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Anniversary of Iraq War noted by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — One year after ordering military strikes against Iraq, President Bush marked the anniversary today by urging resolve in the war against terrorism and saying it is "the duty of every government to fight and destroy this threat to our people."

Bush said terrorists have killed innocent people around the world, most recently last week in Madrid where bombings claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

He said there is "no neutral ground in the fight between civilization and terror."

"There can be no separate peace with the terrorist enemy," Bush said. "Any sign of weakness or retreat simply validates terrorist violence and invites more violence for all nations."

Bush's speech in the East Room of the White House concluded a weeklong effort to boost support for the war on terrorism at a time when cracks are forming in the U.S.-led alliance that toppled Saddam Hussein.

Ambassadors and diplomats from 84 countries joined members of the military and others in the audience.

Iraq is a major issue in the presidential race, and polls show that Americans are sharply divided over Bush's policy.

Bush acknowledged that the U.S.-led war had caused bitter divisions among allies. France and Germany led the opposition to Bush's call for the use of military force and stayed on the sidelines.

"Those differences belong to the past," Bush said.

He said the fall of Saddam Hussein had removed a source of violence, aggression and instability in the Middle East and that no one could argue that Iraq would be better off with him still in power.

With Saddam out of power, Bush said, "We mark a turning point for the Middle East and a crucial advance for human liberty."

Bush said history will note that this is a time of great challenge. "Let it also be said of our times that we understood our great duties and met them in full."

The audience listened in silence to his remarks but applauded at the end.

The speech was a call for unity in the war against terrorism. He said terrorists have struck from around the world, from Spain to Russia to Israel to East Africa to Morocco to the Philippines and the United States.

"No nation or region is exempt from the terrorists' campaign of violence," Bush said.

He said each attack was a test of wills for free nations.

"Each attack is designed to demoralize our people and divide us from one another," Bush said, "and each attack must be answered not only with sorrow but with greater determination, deeper resolve and bolder action against the killers."

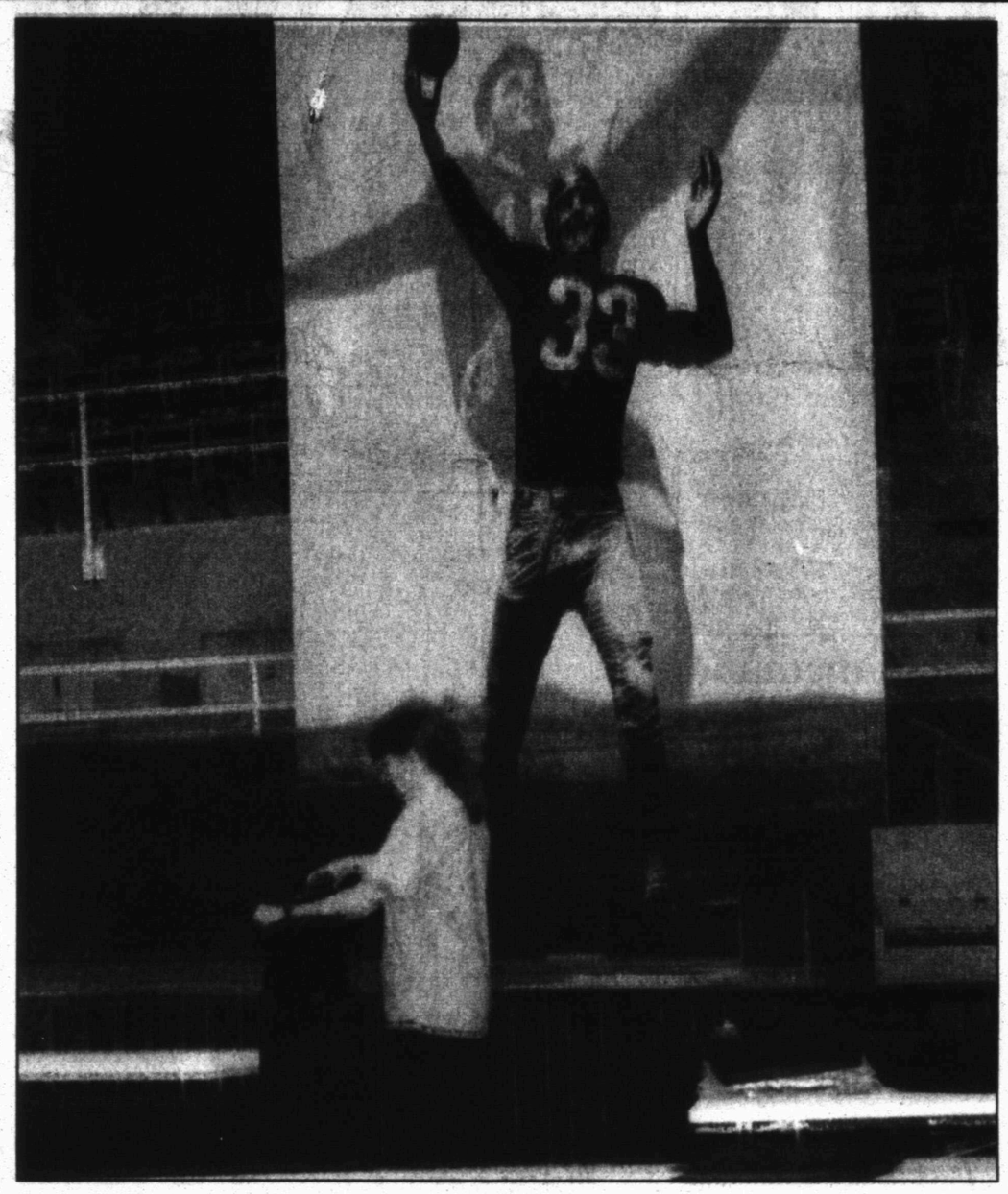
Texas Savings Bank holds annual meeting

Officers and directors of Texas Savings Bank were re-elected Wednesday, and one new director was added to the board, as part of the bank's annual stockholders meetings.

Named to the board of directors was William M. Tolleson of Dallas.

Re-elected as directors were chairman David Cotton, Dr. James Cave, Monte West, Keith Hackfeld, Dr. Charles Church and Jeffrey Martin.

Martin was re-elected president and chief executive officer and Kendra Stephens was re-elected vice president, compliance officer and secretary. Assistant vice president is Sally Herrington.



FINISHING TOUCHES — Western Texas College math instructor and Snyder city council member Stephanie Ducheneaux is dwarfed by a photo of Sammy Baugh while doing final preparations for the Baugh birthday banquet Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Suspect returning to Ohio

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man suspected of peppering Ohio highways with gunfire for 10 months, killing a passenger in one vehicle, agreed to extradition during a Nevada court appearance today.

Charles A. McCoy Jr. could be returned to Columbus, Ohio, as early as today, said his Columbus attorney, Andrew Haney.

During the brief hearing, McCoy answered yes to a series of questions from Judge Douglas Smith.

"You want to go back to Ohio?" Smith asked. McCoy replied that he did and acknowledged that he had voluntarily signed a waiver of his right to have a hearing in Nevada to contest the Ohio warrant.

The judge ordered McCoy, 28, held without bail until his extradition.

The shootings around Interstate 270 and two nearby highways began May 10, but intensified in fall, terrorizing motorists and pocking some homes and a school with bullet holes. Gail Knisley, 62, was shot and killed Nov. 25 while a friend drove her to a doctor's appointment.

Investigators are looking into whether they have grounds to seek the death penalty for her slaying.

"You held a community at bay and terrorized the people of the state," Smith told McCoy.

McCoy is charged with assault in Ohio but faces additional charges when he returns, detective said.

Zachary Scott, a Franklin County sheriff's detective, attended the hearing and said he expected McCoy to be extradited "within a day or so."

McCoy was arrested Wednesday outside his room at a budget motel just off the Las Vegas Strip. Police said he had checked in about 24 hours earlier using his real name.

Air Force officers meet with civic clubs

It's not often that one gets the opportunity to witness the instruction of America's armed forces in action. But that can be observed most any day of the year in the skies above Snyder and Scurry County.

Maj. William "Sunshine" Pugh of Dyess AFB spoke to a combined meeting on Thursday of the Snyder Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs.

Pugh possesses special knowledge of the capabilities and weaponry of the large bombers, specifically the B-1, and he relayed some of that information at the meeting.

The B-1 Bomber carries a crew of four, two pilots and two weapons officers. The plane carries its own power plant and has an un-refuel distance of 4,400 nautical miles. It has unlimited distance capabilities when refueled in the air.

It possesses a state-of-the-art defensive system called ACQ-161. A unique part of which is the Towed Decoy System that increases missile distance by "decoying" enemy missiles away from the B-1. Each bomber can carry up to eight decoys and the system has been combat proven.

The B-1 Bomber deploys three different types of weapons that can either be fired at three different targets or all three weapons at one target.

Scurry County is home to the AHNTECH facility that is commonly referred to as "backyard air space" for Dyess AFB.

Backyard air space has the benefit of eliminating long distance flying to Utah and Nevada.

The bombers are often seen doing maneuvers over Snyder as training for warfare. The Snyder ESS sight is housed at Winston Field and allows for electronic training by simulating weapons delivery and it is conducted both day and night.

The combined clubs again will host representatives from Dyess at the March 25 meeting. TSGT James Musgrove, Range Liaison Officer, will be the keynote speaker along with public affairs officer Lt. Jennifer Donovan.



HIGH FLYERS — Major William "Sunshine" Pugh (middle) was the guest speaker at Thursday's combined Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs meeting. Pugh is standing with (from left) Jack McDonald, Rotary president, Lt. Col. Chris Wrenn, Air Space Manager, Dwight Williams and Rotary member Roy Baze who coordinated the program. (SDN Staff Photo by Annie Rowe)

ASK US

Q—Why was traffic stopped and then diverted out of Tatum, N.M. on Tuesday?

A—There was a major accident near the Maljamar cut-off that resulted in a Lamesa man being killed.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Tanya Upshaw...

...has been a resident of Roby for 15 years, but she brings her children to gymnastics in Snyder at Stars R Us. She and her husband Jeff Upshaw have two daughters, Tabey, 10, and Tadie, 9, and a son, Tabel, 6. Hobbies are reading and spending time with her kids.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you want faith, you have to work for it.
—Flannery O'Connor

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



A courthouse buddy forwarded this to us over the weekend with the comment, see, there are people dumber than us.

• Will the real dummy stand up?

AT&T fired its president John Walter after only nine months on the job stating he lacked intellectual leadership. He received a $26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who is lacking in intelligence.

• With a little help from our friends.

Police in Oakland, Calif., spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing 10 tear gas canisters into the house, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting, "Please come out and give yourself up."

• What was Plan B?

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines where the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

• The getaway!

A man walked into a Topeka, Kan., convenience store and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently the take was too small so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

• Did I say that?

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during line-up. When detectives asked each man in the line-up to repeat the words: "Give me all your money or I'll shoot." The man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

• Are we communicating?

A man spoke frantically into the telephone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart."

"Is this her first child," the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted. "This is her husband."

• Not the sharpest tool in the shed.

In Modesto, Calif., a man was arrested trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. He used his thumb and finger to simulate a gun in his pocket, but unfortunately for him, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket.

• And the grand finale.

Last summer, a family in California got a new boat. They were brand new to boating and were having big problems the first time on the water. No matter what they did, they couldn't get their brand new 22-foot boat going over about five miles an hour.

To put it mildly, the boat responded sluggishly every time they tried to turn, or accelerate.

Finally they made it to a marina at the lake and the servicemen checked everything out okay topside.

Finally, one of the servicemen donned some goggles for a look-see underneath the boat.

He finally came up, but choking as he was laughing so hard.

What he had found, and this is a true story, was that the trailer was still firmly strapped to the boat.

The new boating family had just disconnected the trailer once the boat was backed into the water.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Saturday car wash

There will be a car wash from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart to benefit the SHS and junior high golf teams.

Ira Class of '44 reunion

The Ira High School class of 1944 will have its 60-year reunion April 3 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. For more information call 573-6655 or 573-0604.

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.

Correction

The Boy Scout Fish-a-Thon is April 17 at Towle Park pond, not this weekend.

What's up guidelines

Items for What's Up will be published twice at no charge, the day before and the day of the event. Events or activities requiring additional publicity will be referred to the advertising department where a special non-profit rate is available.

Four hurt in gorilla attack at Dallas Zoo

DALLAS (AP) — A gorilla's rampage through the Dallas Zoo that injured four people, including a toddler, remained under investigation as officials tried to determine how the 300-pound animal broke out of its cage.

Rivers Noah, 3, was in critical condition early today at Children's Medical Center with multiple bites to his head and chest. His 26-year-old mother, Keisha Heard, was in good condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital after the gorilla bit her on the legs and threw her and the toddler against a wall Thursday, according to police and witnesses.

Police who evacuated an estimated 300 people from the zoo compound fatally shot Jabari, the 13-year-old western lowland gorilla, after it charged at officers.

"We had a huge gorilla running through" the zoo, Deputy Police Chief Daniel Garcia told The Dallas Morning News. "It tried to charge two of our officers, so we had to shoot it. You can imagine the pandemonium we had out here when he got loose. We felt terrible we had to put this animal down."

Tactical officers fired three shots at the gorilla. Zoo workers armed with tranquilizer guns had also pursued the animal through the forested jungles of the Wilds of Africa exhibit for a half-hour, but could not gain a clear shot.

Jabari had been in the award-winning gorilla-conservation area, surrounded by a 16-foot concave wall, before the attack. Some youths had reportedly teased Jabari shortly before the 5 p.m. escape.

"He had to have scaled the wall," said zoo director Rich Buickerood. But "this habitat is among the best in the country. This blows our minds."

He said he did not know why zoo employees, who were armed with pepper spray, did not use it on the gorilla.

A witness said she sheltered a group of children against a wall after she watched the gorilla break out of his enclosure.

"He was banging on the door and broke it down, then he jumped out," Diana Gonzalez told Dallas television station WFAA. "He was growling and yelling."

Gonzalez said she and several children saw the gorilla jump on top of a woman before they escaped from the area without injury. Other zoo-goers hid inside a restaurant and the monorail surrounding the Wilds of Africa exhibit while authorities tried to subdue the animal, which darted through thick bamboo before emerging on a nature trail and confronting police officers about 5:30 p.m.

The gorilla, holding a pair of white children's sandals, got within 15 feet of two tactical officers before they opened fire, Dallas police Lt. Anthony Williams said late Thursday.

Cheryl Reichert of Mesquite apparently shielded several children from the gorilla before it snatched her in an aviary exhibit, according to one of the children she was chaperoning. Reichert suffered injuries to her upper left arm and was in good condition at Methodist Central Hospital, said Williams.

One child was treated at the scene. Zoo officials said in a prepared statement that the Wilds of Africa section and the Monorail Safari will be closed today, but will reopen Saturday.

Rapid test for mad cow disease wins fed approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has licensed a mad cow test that gives fast results and can be analyzed at many locations, a key step in the plan to increase testing, the manufacturer of the test said Thursday.

Bio-Rad Laboratories based in Hercules, Calif., said its test could be used in the Agriculture Department's main animal testing laboratory as well as in a network of facilities around the nation that the department will approve.

The department had said previously that it would expedite licensing of the tests, but it had no immediate comment on the company's announcement.

The test checks for the presence of misshapen proteins, called prions, that cause the brain-wasting disease. It can give results in four hours and is almost 100 percent accurate, said Brad Crutchfield, the Bio-Rad's vice president of life sciences.

If the rapid test results at regional laboratories do not rule out the presence of the prions, tissue samples would be sent to USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for confirmation. The results of such examinations can take a week.

Department officials announced on Tuesday that they planned a 10-fold increase in the number of cattle tested for mad cow disease in response to discovery of the nation's first case of the disease last December. The use of rapid tests are crucial to expanding surveillance for mad cow.

Animals get the illness by eating feed that contains infected tissue from other cattle.

Before the discovery of the sick Holstein in December, only the department's laboratory in Ames could run tests. USDA used to target 20,000 animals a year for testing. The new target is 10 times higher — at least 220,000 cattle, ages 1 to 18 months.

Officials are expanding surveillance for mad cow to determine if the disease remains in the United States and, if so, how widespread. Officials will focus on 201,000 or more animals that show signs of possible infection. Animals that the department deems as likely carriers include those that cannot stand at slaughter, are found dead on farms, or have nervous system problems.

Teen found with 20 homemade bombs planned school carnage

MALCOLM, Neb. (AP) — School officials say they "got lucky" when authorities arrested a teenager with 20 homemade bombs and a rifle in the parking lot of his high school.

Josh Magee, 17, was also found with a note saying he wanted to injure everyone at the school except for three friends.

Magee was arrested Tuesday in the parking lot of Malcolm High School after a staff member saw him swigging liquor from a flask and putting on a black overcoat. He was charged Wednesday with attempted murder.

Police who searched Magee's car found a bolt-action rifle, several rounds of ammunition, small bottles of propane and rigged containers of a petroleum-based propellent.

"It had the potential of going badly," said Superintendent Gene Neddenriep. "With this student, at this school, on this particular day, we were successful. We got lucky."

Parents and school officials in this tiny town north of Lincoln said Magee often spoke about the 1999 Columbine shootings, in which Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

"He asked them in class last week if they knew who Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold were," said Julia Lostrah, whose daughter is Magee's classmate. "Then he said, 'I know them.'"

The arrest came in the same week that authorities in another rural town in the heartland averted a potentially violent school encounter.

Two second-grade boys and an 11-year-old schoolmate were arrested Wednesday in Forsyth, Mont., on charges that they buried a loaded handgun in a playground sandbox and plotted to shoot and stab a third-grade girl during recess. Authorities said the boys intended to harm the young girl because she had teased two of them.

No one answered the door Thursday at Magee's red-brick home just down the road from the school in Malcom, a town so small that its downtown streets are unpaved.

School and law enforcement officials said his mother works as a chef in Lincoln, and his father is serving in Afghanistan in the military.

Magee was being held in a juvenile jail, but he was charged as an adult with attempted first-degree murder.

Courtney Love lifts her shirt on Letterman; later gets arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — Courtney Love was arrested Thursday on misdemeanor charges of reckless endangerment and third-degree assault for allegedly throwing a microphone stand and striking a man in the head at a New York City nightclub.

The incident occurred after Love, 39, courted trouble with the Federal Communication Commission by repeatedly baring her breasts during a taping of CBS' "Late Show" with David Letterman on Wednesday.

Police allege that Love hit Gregory Burgett, 24, of London, Ky., in the head with a microphone stand as he watched the beginning of her show at the East Village club Plaid's weekly "Kitten Club" rock 'n' roll night.

The club's publicist, Claire O'Connor, said the microphone stand somehow "ended up in the crowd," and Love "didn't intend to hit this guy."

"She went back to her dressing room, completely unaware that there was an incident and she was about to be arrested," O'Connor said.

Love was arrested after Burgett needed three staples in his head and said he wanted to press charges, police and witnesses said.

Love received a desk-appearance ticket and is due back in court on April 19. The two misdemeanor charges each carry one-year maximum sentences.

"We are presently investigating the charges," Love spokeswoman Jill Fritzo said in an e-mailed statement. "There is a pending court date and we believe she will be vindicated."

Love, whose husband, Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, killed himself in their Seattle home in 1994, gained independent renown with her band Hole and her role in the film "The People vs. Larry Flynt." Love has admitted using heroin in the past but has said she has cleaned up her act.

She has become better known in recent months for her wacky behavior, temper tantrums and run-ins with the law.

Love lifted her olive shirt at least six times on Letterman's talk show. Her back was facing the camera when she exposed herself while making an entrance. She then stood atop Letterman's desk, sang a few bars of "Danny Boy" and offered the host an up-close viewing. The video was altered so a profile of her breasts couldn't be seen.

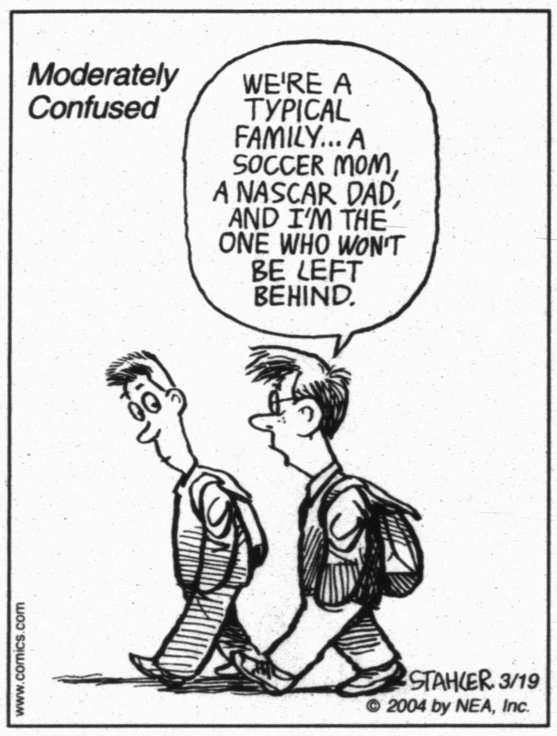
She alluded to actress Drew Barrymore, who similarly exposed herself to the talk-show host.

"Very sweet of you," Letterman said. "We're going to lose our liquor license."

Love sat down on Letterman's couch, gestured to her chest and said, "FCC!"

Of the Federal Communication Commission's recent crackdown on lewd content on television and radio, Love said, "Is this like Reagan trickle-down economics? Is this like Bush trickle down?"

Love's television appearance was just the latest bizarre incident involving the entertainer over the last year.



Today's chuckle

Older dogs get their own park to play in

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — There will be no teaching of new tricks at this dog park: it's for older canines only.



The San Clemente Dog Park for older dogs opened Wednesday, across the street from a frenetic canine playground for younger, more active pooches.

For some 3,000 licensed dogs in the city, the park is the only city property that doesn't require a leash. But the older dogs don't seem too interested in any untethered running and roughhousing.

Fifteen-year-old Taz — that's 105 in dog years — is a mixed breed whose hip was broken in 10 places in a car accident about five years ago. She's been to the main dog park, but she stayed out of the fray.

"She can't see very well and she can't hear very well," Taz's owner Bill Thomas said. He said she probably won't be any more active in the senior park, but at least she won't have to worry about being knocked over by a rambunctious Rottweiler.

"Dogs are like kids. They like to roughhouse, but ask an 80-year-old if he likes to roughhouse. He may want to, but it's not the same anymore," said Gregg Lipanovich, who launched the campaign for senior canines.

World Almanac

Friday, March 19, 2004

Today is the 79th day of 2004 and the last day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1831, the first bank robbery in U.S. history occurred.

In 1918, the U.S. Congress established time zones and approved daylight-saving time.

In 1953, the Academy Awards were broadcast on television for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Earl Warren (1891-1974), U.S. Supreme Court chief justice; Philip Roth (1933-), author, is 71; Glenn Close (1947-), actress, is 57; Bruce Willis (1955-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1995, NBA superstar Michael Jordan returned to the Chicago Bulls after almost two years of retirement.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My body could stand the crutches but my mind couldn't stand the sideline." — Michael Jordan

TODAY'S FACT: Only two films, "Life is Beautiful" (1998) and "Z" (1969), have received Oscar nominations for both Best Foreign Language Film and Best Picture in the same year.

TODAY'S NUMBER: 108,400 — number of estimated robbery arrests in the United States in 2001.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 13) and new moon (March 20)

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LOTTO TEXAS TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Thursday's Lottery Numbers
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 37-28-4-16-33.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize:$46, 411.

Matching four of five: 129. Prize: $162.

Matching three of five: 4,125. Prize: $12.

Matching two of five: 45,963. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Pick 3
(Day) 2-9-9
(Night) 3-9-3

In Next Week's American Profile...

A 37-foot quilters' paradise on wheels

In 1977, Kris and John Driessen took their passion for quiting and put it on wheels. Today, the Quilt Bus travels the country catering to quilters in small towns and hamlets. Their only requirement is a parking space for their bus.



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- Preserving old-time music
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Texas relatives mourn soldier's death

GREENVILLE (AP) — Army Spc. Tracy L. Laramore loved overseas military duty and after one two-year stint was up, he re-enlisted and even extended his time by five months so that he could continue service in Iraq, family members say.

But Laramore also knew the dangerous side of his six-year career and had recently attended a memorial service for his captain and two platoon leaders, who were killed when they drove over a land mine, his mother said today.

Laramore, 30, died Wednesday in Baji, Iraq, of injuries sustained when the tank in which he was riding overturned into a river. He was drowned.

The soldier's mother and stepfather recalled Laramore's military career after Army officials informed them of his death.

Faye West, a substitute teacher in Caddo Mills and Royse City, made telephone calls to break the news to her son's friends.

"Everywhere he went, he had friends," West told the Greenville Herald Banner in today's editions. "He told me to keep in touch with all of them while he was in Iraq."

She and husband Jim West received relatives at their country home near Royse City. Associates of West, whose business Aero Products is located in Royse City, also dropped by the home to pay respects.

Laramore's mother said he had been stationed in Germany prior to Christmas leave.

At age 24, Laramore was the oldest enlistee at Fort Benning, Ga., but outperformed younger recruits to the amazement of other Army soldiers, his mother said.

Laramore, who lived in Okaloosa, Fla., was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Family members said Laramore had been on a reconnaissance mission near Baji when he died.

Steve West, who works in the family business, said Laramore had just started to really live his life when the accident occurred. He said a sergeant had called this morning with additional details on the death.

Laramore was traveling in a Bradley tank with a driver and co-driver when a road gave way and the tank fell 60 feet, landing on its top in the Tigris River.

The soldier, who had recently gotten his rocket launcher ribbon, was in the back of the tank and did not make it out, although the driver and co-driver did.

Laramore had been in Iraq for two weeks with the Bravo Company, 1-18 Infantry Division. The last time the family saw him was during his Christmas leave.

His mother, who had talked to him briefly on Monday, said his body will be flown from Germany to Greenville sometime next week, with a viewing scheduled at Rest Haven Funeral Home in Royse City, where final funeral arrangements were pending.

Hawaii division sending largest group of troops

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (AP) — Military leaders, politicians and family members were on hand to see off 5,000 soldiers for a year in Afghanistan, the largest single troop movement in the history of the Hawaii-based Army's 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Children waved signs at Thursday's emotional deployment ceremony for their fathers and mothers, including one girl who held one that read: "Daddy, your the man."

"I'm an American. I believe in this country and I believe in what it stands for and I wanted to do my part," said Pfc. Gilbert Villalobos, 35, of Pico Rivera, Calif.

Villalobos, who is helping to raise a young son, said he left his career as an X-ray technician to join the Army in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "After 9-11, it really shook me up and I just wanted to my job and help out," he said.

After a ceremonial inspection of the troops, Division commander Maj. Gen. Eric Olson — who is also being deployed — told the crowd that the United States is committed to ensure that enemies in Iraq and Afghanistan may never again "use those two nations as a launching pad for terrorists against our territories and our people."

Gov. Linda Lingle, Sen. Daniel Inouye and American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafono also attended. Lingle spoke about her recent trip to Iraq, saying it was a unique opportunity "to witness a land in turmoil where people are struggling to forge a democracy that so many Americans here at home take for granted."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Another aspect of the big secret

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	♦ A 9 6	
	♣ A K Q 3	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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Opening lead: ♠ K

Friday, March 19, 2004

Journalist Helen Rowland wrote, "A bride at her second marriage does not wear a veil. She wants to see what she is getting."

While on the subject, how many second marriages in this country end in divorce?

This week, we are learning that, when you are declarer and playing a low card from hand, you should follow suit with your second-lowest spot-card. (For example, from 8-5-2, furnish the five, not the two.) And if winning or trying to win a trick from two touching honors, play the second-lowest — higher — card. (For example, when taking a finesse by leading low toward your A-Q-J, play the queen, not the jack.)

On this deal, you are South, the declarer in three no-trump. After West leads the spade king, what would be your line of play?

If the lead had been a club, you would have ducked a diamond. But West has hit your Achilles' heel. If you sacrifice a diamond trick, they are almost certain to cash sufficient spade tricks to defeat you. Instead, you must hope for a 2-2 diamond split. Cash the diamond ace, then lead your second-lowest — higher — spot-card: the nine.

Why? To avoid blocking the suit. On the third round, dummy's seven will squash your six. You will get six diamond tricks and at least 11 in all. If you lead the six on either the first or second round of diamonds, though, you will have to win the third round with your nine and finish an ignominious one down. Then your partner might ask for a divorce.

Surprisingly and depressingly, 50 percent of second marriages end in divorce in this country.

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Original MTV 'VJ' dies at age 62 in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John 'J.J.' Jackson, who in the 1980s helped usher in the music video era as one of the first MTV on-air personalities, has died. He was 62.

Jackson, a longtime radio station disc jockey, died of an apparent heart attack Wednesday while driving home from dinner in Los Angeles, friends and radio industry colleagues said Thursday.

"I talked to him like two days ago. J.J. was in a great place," said Mark Goodman, a longtime friend who also worked with Jackson as a 'VJ' when MTV launched in 1981. "It's incredible, so incredibly sad it happened like this."

In a statement, MTV said Jackson's love of music and good humor helped set the tone for the cable music network in its formative years.

"He was a big part of the channel's success and we are sure he is in the music section of heaven, with lots of his friends and heroes," the statement said. "He will be greatly missed."

Jackson's career in broadcasting began in radio. He first gained prominence while working at WBCN in Boston in the late 1960s, then moved in 1971 to Los Angeles where he took on the afternoon radio slot at KLOS.

In the late '70s, he worked as a music reporter for KABC-TV, then it was off to New York and MTV, where his musical knowledge, hewn over years in radio, helped ease his transition to a new format for music, Goodman said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Moocher wears out welcome by criticizing the handouts

DEAR ABBY: My husband's friend, "Kevin," has been coming to our house once a week for the past eight years. He is always broke and looking for a handout, even though he has a full-time job.

In the beginning, I tried to help him by inviting him to stay for dinner once in a while. Now he has started to complain: The steak isn't cooked the way he likes it, or I don't toss the salad the way his mom does. (By the way, Kevin is 35 and still lives at home.) The reason he always needs money is that he spends every paycheck on drugs.

I recently gave birth to my first child and I don't want him to be around someone like Kevin, but my husband refuses to stop his friend from coming to our house. How can I — politely — get this moocher out of my home without causing trouble between my husband and myself? — **NEW MOM**

DEAR NEW MOM: That's easy. Stop feeding that moocher steak, go vegetarian, and toss the salads YOUR way. I predict he'll be out of your hair as soon as the gravy train stops rolling.

P.S. You don't mention what kind of drugs this man is addicted to, but he should not be around your baby while he is under the influence. If your husband continues to object, explain to him that it could be considered child endangerment.

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DEAR ABBY: My 13-year-old daughter was molested by her half-brother for almost a year before she found the courage to tell us.

When we found out, we did everything we could to help her overcome this. We even moved out of state to give her a fresh start.

The trouble is, her half-brother has contacted my husband again. He wants to visit us. I do not want him in this house — and my daughter feels the same way. Some family members say I am denying my husband a relationship with his son. I'm not trying to keep them apart; I'm trying to protect my daughter. I have reached the point that I will leave and take my kids with me before I'll expose them to this again. Am I wrong? — **STRONGLY AGAINST VISIT**

DEAR STRONGLY: No, you are not wrong. You are a concerned and protective mother, and your first obligation is to protect your daughter from her predator. Tell the "family members" that your husband can visit his son, but not vice versa. And make no apologies.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are anticipating the arrival of our first child in two months. We have registered at a local store for the items we will need.

A close friend has graciously offered to give me a baby shower, but she refuses to add where we are registered to the invitation. She says it's poor etiquette.

Isn't the whole point of a baby shower to receive gifts? Is pointing people in the right direction so wrong?

The invitations go out in less than a week. Help, ASAP! — **BAFFLED IN ORANGE, CA.**

DEAR BAFFLED: Sorry, but I agree with your friend. While it is understood that showers are all about getting gifts, a more refined way to get the message across is for the hostess to verbally communicate where the guest of honor is registered at the time the invitees RSVP.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Saturday, March 20, 2004

Your Birthday

A new partnership arrangement could be in the offing in the year ahead that would prove to be quite beneficial for you. It might have something to do with a job or acquiring a new social attachment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The first indicators of a positive upswing in your financial affairs may be felt today. Although you may only see small seedlings, with care and nurturing, they can grow substantially.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Begin today to cast away old unproductive projects or enterprises that haven't been going anyplace. Let them go without any regrets, regroup and start developing something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — New insights can be gained today in a situation that you have been viewing purely on an intellectual level. Once you start to dig on a different plane, the picture will become clearer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you've been wanting to check out a new group or club to see if it holds some interest for you, today is the day to crack the ice. Don't wait for an engraved invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you've been feeling that things are a bit stale lately, and you're no longer using your talents or capabilities to their fullest extent, do something about it today and seek out bigger challenges.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone new might enter the scene today to whom you'll be drawn. You may not think along similar lines, but the attraction will come from what each can learn from the other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The possibility of taking on a sideline could develop for you today through someone who has things going for him or her. If you do jump on board, be sure to wear a life jacket just in case.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A matter which you have been negotiating may take on a new twist today, but not one that you'll find annoying. It could be just what is needed to finally close the deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Inaugurate that new diet or exercise program today you've been promising yourself to get started. What you begin now has excellent chances of turning out to be ongoing and successful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — That breath of fresh air you've been hankering for in your social life may actually blow through today and make some sweeping changes that you'll find refreshing and invigorating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Changes you've wanted to make that you feel could benefit the entire family can be initiated today. Chances are the clan will now be in a frame of mind to at least give things a try.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Instead of concentrating on doing things the old way, make a new game plan today that will breathe new life into an old project. Reclaiming enthusiasm will pick up the pace considerably.

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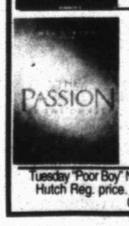
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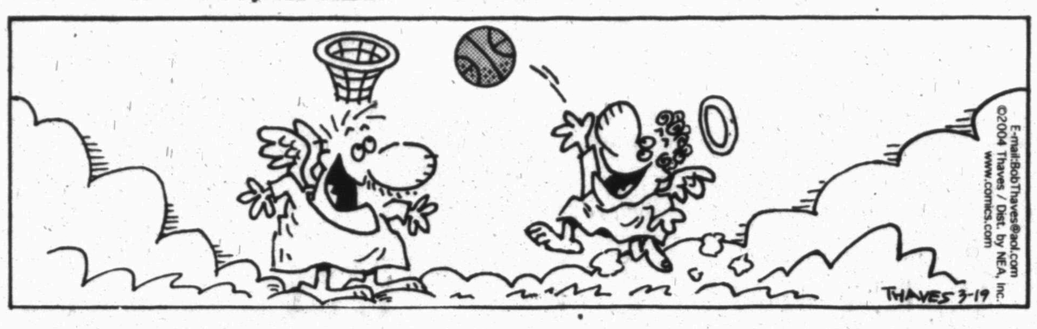
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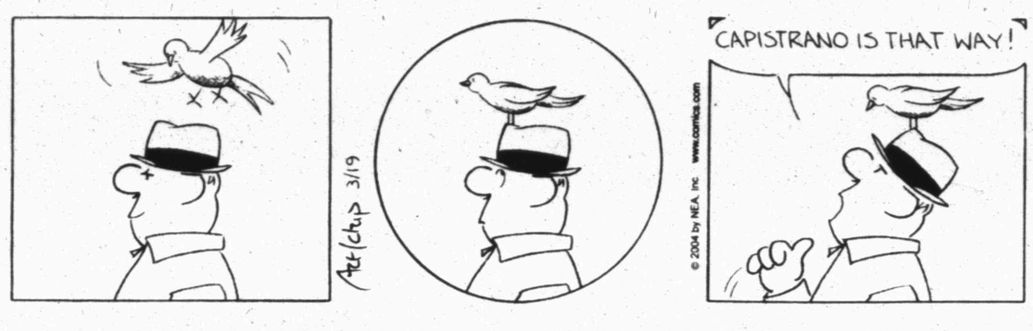
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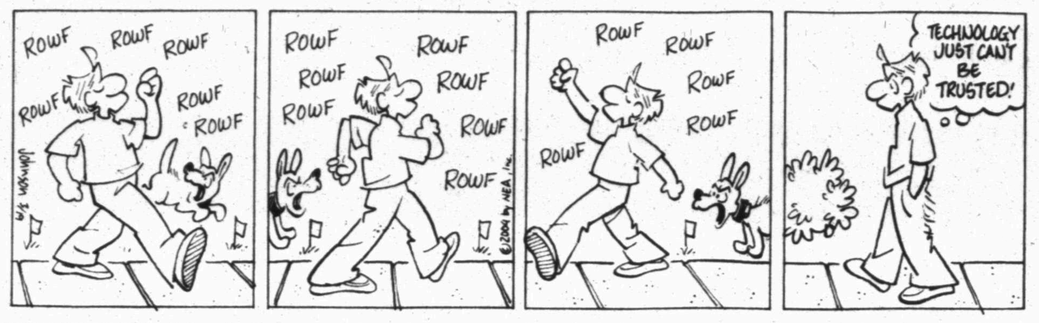
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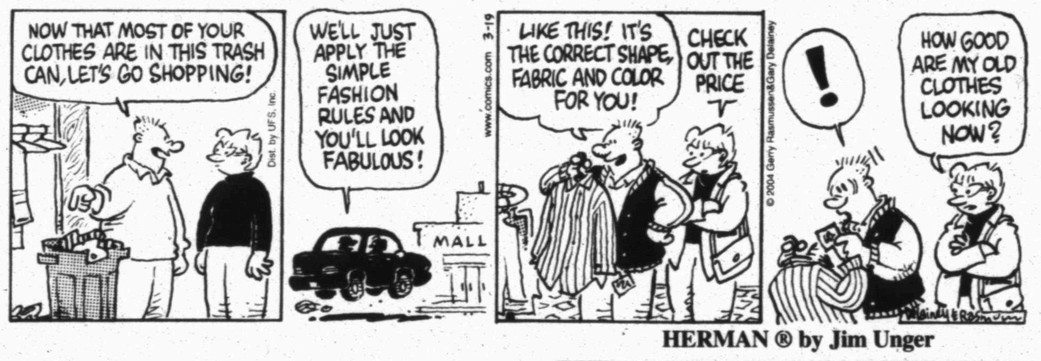
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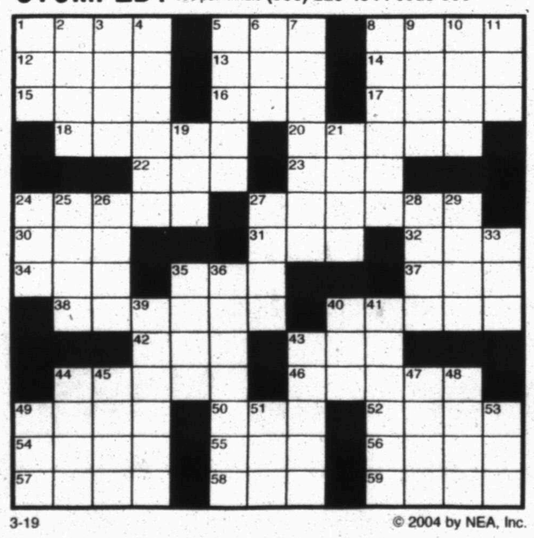
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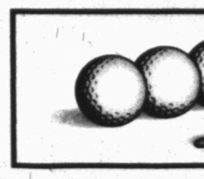


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At Burkburnett baseball tourney...

Tigers get 1,000th win

BURKBURNETT — The Snyder Tigers reached a major mileston in the baseball program's history this morning, rolling past Wylie, 11-3, to secure the 1,000th victory in school history.

Head coach Charles Bollinger said he hopes it's just the first of more milestones to come for the Tigers.

"I'm excited," he said. "There's no better way to get the win than to beat a good team like Wylie. The guys played really well."

The Tigers banged out 10 hits — all singles — to help Dustyn Williams earn his second win of the season.

Williams came on in relief of starter Lico Castillo in the third. The game was halted after five innings due to time.

Jordan Dea was 3-for-3, Marcus Villarreal went 2-for-2 and Blake Grimmett, Bradley Price, Hadley Hirt, Eric Martinez and Alex Neal all joined the hit parade.

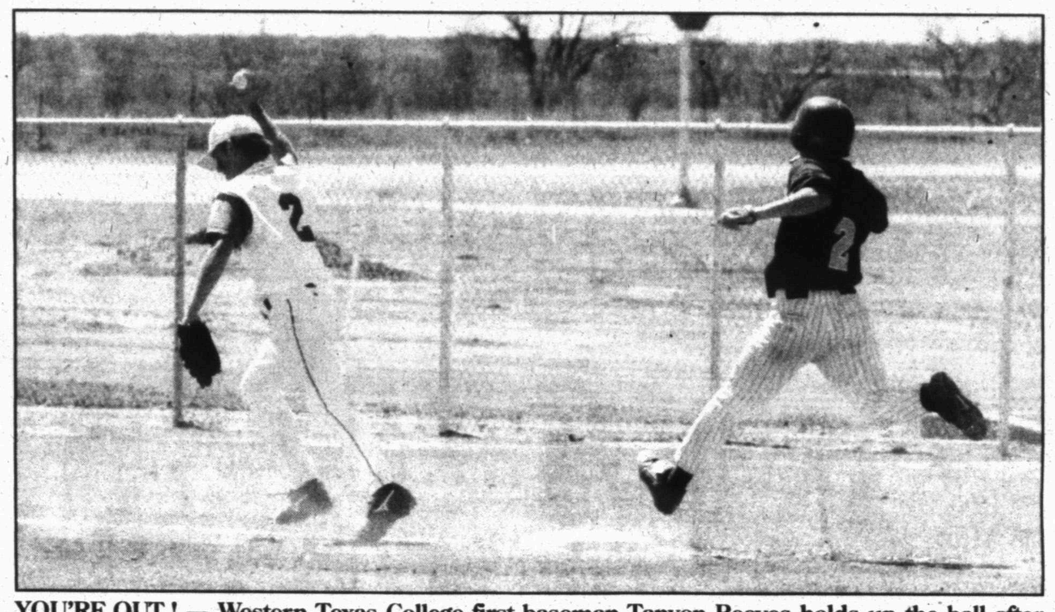
Snyder (8-2) suffered its second loss of the season in the opener Thursday night, falling to 4A Wichita Falls Rider, 2-0, in a pitcher's duel.

Ty Collier went the distance, giving up two runs on just three hits while striking out six.

Snyder outhit Rider, 4-3, but could not cross the plate against starter Chris Ingram.

"(Rider's) tough," Bollinger said. "Ty pitched an outstanding game."

Snyder will play Midwest City, Okla. this afternoon, and will battle Pampa at 10:30 Saturday morning.



YOU'RE OUT ! — Western Texas College first baseman Tanyon Reeves holds up the ball after digging out a throw in the dirt to end the inning. The Westerners split a doubleheader with Otero JC, and began a doubleheader at noon today to start a three-game set with Trinidad JC. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

WTC splits with Otero

Western Texas College earned a split with Otero Junior College Thursday, rebounding from a 5-1 loss in the opener to hammer the Rattlers, 13-8, in the nightcap.

Shay Franks got the victory in the second game, entering in the third inning of a 5-5 contest. Franks faced 13 batters, striking out two and allowing just two hits while fanning three.

"Shay did a good job," head coach Billy Hefflinger said. "He basically came in and shut the door."

Hank Casey got the save.

After falling behind 2-0 to start the game, the Westerners added five in their half of the inning, and the teams battled back and forth until WTC plated six runs over the final two innings.

Derek David was 2-for-3 with three runs scored and Eric Brown was 3-for-4 and stole two bases.

Josh Heiney and Kyle Toney had two base knocks each, with Toney driving in two.

Landon Thompson also had a key RBI in the Westerners' late offensive surge.

Garrett Graham was saddled with the loss in the first game, as WTC employed seven pitchers against the Rattlers in the opener.

The Westerners managed one run on two hits, while Otero scored all five of their runs with two outs.

The Westerners began a three-game set with Trinidad JC today, opening with a doubleheader at noon.

Tech holds off Charlotte

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — For one day, Bob Knight found something to enjoy about Buffalo.

Senior Andre Emmett and freshman Jarrius Jackson each scored 11 points to lead a first-half surge and Texas Tech held off Charlotte 76-73 in the first round of the NCAA tournament Thursday.

The game turned out much better for Knight than his last trip here, when he lost to Pepperdine in his final game as coach of Indiana in 2000.

"I'm glad the outcome of this game replaces the outcome of the last game in Buffalo," Knight said after the 43rd tournament victory of his career, fourth all-time and one more than Lute Olson and Denny Crum. "I feel pleased for our kids to have the chance to go on."

So did Emmett, who still remembers a first-round loss to Southern Illinois two years ago.

"It feels better than my sophomore year," said Emmett, whose steal and fastbreak layup in the final minute turned out to be the game-winner. "We came in with a different attitude and were fortunate to come out with a win."

Texas Tech (23-10), the eighth seed in the East Rutherford Regional, will play the winner of the game between top-seeded Saint Joseph's (27-1) and Liberty (18-14). Charlotte (21-9), the ninth seed, never managed to get its up-tempo game going, shooting 6-of-24 from beyond the arc.

The game turned late in the first half. Jackson, a freshman guard, scored seven points during a 14-0 run that gave the Red Raiders a commanding lead. Jackson hit a 3-pointer to begin the run, finished it with a steal and fastbreak layup, and ended the period by hitting a pullup jumper just before the buzzer to put Tech up 39-25.

"When we had the lead at the half, my thought was to get into free throws as quick as we can," Knight said. "We didn't play perfectly going down to the wire, but we were able to take a five-point lead and build it."

Tech maintained a double-digit lead for most of the second half, building it to 53-40.

The 49ers then made one final run. Two free throws by Curtis Withers capped a 10-4 spurt and moved Charlotte to 55-50 with 5:47 to go. That had Knight up and yelling at the officials for the first time and the Red Raiders responded.

Freshman Darryl Dora, who had 12 points and 10 rebounds off the bench, hit two free throws, Mikey Marshall converted a one-handed leaner in the lane, and Jackson hit a jumper in the lane to boost the Tech lead to 61-52 with 3:57 left. A slam follow at the shot-clock buzzer by Marshall less than a minute later sealed the 49ers' fate, and Tech converted 5-of-6 free throws in the final minute.

Jackson finished with 17 points and Marshall had 15 points and four assists.

Withers led Charlotte with 17 points and nine rebounds, Mitchell Baldwin and Eddie Basden each scored 11, Butter Johnson had 10, and long-range aces Brendan Plavich and Demon Brown each had eight.

"The game resembled most of the games we lost this year," Charlotte coach Bobby Lutz said. "We had been getting good shots and missing. We'd fall back, make runs, and every time we'd have a key turnover. Those are the things we have to do to take the next step, but our guys battled to the end."

The 49ers pressed in the second half and made it close at the end when Withers hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer, but the game belonged to Tech and its venerable coach.

Knight, who led the Hoosiers to 24 tournament appearances in his 29 years there, last won in the first round in 1999.

Campbell quietly leads Bayhill

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Chad Campbell had every reason to take a bow in the Bay Hill Invitational, even though he knew the ovations heard on every green were for someone else.

That's what happens when you play with Arnold Palmer.

"I was real excited about coming out to play today," Campbell said after a 6-under 66 left him tied with Darren Clarke and Shigeki Maruyama.

"It's a pretty memorable experience," Campbell said. "We owe him so much."

And even though he was tied for the lead Thursday, Campbell realized the buzz at Bay Hill came from the other side of the golf course, and just below him on the leaderboard.

Tiger Woods wasn't in the lead. It only seemed that way.

Trying to become the first player on any tour to win the same tournament five straight times, Woods got off to a solid start by missing only one fairway in a round of 5-under 67 that left him one shot out of the lead.

"I haven't won yet," Woods said when asked again what it would mean to win five years in a row. "Hopefully, I have a chance this year. I've set myself up. I have three more rounds — a long way to go."

Benign conditions and softer-than-usual greens must have made players wonder if they were really at Bay Hill. All it took was a glance at the leaderboard — Woods' name near the top — to remind them.

Brad Faxon opened with a 68, and was runner-up to Woods last year by 11 shots.

"I'm going for two second-places in a row," Faxon said jokingly. "The pressure is on."

The tournament is far from over.

Twenty-three players broke 70 on a gentle day at Bay Hill, so there were plenty of talented players around Woods.

Campbell and Clarke each navigated Bay Hill without a bogey in their rounds of 66, while Maruyama joined them late in the afternoon when the greens became slightly firmer.

Varsity girls fourth at Andrews golf tourney

The Snyder varsity girls took fourth place at the rained-shortened Andrews golf tournament last weekend, shooting a team total 519 over 27 holes.

With rain threatening, only the top 12 teams from Friday's first round were invited back for a nine-hole second round.

Cami Trout shot an 84-42 126 to lead the Lady Tigers, who finished behind Andrews, San Angelo Central and regional opponent Monahans.

Brooke Jackson fired an 88-42 130, Christi Williams carded an 84-46 130 and Ashley Luecke stroked an 82-48 130.

Shannon Mangis recorded a 91-51 142.

"I wish we could have beaten Monahans, because that's a team we have to beat in regionals," coach Cody Cox said. "Overall, it was not bad. We beat Pecos and we beat Monahans through the first 18 holes. We are going to have to play good at regionals."

Cox said the girls team had a nice practice round at Ratliff in Odessa, the site of this year's regional tournament.

Andrews Girls Tournament Team Standings

1) Andrews 490; 2) San Angelo Central 503; 3) Monahans 512; **4) Snyder 517**; 5) El Paso Coronado 519.

Clemens mows down Cards

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Roger Clemens had his best start of the spring Thursday in the Houston Astros' 3-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Clemens, preparing for his first season with his hometown team, allowed four hits in four shutout innings. He struck out three and walked none in his third outing this spring.

"I'm still a ways away," Clemens said. "Just because the results are a little better and they didn't score runs, that doesn't mean a whole lot down here. It's how you feel and how you think you're approaching and getting your work done. I'm not really concerned about the results. Right now I just want to be healthy and feel strong."

Lance Berkman hit his first homer of the spring in the fourth, a two-run drive off Danny Haren, and had an RBI double in the sixth.

Scott Rolen, who went 3-for-3, had two doubles into the gap in left-center off Clemens and a bunt single.

Pairings set for Baugh celebrity golf tourney

Five teams are slated to tee-off at the Sammy Baugh 90th Birthday Celebrity Golf Tournament Saturday at WTC golf course.

The teams will get underway with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

John David Crow heads up the first team, which includes Bob O'Day, Mike O'Day and Bill Pitllen.

Red Cashion's team, including Lynn Watwood, Turner Watwood and Jim Erwin will start at hole 3.

Cotton Davidson's team of Ken Lawrence, Monroe Lawrence and Bryan Anderson will begin on the seventh hole, and Dave Parks will be joined by Randy and Jay Weaver and Sonny Cumbie on his team. They will begin on hole nine.

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TODAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Burkburnett Tournament
	WTC vs. Trinidad JC, DH, noon
Softball:	SHS varsity at Seminole, 5 p.m.
	SHS JV at Seminole, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball:	SHS varsity at Burkburnett Tournament
	WTC vs. Trinidad JC, noon
Softball:	WTC vs. Midland, DH, 1 p.m.
	SHS varsity at Lubbock Monterey, 1 p.m.

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Denver	36	33	.522	10½
Utah	34	34	.500	12

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Portland	34	34	.500	15
Seattle	30	38	.441	19
Golden State	27	40	.403	21½
L.A. Clippers	27	41	.397	22
Phoenix	22	46	.324	27

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Thursday's Games

Detroit 89, New Jersey 71
Seattle 97, Memphis 94
San Antonio 106, Minnesota 86

Friday's Games

Chicago at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Texas Professional Basketball League

The Big Spring Rebels will host the Abilene Force at 4 p.m. Sunday at Travis Gym. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children.

Dallas, Tampa may finally swap receivers

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys finally acquired Keyshawn Johnson, reaching agreement on a deal that will send Joey Galloway to Tampa Bay.

On the same day the NFL told the team it would approve their eight-year contract with quarterback Drew Henson, owner Jerry Jones said Dallas has a handshake deal to send receiver Galloway to Tampa Bay for Johnson.

Jones said the Cowboys had agreed on a handshake deal with Tampa that involves Dallas reworking Galloway's contract.

Johnson agreed weeks ago to a four-year, $20 million contract with a $4 million bonus.

Rockets sign Oakley

HOUSTON (AP) — Charles Oakley signed a 10-day contract with the Houston Rockets, giving coach Jeff Van Gundy another player from his New York Knicks days.

The 40-year-old power forward hasn't played all season, but that did not deter Van Gundy.

Oakley, 6-foot-9 and 245 pounds, hopes to toughen the Rockets in their drive for the playoffs.

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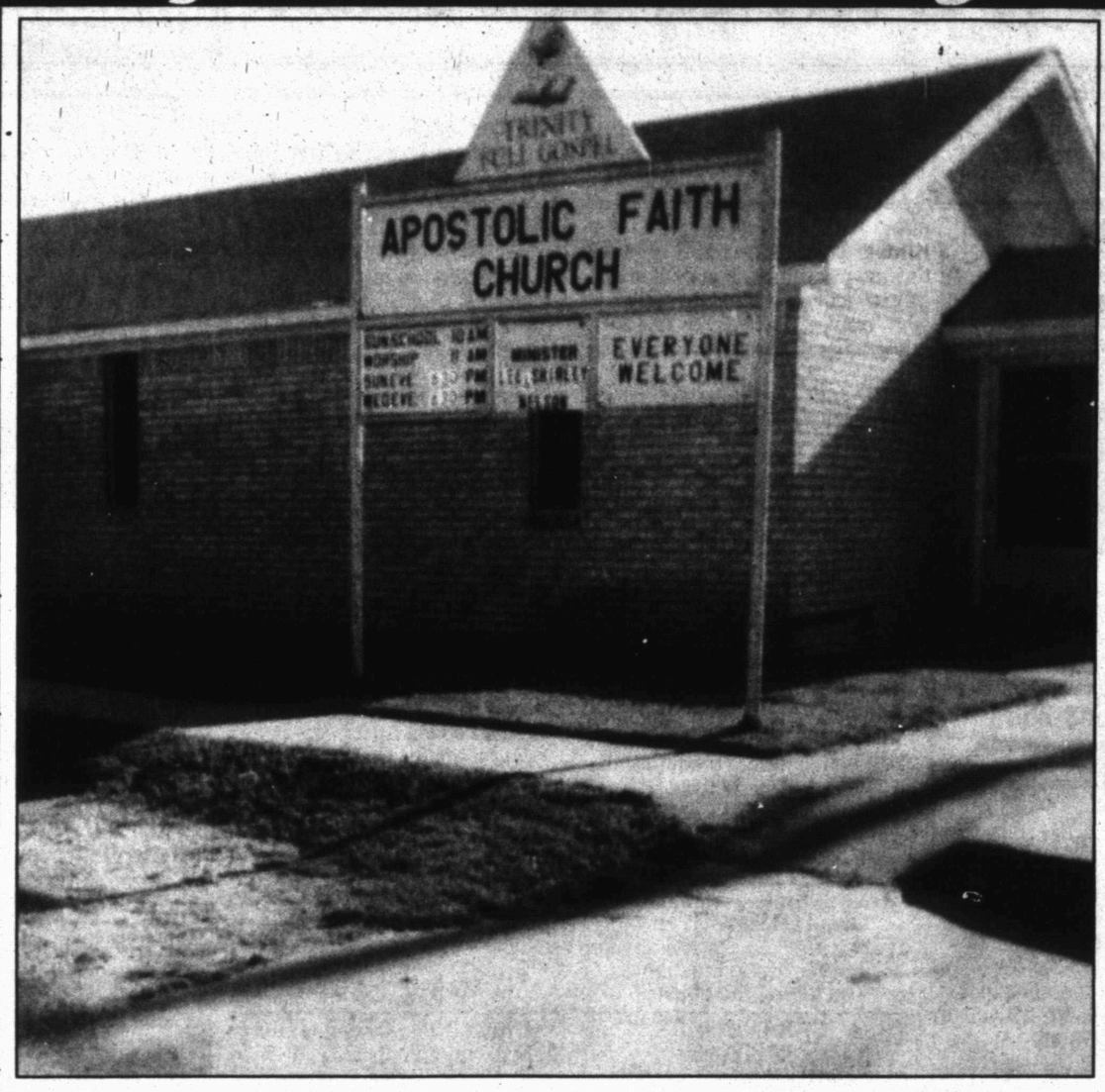
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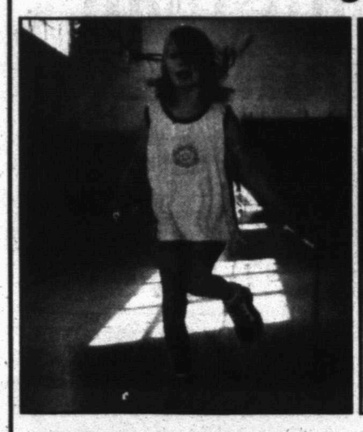
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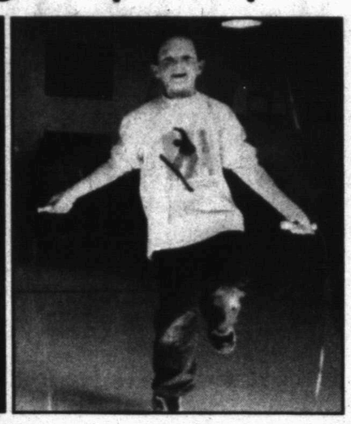
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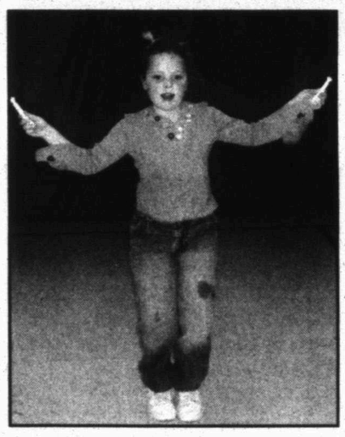


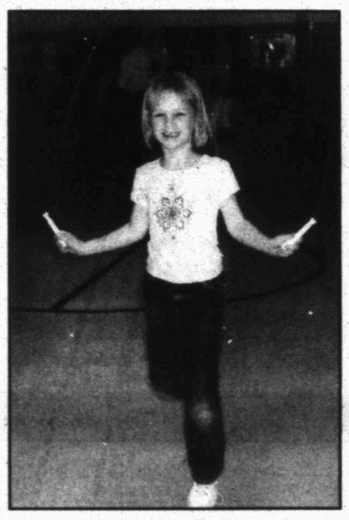


ANNUAL EVENT — Stanfield recently raised $3,300 for the school's annual jump rope for heart fundraiser. Susanne Kimzey Daniels (far left) raised the most money — $262. Logan Rinehart (right photo) was one of the jumpers. Stephanie Daniels took both photos. All other photos by Shirley A. Gorman.

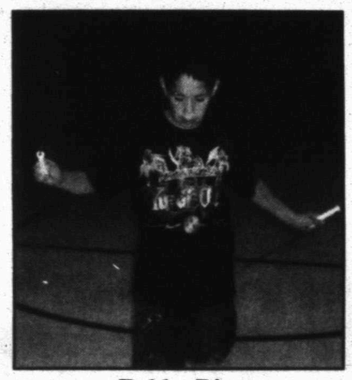


Allison Claxton, left, and Ashlee Maxfield took their turn jumping.





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FCC cites Howard Stern and rock singer Bono for indecency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators opened a new front in their crackdown on offensive broadcasts Thursday, saying that almost any use of the F-word on over-the-air radio and television would be considered indecent.

The Federal Communications Commission overruled its staff and said an expletive uttered by rock singer Bono on NBC was both indecent and profane. It marked the first time that the FCC cited a four-letter word as profane; the commission previously equated profanity with language challenging God's divinity.

The FCC on Thursday also proposed maximum fines for the broadcast of the Howard Stern radio show and for a program on two Florida radio stations owned by a Clear Channel Communications subsidiary.

Commissioners said they did not propose a fine for Bono's expletive during the 2003 Golden Globe Awards because they had never before said that virtually any use of the F-word violated its rules. The FCC specifically rejected earlier findings that occasional use of the F-word was acceptable.

"Given that today's decision clearly departs from past precedent in important ways, I could not support a fine retroactively against the parties," said FCC Chairman Michael Powell, who had asked his fellow commissioners to overturn the agency's enforcement bureau's finding.

"Prospectively, parties are on notice that they could now face significant penalties for similar violations," Powell said.

NBC issued a statement that said: "We believe the commission made the right decision in not fining us over the regrettable Bono incident. As we've previously said, Bono's utterance was unacceptable and we regret it happened."

A publicist for U2 said Bono was in the studio in Ireland and was not immediately available for comment.

But the decision was criticized by the Parents Television Council, a conservative advocacy group whose complaints led to the FCC's review.

"Bono may have used the F-word as an adjective, but today's FCC ruling turned it into a verb directed at American families," council president L. Brent Bozell III said. He said the decision "does nothing to hold NBC accountable for this obvious breach of commonsense decency standards."

The FCC received hundreds of complaints about the Golden Globes broadcast after Bono, the lead singer of the Irish rock group U2, said, "This is really, really, f——— brilliant." The enforcement bureau said last October that Bono's comment was not indecent or obscene because he did not use the word to describe a sexual act.

To avoid a repeat incident, NBC aired this year's Golden Globes broadcast on a 10-second delay. ABC did the same with its telecast of the Academy Awards show.

In another decision Thursday, the FCC proposed fining Infinity Broadcasting the maximum $27,500 for a Stern show broadcast July 26, 2001, on WKRK-FM in Detroit. The FCC received a complaint from a Detroit listener about a show that featured discussions about sexual practices and techniques.

Infinity Broadcasting failed to immediately return a call seeking comment. The Center for Public Integrity, a watchdog group, said fines against Stern accounted for almost half of the $4 million in penalties proposed by the FCC since 1990.

2 U.S. soldiers killed in Central Afghan fighting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two American soldiers were killed and two others were wounded in fighting Thursday in central Afghanistan, the U.S. military said.

At least five attackers were killed in the battle, officials said.

In a brief statement, U.S. Central Command said the American soldiers were accompanied by troops of the Afghan National Army when they were attacked by "anti-coalition militia" in a village near Tarin Kowt.

The Americans were not identified by name or military unit.

Because of the location, the fighting did not appear to be directly related to reports that a senior member of the al-Qaida terrorist network, possibly Ayman al-Zawahri, had been cornered by Pakistani forces near the Afghan border.

The battle in which the two Americans were killed happened in Oruzgan province on Thursday afternoon, the Central Command statement said. After being fired upon, the American soldiers fired back, killing at least five and wounding an undetermined number of others, the statement said.

The wounded Americans were evacuated to Kandahar airfield for treatment. The extent of their injuries was not disclosed. Their names were being withheld until relatives could be notified.

Central Command called the attackers "terrorists" but did not elaborate. Pentagon officials said there was no indication that they were part of al-Qaida.

The two soldiers' deaths raised to 114 the number of American troops who have died in Operation Enduring Freedom, as the war in Afghanistan is called by the military, which started in October 2001.

Cheney playing more prominent role in Bush re-election campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dick Cheney's blistering attack on John Kerry's national security credentials underscores a decision by President Bush's re-election team to give the vice president a more prominent and assertive role in the campaign.

But the strategy also hands Democrats new ammunition, as Cheney's slumping poll numbers and questions about his business ties have cast a cloud over his campaign activities, turning him into a target.

In a foreign policy speech in California on Wednesday, one of several in which campaign aides say Cheney will draw specific contrasts with Kerry on both national security and economic issues, the vice president questioned the Democrat's fitness to be president and challenged his foreign policy credentials.

"The senator from Massachusetts has given us ample doubts about his judgment," Cheney said.

Nicolle Devenish, communications director for the Bush-Cheney campaign, said Cheney would be "putting the meat on the bone" in spelling out of those differences.

"We'll rely very much on his unique ability and his institutional knowledge to make the case for us about important differences," she said.

Cheney's critique was part of a larger administration effort this week to portray Bush as a capable, wartime president and to challenge Kerry's support for the military. It included speeches by top administration officials, a new television ad questioning Kerry's support of U.S. troops and Bush's visit Thursday with soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Today is the one-year anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

Democrats were quick to counterattack.

"Cheney comes out of the bunker: But he's the wrong man to challenge John Kerry on defense," Kerry's campaign said in an e-mailed response that recalled the days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks when the vice president was said to be in a "secure, undisclosed location."

Vice presidents often are assigned attack-dog roles to help presidents appear to remain above the political fray.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Recurring hernias and the use of binders

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 80 and have hernia troubles. During the third repair, I had mesh inserted, but because of infection, it had to be removed. I was left with a large incisional hernia. My doctor reassures me that the prognosis is good, but further surgery is not indicated. However, the hernia is slowly enlarging. I don't want further surgery, but binders don't seem to help. What are my options?

DEAR READER: This is a terribly challenging problem.

Mesh (material resembling a window screen) is often used to repair large or recurring abdominal hernias. In your case, this therapy has failed.

Thus, you're left with two choices: repeat surgery (which your doctor advises against) or non-surgical therapy (such as elastic binders for support).

Therefore, you can either seek out a second surgical opinion or use stronger binders. Given your age and history of multiple operations, I suggest the second choice. Ask your doctor to recommend another type of binder.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a cure for gout? My feet are swollen and painful most of the time, despite the allopurinol my doctor has prescribed.

DEAR READER: Allopurinol ordinarily prevents gout — if it is given in sufficient dosage. Maybe your doctor should increase the amount of medicine you are taking.

Or, perhaps, you don't have gout at all.

There is a condition (appropriately called pseudogout) that mimics gout, but is not gout.

During your next painful attack of arthritis, your doctor should withdraw a small amount of fluid from the affected joint and check it under a microscope for uric acid crystals, the cause of gout. If such crystals are present, he can adjust the dose of your medicine. If no uric acid crystals can be seen, the fluid should be further analyzed for other compounds, such as calcium pyrophosphate, the cause of pseudogout, for which indomethacin is an appropriate treatment.

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

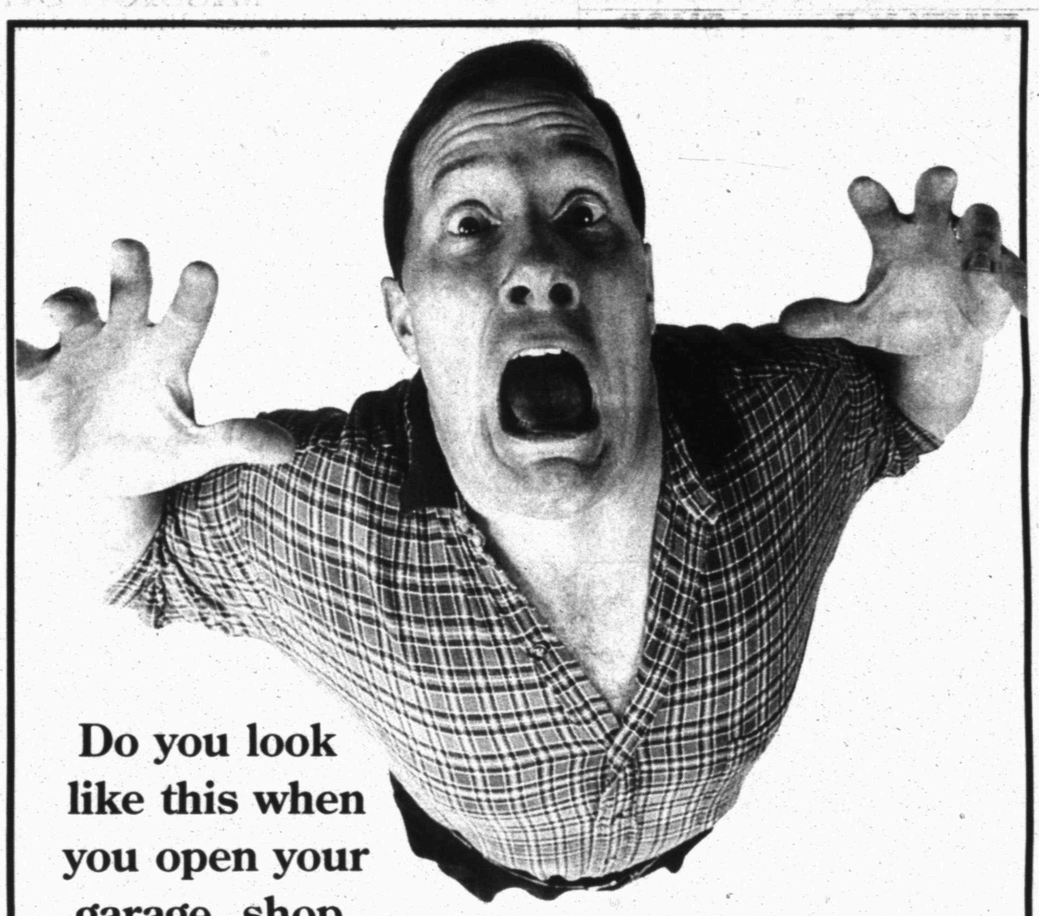
DEAR DR. GOTT: My healthy 21-year-old grandson, who is an avid downhill skier, is embarrassed by frequent periods of yawning when he is on the slopes. This is not caused by fatigue or boredom, but does occur at inappropriate times.

DEAR READER: Although yawning may, as you indicated, be a consequence of tiredness or boredom, in some cases it is the body's response to a low blood-oxygen level that occurs at high altitudes. Such a reaction can be worsened by strenuous exercise at altitudes well above sea level. If this is the case, your grandson's pulmonary function will probably stabilize once he has become acclimatized to the "thin" air on the slopes.

Still, the basis of his yawning may remain a mystery, in which instance he will simply have to learn a way to cover up his episodes.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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No. 2 al-Qaida may be surrounded

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — Thousands of Pakistani army reinforcements joined an offensive today in border villages where al-Qaida's No. 2 leader is believed to be surrounded along with hundreds of other militants.

As the troops set up a cordon around a 20-square-mile area, Afghan authorities reported the arrests of midlevel terrorist leaders on their side of the border.

Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan said the army believes a mix of foreigners and local Pakistani tribesmen are holed up in heavily armed fortresses in several villages in lawless South Waziristan, where Pakistani paramilitary forces began an operation against al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives four days ago.

"From the type of resistance we are getting ... the militants could be anything from 300 to 400," he told a news conference.

Sultan said authorities' intelligence assessment was that a high-level fugitive was among the fighters, although he had not been seen and it was unclear whether it was al-Zawahri.

"The type of resistance, the type of preparation of their defensive positions, the hardened fortresses they have made means we can assume that there could probably be some high-value target there," Sultan said from the army press office in Rawalpindi, a city near the capital, Islamabad.

He disputed claims by four senior Pakistani officials that captured militants had revealed that al-Zawahri was among them, and possibly injured.

"So far, whatever people we have apprehended, we have not got confirmation from them," he said — but quickly added the army could not share such intelligence anyway in an ongoing operation.

Villagers in Wana, the main town in South Waziristan, said heavy guns fired through the night .

Defiant Scalia won't step aside from Cheney's high court case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In typically combative style, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia dismissed a request Thursday that he stay out of a case involving his friend, Vice President Dick Cheney, saying a duck hunting trip they took was acceptable socializing that wouldn't cloud his judgment.

"If it is reasonable to think that a Supreme Court justice can be bought so cheap, the nation is in deeper trouble than I had imagined," Scalia wrote in response to the Sierra Club's request that he disqualify himself.

The environmental organization is pursuing a lawsuit that seeks to compel the Bush administration to release information about closed-door meetings of Cheney's energy task force, which crafted the administration's energy policy.

At issue in the case are allegations that energy industry executives and lobbyists were in on the Cheney meetings while environmentalists were shut out. Cheney is a former energy executive.

In his 21-page statement, Scalia revealed details for the first time of his trip with Cheney to Louisiana, where the justice hunts each winter.

He said he was the go-between to invite Cheney to hunt with a Scalia friend, Wallace Carline, who owns an oil rig services firm. Scalia and Cheney are friends from their days working in the Ford administration, the justice noted, and the trip plans were made before the energy case went before the court.

Scalia and Cheney flew together on a government jet, accompanied by one of Scalia's sons and a son-in-law. The justice said that he still bought a round-trip airline ticket and "none of us saved a cent by flying on the vice president's plane."

The court agreed in December to hear the energy task force case, and three weeks later Scalia and Cheney flew to Carline's hunting camp.

The trip spurred calls from some Democratic lawmakers and dozens of newspapers for Scalia to recuse himself. The Sierra Club spoke of "the continuing damage this affair is doing to the prestige and credibility of this court."

Supreme Court justices, unlike judges on other courts, decide for themselves if they have conflicts, and their decisions are final. There was no obligation for Scalia to explain his decision, but he did in a 21-page memorandum.

The conservative Reagan administration appointee said that despite "embarrassing criticism and adverse publicity" he saw no reason to step aside because of the 48-hour excursion with the vice president.

"My recusal is required if ... my impartiality might reasonably be questioned," Scalia said. "Why would that result follow from my being in a sizable group of persons, in a hunting camp with the vice president, where I never hunted with him in the same blind or had other opportunity for private conversation?"

Two arrested in Snyder

Arrests

Two arrests were made in Snyder on Thursday and earlier today.

At 6:47 p.m. a caller contacted police from the 400 block of 20th St. reporting a subject that had hit her son. Police arrested a 30-year-old man for disorderly conduct.

At 12:35 a.m. today Jose Luis Hermosillo, 40, of 1709½ Ave. T was taken into custody and charged with felony DWI.

Disturbance

A caller in the 800 block of 20th St. contacted police at 3:15 p.m. Thursday in reference to an individual going to her house yelling and throwing things. Officers were later contacted a second time at 3:43 p.m. when the subject became angry again. Officers advised the subject to go to his residence and remain there.

At 10:15 p.m. Thursday, officers responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of the VFW. The parties involved were gone upon officers' arrival.

Theft

A resident at 315 32nd St. contacted officers at 5:35 p.m. Thursday in reference to seven solar garden lights that were missing from her yard.

Possible prowler

A resident of the 200 block of Elm St. contacted officers at 9 p.m. Thursday to report hearing noises and then seeing someone jump over her fence.

Harassment

A caller contacted police at 6:36 p.m. Thursday to report a woman who had been harassing her brother. Officers located the subject and advised her not to make further contact.

Officer requested

At 8:32 a.m. Thursday a resident of the 1900 block of Coleman reported finding some drug paraphernalia. Officers confiscated the items and will maintain a close patrol.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's reported at 4:38 p.m. Thursday the theft of $26.60 worth of gas.

At 12:59 a.m. today a clerk at Allsup's reported the theft of $15 in gas.

Obituaries

Verle Fargason

1922-2004

Verle Fargason, longtime Dunn resident, died Tuesday, March 16, in Bell Haven Nursing Home in Killeen.

Service for Mrs. Fargason, 80, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

Born Oct. 27, 1922 in Depew, Okla., she married Hugh L. Fargason on Oct. 10, 1945. He died Aug. 11, 1999.

Mrs. Fargason was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She also was preceded in death by an infant son, Kirby.

Survivors include a daughter, Janice Harty of Midland; three sons, Marvin Fargason of Kempner, Kenneth Fargason of Atlanta, Ga.; two brothers, Kenneth Provine of Houston and Carl Provine of Portland, Ore.; two sisters, Lorena Knaak of Pawnee, Okla., and Ruby Ruth Mooney of Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 6-8 this evening at the funeral home.

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Elbert Wilson

1928-2004

BIG SPRING — Elbert Wilson, the father of Contravis Wilson of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 16, in Big Spring.

Funeral service for Mr. Wilson, 75, is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Greater Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Alvin Mills officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Born March 28, 1928 in Roxton, he married Arlena Simmons on Feb. 2, 1951. A U.S. Navy veteran, he moved from Midland to Big Spring in 1961 and became chef at Big Spring Country Club, retiring in 1993 after 32 years.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Woodrow and Gus Wilson; two sisters, Kate and Havannah Wilson; and one daughter, Rosie Wilson.

Survivors include two other sons, Allen Wilson of Mesquite and Gregory Wilson of Midland; two daughters, Birdie Wilson of Cannon and Mamie Wilson of Midland; two stepsons, Javance Johnson and Mark Johnson, both of Midland; one stepdaughter, Othalene Johnson of Fort Worth; a sister, Alice Jones of Houston; four brothers, Burnice Wilson of Midland, McDonald Wilson and Joe Wilson, both of Oklahoma City and Lester Wilson of Big Spring; 28 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Tim Klein

1959-2004

Tim Klein, 45, died early today at his residence in Snyder.

Services are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Klein was born on March 12, 1959.

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Antiques dealer says he was front-man for state contractor

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A well-known antiques dealer says he acted as a front-man in a real estate deal that allowed a state contractor to pay more than twice the market value for one of Gov. John G. Rowland's condominiums.

Wayne Pratt, an expert in New England furniture and a regular contributor to the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow," pleaded guilty Thursday to filing a false tax document.

Pratt has also agreed to cooperate with federal authorities investigating the governor's administration, a source involved in the case told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Pratt bought the Washington, D.C., condo from Rowland for $68,500 in 1997 — more than twice the going rate at the time.

Pratt said he met Rowland once briefly at a party, but never discussed the sale of the condo with him and never saw it before he bought it.

He said he bought it for someone else, identified in court papers as "Associate A." Prosecutors said "Associate A" paid for the condo and purchased it through Pratt because he did not want to be listed as the buyer.

Pratt's attorneys have said "Associate A" is businessman and state contractor Robert Matthews, a friend of both Pratt and Rowland who arranged the sale, paid Pratt for the condo and helped him disguise records of the purchase.

Officers shot while serving bench warrants

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Three Philadelphia court officers were shot, one fatally, early today while they were trying to serve a warrant on a man for failing to appear at trial, police said. The man who was being sought also was shot and wounded.

The gunfire started after a woman opened the apartment door and the three officers identified themselves and entered, Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said. Further details on the circumstances were not immediately released.

The officers, who work for the city court system, were serving a bench warrant for Darien Houser, 40, who had failed to appear at his trial on a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl. He was acquitted in absentia last November, but a judge issued a bench warrant on a contempt of court charge.

Court officers generally are armed, but police did not say if all three officers had weapons at the scene.

Today's Weather

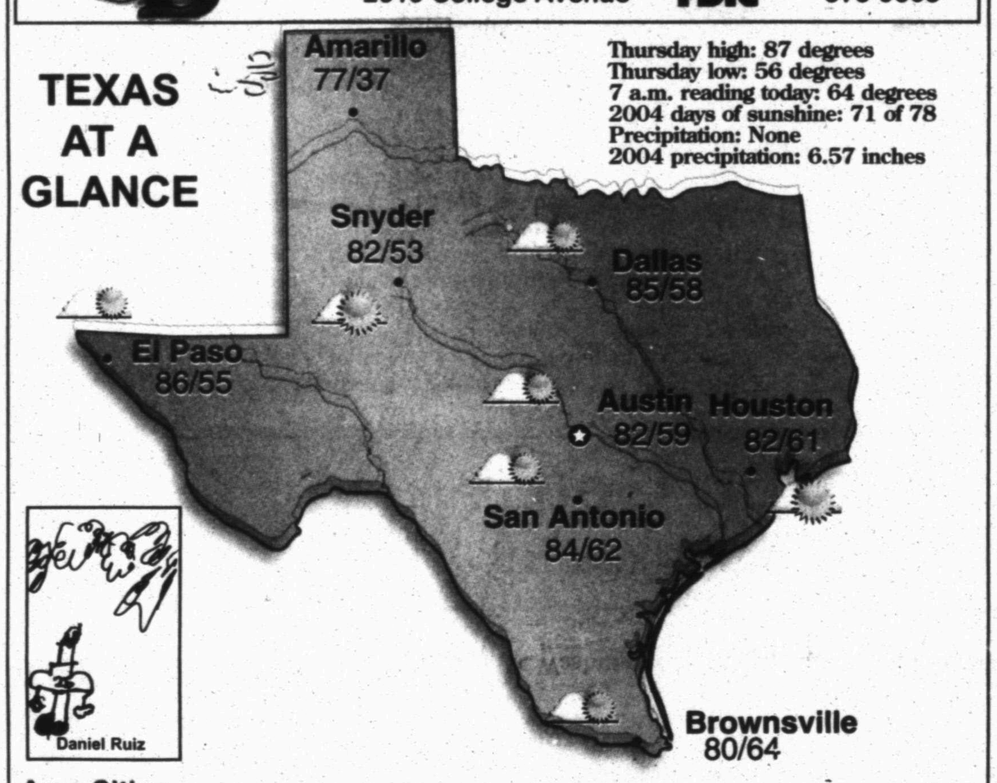
Local 3 Day Forecast

Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Mon 3/22
82/53	51/48	66/53
A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. Warm. High 82F.	Showers possible. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 40s.	Overcast. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 6:47 AM Sunset 6:56 PM	Sunrise 6:46 AM Sunset 6:56 PM	Sunrise 6:44 AM Sunset 6:57 PM

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Thursday low: 56 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 64 degrees
2004 days of sunshine: 71 of 78
Precipitation: None
2004 precipitation: 6.57 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	83	57	mst sunny	El Paso	86	55	pt sunny	Midland	84	56	mst sunny
Amarillo	77	37	windy	Fort Stockton	85	57	pt sunny	Raymondville	81	61	pt sunny
Austin	82	59	pt sunny	Gainesville	82	54	t-storm	Rosenberg	82	60	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	59	mst sunny	Greenville	84	56	mst sunny	San Antonio	84	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	80	64	pt sunny	Houston	82	61	mst sunny	San Marcos	83	60	pt sunny
Brownwood	86	58	mst sunny	Kingsville	82	62	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	84	56	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	79	64	pt sunny	Livingston	83	56	mst sunny	Sweetwater	84	55	mst sunny
Corsicana	84	58	mst sunny	Longview	85	58	mst sunny	Tyler	85	58	mst sunny
Dallas	85	58	pt sunny	Lubbock	81	47	mst sunny	Weatherford	83	55	mst sunny
Del Rio	83	64	pt sunny	Lufkin	85	58	sunny	Wichita Falls	83	51	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	69	54	pt sunny	Houston	82	61	mst sunny	Phoenix	97	66	sunny
Boston	42	36	cloudy	Los Angeles	75	58	mst sunny	San Francisco	77	54	pt sunny
Chicago	52	30	rain	Miami	79	68	pt sunny	Seattle	60	46	pt sunny
Dallas	85	58	pt sunny	Minneapolis	47	20	windy	St. Louis	66	36	t-storm
Denver	68	38	pt sunny	New York	46	38	pt sunny	Washington, DC	56	43	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 28	Apr 5

UV Index

Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Mon 3/22
6	5	4
High	Moderate	Low

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