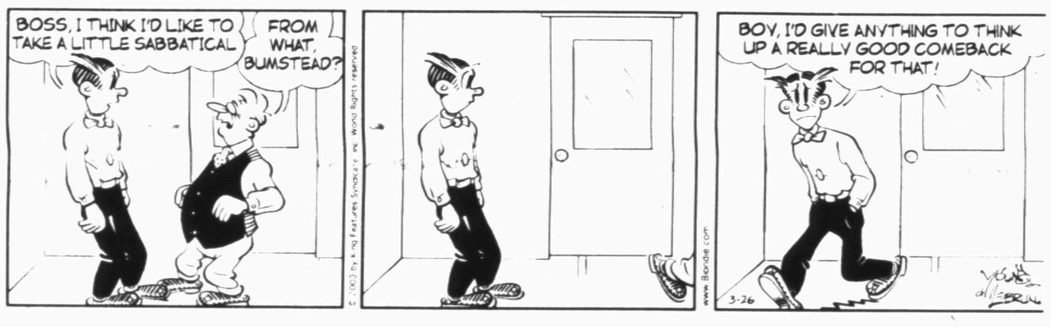
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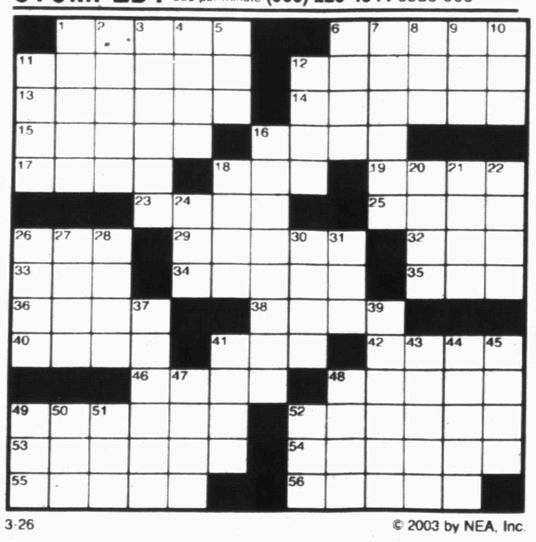
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SPORTS

Tigers tame Mustangs

DENVER CITY — The Tigers are getting everything clicking at just the right time.

Snyder (10-8, 2-0) shelled Denver City, 15-1, as the Tiger lineup caught fire, smacking 16 hits and not striking out against the Mustangs in the five-inning tilt.

Chance Greenwood got the start for Snyder, and had two easy innings of work, striking out four and allowing just two hits in throwing to only 11 batters.

Snyder bolted out to a 9-0 lead at the end of two, giving Snyder head coach Charles Bollinger an opportunity to shuffle his lineup to get the entire team involved.

"We came out and hit well from the beginning," he said. "Even when the guys got out, they hit shots. Chance hit the hardest ball he's hit all year, but it was right at the second baseman. We played good defense, and played solid all the way around."

The Tigers got the blowout started in earnest in the first inning, as the team batted around, plating five runners.

After Billy Pena reached on an error and stole second, Greenwood and Roemisch delivered back-to-back singles. Isaac Ramon drove in two in the inning with a double.

Ramon finished the night three-for-four with two runs and two driven in. Greenwood was two-for-three with a walk, an RBI and three runs scored.

Alex Neal took over at first in the third, and freshman backstop Eric Martinez relieved Shawn Roemisch in the same inning. Danny Hoyle also got time in left field.

Centerfielder Marcus Villarreal was two-for-two with an RBI and a run.

Every Snyder batter reached base either by hit or free pass, with Martinez driving in a run on a single in his only at bat.

Tyler Trout had two hits and two RBI, and Hoyle and Trey Roland each drew a walk.

Bollinger said the early lead gave him a chance to keep everyone in his rotation sharp for Friday's showdown with Merkel.

"This way we'll have some innings available Friday, and everyone will be rested," he said.

Trout went two innings and struck out two. He walked three batters.

Collier closed things out again for the Tigers, pitching the final inning, walking one and giving up no runs and no hits.

Logan Hill will get the start Friday at 7 against Merkel at Moffett Field.

In other district games, Merkel blanked Lamesa 2-0, and Sweetwater squeaked by Seminole, 4-3, despite outhitting the Indians, 13-2.

District 3-3A baseball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Snyder	2	0	10	8
Sweetwater	1	0	13	5
Seminole	1	1	10	6
Merkel	1	1	7	6
Denver City	0	1	6	12
Lamesa	0	2	4	14



ALL-STARS — The Senior Little Dribblers won its all-star contest against Plainview 1 Tuesday. The team is, front from left, Travis Hatfield, Ryan Claxton, Jamie Arnold, Brandon Jones, back from left, Tyler Driggers, Lance Day, Corbin Clements, Blane Knipe, Brooks Gafford, Donald Jeffrey and, rear center, coach Russell Gafford. (Contributed Photo)

Senior All-Stars best Plainview

The Snyder senior Little Dribblers All-Star team got 14 points and five boards to triumph over Plainview, 37-32, Tuesday night.

Lance Day also tallied five rebounds and posted 12 points.

The team got key contributions from the whole roster, with Brandon Jones scoring two points and Jamie Arnold dishing out two assists.

Corbin Clements led the team in rebounds with six.

Brooks Gafford put in three points and recorded four assists, while Donald Jeffrey knocked in four points.

Blaine Knipe collected four boards and hit a free throw attempt to round out the scoring.

The team's next game will be Saturday at 3:30, with the opponent unknown until the finish of Friday's games.

Jr. high golfers place 4th

The Snyder jr. high golfers took fourth place at the Midland Invitational Monday, shooting a team total 388 in the one-day tournament.

Syd Wiggins fired a team-best 85, while Lance Day finished two strokes behind Wiggins with an 87.

Ryne Trout carded a 101, and Shannon Mangis and Josh Ornelas each recorded a 113.

The second group was led by Tyler McCormack's 100.

Jordan Payne stroked a 107, Ashley Luecke shot 112, and Allison Sharrock posted a 130.



DISTRICT LEADERS — The Lady Tiger golfers won the Sweetwater tourney by 55 strokes Tuesday. The team is, from left, Hailey Putnam, Katie Kerley, Lauren Day, Catherine Whitworth and Kellie Dodson. (Contributed Photo)

Lady Tigers devour field at Sweetwater

The Snyder girls opened the 2003 district schedule with an easy victory at the Sweetwater District 3-3A tournament.

The team total of 322 was 55 strokes better than second place Sweetwater, which shot a 377.

The JV Lady Tigers were third in the tourney with a total of 379.

The varsity girls had the five best scores in the one-round tournament, though Lauren Day's 85 was not tallied in the team total.

Katie Kerley paced the team with a 79.

Catherine Whitworth fired an 80 and Hailey Putnam was third with an 81.

Kellie Dodson carded an 82.

The Lady Tigers will next compete in the Snyder district tournament on Monday.

The boys open district Thursday in Seminole.

Sweetwater District Golf Tournament

Team Totals: 1. Snyder I 322, 2. Sweetwater I 377, **3. Snyder II 379**, 4. Lamesa 406, 5. Seminole I 408, 6. Denver City 479, 7. Sweetwater II 504, 8. Seminole II 538.

Individual

Snyder I: Katie Kerley 79; Catherine Whitworth 80; Hailey Putnam 81; Kellie Dodson 82; Lauren Day 85.

Sweetwater I: Kelly Rainbolt 86; Brittany Mercer 88; Whitney Holcomb 98; Ashley Holcomb 105; Brandi Porter 119.

Snyder II: Christi Williams 86; Cami Trout 89; Kendra Martinez 99; Wendy Reed 105; Meggan Minor 111.

Lamesa: J.J. Thomas 94; Jade Martin 102; Alyse Finch 104; Corley Hodges 106; Kassi Cypert 110.

Seminole I: Tabatha Sierra 95; Kimbre Johnson 101; Katie Rinker 103; Ashley Cooper 109; Vicky Ivy 117.

Denver City: Chelsea-Anne Bearden 102; Jessica Brown 115; Natalie Arguijn 130; Ashley Hilburn 132.

Sweetwater II: Belinda Serrano 110; Kaitlin Lawrence 115; Britni Williams 136; Crystal Fraley 143; Sara Scott 147.

Seminole II: Kyla Armstrong 122; Julie Crosby 129; Jennifer McMannis 136; Jadee Elam 151.

Medalists: Megan Harris, Merkel, 91; Jacy Goolsby, Lamesa, 100; Erica Stafford, Lamesa, 118.

Lady Raiders edge UCSB

LUBBOCK (AP) — Spurred by coach Marsha Sharp, Texas Tech looked a lot more energetic Tuesday night in beating UC Santa Barbara 72-68 for a fifth straight trip to the round of 16.

After beating Southwest Missouri State on Sunday, Sharp criticized her team's backcourt play as "lazy."

There was none of that as Jia Perkins scored 23 points in the second round of the Midwest Regional.

"We couldn't have won without her making big plays both directions," Sharp said. "I was proud of her offense, but she did a great job defensively, and we're going to have to have that from her."

The second-seeded Lady Raiders (28-5) advanced to play sixth-seeded New Mexico in Albuquerque on Saturday night.

"I thought we focused better trip after trip, although there were a couple of points where we were a little bit wild," she said.

Texas routs Arkansas

CINCINNATI (AP) — Arkansas helped set a killer pace. But very shortly, only Texas could sustain it.

"When the game was 18-17, I would have loved to have been a fan, watching two teams just execute," said Arkansas coach Gary Blair. "I thought that's the way the game would go the whole way."

But Arkansas could not keep up, and Texas pulled away to win 67-50 Tuesday night in the second round of the West Regional.

The second-seeded Longhorns (27-5), making their 19th appearance in the NCAA tournament, will play Minnesota in the round of 16 Sunday in Stanford, Calif.

"We started out scorching, and so did they," said Texas coach Jody Conradt. "We were really pushing the tempo."

Texas made its first five shots, and Arkansas kept pace because of its 3-point shooting. Three 3-pointers by India Lewis and two by Shameka Christon gave Arkansas a 15-14 lead in less than five minutes.

"We had to take what was working for us early," Blair said. "We're not a great 3-point shooting team, but we're a streaky 3-point shooting team."

Lady Tigers overcome fielding woes to upend Lady Badgers

MERKEL — The Lady Tigers suffered through their worst game in the field Tuesday.

In the end, it didn't matter.

Ashley Martinez (9-1) worked around a season-worst eight errors for the Lady Tigers, pitching a complete-game five-hitter as Snyder (27-3, 3-0) clawed its way back from a 4-1 deficit to stop Merkel, 5-4, on a two-run double by shortstop Shelley Fisk in the sixth inning.

Martinez allowed just one earned run while striking out six Lady Badgers.

"Ashley pitched awesome," head coach Shelly Hayes said. "She had a slow start with a couple of wild pitches in the first, but she settled down and took control."

Hayes said her starter cruised through the final three innings, blanking Merkel down the stretch to give the Lady Tigers the comeback opportunity.

"Her change-up and fastball were working, and she really kept them off-balance," Hayes said.

"I was really proud of the girls," she said. "They came through and showed what the are made of. They looked like themselves at the end of the game."

Trailing 4-1 heading into the fifth, the Lady Tigers took advantage of two costly errors by Merkel to close the gap to 4-3 heading into the final frame.

Martinez smoked a shot over the left fielder's head that put Fisk on third.

Fisk, who had led off the inning with a walk, scored on a passed ball. Martinez crossed the plate after the Merkel left fielder mishandled Kelsi Johnson line drive to left.

Fisk delivered the decisive blow in the sixth inning. After Missy Vasquez walked to start the inning, second baseman Val Hernandez hammered a double to put runners on second and third.

Fisk then drilled a shot to the gap, plating both runners and giving the Lady Tigers their third straight district win.

Hernandez had two doubles in three at-bats, and Dara Chambers delivered a single.

Designated hitter Amber Luecke legged out a single, and Laura Clanton drove in the first run for Snyder with a sacrifice bunt in the second.

The Lady Tigers will take on Lamesa Friday afternoon at 4.

Bowden gets Hall call

Murray Bowden, a 1967 graduate of Snyder High School, has been inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Bowden was selected as a defensive back, which he played at Dartmouth from 1967-1970.

Professional and collegiate superstar Barry Sanders, as well as Joe Theismann and Roger Werhli will join Bowden at the Dec. 9 induction ceremonies in New York City.

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Sports Briefs

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-ups will take place today and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house. The league is for ages 13-15, and players can not turn 16 before Aug. 1. The sign-up fee is $40.

Any coaches interested contact Dwayne Murdock at 573-2207 or Larry Price at 573-0440. Any old teen-age league coaches must return their equipment during sign-ups.

Baseball Buddies

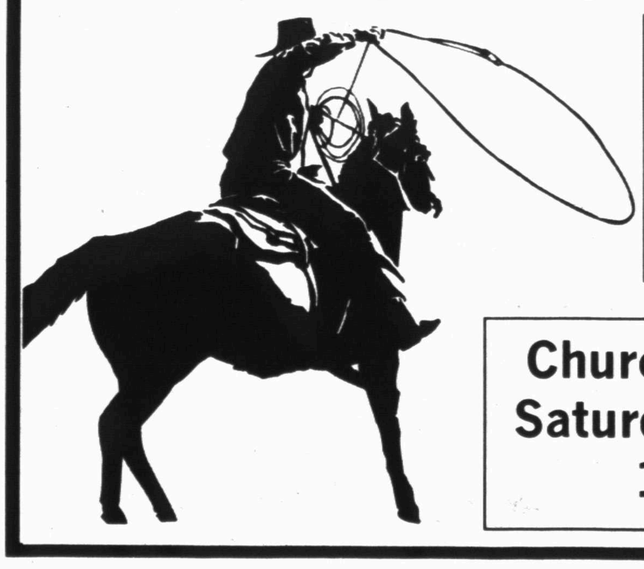
The SHS baseball team will host a "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon for the next three Saturdays.

The free skills sessions with the team are free to all kids aged 7-14.

Red Raiders face Yellow Jackets tonight

The Texas Tech basketball team will play in the NIT quarterfinal game tonight at United Spirit Arena. The Red Raiders (20-12) will face off against Georgia Tech (16-14) at 8:05.

The contest will air on ESPN2.

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House Demos again try to block lawsuits limits

AUSTIN (AP) — House Democrats tried another attempt to block a sweeping bill to limit lawsuits, claiming that a secret House committee meeting violated the Texas Constitution.

House Speaker Tom Craddick on Tuesday overruled their objection said the bill was "cured" when it went back to the House committee last week for another vote.

Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, wanted the debate permanently stopped, claiming committee members violated the constitution with their meeting in a Capitol coffee room.

After Craddick's ruling was appealed, he called on Speaker Pro Tem Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, to preside temporarily.

As he tried to maintain order, Turner warned the House: "As we move forward, let's bear in mind that we're not only representing ourselves but the institution of which we are a part."

The House was scheduled to continue debate on the bill Wednesday.

BUDGET WOES

At least 23 of 31 senators support ideas to delay state payments, dip into emergency funds and borrow against others as a way to balance the budget, Senate Finance Chairman Teel Bivins said Tuesday.

The bipartisan group of lawmakers say the "non-tax revenue" proposal could free up $5.8 billion that could go toward a shortfall of almost $10 billion.

But they've got some lofty opposition, including GOP Gov. Rick Perry.

"We realize that the alternatives are drastic and I, for one, will not vote for a bill that has Draconian cuts," said Democratic Sen. Judith Zaffirini, vice chairwoman of the Senate Finance Committee.

The 14 proposals detailed by Bivins, R-Lubbock, include changing the way the state's gas tax is collected, delaying payments for certain items, such as a teacher retirement system payment, and borrowing money from the state's tobacco settlement fund.

Perry on Monday urged legislators to dig deeper and find places to cut administrative costs from state programs rather than rely on one-time money sources and "budgetary sleights of hand."

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said that a majority of the money raised would not come from deferred payments.

TICK, TOCK

As the legislative session's halfway point passed, days of long, contentious debate continued Tuesday over a House bill that would limit lawsuits. It's slowed down other business, including the budget.

In the Senate, stalled was a fight over a high-profile bill that would address high homeowners insurance.

House members picked up heated debate on the "tort reform" bill after it was temporarily halted last week. That's when Democrats accused author Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, of having a secret meeting to discuss the controversial legislation.

Members were slowly going through more than 300 proposed amendments.

Meanwhile, solving the $9.9 billion shortfall and drafting the 2004-05 state budget crawled. The House Appropriations Committee, like others, had to cancel several hearings last week because of the tort debate.

The 140-day session ends June 2.

INSURANCE IMPASSE

Consumers Union, the League of United Latin American Citizens, AARP, Texas Watch and other groups applauded 11 Senate Democrats who are threatening to block a high-profile insurance bill from consideration.

Senate Bill 14, as it stands now, would fail to deliver Texans necessary oversight of the insurance industry and would give more power to insurance companies, said Rob Schneider, spokesman for Consumers Union.

"We need some corrections, we need some adjustments, we need to improve it," added Gus Cardenas, president of the Texas AARP, which represents more than 2 million members.

All but one of the 12 Democrats in the Senate said Monday that they planned to block the bill from floor debate scheduled Thursday.

Sen. Troy Fraser, Republican chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, which approved the bill last week, say some of the Democrats spoke out for bipartisanship and now want to change what they had agreed to.

DEATH PENALTY

A group opposed to the death penalty gathered at the Capitol to urge support for several bills that would change capital punishment laws in Texas. House and Senate committees were hearing testimony on the bills Tuesday, including one by Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, that would abolish the death penalty.

Dutton urged citizens to call their legislators to make their views known. Even Texans who agree with the death penalty realize it's possible to execute an innocent person.

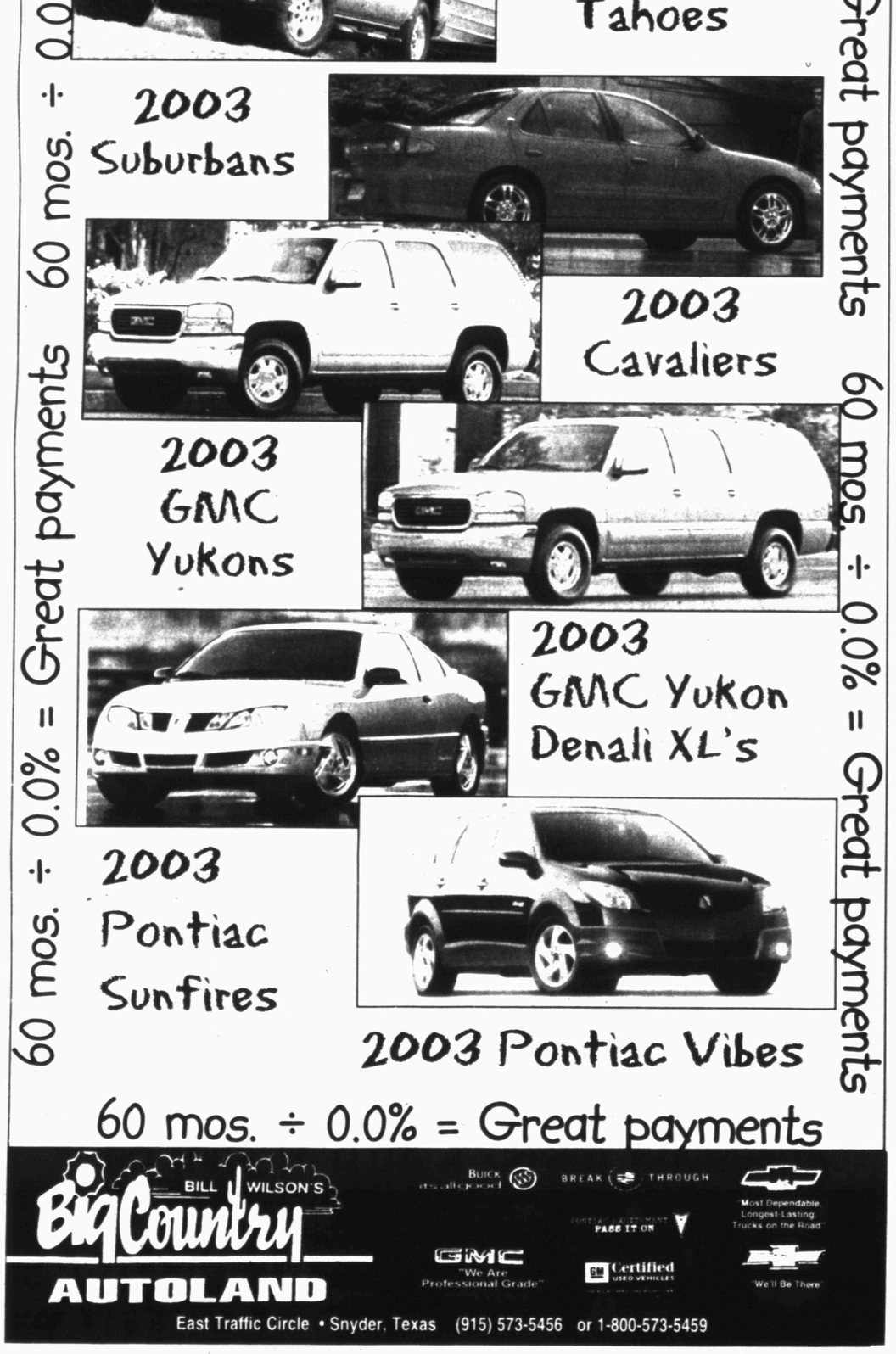
"What we're trying to do is fix this criminal justice system," Dutton said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

"I suggest we get about the business of taking care of the people's business, my friends." — Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, urging the House to move forward after lengthy debate about whether a House committee had a closed meeting. Some legislators gave him a standing ovation.



FINAL CLASS — Central Elementary School recently held the last of the Love and Logic classes for 2002-2003. Pam Hart, principal, far right, was the moderator. The classes focused on becoming "love and logic parents." The classes taught parents how to show love in a healthy way and establish effective control. Children win by learning responsibility through solving their own problems, and they acquire tools for coping with the real world. The parent class was funded through the Accelerated Schools Grant and Title One program. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)





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Three alleged al-Qaida trainees plead guilty

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — One of the alleged leaders of a suspected al-Qaida-trained terror cell has pleaded guilty to supporting Osama bin Laden's terrorist group.

Yahya Goba, 26, pleaded guilty Tuesday in U.S. District Court, becoming the third defendant to reach a deal with prosecutors in a case that sent shock waves through the Buffalo suburb of Lackawanna.

Goba is one of six men charged with providing support to bin Laden's group by training at an Afghanistan camp in spring 2001. The men, all in their 20s and American citizens of Yemeni descent, lived within blocks of one another in Lackawanna.

Goba's plea agreement, in which he detailed his trip to Afghanistan, said four unidentified men helped steer him and his five co-defendants to Afghanistan. His plea deal was the first to mention the four unidentified men.

He described two of the men as having recruited the Lackawanna group to prepare for jihad, or "preparation for a possible battle against people not of the same faith," as prosecutor William Hochul described it.

A third man helped pay for the trip of one of the defendants, and a fourth joined some of the men on the trip, prosecutors said.

Goba's plea came one day after co-defendant Shafal Mosed pleaded guilty to the same charge: providing material resources to a foreign terrorist organization. Another suspect, Faysal Galab, pleaded guilty in January to a lesser charge.



TOP 15 — The Senior Citizens Center honored the Top 15 volunteers for 2002-2003 at Friday's banquet. Pictured starting at top are Peggy Fowler, 774 hours; (second picture) Viola Stone, 577; Billie Holladay, 764; Ruby Gregory, 706; (third picture) Cary Patrick, 983; Nate Pyburn, 1,024; Texa Ball, 1,028; (fourth picture) Dorothy Duncan, 1,399; Juanita Ellington, 1,403; Thadine Harless, 1,536. Not pictured are Veida Gage, 1,988; Margaret Clevenger, 1,500; Gloria Browning, 1,351; Marie Armstrong, 1,135; and Sally Botts, 537. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)









DOOR PRIZE WINNER — Virginia Woch (left) won the door prize at the chicken spaghetti fundraiser dinner held by The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. One of the goals of the connection is to promote family time as an anti-drug, and the prize contained a family activity pack including soda, popcorn, movie rentals, candy and a game. She is pictured with Leroy Ochoa, prevention specialist for the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. (Contributed Photo)



HILL WINS DRAWING — Ronald Hill (left) is the most recent winner of The Big Payoff, a project sponsored by The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection. He won a family dinner at Snyder Lanes' Grill. Each month, a local company or group of businesses will be selected to receive in their paychecks flyers that promote family time. Employees are encouraged to then turn in their favorite family time activity, and a winner is drawn from those entries. Hill said his favorite way to spend quality time is talking over meals with his family and "just normal everyday operating as a family, not some 'planned' happening." Lyn Chaney, SACADA office manager, is also pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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♦ A 8
♣ K 9 7 4

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Avoiding another natural instinct

By Phillip Alder

Philosopher, author and naturalist Henry David Thoreau wrote, "What is peculiar in the life of a man consists not in his obedience, but his opposition, to his instincts."

That is strangely true. At the bridge table, though, play instinctively only if your instincts are totally reliable. It is much better to take time to think through the situation and to try to find the winning bid or play for the right reason.

This week we are looking at various "natural-reaction" plays that are wrong. Look at the North-South hands in the diagram. You are in four spades after East has opened one club. When West leads the club five, East wins with the ace and returns the queen. How would you plan the play?

First, the bidding. A takeout double followed by a jump to four spades shows a very strong hand. However, if you had bid three no-trump, not four spades, that would have been a fair gamble that works here.

You apparently have 10 easy tricks: six spades, one heart, two diamonds and one club. So, you win the second trick with the club king, draw trumps, and claim. What's that? You led out of turn at trick three because West ruffed your club king? Disaster! And suddenly your contract is irretrievable.

It is virtually certain from East's two-club rebid that West has led a singleton. So, at trick two, play a low club from your hand. Even if West follows suit, you haven't lost anything. East continues with the club jack, and again you play low. West ruffs higher than the dummy, but you win his return, draw trumps, and claim those 10 winners.

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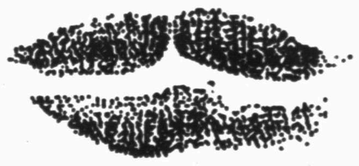
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Effort grows to close nuclear power station

BUCHANAN, N.Y. (AP) — The war with Iraq and the fear of reprisals on U.S. soil are stoking the strongest campaign ever to close the Indian Point nuclear power station, 35 miles north of midtown Manhattan.

Forty municipalities and 280 elected officials in three states have endorsed a shutdown of the twin, 1970s-era reactors owned by New Orleans-based Entergy Corp. The officials include eight members of Congress.

Backed by a recent independent study, critics say the densely populated area around Indian Point cannot be protected from radiation that could be released in a major accident or terror attack.

Local and state officials have refused to certify the existing Indian Point emergency plan as sufficient in an age of terrorist threats. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will soon have to declare some plan workable — or begin a process that could lead to a shutdown.

"They've been trying to close that thing since 1979 and this is the first time I can remember that anti-nuke advocates have actually landed a punch," said Christine Tezak, a power industry analyst at Schwab Capital Markets in Washington. She still believes, however, that Indian Point will survive.

Entergy, noting that it is in compliance with federal safety regulations, has vowed to sue if it loses an asset worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

"You might conclude that this is the best opportunity to shut down the plant, maybe ever, for the anti-nuclear groups," company spokesman Jim Steets said. "But I think common sense will prevail."

Certainly, a shutdown is unlikely. The plants provide 5.3 percent of the state's generation capacity, more than 1,500 jobs and millions of dollars in tax payments. Security has been tightened and the owners say the plants are safe. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has never closed a plant because of unsatisfactory emergency plans.

But given its proximity to New York City, Indian Point must be considered a potential terrorist target, says Alex Matthiessen, who leads the Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition. An estimated 11.8 million people live within 50 miles of Indian Point, far more than around any of the nation's other nuclear plants.

President Bush has acknowledged that nuclear plants are targets and, as the war began, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge began trying to strengthen security at the plants. In Arizona, the National Guard was called out to protect a reactor because an intelligence report said terrorists might attack it.

Security concerns that arose after the Sept. 11 attack — when hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 flew over Indian Point on its way to the World Trade Center — led New York to commission an independent review of the plant's emergency plan.

In January, James Lee Witt Associates concluded that emergency planning was inadequate, partly because of the failure to take terrorism into account. Witt, a former FEMA director, said the plans should be improved rather than abandoned, but he added in an interview that he wasn't sure a workable safety plan was possible around Indian Point.

NRC Chairman Richard Meserve said the Witt report "appears to give undue weight to the impact of potential acts of terrorism." But many nearby residents agreed with the overall conclusion.

Frank Apollonio, who owns a deli near the nuclear reactors, said no evacuation plan would work. "Too many people, and everyone is going to panic more than anything," he said.

Both sides in the debate brandish studies that differ widely on questions about the plant, like whether an airliner could break through its shell, how many people would have to be evacuated, how vulnerable the spent fuel is and how the electricity the plant generates could be replaced.

FEMA, still trying to determine whether it can "reasonably assure" public safety, gave state and local officials until May 2 to reconsider their decision not to certify the power station's safety plans. Otherwise, the agency will have to notify the NRC it has no such assurance.

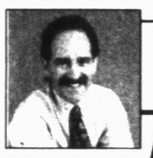
That would trigger a months-long federal process that would give FEMA, the state, the NRC and Entergy the chance to make sure an adequate plan was in place. If the NRC remained unsatisfied, it would then have to decide whether the reactors should be shut down "or whether other enforcement action is appropriate."

Richard Kessel, now chairman of the Long Island Power Authority, was a leader of the movement that closed the Shoreham nuclear plant on Long Island in 1989 just before it would have gone into commercial use.

Kessel says the evacuation issue at Shoreham and Indian Point is basically the same, "and now you have a terrorism issue that didn't exist at the time."

On the other hand, Entergy is a private company and its plants are central to the region's power supply; Shoreham was never on the region's electrical grid.

"Two thousand megawatts," Kessel noted, "is a lot to lose."



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Exercise is key to avoiding osteoporosis

DEAR DR. BLONZ: This is a follow-up to your article on osteoporosis. I am a World War II veteran and I am addicted to exercise. My current program is an hour walking (three miles) and an hour biking when weather permits (10 to 12 miles). I have done this and more daily since age 40. I have always believed that regular, strenuous exercise maintained bone density and that without it bones decalcify, as the astronauts found in space. I also used a weight machine for about 10 years up until a year ago, and haven't since because I moved and haven't got the apparatus put together right. Your article didn't say much about exercise, and I'm wondering why. — **G.B.H., Montgomery, Ala.**

DEAR G.B.H.: Thanks for your comments, and I compliment you on your continued devotion to fitness. You are absolutely correct that exercise is a key component in helping maintain bone strength. Where bones are concerned, it really is a "use it or lose it" proposition.

The column you are referring to had a slightly different focus, but I did mention lifestyle (which includes exercise habits) as a prime factor that can help inhibit the development of osteoporosis. I also mentioned the importance of maintaining a program of weight-bearing exercise to help slow bone loss. As a precaution, however, anyone who has been inactive or is at risk for osteoporosis or other chronic disease should always get a medical evaluation before beginning an exercise program.

On a personal note, I also exercise regularly on an every-other-day routine. To my mind, there is little that compares to the physical and mental satisfaction that comes with a workout. A side benefit to being active is that the calories you burn effectively lead to a greater enjoyment of food. Add to that how it helps stave off the risk of osteoporosis and you have a real win-win situation.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a friend who has been taking about 1,800 milligrams of calcium per day. She is 72. Is this going to do more harm than good? I enjoy you articles very much, and thank you. — **M.R., New York, N.Y.**

DEAR M.R.: Your friend's calcium intake is above the 1,200 milligram recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for a woman of 72 years, but it is below the 2,500 milligrams per day "tolerable upper limit" for calcium set by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. This is the level above which adverse health effects become more common.

You said, however, that she was "taking about 1,800 milligrams," which I take it means the amount she gets from supplements. If that is the case, her total intake from food and supplements combined might be even higher.

The digestive system relies on a calcium-binding protein to act as a gatekeeper and control how much calcium the body absorbs. When you consume more than you need, the extra tends to pass through unabsorbed. Depending on the level of excess, there can be a slight risk of digestive side effects, including constipation, bloating and flatulence.

Is there any benefit to extra calcium? It's doubtful, unless some specific health condition exists that increases a person's requirement. Could the extra calcium be more harmful than beneficial? If your friend is in good health and has a good diet, there is no reason to believe that the extra milligrams are doing her any harm. However, she should also be aware that it takes more than calcium to maintain healthy bones. Finally, although the body tends to tolerate calcium well, it makes sense for someone with chronic health conditions or who is taking medication to speak with a physician or pharmacist in order to rule out any potential interactions.

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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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Gas a common problem

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss the causes of foul-smelling intestinal gas and how to alleviate it. I have a family member who is a real social liability because of this problem.

DEAR READER: There's not much we can do to alter the olfactory characteristics of intestinal gas, which smells bad because of the internal company it keeps. If this gas is not caused by a deficiency of intestinal enzymes (such as lactose-intolerance) or by some physical ailment (such as colitis), people can usually reduce the amount of gas by following these simple suggestions:

— Eat slowly and chew thoroughly. Most intestinal flatulence is really swallowed air that is not belched up but passes through the bowel and is expelled in a considerably spicier state.

— Avoid carbonated beverages for the same reason.

— Don't consume gas-producing foods, such as beans and legumes. The starch in these edibles may not be readily digested; it passes into the colon where bacteria degrade it, causing foul-smelling gas in the process.

— Consider purchasing anti-gas medication, such as those that contain simethicone.

— Make an effort to release intestinal gas in socially acceptable situations. In this way, the problem may appear to be more diminished than it really is.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have terrible intestinal gas due to irritable bowel syndrome. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: I have four suggestions.

1) Avoid foods - such as carbonated beverages, legumes, baked beans and so forth - that you know by experience will worsen your gas problem.

2) Try Beano, a natural anti-gas compound.

3) If Beano is ineffective, purchase a product that contains simethicone (Gas-X and others).

4) If your gas build-up persists, see a gastroenterologist for further advice.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My teenaged son just finished his second three-month treatment of Accutane for acne. Since Accutane is a form of vitamin A, does it make sense to add the vitamin to his diet? Does diet have any effect on his facial oil glands?

DEAR READER: Accutane, a compound related to vitamin A, affects the skin in several ways, primarily by inhibiting the skin's sebaceous (oil-forming) glands. This characteristic makes the drug particularly suited to treating acne, a chronic skin disorder, marked by over-production (and inflammation) of these glands.

How Accutane works is unknown. The medicine is associated with several side effects, including irritation of the lips, sore joints and an increase in blood fats; therefore, it must be administered under close medical supervision that includes periodic blood tests.

The addition of vitamin A supplements has not been shown to affect acne. Nor do high doses of other vitamins.

Dietary therapy for acne has been controversial. Years ago, patients with the condition were urged to avoid chocolate and fatty foods. Today's dermatologists seem less inclined to restrict the diet, although some patients' skins do improve on a reduced-fat diet.

Your son should ask his dermatologist about dietary modifications.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	2.58	2.29	2.35	+ .10
AOL TimeWrn	11.45	11.20	11.24	—.13
AT&T Corp rs	6.86	16.39	16.56	—.30
Albertsons	19.90	19.69	19.82	—.12
Alltel	44.98	44.17	44.56	—.42
AmEl Pw	23.25	22.91	22.98	+ .16
AndarkPtr	44.68	43.21	43.87	—.82
ATMOS Egy	21.55	21.43	21.49	+ .04
Aviall	8.20	8.01	8.20	+ .15
BP PLC	40.78	40.45	40.75	+ .70
BakerHughes	30.43	29.41	29.68	—.15
Bank of Amer	69.47	68.55	68.67	—.64
BellSouth	22.00	21.60	21.84	—.16
BurlNoSFe	25.95	25.56	25.65	—.06
Caterpillar	51.05	50.15	50.83	—.17
CenterPoint	7.25	7.03	7.23	+ .18
ChevronTex	66.36	65.85	66.06	+ .04
Citigroup	36.08	35.63	35.73	—.17
CocaCola	41.05	40.71	40.82	—.18
ColgatePal	54.05	53.42	53.59	—.21
CmclMetals s	13.95	13.72	13.77	—.13
ConocoPhill	52.29	51.84	52.11	+ .09
Cooper Inds	38.30	37.80	37.83	—.33
DaimlrChry	30.84	30.31	30.56	—.04
DeltaAirl	10.30	9.68	10.05	+ .24
Dillards Inc	13.14	12.81	12.93	
DowChem	28.65	28.17	28.22	+ .06
DuPont	40.52	40.27	40.35	+ .11
EastmanChem	31.01	30.51	30.59	—.46
EstKodak	30.90	30.49	30.71	+ .31
EDS Corp	17.87	17.50	17.64	—.10
Entergy	49.49	49.25	49.39	+ .07
ExxonMobil	36.15	35.73	35.93	+ .26
FootLocker	10.89	10.76	10.85	+ .09
GenDynam	57.70	56.32	57.20	+ .71
GenElec	27.08	26.71	26.81	—.17
GenMills	46.85	46.25	46.29	—.39
GenMotors	34.53	34.04	34.25	—.02
GaPacific	14.72	14.40	14.49	—.36
Goodrich	14.75	14.51	14.53	—.21
Goodyear	5.12	5.05	5.07	—.03
GtAtlPac	5.11	4.84	5.04	+ .16
Halliburtn	21.40	20.75	20.96	+ .30
Hanson ADS	26.19	25.92	25.94	+ .09
HarteHanks s	19.00	18.72	18.75	—.15
HomeDepot	25.45	25.00	25.29	+ .18
HoneywellIntl	22.43	21.48	21.63	—.85
IBM	83.42	81.93	82.26	—1.19
IntlPaper	36.18	35.51	35.72	—.77
JohnsonJn	57.11	56.49	56.55	—.53
KinderMorg	45.63	45.30	45.35	—.35,
Kroger Co	14.33	14.11	14.19	+ .04
LockheedM	47.05	46.21	46.44	+ .48
Lowes Cos	42.24	41.40	42.08	+ .58
Lubys	1.14	1.09	1.14	+ .07
LucentTech	1.57	1.53	1.54	—.01
MarathonOil	23.72	23.39	23.68	+ .22
MayDeptStr	20.88	20.54	20.63	—.05
Medtronic	46.56	45.50	45.74	—1.36
Motorola	8.60	8.27	8.34	—.26
NCR Corp	19.17	18.73	19.01	—.09
Navistar	25.90	25.12	25.24	—.83
PNM Rescs	22.39	22.25	22.37	+ .02
Penney JC	20.86	20.35	20.66	+ .21
PepBoys	7.90	7.66	7.85	+ .20
PepsiCo	40.17	39.81	39.87	—.23
Pharmacia	44.70	44.40	44.52	+ .17
PhelpDodge	33.94	33.28	33.40	—.53
PilgrmPrd B	8.20	7.92	8.19	—.10
Praxair	57.67	56.70	56.91	—.52
ProctGamb	88.44	87.89	88.14	+ .12
RadioShack	22.20	21.01	21.35	+ .52
RoyalDut	42.20	41.75	41.90	+ .72
SBC Comm	21.15	20.76	20.94	—.21
SaraLee	20.14	19.86	19.93	—.21
Scripps EW	77.80	76.50	76.68	—1.27
SearsRoeb	25.20	23.26	23.75	+ 2.30
SherwinW	26.84	26.51	26.54	—.21
SouthernCo	29.20	28.91	28.96	—.24
SwstAirl	15.15	14.84	14.86	—.26
SprintFON	12.14	11.70	11.74	—.40
SprintPCS	4.44	4.21	4.42	+ .15
Sunoco Inc	36.39	35.80	36.30	+ .08
TXU Corp	18.20	17.94	18.07	+ .14
TempleInland	40.99	40.00	40.10	—1.68
TexInd	19.61	19.10	19.16	—.44
TexasInst	18.00	17.75	17.78	—.12
Textron	28.65	27.85	28.65	+ .19
TrinityInds	17.67	17.55	17.55	—.15
TylerTech	3.69	3.59	3.59	—.06
UnionPacif	56.59	55.84	56.11	—.09
USSteel	10.43	10.17	10.38	—.23
UnitedTech	61.50	60.87	61.43	—.17
Unocal	25.89	25.60	25.74	—.13
VerizonComm	36.27	35.57	35.84	—.43
WalMart	53.97	53.17	53.58	+ .11
WellsFargo	46.65	45.95	45.96	—.50
WstnGasRs	32.45	32.12	32.13	—.12
WinnDixie	13.82	13.65	13.69	—.13
Xerox Cp	8.92	8.75	8.88	+ .01
YumBrands s	24.55	24.33	24.40	—.13

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AMERICA AT WAR

Coalition blasts Iraqi targets

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A series of explosions along with the sound of low flying aircraft was heard early today, and the U.S. military said coalition missiles struck the Iraqi state-run television.

Smoke was seen next to the information ministry and the Iraqi TV building.

The signal from Iraqi Satellite TV, which broadcasts 24 hours a day outside Iraq, went off the air around 4:30 a.m. (8:30 p.m. EST Tuesday), according to monitors in Britain.

Iraq's domestic television service was not broadcasting at the time.

At the Pentagon, a U.S. military spokeswoman said coalition aircraft struck the Iraqi state-run television channel. Damage assessment was not complete, she told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The coalition airstrikes targeted not only Iraqi television but also government communications and satellite links at several sites in the capital, U.S. military officials said. The strikes used Tomahawk cruise missiles fired from U.S. Navy ships and bombs dropped by coalition aircraft.

"These targets are key regime command and control assets," said Jim Wilkinson, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command.

On Tuesday, gray smoke from fuel fires and a swirling sandstorm enveloped Iraq's capital, where intermittent explosions once again rattled residents who embraced life's simple routines even as U.S.-led troops moved closer.

Garbage trucks rolled the streets picking refuse, which was piled high in some neighborhoods, while public transportation buses were running normally. Traffic was on the increase, and more stores and shops were open than at any time since the first missile hit Baghdad last week.

The smoke hanging over the city came not from those missiles, but from fuel fires set by Baghdad authorities, an effort to obscure military targets in the city. Visibility was further hampered by a powerful sandstorm that seemed to cover everything in the city with a fine coat of sand.

The sandstorm eased this morning.

U.S.-led troops were within 50 miles of the capital, setting up a seemingly inevitable fight for control of the historic city of 5 million residents. Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said his countrymen were unshaken by that prospect.

The Iraqis "await surprises on how the American game of shock and awe will fail," al-Sahhaf said.

The wind in Baghdad became so wicked Tuesday that palm trees and traffic lights swayed madly, with security men and police hiding behind sandbags — ordinarily military outposts — in search of respite.

At the height of the sandstorm, the explosions that echoed through the capital for most of the day ceased.

More security and police officers were seen around the city than last week, and residents reported members of Saddam Hussein's feared intelligence agencies were also posted on the streets.

The bombing Tuesday was on the outskirts of the city, with its echoes easily audible in the heart of Baghdad. Some residents were busy digging new defensive trenches or expanding existing ones; some were dug in the courtyard of the Iraq museum, home to priceless antiques.

Iraqi state television went off the air for about 45 minutes after explosions were heard in the city.



FRIENDLY FLIPPERS — U.S. Navy bomb disposal experts during a session with one of two specially-trained bottle-nosed Atlantic dolphins, used to help ferret out mines in the approaches of the port of Umm Qsar, southern Iraq today. Coalition forces say the harbour will be used as bridgehead to bring in humanitarian aid. (AP Photo)

Of U.S. invaders...

Iraqi TV tells citizens to "slit their throats"

By The Associated Press

Hour by hour, Iraq TV broadcast the fierce propaganda of Saddam Hussein and his inner circle. "Slit their throats," was the greeting Iraqi citizens should give advancing allied troops, the leaders advised on the air.

The government controlled station had operated with only intermittent outages through the first six days of the war — until early today.

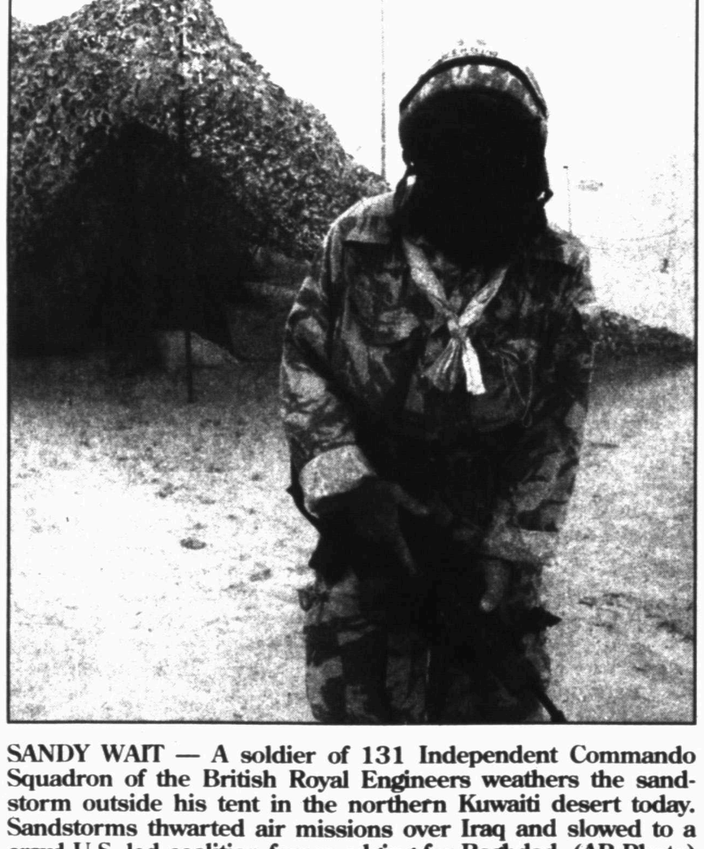
A series of explosions along with the sound of low flying aircraft was heard in Baghdad, and the Pentagon said coalition aircraft had struck the Iraqi state-run television.

American military officials have long promised a war that would take great care to avoid civilian casualties and infrastructures such as power and communications grids. Through Tuesday, U.S. leaders were often asked why allied troops — with their precision weaponry — didn't simply knock Iraqi television off the air for good.

The answers had been vague.

During the daily military briefing Tuesday at the coalition's $1.5 million desert press center in Qatar, a reporter asked Air Force Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart: "Why haven't you attacked those facilities and taken them out?"

"I'm not going to talk about what we target and when," Renuart replied.



SANDY WAIT — A soldier of 131 Independent Commando Squadron of the British Royal Engineers weathers the sandstorm outside his tent in the northern Kuwaiti desert today. Sandstorms thwarted air missions over Iraq and slowed to a crawl U.S.-led coalition forces edging for Baghdad. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key recent developments in the war:

— A large contingent of Iraq's elite Republican Guard headed south in a 1,000-vehicle convoy today toward U.S. Marines in central Iraq. In Baghdad, Iraqi officials said two cruise missiles hit a residential area, killing 14.

— British forces battled more than 1,000 die-hard Iraqi loyalists for control of Basra on today, coming to the defense of inhabitants who rose up against Saddam Hussein in the streets of the country's second-largest city.

— The U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division drew to within 50 miles of Baghdad, west of where the Republican Guard was advancing. Other American forces were expected to join soon in squeezing the capital from several directions.

— The first sizable relief convoy rolled into Iraq in a sandstorm today. Seven large, battered tractor-trailers entered Umm Qasr carrying food and water donated by Kuwaitis.

— A U.S. general said Wednesday the discovery of 3,000 chemical suits in a hospital in central Iraq that had been used as an Iraqi base raised concern that Saddam Hussein's regime was prepared to use chemical weapons.

— President Bush traveled to the headquarters of Central Command today in Tampa, Fla. The Command's top general, Tommy Franks, is running the war against Iraq from a forward headquarters in Qatar. Bush was getting a pair of briefings from Central Command brass and having lunch with troops.

— A military source said the U.S. Central Command in Qatar now had evidence that the Iraqi regime had wired many of the bridges around Baghdad for destruction.

— Turkey's military chief of staff pledged today to coordinate with the United States before sending troops into northern Iraq and said there would be no deployment unless a refugee crisis erupted or Turkey's security was threatened.

— En route to Baghdad, units from the 7th Cavalry Regiment fought a fierce running battle with Iraqi forces near the central city of Najaf. According to preliminary reports from American military officials, U.S troops killed up to 500 Iraqi fighters, suffering the loss of two tanks but no deaths.



READY FOR WAR — Iraqi Kurdish militiamen look down at the Iraqi Domis compound from their post on top of the Zawa mountain, a few kilometers south of Dohuk in Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq today. As Iraqi Kurdish and American forces are expected soon to start a ground attack to open a northern front, Kurdish groups controlling northern Iraq staunchly opposed to any Turkish intervention have warned that it could lead to clashes with local forces. (AP Photo)

Bush warns troops war far from over

By The Associated Press

MacDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — President Bush said today the war in Iraq is far from over and warned that coalition forces will face "the most desperate elements of a doomed regime" as they close in on Baghdad.

The president promised to prevail. "We will be relentless in our pursuit of victory."

He said Saddam Hussein's highly trained Republican Guard troops are under "direct and intense attack" from coalition forces. "Day by day, Saddam Hussein is losing his grip on Iraq. Day by day, the Iraqi people are closer to freedom."

Bush's visit came as U.S. and British forces began to suffer battle casualties. Nine Marines were killed Sunday in an ambush, and Army helicopters encountered fierce resistance during an attack Monday on Republican Guard units protecting the approaches to Baghdad. One helicopter went down and its two-man crew was captured.

"The military is making good progress in Iraq, yet this war is far from over," Bush said. "As they approach Baghdad, our fighting units are facing the most desperate elements of a doomed regime. We cannot know the duration of this war, but we are prepared for the battle ahead."

Bush spoke at the headquarters of Central Command, the nerve center of prewar military planning.

"I can assure you there will be a day of reckoning for Iraq, and that day is drawing near," Bush said to loud applause. Bush said, "We've seen their daring against ruthless enemies and their decency to an oppressed people. Millions of Americans are proud of our military, and so am I."

Bush spoke before receiving a classified military briefing at the headquarters of the Central Command, whose top general, Tommy Franks, is running the war against Iraq from a forward headquarters in Qatar.

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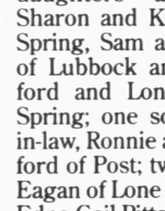
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Senate cuts tax breaks to reduce deficits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans appear to have little chance of restoring billions of dollars that lawmakers cut from President Bush's tax cut and redirected to war, veterans and deficit reduction.

A series of Senate votes left only $350 billion where the president wanted $726 billion over the next decade to inject new growth into the economy by accelerating scheduled income tax cuts and reducing dividend taxes.

The Senate voted 51-48 to reduce the size of the economic growth package as it weighed the cost of war and peace in Iraq.

"I think all of us realize that this is a long-term commitment that we're making to bring stability to that region of the world, and it's going to cost some money," said Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio.

Republicans have prepared a stack of new amendments that could increase the size of the tax cut, but Senate Budget Committee Chairman Don Nickles, R-Okla., said he will survey the landscape today before offering them.

21-year-old arrested on four warrants

Arrests

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody in the 1500 block of 28th Street at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for driving without a license, failure to maintain liability insurance, making an improper turn and violating promises to appear before a judge.

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Shawna Reed reported at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday that someone took a 1997 Ford pickup, owned by E. D. Walton Construction Co. An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was submitted.

The truck was returned and the incident remains under investigation. No charges have been filed.

Juvenile

A woman requested officers near Central Elementary at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday after seeing a subject standing outside his residence near the school with what appeared to be a rifle.

Officers contacted a juvenile who was in possession of a BB gun. The teen was advised to keep the gun in the backyard.

Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of the intersection at 37th Street and El Paso after witnessing several vehicles speed through the interchange without stopping.

Noise complaint

At 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Browning to a report of loud music. The officers contacted a subject who agreed to lower the volume.

Cogdell board will consider reports

A number of reports are on the agenda for Thursday morning's meeting of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers.

These include the medical staff report by Dr. Bid Cooper as well as Jo Beth Hardegree, personnel director, presenting the yearly human services report.

Jay Wesson, safety officer, also will present the year-end safety report.

The board will consider approving the revised strategic plan for the hospital that was presented earlier in a called session. Chuck Hurst, education director, will present this report.

Hospital CEO George Parsley will seek approval for a request for proposal for a private pay collection agreement.

The board will review the monthly financial statements, and Parsley will address the board on informational items to include called meetings planned for each Wednesday in April at 7:30.

Purpose of these meetings, Parsley said, is to keep the board informed of the status of Covenant's Family Healthcare Clinic.

Parsley also will update the board on his plans to hold "State of the Hospital" meetings with groups of employees on Thursday and Friday.

An executive session is also planned to discuss a personnel matter.

Missing N.C. girl found safe

RAEFORD, N.C. (AP) — A girl who was abducted in 1999 when she was 11 was headed home today after contacting U.S. authorities in Mexico.

Hoke County authorities said Dana Pevia now has two children of her own — a 3-year-old daughter and a 3-month-old son.

Dana went to the U.S. Consulate General's office in Guadalajara last week. Consulate officials contacted the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which contacted the Hoke County sheriff's office.

"I always felt like she would come back if she could," said her grandmother, Oneda Pevia said.

Warrants have been issued charging Hector Majarro Frausto, 22, with kidnapping and statutory rape. Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said Frausto was the Pevias' neighbor when Dana disappeared, and used the family's telephone to call his family in Mexico.

Dana was scheduled to arrive at Raleigh-Durham International Airport late today.

Neither the family nor investigators know details of Dana's life in Mexico. Peterkin said Dana had been living about two hours away from Guadalajara.

Dana's mother, Wanda Pevia, last saw her daughter when she walked to her school bus stop on June 4, 1999.

Obituaries

Shorty Halford

1935-2003

Weldon "Shorty" Halford of Snyder died Tuesday, March 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Graveside service for Mr. Halford, 67, has been set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Larry White, minister of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate.



Shorty Halford

Born Oct. 31, 1935 in Jester, Okla., he married Bennie McFatridge on April 26, 1958 in Snyder. Mr. Halford was owner of Lease Equipment and a member of the Rock Island Masonic Lodge No. 869.

He was preceded in death by one brother, J.W. Halford.

Survivors include his wife, Bennie Halford of Snyder; three daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Kerry Fritz of Big Spring, Sam and Tracy Dennis of Lubbock and LaDonna Halford and Lonnie Pitts of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and LaDonna Halford of Post; two sisters, Ila Rae Eagan of Lone Grove, Okla., and Edna Gail Pitts and husband Bill of Corn, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Richard Halford and wife Devin of Post, Ricky Halford and wife Keri of Washington, Larissa Halford of Post, Shiloh and Brittany Fritz of Big Spring, Jason and Madison Dennis of Lubbock, Dakota Teaff of Big Spring and Samantha Pitts of Garden City; and several nieces and nephews.

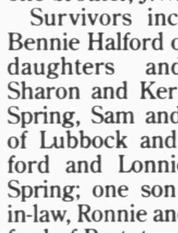
Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosalio Gutierrez

1944-2003

Rosalio Gutierrez Sr., 58, died Tuesday, March 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Rosary for Mr. Gutierrez is set for 8:15 p.m. Thursday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Frank Ortegon officiating.



Gutierrez

Funeral mass is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Sept. 4, 1944 in Sabinal, he married Rosalinda Olvera on April 8, 1962 in Carrizo Springs.

A mechanic, Mr. Gutierrez was preceded in death by a brother, Hilario Gutierrez; and a sister, Paula Marie Perez.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalinda Gutierrez of Snyder; three sons, Rosalio Gutierrez Jr., Eddie Gutierrez and Joe Angel Gutierrez, all of Snyder; four daughters, Melinda Piru of Austin, Josie Juarez of Calwell, Nancy Gutierrez and Esmeralda Maldonado, both of Snyder; his mother, Lorenza Gutierrez of Snyder; two brothers, Santos Gutierrez of Snyder and Jose Gutierrez of Salem, Ore.; six sisters, Hilaria Gutierrez of Hermleigh, Consuelo Gallegos and Esperanza Renteria, both of Snyder, Lorenza Jimenez of Eagle Pass, Maria Aguilar of Mission and Dolores Gutierrez of Conroe; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Katherine Stack

1941-2003

ABILENE — Katherine Stack, a former Snyder resident, died Sunday, March 23.

Service for Mrs. Stack, 61, is set for 10 a.m. Friday at Witzler-Shank Funeral Home Chapel in Walbridge, Ohio. Burial will follow in Lake Township Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Abilene Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 4, 1941 in Montgomery County, Va., she and her husband, Jack A. Stack, lived in Ira for 10 years. She worked as a nurse's aide for Cogdell Memorial Hospital and also Snyder Oaks Care Center. They had lived in Abilene the past 10 years.

Survivors include her husband, Jack A. Stack of Abilene; two sons, Jack Stack Jr. of Snyder and James Andrew Stack of Abilene; two granddaughters, Hollie Stack of Nacogdoches and Tiffany Stack of Snyder.

Dorothy Eckert

1932-2003

BIG SPRING — Dorothy Bernice Eckert, sister-in-law of Juanita Eckert of Snyder, died Monday, March 24, at her home in Big Spring.

Service for Mrs. Eckert, 71, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. at the Miles Cemetery in Miles, Tex.

Born Jan. 17, 1932 in Cameron, she married Elmer Eckert on April 8, 1951 in San Angelo. He died April 30, 1988.

Mrs. Eckert had lived in Big Spring since 1974 and had been a caretaker for the elderly. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Carl Elmer Eckert on March 19, 2002.

Survivors also include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Chester Eckert, Steve Eckert and Fred and Becky Eckert, all of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Dornell and Lanny King of Big Spring; a brother, Mondrow Stork of Rockdale; four sisters, Doris Junek of Graham, Ona Faye Skrhak of Bastrop, Leola Sladek of San Antonio and Florence Downey of Big Spring; a niece, Lujean Eckert of Snyder; two nephews, Gary Eckert and Nelson Eckert, both of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

Paula Bylsma

1940-2003

SIOUX FALLS, Idaho — Paula Ann Bylsma, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 25, at her home under the care of Avera Mckennan Hospice.

Committal service for Mrs. Bylsma, 62, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Woodlawn Cemetery and a memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Born June 11, 1940 in Gorman, she moved with her family to Snyder in 1947 and was a 1958 graduate of Snyder High School. She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1962 and completed her masters of art degree in history at the University of Iowa in 1963.

She married John Bylsma on Dec. 28, 1963.

Mrs. Bylsma taught English and history for two years in Columbus Junction, Iowa, and social studies and English for eight years at Patrick Henry Junior High in Sioux Falls. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school and served on boards and committees. When the church sponsored Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s, Mrs. Bylsma began her involvement with the refugee community in Sioux Falls. She was a volunteer and teacher of English as a second language for Lutheran Social Services.

Mrs. Bylsma also was one of the founders of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls and was active in its growth during the first years of its existence.

Survivors also include her husband, John Bylsma of Sioux Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Engebretson of Fargo, N.D.,; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Bylsma of Ashland, Ore.; her parents, Bob and Henrietta Dupree of Snyder; a sister, Dena Ferrell Bryant of Arlington; and grandchildren, Ariel, Benjamin and Samuel Engebretson, and Noah and Micah Bylsma.

Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church's Malawi and One Great Hour of Sharing missions or to Habitat for Humanity.

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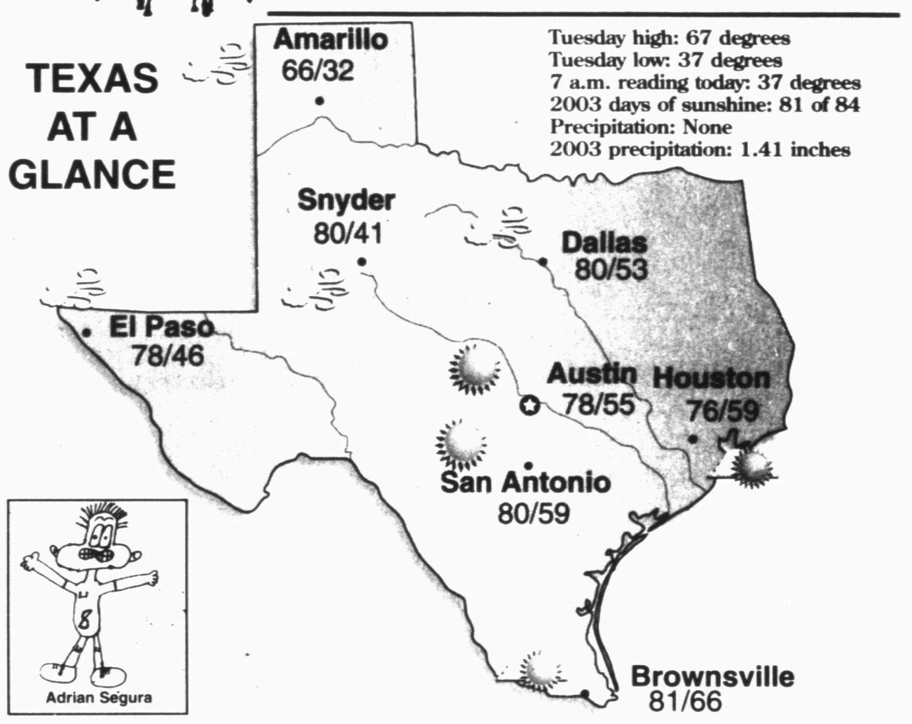
Local 3-Day Forecast

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80/41	58/29	54/24
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Amarillo	66	32	windy	Fort Stockton	87	47	windy	Raymondville	83	63	mst sunny
Austin	78	55	sunny	Gainesville	78	47	windy	Rosenberg	76	58	mst sunny
Beaumont	75	57	mst sunny	Greenville	76	48	windy	San Antonio	80	59	sunny
Brownsville	81	66	mst sunny	Houston	76	59	mst sunny	San Marcos	78	55	sunny
Brownwood	83	50	windy	Kingsville	82	62	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	76	49	windy
Corpus Christi	78	63	mst sunny	Livingston	76	53	mst sunny	Sweetwater	83	44	windy
Corsicana	77	51	windy	Longview	76	51	windy	Tyler	77	53	windy
Dallas	80	53	windy	Lubbock	76	37	windy	Weatherford	79	47	windy
Del Rio	89	61	sunny	Lufkin	76	54	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	82	45	windy

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	50	pt sunny	Houston	76	59	mst sunny	Phoenix	79	52	pt sunny
Boston	52	37	pt sunny	Los Angeles	70	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	49	windy
Chicago	56	47	rain	Miami	83	71	t-storm	Seattle	51	37	rain
Dallas	80	53	windy	Minneapolis	48	33	rain	St. Louis	73	52	windy
Denver	37	21	mixed	New York	58	39	sunny	Washington, DC	62	41	pt sunny

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Last	New	First	Full
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16

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MAKE TREE HOUSES — Second grade students at Stanfield have been studying about rules and laws in school and in the country. Along with this unit, students had to create a tree house. They also included a set of five rules for their tree house. Parents and students worked together to design and create their project following specific guidelines. This program allowed students to understand the importance of rules and law and how they affect their daily lives. Students pictured with their projects include back row from left, Ashlie Moon, Alex Steelman, Kodee Villegas, Heather Medrano, Shane Robbins, Cade Towery and Austin Morris, In front are Hayley Taylor, Megan McWilliams and Skylar Davidson. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Computer model shows hands of Neanderthals had dexterity

By The Associated Press

Neanderthals were not the ham-fisted cavemen often portrayed in cartoons, but instead had at least as much dexterity as modern humans, computer modeling of ancient hand bones shows.

The modeling suggests that the disappearance of Neanderthals cannot be attributed solely to a physical inability to make tools as successfully as their modern human cousins, researchers said.

Instead, the reason for the Neanderthals' demise seems to be more complex, said Wesley Niewoehner, an anthropologist at California State University-San Bernadino who developed the computer model. Results of his comparisons appear in the current issue of the journal Nature.

Neanderthals had to compete for food and territory with fast-spreading modern humans, who are believed to have been more adept at finding resources and cooperating strategically. Other factors such as changing climates also may have played a role.

There have also been questions about their ability to make tools.

"If you could write off Neanderthals as inferior, unable to make precision grips and therefore unable to make precision tools, it would be easier to explain what happened to them," Niewoehner said.

Neanderthal man, one of a number of types of early man that predated modern humans, evolved in Europe and eventually covered an area ranging from Spain to southern Russia and western Asia. The oldest fossils attributed to Neanderthals are more than 350,000 years old.

They are believed to have vanished about 10,000 to 15,000 years after modern man emerged from Africa and the Far East about 45,000 years ago.

The computer modeling on the Neanderthal hand was conducted with epoxy casts of hand bones found in 1909 in La Ferrassie, France. The casts of the thumb and index finger bones were scanned to produce three-dimensional models, which were used to determine the range of motion possible with the bone structure.

Scientists already knew Neanderthal man could make tools and must have had good dexterity. The computer model confirms that "the Neanderthal hand may have looked a bit different, but was not functionally inferior," said Ian Tattersall, curator of the Division of Anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Neanderthal hands were more heavily muscled than modern human hands, with broad finger tips.

University of Pittsburgh anthropologist Jeffrey Schwartz went one step further than Niewoehner, saying Neanderthal man's grasp may have been superior to the grip of modern human hands.

The popularized idea of Neanderthal man as caveman is wrong, said Schwartz.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, March 28, 2003

Trade upon your knowledge and experience in the year ahead and it could turn out to be a year of exceptional promise for you. What you know and how you dispense it will be at the core of your success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something that might at first glance look like a rather foolish gamble may turn out to be a spectacular involvement that will be earmarked just for you. Look beyond the obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Not only will a situation that has caused you a bit of apprehension be successfully concluded today, but it will also pave the way for something of much greater promise in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An extremely positive and lucky influence could eclipse your present plans today and take you in a new direction that will give you many reasons to be hopeful about your involvements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may seem that the harder you try today, the more you're locked out. Just about the time you begin to give up, however, a new dawn will break and loosen things up on previously untapped sources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something very propitious could be in the wind for you today. Although there may be a few other people involved, you'll be the one who'll reap the most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Just when you thought nobody cared, you'll learn today that others have been working on your behalf to help you out with a dilemma you've been recently faced with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A new ally you've recently made could prove to be very important to you today in helping carry out a project assigned to you. This person will have information you lacked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something very fortuitous could happen today that will have an advantageous effect on your status and reputation. It may come about out of someone else's failed attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although your ideas may be attacked today, pay little heed to your assailant. Your concepts will prove to have great merit when you continue to put them to the test.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Get your desires in harmony with those of your mate's today. What you collectively want should come rather easy for you. When you think and act as one, you will be successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone who has been adamantly opposed to accepting your policies and suggestions will have his or her eyes opened in seeing the merit of what you have to offer and could become a supporter today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't make any premature changes today concerning your career. Something very fortuitous is about to happen that will enhance your status and reputation within your field of endeavor.

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