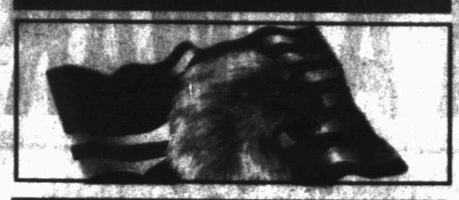
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MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

Hermleigh lone finalist principal at Little Elm HS

Hermleigh ISD's trustees unanimously agreed last night to name Marvin Beaty as its lone superintendent finalist.

Beaty, 41, currently serves as the Little Elm High School principal. Little Elm is near Denton.

The district must now wait the state-mandated 21 days before formally extending Beaty a contract.

"I'm excited about Marvin becoming superintendent at Hermleigh," said interim Supt. James Bible. "We had several great candidates for the vacancy, but Marvin was just a cut above the rest."

"He will be good for Hermleigh and Hermleigh will be good for him," said Bible.

The new school superintendent will be paid $65,000 annually and furnished a house.

Beaty and his wife, Kelly, have two sons. Taylor is 11 and Jacob is 7.

"This is an incredible opportunity that we're all looking forward to," Beaty said this morning.

Beaty will be spending about a week total at Hermleigh before school is out to become more familiar with the school district and the community.

"Both school boards and my superintendent here are incredibly gracious to allow me to dually exist in both places," said Beaty.

"We'll work hard at both schools because we can't have success in one place at the expense of another."

The superintendent-elect has been the principal at Little Elm High School since 1997, and prior to that, served as high school principal at Aubrey for four years.

He also served as the assistant principal at Willis High School from 1991 until 1993.

Beaty, a native of Humble, began his teaching career in 1985 at McKinney following his graduation from Stephen F. Austin University.

He has also taught at Alief Middle School, Kingwood High School and Oaks Elementary in Humble.

He received his master's degree in 1991 from Sam Houston State University and his superintendent certification in 1995 from Texas Woman's University.

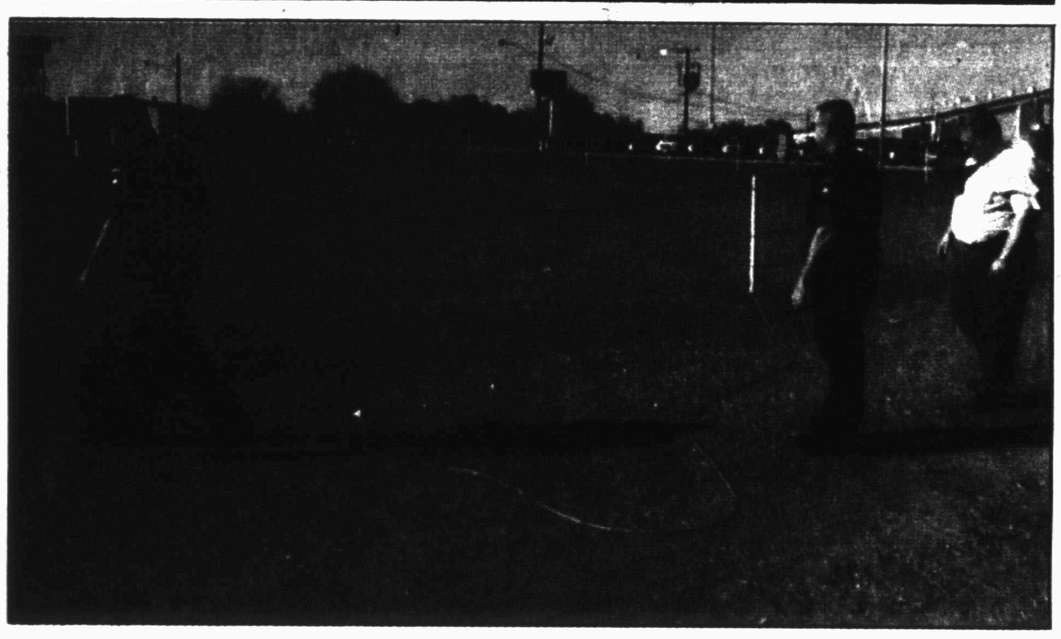
During Beaty's tenure at Little Elm, the high school twice received exemplary status from the Texas Education Agency, and recognized the other years.

Under his leadership, the high school was named one of the top schools in the North Texas area by Big D Magazine, and in 2001, was rated a 5-star high school by Texas Monthly.

In other action Tuesday night, Hermleigh trustees voted to retain the law firm of Chappell, Hill & Lowrance as the district's legal counsel at the base rate of $399 per year.

"This is a real good deal for the school and the school board," said Bible. "The board will have access to information 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-per-week.

"If a question comes up during a school board meeting, the president can call the firm and get the question answered," said Bible. "And its very, very inexpensive."





CRITICAL INJURIES — Derrick Clayton, 9, of 1490 Ave. Q is carried to an ambulance after he was injured in a motorcycle accident Tuesday afternoon on the grounds of Scurry County Coliseum. He was riding his cycle when he ran into a wire-rope fence that he struck chest-high. He is in Cogdell Hospital's intensive care unit in critical condition. At top, Snyder police officers, from left, Kyle Haley, Trey Wilson and Keith Ward view the accident scene. (SDN Staff Photos)

Paul and Sarah Mazy of Pattonville lived in Snyder during the early '60s and '70s and are the proud owners of a unique, antique car with an unusual story behind it.

They purchased a one-owner 1958 Chevrolet in 1960 that was once owned by Maydelle Burns who taught many years at Stanfield Elementary.

Paul owned a Conoco station at 2701 College Ave. where Hargrove Insurance is now located. Sarah worked at Snyder National Bank.

On July 4, 1995, the 1958 Chevy caught on fire while sitting in the garage. Pattonville Volunteer Fire Department managed to get the car out before it set the house on fire.

At the time, the couple chose to sell the vehicle to Don Hilliard of Hilliard & Sons Contracting instead of taking on the task of restoring it. Hilliard told the Mazys that when he got the vehicle restored he would bring it by for them to see, warning that it might be a slow process.



1958 Chevrolet owned by Paul and Sarah Mazy

The day before Paul and Sarah celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary, Hilliard drove up in the Mazy's driveway in the beautiful pink and white '58 Chevy. The Mazys were stunned to see how the car had been restored

They were additionally surprised when Hilliard announced "Here is a '58 for your '58th." They found out that Hilliard had never changed the original title from the Mazy's name and insisted that the car belonged to them.

The title reveals the car was purchased from Lamb Chevrolet in Snyder.

The Mazys also have yet a second "car story."

In 1940, the couple borrowed Paul's grandmother's car to go to Hugo to get married. They borrowed it again to take Sarah to the hospital to have their first child.

When his grandmother decided to sell the car, Paul and Sarah purchased it and still have it.

Maybe Paul and Sarah could soon bring their vehicles to a Snyder Wheels Car Show and visit with many old friends.

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War worries.

Carson Covey, eight-year-old grandson of Lanny and Patsy Covey, was being taken to school by his grandmother one morning after the Iraqi war started.

Grandmother Covey thought this was a good opportunity to see how Carson was taking the news of the war and asked him if he had seen it on TV.

Carson answered, "Yes, after I went to bed last night I got worried, do you think they'll bomb over here?"

"I don't think they will, Carson," Patsy replied in a calming voice.

He came back with a voice calmed of his fears, "I sure hope not, I don't want them to bomb Wal-Mart."

Cardinal one-act play heads to area compeition

Hermleigh High School's one act play, *The Diviners*, will compete in the area contest Saturday at Jayton.

Hermleigh, making its first trip to area since Mary Spieker became drama director, will perform around 4:30 p.m. HHS, along with Blackwell, advanced from the district contest.

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

Cast members are Terrel Culp, Dustin Williamson, Misty McClure, Alana Culp, Brittainy Jones and Justin Williamson.

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

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



RESCUED — Army PFC Jessica Lynch, shown in this image from video, is carried by U.S. special forces as she is removed from the Saddam Hospital in Nasiryia, Iraq Tuesday. (AP Photo)

Captive rescued as 11 bodies found at hospital

By The Associated Press

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Eleven bodies — some believed to be Americans — were found with prisoner of war Pfc. Jessica Lynch when she was rescued in a U.S. commando raid on an Iraqi hospital, a military spokesman said today.

Lynch, a 19-year-old Army supply clerk, was captured by the Iraqis more than a week ago after her maintenance unit made a wrong turn and was ambushed in the southern city of Nasiriyah. Twelve other members of her unit were also feared captured; five of them are officially listed as POWs.

Acting on an intelligence tip about Lynch's whereabouts, U.S. special operations forces slipped behind enemy lines and seized Lynch from the Saddam Hospital under cover of darkness Tuesday, military officials said.

The U.S. forces engaged in a firefight on the way into and out of the building, but there were no coalition casualties, said Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks, a U.S. Central Command spokesman. He said ammunition, mortars, maps and a terrain model were found at the hospital, along with "other things that made it very clear it was being used as a military command post."

During the rescue operation, 11 bodies were recovered in and around the hospital. The cause of death was not immediately disclosed.

"We have reason to believe some of them were Americans," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp, another U.S. Central Command spokesman.

He said the military has not confirmed whether they were members of Lynch's unit, the 507th Maintenance Company. "We don't yet know the identity of those people," Thorp said. "And forensics will determine that."

Two of the bodies were in a morgue in the hospital, while the nine others were in a grave area in the community, Brooks said. He said U.S. forces were led to the graves by someone who had been taken into custody.

Lynch was being treated for her injuries at an American military facility today. The nature of her injuries was not disclosed, and Brooks would not comment on her condition. But in a green-tinted, night-vision video taken of the rescue operation and shown to reporters today, she was carried on a stretcher from a helicopter to another aircraft.

A still photograph of her showed a folded American flag resting on her as she smiled and looked at the camera.

Until Tuesday, Lynch had been listed as missing in action.

Little interest shown in TxDOT meeting

No Snyder citizens attended a public forum hosted by the department of transportation Tuesday at Snyder Junior High.

TxDOT area engineer Mike Molter briefly discussed future highway projects in and around Scurry County.

Molter said the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2004-2006 totals $13.7 million.

Scheduled projects in 2004 include revamping FM 1607 from Houston Ave. to U.S. 180.

The route includes El Paso Ave. from the Lamesa highway to 37th Street, passing Snyder Junior High and West Elementary. It then turns west on 37th to Houston Ave.

That project is estimated to cost $530,000.

Also in 2004, U.S. 84 from Hermleigh eastbound to Inadale will be rehabilitated at a cost of $6.4 million.

Two bridges also are scheduled for replacement next year. Bridges over the Clear Fork of the Brazos River on county roads 221 and 302 will be replaced at a cost of $270,000.

A $6.4 million reconstruction project is slated in 2006 for U.S. 84 from the Nolan County line to FM 1613.

In Borden County, FM 1054 is to be reconstructed in 2004 at a cost of $1.6 million. No other projects are slated there.

Cost of all projects in the district, which includes Scurry and 12 other counties, is $24 million through 2006.

District Engineer Blaire Haney of Abilene said recent budget cuts ordered by the governor's office would not affect TxDOT projects.

"We get this money through gasoline taxes and through federal matching funds," Haney said.

The public forum is part of the department's planning process.

ASK US

Q—Do Snyder's tornado warning sirens work?

A—The majority of the city's sirens are in working order and those in need of maintenance are scheduled for repair.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Brent Schneider...

...youth pastor at First Baptist Church and his wife, Meredith, moved to Snyder last August. Meredith teaches fourth grade at East Elementary. Brent is a graduate of Texas A&M University and loves practical jokes.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Above all, try something.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

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.

SISD to host meetings

Snyder Independent School District will host Title Programs Parent Meeting Friday at the Region 14 Service Center at 4204 College Ave. The meetings will be from10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from noon to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at both sessions. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Breakfast burritos

Employees at city hall will prepare breakfast burritos from 7-8 a.m. Friday to help raise money for the city's Relay for Life team. Call in orders at 573-9361, or fax them at 573-5326 by noon Thursday. Burritos are any three combinations of eggs, potatoes, cheese, bacon or sausage.

FBC services televised

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

SHS senior activities

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

Community garden

The Community Garden, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, will be planted Saturday morning. Anyone wishing to help call M.J. Merritt at 573-5301 for more information.

Relay for life fundraiser

The American State Bank's Relay for Life Team will wash cars in the bank parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

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

Book fair

Northeast Elementary will have a book fair Monday through next Wednesday. Hours Monday and Tuesday are 8 a.m.–5 p.m., and Wednesday, 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the school.

Mission Fair

Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will hold its third annual Mission Fair from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church in Snyder. There will be over 20 booths of food and activities for young and old.

FFA booster club

Snyder High School's FFA Booster Club will meet Tuesday at the ag building. Officers are to meet at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Senior water aerobics

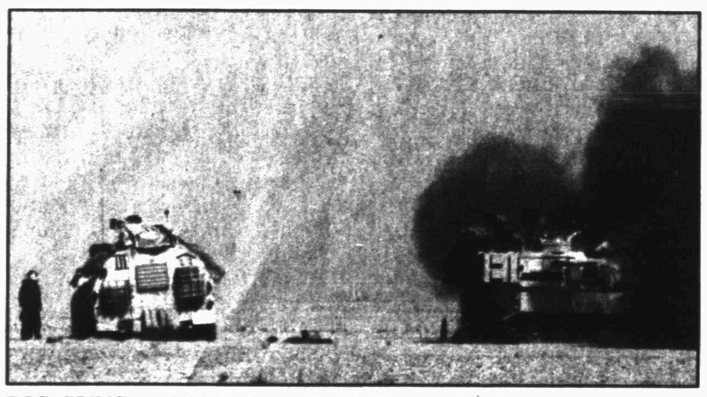
Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

Relay for Life cookbooks

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

WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.



BIG GUNS — A U.S. Army 3rd infantry division gun motor carriage, right, fires against Iraqi troops as a fireball is seen in distance south of Baghdad today. (AP Photo)

Turkey agrees to warning system to avert friction

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The United States and Turkey agreed today on an "early warning" system to avert friction between Turkey and Iraqi Kurds.

The agreement, worked out by Secretary of State Colin Powell and a Turkish leader, was designed to reduce any likelihood of Turkey moving military forces into northern Iraq.

At a joint news conference, Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul of Turkey said "new doors will open for us" in cooperating with the United States.

Powell said Turkey also had agreed to facilitate delivery of humanitarian assistance to Iraqi civilians and fuel supplies to coalition forces. He said enhanced military cooperation, such as evacuating wounded troops through Turkey or allowing coalition planes in distress to land in Turkey, is under consideration.

AMERICA AT WAR

U.S. forces take key positions, edge closer to Baghdad today

By The Associated Press

Closing to within 35 miles of Baghdad, U.S. forces seized a bridge over the Tigris River and swept past battered Republican Guard units today. One of the key Guard divisions, defending the city of Kut, "has been destroyed," a U.S. general said.

Farther south, U.S. commanders said Iraqi soldiers were shooting from inside a revered mosque in Najaf. American soldiers withheld return fire.

Soldiers on the front lines and relatives 6,000 miles away in West Virginia rejoiced over the bold, middle-of-the-night rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch from captivity at an Iraqi hospital that was housing a military command post. The commandos who freed her also retrieved 11 bodies, most of them believed to be American soldiers.

Army's 3rd Infantry Division and the First Marine Expeditionary Force launched a two-pronged attack toward Baghdad, and both reported breakthroughs as units entered the so-called "red zone" within range of the guns and missiles defending the capital. U.S. officials say Iraqi resistance will be the most tenacious in this zone and have warned of the possible use of chemical weapons.

In an attack launched at midnight, 3rd Infantry units surged past the strategic city of Karbala, targeting an estimated 2,000 paramilitary fighters. Karbala, which sits on the main approach to Baghdad from the southwest, was encircled and hit by night-long bombardment from U.S. artillery and warplanes.

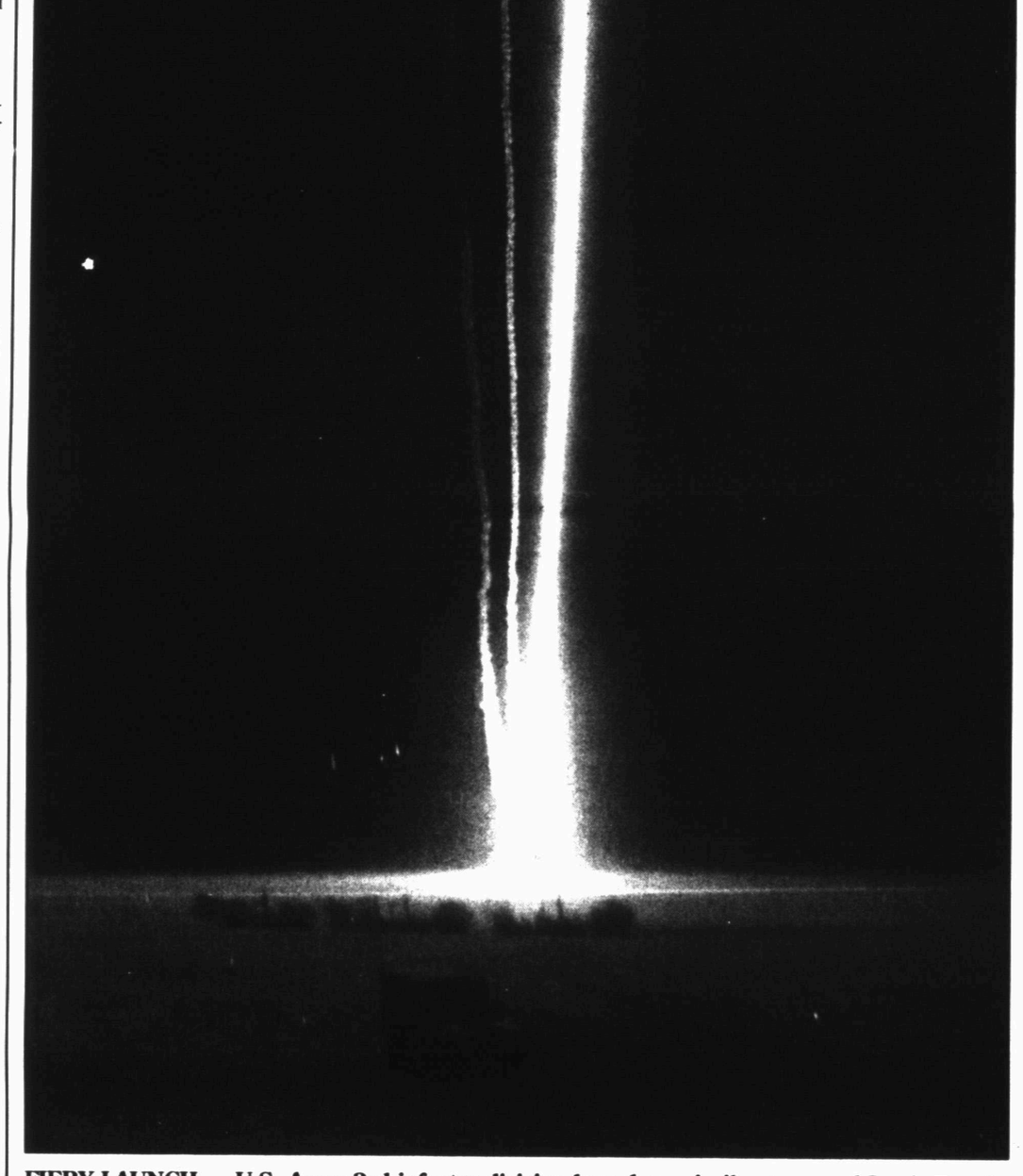
To the east, Marines moved to within 35 miles from Baghdad after capturing an important bridge over the Tigris River near Kut. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said the Baghdad Division, defending Kut, was destroyed.

One of the Marine units battled for control of a bridge over a canal late Tuesday, killing an estimated 100 Iraqis dug into trenches and bunkers, then resumed its advance today, passing an abandoned military complex with high-rise barracks while bombs thudded in the distance near Baghdad.

For days prior to the offensive, both the Baghdad Division and the Republican Guard's Medina Division still defending Karbala had been pounded by airstrikes and artillery barrages. "They're in serious trouble, and they remain in contact now with the most powerful force on Earth," Brooks said of remaining Republican Guard units.

The commander of British forces in Iraq, Air Marshal Brian Burridge, confirmed that the latest assaults by his U.S. allies marked the start of a momentous phase.

"This is certainly a decisive engagement in which we are now just beginning with the Republican Guard," he said. "The point I would make, though, is that decisive phases often take time. I wouldn't want to give you the impression that within a day or two this is going to be finished."



FIERY LAUNCH — U.S. Army 3rd infantry division launches missiles to pound Iraq's Republican Guard, the most loyal force to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in the suburbs of Karbala, Iraq. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated Press

Key developments in the war in Iraq:

—U.S. ground forces charged from two directions in the south into the "Red Zone," the daunting bastion of Iraqi resistance ringing Baghdad, after battling past elite Republican Guard troops outside Karbala and at a key bridge over the Tigris River.

—Farther south in Najaf, Iraqi soldiers shot at American troops from inside one of the world's most important Shiite shrines, U.S. commanders said. Coalition forces withheld return fire.

—American troops rescued Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who had been held as a prisoner of war in Iraq since she and other members of her unit were ambushed March 23. The news caused her hometown of Palestine, W. Va., to erupt into a joyous celebration.

—Eleven bodies were found with Lynch during the rescue operation at an Iraqi hospital, U.S. officials said.

—In a new statement, Saddam reportedly declared "victory is at hand," and urged Iraqis to rise up in a "jihad" — or holy war — against coalition forces. The message was read by a broadcaster on Iraqi TV, but it could not be immediately determined if the statement was actually from the Iraqi leader.

—British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said his nation would not join in any military action against Iran or Syria and does not believe the United States intends to do so after the war in Iraq.

—The United States and Turkey agreed on an "early warning" system to avert friction between Turkey and Iraqi Kurds. The agreement was designed to reduce any likelihood of Turkey moving military forces into northern Iraq.

—Russia complained that American airstrikes had targeted a residential Baghdad neighborhood where the Russian Embassy is located.

Journalists freed by Iraq

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Four journalists held for a week in Iraq's most notorious prison and accused of being spies said today they feared they would be killed until the moment they were released.

Newsday correspondent Matt McAllester, 33, and photographer Moises Saman, 29, were set free Tuesday along with Molly Bingham, a freelance photographer from Louisville, Ky., and a Danish freelance photographer, Johan Rydeng Spanner.

Speaking to reporters in Amman, McAllester said he feared for his life "every second."

"From the time we realized we were being taken to prison until the time we crossed the border into Jordan we felt our lives were in danger," he said.

"We had no idea what they were going to do to us," Bingham said. "They kept blindfolding us and taking us away. Every day it was a question of, are they going to kill me or are they just going to ask me more questions?"

The group had been held inside the Abu Ghraib prison since March 25, according to Charlotte Hall, Newsday's managing editor. An American peace activist, Philip Latasha, also was freed with the group, Hall said.

Cheers broke out in the Newsday offices when word came that McAllester and Saman phoned the newspaper Tuesday to say they had been released, were crossing the Jordanian border and were in good health.

The journalists said they were taken from their hotels, their rooms searched, and driven to the prison, the largest in the Arab world. At Abu Ghraib, they were separated and given prison clothes and two blankets.

"Over the next few days they interrogated us over and over," Bingham said. "We had to sign papers."

"They asked me a whole set of questions, about what kind of pictures I was taking, if I was involved with any kind of intelligence service, American or from any other countries, and basically just what was the purpose of me being in Baghdad at such a time," Saman said.

Bingham said jets and B-52s could be heard overhead and bombs were landing all around. "We didn't know if anyone knew we were there so we didn't know if people were going to bomb us for military reasons."

The journalists slept on the hard, cold concrete floor of 6-by-11 foot cells and were given three meals a day.

"Breakfast was two hard-boiled eggs and chai. Lunch was rice and potatoes. Dinner was chicken broth and some sort of chicken and bread," Bingham said.

"They, for the most part, treated us fairly and in a humane way," Saman said of the Iraqis.

McAllester said they owed their release to the efforts of "hundreds of people we've never met.

"Friends, famous people, our editors who stopped editing the paper. ... We owe them our freedom and maybe our lives," he said.

A Palestinian lawmaker said today that Yasser Arafat helped win the release of the two Newsday journalists through his contacts in Iraq.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Uninvited visitors panic widow who lives alone

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who lives alone. My problem concerns door-to-door solicitors. They seem to be at my door all the time. With all the scams and violent home invasions I read and hear about, I go into a panic when I open the door to find a stranger standing there.

When I hear my doorbell ring, I like to assume it's one of my neighbors or their kids — so I open up. I don't want to be rude and not answer and help out my neighbors whose school-age children might be selling candy for fund-raisers or going door-to-door with Girl Scout cookies. I love supporting their causes when I am able. But how should I react when it's not someone I know?

Today there were some pretty shady-looking characters on my porch asking to come inside and steam-clean my carpets. Have you any advice on how I can politely but firmly get rid of solicitors so I can feel safe in my own home? Thanks, Abby. — **AFRAID TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR NO. 1**

DEAR AFRAID: First of all, never open your door without first checking to see who is there. If this means having a peephole installed in your front door, it will be money well-spent. If the person standing there is a stranger, don't open the door.

Second, people who go around neighborhoods selling services that haven't been previously ordered, or merchandise that "just fell off a truck," are usually scam artists and should be avoided at all costs. Caveat emptor (let the buyer beware)!

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DEAR ABBY: "Concerned Mother" wrote that she wants to move because her neighbor, "the Wicked Witch of the West," likes her dogs better than "Concerned Mother's" children. ("She ignores the innocent greetings of our children, which hurts their feelings. ... I worry what a person so filled with anger may be capable of.")

May I politely suggest that not everyone wants other people's children bothering them? I realize that "Mother" believes her children are the salt of the earth and her world revolves around them. However, I'm a middle-aged, childless single woman who works hard all day juggling two difficult jobs. The last thing I want to deal with when I get home is someone else's children. In the last place I lived, my next-door neighbors sent their kids into the hallway at night to play cricket and couldn't understand why that bothered me!

Your suggestion that "Mother" instruct her children to leave the neighbor woman alone is a good one. However, advising her to add that there is something wrong with the woman ("explain that the neighbor is troubled and unhappy") fosters bad manners. It should make no difference to the kiddies why they are to leave that woman alone. It should be enough for them to understand that the neighbor doesn't wish to be bothered. The sooner they learn that not everyone thinks they "hung the moon," the happier they will be. — **KATE IN TORONTO**

DEAR KATE: The parents of the cricket-playing kids in your hallway were responsible for the racket — not the youngsters. The little ones were just doing as they were told. I'm printing your letter because it's true that not all adults relate well to children. (W.C. Fields was an example of that.) However, it's safe to say that most adults do. But sometimes even the kindest and happiest people don't like to be disturbed.

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NHS INDUCTION — Snyder High School inducted new members into the National Honor Society Sunday. Senior inductees (denoted by an asterisk) and current members include from left back row, Afton Schwertner, Tyler Kerr, *Adam Rodgers, Curt Phillips, *Brady Reed, *Colby Driggers, Zach Starnes, *Stafford Gray, *Matt McCormick, *Will Davis and *T.J. Jones; middle row, *Beth Parsley, *Whitney Jones, Bonnie Cleveland, Glen Burns, Kristina Mayer, Catherine Whitworth, *Hailey Putnam, *Katie Kerley, *Natalie Perez, *Kellie Dodson, *Shelley Fisk, *Veronica Maldonado, Cindy Nachlinger, *Casey Kellner and *Afton Sutter; front row, Sara Cantu, Patricia Vargas, Jacinda Judah, Aaryn Stewart, Erin Cooley, *Rachel Cave, Cozy Jones, Jackie Beccue, *Laura Hagar, *Ana Arce, *Wendy Profitt, Lilli Valdez and Amanda Hartzog. Casey Wemken, current member, is not pictured. (See page 10 for junior inductees.) (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Prosecutors won't retry drug convictions

TULIA (AP) — Prosecutors said 38 defendants arrested in a controversial 1999 drug sting won't be retried after a judge ruled their convictions were based on questionable testimony from a single undercover agent accused of racial prejudice.

Hours after retired state district Judge Ron Chapman urged the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to grant new trials for the defendants, a special prosecutor vowed Tuesday to dismiss the cases if they were sent back.

"We'll dismiss them," said Rod Hobson, a special prosecutor assigned to the case that has spurred probes by the Justice Department and the Texas attorney general. "It would be foolish for us to go forward."

The cases involved an 18-month undercover investigation by former sheriff's officer Tom Coleman. Most of the defendants he arrested in this predominantly white Texas Panhandle town were black.

Their arrests on charges of possessing and selling cocaine hinged on Coleman's testimony. He worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance.

But no drugs were ever found during the arrests and little or no corroborating evidence was introduced at trial. The Texas American Civil Liberties Union suggested discrimination was behind the arrests and that they were intended to eliminate Tulia's black population. Coleman is white.

The appeals court had ordered a hearing to review evidence against four of the defendants to determine if the men were convicted solely on Coleman's word and whether prosecutors failed to turn over information from Coleman's background that may have cast doubt on his testimony.

"It is stipulated by all parties and approved by the court that Tom Coleman is simply not a credible witness under oath," Chapman announced in the Swisher County courtroom Tuesday.

Jeff Blackburn, an attorney representing two of the four men whose arrests were examined in the hearing, predicted Chapman's recommendation would carry considerable weight with the appellate court.

"This is wonderful news, though nothing is final as of yet," said Vanita Gupta, an attorney with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "But we are very pleased that Tom Coleman's word can't be the basis of any standing conviction."

Mattie White, who had four children arrested by Coleman, was ecstatic. "That's the best step I ever heard," she said. "We've been praying for this for four years, and we haven't ever given up."

Swisher County commissioners unanimously approved a $250,000 payment to the defendants. The amount will be distributed based on how much time each person was imprisoned, defense attorney Ted Killory told the commissioners.

In all, 46 people were arrested, 39 of them black, during Coleman's undercover sting. Thirteen are still in prison and others served time or were sentenced to probation.

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Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
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Fear of mystery illness keeps plane on ground in San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Five passengers on a flight from Tokyo were cleared of a mystery illness from Asia after the jetliner was stopped on the tarmac in what first looked like a public health emergency.

American Airlines Flight 128 from Tokyo to San Jose stopped short of the gate and was flanked by ambulances after the airline alerted the San Jose airport about the scare, said Todd Burke, a spokesman for the airline. After 10 hours in the air, the 125 passengers and 14 crew members waited as health officials in surgical masks came on board.

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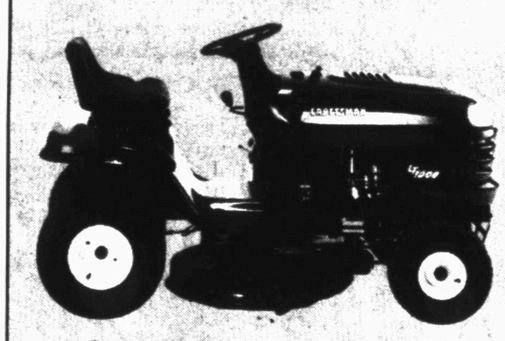
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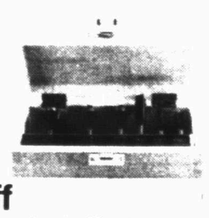
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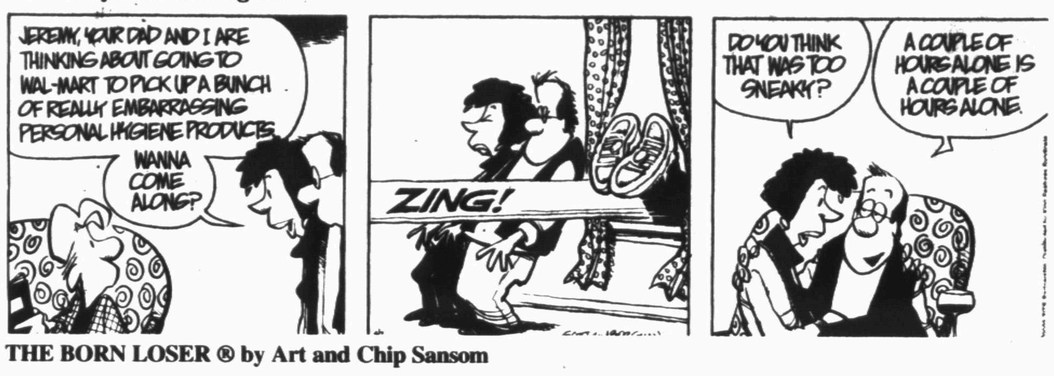
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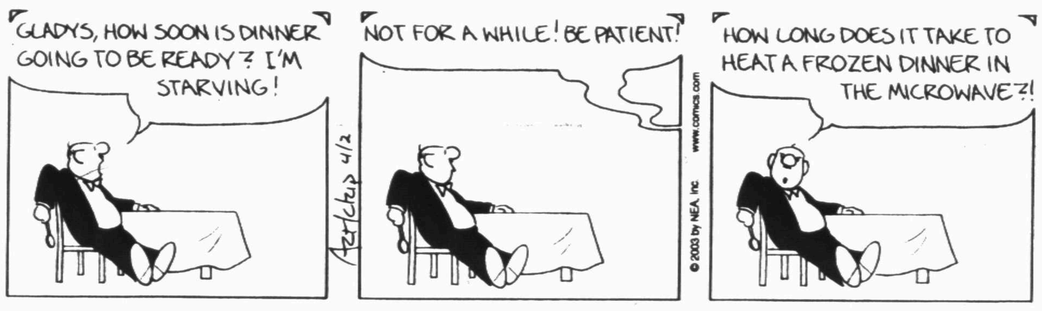
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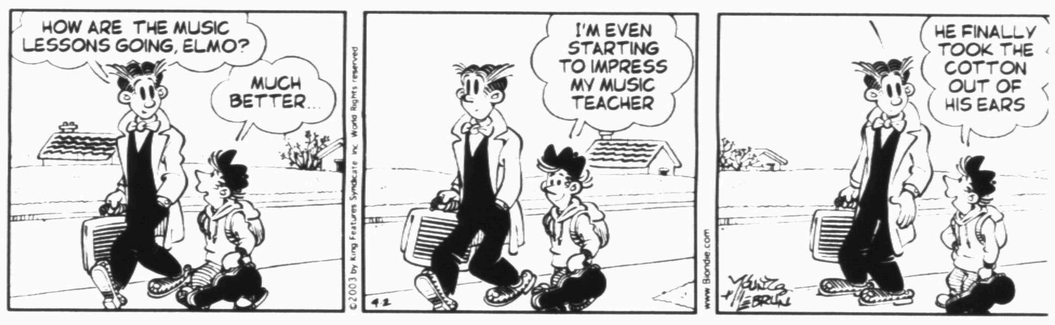
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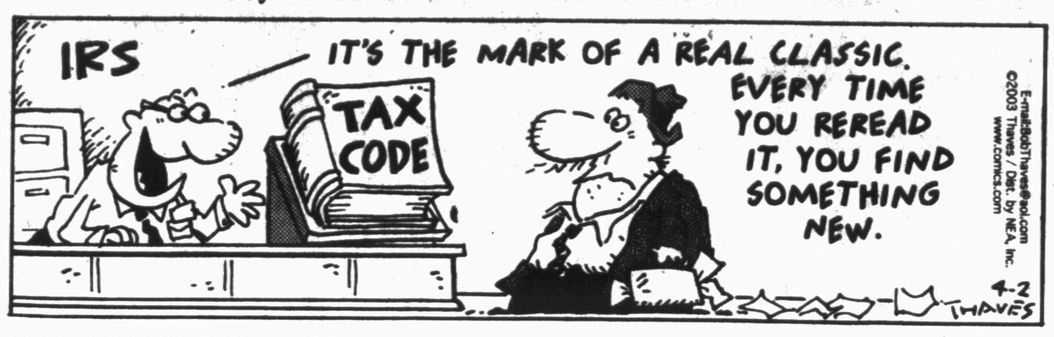
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31 Cuzco founder
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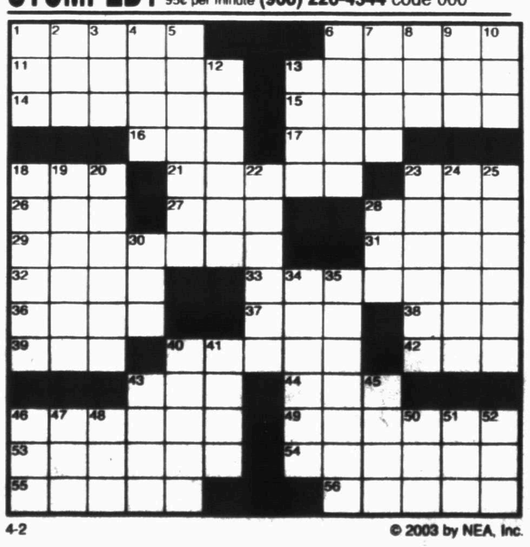
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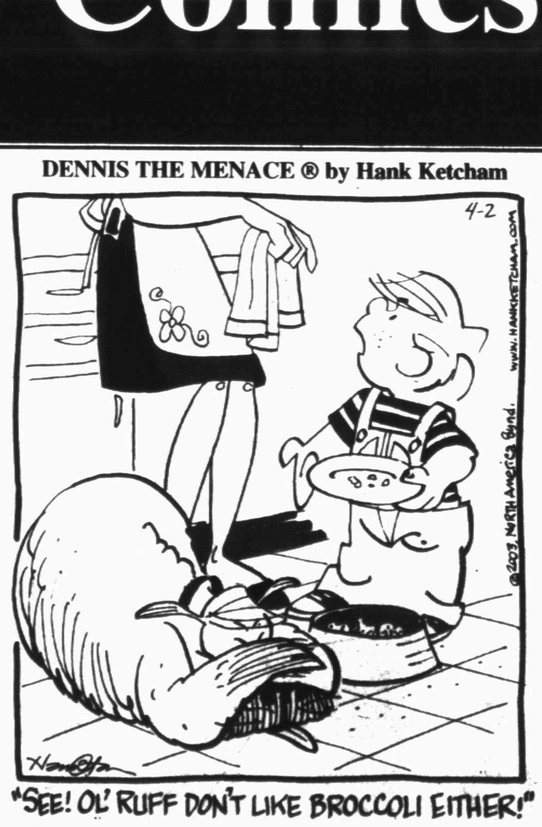
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SPORTS

Tigers squeak past Seminole, 1-0

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

With each passing game in District 3-3A, the Tigers find themselves facing increasingly stiffer competition.



Greenwood

And with each game, the Tigers find another way to come out on top.

The Tigers (11-8, 4-0) used a dazzling outing from lefty Chance Greenwood and capitalized on back-to-back errors by Seminole (11-7, 2-2) to eke out a 1-0 victory Tuesday at Moffett Field.

Greenwood (4-1) used an array of pitches to throw a complete game three-hitter, striking out 11 to give the Tigers a 1½ game lead over Sweetwater in district.

"I felt confident," said Greenwood. "I stayed focused on hitting the mitt and it all came together tonight."

Head coach Charles Bollinger also was enthused by the effort of his southpaw.

"That's the best outing I've seen from one of our pitchers in a long time," he said. "Chance did a great job. He used his change-up early and got his curve over for strikes."

Greenwood's counterpart, right hander Austin McBee, was similarly effective, striking out seven in six full innings of work.

"(McBee) pitched a smart game and kept us off-balance," Bollinger said.

The Tigers plated the only run in the second inning.

After left fielder Bradley Price drew a two-out walk, Seminole shortstop Pedie Guerra muffed a groundball from Tyler Trout, putting runners on first and second.

Second baseman Matt Hawkins then mishandled a sharp ground ball from Marcus Villarreal, allowing Price to score the lone run from second.

Greenwood only faced trouble once, after allowing one-out, back-to-back singles in the sixth inning to McBee and Hawkins.

After a balk call, the runners moved to second and third before Greenwood fanned shortstop Pedie Guerra and cleanup hitter Drew Worth to end the threat.

Greenwood said the team expected a fight from the Indians.

"I told the guys they were going to be tough," he said.

Bollinger agreed.

"I knew they were going to be scrappy," he said. "They're going to be a tough team in district."

Bollinger said the Tigers had opportunities to score more runs to give Greenwood a bit of a cushion, but couldn't execute in some areas.

"I thought we were going to put more runs up," he said.

The Tigers will travel to Sweetwater Friday to take on the Mustangs in a 7 p.m. tilt.

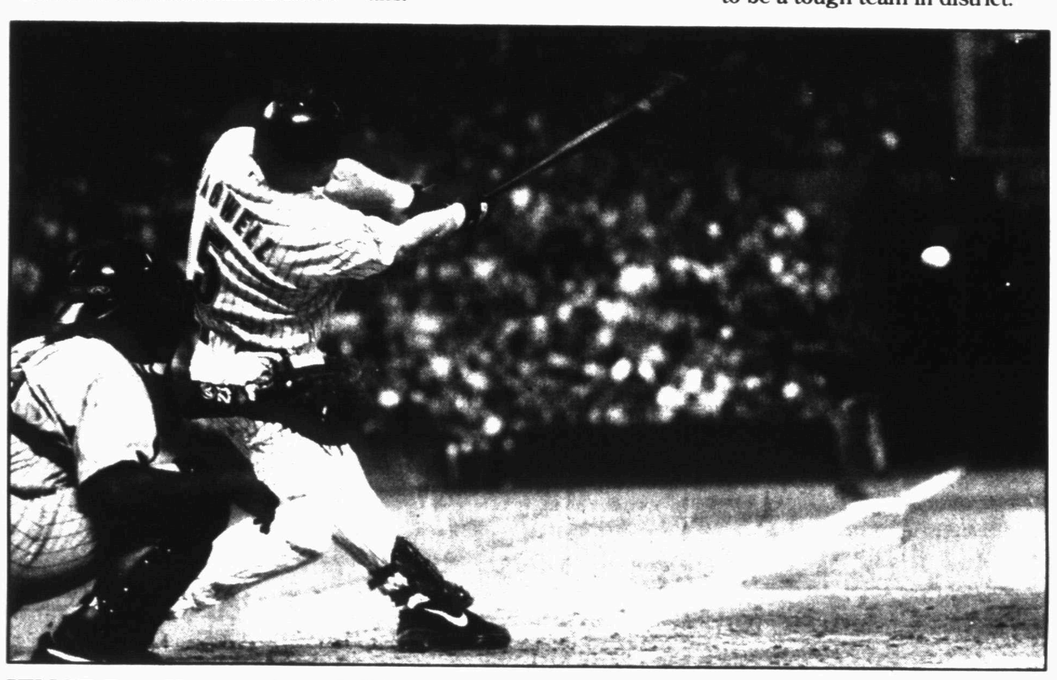
Sweetwater suffered its first defeat in district Tuesday, falling to Merkel, 6-4.

That loss leaves the Tigers as the lone undefeated team in 3-3A.

In the other district contest, Lamesa roughed-up Denver City, 16-5, to record its first district victory while leaving Denver City as the only team without a conference win.

District 3-3A Standings

	Overall		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	11	8	4	0
Sweetwater	14	6	2	1
Merkel	8	7	2	2
Seminole	11	7	2	2
Lamesa	5	15	1	3
Denver City	6	14	0	4



KILLER B — Houston Astro Jeff Bagwell connects with a pitch as Colorado Rockies' catcher Charles Johnson reaches for the ball during the sixth inning Tuesday in Houston. Bagwell hit two home runs in the 10-4 win over the Rockies. (AP Photo)

Lady Tigers roll over D-City, 20-4

The Lady Tigers continue to face limited resistance on their march to the postseason, shelling Denver City, 20-4, Tuesday at Cates Field for their fifth straight district triumph.

Kelsi Johnson (11-1) was the beneficiary of a seven-run first inning by the Lady Tigers, as she cruised through five innings, allowing three earned runs on four hits while striking out five.

The Snyder offense stayed patient at the plate, earning 14 free passes. No Lady Tiger went down on strikes in the tilt.

"My expectations of these girls are pretty high," said head coach Shelly Hayes. "It's hard to get into a rhythm with slower pitching. I told them that I know it's tough to get up for games like this, but they need to stay determined and wait for their pitch."

Chaelyn Robinson, in her second game back from a sprained thumb, blistered the ball against Denver City, driving in four runs on three singles and a sacrifice fly.

Val Hernandez continued to swing a hot bat, pushing her season average over .500 with a three-for-four performance, including a double and singles.

Shelley Fisk managed four RBI on a one-for-two day, plating runners with a walk, a single and a sac fly.

Ashley Martinez had two RBI on a single and a sacrifice, and Dara Chambers and Missy Vasquez each reached base three times via walks.

The Lady Tigers (29-3, 5-0) will tackle Lubbock Cooper Friday at 5 p.m. in Lubbock.

Jacque Alvarez (11-1) will get the call in that game for Snyder.

Angels rout Rangers; Astros club Colorado

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Dazzled before the game, the Anaheim Angels sparkled during it.

After receiving their ruby-and-diamond World Series rings in a pregame ceremony Tuesday night, the Angels played like champions and beat the Texas Rangers 10-0.

"You kind of separate the two, the ceremony and the game, but you see those rings and you think, 'Wow,'" Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Brad Fullmer, perhaps similarly inspired, hit a two-run homer and drove in four runs as the Angels, who lost to the Rangers in Sunday's season opener, won for the first time this season.

Fullmer's big night began, of course, when he got his ring.

"Oh, man. They're great. We got our money's worth for those. They're beautiful," Fullmer said, shaking his head.

Garret Anderson went 4-for-4 against the Rangers, driving in two runs and scoring three. Darin Erstad had three singles and also scored three times.

Mickey Callaway threw six shutout innings for the victory, and relievers Scot Shields and Ben Weber finished the five-hitter.

Loser Chan Ho Park lasted just 2 2-3 innings, giving up six runs, six hits, three walks and hitting a batter.

Astros 10, Rockies 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent already understood how overwhelming the Houston Astros' lineup could be. The Colorado Rockies just found out.

Kent hit a home run in his first at-bat for Houston, and Jeff Bagwell homered twice to lead a 14-hit, four-homer attack as the Astros won their season opener 10-4 Tuesday night.

"It doesn't matter where we hit," Kent said. "It's just the fact that opposing teams have to look at all the guys they have to go against.

"The pitcher says, 'How am I going to get all six of these guys in a row out?' That's what's abusive to the other team."

The Astros pounded Jason Jennings, last season's NL Rookie of the Year, for six runs on six hits in the third inning, and the Rockies could never recover against Roy Oswalt.

"That's the potency of this lineup, a lot of guys can do it," Kent said. "We've just got to drag this out for 162 games. As a veteran player, you put this aside. You can get too high. You have to take it in stride."

The Astros scored 98 fewer runs in 2002 than a year earlier, when they had Moises Alou in the lineup.

"This just reminds me of 2001, when Mo was here," Craig Biggio said. "One guy gets a hit, another guy comes up and gets one. It's kind of fun."

Kent, the 2000 NL MVP, helped lead the San Francisco Giants to the World Series last year. He signed an $18.2 million, two-year contract with the Astros in the offseason, joining Bagwell and Lance Berkman in the middle of a powerful lineup.

JV girls rout D-City, 22-0

Bianca Gonzales achieved a rare feat Tuesday, striking out every batter she faced as the JV Lady Tigers dismantled the Denver City junior varsity softball squad, 22-0.

Gonzales pitched four innings, striking out all 12 batters, as the junior Lady Tigers upped their record to 14-5.

"Nobody touched the ball except the pitcher and catcher," said JV coach Laura Moses.

Snyder got six RBI from Krista Chaidez, who hit a bases-clearing double and drove in three on a bases-loaded single.

Kassey Burney plated four runners on a home run and two singles.

Joshlyn Tovar had two hits and Samantha Pena recorded an RBI.

The JV will not play Friday, as Lubbock Cooper does not field a JV squad.

St. John's wins thriller over Tech

NEW YORK (AP) — Marcus Hatten loves taking gambles. His biggest one Tuesday night helped St. John's reach the National Invitation Tournament final.

Hatten stole the ball from Will Chavis and made a layup with 16.2 seconds remaining to give the Red Storm a thrilling 64-63 come-from-behind victory over Bob Knight and Texas Tech in the semifinals.

"I was reading the guy with the ball (Chavis), and I knew he was going to pass it," Hatten said. "So I just turned my back like I wasn't paying him no mind."

The Red Storm held on in the closing seconds after Hatten missed two free throws with 4.1 seconds left. Texas Tech got the ball back following a timeout, and Will Chavis missed a 3-pointer off the rim as the buzzer sounded, sending the St. John's fans running onto the Madison Square Garden court.

The hometown Red Storm (20-13) advance to play Big East rival Georgetown in the NIT title game on Thursday night. St. John's, making its first NIT appearance since 1995, has won an NIT-record five championships, the last one in 1989.

"When you get a guy like Marcus Hatten, you never know what he'll do," St. John's coach Mike Jarvis said. "Anything can happen. The thing that is so great about him is that he gambles like crazy. I don't know if I'd ever want to go to Vegas with him.

"If I had any hair, I wouldn't any more."

Texas Tech (21-13) and Knight play Minnesota in the consolation game. This is Knight's eighth trip to the NIT, and his first since 1985. He made four appearances with Army and three with Indiana.

Hatten led the Red Storm with 24 points.

"Any time you can get a victory against a Bobby Knight-coached team, that's something you remember," Jarvis said.

Andre Emmett led Texas Tech with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

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Washington	34	39	.466	11½
New York	32	42	.432	14
Miami	23	52	.307	23½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	47	26	.644	—
x-Indiana	43	31	.581	4½
New Orleans	41	34	.547	7
Milwaukee	36	39	.480	12
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Cleveland	14	59	.192	33
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Houston	38	36	.514	18
Memphis	26	48	.351	30
Denver	17	58	.227	39½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Sacramento	53	22	.707	—
Portland	46	27	.630	6
L.A. Lakers	43	31	.581	9½
Phoenix	39	35	.527	13½
Seattle	36	37	.493	16
Golden State	36	39	.480	17
L.A. Clippers	23	51	.311	29½

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Portland 100, Golden State 86
Utah 94, L.A. Clippers 89

Wednesday's Games

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New Jersey at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Teenage baseball signups

Signup for Babe Ruth League for 13-15-year-olds will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Snyder Boys and Girls Club.

Girls softball signup

Snyder Girls Softball Association signups will take place Thursday through Saturday and also April 10-11 at Texas Savings Bank. Times are 5:30 to 8 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Ages four and up are eligible but players must have turned four by Jan. 1. Cost is $30, or $25 for an additional child. Participants should bring birth certificate, social security card and a parent or guardian.

Baseball buddies

The SHS baseball team will host "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon the next two Saturdays. The skills session are free to youngsters aged 7-14.

SHS golfers in Merkel for round 2

The Snyder Tiger golfers are looking to extend their lead today in round two of district play at Merkel.

The Tigers were 19 strokes up on Seminole heading into today's round, after firing a 295 last week at Gaines County.

The Snyder junior varsity team is third, just eight shots shy of Seminole with a 322.

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Dinosaur found in Madagascar was a cannibal

By The Associated Press

New fossil evidence suggests a distant cousin of the Tyrannosaurus rex that roamed the plains of Madagascar millions of years ago regularly dined on its own kind to survive during hard times.

The discovery is the strongest evidence yet that some carnivorous dinosaurs were cannibals. Dinosaur experts say it sheds light on the hardships predators faced in the late Cretaceous period when dinosaurs vanished, possibly as a result of asteroid impacts, widespread climate change and disease.

"This is the first strong, convincing evidence of cannibalism within theropod dinosaurs," said Thomas Holtz, a paleontologist at the University of Maryland who was not part of the study.

Scientists working in Madagascar uncovered evidence of cannibalism in fossilized bones of Majungatholus atopus, a toothy beast the size of a small school bus that was the top hunter 70 million years ago on the island off east Africa.

The research appears in the current issue of the journal Nature.

Majungatholus is a distant relative of T. rex, the fierce hunter that ruled what is now North America. Scientists have speculated that T. rex also was a scavenger and may have eaten other T. rexes killed in fights, but the evidence is not conclusive.

During the late Cretaceous, Madagascar was semiarid and subject to severe climate swings that led to dramatic fluctuations in essential resources. Fossil evidence showed dinosaurs and other creatures were victims of massive die-offs.

When food and water were scarce, scientists believe Majungatholus fed on the remains of other dinosaurs like titanosaurs — gigantic, long-necked plant-eaters — and even scavenged the carcasses of its own dead.

"It appears as though Majungatholus atopus exploited all available resources during stressful episodes, even if it meant dining on members of its own species," said Raymond Rogers, a geologist at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and lead author of the study.

Scientists have long considered the smaller dinosaur from the earlier Triassic period, Coelophysis bauri, to be a cannibal because of juvenile remains preserved in the stomach of an adult specimen. However, a recent reexamination cast doubt about whether it actually ingested its young.

Cannibalism is not uncommon in the animal kingdom today, with more than a dozen species practicing it for a variety of ecologic and evolutionary reasons, scientists say. For example, a male lion sometimes devours the cubs of a female lion in order to mate with her and maintain his genetic superiority.

But in ancient Madagascar, the reasons behind Majungatholus' cannibalism appear to be much more basic. Researchers examining 21 bones from two nearly full-grown specimens taken from separate quarries on the island found evidence of intensive feeding in the backbone area.

Rogers said sets of parallel tooth marks on the spine and ribs of the specimens matched the size and spacing of Majungatholus' blade-like teeth, suggesting a hungry member of the species stripped the flesh off the bones.

The specimens do not show whether the dinosaur actually hunted down the other Majungatholus as prey or scavenged their carcasses.

Researchers ruled out the only other known meat-eating dinosaur in the area — Masiakasaurus knopfleri — because its teeth were too small. They also discounted carnivores like crocodiles that have blunt, irregular teeth.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 04-02-03
♠ A K 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ A Q 10 5 4
♣ Q 6

West
♠ Q 9 4
♥ K 10 8 7 5
♦ 7 6 2
♣ 5 3

East
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ 9 6
♦ K J 9 8
♣ A 4 2

South
♠ 6 5 2
♥ Q J 3
♦ 3
♣ K J 10 9 8 7

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Play first, think second

By Phillip Alder

Henry Miller wrote, "Analysis brings no curative powers in its train..." Do you agree?

I don't. Analysis at the bridge table that helps you to produce the right play or defense is very satisfying and, in its way, curative. And most errors come from failure to analyze. I have used this deal in several classes, but in one last November, there was a new variation.

First, though, you are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads a fourth-highest heart seven. How would you plan the play?

It is right for South to respond one no-trump. With only seven points, he is not nearly strong enough to bid two clubs.

Clearly, declarer will have to set up clubs. But if the defender with the club ace knows enough to hold up for one round, South will need a hand entry to reach the established club winners. Where is that entry? Only in hearts. So, declarer should win trick one with dummy's heart ace. Then he plays on clubs and eventually gets home with an overtrick.

At one table, South incorrectly played low from the dummy, but when East put up the nine, declarer also played low from hand. Back came the heart six, covered by the queen, king and ace! Now South had his hand entry. He drove out the club ace and took 10 tricks.

West didn't think. East was a good enough player to execute third hand high. So, when East could muster up only the heart nine, South was marked with the queen and jack. Therefore, to stop South from having a hand entry, West should have ducked at trick two.

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Today's chuckle

Georgia congressman displays Union Jack

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Georgia congressman is saluting Great Britain for its help in the war against Iraq by displaying the British Union Jack flag outside his Washington office.



Rep. Phil Gingrey, a Republican, put the flag on display Tuesday along with the United States and Georgia flags. He said it will fly for the duration of the war in Iraq.

"It's just a small token of appreciation from this one member of Congress who feels a deep debt of gratitude to Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British people for the support they have given us at a time we needed it badly," said Gingrey.

Gingrey is supporting a measure to award Blair the Congressional Gold Medal. Blair has remained a close ally in the war against Iraq despite much opposition within his own Labor Party.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Treatment of low back pain

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give me some encouraging words about lumbosacral degenerative joint and bone disease. It's confined mostly to my back, hips and knees but is rapidly governing my life because of stiffness and chronic pain. I can't have surgical repair, due to my diabetes. Will I continue to deteriorate?

DEAR READER: I wish I could give you encouragement about the aging process but I cannot. Degenerative joint/bone disease simply means that you are wearing out: The joint spaces are thinning and roughening, the bones are losing calcium and their ability to support your weight. To my knowledge, no one has yet discovered a way to retard these ravages of age.

Nonetheless, much can be done to maintain your independence and relieve your symptoms of pain and stiffness, which are caused by a combination of inflammation and bone/joint stresses.

Anti-inflammatory drugs (Vioxx, Bextra, Celebrex, Naprosyn and others) can help you maintain mobility — and, most important, allow you to sleep at night. Also, physical therapy (hot packs, massage, range-of-motion exercises, ultrasonic treatments and so forth) can be very beneficial. You must remain as active as possible in order to prevent weakness, "frozen" joints and muscle contractures.

Surgery is not always the answer, although some forms of joint replacement (notably, hips and knees) produce miraculous results in many patients. Back surgery should, in my opinion, be reserved only for the most severe cases of spinal arthritis in which nerve damage is a complication.

If you have unsuccessfully tried the non-surgical methods I described, you probably should consider surgery. The fact that you have diabetes is not a contraindication. An orthopedic specialist can advise you about the pros and cons of joint replacement. Look into it. If your local specialist is put off by your diabetes, ask for a referral to orthopedic super-specialists in a teaching center.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." 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 last three annual mammograms showed what appeared to be a benign mass. Should I have the lump biopsied?

DEAR READER: Probably not. If you have a breast lesion that has not changed, by mammography, in three years, and if the radiologist is convinced that it has no X-ray features (such as sprinkled calcifications) to suggest malignancy, you needn't have a biopsy.

On the other hand, if the X-ray interpretation is equivocal or if your primary care physician has doubts about the benignity of the mass, you should proceed with biopsy — whether or not the lump has changed in size.

Let me add a cautionary note. If you have a family history of breast cancer, display no other evidence of benign fibrocystic disease and are worried about the possibility (however remote) of breast cancer, I'd urge you to have a biopsy. The procedure (needle biopsy under ultrasound guidance) is safe, takes only a few minutes, and — if normal — will remove lots of stress from you and your doctor. Frankly, I'd rather recommend a biopsy that proves negative than to advise no biopsy and then, years later, kick myself in the butt because you had breast cancer. Please follow your physician's/gynecologist's suggestions in this matter.

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Rolling Stones set to perform in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The Rolling Stones have arrived in India, after canceling their first-ever concerts in China because of a mystery disease.

The flu-like illness has infected more than 1,800 people worldwide, killing at least 75, mostly in Asia.

The band arrived with its 150-strong entourage in the southern city of Bangalore late Tuesday on its "40 Licks" tour.

They had been scheduled to perform Tuesday in Shanghai and April 4 in Beijing, but changed their minds because of travel warnings from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

Patterson-UTI file drilling report

Patterson-UTI Energy Inc., headquartered in Snyder, today reported a total of 5,967 drilling days in the month of March.

The drilling days represent an average of 192 drilling rigs operating — 177 rigs in the U.S. and 15 rigs in Canada.

For the first quarter of 2003, Patterson-UTI reported a total of 16,081 drilling days, or an average of 179 drilling rigs operating. The averaged included 164 rigs in the U.S. and 15 in Canada.

It was noted that in some cases weather conditions prevented the move of drilling rigs to the next scheduled location.

For the month of March, the company estimates that approximately 90 drilling days, or an average of three rigs, were lost as a result of weather-related moving delays. The estimate did not include drilling days lost due to weather conditions that caused customers to delay in preparing drilling locations.

Company officials said drilling days represent the number of days in which a Patterson-UTI drilling rig was moving or operating under a drilling contract and differs from monthly drilling days considered in determining revenues and expenses.

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AndarkPtr	46.51	45.67	45.72	—.65
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CenterPoint	7.62	7.38	7.46	+ .03
ChevronTex	65.95	65.04	65.16	—.33
Citigroup	36.89	35.90	36.74	+ 1.14
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GenMills	46.26	45.77	46.15	+ .39
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GePacific	14.39	14.02	14.31	+ .36
Goodrich	14.64	14.23	14.34	+ .17
Goodyear	5.48	5.30	5.40	+ .23
GtAtlPac	4.96	4.80	4.86	+ .15
Halliburtn	21.15	20.87	21.02	
Hanson ADS	25.19	25.00	25.11	+ .11
HartleHanks s	19.25	19.09	19.25	+ .30
HomeDepot	25.77	25.08	25.76	+ .97
Honeywellintl	22.70	22.40	22.58	+ .61
IBM	81.95	79.81	81.68	+ 2.95
IntlPaper	34.98	34.61	34.98	+ .83
JohnsonJn	58.68	57.78	58.03	—.39
KinderMorg	45.95	45.45	45.95	+ .85
Kroger Co	13.74	13.48	13.59	+ .11
LockheedM	47.93	46.50	46.99	—.66
Lowes Cos	43.60	41.51	42.39	+ 1.26
Lubys	1.37	1.34	1.35	+ .02
LucentTech	1.50	1.45	1.49	+ .06
MarathonOil	24.55	24.00	24.05	—.34
MayDeptStr	20.68	20.30	20.57	+ .67
Medtronic	46.62	46.20	46.50	+ .89
Motorola	8.63	8.52	8.60	+ .25
NCR Corp	19.15	18.80	19.09	+ .74
Navistar	26.51	25.60	26.45	+ 1.45
PNM Rescs	22.42	22.39	22.42	+ .22
Penney JC	20.32	20.07	20.10	+ .50
PepBoys	7.95	7.75	7.90	+ .30
PepsiCo	40.24	39.90	39.98	
Pharmacia	45.25	44.70	45.12	+ .63
PhelpDodge	33.43	33.02	33.31	+ .58
PilgrmPrd B	8.44	8.29	8.43	+ .24
Praxair	59.00	58.35	58.90	+ 1.38
ProctGamb	90.12	89.47	90.08	+ .56
RadioShack	22.79	22.00	22.63	+ 1.00
RoyalDut	42.45	41.75	41.90	—.18
SBC Comm	22.40	21.40	22.36	+ .98
SaraLee	19.30	19.03	19.25	+ .40
Scripps EW	78.46	77.18	78.15	+ 1.80
SearsRoeb	25.34	24.75	25.06	+ .75
SherwinW	27.90	27.36	27.79	+ .96
SouthernCo	28.80	27.93	28.79	+ .24
SwstAirl	14.89	14.25	14.86	+ .68
SprintFON	12.68	12.33	12.65	+ .50
SprintPCS	4.66	4.42	4.53	+ .12
Sunoco Inc	37.50	37.05	37.10	—.10
TXU Corp	18.22	17.97	18.18	+ .42
TempleInland	39.10	38.44	39.07	+ .95
Textind	19.50	19.20	19.49	+ .35
TexasInst	17.47	16.80	17.41	+ .97
Textron	29.49	28.45	29.36	+ 1.42
TrinityInds	17.08	16.94	17.05	+ .01
TylerTech	3.70	3.59	3.70	+ .05
UnionPacif	57.40	56.62	57.38	+ 1.48
USSteel	10.51	10.24	10.49	+ .44
UnitedTech	60.63	58.89	60.40	+ 1.52
Unocal	27.34	26.74	26.82	—.52
VerizonComm	37.48	36.80	37.39	+ 1.34
WalMart	54.11	52.80	54.00	+ 1.58
WellsFargc	47.11	46.78	47.10	+ .80
WstnGasRs	33.84	33.14	33.22	—.13
WinnDixie	13.90	13.61	13.74	+ .14
Xerox Cp	8.99	8.90	8.97	+ .11
YumBrands s	24.69	24.25	24.60	+ .65

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Billions Ok'd for war, terrorism fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House and Senate Appropriations committees approved similar bills Tuesday containing nearly $80 billion for initial costs of the war with Iraq and other anti-terrorism efforts, including aid for the nation's struggling airlines.

Both measures exceeded the $74.7 billion that President Bush requested last week for the remaining six months of the government's budget year. And both Republican-controlled panels weakened the wide latitude he had sought for spending most of the money without congressional strings, which he had argued was needed to quickly respond to the uncertainties of war.

Besides paring down a near-$60 billion fund that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would have controlled, smaller accounts to be administered by agencies like the Justice and Homeland Security departments were also dismantled or trimmed. That reflected a long-standing bipartisan legislative resentment of executive branch efforts to usurp Congress' power of the purse.

"We didn't just create huge slush funds to be used at the discretion of an agency," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla.

The overwhelming votes of approval — 59-0 in the House committee, 29-0 by the Senate panel — underscored lawmakers' desires to quickly approve the aid while U.S. troops shoot their way toward Baghdad. Bush has requested the funds by April 11, and GOP leaders hope the full House and Senate will approve initial versions of the bills this week.

But a series of votes and remarks also spotlighted the pressures many lawmakers feel to increase spending for local law enforcement and emergency agencies.

By a party-line 35-28, the House panel rejected a Democratic effort to add $2.5 billion to the $4.2 billion that measure contains for domestic security initiatives, the same as Bush requested.

Rep. Zach Wamp, R-Tenn., said limiting the funds was necessary to avoid signaling to the states "that there's a bottomless pit in Washington for anything labeled homeland security."

Energy legislation would ease rules on uranium exports

WASHINGTON (AP) — A provision in draft energy legislation would ease restrictions on the export of highly enriched uranium, raising concerns among nuclear nonproliferation groups that it might make it easier for terrorists to get the material.

The language in the House bill would rescind strict conditions that were imposed by Congress in 1992 on the export of weapons-grade uranium for use as "targets" in the making of radioisotopes for medical purposes.

The export restrictions were enacted to try to get manufacturers to shift away from using weapons-grade uranium for research reactors or for making medical isotopes.

An easing of the restrictions "needlessly undermines an important nonproliferation law and increases the risk of terrorists acquiring nuclear weapons," said Edwin Layman, president of the Nuclear Control Institute, a private nonproliferation advocacy group.

The language to change the uranium export requirements was put into a draft energy bill, being considered this week by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, by Rep. Richard Burr, R-N.C., according to Lyman.

The committee today cleared the nuclear section of the bill without making any changes to Burr's provision and committee members did not discuss the issue. A spokeswoman for Burr had no immediate comment. The congressman was not immediately available.

The nuclear medical industry has been lobbying members of Congress to ease the 1992 requirements, put into the law by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. The lobbyists have argued that the restrictions jeopardize the future supply of important nuclear isotopes for use in U.S. hospitals and research facilities.

Under the Schumer provision, medical isotope manufacturers must agree to move away from using highly enriched uranium and commit to using low-enriched uranium, if they are to continue getting uranium shipments from the United States.

In one letter sent to lawmakers, an official of the American College of Nuclear Physicians complained about the "unintended effect" the decade-old Schumer provision was having on "the reliable supply of medical radionuclides" and the need to revise it.

The 1992 provision "does not recognize the substantial technical, regulatory and economic obstacles" in requiring isotope manufactures to shift from highly enriched to low-enriched uranium, Carol Marcus, president of the group's California chapter, recently wrote in a letter to Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

Mystery illness hasn't infected many in U.S.; worry spreads

By The Associated Press

A scare over a mystery illness on an airliner in California turned out to be a false alarm, but the cautious reaction by officials suggested that serious concerns about the disease have made their way to America's shores.

An American Airlines flight from Tokyo that landed in San Jose, Calif., was briefly halted on the tarmac after the captain reported five people on board appeared to have symptoms of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

None of the five turned out to have the disease, which has been blamed for about 1,800 cases and at least 75 deaths worldwide. Seventy cases of the illness are suspected in the United States, but no one has died.

The disease has been spreading rapidly in Asia, prompting the World Health Organization, the U.N.'s health agency, to advise travelers today to avoid visiting Hong Kong and the southern Chinese province of Guangdong.

The plane that landed in San Jose stopped short of the gate Tuesday morning and ambulances lined up on the tarmac as 125 passengers and 14 crew members waited on board. The plane was isolated for more than an hour before anyone was allowed to leave.

Within hours, doctors had cleared all five people suspected of having the illness, which causes a fever, sometimes with chills, headache and body aches, and can lead to a cough and shortness of breath.

It was the first time a plane was stopped in the United States for fear of passengers spreading the disease, and some passengers and health officials suggested it may have been unnecessary.

A man sitting near three of the passengers suspected of having SARS said they showed no signs of illness.

"It's an overreaction of some sort," said Bob Beom of Grants Pass, Ore.

American Airlines spokesman Todd Burke said the company has distributed information about SARS and its symptoms to all employees.

"Our crews are trained for medical situations," he said. "They do evaluate and act accordingly."

Today's Weather

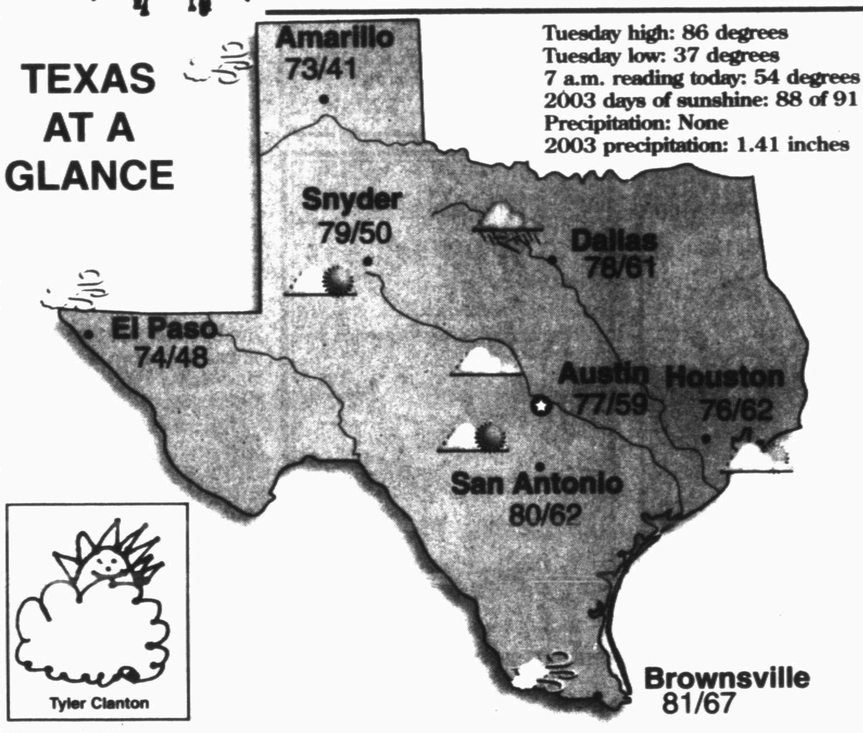
Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 4/3	Fri 4/4	Sat 4/5
79/50	73/45	80/52
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 79F.	Sunny. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 6:29 AM Sunset 7:05 PM	Sunrise 6:28 AM Sunset 7:06 PM	Sunrise 6:27 AM Sunset 7:06 PM

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Tuesday high: 86 degrees
Tuesday low: 37 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 88 of 91
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	80	55	windy	El Paso	74	48	windy	Midland	80	51	windy
Amarillo	73	41	windy	Fort Stockton	82	52	sunny	Raymondville	83	64	windy
Austin	77	59	cloudy	Gainesville	76	56	t-storm	Rosenberg	77	61	cloudy
Beaumont	76	61	cloudy	Greenville	75	57	t-storm	San Antonio	80	62	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	67	windy	Houston	76	62	cloudy	San Marcos	78	60	cloudy
Brownwood	82	57	pt sunny	Kingsville	82	64	cloudy	Sulphur Springs	75	57	t-storm
Corpus Christi	78	65	cloudy	Livingston	76	58	cloudy	Sweetwater	81	53	pt sunny
Corsicana	76	59	cloudy	Longview	75	59	cloudy	Tyler	75	61	windy
Dallas	78	61	t-storm	Lubbock	79	46	windy	Weatherford	77	56	t-storm
Del Rio	88	63	pt sunny	Lufkin	75	60	cloudy	Wichita Falls	81	52	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	52	mst sunny	Houston	76	62	cloudy	Phoenix	73	52	pt sunny
Boston	49	39	cloudy	Los Angeles	62	47	pt sunny	San Francisco	58	47	cloudy
Chicago	71	44	t-storm	Miami	82	70	cloudy	Seattle	45	32	rain
Dallas	78	61	t-storm	Minneapolis	45	29	mixed	St. Louis	76	56	t-storm
Denver	52	30	pt sunny	New York	59	45	cloudy	Washington, DC	74	56	cloudy

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23

UV Index

Thu 4/3	Fri 4/4	Sat 4/5
High	High	High

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

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Obituaries

Jerry Baker

1948-2003

SUMMERFIELD, Fla. — Jerry D. Baker, brother of three Snyder residents, died Friday, March 28, at his residence after a long illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Baker, 54, will be held in Kingston, Okla.

A native of San Saba, Mr. Baker moved from Kingston to Summerfield in 1995.

A son, Jerry D. Baker Jr., and his father, Authur Gail Baker, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Baker of the home; his mother, Martha Baker of Kingston; two sons, Joseph Baker of Dallas and Samuel Baker of Sweetwater; a daughter, Tabitha Davis of Dallas; six brothers, Danny Baker of Snyder, Freddy Baker of Summerfield, Gail Baker Jr. of Amarillo, Robert Baker, David Baker and Tommy Baker, all of Kingston; four sisters, Martha Neves and Betty Baker, both of Snyder, Linda Mandrel of Enos, Okla., Mary Groeber of Duncan, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

Hunter twins

Infants

ABILENE — Christopher Lamonte Hunter and Eric Rashurn Hunter Jr., the grandchildren of Melvin Cobb of Snyder, died Saturday, March 29, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories.

Survivors also include their parents, Eric Hunter and Timika White of Abilene; maternal grandmother, Vanessa Sterlings of Fort Worth; and paternal grandparents, Lafella Hunter and Phillip Vaughn of Abilene.

Rev. Thomas Hall

1922-2003

BROWNFIELD — The Rev. Thomas L. Hall, a former Scurry County resident, died this morning in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Rev. Hall, 80, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Clarence Branch officiating. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Born June 10, 1922 in Clarkton, Mo., he was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in Iwo Jima. He married Mary Helen Harris on Oct. 27, 1945 in Gideon, Mo. She died Nov. 6, 1996.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Hall, in 1980.

A 1951 graduate of Oklahoma A&M and a 1962 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Rev. Hall pastored churches in Missouri and at Potosi.

He moved to Fluvanna in 1963 before moving to Snyder in 1973. In 1974, he moved to Brownfield where he was employed with the ASCS office while also serving as pastor of the Gomez Baptist Church, retiring in 1986.

Rev. Hall was a charter member of the Potosi Baptist 100 Club and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Survivors include a son, Thomas L. Hall Jr. of Cantebury, Conn.; a daughter, Linda Cox of Canadian; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

21-year-old man arrested on warrants to revoke probation

Arrests

Deputies arrested a 21-year-old man at the sheriff's office at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday on warrants for motion to revoke probation.

A 37-year-old woman was taken into custody at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday on warrants for violation of the compulsory school attendance law and theft by check.

Thefts

Marlene Beasley requested an officer at her residence on East Hwy. 180 at 9 a.m. Tuesday and reported someone entered the home during the night. Deputies responded and advised an offense report for burglary of a residence would be submitted. Close patrol was initiated.

Paul Wilson reported the theft of two gas tanks from his pickup Tuesday.

Jennifer Scott reported a broken window at Kerry's Pit and Grill at 4:44 a.m. today and also that the front door was open.

Officers advised frozen meats and other food items were stolen and a report for burglary of a building was filed. The incident remains under investigation.

Disturbance

A woman requested officers at her home on 29th Street at 11:15 p.m. Tuesday. Officers responded and advised a report for family violence would be submitted.

Criminal mischief

A woman reported that her vehicle's tires had been slashed near Old Post Rd. and College Ave. Officers submitted an offense report for Class B criminal mischief.

Overdose

A man called 9-1-1 at 12:30 a.m. today to report a subject overdosing on blood pressure medicine and Benadryl. The subject was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital and an offense report for attempted suicide was submitted.

Close patrols

A woman in the 1800 block of 38th Street reported trespassers in her backyard Tuesday afternoon and requested a close patrol in reference to problems with her neighbors.

A man in the 900 block of N. Ave. Q requested a close patrol at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday and reported he received threats from another subject.

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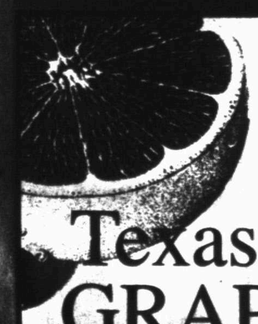
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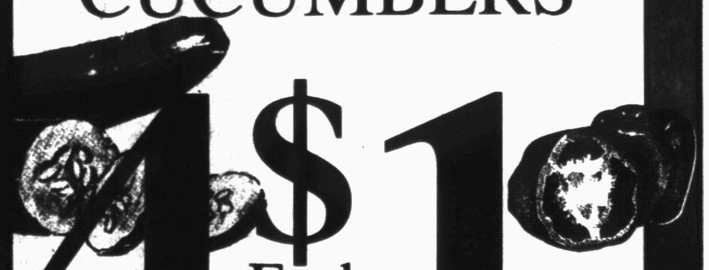


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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, April 3, 2003

You may begin to disengage yourself in the year ahead from people or situations that have proven to impede your progress. The new associates you establish will prove to be quite productive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — There's a good chance that an association you have has become too expensive for you to continue. Today you might decide to call it quits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A personal objective that is important to you might not be equally so to others. It's best not to team up with someone today who lacks interest in carrying out his or her part of the bargain.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be careful what you tell someone today in confidence. If this person talks, it may be held against you by the very people you wish to please.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you may be anxious to acquire something that is out of reach for you financially, be patient and build a cash base before trying to go after it today by using credit. You'll be sorry.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — This is a questionable day for establishing any important agreements. Before taking action on one today, take a little more time to research it to see where the loopholes might exist.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Unless you lay all of your cards face up on the table, persons with whom you associate today might be a bit dubious about your motives. They'll sense you're hiding something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There's a strong possibility that you may find yourself lined up with the minority today against a group endeavor. Instead of taking on a battle that's more than you can handle, bow out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you don't think well of yourself, who will? However, today, if you think only of yourself and not of others, persons who normally think well of you won't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It behooves you not to willingly suffer a memory lapse today and forget a valuable lesson you have learned from a bitter experience. By repeating the mistakes, you'll repeat the results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Guard against temptations today to put good money in after bad. If you're locked into a bum deal, face it for what it is and get out of it as quickly as you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you have set a good example in the past, neither family nor companions are apt to pitch in today when you need help. Should this be the case, learn from it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — People in general are a bit lax today and might attempt to shift their responsibilities onto you. Be helpful if you can, but don't earn their entire paycheck for them.

Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker wheel can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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NHS INDUCTION — Snyder High School's National Honor Society inducted new members Sunday. Junior inductees from left are Josh Kemp, Lee Scott, Bradley Price, Josh Payne, Jeff Bruton, Rankin Hardin and Austin McCormack; third row, Meagan Langham, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Kristel Fitts, Amanda Whitson, Alexis Dupree, Tass Baze, Gretchen Hollis, Cami Trout, Mandy Burns and Adrienne Garcia; second row, Sarah Crawford, Sara Thornhill, Ashley Jenkins, Molly Mason, Beth Clements, Ashley Martinez; front row, Emily Long, Tamara Taylor, Laura Arellano, Andra Dunham, Megan Fletcher, Anna Henson, Erin Burleson, Molly Haire and Stephanie Williams. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Crime lab's faults had been described by former chief

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Police Department's crime lab, which developed criminal evidence later called into question, was reportedly faulted for undertrained employees, substandard facilities and procedural problems.

The lab's former chief described to police Internal Affairs Division investigators a facility that was so overwhelmed, underfunded and disorganized that not even he was aware of all its policies and procedures, according to documents obtained by the Houston Chronicle.

"The laboratory has not had the necessary resources to conduct the needed analysis on every case that should be looked at," Donald R. Krueger conceded in a written response to IAD obtained by the newspaper. "We are barely able to keep our heads above water and continue to operate."

Date Book

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Today is the 92nd day of 2003 and the 14th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1513, Juan Ponce de Leon landed on what is now known as Florida and claimed the land for Spain.

On this day in 1792, the first U.S. mint was established.

On this day in 1978, "Dallas" made its television debut.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Hans Christian Anderson (1805-1875), writer; Emile Zola (1840-1902), writer; Charles White (1918-1979), artist; Emmylou Harris (1947-), singer, is 56; Camille Paglia (1947-), literary critic, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1995, the Connecticut women's basketball team won the NCAA championship against Tennessee after an unbeaten season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The artist is nothing without the gift, but the gift is nothing without work." — Emile Zola

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 1) and first quarter (April 9).

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Union, Denver transit agency make progress

DENVER (AP) — Transit and union negotiators buoyed by the first progress in weeks worked into the early morning hours today, hoping to avoid a transit strike that would idle buses and trains and clog highways and parking lots.

"Both sides say they are close to an agreement and they're continuing to work on it," said Scott Reed, a spokesman for the Regional Transportation District.

Union spokesman Dave Minshall said negotiators had reached a "fragile agreement" based on separate deals on several individual issues, but they still had to merge them into a comprehensive settlement.

The Amalgamated Transit Union's 1,900 drivers, light rail operators and mechanics had been poised to go on strike at midnight Tuesday. The union made an offer late Tuesday centering on work rules and health insurance, rather than wages, Minshall said. He said the RTD responded with a counteroffer.

The transit agency serves seven Denver-area counties and logs 250,000 passenger trips every weekday, including about 35,000 on trains.

The old contract expired Feb. 28. Negotiations had made little progress since then, but Mayor Wellington Webb pleaded with both sides to keep talking.

Four killed in New York apartment fire

NEW YORK (AP) — A fire tore through an apartment building early today, killing four people and injuring at least ten others, fire officials said.

The four victims included two teenagers and two adults who were discovered on the third floor of the building, said Firefighter Paul Iannizzotto, a department spokesman. Their names were not released.

The blaze began around 2:50 a.m. at a three-story building in the East Flatbush section of the city's Brooklyn borough, officials said. The fire consumed all three floors of the apartment building and was placed under control several hours later.

Ten people, including six firefighters, were reportedly being treated at Kings County Hospital Center for their injuries.

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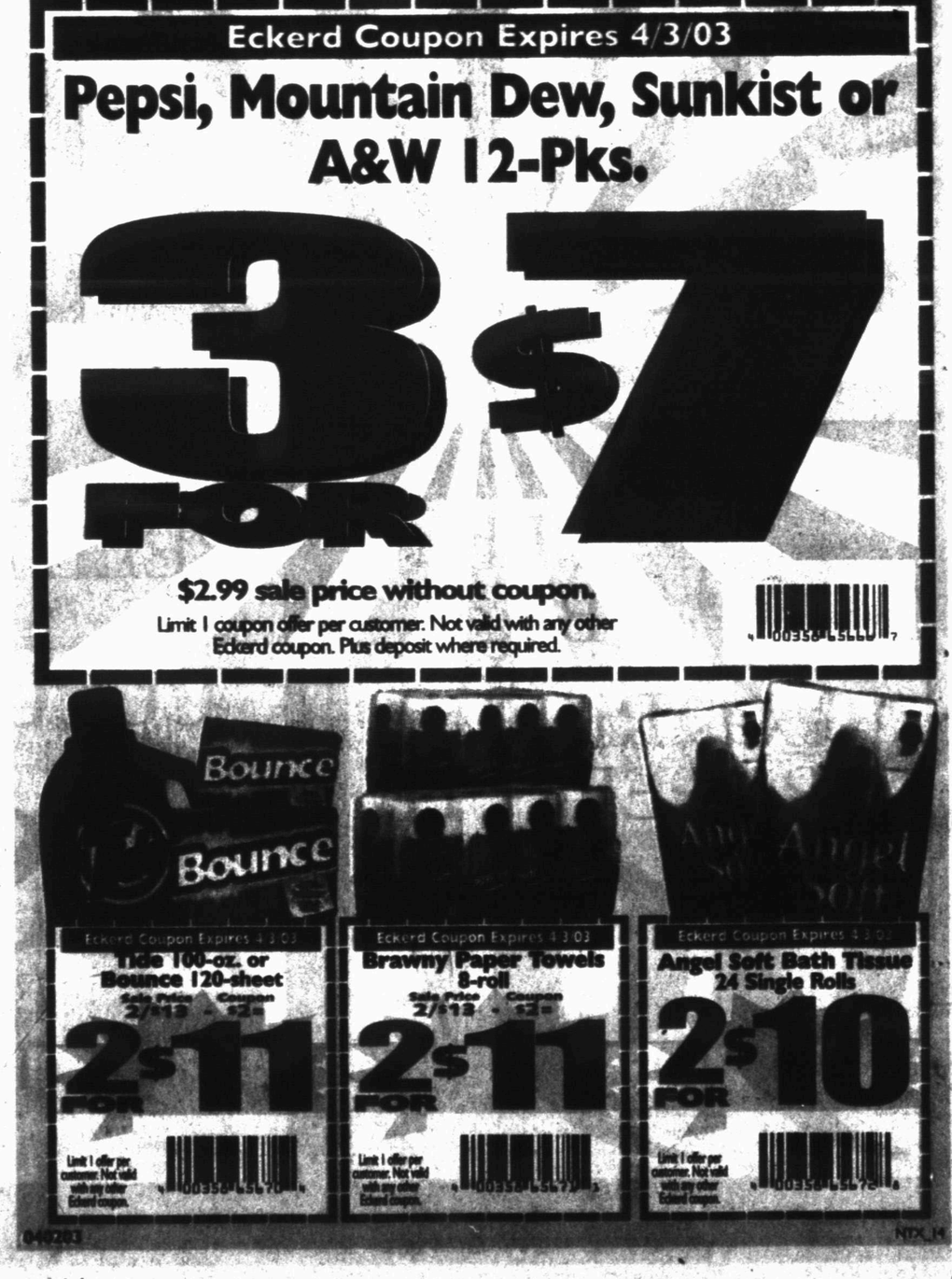


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