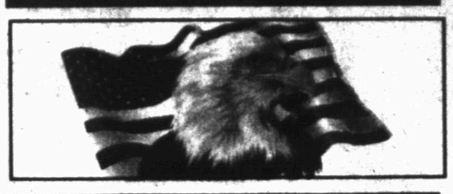
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THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Too often promises are just checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account."

Truths about taxation are not always self-evident, according to our friend Danny Andrews. With the legislature and congress in session, taxes are on the minds of Texans.

To put tax cuts in simple terms, suppose that every day 10 men go out for dinner and the bill totals $100.

If they paid their bill the way taxes are paid, the first four men – the poorest – would pay nothing.

The fifth would pay $1, the sixth would pay $3 and the seventh $7. The eighth would shell out $12 and the ninth $18.

The richest, the 10th man, would pay $59.

The 10 men decided that is what they would do. All were happy with the arrangement until one day the owner threw them a curve.

"Since you are all good customers, I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily meal by $20. The group still wanted to pay the bill the way taxes are paid.

So the first four men were unaffected, they would still eat for free. The other six debated on how to divvy up the $20 windfall.

The six realized that $20 divided by six is $3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, the fifth and sixth man would end up being "paid" to eat.

So the restaurant owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount.

Therefore the fifth man paid nothing, the sixth pitched in $2, the seventh paid $5, the eighth paid $9 and the ninth $12, leaving the 10th man with a tab of $52 instead of $59.

Each of the six were better off than before and the four continued to eat free.

Once outside the restaurant, they began to compare their savings. The sixth man realized he only got a dollar out of the $20, but the 10th received $7.

The fifth man realized he only saved a buck, too, and claimed it was unfair that the 10th got seven times more. The seventh agreed, wondering why he would get only $2 back while the 20th man got $7. "The wealthy get all the breaks."

The four eating free joined the protest. "We didn't get anything at all, the system exploits the poor."

The nine men so verbally attacked the 10th guy that he didn't show up for dinner the next evening. However, they sat down and ate without him.

When the tab arrived, they discovered something important. They were $52 short.

And that is how the system works. The people who pay the most get the most benefit from a tax cut. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy and they may just not show up at the table any more.

Slowed by blowing sand...

Troops edge closer to Baghdad

By the Associated Press

Sandstorms slowed U.S. and British forces to a crawl and thwarted air missions today as U.S.-led forces edged closer to the Iraqi capital. Baghdad residents, hunkered down for an eventual battle, woke to howling winds and the distant crash of artillery.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, providing an overview of the military campaign, said the coalition had secured a key southern port despite tenacious resistance, and had much of the western desert in hand. He said the allies launched air attacks on targets in the northern oil centers of Mosul and Kirkuk, as well as Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, and that troops were making advances in eastern Iraq to help defend two main bridges over the Euphrates.

Blair stressed that the final miles on the road to Baghdad would be the most challenging, as U.S. Army troops face the Medina division of Saddam's Republican Guard.

"This will plainly be a crucial moment," he said.

President Bush, asking Congress for $74.7 billion to pay for six months of combat, said Tuesday that coalition forces are "on a steady advance" in Iraq but said he could not predict how long the war will last.

The overall mission of Navy air power was changing to focus more on support for U.S. ground troops advancing on Baghdad, said Capt. Patrick Driscoll, commander of the more than 70-plane air wing aboard the USS Kitty Hawk.

The Army met sporadic resistance on its journey north. A report from the 3rd Infantry Division's headquarters estimated 500 Iraqis were killed during a two-day sweep past the holy Shiite city of Najaf, said Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Preston of the Army's V Corps.

At least 20 U.S. troops have been killed and 14 captured or missing since the operation began.

In other developments:

— In a friendly fire incident, an American F-16 fired on a U.S. Patriot missile battery in Iraq after the battery's radar locked on the plane, the U.S. Central Command said Tuesday. No U.S. casualties were reported. The strike Monday was the war's second such incident involving Patriot batteries apparently failing to distinguish between friendly and hostile targets.

— Coalition forces destroyed six satellite jamming devices, which Iraq was using to try to thwart American precision guided weapons, Air Force Maj. Gen. Victor Renuart said. He said the devices have had "no effect" on U.S. military operations.

Combat missions from two aircraft carriers were called back because of bad weather and two Army divisions were virtually stalled in a vicious sandstorm that reduced visibility to a few feet.



BLOWING SAND — U.S. Army soldiers from the A Company 3rd Batallion 7th Infantry Regiment cover up during an intense sandstorm that slowed U.S. military progress near Karbala today. Thousands of U.S. Marines were rumbling north toward Baghdad today, taking safer roads to avoid cities and towns where they could face Iraqi resistance. (AP Photo)

Marines mourned at Camp Lejeune

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A flag near the USO in this garrison town fluttered at half staff today as military officials confirmed that 10 Marines based at Camp Lejeune have been killed in Iraq.

The Department of Defense released the names of seven of the victims, saying they were killed in the vicinity of An Nasiriyah, about 230 miles southwest of Baghdad, as Marines poured toward the Iraqi capital.

Lejeune spokeswoman 2nd Lt. Kate VandenBossche had no further details on the circumstances of any of the 10 deaths.

As morning came in Jacksonville, a flag in a park near the USO had been lowered to half staff, and the USO's director, Judy Pitchford, tied an enormous yellow bow to a railing outside the building as she opened the center.

Sharea Stone fretted about her husband, who is assigned to field artillery in Iraq. It's the first time Pvt. David Stone, 32, has been deployed in a combat operation.

"When my husband left (in January), I just thought of him being overseas," Stone, 29, said. "I never looked at it as I look at it now."

David Stone's absence now is "stressful, very stressful. I think about him, whether he is OK," she said.

Seven of the 10 Marines identified included one Texan, Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan, 42, of Brazoria. Others include Sgt. Michael E. Bitz, 31, Ventura, Calif.: Lance Cpl. David K. Fribley, 26, Lee, Fla.; Cpl. Jose A. Garibay, 21, Orange, Calif.; Cpl. Jorge A. Gonzalez, 20, Los Angeles, Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Slocum, age unknown, Adams, Colo.; and 2nd Lt. Frederick E. Pokorney Jr., 31, Nye, Nev.

VandenBossche said some had family in or near Lejeune, but she refused to give details and said they were unwilling to talk to reporters.

"It's still too fresh," she said.

Some 17,500 of the 30,000 Marines assigned to Camp Lejeune are overseas.

Flags and signs in their support dot roadsides and businesses all over Jacksonville. A convoy of a dozen or so Marine vehicles, some towing trailers with artillery pieces, rumbled away from the base Tuesday morning over roads that were notably less busy than normal.

Matt Sutton, 35, who was a Marine corporal in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, said the deaths hurt the Jacksonville-Lejeune community.

"I feel for the Marines and for their families," said Sutton, now a service manager at a tire company. "I anticipated casualties. It's not a piece of cake like it was last time."

Camp Lejeune's commanding general, Maj. Gen. David M. Mize, said deaths are to be expected, and he believed the war is going well.

"We've been spoiled here with all the last high-tech conflicts where we've had virtually no casualties," he said Monday night after visiting the state Senate in Raleigh. "That's not reality, unfortunately. We wish it were."

Two Lejeune Marines also have been killed in accidents in Iraq, the Department of Defense said Monday.

Lance Cpl. Eric Orlowski of Buffalo, N.Y., was killed in an accidental discharge of a .50-caliber machine gun. Sgt. Nicolas M. Hodson, 22, of Smithville, Mo., was killed in a vehicle accident.

Area sales tax rebates

City	March '03	March '02	+/-	Year '03	Year '02	+/-
Abilene	$1,930,068.34	$1,661,077.68	16.19%	$6,728,193.11	$6,593,226.51	2.04%
Big Spring	$262,461.63	$249,345.09	5.26%	$907,581.73	$899,402.03	0.90%
Colorado City	$26,967.48	$18,211.13	48.08%	$101,714.16	$99,643.15	3.74%
Lamesa	$63,920.64	$52,254.65	22.32%	$220,368.59	$212,403.99	3.74%
Lubbock	$2,125,027.69	$2,117,697.34	0.34%	$7,543,431.02	$7,568,194.75	-0.32%
Post	$17,981.51	$18,947.65	-5.09%	$63,366.97	$65,843.59	-3.76%
Roby	$1,240.07	$1,394.10	-11.04%	$4,224.87	$5,385.14	-21.54%
Rotan	$7,258.25	$7,409.30	-2.03%	$32,536.55	$30,808.38	5.60%
Snyder	$123,192.93	$104,204.81	18.22%	$432,038.93	$375,871.84	17.94%
Sweetwater	$128,336.82	$118,477.27	8.32%	$513,832.41	$463,924.80	10.75%

STEADY GROWTH IN TAX REBATES — Snyder's tax rebate from the state for March was 18 percent over the same time period last year — $123,192.93 as compared to $104,204.81. Most other area communities also showed an increase.

ASK US

Q—How many men and women from Scurry County are serving in Iraq?

A—A list has not been compiled. Please send us the names of those you know are fighting in the war with Iraq.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Wenona Evans...

...is a lifelong Snyder resident. She has been married 31 years to Snyder fireman and EMS paramedic Billy Evans. The couple has a son, Wesley, and a daughter, Toni, and four grandchildren. Wenona enjoys fishing, camping and spending time with her family. One of her favorite activities is giving her co-workers at Stevenson Real Estate a hard time.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

There is no substitute for knowledge.
—W. Edwards Deming

BCD to meet Wednesday

The Board of County Development will again consider being one of the sponsors for the Big Country RC&D when it convenes at noon Wednesday.

Also on the agenda is election of officers and oaths of office.

Minutes from a previous meeting and financial statements will be reviewed and bills payable also will be considered.

Meetings are held quarterly at the DCOS office at American State Bank.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Genealogical Society meeting

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Scurry County Library. The program will be "Tales of Early Transportation." The public is invited.

SISD reception

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

MAWC game day

The Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Games will follow lunch and reservations should be made through today by calling 573-3427.

Library book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale Wednesday through Saturday. Hours Wednesday 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.

Free income tax help

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

Lenten worship services

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

Rotary putting out flags

The Rotary Club will put up American flags around the square and on College Ave. Wednesday and Thursday.

FBC services televised

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

Gold Coats luncheon

Gold Coats will have a luncheon meeting 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.

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.

SHS senior activities

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

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.

Five undocumented immigrants die in fire

RAYMONDVILLE (AP) — Five undocumented immigrants were killed and one was critically injured when a sugar cane field they were hiding in was set on fire as part of the semiannual harvesting process, officials said.

The blaze was started about 10:30 a.m. Monday and spread quickly with the help of 17 mph winds. The flames trapped the unidentified group of five males and one female inside the 30- to 40-acre field.

Willacy County Sheriff Larry Spence said that minutes after the field had been lit, a male ran out yelling that he was on fire and that there were five more people in the field.

Spence said three bodies were found burned in the field. Justice of the Peace Sabas Garza said it appeared the three males in the field died of asphyxiation. Autopsies have been ordered, he said. "They were 99 percent burned. It was more suffocation and then the heat," he said.

The woman died while being flown to Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, about 40 miles to the south, hospital spokesman Bill Elliott told The Dallas Morning News.

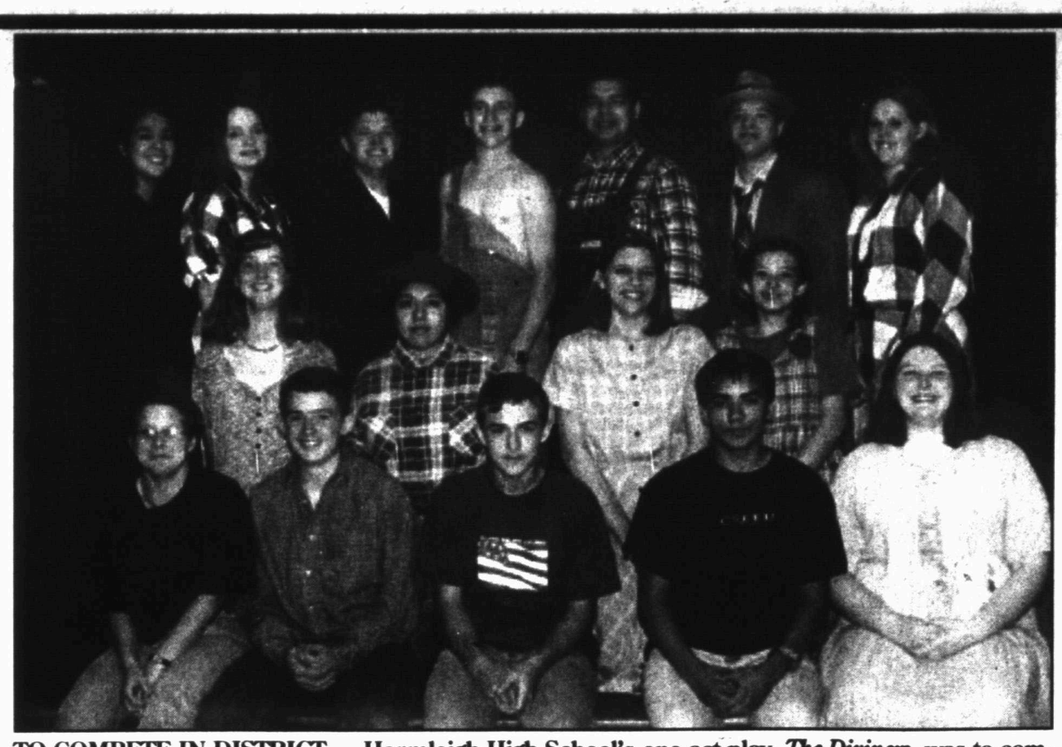
The two men were taken by ambulance to the hospital, but one of them died shortly before noon, he said.

Spence said a sixth male was taken by medical helicopter to Parkland Memorial Hospital's burn center in Dallas. A hospital spokesman said the patient was in critical condition this morning.

Spence said it was believed the group was sleeping in the field, about the size of a city block, when the fire was set.

Authorities were checking the identities of the group.

David Martinez, chief of operations for the Willacy County Sheriff Department, said some of the victims had identification, but some of it was burned up. An intact ID recovered from the fire showed one of the men was from Guatemala.



TO COMPETE IN DISTRICT — Hermleigh High School's one act-play, *The Diviners*, was to compete today in the district 10A one-act contest in Throckmorton. *The Diviners*, by Jim Leonard Jr., is a serious play, with funny moments. Mary Spieker is the director. Members of the cast and crew are from left standing, Brittainy Jones, Alana Culp, Dustin Williamson, Terrel Culp, Justin Kelley, Justin Williamson and Danni Webb; kneeling, Valerie West, Christy Garcia, Cassie Harbin and Misty McClure; sitting, Georgeanna Smith, Johnathon McClure, Robbie Anderson, Keenon Garcia and Samantha Berry. Shae Rinehart is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

It won't matter to you if you play a secondary role in the year ahead when participating in an enterprise that includes others. The profit you'll garner will be more valuable than any praises being doled out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — When brainstorming with associates today, stay as open-minded as possible if you'd like to come up with fresh and innovative ideas. Being biased or prejudiced shuts down the mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A major achievement is possible today if you are willing to work shoulder-to-shoulder with your peers. Group accomplishments will be the order of the day when you're involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The fewer limitations you put on your thinking today, the more active it will become, especially if you're dealing with future activities. Allow yourself ample room to maneuver.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Hitch your wagon to outside influences and factors that can produce profits that you can't achieve in your inner circle. What they offer may catch others flatfooted, but not you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you keep in mind today that there are always two sides to every issue, you won't jump to erroneous conclusions before you have collected all the facts. An open mind is your best ally.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should what you take on turn out to be a trifle more than you can manage, be sure there are others around to help you handle a complicated matter today before you rev up your engines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It's a good thing that you're usually such a great sport about things, because today you might be asked to join in on a social event you'd rather not. Do so anyway and you'll end up having a fun time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You'll judge your effectiveness today not by how much you do, but how much you're able to finish. Getting things accomplished will do much to elevate your self-esteem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It's not unusual for you to be more mentally restless than physically restless and today could be one of those days. Link up with companions who enjoy exchanging viewpoints and ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Lay out a clear blueprint for a future project when the ideas present themselves today. Once done, you'll be able to gather up all your bricks, trowel and mortar and build a solid foundation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Appearance will be everything today if you hope to inspire or direct others, so make certain you conduct yourself in a positive light at all times. To be a leader, you must first look like a leader.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Those intuitive perceptions you get from time to time could prove to be valuable assets today. Don't forget to size up situations logically, but do incorporate the murmurs of your inner voice.

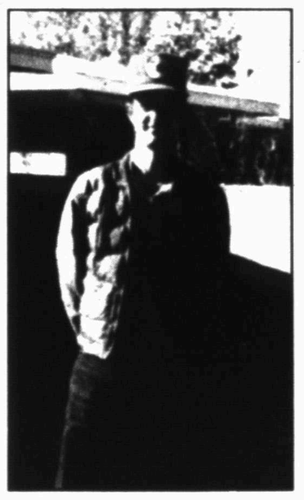
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Wesley Stephens

Wesley Stephens was born in Colorado City, Texas and has been a resident of Snyder all his life. He graduated from Snyder High School and Western Texas College. Wes loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, golf, and working on his farm when not at work. He worked for Chevron and enjoyed the people with whom he worked. Health problems were the reason he resigned from the company in 1985. Snyder Oaks is proud to have Mr. Stephens as our resident of the week.

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Teen girl found safe

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The three-week search for a convicted murderer and a missing 14-year-old ended 2,000 miles from the girl's home when someone recognized the man's truck.

Police arrested Terry Drake, 56. The girl, Lindsey Ryan, appeared to be in good condition, said CHP Commissioner D.O. Helmick. Her blonde hair had been dyed black.

"It is a horrible situation that has a happy ending. You are looking at some very happy parents today," said the girl's father, Patrick Ryan.

The teenager left her house in Jones, Mich. — a small town near the Indiana state line — on March 1 to meet Drake. Police say they met at church and had corresponded by e-mail.

Michigan, Indiana and California issued Amber Alert warnings seeking tips on Lindsey's whereabouts. The pair were also featured recently on the "America's Most Wanted" television program.

A delivery truck driver recognized Drake's truck in a gas station parking lot about 70 miles northwest of Reno, Nev. The white truck had been painted black but still had the same Indiana plates, California authorities said.

When police pulled over the truck, Drake put up no resistance and "told me I had the guy they were looking for," said California Highway Patrol Officer Greg Transue, who stopped the vehicle northwest of Reno.

Police said they found three guns inside and two more at the remote campsite where the pair apparently spent much of their time.

The girl and Drake told police they'd been camping out around mountains near Susanville, about 75 miles northwest of Reno.

Drake spent 16 years in prison for killing a woman from the Evansville, Ind., area in 1977.

Drake and his wife, Darlene, were living about 20 miles from the Ryans when they met the family at First Assembly Church in Goshen, Ind. Terry Drake told the Ryans he was a born-again Christian with a notorious past, and that his faith had helped him leave it behind.

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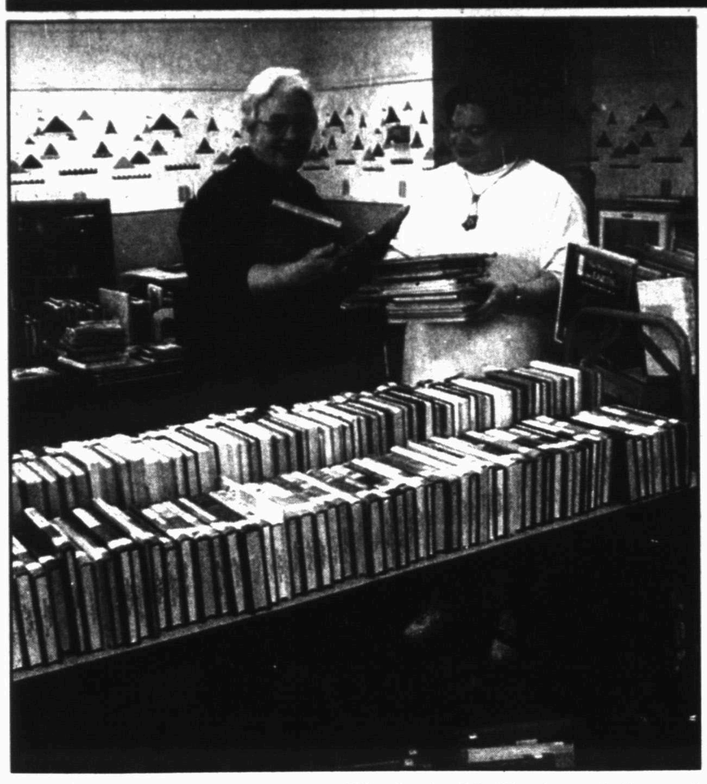


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LIBRARY BOOK SALE — Elizabeth McCloskey, left, and Sharon Sumruld, librarian, organize children's books for the annual book sale that begins Wednesday. Working with Mrs. McCloskey in preparing for the book sale is Wanda Botsford, not pictured. Hours Wednesday and Friday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the children's summer reading program. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



WEDDING SHOWER HELD — Christina May was honoree at a wedding shower held Saturday in the home of Eloise Lambert. Miss May is the bride-elect of Brett Gibson. They plan to marry at 5 p.m. on April 5 in Truett Chapel in Waco. From left are Polly Underwood, grandmother of the prospective groom; Christina May, bride-elect; Brett Gibson, future groom; and Pam Gibson, his mother. (Contributed Photo)

MAWC sets fund-raising luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon to raise funds to help pay for extensive plumbing repairs at the clubhouse.

The lunch is $8.50 for an adult and $4 for children 10 or under. The menu will include turkey and dressing and trimmings or ham, vegetables, salad, dessert and a drink.

Carryouts will be available. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations should be made by 5 p.m. Saturday by calling Sandra Brace, caterer, at 573-3427.

SGC will meet April 10 for lunch at Golden Terrace

Snyder Garden Club has changed its regularly scheduled meeting to April 10.

Members will meet at 11:30 in the clubroom at Golden Terrace Apartments for a luncheon prepared by residents. Afterwards, a plant and seed exchange will be held.

During April, SGC members will participate in a pilgrimage to the iris gardens of Alton Pyburn, iris grower and hybridizer in Sweetwater.

Members also will plant flowers in the planter box at the Towle Park entrance.

The spring state convention will be held April 28-30 in Tyler.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	
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	♥ K J 4	
	♦ A J 9	
	♣ K J 10 9	
West		**East**
♠ A Q 10 6 3		♠ 9 8
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	South	
	♠ K J 5	
	♥ A Q 10 9	
	♦ Q 10 8 4	
	♣ A 7	

North 03-25-03

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

Do not react; stop to reason

By Phillip Alder

Sigmund Freud, he of "The Ego and the Id," wrote in that book, "Analysis does not set out to make pathological reactions impossible, but to give the patient's ego freedom to decide one way or another."

At the table, we have natural reactions to make certain bids and plays. However, before acting on one of those reactions, we should stop to analyze the situation. This analysis will probably suggest that our initial reaction was correct, but not always. Which applies here?

You are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the spade six: two, eight, jack. What is your immediate reaction? What does considered analysis recommend?

You start with eight top tricks: one spade (trick one), four hearts, one diamond and two clubs.

There is a natural reaction to take the diamond finesse. Let's analyze that idea. If it wins, fine. If it loses, though, East will return a spade, and if West began with a five-card suit, he will take four spade tricks to defeat the contract. (East must have at least two spades because West led a fourth-highest six. There is only one card lower than that missing, so West cannot have started with six spades.)

How about going after clubs? Finessing into the East hand suffers from the same drawback. But if we lead a heart over to dummy's jack, then call for the club nine and play low from hand (unless East produces the queen, of course), we are safe. Even if West has the queen with which to win this trick, our spade king is safe from attack. We take nine tricks via one spade, four hearts, one diamond and three clubs.

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

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

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WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Palette Club; airport terminal bldg.; Ruth Jackson, program; LaVerne Lee, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.



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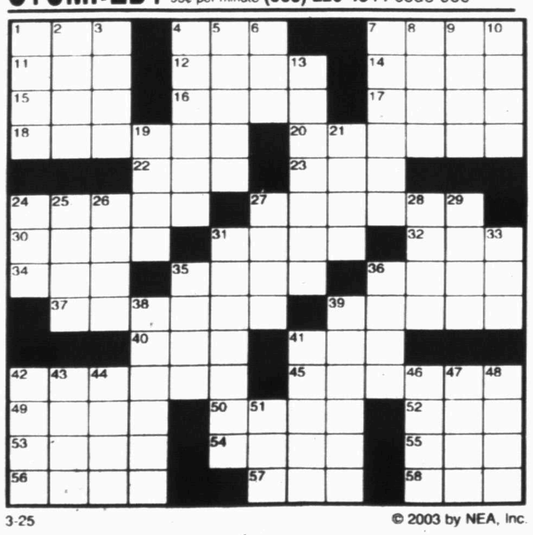
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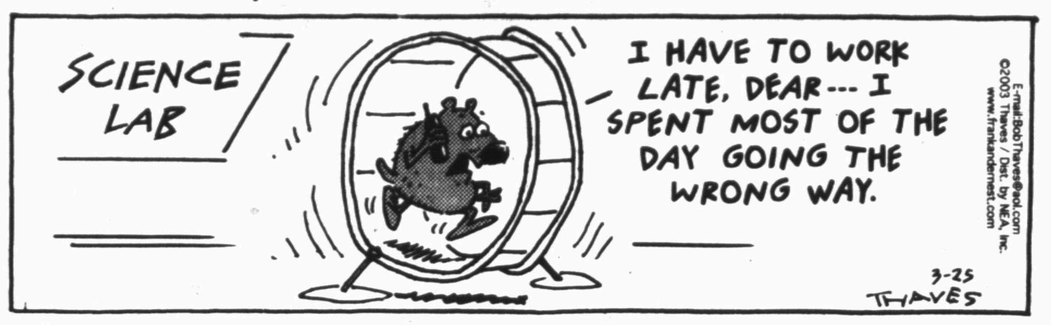
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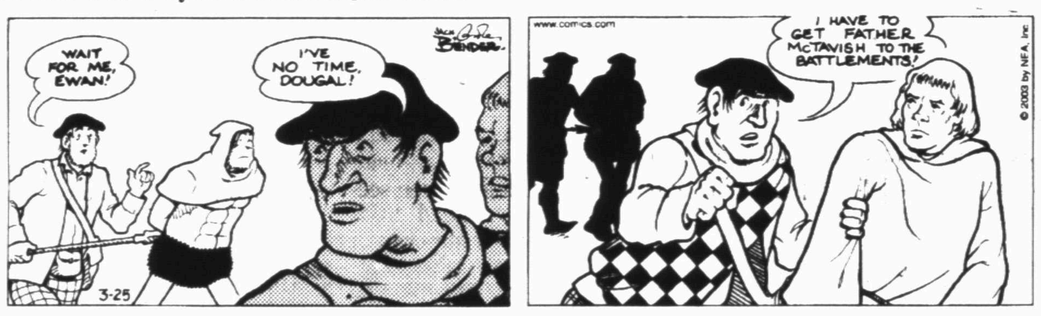
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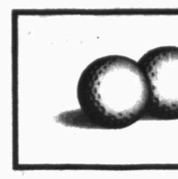


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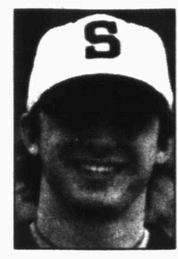
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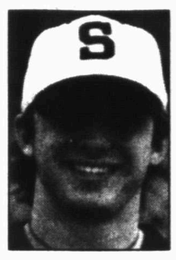
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SPORTS

Tigers topple Tors in district opener

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers put on an exhibition of fundamental baseball in their district opener Monday night, trouncing the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes, 8-1.



Hill

"This was a good game for us. I'm proud of them," said head coach Charles Bollinger.

"The guys were a little excited — maybe too excited — to start the game. I think we'll improve for (Tuesday's) game from tonight."

The Tigers (9-8, 1-0) got a knock-out performance from Logan Hill, who went 6 1/3, striking out five Tors and giving up just two hits while relying primarily on his best pitch, a blistering fastball that the Tors had trouble catching up with.

Lamesa's lone run was unearned.

"I didn't throw many curves," Hill said, adding that he wanted to challenge the Lamesa hitters with his fastball.

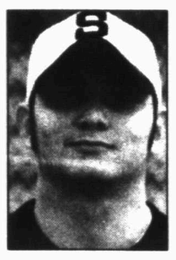
Hill started the game falling behind several batters.

"I was not balancing myself on the mound, and toward the end I was overthrowing a little," he said.

Ty Collier retired the final two batters to cap the first district game.

The game demonstrated a wide gulf between Snyder and Lamesa, especially in terms of fundamentals.

The Tigers scored three runs in the first inning, taking advantage of the free passes granted by Tor starter Tony Gonzales by swiping four bases in the inning, including a double steal by Billy Pena and Shawn Roemisch that plated a run.



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"I thought we could run on them early," Bollinger said. "Offensively, it took us time to get it going."

Snyder added two more runs in the third, the first on a long home run by designated hitter Isaac Ramon — batting for third sacker Marcus Rodriguez, who was walked twice and stole two bases in the contest.

Bollinger said using him in that capacity "gives Isaac a chance to concentrate on hitting."

Two plays in the game illuminated the difference in fundamentals between the teams.

In the first inning, Guerra lifted a high pop fly in foul territory between third and home. Marcus Rodriguez took charge and made the routine play.

Lamesa found itself in a similar situation in the bottom of the third inning, when Tigers first baseman Chance Greenwood fisted a pop foul between first and home. Neither first baseman Rogelio Vela nor catcher Bryan Brown made any attempt to react to the ball, leaving Gonzales to race from the mound to try and field the foul, only to see it fall harmlessly to the grass.

Snyder also got a nifty double play from shortstop Pena in the fourth inning as Lamesa threatened with a man on and no outs.

Lamesa designated hitter Jimmy Bergera drilled a ground ball up the middle that Pena cut off before stepping on second and firing a laser to Greenwood at first for two quick outs.

"We work on that kind of thing all the time," Bollinger said. "The guys have turned that play 100 times in practice. Our infielders take thousands of ground balls, and we work on every situation. The guys have seen it before. We won't be in a situation where we don't know what to do."

Snyder added nine base hits to go with the six walks they were given, and a couple of players picked up the slack in the middle of the order.

Grimmett was two-for-four with two stolen bases, an RBI and a run scored in the leadoff spot, and Shawn Roemisch continued his sound approach at the plate, driving in a run on a single, going three-for-four with two stolen bases and run scored.

Pena was two-for-three with three runs.

Marcus Villarreal stroked an RBI single, delivering a two-for-two performance. He also touched home plate with a run scored in the second.

The Tigers will travel to Denver City tonight for a showdown with the Mustangs at 7. Chance Greenwood gets the call tonight from Bollinger. The lefthander won his last outing over Lubbock Cooper last Tuesday.

In other district games, Sweetwater and Denver City postponed their match-up, and will make it up with a twinbill in Sweetwater April 1.



WOUND UP — WTC hurler Patricia Gonzales delivers a fastball during the opener against Midland College Monday. WTC was swept, 3-0 and 10-2. (SDN Staff Photo)

Midland outlasts WTC

Although the Lady Dusters dropped a pair of games to conference leader Midland College, Western Texas College head softball coach was encouraged by the team's showing in the 3-0 opener.

"We left a runner on second in the fourth, fifth and sixth inning," he said. "Had we pushed on of those runners across, it would have been a different afternoon."

The Dusters (22-17, 8-8) and the Lady Chaps played to a scoreless tie through six innings, until Midland College broke out with three runs in the top of the seventh to give them the 3-0 victory.

Patricia Gonzales (7-9) was pegged for the loss, as she went seven innings, striking out four and giving up all three earned runs on a two-out bases loaded triple to Heidi Miller in the top of the seventh.

Midland's Darya Shembereva hurled a two-hit shutout for Midland (36-4, 15-1).

"Midland is the best team in the conference," McNeil said. "Our girls feel like they can play with them. We just have to get everything working at the same time. Overall, I think we outplayed them (in the opener)."

Brandy Jordan (7-6) was chased in the first inning for the second game in a row, giving up three runs in 2/3 of an inning, as WTC was beaten in the nightcap, 10-2.

A tiring Gonzales gamely took the hill to stem the tide for WTC, but was rocked for six runs on five hits in three innings of work.

"We've got to get Brandy back on track," he said. "And we came out flat in the second game. Right now, we are living and dying by whether we win or lose. It's just a matter of focusing on doing what we do for the second half of conference play."

The Dusters managed just four hits in the nightcap, while Midland hammered out 10, including two home runs.

The Dusters will play a twinbill against Odessa College Friday at Cates Field, then will travel to Odessa Saturday for another doubleheader.

Friday's afternoon games will begin at 2.

SHS track team places third at Mustang Relays

ANDREWS — The Snyder Tigers placed third in Saturday's Mustang Relays in Andrews, finishing with 100 points, and placing behind Monahans and meet champion Andrews.

While the team did not finish as high as it had hoped, several individuals claimed the top spot in their events.

Clay Williams vaulted 12 feet in the pole vault, taking first place by a foot.

Ricky McNatt outdistanced the field in the discus, with a toss that went 141 feet, besting the next closest competitor by 10 feet. He also placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 40-9.

Justin Boyd took third in the high jump with a leap of 5-10.

Jason Guynes easily paced the field in the 110M hurdles, running the circuit in 14.75 seconds.

Guynes also won the 300M intermediate hurdles, finishing the event in 40.31 seconds.

Arthur Hernandez and Eder Borrego finished fourth and fifth in the 800M run, with times of 2:09.43 and 2:12.70 respectively.

The boys 1,600M relay team crossed the finish line three seconds behind the squad from Andrews to finish second with a time of 3:28.40.

The 800M relay team was also a runner-up in its event, recording a time of 1:32.06.

Justin Boyd posted a time of 23.59 for third in the 200M run, while Garrett Pinson placed sixth in the 300M intermediate hurdles.

Jesus Gutierrez placed eighth in the 100M dash, and Urbano Hernandez took eighth in the 400M dash.

Jr. high runners post top 10 finishes in Big Spring

A host of jr. high Tigers posted top ten finishes at the Big Spring track meet last Friday.

Joey Hernandez and Ryan Mitchell each placed fourth in their respective events.

Hernandez narrowly missed the top three in the 800M dash, and Mitchell rallied for fourth in the 110M hurdles. He garnered sixth place in the 300M hurdles.

Cody Reed crossed the line right behind Hernandez in the 800M run.

For the seventh-grade squad, Joseph Hefner raced to a fourth-place finish in the 110M hurdles, while taking sixth in the 300M hurdles.

Lance Day came in sixth in the 800M hurdles.

Sports Briefs

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-ups will take place Wednesday 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 should 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.

FBC golf tournament

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

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

Outsider's basketball tournament

The WTC student government will host an outsider's basketball tournament April 4-5 at the WTC gym.

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Twenty-seven five-year-olds enjoyed a seven part series, Building Better Bodies, at Scurry County Head Start in January and February. Beth Dannheim, county Extension agent in family and consumer science, presented the workshops.

The series emphasized personal hygiene (hand washing before preparing food), the six food groups, why we need these foods, and the importance of eating from all food groups.

The group then prepared a dish from the food group studied that day. The youth had the opportunity to taste and see fruits and vegetables in their natural state (most had only seen items from a can), as well as prepare muffins, make pizza, and shaking up pudding in a jar.

The series was sponsored by a grant, Better Living for Texans, with funding through the Texas Department of Human Services and Texas Cooperative Extension. (Contributed Photos)

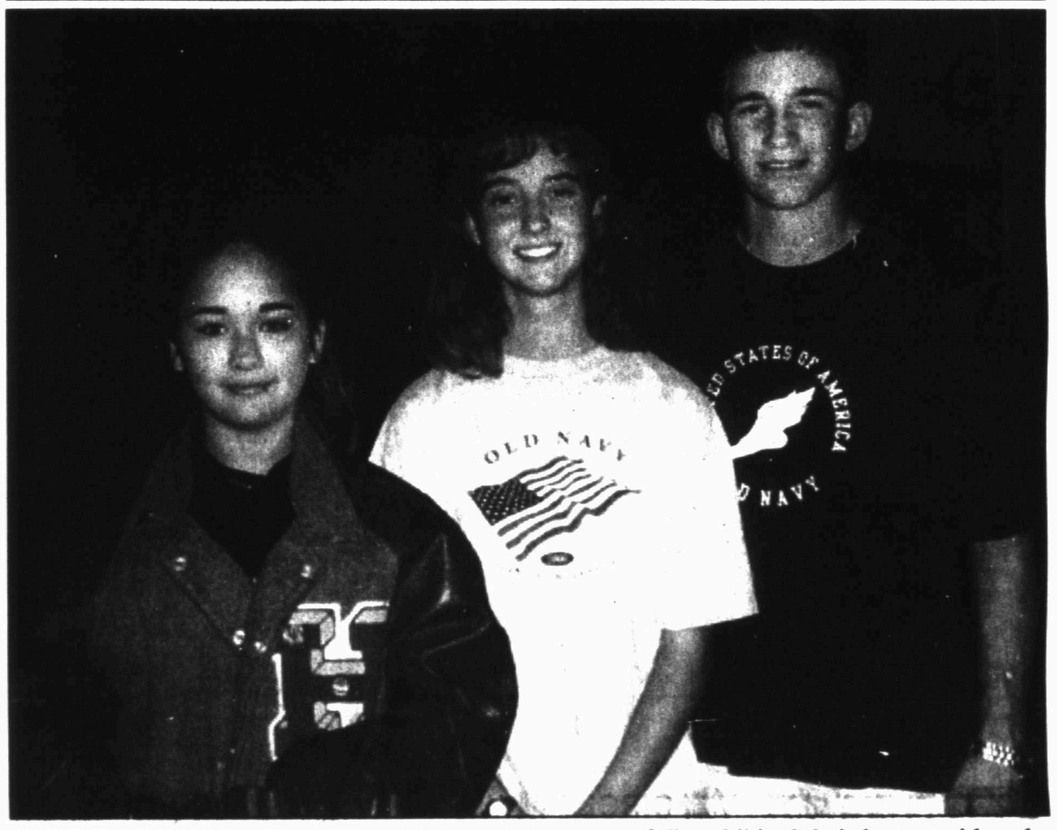


EXHIBIT ANIMALS — Three Hermleigh students successfully exhibited their hogs at either the Houston or San Antonio stock shows. From left are K'Ana Garcia, 10th place berkshire at Houston; Valerie West, fourth place duroc at San Antonio; and Terrel Culp, 23rd place hampshire at Houston. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Can minor electrical shocks cause damage?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, age 50, is an electrician. While working at a steady pace in his usual projects, he regularly gets his fingers "zapped" with minor shocks that, he explains, come with the job. After years of this, he just flicks his wrist, swears and continues. Could these jolts harm him? What are they doing to his heart, for instance?

DEAR READER: Controlled electrical shocks (defibrillation), when delivered to the heart, can alter the pulse rhythm and are commonly used in hospitals for this reason. The essential ingredients are: a sufficient electrical discharge administered at specific times during the cardiac cycle. If, for example, the heart is shocked at an inappropriate phase, cardiac standstill may result.

My electrician patients confirm that low-voltage electrical discharges do come with the territory and, in the majority of instances, are too weak to do any permanent harm. However, the potential for damage is present if the shock is substantial and occurs during the vulnerable period of the cardiac cycle. Fortunately, alternating current is far less dangerous than direct current, which is the form of shock therapy both in defibrillators and in the devices used medically to treat certain mental illnesses.

At this point in his career, your husband is sufficiently experienced to know when (and how) to avoid dangerous shocks. Therefore, I feel confident in reassuring you that he is not at risk of significant health consequences, providing he is prudent in limiting his exposure to potentially harmful electrical energy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have begun your "no sugar, no flour" diet and am well-pleased with it. I've lost nine pounds in just a month and will stick with it because it is safe and inexpensive. However, I have questions. Obviously, bread, crackers, pasta and sweets are out. But what about cereals and alcohol beverages?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, the "no sugar, no flour" diet is just that — simple and nutritious. If the package label says the products contain sugar or flour, the food should be avoided. Some breakfast cereals list grains but do not mention the words "sugar" or "flour." In this instance, the little lawyer in you can conclude that the product may be consumed. Read labels and take it from there.

With respect to alcohol beverages, common sense can solve the problem. For obvious reasons, I advise moderation in alcohol consumption. Alcohol can be dangerous and may lead to serious health problems. However, you may consume alcohol, providing it is not obviously sweetened. Liqueurs, for example, tend to have sugar added (although this fact is not reflected in their labeling). If you choose to have a gin-and-tonic, make certain that the quinine water is sugar-free. Avoid sweet drinks (unless they contain sugar substitutes). Exercise moderation. And — have I said this before? — read labels.

To give you related information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Weight Loss," which contains my "no flour, no sugar" diet. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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AOL TimeWrn	11 16	10 90	11 13	+ 18
AT&T Corp rs	16 79	16 57	16 77	+ 14
Albertsons	19 89	19 42	19 89	+ 41
Alltel	45 08	44 21	45 00	+ 52
AmEl Pw	22 84	22 63	22 83	+ 19
AndarkPtr	44 60	44 20	44 57	+ 62
ATMOS Egy	21 54	21 32	21 54	+ 20
Aviall	8 09	7 95	8 00	+ 02
BP PLC	40 39	39 80	40 39	+ 1 24
BakerHughes	30 08	29 62	29 96	+ 43
Bank of Amer	69 39	68 75	69 29	+ 49
BellSouth	22 00	21 70	21 95	+ 10
BurlNoSFe	25 81	25 20	25 80	+ 10
Caterpillar	51 20	50 35	50 57	— 16
CenterPoint	6 92	6 66	6 87	+ 15
ChevronTex	65 88	65 11	65 85	+ 87
Citigroup	35 99	35 41	35 90	+ 20
CocaCola	41 17	40 67	40 86	— 05
ColgatePal	54 11	53 71	54 04	— 07
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ConocoPhill	52 15	51 30	52 15	+ 1 07
Cooper Inds	37 60	37 39	37 55	+ 01
DaimlrChry	30 63	29 90	30 63	+ 78
DeltaAirl	10 30	9 52	10 04	+ 52
Dillards Inc	13 00	12 81	12 92	+ 04
DowChem	28 84	28 48	28 76	+ 18
DuPont	40 30	39 79	40 17	+ 17
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Entergy	49 43	48 60	49 34	+ 77
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Miss USA crowned

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Miss Massachusetts Susie Castillo was crowned Miss USA 2003 in the 52nd annual staging of the pageant Monday night.

Castillo, 23, of Lawrence, Mass., replaces Shauntay Hinton, who represented the District of Columbia in last year's event.

Castillo, an office manager and model, will be America's candidate in the Miss Universe pageant in June in Panama City, Panama.

A fluent Spanish speaker with Puerto Rican roots, Castillo said she would use her crown to try to raise the stature of the nation's Hispanic population.

"Hopefully I can erase some stereotypes about Latinos — that they're not all housekeepers, drug dealers or hoodlums in the ghetto," she said. "Maybe there are some roles out there for a queen."

Michelle Arnette, Miss Alabama, was first runner-up and home state favorite Nicole O'Brian of Texas was second runner-up.

The 51 contestants were trimmed down in advance to 10 semifinalists for Monday's evening gown and swimsuit competitions, but the results were not made public until the national broadcast on NBC.

Television personalities Daisy Fuentes and Billy Bush, who co-hosted the event, dedicated the pageant to America's military forces fighting in Iraq.

The five finalists were asked questions written earlier by their fellow finalists.

O'Brian's question was whether celebrities should use their status to speak out against the Iraq war.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Girl may need hormones to help her stand tall

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the "Anonymous Girl in North Dakota," a fifth-grader who said she is teased because she's "really short." My 10th-grade daughter was in the same boat, always the tiniest and suffering from comments made not only by other kids, but by adults as well.

Please let "Anonymous Girl's" parents know they should see a pediatric endocrinologist as quickly as possible. Their daughter may be a candidate for treatment with HGH (human growth hormone), which many insurance companies have recently allowed as a pharmaceutical deduction rather than a medical expense, making treatment much more affordable. Time is of the essence! Once the growth plates close, the window of opportunity also closes. For children who do not produce enough growth hormone, the treatment is a medical necessity. — **JERI IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR JERI: Thank you for an important letter. I did not realize that the solution to the girl's problem might be solved by medical intervention. Her letter generated comments from many readers who wanted to help. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Please let that young girl in on a secret. The kids who tease her are not making fun of her because she's short. They do it because they're worried someone is going to find a reason to make fun of THEM. They're trying to make themselves look good by making her look bad. When I was in fifth grade, I was made fun of for being tall. By focusing attention on someone else, they deflect criticism from themselves. — **MANDY IN COLORADO**

DEAR MANDY: You've hit the nail on the head.

DEAR ABBY: The girl who's teased should give a big laugh and say, "I like to think of myself as perfection in miniature!" It worked for me. — **SUZANNE IN SEATTLE**

DEAR ABBY: The child in North Dakota should know that the Greek philosopher, Aristocles, was very short, too. His nicknames were "Shorty" or "Flatty." We know him today as Plato. — **FRANCIS A. BURKLE-YOUNG, GETTYSBURG COLLEGE**

DEAR ABBY: An interviewer asked a short-statured man how he felt being surrounded by people taller than he. His reply was priceless: "Like a dime among pennies." — **CATHERINE IN TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Please tell that girl to get involved in competitive cheerleading or gymnastics. In either sport, small size can be an advantage. In cheerleading, the smallest girls get to be the "fliers," the ones who are tossed in the air or at the top of the stunts. This is true of my daughter. It has boosted her confidence. She now views her height as an asset rather than a liability. — **MOTHER IN S.E. TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: The plea from the child in North Dakota touched my heart. I, too, have always been short. My defense was to become an achiever in class and in athletics. (I later became a doctor.) The best response to people who tease should be, "That's the way God made me, and I do the best I can with what I was given." Detractors have a difficult time fielding that response. — **ALBERT IN VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: My daughter had the same problem. Finally she looked at her tormentor and said, "Yes, I am short. I'm also sweet, cute, bright and a good friend. I am also finished talking to you about things that are out of my control. You're boring me!" And she walked away. The girl never bothered her again. — **PROUD MOM IN HONOLULU**

DEAR PROUD MOM: Which proves there is no defense like a strong offense. (Thank you to everyone who wrote. "Shortness" of space is a frustrating reality I can't ignore.)

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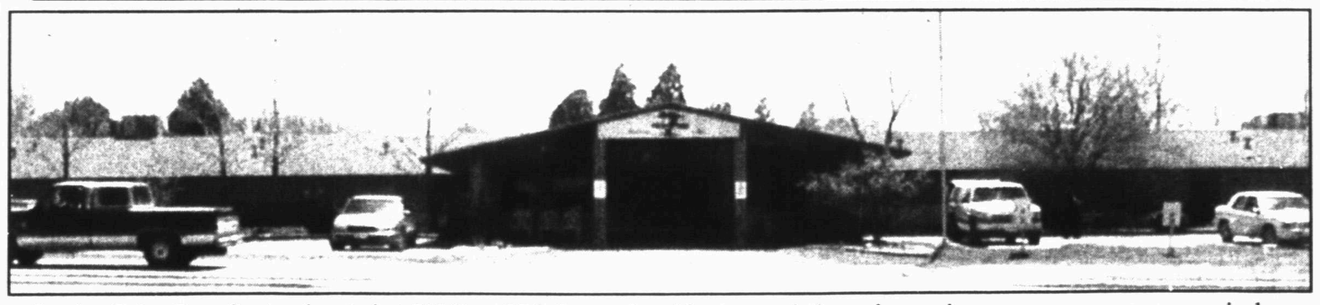
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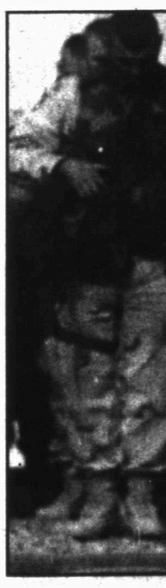
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AMERICA AT WAR

Baghdad citizens dig in for battle

By the Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Baghdad was digging in deeper today — literally.

With distant explosions growing in frequency, the city's people were carving more and bigger defensive trenches around the city, including in the courtyard of the Iraq museum, home to priceless antiquities, some dating to 7,000 B.C.

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

Witnesses said the intelligence headquarters was hit again in a Monday raid. The sprawling defense complex was also hit, with a large building severely damaged.

Iraqi state television today carried what it said was a message from Saddam to the tribal and clan chiefs of Iraq asking them to step up the fight against the allied forces.

"Fight them in pockets and when their columns move, hit their front and rear," he told them, according to state television. "Those of you who have been reluctant to fight and waiting for the order, consider this to be the command of faith and jihad and fight them."

Tribesmen and clansmen are believed to have played a key part in fighting allied troops in the south since war broke out. Iraqi officials are saying they have been supplied with more sophisticated weaponry in addition to assault rifles. Their role in the fighting also has been commended in official military communiques.

"Inflict damage on them, and although it may not be big, you'll see how they will flee because they are away from home and because they are aggressors," Saddam said.

A sandstorm was in full swing over the city, casting a yellow pall over Baghdad and dramatically reducing visibility. Strong winds howled across the city, adding to the discomfort of residents.

Iraq often sees sandstorms in the spring, but today's storm was exceptional, bringing dust and sand from as far away as Egypt and Libya, AccuWeather meteorologist John Gresiak said. He said lighter winds were forecast Wednesday and then no major sandstorms for at least several days.

State radio and television continued to broadcast patriotic songs and archival footage of Saddam, their president of 23 years.

Today's edition of Babil, a daily paper owned by Saddam's son Odai, published on its back page pictures of decapitated bodies it said belonged to Iraqi civilians killed in bombing raids. All newspapers published on their front pages the text of Saddam's address to the nation on Monday, along with pictures of the Iraqi leader.

Garbage seemed to be piling up in parts of the city, though public buses were running normally, many more shops than at any other time since the war began last week were open, and traffic picked up, reaching perhaps half the prewar level.

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said today that eight coalition soldiers were killed and three armored carriers destroyed in a battle in Suq ash-Shuyukh, about 18 miles south of An Nasiriyah. British military officials at U.S. Central Command said they had no information about the report.

Sahhaf also singled out an Iraqi woman named Mayssoun Hamid Abdullah as a heroine for striking an armored vehicle with a rocket-propelled grenade.

He said that the Iraqis "await surprises on how the American game of shock and awe will fail."

Also today, Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh lashed out at U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the United States and Britain, accusing them of preventing food and medicine from reaching his country under U.N. oil-for-food program.

"America and Britain should not punish this great people with it barbaric methods," he said.

He said the government has distributed six months' rations to its citizens, and "we assure them that we have enough food and medicine to confront the enemies."



RAINY DAY — A crew member walks on the rainy flight deck of the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier past F/A-18 Hornets loaded with JDAM bombs today. The Truman cancelled all combat missions over Iraq today because of bad weather, recalling the fighter jets back to the ship. (AP Photo)

U.S. troops killed or captured

By The Associated Press

List of 20 U.S. troops killed and 14 captured or missing in war on Iraq. Sources: U.S. military and relatives. Hometowns may be those of family.

KILLED

— Nine Marines, fighting near An Nasiriyah, encountered Iraqi troops pretending to surrender, March 23. Sgt. Michael E. Bitz, 31, Ventura, Calif.; Lance Cpl. David K. Fribley, 26, Lee, Fla., Cpl. Jose A. Garibay, 21, Orange, Calif.; Cpl. Jorge A. Gonzalez, 20, Los Angeles; Staff Sgt. Phillip A. Jordan, 42, Brazoria, Texas; 2nd Lt. Frederick E. Pokorney Jr., 31, Nye, Nev.; Lance Cpl. Thomas J. Slocum, age unknown, Adams, Colo. Names of others not releases.

— Army Capt. Christopher Scott Seifert, 27, grenade attack at 101st Airborne Division camp in Kuwait, March 23. U.S. soldier suspected in attack, military officials say.

— Army Reserve Spc. Brandon S. Tobler, 19, non-combat vehicle accident in Iraq, March 22. Hometown not available.

— Navy Lt. Thomas Mullen Adams, 27, of La Mesa, Calif., collision of two British helicopters, March 22.

— Marine Capt. Ryan Anthony Beaupre, 30, of Bloomington, Ill.; Marine Cpl. Brian Matthew Kennedy, 25, of Houston; Marine Staff Sgt. Kendall Damon Waters-Bey, 29, of Baltimore; Marine Maj. Jay Thomas Aubin, 36, of Waterville, Maine. Helicopter crash in Kuwait, March 21.

— Marine 2nd Lt. Therrel S. Childers, 30, of Harrison County, Miss., Marine Lance Cpl. Jose Gutierrez, 22, of Los Angeles. Ground combat in Iraq, March 21.

— Marine Lance Cpl. Eric J. Orlowski, 26, of Buffalo, N.Y. Machine gun accidentally discharged, date uncertain.

— Sgt. Nicolas M. Hodson, 22, of Smithville, Mo. Vehicle accident in Iraq, date uncertain.

CAPTURED:

— Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Ronald D. Young Jr., 26, from Lithia Springs, Ga.; Chief Warrant Officer 2 David S. Williams, 30, from Orlando, Fla. Pilots of Apache helicopter downed after not returning from mission March 23. Shown in Iraqi state television March 24, apparently uninjured.

— Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, of Almagordo, N.M.; Army Pfc. Patrick Miller, 23, of Park City, Kan.; Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson, 30, of Fort Bliss, Texas; Edgar Hernandez, 21, supply truck driver, of Mission, Texas, rank unknown; Army Sgt. James Riley, 31, of Pennsauken; N.J. Shown on Iraqi television after pre-dawn ambush of convoy near An Nasiriyah, southwestern Iraq, March 23.

In addition, seven others were classified as missing from An Nasiriyah. Among them: Army Pvt. Brandon Sloan, 19, of Bedford Heights, Ohio, Pfc. Lori Piestewa, 22, of Tuba City, Ariz., and Pfc. Jessica Lynch, 19, supply clerk, of Palestine, W.Va., family members said. The names of four others were not available.

Iraqi TV displayed four bodies of what it said were Americans from the attack.



SAYING GOODBYE — Soldiers of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), mourn the loss of Capt. Christopher Seifert at a memorial ceremony Monday at Camp Pennsylvania in Kuwait. Seifert was killed when a grenade was thrown into a sleep tent early Sunday morning by a fellow U.S. soldier. The attack left 15 other soldiers wounded. (AP Photo)



BIG CHOPPERS — U.S. Golf Company helicopters from the 15 Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), in flight from Umm Qsar to a position further north in Iraq, after being replaced by 42 Company British Royal Marines. (AP Photo)

War doesn't slow college spring break partying

By the Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — Even as war raged in Iraq, spring break life took its alcohol-fueled course in Cancun, where the party trail sometimes stretches from all-night discos to jail cells.

Most college students were on the beach or at the bar instead of glued to hotel TVs to watch the war's early developments. While some here expressed concern, U.S. bombs falling on Baghdad didn't prompt the cancellation of any wet T-shirt contests or force all-you-can drink night clubs to close their doors.

"I really am worried about the war but that doesn't mean I can't have a good time with my friends," said University of Louisville sophomore Becca Vierling, who was floating in the Caribbean with an empty, red-plastic glass in her hand. "People are still going to go on spring break and things are still going to be crazy."

Many students said war made them think twice about traveling abroad, but that they couldn't afford to throw away the hundreds of dollars they had already spent on travel packages.

Others said the fighting could mean their flights back to the United States might be canceled.

"Getting home might be a problem," said Houston Community College freshman John Lease, who was sipping a Corona with three friends at a pool-side hotel restaurant. "But that would mean more time here. I can think of worse things."

Because the war has done little to sober Cancun's mood, spring break is again causing headaches for U.S. officials whose job it is to come to visitors' aid when they get in trouble.

"We're holding our breath through this whole period, hoping the students come out of it OK and that we come out of it OK," said Glen Keiser, head of the U.S. Consulate in the nearby city of Merida.

Between eight and 20 college students are arrested for misdemeanors every night during spring break in Cancun. Common crimes are urinating in public, yelling obscenities at police, fighting or indecent exposure.

In the last few years the city jail became so overcrowded during the eight weeks leading up to Easter — when universities take their spring holidays — that Cancun built a special lockup in the resort's hotel zone.

In 2002, 360 American spring breakers were thrown in the new jail.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Senate poised to pass budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans appear ready to push a budget through the Senate this week endorsing most of the $726 billion in tax cuts President Bush wants for prodding the economy, despite earlier threats of defections by moderate GOP lawmakers.

The two parties agreed last Friday that each would be allowed up to 40 more amendments before Wednesday's planned vote on final passage of the $2.2 trillion fiscal blueprint for 2004. Participants from both parties, speaking on condition of anonymity, agreed that none were likely to be approved that would drastically alter the tax and spending framework.

A week ago, moderates of both parties were expressing concern about cutting taxes at a time of war and expected record federal deficits.

But an effort by moderates and Democrats to whittle the tax cut's price tag down to $350 billion through 2013 failed when several centrists voted against it. The budget's tax cut is now $626 billion for the period, after Democrats last week successfully diverted $100 billion for the expenses of war with Iraq.

Several GOP moderates say they will vote to approve the budget because of the spending limits it would clamp on Congress. They say it is also important because it would help the later tax bill by allowing it to pass the Senate with only 51 votes, rather than the 60 often required by controversial legislation.

"If we end up with no budget, it would be chaos," moderate Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said Monday in an interview.

Facing a potentially embarrassing wartime setback for Bush on one of the cornerstones of his domestic agenda, the White House and Senate GOP leaders lobbied senators to ensure they had enough votes for final budget passage. If 60 votes were required for passage of subsequent tax legislation, as would be true without an approved budget, solid Democratic opposition would all but guarantee its defeat.

Congress' budget maps tax and spending plans that are put into effect by other bills later in the year. For it to become final, the House and Senate will have to approve a compromise measure.

Russian restrictions hampers programs to safeguard nukes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia should provide broader access to its sites containing nuclear or biological material if a U.S. program to keep such material out of the hands of terrorists is to be successful, says a congressional report.

The report by the General Accounting Office says that nearly two-thirds of Russia's nuclear material and many of the locations holding dangerous pathogens once used in the country's bio-weapons program may be inadequately protected.

It noted the United States has spent $1.8 billion over the last decade to help Russia improve safeguards at sites where nuclear materials and warheads are stored, and to help nuclear scientists shift to a post-Cold War economy.

But the report said in many cases progress has been stymied because Russia continues to bar U.S. officials from many of the sites, despite a more liberal access agreement reached in September 2001.

"Russia is not providing needed access to many sites ... (and) there is little reason to believe this situation will change in the near future," said the report.

As for protection of Russia's deadly pathogens, the GAO said after four years of effort, little progress has been made in addressing security at 49 Russian sites where the two countries have collaborative programs to improve safeguards.

It said the Defense Department, which leads that program, "has limited information on the location and security" of many of these sites where Russia continues to store deadly anthrax and pathogens that cause smallpox or the plague.

Earlier this month, a report by a group of Harvard University researchers said that only 37 percent of the potentially vulnerable nuclear material in the former Soviet Union is being adequately protected. The GAO produced a similar percentage.

At a news conference releasing the Harvard findings, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, acknowledged the continuing problem of access to Russian facilities.

"Russia has got to be a partner," said Lugar, who 12 years ago was co-author along with then-Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., of the law that authorized the beginning of the U.S. assistance program on nuclear materials.

Lugar cited a lengthy list of cases where Russians have rebuffed the United States in seeking access to nuclear sites, but said it would be "absurd" to abandon the program because of this.

Suspect in killing of Serbian PM arrested

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — The suspected sniper who killed Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic two weeks ago has been arrested, the slain premier's successor said today.

Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic identified the suspect in custody as Zvezdan Jovanovic, deputy commander of an elite unit of police troops formed by ex-President Slobodan Milosevic that remains operational and has links to organized crime.

Zivkovic said police found a German-made sniper rifle suspected of being the murder weapon. The weapon was found buried in Belgrade.

Another man, identified as Sasa Pejakovic, was arrested for allegedly aiding Jovanovic during the killing, he said.

Djindjic, Serbia's leading pro-Western politician, was killed by a sniper March 12 as he stepped out of an armored car in front of government headquarters in downtown Belgrade.

Authorities imposed a state of emergency, launching a major hunt for leading crime figures and their associates in the judiciary, police and other state services.

Dusan Maricic, the current commander of the elite police unit known as the Unit for Special Operations, was fired, Zivkovic said.

A police official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that the unit would be disbanded.

"Some of them will be arrested, others dismissed or transferred to other police units," the official said of the unit members.

The sniper suspects had ties to an organized crime ring known as the Zemun Clan, which was accused of plotting and carrying out the slaying, Zivkovic said.

Jovanovic, 37, joined Serbia's paramilitaries in 1991. The unit then was commanded by Zeljko Raznatovic, known as Arkan, who was slain in a Belgrade hotel in January 2000.

He joined the elite police unit in 1995. Authorities say he was a specialist in covert operations and was among the unit's top instructors.

Djindjic made enemies by declaring war on organized crime, which flourished in Serbia under Milosevic's rule. He also angered some Serbs by pledging to arrest war-crimes suspects wanted by the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, where Milosevic now is being tried.

Milosevic's regime sent the crime figures to fight in notorious paramilitary units in the 1990s Balkan wars. After the conflicts, he gave them a free hand to run lucrative drug trafficking operations, authorities say.

Nearly 400 criminal charges have been filed against underworld figures detained after Djindjic's assassination, police said Monday.

More than 1,000 suspects remain in custody and likely will face criminal proceedings in the weeks to come, Dragan Sutanovac, head of the Serbian parliament's Security and Defense Board, told independent B-92 radio.

Prime suspects remain at large, authorities said. Those suspects include Milorad Lukovic, the former top commander of the police unit and the alleged leader of the Zemun Clan believed to have masterminded the slaying.

"This is not the end of the investigation," Zivkovic said. "We are happy with what has been done, but we won't be satisfied until all those involved in this murder are arrested and tried."

Firefighters respond to 2 fires

• Fire reports

Snyder firefighters responded to two fire calls Monday evening.

The first call, at 7:30 p.m., was 10 miles south of Snyder on U.S. 84 where cotton on an 18-wheeler's trailer was on fire.

A TxDOT front-end loader was brought in to clear the cotton from the trailer into the bar ditch.

Just after 10 p.m. the department responded to the Sonic Drive-In where a dumpster was reported on fire. The small blaze was quickly extinguished.

• Thefts

Ronnie Lindsey reported at 8 a.m. Monday that 30 CDs were stolen from his vehicle at 3403 Jacksboro. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

An employee at Hermleigh schools reported the theft of gasoline from a school building Tuesday morning and a report was filed for burglary of a building.

Doug Price reported the theft of a check and deputies advised a report would be submitted for forgery of a financial instrument.

• Gas drive off

A clerk at the Plaza Truck Stop reported a gas drive off at 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Obituaries

Leroy Ward

1930-2003

Leroy Martin Ward, 72, died Monday, March 24, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens with Steve Highfield officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born March 29, 1930. Mr. Ward has no known family members although he is survived by a host of friends and caretakers from Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Katherine Stack

1941-2003

ABILENE — Katherine Stack, 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. Local arrangements are under the direction of Abilene Funeral Home.

She was born on 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 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.

Authula Simpson

1919-2003

LUBBOCK — Authula Simpson, sister of Donell Kelley of Snyder, died Monday, March 24, in Lubbock.

Service for Mrs. Simpson, 84, is set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Quaker Avenue Church of Christ. David Langford will officiate. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Born March 14, 1919 in Bell County, she married C.E. "Edd" Simpson on March 6, 1937 in Clovis, N.M. She was a homemaker and had at one time volunteered at Girls Town in Whiteface. She was a member of Quaker Avenue Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Doug Simpson on June 29, 1998; and three brothers, Swaim, Weldon and Marvin Kelley.

Survivors include her husband, Edd Simpson of Lubbock; a son, Eddie Simpson of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law, Terry Simpson of Lubbock; four sisters, Marie Allison, Dortha Reat, Arjorie Wolfenden and Joyce Pool, all of Lubbock; two other brothers, Pete Kelley of Sealy and Ewell Kelley of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Road Suite 3, Lubbock, 79416.

Shorty Halford

1938-2003

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Weldon "Shorty" Halford, 64, of Snyder who died this morning of a sudden illness.

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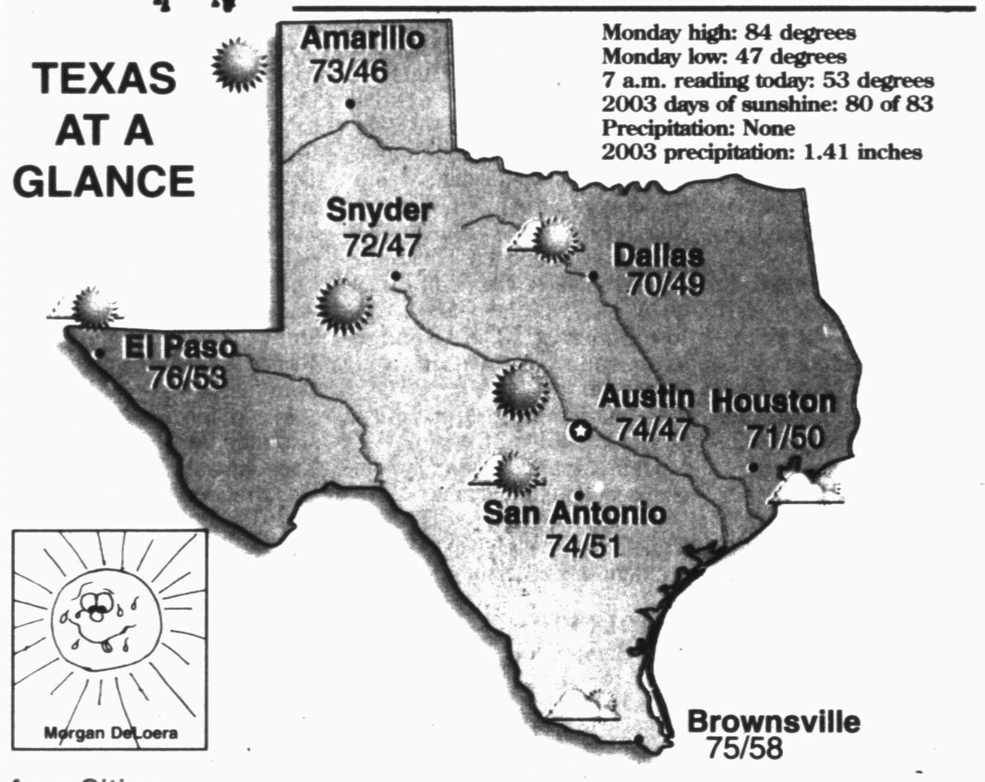
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28
72/47	78/36	49/33
Mainly sunny. High 72F. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.	Windy with times of sun and clouds.	Windy with a mix of sun and clouds.
Sunrise 6:40 AM, Sunset 6:59 PM	Sunrise 6:39 AM, Sunset 7:00 PM	Sunrise 6:37 AM, Sunset 7:01 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Monday high: 84 degrees
Monday low: 47 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 53 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 80 of 83
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	52	sunny	El Paso	76	53	mst sunny	Midland	74	50	sunny
Amarillo	73	46	sunny	Fort Stockton	77	51	sunny	Raymondville	76	55	pt sunny
Austin	74	47	sunny	Gainesville	67	44	sunny	Rosenberg	71	49	pt sunny
Beaumont	72	49	t-storm	Greenville	68	44	sunny	San Antonio	74	51	mst sunny
Brownsville	75	58	pt sunny	Houston	71	50	pt sunny	San Marcos	72	47	sunny
Brownwood	75	48	sunny	Kingsville	77	54	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	68	44	sunny
Corpus Christi	73	56	pt sunny	Livingston	71	44	t-storm	Sweetwater	73	49	sunny
Corsicana	71	46	sunny	Longview	69	44	pt sunny	Tyler	68	47	mst sunny
Dallas	70	49	mst sunny	Lubbock	73	48	mst sunny	Weatherford	68	43	sunny
Del Rio	79	55	sunny	Lufkin	70	46	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	70	49	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	65	43	rain	Houston	71	50	pt sunny	Phoenix	86	60	mst sunny
Boston	56	38	rain	Los Angeles	72	53	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	47	rain
Chicago	54	39	pt sunny	Miami	84	70	cloudy	Seattle	50	39	rain
Dallas	70	49	mst sunny	Minneapolis	54	37	cloudy	St. Louis	63	43	pt sunny
Denver	59	38	cloudy	New York	61	38	rain	Washington, DC	66	41	t-storm

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Wed 3/26	Thu 3/27	Fri 3/28
High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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