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B-52s poised to strike Iraqi targets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heavy B-52 bombers left England today, portending major nighttime air strikes against Iraq, two U.S. officials said, as American forces seized important ground in south and western Iraq.

One U.S. official involved in military planning said the B-52s had been scrambled en masse and the air strikes would be bigger than anything seen thus far in the conflict.

In the early hours of the war, the U.S. launched two rounds of cruise missile attacks against Baghdad, but sent only two Stealth bombers over the capital city. The B-52s have played a major role in bombing campaigns dating back to Vietnam.

The military plans for major air escalation going into the weekend, a second senior military official said.

Two U.S. officials involved in military planning said the pauses and fits of the war, as well as talk of "shock and awe" attacks, have been part of a psychological campaign to increase the likelihood of Iraqi troop surrenders and to keep their leadership from reasserting full control after Wednesday's surprise attack.

Officials said the combination of threatening phenomenal attacks, selected strikes, covert operations and the unexpected advances of the ground troops are part of a strategy to keep the leadership guessing and hopefully lead to the implosion of Saddam's regime without a major assault.

The airfields seized today in far western Iraq, known as H-2 and H-3, were taken without much resistance from Iraqi troops, defense officials said on condition of anonymity. But they called control of the installations "tentative."

They are important partly because Saddam Hussein is believed to have Scud missiles there.

Likewise, in the south, troops have "passed through" the Rumeila oil field but it may be too soon to say they have secured it, one senior Pentagon official said.

The war's first casualties were reported. A U.S. Marine with the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in a gunfight as his unit advanced on the oil field. Hours earlier, eight British and four American soldiers died in a U.S. Marine helicopter crash that a British military spokesman said was an accident.

An important part of the plan laid out by the war's commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, was to drop special forces at sites around Iraq to seize sensitive facilities such as oil wells, airfields and suspected chemical and biological weapons sites.

The airborne assaults were planned to come nearly simultaneously with, and in some cases in advance of, the bombing campaign and ground assault.

The H-3 airfield, 240 miles from Baghdad, has been one of Iraq's primary air-defense installations. Allied pilots bombed it in September.

Retired Navy Rear Adm. Stephen H. Baker said at the time that destroying radar at H-3 "would allow allied aircraft mounting major raids on Iraq a clear route into the country."

American and British troops encountered both hostile fire and white flags in their sprint across the desert today, with some 200 Iraqi soldiers surrendering to the U.S. 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit just over an hour after it crossed the border from northern Kuwait.

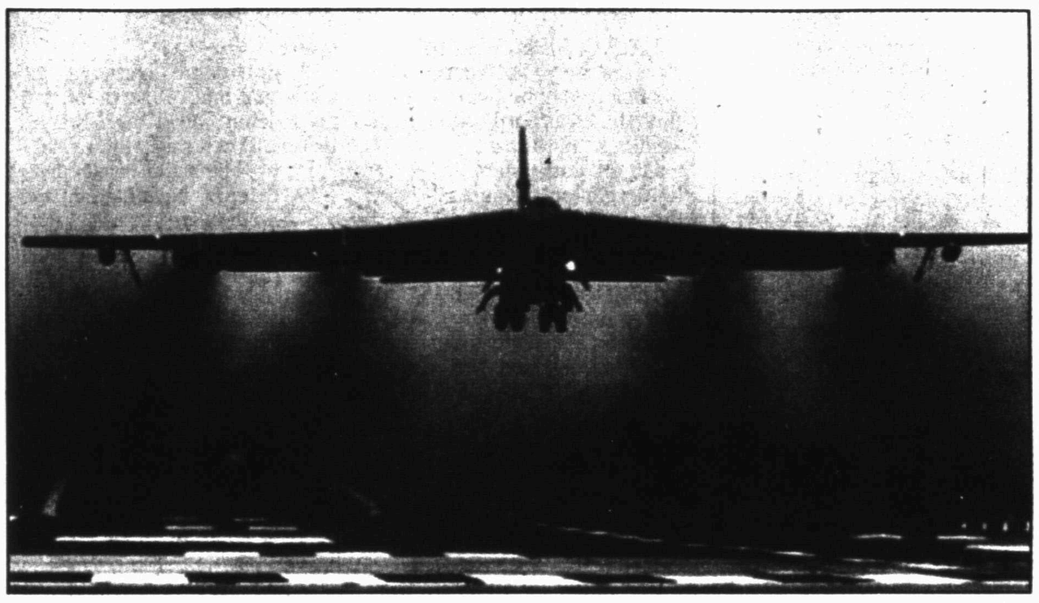
Iraqi defenders offered stiff resistance in some pockets, firing intense artillery barrages that were answered in kind.

In Safwan, just across the Kuwait border, Iraqis watched and in some cases helped as U.S. Marines rigged chains to giant portraits of the Iraqi president and tore them down. Townspeople mostly hid from the occupying force. Some patted their stomach to beg for food.

Maj. David "Bull" Gurfein, pumping his fist in the air, led a milling crowd of citizens in chants of "Iraqis, Iraqis, Iraqis!" A young man in a headscarf told Gurfein: "No Saddam Hussein. Bush!"

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said direct talks were taking place with Iraqi forces and it was possible the "full force and fury of a war" could be averted.

"There are communications in every conceivable mode and method, public and private," he said after meeting with lawmakers Thursday night.



AIR POWER – One of eight USAF B-52 bombers takes off from the Royal Air Force Fairford base in England this morning. It was the first time bombers had left the base since the start of the war against Iraq. (AP Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren



Will the third time be the charm?

Snyder's city council had planned to meet Monday with the commissioners' court to discuss the expired interlocal agreement between the two entities.

However, it was discovered that the city council's charter forbids it to meet elsewhere other than at city hall, and that state law forbids the commissioners's court from meeting other than in county-owned facilities.

So a couple from the city council then planned to break bread at the same time Monday with a couple from commissioners court.

However prior to that meeting, it was discovered that, too, violated the Texas Open Meetings Law, based on a Texas Attorney General opinion.

The results of the committee meeting were to be acted on by the entire council. In order for it to be proper, it too had to be posted as an open meeting, but it wasn't.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey was asked Monday night at the called hospital-county meeting what was discussed and he replied, "Nothing, we just ate."

Now the plan is to have the city council committee of Terry Martin, Ron Shaw and Mayor Francene Noah hammer out any proposed city changes in the agreement, present it to the council for approval and give the city's version to the county to mull over.

Seems this would have been a lot simpler from the beginning. We also recall a couple of council members and a couple of commissioners wanting to approach the discussion this way from the very beginning.

At first, we wondered what all the hurry was about. After all, the document had expired in 1996.

Maybe it's the liability issue?

At last Monday's meeting concerning the hospital eventually taking over Covenant Family Healthcare clinic, some of the discussion centered on the hospital taking on ownership of the physical facility.

We don't know the advantage of that from a medical perspective, but local taxing entities would take a hit if it did come off the tax rolls.

The building is currently valued at $1.6 million and Covenant currently pays more than $31,000 in local taxes.

Western Texas College collected right at $3,000 in taxes last year, while the City of Snyder collected $4,929.

The clinic put $5,700 in the county's coffers, while the Snyder Independent School district collected $17,455.

It sounds like a nifty deal to hear that Covenant might sell the building for a buck or so, but taking $17,455 yearly from a school district whose facilities are slowly but surely falling apart does not appear to be very good business.

That would be almost as bad as what school boards didn't do in the '70s and '80s — and that was to do something about our local school facilities when homeowners would have only had to bear less than one percent of the cost, not almost 55 percent as it is today.



HISTORY ON THE MOVE — Snyder High School students listen to tour guide John Ximenes during a tour of The C-SPAN School bus this morning. The 45-foot motor coach, a traveling television production studio and media demonstration center, provides knowledge of the network's public affairs programming, which airs locally on Channel 16. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS students tour C-SPAN bus

None of the students touring the the C-SPAN School Bus at Snyder High School this morning would admit to ever watching the 24-hour public affairs network.

That didn't surprise the tour guides, but they weren't discouraged either.

"That's why we're here today to talk to you," said Marian Lozano, a guide that travels the country with the bus. "We want to explain why we do what we do and hopefully make people aware of what an asset we can be."

Lozano told the students C-SPAN, which airs locally on Cox Cable channels 16 and 17, can serve as a tool for researching school projects and assignments.

The channel televises sessions and hearings of the U.S. congress, White House press conferences and other public affairs happenings.

C-SPAN, created in 1979, is a nonprofit agency funded by the cable industry.

Lozano told the students the network strives for its static appearance. "There aren't any reporters or analysts on C-SPAN," she said. "And our camera angles are consistent with every person interviewed. We don't want to influence the viewers in any way."

Inside the bus, students viewed clips from C-SPAN coverage, including a speech by former U.S. Rep. James Trafficant, who was kicked out of congress and is now in prison.

"We should probably get a new clip to show," Lozano joked.

The bus, a bright-yellow 45-foot coach, has toured all 50 states and has been viewed by President Bill Clinton and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

At 6:30...

Senior Center banquet scheduled for tonight

The 24th annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet begins at 6:30 this evening at the Senior Citizens Center.

Volunteers have contributed a total of 41,156 hours of service during the past year.

The Top 15 volunteers will be announced. Volunteers who have worked 500 or more hours since the 2002 banquet will also receive a pin.

Carla Thompson, director, will welcome everyone and recognize special guests.

Bernhard Bartels will present Star Awards and Pamela Fenton, activities director, will hand out volunteer award pins.

Cecil Lankford will give the invocation. Door prizes will also be presented.

Following the Asian theme, the meal will consist of oriental buffet with egg rolls, sweet and sour chicken, pepper steak, oriental vegetables, BBQ short ribs, fried rice and assorted cakes.

Ira to host UIL meet

Ira ISD will host a 12-school UIL meet Saturday at Western Texas College.

The first event gets underway at 9 a.m.

Besides Ira, schools participating are Aspermont, Borden County, Dawson, Grady, Guthrie, Jayton-Girard, Klondike, Paint Creek, Rochester, Rule and Sands.

Events include Lincoln-Douglas debate, number sense, social studies, computer applications, prose and poetry.

Also, current issues and events, calculator applications, informative speaking, persuasive speaking, spelling, accounting and science.

Other events are literary criticism, news writing, feature writing, mathematics, computer science, editorial writing and headline writing.

Events will be held in rooms 2C, 7B, 7A, the science lecture hall, the Baptist Student Center and the gym.

The swimming pool also will be available from noon to 4 p.m. for contestants.

ASK US

Q—When did Saddam Hussein come to power in Iraq?

A—In 1979, Saddam Hussein replaced Ahmed Hassan Bakr as the head of state and leader of the Baath party.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Sheila Allison...

...a life-long resident of Snyder, is the manager of the East highway Dairy Queen. She and her husband, Tommy, have four children — three boys and a girl.

Sheila likes to spend her free time with her kids, and enjoys going to church.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The triumph of justice is the only peace.

—Robert Ingersoll

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

PTK Tupperware party

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will host a Tupperware party from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday in the upper level of the WTC Student Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Three Ways Satan Tries to Destroy," followed by "Christianity is a Miracle."

Historical commission meeting

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

Genealogical Society meeting

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

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.

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.

CNA classes

CNA classes will begin March 29 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 noon 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, March 29, 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.

Tornadoes kill six and injure hundreds

CAMILLA, Ga. (AP) — Gov. Sonny Perdue promised to aid victims of tornadoes that swept through rural southwestern Georgia, killing six people, injuring more than 200 and leaving a backwash of destruction.

Perdue declared a state of emergency Thursday in Mitchell and Worth counties as victims sifted through the remains of their homes.

"We're in a budget crisis, but we will find the funds to meet the needs of these folks to the limit of Georgia law," he said.

Four people were killed in Mitchell County — two boys, ages 8 and 8 months; a 40-year-old woman; and an older man, said Jennifer Collins, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Authorities said they did not come from the same household.

A man and his mother were killed in Worth County when a tornado hit their trailer near Bridgeboro, said Sheriff Freddie Tompkins, who declined to release names.

The tornadoes came as a storm system swept through the South, bringing flooding to Georgia and the Carolinas. A man in Tennessee was killed Wednesday when his mobile home was leveled by a storm that also toppled trees and power lines.

The tornadoes in Georgia destroyed an estimated 50 to 75 homes.

The last thing Francisco Mendez saw was his bedroom window flying right at him as he dove to cover his wife.

He was already awake when the alarm went off at 5 a.m. He heard the rain pounding his Camilla house and the wind blowing hard against the walls.

"I said, 'Hey, that sounds like a train,'" he said.

His wife, Rosalyn Mendez, sensed something worse. "Something tingled in my head, and I said, 'Get under the cover!'" she said.

Francisco Mendez clawed through the shattered window and remains of his roof. The couple were unharmed expect for a piece of glass lodged in Francisco Mendez' right arm.

In the light, Mendez found his wife's 44-year-old cousin lying dead on the ground next to him. Two of their nephews living nearby also died.

All but three of the injured and three of the destroyed homes were in Mitchell County, where a Valentine's Day 2000 tornado in the county seat of Camilla killed 11 people.

Many of the latest injuries were minor, but nearly 60 people sought treatment for serious head and chest injuries, broken bones and cuts, Mitchell County Hospital spokesman Rick Ivey said.

The Red Cross set up a shelter at the Worth County Middle School and officials planned to begin assessing the damage today.

The Mendez family spent Thursday night at that shelter.

"We're going to thank the Lord for being here and take it one day at a time," Rosalyn Mendez said.

Today's chuckle

Triplets, twins keep teachers guessing

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — For teachers at Northwoods School, it may be twice — even three times as hard — to tell the kindergartners apart.



Of 69 youngsters in kindergarten classes, there are four pairs of twins and a pair of triplets.

Despite occasional confusion, "it's not any problem," Principal Lynn McNish said. "In fact it's fun."

McNish said there's an art to telling the students apart.

"You find different features to identify, and teachers are pretty quick to pick up on that," she said.

For example, Breana Prock has pierced ears and her sister, Brittnie, doesn't.

Such methods aren't foolproof.

"I got some earrings for Christmas and I wore them, and my teacher called me Breana," Brittnie Prock said with a grin.

The children seem to enjoy having other sets of twins in class.

"We play together, all of us sometimes," said Caitlin Oleson.

Music teacher Wanda Miller says the twins and triplets have grown as individuals over the course of the school year.

Miller should know: Her own twin sister teaches third grade at another school.

But even she sometimes has trouble telling twins apart.

"Even now I get mad at myself because I think, 'Wanda, being a twin, I should be a little better at this,'" she said.



Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, March 22, 2003

Your creative skills will be extremely pronounced in the year ahead and greater material acquisition could be in the picture for you. Follow through to completion any bright ideas you conceive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your audience will appreciate good ideas when they hear them today and will have no hesitation whatsoever about following what you suggest. You're in the catbird seat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Once you gain the confidence of someone today, that person will come through for you when asked. It behooves you to treat everyone today with patience and sincerity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you are putting together a group of pals for a fun, social activity today, be sure to include a person who always invites you to join in when she or he has something on the burners.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is an excellent day to go after a goal you've been anxious to achieve. Not only are the aspects working in your favor, but your mental capacities for pulling things off are at a high point.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Activities that present some form of mental challenge will be the ones you'll find the most appealing today. Get out early and make the most of a fun day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If there has been an alteration that you feel would benefit you and your family, try your hand at it today. Everything indicates it's a successful time to make a change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — The timing is perfect today to implement a carefully considered arrangement or contract you've had in the works. If you believe it is fair for all concerned, it will withstand the test of time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Should you be performing a task or service for someone today, you'll be amply compensated for doing a good job. Perform at your best and the rewards will follow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're in a particularly strong up cycle where your popularity is concerned and you should have the ability today to win over new friends of either gender if you so desire.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Because the aspects are with you today, everything will have a way of working out to your advantage. That even includes situations that are controlled by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — It's to your benefit to follow your instincts today if they are telling you to get in touch with a special person. Something fortuitous is trying to get through to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If you didn't get all the returns you had hoped for yesterday, get out and try again today. You are on a good roll financially and there should be still more profit in the picture for you.

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Laura Bush named honorary co-chair

NEW YORK (AP) — First lady Laura Bush and Mayor Michael Bloomberg will serve as honorary co-chairs of the yearlong celebration of Central Park's 150th anniversary.

The announcement was made Thursday by the Central Park Conservancy and the city Department of Parks and Recreation.

"Central Park is one of New York City's greatest treasures, drawing millions of visitors from around the world each year, and its sesquicentennial celebration merits a tribute for the ages," Bloomberg said in a statement.

"The creation of Central Park was one of the great accomplishments of the 19th century," said Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe. "This anniversary celebrates the rich history and exciting future of the best urban park in the world."

Details of the activities planned for the yearlong celebration will be outlined April 29, he said.

The not-for-profit Central Park Conservancy was founded in 1980 to manage the park under a contract with the Parks Department. It has raised nearly $300 million, implementing a restoration plan and funding major capital improvements.

Regan gets life for offering secrets to Iraq and China

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Convicted spy Brian Patrick Regan was sentenced to life in prison without parole for offering to sell U.S. intelligence secrets to Saddam Hussein.

Regan, a 40-year-old retired Air Force master sergeant, was convicted last month of attempted espionage on behalf of Iraq and China. He was spared the death penalty when a jury decided that Regan did not offer documents to Iraq concerning nuclear weapons, military satellites or war plans.

Government prosecutors, which initially sought the death penalty, brokered the sentence with Regan's lawyers. U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee approved the sentence Thursday, a day after President Bush ordered the start of a war to disarm Iraq and oust the Iraqi leader.

U.S. Attorney Paul J. McNulty said in an interview that he had no regrets about going to trial and asking to put Regan to death. "It was an important signal to future spies that the government is prepared to seek the death penalty," McNulty said.

In exchange for Regan agreeing to a life term without parole, the government promised not to prosecute Regan's wife, Anette, and allowed her to keep a portion of Regan's military pension.

Regan agreed to tell the government about any classified information he may have given to other people or countries, and to submit to lie-detector tests. His wife also agreed to cooperate.

"This life sentence brings to successful conclusion a prosecution of an egregious breach of national trust," McNulty said.

Regan, clad in a green prison jumpsuit instead of the business suit and tie he wore during the trial, apologized in court but said his sentence was too harsh.

"I'm doing it to protect my wife and children," Regan said, telling the judge that he did not hurt anybody.

Convicted spies Robert Hanssen and Aldrich H. Ames, also sentenced to life in prison without parole, were blamed for the deaths of at least 12 U.S. agents.

Lee rebuked Regan, telling him he deserved a stiff sentence.

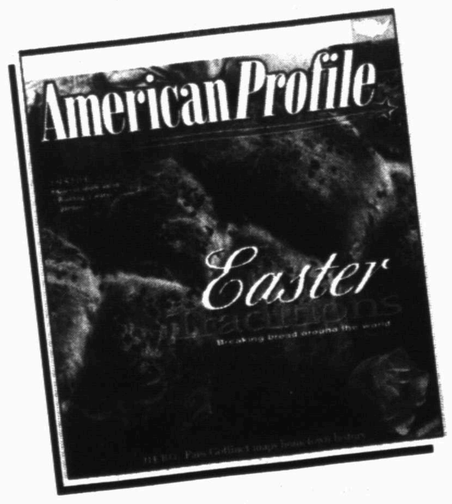
"You betrayed your country's trust," Lee said. "There's no doubt that your attempted espionage put our nation's intelligence-gathering at risk. You have joined the list of infamous spies."

A married father of four from Bowie, Md., Regan worked at the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates the government's spy satellites. He first worked there for the Air Force, then as a civilian employee for TRW, a defense contractor.

In Next Week's American Profile...

Breaking bread for Easter

Traditional ethnic breads have always been an anticipated part of Easter celebrations. Why not bake one of these delicious recipes for your Easter table this year?



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WTC PRODUCTION CONTINUES — Performances of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* will continue at 7:30 tonight and Saturday night and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre. Michael Gonzales, Ryan Ballard and Chris Shoemake, from left, portray a variety of characters in excerpts of William Shakespeare's plays. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

It's back to drawing board for controversial bill limiting suits

AUSTIN (AP) — It's back to the drawing board for a controversial bill that would limit civil lawsuits in Texas.

Debate on the bill came to a halt Thursday after Democrats objected that the legislation was illegally discussed in secret by a House committee.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick consulted with aides and lawmakers throughout the afternoon then decided to send the bill back to committee, after more than 24 hours of contentious discussion.

"I am not in favor of closed meetings. I support openness in government and a Texas House in which all members have an opportunity to lead and have their legislation heard," Craddick said.

Earlier, Craddick had said he would decline to make a ruling and would put the matter up for a vote before the entire House because of the importance of the issue. After Craddick finally ruled, the House Civil Practices Committee met immediately and once again voted to approve the bill and send it to the House. It is expected to be up for debate again next week.

Democrats alleged that the committee, which first approved the bill Feb. 26 before it reached the full House, violated the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Rep. Yvonne Davis, D-Dallas, a member of the committee, told fellow representatives that a quorum of the committee met secretly after the public hearing and discussed the lawsuit bill.

Davis filed a sworn affidavit stating that no members of the public were present when committee members, summoned by chairman Rep. Joe Nixon, R-Houston, talked about the bill in a private back room behind a committee hearing room at the state Capitol.

Davis said Nixon spoke about his desire to merge two bills — one that dealt with medical malpractice lawsuits and another that addressed more sweeping civil lawsuits changes.

Some Democrats praised Craddick's decision to temporarily stop debate on the bill, but they questioned why it took so long.

LOWER BILLS?

A key lawmaker said he believes homeowners insurance premiums will decline under legislation approved Thursday by a Senate committee.

"We believe that rates will decrease an average of 12 percent to 15 percent as a result of this bill," said Sen. Troy Fraser, chairman of the Senate Business and Commerce Committee, which approved the bill on a 6-2 vote, with one person abstaining.

The bill, which now goes to the full Senate, would require Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor to set new rates for the largest homeowners insurance companies 30 days after the bill is signed into law.

Montemayor told the committee last week that rates for the state's 12 largest homeowners insurance companies could be up to 25 percent too high, depending on the individual companies.

RANGEL'S SCHOOL

The House on Thursday made a special vote to file a bill that would order a new pharmacy school at Texas A&M Kingsville to be named after the late Rep. Irma Rangel. The Democrat from Kingsville died Tuesday from brain cancer.

Her colleagues voted 148-0 to allow the bill after the filing deadline.

Rangel, a passionate advocate for higher education, championed the school's creation.

Her funeral was scheduled for today.

A similar bill has been filed in the Senate. All members and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are sponsoring the legislation.

PRAYING FOR TROOPS

The usually bustling state Capitol paused Thursday as Gov. Rick Perry and other leaders prayed for U.S. troops fighting in the war against Iraq.

"With the hour of confrontation upon us today, we pause to ask God's blessings," Perry said as hundreds bowed their heads.

"Freedom is not free," the governor said. "While freedom comes at a great price, it's always worth the cost."

While prayer was going on inside, a dozen or so people who camped outside all night continued protesting the war.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also attended the event, where a stage was erected in front of President Bush's gubernatorial portrait.

Dewhurst said he visited with Bush 10 days ago in Washington and the president wore a "face heavy with responsibility."

IDENTITY FRAUD

A receipt or other document from a credit card transaction could not list more than the last five digits of a credit card account number under legislation approved Thursday in the Senate. The bill by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, also would prohibit expiration dates from being printed on the receipt.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Victim of verbal abuse is urged to get out, get help

DEAR ABBY: "Talked to Death in Minnesota" described her husband as forcing her to sit for hours listening to him criticize her. She detailed how he had moved her far from friends and family, and if anyone called or came to visit, how he would alienate them. You called his behavior abuse, and advised that she no longer allow him to isolate her, and that she should find a job if she didn't already have one.

I am familiar with that pattern of behavior, Abby. May I offer a few additional thoughts?

If "Talked to Death" can get away from him, she should do it. And when her husband realizes he's losing control, she must be prepared for it, because his behavior will intensify. She should go elsewhere to telephone her old friends (with a calling card), get help, find a job, stay positive and move forward. — **RECOVERING IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR RECOVERING: How kind of you to reach out to her, and to other people in verbally abusive relationships. It seems the spouse's actions are classic. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: "Talked to Death" must run as though her life depends on it, because it could. Fortunately, my family dragged me away while I still had a spark of self-esteem left. I spent more than 40 years "hoping things would change." They did — they got worse. Tell her she's in my thoughts and prayers. I'm happier and more secure in every way since I got away. — **LIBERATED IN IOWA**

DEAR LIBERATED: I'm not surprised you're doing better. You have rediscovered your self-worth.

One point I would like to add: When leaving an abuser, an escape plan should be worked out in advance, and the abuser should have no warning. Abusers are control freaks and can be unpredictable.

DEAR ABBY: After years of degradation, I finally left. My abuser had sought counseling (once) and was diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). However, that became his excuse for everything he did. Nothing changed. He simply had an illness on which to blame his actions.

Medications can help to ease this disorder, especially when used with behavior modification therapy. But if "Talked to Death's" husband doesn't accept responsibility for his actions, she must get out before her self-esteem is damaged beyond repair.

It's never too late to start over. I'm now remarried, and happier than I ever thought possible to a man who treats me with love, dignity and respect. — **ELATED IN TEXAS**

DEAR ELATED: Good for you. People who love each other try to help build on their strengths, not capitalize on their weaknesses.

DEAR ABBY: I was the same as that woman's husband. I was a control freak. No one had an opinion better than mine. I never had anything nice to say to anyone about anything. Everyone had something wrong with them. I am now in counseling and have discovered that I am the problem.

I hope that husband gets help, or that "Talked to Death" gets away before it goes any further. Perhaps then her husband will realize that because of his mouth, he has no one left, and he, too, will finally get the help he so desperately needs. — **FEELING BETTER ABOUT ME IN GEORGIA**

DEAR FEELING BETTER: Sometimes people have to hit rock bottom before they'll admit they have a problem and seek help. It takes courage to step back and look squarely in the mirror instead of blaming others for problems. I commend you for doing so.

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Friday, March 21, 2003

Today is the 80th day of 2003 and the second day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1960, equal rights demonstrators in Africa were slaughtered in Sharpeville, South Africa. The U.N. has since created the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as a day to remember "the victims of Sharpeville and those countless others in different parts of the world who have fallen victim to racial injustice."

On this day in 1965, Martin Luther King Jr. led more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators on a four-day march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala.

On this day in 1999, Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones landed after successfully completing the first round-the-world hot-air balloon flight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), composer; Francis Lewis (1713-1802), signer of the Declaration of Independence; Timothy Dalton (1946-), actor, is 57; Matthew Broderick (1962-), actor, is 41; Rosie O'Donnell (1962-), actress, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1964, UCLA won the first of its 10 NCAA championship titles under Coach John Wooden.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you dream it as a kid, and you believe it, you can live it, and I am proof of that." — Rosie **O'Donnell**

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (March 18) and last quarter (March 24).

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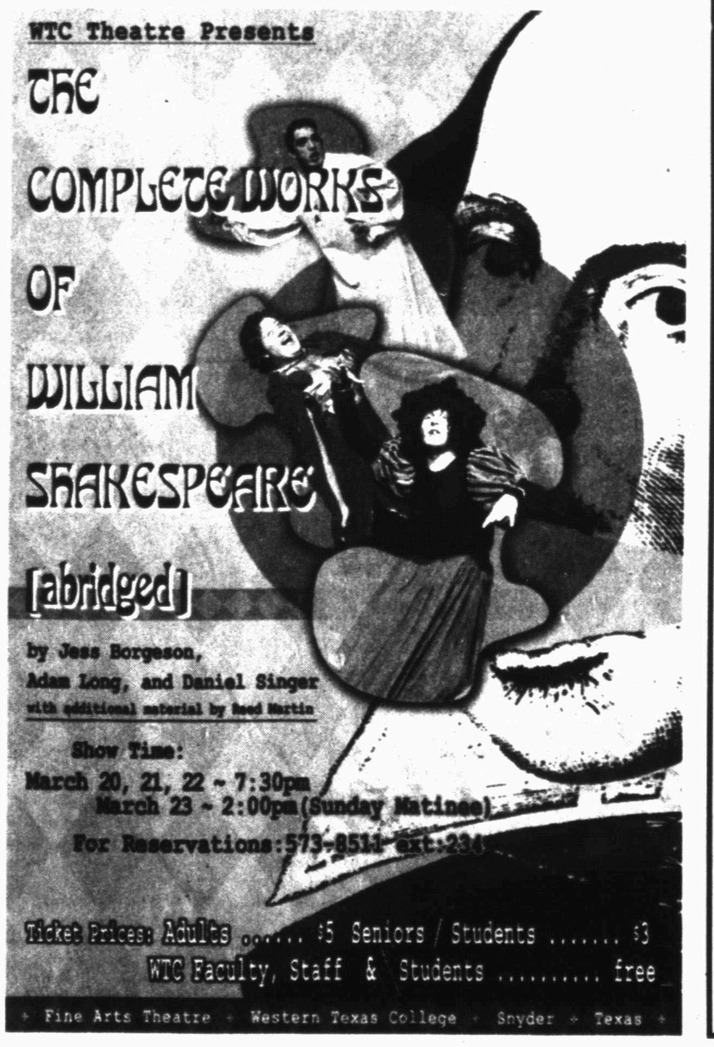
Judd has dog left from marriage to Lopez

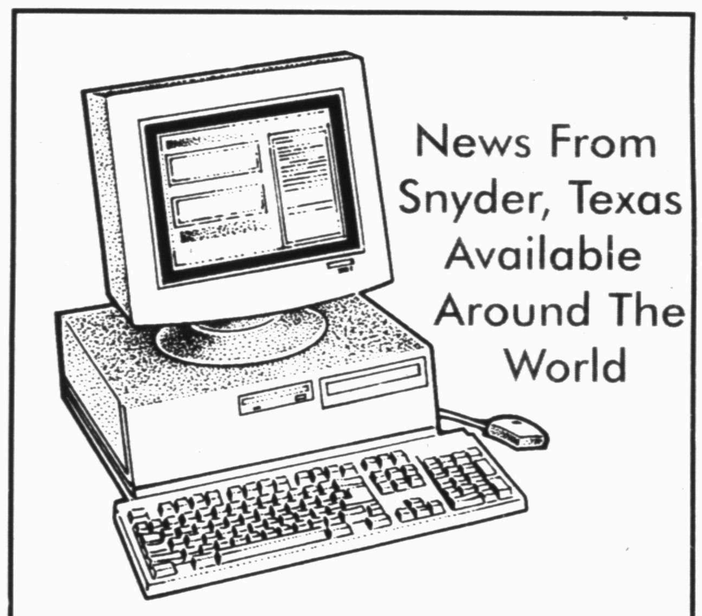
NEW YORK (AP) — A chocolate Labrador retriever named Buster is one of the few things Cris Judd has left from his brief marriage to Jennifer Lopez.

The dog was a gift from Lopez to Judd, her second husband, to whom she was married for nine months. She and the choreographer split up in June, and Lopez, 32, is now engaged to her "Jersey Girl" and "Gigli" co-star, Ben Affleck.

"I still love her," Judd tells Us Weekly magazine for its March 31 issue. "And I will always have a special place in my heart for her. I will always be there for her if she ever needs me for anything."

But Judd, 33, acknowledges that it's difficult seeing Lopez and Affleck's highly publicized romance. He said he doesn't talk to the singer-actress anymore, and hasn't seen her latest movie, "Maid in Manhattan," or Affleck's action film, "Daredevil."





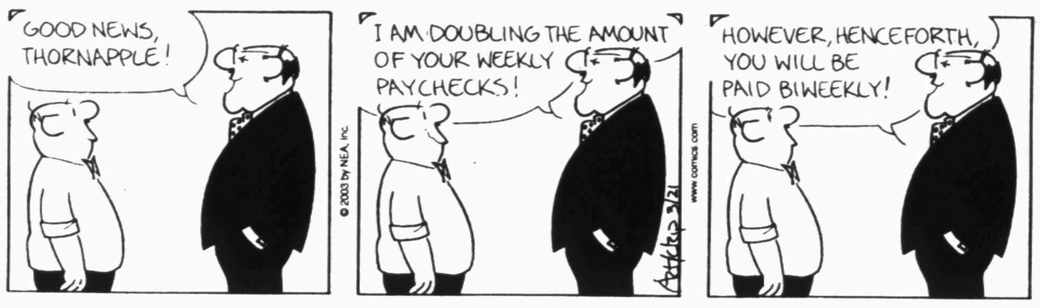


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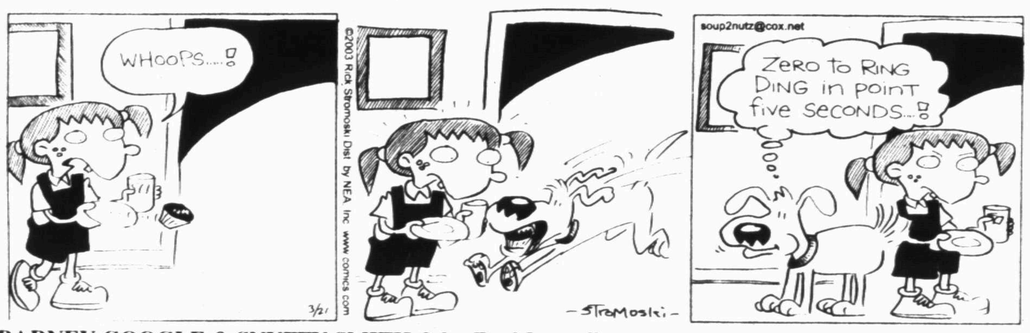
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13 Fortune
14 Lab animal
15 Numerical prefix
16 Deadlocked
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19 Doll's cry
20 Novelist — Rand
21 Wild ducks
23 Team of oxen
26 Ruin
28 Bauxite or galena
29 Souvenir, often
30 Respond
34 Under — (secret)
36 Minuscule
38 "Now I see!"
39 Backslide
41 Skinny
42 Railroad sidings
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46 Navaho foes
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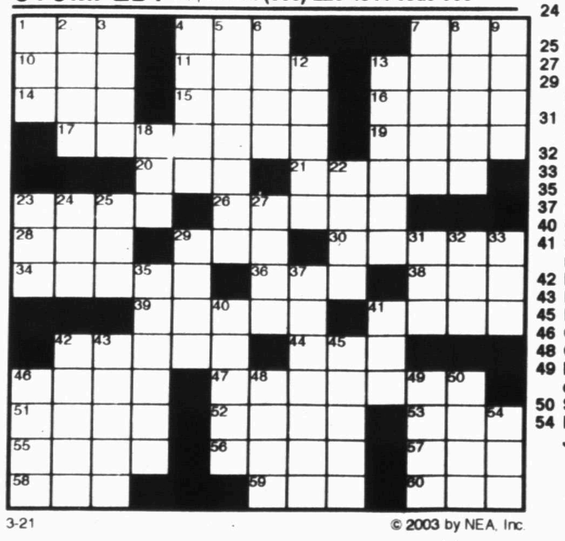
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22 Colleen's home
23 Zippy the Pinhead's word
24 Boston Bruin great
25 Green parrot
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29 Autocrat of yore
31 Sigh of satisfaction
32 T'ai — ch'uan
33 Neutral shade
35 Advantages
37 Weirdest
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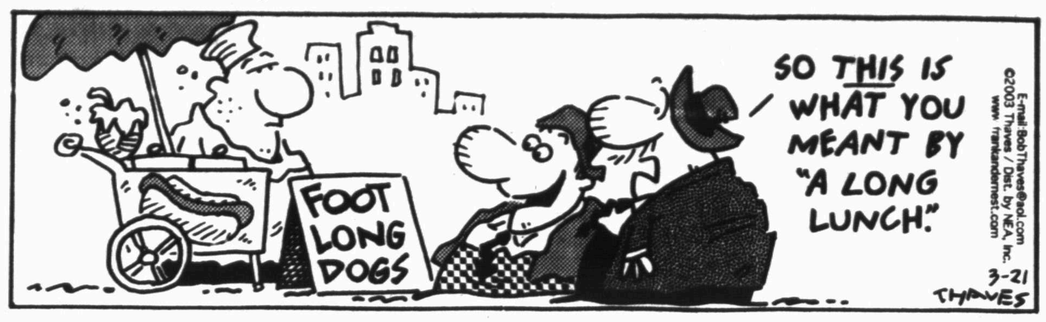
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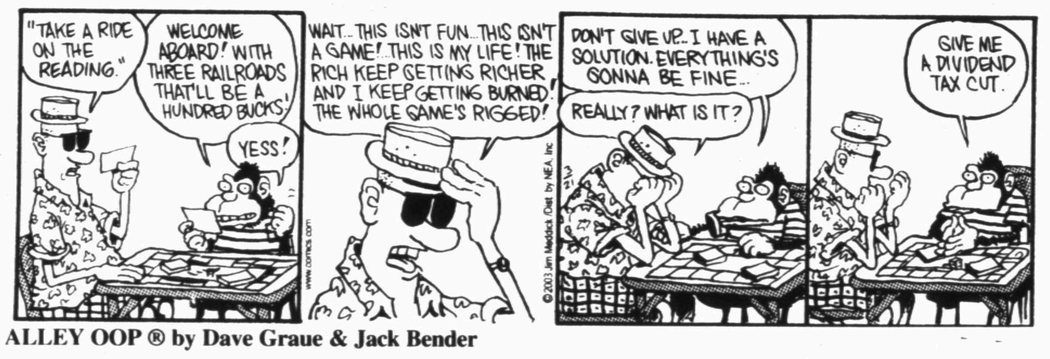
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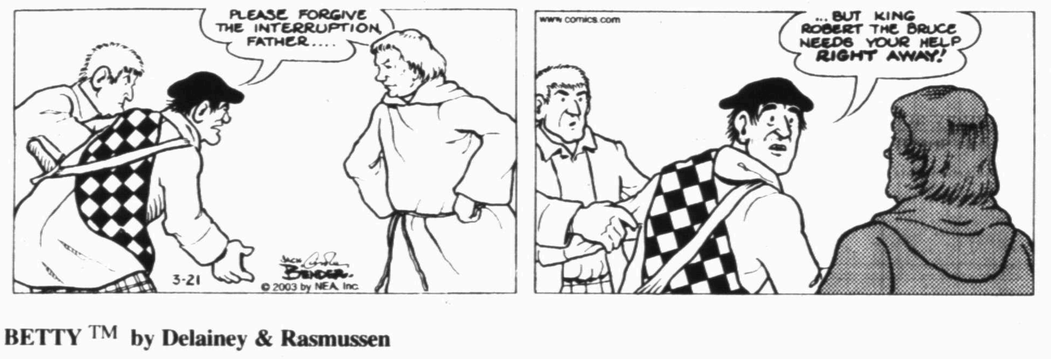
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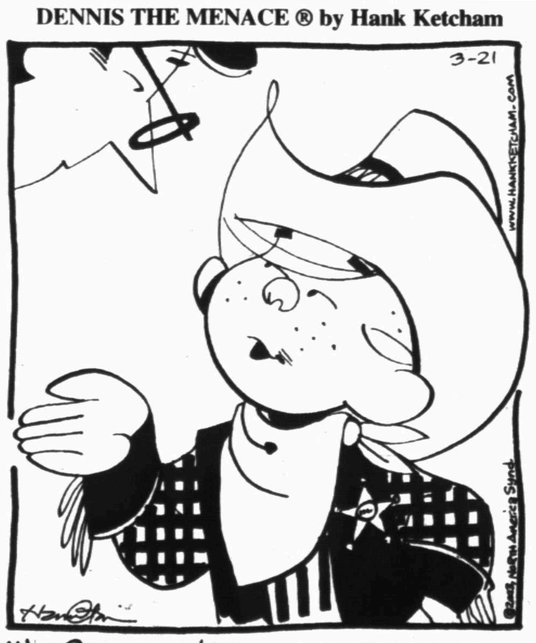
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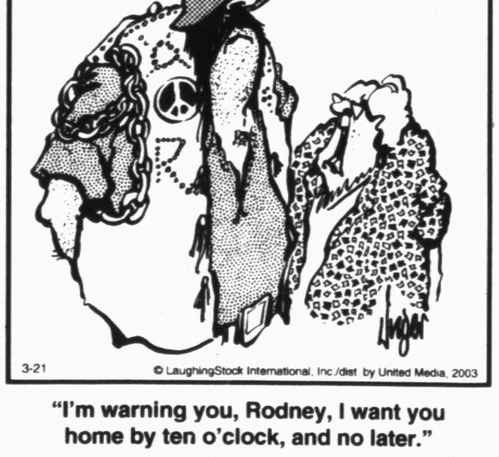
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"HEY, PARTNER. WHAT SAY WE START DOING MY ALLOWANCE IN *FOLDING* MONEY?"

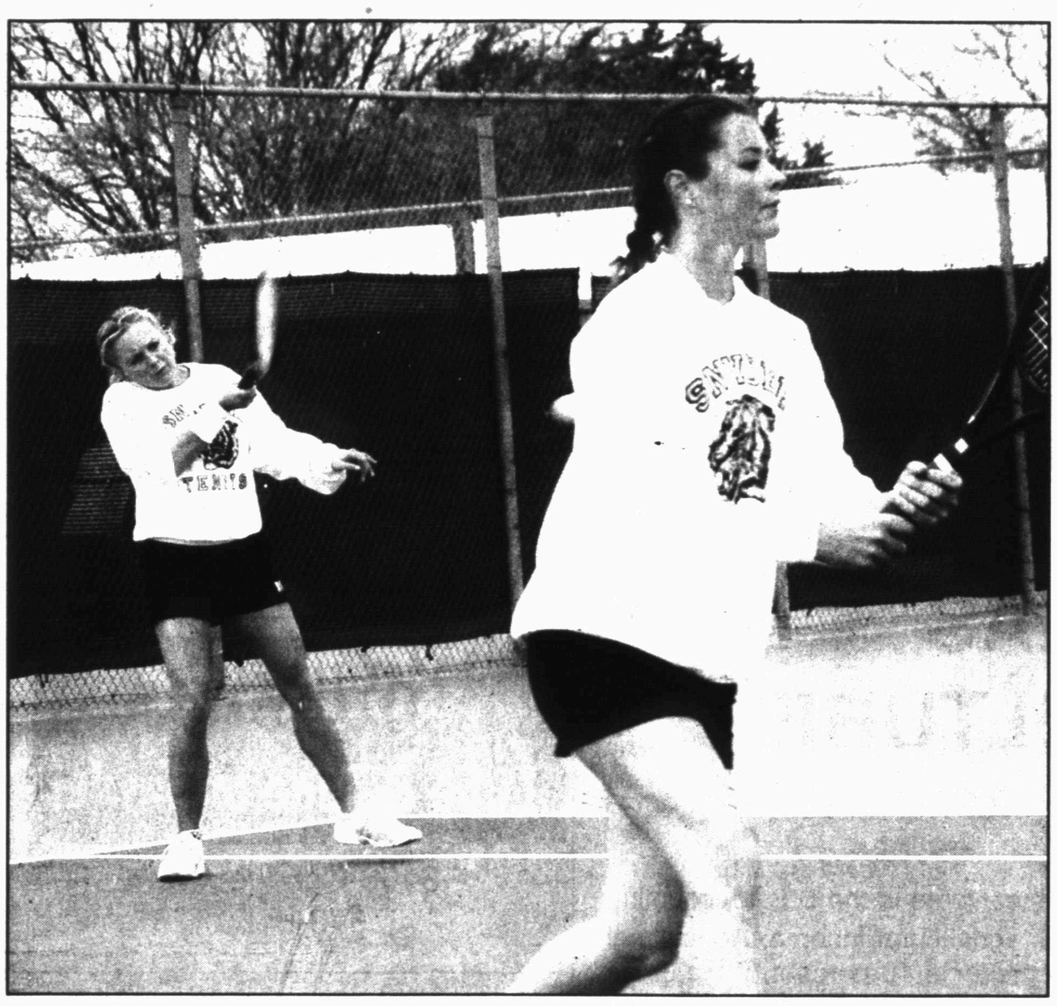


"I'm warning you, Rodney, I want you home by ten o'clock, and no later."

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SPORTS



DOUBLE VISION — Snyder girls doubles partners Afton Sutter, left, and Jackie Beccue compete against Plainview this morning at the Snyder tournament. Tennis teams from Sweetwater, Plainview and Big Spring are in Snyder for the one-day competition. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spurs stop Mavs in OT

DALLAS (AP) — If Tony Parker keeps showing so much poise and ability at such a young age, San Antonio might even think twice about pursuing Jason Kidd as a free agent this summer.

Parker nailed a twisting fadeaway with 29.3 seconds left in regulation to put the Spurs ahead, then came up big again in overtime with a spectacular shot over two 7-footers with 1.2 seconds left that gave the Spurs a 112-110 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

It's tough for anyone to come through like that. For a 20-year-old to do it is even more impressive. And to do it in a game with major playoff ramifications?

"That's why he's going to have a great career in this league," said Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' own young rising star, who had 34 points and 12 rebounds.

Tim Duncan had 25 points and 18 rebounds, and Parker and Malik Rose each had 22 as San Antonio moved within 2½ games of Dallas in the race for the NBA's best record and, just as importantly, the Midwest Division.

The Spurs, who have won seven of eight, are guaranteed of no worse than tying the season series, which is important because that's the first tiebreaker. San Antonio also has two more conference wins than Dallas, putting it ahead in the next tiebreaker. The teams meet again in the season finale April 16.

"We had a chance to put a cushion between us and them," said Mavericks guard Nick Van Exel, who had a season-high 35 points to help make up for the absence of Michael Finley, out with a strained hamstring. "We just have to stay positive."

In the only other games Thursday night, Sacramento beat the Los Angeles Lakers 107-99, and Detroit defeated Philadelphia 113-85.

The Kings have a 3½-game lead over Portland in the Pacific, a race that likely will settle the second seed in the West. The Dallas-San Antonio runner-up is almost a lock for the third seed.

"The Mavericks control their own destiny," Duncan said. "What we're worried about is our end of it. Whatever happens, happens."

The description of Parker's winning basket sounds more like a tricky H-O-R-S-E shot than anything a coach would design in a huddle: Drive by the defensive specialist, flip the ball over two onrushing 7-footers and swish it into the net.

Starting on the right wing, the French star dribbled past Raja Bell and into the lane, then lofted the ball on a high arc from about 5 feet as 7-foot-6 Bradley and 7-foot Nowitzki charged at him.

"I knew it was going in," said the confident second-year point guard.

Experience, not cockiness, let him make that boast.

"Tony's been using that shot all year long," Rose said. "He seems to miss it in warmups, but then he knocks it down in the game."

For their last try the Mavericks went to their hottest hand, Van Exel, but he aired out an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer. At the end of regulation, his half-court heave hit the front of the rim, but it might not have got off in time.

Sports go on despite war

By The Associated Press

Montreal hockey fans voiced their displeasure over the war in Iraq by booing the U.S. national anthem, while many athletes and coaches said the military action made their pursuits seem almost trivial by comparison.

Before the New York Islanders played the Canadiens on Thursday night, the crowd was asked to "show your support and respect for two great nations" before the anthems. But a significant portion of the crowd booed throughout "The Star-Spangled Banner."

"I came to the game pretty pumped up, but once I heard that it really got me going," said Islanders forward Mark Parrish, from Bloomington, Minn. "So I guess I can thank them a little bit for getting me more pumped up."

For the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament Thursday, large decals of red, white and blue ribbons were put on the courts. Moments of silence were held at various venues, and spectators tried to get updates on the war during breaks in play.

"A lot of people sometimes compare playing out on the basketball court to a war. Then you suddenly realize it's a bad comparison," Manhattan's Justin Jackette said as his team prepared to face Syracuse on Friday in Boston.

"There are some kids overseas who are younger than us. It's not a game over there. They are risking their lives to protect our freedom."

Pittsburgh forward Donatas Zavackas didn't need a reminder. The 22-year-old senior from Lithuania said he remembers being 11 and watching footage of unarmed countrymen trying to defend a television transmitter from tanks when Lithuania gained its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

He said he initially thought the tournament should be canceled because of the war. After hearing that members of the military were filling out brackets and following the tournament from overseas, though, he changed his mind.

"I didn't feel right to be playing and the same time a war is going on," he said. "I didn't think anybody should be having fun while they're fighting."

Many athletes saw the games differently, saying they can inspire the troops in the Middle East. After leading Marquette to a first-round victory, guard Travis Diener said he hoped word of the win gives a boost to his cousin, Army Lt. Derek Diener, who's serving as an officer in a Patriot missile unit in Iraq.

Two jr. high runners finish first

Jordan Stansell and Candace Chandler each finished first in their respective events at the Big Spring jr. high track meet Thursday.

Chandler outran the field in the 400M dash with a time of 68.55, and Stansell paced the 300M hurdles, passing the finish line at 55.14.

Chandler and Stansell joined Sarah Covington and Sarah Taylor on the third-place 1,600M relay squad, which posted a time of 4:50.52.

Terann Ragland placed in three events, placing sixth in the high jump and fifth in the 100M and 300M hurdles.

Lacree Tippens ran a 13.92 for fourth in the 100M dash, and finished fourth in the 800M relay with teammates Whitley Fulford, Krista Dorsett and Chandler.

Dorsett, Tippens, Fulford and Ragland recorded a time of 55.52 in the 400M relay, earning fourth place.

The seventh-grade team also competed in the meet, with Jordan Derryberry running the 400M dash in 75.89, good enough for fourth, and Alex Urias was sixth in the 300M hurdles.

The team of Cayelea Rhodes, Vanessa Pena, Kelly Holdren and Devin Davidson earned sixth place in the 800M relay with a time of 3:29.33.

Kayla Pittman, Audrey Jones, Holdren and Derryberry completed the 1,600M relay in 5:18 for fifth place.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 20
At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City
California 76, North Carolina State 74, OT
Oklahoma 71, South Carolina State 54
Friday, March 21
At The Fleet Center
Boston
Syracuse (24-5) vs. Manhattan (23-6), 12:15 p.m.
Oklahoma State (21-9) vs. Pennsylvania (22-5), 30 minutes after first game
At St. Pete Times Forum
Tampa, Fla.
Saint Joseph's (23-6) vs. Auburn (20-11), 12:25 p.m.
Wake Forest (24-5) vs. East Tennessee State (20-10), 30 minutes after first game
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.
Louisville (24-6) vs. Austin Peay (23-7), 7:20 p.m.
Mississippi State (21-9) vs. Butler (25-5), 30 minutes after first game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 20
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Connecticut 58, Brigham Young 53
Stanford 77, San Diego 69
Friday, March 21
At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.
Xavier (25-5) vs. Troy State (26-5), 7:25 p.m.
Maryland (19-9) vs. North Carolina-Wilmington (24-6), 30 minutes after first game
At Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center
Birmingham, Ala.
Texas (22-6) vs. North Carolina-Asheville (15-16), 12:30 p.m.
LSU (21-10) vs. Purdue (18-10), 30 minutes after first game
At St. Pete Times Forum
Tampa, Fla.
Michigan State (19-12) vs. Colorado (20-11), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (24-7) vs. Sam Houston State (23-6), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 20
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Marquette 72, Holy Cross 68
Missouri 72, Southern Illinois 71
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Wisconsin 81, Weber State 74
Tulsa 84, Dayton 71
Friday, March 21
At The Fleet Center
Boston
Pittsburgh (26-4) vs. Wagner (21-10), 7:10 p.m.
Indiana (20-12) vs. Alabama (17-11), 30 minutes after first game
At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.
Kentucky (29-3) vs. Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis (20-13), 12:30 p.m.
Oregon (23-9) vs. Utah (24-7), 30 minutes after first game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 20
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Illinois 65, Western Kentucky 60
Notre Dame 70, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 69
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga 74, Cincinnati 69
Arizona 80, Vermont 51
Central Michigan 79, Creighton 73
Duke 67, Colorado State 57
At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City
Arizona State 84, Memphis 71
Kansas 64, Utah State 61

Tigers open district play...

Snyder teams in the swing today

The Snyder Tigers open the district season today, hoping to take the momentum from Tuesday's win over Lubbock Cooper into Lamesa.

Logan Hill will take the mound for the Tigers (8-8) at 4:30 against a Golden Tor squad (4-12) that has struggled in its pre-district schedule.

Tuesday night, the Tigers beat Cooper on their third try of the season behind a solid outing from Chance Greenwood.

Lamesa was defeated by Tahoka, 12-2. Lamesa had not yet named a starter for tonight's game.

In other local action, the Lady Tigers will host Lubbock Cooper (6-3) at Cates Field today at 5. The Lady Tigers (25-3) are coming off a 17-0 shellacking of Sweetwater in the district opener Tuesday.

Kelsi Johnson (8-1) will take the hill for Snyder.

Hall of Honor coach Albert Lewis will throw out the first pitch.

The Snyder netters will be at home today against Big Spring, Sweetwater and Plainview, as they host the Snyder tournament.

Both Western Texas College teams will hit the field today, with the Lady Dusters hosting Midland College in doubleheader. The first game is slated for 4 this afternoon.

The Westerners are at home today, as well, as they try to stop a recent slide when they host Trinidad Junior College in a twinbill at Moffett Field. The first game was scheduled for a 1 p.m. start.

Snyder Tiger powerlifter Josh Knox will be competing in the state tournament at Texas Christian University Saturday.

WTC riders strong at Odessa rodeo

Justin Foltyn and Hadley Hunting are in the top three in bull riding after the first day at the Odessa College Rodeo.

Foltyn posted a score of 83 and Hunting recorded an 82.

Megan Braddock and Erin Anglin also are in second and third, respectively, in the goat-tying event. Braddock posted a time of 9.1, and Anglin finished just behind her with a 9.2.

Cody Horwedel sits in third in the saddle bronc event with a score of 67.

B.J. Lawson is in third place in the steer-wrestling event with a time of 8.7.

Three riders are in the top ten in the bareback riding competition.

Clay Bunney is currently in fifth, Foltyn is in sixth, and Justin Simmons stands in ninth.

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 next Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house.

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

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AGENT CODY BANKS PG

To his family and friends, Cody Banks is a typical teen - he loves to skateboard, hates math, and feels like a complete idiot around girls. But Cody's got a secret - he's actually part of a secret teen CIA program.
Starring: Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff, Andrew Francis, Angie Harmon, Darrell Hammond

OLD SCHOOL G

This is the story of three guys in their early 30's, Mitch, Frank, and Beanie, who try to relive their old college glory days by moving into a large house near their old campus. They inadvertently form an "unofficial fraternity", where students can enjoy all the riches of the partying lifestyle without the commitment that comes with having to abide by the university's fraternity rules. Soon, however, the realities of their past lives catches up with their wild college lifestyles. **Starring: Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell, Vince Vaughn, Juliette Lewis, Ellen Pompeo**

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Did you know...

~Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the U.S., accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Agricultural production in the Lone Star State represents 16 percent of the gross state product.

~Texas ranked first in the nation in 2000 with 130 million acres of farmland. Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

~The top five agricultural-producing counties are Castro, Deaf Smith, Farmer, Erath, and Lamb. The top two agricultural regions are the South Plains and the Panhandle.

~Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

~Texas is also the leading beef-producing state. The Panhandle region produces 25 percent of America's beef.

~Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 14 percent of the U.S. total. It also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's other top crops include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

~Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse. The nursery/greenhouse industry in Texas is a $9.76 billion industry that employs 222,000 people.

~Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

~Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people - 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

~When it comes to hay production, Texas ranks first with more than 50 different varieties grown in the state.

~Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming and ranching.

~Texas traditionally produces enough cotton each year to make almost 1.3 billion pairs of denim jeans.

Fun Facts

• Texas farmers harvest enough corn for more than 4 billion pounds of corn flakes.

•Texas is home to more than 1 million horses, which is 15% of all the horses in the United States.

•Texas farmers grow enough peanuts to make 9 billion peanut butter sandwiches a year.

•Texas farmers grow more spinach for processing than any other state.

•More than 100,000 bee colonies in Texas produced 9 million pounds of honey last year, worth $5.5 million.

•Texas is home to almost 14 million head of cattle.

•Texas chickens lay more than 4 billion eggs each year.

•An average bale of cotton contains enough cotton lint to produce 215 pairs of men's jeans, or 1,217 T-shirts or even 3,085 diapers. Texas produced almost 4 million bales of cotton last year.

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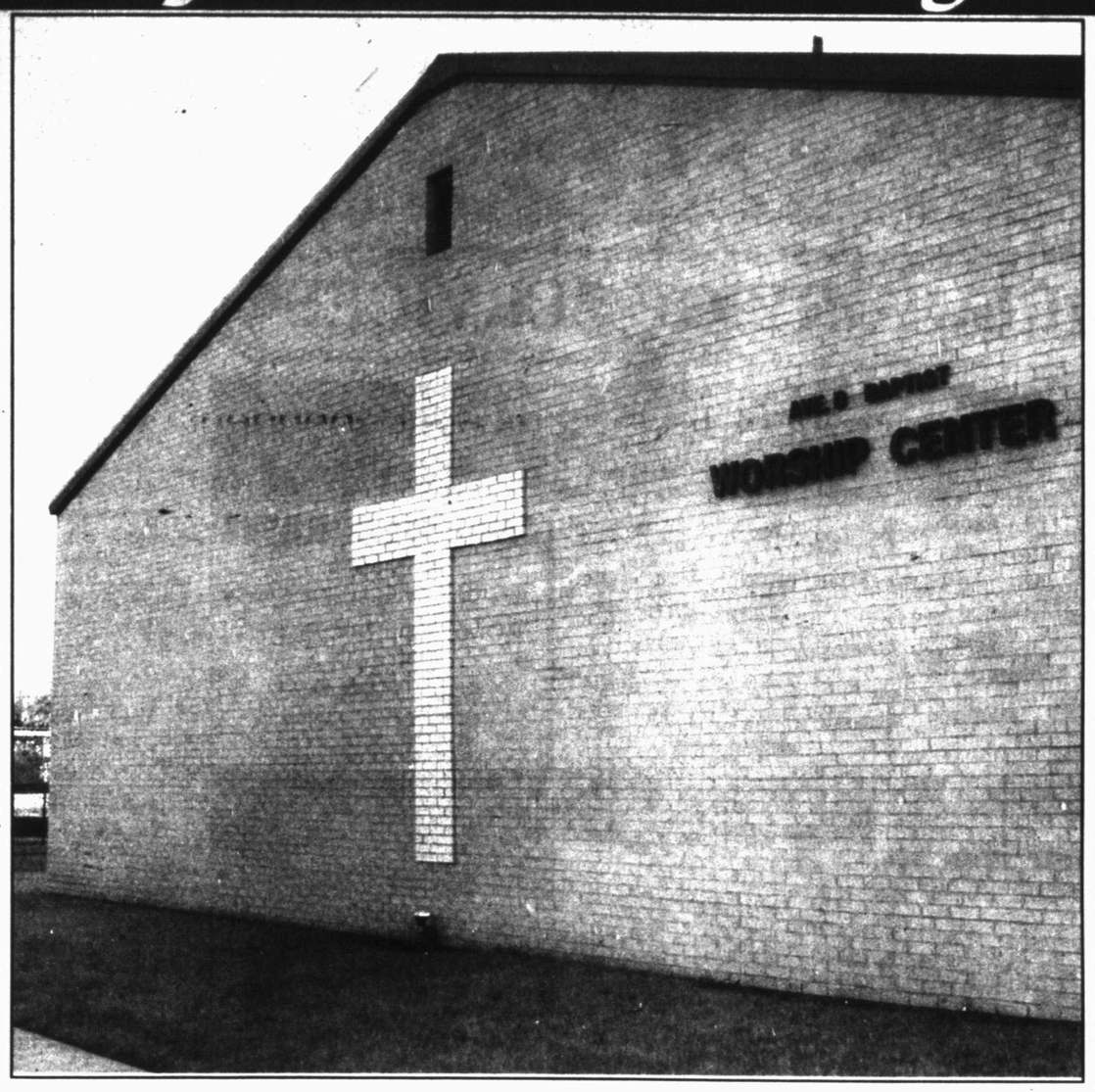
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Mercury in fish can be dangerous

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been told by friends to avoid eating swordfish, because it contains unacceptably high concentrations of mercury. Is this advice justified? I love fish.

DEAR READER: As someone who views swordfish as a delicious delicacy, I share your concern and would hate to give it up. Although I hesitate to advise abstinence, let me summarize the issue.

Methylmercury is an established international environmental pollutant with known toxicity in humans.

The problem first surfaced in Japan years ago, when mercury poisoning affected many citizens, with symptoms ranging from blurred vision to deafness, coma and death.

More recent studies have documented that chronic exposure to the mineral can result in subtle decrements in brain function.

As a consequence of these findings, governmental agencies now recommend that pregnant women (or women who may become pregnant) avoid eating fish species with the highest concentrations of methylmercury. These include king mackerel, tilefish, shark and swordfish. The recommendation also includes women who are breast-feeding and young children.

For the rest of us, regular consumption of low-mercury fish (12 ounces per week) is harmless.

However, two troublesome issues arise.

First, for swordfish-lovers, how much is too much? Second, what about canned tuna for adults and — especially — for children?

To date, no conclusive scientific testing has been reported. Such studies are vital. Until we have firm statistics, I recommend moderation in swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish consumption. You can also go easy on tuna, pollack, catfish, salmon and shrimp. As data become available, I'll report back. But for now, moderation is best.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In your recent columns, you have promoted your "no sugar, no flour" diet. But I am a compulsive over-eater. Will this diet help me?

DEAR READER: People gain weight because of an excessive caloric intake. Therefore, any weight-reduction diet must reduce caloric consumption. My "no sugar, no flour" diet does just that, without adverse metabolic consequences, such as can result from the Atkin's diet and other "quick-fix" plans.

You may, under my diet plan, continue to eat to your heart's content, as long as you limit your food intake to "no sugar, no flour." For example, you can consume significant quantities of meat, vegetables and salad, without gaining weight. Therefore, my diet is easy to follow. I am sending you a 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a kid, I had a summer job as a bus boy. Every morning a man would enter the restaurant and order burned toast. Why did he do this?

DEAR READER: Beats me. However, I do remember my father telling me that many years ago burned toast was believed to increase athletic performance and improve health. Perhaps the customer was under that mistaken assumption. In actual fact, burned toast is less healthful than regular toast because the protein and vitamins in the flour are denatured by high temperatures, so burned toast is actually deficient in nutrients.

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Judge expected to rule in lawsuit

CHICAGO (AP) — A court should not enforce an alleged agreement between Michael Jordan and a woman seeking $5 million to keep their relationship quiet because her demand is extortion, Jordan's lawyer argued Thursday.

"Illinois should not give a green light to extortion claims of this kind," Fred Sperling said during a court hearing on a legal motion filed in the case.

Sperling asked a judge to find in favor of the basketball star, who is suing Karla Knafel to keep her from collecting the money.

Jordan contends in court documents that Knafel demanded $5 million while she was pregnant in 1991. After the child's birth, according to Jordan, and once tests determined that he did not father her child, she and her attorneys agreed to a $250,000 payment.

Knafel and her lawyer have countered that Jordan agreed to pay $5 million for her silence about their relationship so he could protect his image.

"She never made a threat to Mr. Jordan and a threat is required by every extortion statute in the country, including that of Illinois," said Michael Hannafan, Knafel's attorney. "Therefore, there was no extortion."

Music festival set in May

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sheryl Crow, ZZ Top, Jerry Lee Lewis and LL Cool J are among the headliners scheduled for the Beale Street Music Festival.

The May 2-4 festival along the Memphis riverfront will feature more than 60 acts, including Willie Nelson, Nappy Roots, Susan Tedeschi and Steve Winwood, promoters said this week.

The outdoor show is one of the main events of the monthlong Memphis in May International Festival.

Markets

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AMR Corp	2.02	1.75	2.02	+ .27
AOL TimeWrn	11.17	10.76	11.11	—.35
AT&T Corp rs	16.86	16.48	16.62	—.03
Albertsons	20.20	19.95	20.02	—.07
Alltel	45.26	44.83	44.88	+ .23
AmEl Pw	22.96	22.70	22.88	+ .05
AndarkPtr	45.07	44.33	44.79	—.19
ATMOS Egy	21.50	21.40	21.43	—.07
Aviall	7.85	7.80	7.80	—.06
BP PLC	40.50	40.03	40.24	+ .89
BakerHughes	30.80	30.00	30.00	—.79
Bank of Amer	69.98	69.52	69.86	+ .34
BellSouth	22.90	22.56	22.70	+ .20
BurlNoSFe	25.52	25.20	25.49	+ .44
Caterpillar	52.00	50.75	51.62	+ 1.00
CenterPoint	6.90	6.73	6.88	+ .13
ChevronTex	66.65	65.71	66.06	+ .26
Citigroup	36.30	35.74	35.90	+ .07
CocaCola	42.00	41.50	41.59	+ .06
ColgatePal	55.01	54.72	54.78	+ .19
CmclMetals s	13.86	13.67	13.68	+ .23
ConocoPhill	52.34	51.66	51.97	—.11
Cooper Inds	38.20	37.75	38.03	+ .32
DaimlrChry	31.15	30.40	31.03	+ 1.06
DeltaAirl	10.10	9.19	10.02	+ 1.20
Dillards Inc	13.68	13.14	13.38	
DowChem	29.24	28.85	29.04	+ .54
DuPont	41.26	40.00	40.45	+ .85
EastmanChem	31.61	31.21	31.33	+ .53
EstKodak	31.24	30.70	30.83	+ .05
EDS Corp	17.43	16.80	17.31	+ 1.55
Entergy	48.99	48.69	48.83	+ .17
ExxonMobil	36.00	35.60	35.81	+ .22
FootLocker	10.82	10.65	10.79	+ .20
GenDynam	58.00	56.01	56.19	—.89
GenElec	27.48	26.40	27.42	+ .57
GenMills	46.12	45.75	45.83	+ .73
GenMotors	34.80	34.01	34.68	+ .47
GaPacific	15.13	14.70	14.94	+ .15
Goodrich	15.40	14.84	14.89	—.16
Goodyear	4.86	4.74	4.82	+ .21
GtAtlPac	4.80	4.59	4.80	+ .22
Halliburtn	21.80	21.07	21.11	
Hanson ADS	26.00	25.58	25.90	+ .79
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HomeDepot	25.50	24.92	25.36	+ .44
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IntlPaper	37.68	36.90	37.38	+ .28
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SearsRoeb	21.58	20.53	21.08	+ .70
SherwinW	27.45	27.06	27.11	+ .15
SouthernCo	29.05	28.79	28.97	+ .11
SwstAirl	14.85	14.35	14.82	+ .58
SprintFON	12.00	11.67	11.69	—.11
SprintPCS	4.18	4.07	4.09	+ .02
Sunoco Inc	37.96	37.80	37.82	—.14
TXU Corp	17.74	17.61	17.69	+ .09
TempleInland	42.78	42.13	42.40	+ .27
TexInd	19.80	19.08	19.70	+ .10
TexasInst	18.75	18.35	18.49	+ .21
Textron	28.90	27.67	27.98	—.18
TrinityInds	17.71	17.48	17.61	+ .23
TylerTech	3.70	3.56	3.70	+ .08
UnionPacif	57.50	57.01	57.14	+ .90
USSteel	10.84	10.62	10.77	+ .17
UnitedTech	62.65	61.50	61.56	+ .36
Unocal	26.45	25.84	25.96	—.22
VerizonComm	36.70	36.25	36.63	+ .38
WalMart	53.50	53.13	53.29	+ .18
WellsFargo	46.96	46.40	46.66	—.20
WstnGasRs	33.15	32.86	32.86	+ .01
WinnDixie	13.90	13.69	13.90	+ .25
Xerox Cp	9.04	8.97	9.00	—.01
YumBrands s	25.14	24.82	24.97	+ .03

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Marine pilot first U.S. KIA

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A Marine pilot from Illinois was one of four U.S. Marines killed in a helicopter crash today in Kuwait, his family said.

Capt. Ryan Beaupre, 30, of St. Anne, was the pilot of the CH-46 helicopter that crashed, according to his sister Alyse. She said the family was notified early this morning.

A Marine Corps delegation came to the family's home with the news, said the Rev. Ron Murphy of the First Baptist Church of St. Anne. The crash of the helicopter, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, claimed the lives of eight British Marines as well as the four Americans.

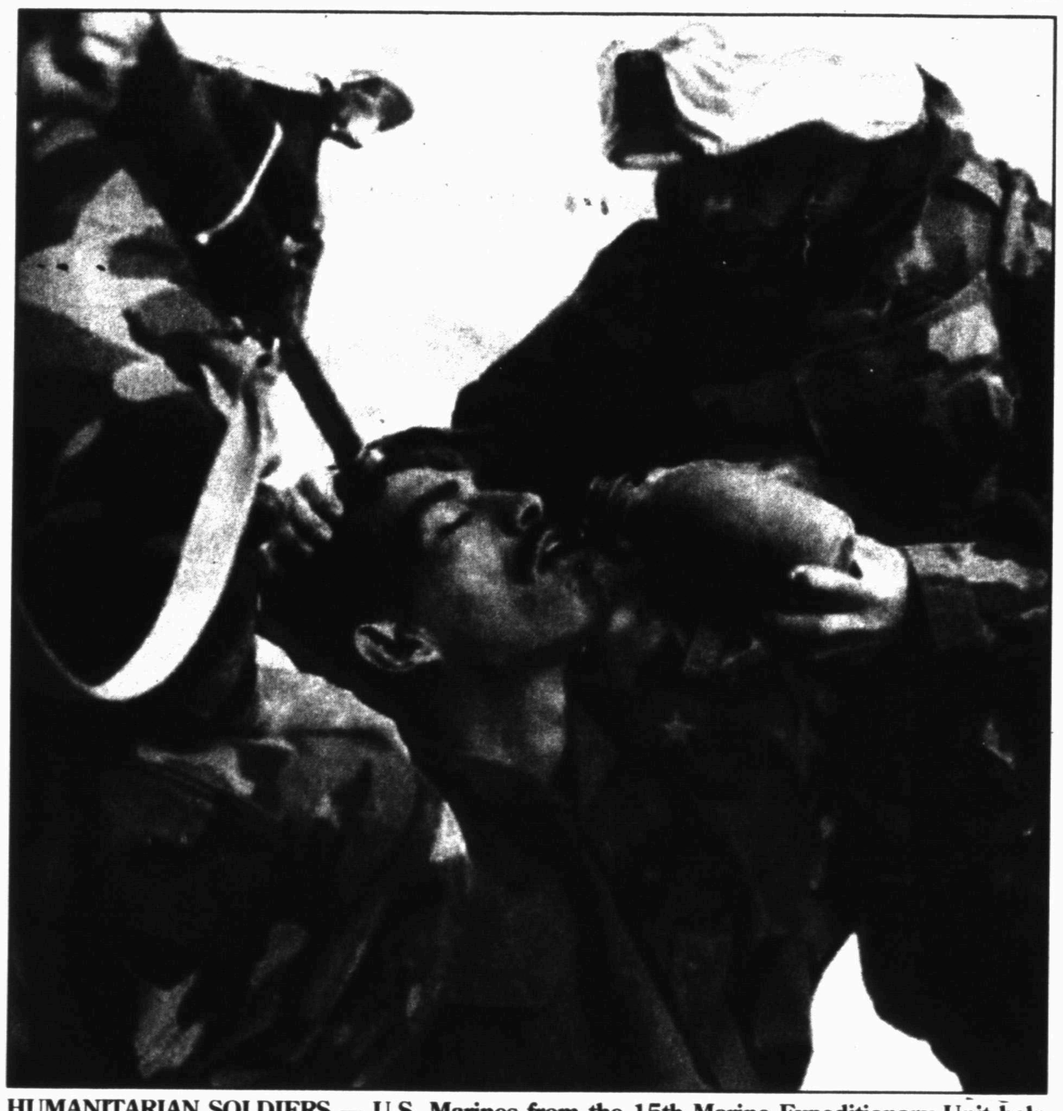
"We're a small community of 1,300. What happens to one family happens to all of us," Murphy said. "The whole community knew Ryan, one of our finest."

Marine officials in Illinois and at Camp Pendleton, Calif., where Beaupre was based, could not immediately confirm that he was one of those killed.

The helicopter crashed this morning in Kuwait — Thursday evening here — about 9 miles away from the border with Iraq, military officials said. The cause of the crash was under investigation, the officials said, adding that hostile fire had not been reported in the area.

Alyse Beaupre, 31, said her brother was a graduate of Bishop McNamara High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. Their parents, Mark and Nicky Beaupre, also have two other children, Kari Leisure, 28, and Christopher, 22.

The captain was a member of the Roman Catholic church.



HUMANITARIAN SOLDIERS — U.S. Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit help an Iraqi soldier with water from a canteen in southern Iraq today. Some 200 Iraqi soldiers surrendered to the unit just an hour after it crossed into Iraq from northern Kuwait. (AP Photo)



FIRING POSITIONS — U.S. Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, hearing the sound of gunfire, take firing position in Southern Iraq today. (AP Photo)

Allied forces race to Baghdad; Marine killed in gunfight

By The Associated Press

American and British forces advanced today through southern Iraq, some racing unimpeded across the desert, others meeting hostile fire. Hundreds of Iraqi soldiers surrendered and U.S. troops captured a key port along the border with Kuwait.

U.S. and British officials said Iraq's command structure appeared to have disintegrated.

The allies reported their first combat casualty, a U.S. Marine with the 1st Expeditionary Force killed in southern Iraq. According to a comrade, the Marine was shot in the stomach while his company was sweeping around a burning oil pumping station.

Twelve more Marines — eight British and four American — died when their helicopter crashed and burned in Kuwait. Officials said the crash was not caused by hostile fire.

Waving Iraqi civilians greeted members of the 1st Marine Division as they entered the town of Safwan. Using winch chains, some of the troops hauled down giant portraits of Saddam overlooking a street.

"We're very happy... Saddam Hussein is a butcher," said a man in the back of a pickup truck, identifying himself only as Abdullah. A woman fell at the feet of the Americans and embraced them.

U.S. tanks rolled through the town with messages painted on their turrets. "Got oil?" read one.

Cpl. Matt Nale, 31, of Seattle, Wash., stuck his head out the top of an armored personnel carrier and looked around in wonder.

"I never thought I'd see this place," Nale said.

In western Iraq, U.S. forces seized two airfields, a pivotal first step toward opening up another front in the war. And in southern Iraq, U.S. Marines had captured the strategic port of Umm Qasr but were still battling pockets of Iraqi resistance.

The Iraqis were overmatched by U.S. firepower, battling back with only small arms, pistols, machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, said a U.S. military official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"I kind of felt sorry for them," the official said. "A lot of them looked hungry."

Umm Qasr, located along the Kuwait border, would give U.S. and British forces access to a port for military and humanitarian supplies and hasten the end of Iraqi resistance in the south.

The U.S. military appeared to be speeding up its timetable in the race to Baghdad. Associated Press reporters with both combat and support units said they were moving faster than the schedule given to them by U.S. military commanders during confidential briefings before ground operations began.

Units of the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division were speeding northward through the desert west of the Euphrates River, avoiding densely populated areas in the fertile region to the east.

That strategy enables the American force to charge quickly to Baghdad without getting bogged down in populated areas where they would run the risk of civilian casualties.

Anti-U.S. sentiment turned into violence in Yemen, where two people were fatally shot and dozens more injured as police clashed with 30,000 demonstrators trying to storm the U.S. Embassy. "Death to America!" the angry crowd chanted.

French President Jacques Chirac said today his country would not support a new United Nations resolution allowing the United States and Britain to administer postwar Iraq.

Iraqis in America experiencing heightened anxiety during war

By The Associated Press

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — Images of explosions in Baghdad and the silence of dead phone lines are sending waves of fear through America's Iraqi communities, as expatriates worry about relatives and friends trapped by the war. Visits by the FBI also are heightening anxiety.

Bassam Al-Hussaini, an engineer who left Iraq in 1982, spoke with his mother in Baghdad two days before the first missile strikes.

"In case I don't see you again, kiss your children for me," she told him. Since then, he's had no word on his mother's fate, or that of 14 other family members in Iraq's capital.

"I felt personally I wasn't going to see her again," said Al-Hussaini, who now lives in Southern California and is member of a Pomona mosque serving a large Iraqi-American community.

The feelings of Iraqi-Americans toward the invasion are far from universal. While some oppose war, others would welcome the end of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Whatever their political leanings, however, the U.S. attacks seemed to unite people in concern for their loved ones.

In Pomona, Kothar Al-Qazwini said the sight of milk in her refrigerator, or stocked grocery store shelves, fill her with worry for Iraqi civilians.

"All my mind is with the people," she said. "I am just thinking about them — if they are hungry now, if their kids have any milk to drink."

In the Detroit area, home to one of the nation's largest concentrations of people with roots in the Middle East, talk of war dominated Thursday.

"The innocent people, they don't deserve this," Huda Alsenad, whose husband has relatives in Iraq. "You just watch it and you are scared. They are human beings. It attacks your heart."

Haider Al-Jubury, 29, who came to the United States in the 1990s, watched the start of the military campaign in a cafe Wednesday night in Dearborn, Mich.

"It's like waiting for a newborn baby. You want to see it, but you know there's going to be a lot of pain before then," he said.

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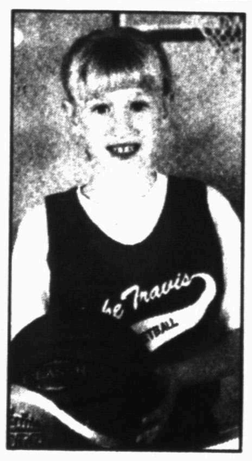
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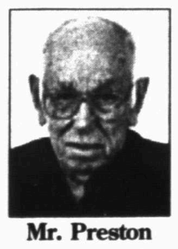


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Senate shaves $100 billion from tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted today to take $100 billion over the next 10 years from President Bush's proposed new tax cuts to pay for the war with Iraq.

"We cannot blithely go along as if this were a time for business as usual," said Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis.

The 52-47 vote on Feingold's amendment to a budget resolution before the Senate was the first setback Bush has encountered in seeking new tax cuts totaling $726 billion over the next decade.

The package includes elimination of the taxes that investors pay on dividends. Republican leaders used a parliamentary procedure that will allow the Senate to reconsider the vote later.

The House earlier today passed a $2.2 trillion budget that kept Bush's tax proposals intact.

The Senate also voted 54-45 today against an amendment by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to increase by $88 billion Bush's 10-year budget for homeland security. That set the stage for the key showdown on whether to cap the tax cuts at $350 billion, less than half of what Bush wants.

The two senators who hold the pivotal votes — John McCain, R-Ariz., and Ernest Hollings, D-S.C. — today reiterated their intent to vote against the amendment trimming the tax cut in half, because they oppose any tax cuts during the war.

The Senate voted 77-22 to defeat Hollings' amendment rejecting any new tax cuts.

"We cannot cut taxes and raise spending until we know what the cost of the war is," said McCain, who opposes the overall budget because it includes the $726 billion tax cut plan.

Hermleigh's one-act play district bound

Hermleigh High School's one-act play, *The Diviners*, advanced from 10A zone competition Thursday in Sweetwater, and five students received individual recognition.

Terrel Culp garnered the best actor award and Justin Williamson was named to the all-star cast. Misty McClure, Brittainy Jones and Johnathon McClure received honorable mention all star cast recognition.

Hermleigh now heads to Tuesday's district match in Throckmorton. Blackwell also advanced from zone and will be one of four plays to compete.

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

Mary Spieker is the director.

Actors include Brittainy Jones as Goldie; Alana Culp, Norma; Dustin Williamson, Ferris; Terrel Culp, Buddy; Justin Kelley, Dewey; Justin Williamson, C.C.; and Danni Webb, Luella.

Others include Valerie West, townsperson; Christy Garcia, Melvin; Cassie Harbin, townsperson; and Misty McClure, Jennie Mae.

Others are Johnathan McClure, Basil; and Samantha Berry, Darlene.

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

Ira gets 4 one-act awards

Four Ira High School students received recognition at the zone one-act play contest held Tuesday in Dawson, but the play, *The Small World of Millie McIvor,* did not advance.

Rusty Josey and Candace Sanchez were named to the all-star cast. Krissie Roberts and Terryn Autry received honorable mention all-star cast recognition.

Other cast members were Amber Sanchez, Chris Dobbs and Sarah McCown. Crew members were Chad Nickerson, Suzie Pendergrass, Franki Briseno and Shae Allen.

Bobbie Baker was the director and Sherry Autry was in charge of props.

Snyder officers arrested man on warrants

•Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a 23-year-old man in the 1900 block of Coleman at 11 a.m. Thursday on warrants for expired registration and violating a promise to appear before a judge.

•Criminal trespass

A man reported that his ex-girlfriend took his wallet Thursday and refused to return it.

Officers were dispatched to the College Park Apartments and the wallet was returned. The woman was issued a criminal trespass warning to stay away from the residence.

•Disturbance

A female caller Thursday afternoon told police that a male subject had assaulted a woman in an apartment in the 4400 block of Ave U.

The man had left the scene when officers arrived. The woman said she would file charges and an offense report for family violence was submitted.

•Close patrols

James Bible, interim superintendent at Hermleigh, requested a deputy at the Hermleigh bus barn Thursday to report someone stealing diesel fuel. A close patrol of the property was initiated.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a drive off worth $38 at 11:15 a.m. Thursday.

A gas drive off was reported at 6:22 p.m. Thursday from the Allsup's in Hermleigh, but the amount was unknown.

At 10:12 p.m. a drive off worth $19.95 was reported from the same location.

Ira school board extends contacts

Ira school trustees met Thursday evening and extended the contracts of professional personnel for one year.

Trustees also approved the senior class trip to Anaheim by charter bus.

The board also okayed a resolution opposing vouchers for public schools, and amended the student handbook exempting students enrolled in dual credit courses from no-pass, no-play rules.

The school calendar for 2003-2004 was approved with school set to start Aug. 18 and dismiss next year on May 27.

21-year-old man's probation revoked

A 21-year-old Snyder man will now serve 18 months in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility following a probation revocation hearing in 132nd District Court.

Dennis Ray Howard of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2B11, was serving a five-year probated sentence for the Oct. 28, 2000 charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The motion to revoke Howard's probated sentence was based on Howard failing a substance abuse test and for making a deadly threat with a knife.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong ordered the revocation.

Obituaries

Esther Dabbs

1913-2003

Esther Dabbs, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, March 20, in Walnut Place Nursing Home in Dallas after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dabbs, 89, is set for 1:30 p.m. Monday in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, will officiate. Burial will be in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Esther Dabbs

She married Marion Dabbs on Nov. 26, 1937 in Snyder. He served as precinct one Scurry County commissioner from 1961-1972. He died Sept. 3, 1995.

Mrs. Dabbs was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

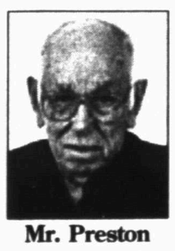
Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Gaylon and Terry Dabbs of Dallas; a granddaughter, Andrea Dabbs of Dallas; a grandson and his wife, Damon and Penny Dabbs of Garland; and a great-grandson, Joe Dabbs of Garland.

Ralph Preston

1920-2003

WEATHERFORD — Ralph Preston, a former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 19, at his residence.

Graveside service for Mr. Preston, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Harpersville Cemetery in Breckenridge. Galbreaith Pickard Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Mr. Preston

Born July 7, 1920 in Ranger, Mr. Preston was an oilfield engineer and worked for Texaco in Snyder in the 1950s. He was a member of Couts Memorial United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doc and Eric Preston; three brothers, Joel Wayne Preston, Dan Preston and Max Preston; and a sister, Mildred Preston.

Survivors include his wife, Tommie Preston of Weatherford; two daughters, Beverly Jacoby of Corpus Christi and Phyllis Slough of Weatherford; a brother-in-law, John Harper and wife Nell of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Barbara Preston of Snyder; two nephews, Ross Preston and Regis Harper, both of Snyder; two nieces, Carla Thompson and Michelle Kuhl, both of Snyder; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Luis Carrisalez

1918-2003

Luis Carrisalez, 84, died Thursday, March 20, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Service for Mr. Carrisalez is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Father Leo Moras will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Mr. Carrizales

Rosary is set for 7:30 Sunday evening in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

A carpenter, Mr. Carrisalez was born on June 21, 1918 in Pennsylvania.

Survivors include five daughters, Maria Rodriguez of Gothamburg, Neb., Janie Villanueva of Littlefield, Alice Foreman of Post, Yolanda Carrisalez and Rachel Rivera, both of Snyder; four sons, Joe Carrisalez, Roy Carrisalez, Jessie Carrisalez and Henry Carrisalez, all of Snyder; one sister, Martha DeLeon of Lubbock; four brothers, Alfredo Carrisalez, Domingo Carrisalez, Lupe Carrisalez, all of Lubbock, and Benito Carrisalez of Grand Prairie; 48 grandchildren, 68 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Glen Kingston

1938-2003

GAIL — Glen T. Kingston of Borden County died Tuesday, March 18, in University Medical Center in Lubbock following a long illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Kingston, 65, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Big Spring. The Rev. Randy Hardman, pastor of the Gail First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery.

Born Jan. 24, 1938 in Mitchell County, he moved with his family to Howard County in 1946 and to Borden County in 1950.

He married Judy Doyle on Sept. 6, 1958 in Lamesa. Mr. Kingston lived in Garden City from 1958 until 1994 where he served as a deputy sheriff for 33 years. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He moved to Borden County where he farmed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bonnie and E.S. "Shorty" Kingston; a son, Clay Kingston; a sister, Nell Scott; and a brother, Jimmy Wayne Kingston.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Kingston of Borden County; two sons, Jody Kingston of Frisco and Greg Kingston of Greenwood; two brothers, Bobby Kingston of Visalia, Calif., and Jerold Kingston of Phoenix; two sisters, Pearl Armstrong of Ackerly and Ollie Holmes of Borden County; and five grandchildren.

Elma White

1924-2003

ROBERT LEE — Elma White, the father of Norman Butcher of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 19, at his home in Pittsburg, Tex.

Graveside service for Mr. White, 78, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Robert Lee Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Erman Smith Funeral Home.

Born May 18, 1924 in Bronte, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. Mr. White was a rancher and also had worked as a cattle inspector for the state of Texas.

Survivors also include his wife, Dorothea White of Pittsburg; a daughter, Bonnie Stalker of League City; and a sister, Zelma Howard of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

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Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms possible. High 58F.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
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Thursday high: 60 degrees
Thursday low: 39 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 76 of 79
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.25 inches

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	45	t-storm	El Paso	69	43	mst sunny	Midland	63	45	pt sunny
Amarillo	60	39	rain	Fort Stockton	69	46	sunny	Raymondville	76	55	pt sunny
Austin	62	46	t-storm	Gainesville	60	41	cloudy	Rosenberg	69	51	t-storm
Beaumont	69	50	pt sunny	Greenville	60	42	cloudy	San Antonio	63	49	t-storm
Brownsville	76	59	pt sunny	Houston	69	52	t-storm	San Marcos	63	46	t-storm
Brownwood	62	45	t-storm	Kingsville	74	53	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	61	42	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	70	54	t-storm	Livingston	68	46	t-storm	Sweetwater	60	43	t-storm
Corsicana	61	45	t-storm	Longview	66	44	pt sunny	Tyler	65	47	t-storm
Dallas	62	47	cloudy	Lubbock	60	41	rain	Weatherford	61	41	t-storm
Del Rio	71	53	t-storm	Lufkin	68	48	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	60	43	rain

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	40	pt sunny	Houston	69	52	t-storm	Phoenix	80	53	mst sunny
Boston	53	38	cloudy	Los Angeles	73	48	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	52	cloudy
Chicago	46	35	cloudy	Miami	88	71	t-storm	Seattle	55	37	rain
Dallas	62	47	cloudy	Minneapolis	51	37	pt sunny	St. Louis	57	39	pt sunny
Denver	51	36	pt sunny	New York	62	39	pt sunny	Washington, DC	68	45	pt sunny

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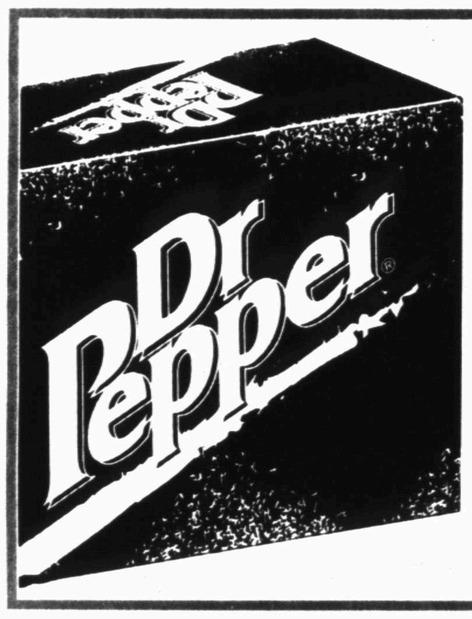
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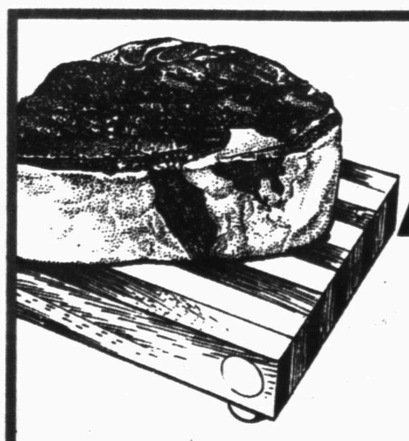
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