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Ask Us

Q—How long has it been since Snyder public school teachers have had a salary increase?

A—Some of the teachers received a \$660 salary increase in the 1989-90 school vear

Local

Family night

Snyder Nursing Center Family Night will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Families are asked to attend and eat at the center. For information, call 573-6332 or 573-4474.

Ira ISD

Incumbents Bob Barbee. Place 4, and Sidney Wall, Place 5, have filed for reelection to the Ira Independent School District board of trustees.

The filing period for the May 4 election ends Wednesday, March 20.

Bake sale

Family Council members of Snyder Nursing Center are sponsoring a bake sale beginning 10 a.m. Friday at Wal-Mart.

Proceeds will go to the arthritis foundation.

Graduation

Graduation and capping ceremonies for Western Texas College vocational nursing students will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

A reception will follow in the fellowship hall. The public is invited.

MAWC supper

A Mexican supper and entertainment will be held at Martha Ann Woman's Club on Saturday, Feb. 23.

Tickets, \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under age 12, are available from board members or by calling 573-3427. Reservations must be made by Thursday, Febr21.

CADA program

Scurry Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will present "Family Dynamics of Substance Abuse' by Becky Haskins-Senter from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday at 2513 College Ave.

The presentation is free. For more information, call Scurry County CADA at 573-

Trial

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong was expected to wrap up the state's case before noon today in 132nd District Court trial of Billy Joe Riggins.

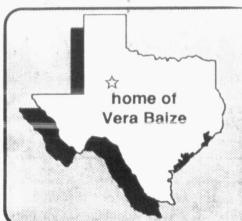
Riggins, 31, was indicted for the Aug. 1, 1990 aggravated sexual assault of a 50-year-old local woman. He is being represented by court-appointed attorney Mark Piland of Colorado Ci-

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 51 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 25 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the lower 30s. Light and variable wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High near 70. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:35 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:20 a.m. Of 51 days in 1991, the sun has shone 46 days in



WEDNESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Pace of border conflicts accelerates Diplomatic efforts to end war also being redoubled

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz seven Iraqi prisoners in that Israel on Tuesday night, but bombed for more than four hours (AP) - Diplomatic efforts redoubled today in a bid to avert a land war, but the pace of combat north of the Saudi border also accelerated. In one clash, U.S. forces said they smashed an Iragi bunker complex and captured hundreds of prisoners of war.

Italy, which is part of the allied coalition confronting Iraq, endorsed a Soviet peace proposal today and disclosed some of its details.

The Soviets asked that the plan

delivered his government's fight, Neal said. response. President Bush has inceptable.

some of the heaviest border skirmishes of the Gulf War

In one such clash this morning, one American soldier was killed Riyadh, Marine Brig. Gen. tion on Iraqi casualties. remain private until Iraqi Richard I. Neal. U.S. forces took

dicated the Soviet plan is unac-border, Neal said, U.S. spun, preparations for a major today, destroying 13 to 15 and the pilot reported seeing the ground offensive continued with bunkers and taking 450 to 500 Scud blast through the clouds. prisoners of war. Neal said huge were sent in to pick up the POWs.

and seven wounded, according to either ground engagement occura U.S. command spokesman in red. He said he had no informa-

Iraq fired one Scud missile into without letup. Baghdad was 24 hours.

Israeli officials said it was in-Elsewhere north of the Saudi tercepted by Patriot missiles and destroyed. Neal said a U.S. F-15 helicopters attacked an Iraqi fighter jet happened to be flying While the diplomatic wheels bunker complex at about 2 p.m. above the launch site at the time, the nearby villages by car, cart

> Later, Neal said, B-52 bombers Chinook transport helicopters were sent to attack the site and crew members reported seeing a Neal refused to say where large secondary explosion, indicating they hit one or more missiles.

beginning Tuesday night and lasting into the morning.

"Panicked Baghdad residents rushed to the streets to escape to or carriage," Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency reported. It was the capital's second straight night of heavy bombing.

An Iraqi military communique carried by the Iraqi News Agency at midday reported scores of allied air strikes on military and The allied air war also went on civilian targets over the previous

Coronation slated Thursday at SHS to honor students

School will be named during the school's annual coronation, scheduled for 2:15 p.m. Thursday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Jerry Worsham will serve as master of ceremonies for the formal occasion. Ryan Byrd will provide music.

Also recognized will be club sweethearts and class favorites. Nominees for Miss SHS are

Fee hikes to hunt & fish mulled

AUSTIN (AP) — Combination hunting and fishing licenses would jump from \$15 to \$25 and there would be an annual \$10 extra charge per vehicle to get into a state park under a new fee plan proposed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The fee proposals still must be approved by the Parks and Wildlife Commission.

They would affect the estimated 20 million people who visit state parks each year, and the more than 3 million who buy hunting and fishing licenses.

Increase in demand for the Parks and Wildlife Department's services and "undervaluing" of those services have caused the agency to look at raising fees across the board, said Andrew Sansom, the department's executive director.

"We have not had an increase since 1986, yet since that time we've had a million people move into the state," Sansom said Tuesday. However, he said, 'We're going to be real sensitive to not pricing certain people out of using the out-of-doors.

A current combination huntingfishing license costs \$15, he said, but a telephone poll conducted by the department last week indicated buyers were willing to pay as much as 75 percent more.

parks would be tied to a 'conservation permit.'' All park entrants would have to have at least one annual \$10 permit per the NAACP is Mrs. Charles

(see FEES, page 10)

Mr. and Miss Snyder High Dayla Church, Tonya Mauldin, Angee Crawford, Theresa Martin, Angie Burleson and Robbie Braziel. Nominees for Mr. SHS are Edward Rios, Shelby Bufkin, Edward Albarez, Terry Stephens, Bryan Brunson and Ken Gartman.

Griffin Limmer and Dancy Hopping will be crown bearers.

Club sweethearts and escorts to be recognized include, band-Kelly Pace and David Patrick; baseball- Sabrina Warren and Terry Snyder; boys basketball-Kim Wilson and Hayward Clay; girls basketball- Billy Tratree and Schanekka Thompson; cheerleaders- James Beauchamp and Kristi Prather; and choir-Robin Cave and Bill Vestal.

Others are CIA- Julie Johnson MISS SHS NOMINEES - Nominees for Miss SHS back row, Dayla Church, Theresa Martin and and Shane Wade; DECA, Cynthia this year are, left to right, front row, Tonya Fogle and Chris Bilbrey; drama- Mauldin, Robbie Braziel and Angee Crawford, and Kristi Mize and Casey Franks; football- Ginger Alexander and Chris Wright; forensics- Emily King and Tom Galyean; and French Club- Theresa Martin and Brian Crawford.

Still others include FCA- Betsy Taylor and Eric West; FFA- Deb-(see CORONATION, page 10)

NAACP banquet planned

Scurry County chapter of the NAACP will host its annual banquet in celebration of Black History Month this Saturday at

Tickets for the event, to be held at Snyder Country Club, are \$10

Speaker will be Gene Collins of Odessa, minister of Southside Church of Christ and president of the Odessa NAACP.

The theme for the banquet is "Remembering Our Heritage: To Build Toward a Better The higher cost to enter state Future." The banquet will feature a salute to black achievers, past and present.

President of the local branch of (Floyda) Collins.



are, left to right, front row, Edward Rios, Shelby Bufkin, Terry Stephens, and back row, Bryan

MR. SHS NOMINEES - Nominees for Mr. SHS Brunson, Ken Gartman and Edward Albarez. (Private Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Popularity is what people have when folks are as glad to have them come as go.

We don't know a lick of Arabic, and have been accused of not knowing much about the English language. However, one of our mid-East experts tells us that Saddam (Sah Dom) in Arabic means confrontation.

To be more exact, it is Arabic for a head-on collision, or a big wreck. Some media types have obviously gotten some misinformation and have defined the name of Saddam as exalted-leader.

President Bush refers to the Iraqi leader as "Sadum." One guy on TV said that pronunciation is an insult. We hope so, and Bush has every reason to call him even worse things.

Where there is war, some sense opportunity Consider the Saddam Hussein voodoo doll offered by a Dallas company

The 12-inch doll sports an olive drab military uniform and comes with three sharp pins.

Packaged slogans include "Stick him and puncture his plans." So far, more than 5,000 dolls have been sold at \$10 each.

Inspired by the success of the dolls, the company has also created a Saddam Hussein toilet paper and a bumper sticker which reads: "Insane Hussein.

While war is not funny, most of the customers have been relatives of soldiers serving in Opera-

tion Desert Storm One guy in New York ordered a birthday cake with Saddam's picture on it. It cost \$300, but the customer explained, "I want to cut it up.

The war has also prompted a rash of one-liners: What do Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bagdad have in common?

Nothing, yet. And what do you call two Iraqi women going into a bar?

Incoming scuds

Ag Day activities open to everyone

The public is invited to attend the third annual Ag Day at Scurry County Coliseum this Thursday, an event sponsored by the Scurry County Producers Association, county extension service and chamber of com-

Ag Day coordinators stress that the programs are not limited to area producers. Many of the topics will be of interest to a large segment of the population.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Programs will get underway at 9 a.m. There are various programs, designed to entertain both producers

homemakers There is no admission charge

The event will include informational booths and exhibits from local, regional and national dealers in agriculture related products and services. The program will include three hours of CEU credit for private applicator

Various speakers are scheduled, including Dr. Kater Hake on the environmental causes of fruit shed, Tony Pardo on pesticide safety and Dr. James Supak on production practices for 1991.

The luncheon speaker will be Ned Meister, director of regulatory affairs for Texas Farm Bureau.

The homemaker's program (see AG DAY, page 10)



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Tercero deployed

Sgt. Ramsey Tercero, a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School, has recently been deployed to Saudi Arabia. He was stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

He is the son of Joe and Gloria Tercero of Snyder.

His service address will be available at a later date.

Advocacy group: fired officials 'got off easy'

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) - A spokeswoman for a human rights advocacy group says the charges filed against five of the six Mexican Customs Service employees in connection with the Dec. 26 hanging death of a jailed teen-ager should be upgraded to murder.

Almada, Nohemi spokeswoman for the Chihuahua Committee for Solidarity and Human Rights, Tueday said authorities should upgrade the charge on five of the six dismissed officers in Juarez from torture to murder

They don't have a job to keep them here anymore, and they can easily afford to forfeit the bail," Ms. Almada said.

The group says the officers got off too lightly.

Their actions merit more than an administrative sanction. This may be an indication that the government doesn't intend to pursue the case further," Ms. Almada said.

McFarland student teacher at Ira High School

Ira High School has accepted a student agricultural science teacher for the spring semester.

Brent McFarland, a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School, will be student teaching at Ira High School until May 3. Monday was his first day of class.

He is currently enrolled at Texas Tech, working on a bachelor's degree in agricutlural education and is expected to graduate in May.

Houston Livestock Show to assist Arlington, a committee member. Richard Long, the supervising agricultural science teacher, with stock show preparations.

He will also be coaching the horse judging team and will help Long with classroom work.

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By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I drive a school bus, and I wonder how many parents realize what this job is like. They expect the bus driver to pick their kids up at their door, and sometimes we have to sit and wait while they finish dressing them. We tie shoelaces, button buttons, zip up zippers and wipe noses. We also have to keep them from getting hurt when they won't stay seated.

We never get any thanks for getting the kids to school and home safely, yet we get all kinds of complaints if, for some reason, we are a few minutes late - and even if we are running a few minutes early.

Abby, I read in your column once that "the poor schoolteachers" get trinkets and coffee mugs and lots of stuff they don't know what to do with every Christmas. But drivers never get anything (not even respect). Keeping the kids quiet is a full-time job, but the biggest job is breaking up fights and making sure nobody gets hurt or loses anything on the bus. It's an awesome responsibility.

Every parent should drive a school bus for three days; then they would chat with her companion whenever

know what we drivers have to go through. Please print this, Abby, but don't tell where it came from. GETS NO RESPECT

DEAR GETS NO RESPECT: Move over, Rodney Dangerfield, and make room for our unsung heroes and heroines — the school bus drivers.

Parents, circle Thanksgiving on your calendars, and add this memo: "Remember the school bus driver at Christmastime with an appropriate gift for hauling our most precious cargo, our children." Suggestions: brass knuckles, bulletproof vest, nose guard, knee guards, shin guards, teeth guards. Only kidding; pick up a good book on self-defense.

DEAR ABBY: More than once during a concert, my enjoyment of the when the person sitting next to me seems to feel that it is her right to time!

she feels inclined to make a remark. The offender is usually a woman but not always.)

One brief comment would not matter, but a fairly steady stream of chatter is hardly fair to others who come to listen. Can you suggest a way to effectively handle this rude-

ARIZONA CONCERTGOER

DEAR CONCERTGOER: I politely would inform the chatterer that I had paid to hear the entertainment, and would she — or he kindly refrain from talking. And if that didn't work, I would complain to the management.

DEAR ABBY: This is from "Stuck in Irvine" — the mother with the wedding vs. soccer" dilemma.

Thank you for answering my plea so promptly. I am happy to report occasion has been greatly diminished that the whole family attended the wedding, and we all had a wonderful

My husband and I were so proud

to see our son in his tuxedo, standing up as ring-bearer for the groom, and our son was elated to be a part of his uncle's wedding party. It was a beautiful ceremony.

When my letter hit the newspaper, you wouldn't believe how many people recognized the situation! Many of them said, "Now I know that Abby doesn't make up those letters!" Also, 99 percent of the people my husband and I discussed our dilemma with agreed with you and me, Abby

Thanks for your support. Sign

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House committee considers hair bill

Earle says lawmakers

may be subpoenaed

mittee has threatened to subpoena the superintendent of Bastrop's school district, which September Toungate, withdrew The boy had been taught isolated 8-year-old Zachariah Toungate because his ponytail violates the school's dress code.

The House Public Education Committee heard testimony Tuesday on a bill that would prevent a school board from suspending, expelling or removing a student to an alternative program for violating a school district standard on hair length.

No one from the Bastrop school district testified on the bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston. It will be sent to a subcommittee.

The committee voted to ask Bastrop Superintendent Paul Fleming to testify before the subcommittee. It gave the subcommittee subpoena power in case he

"I just wanted to get his attention" with the subpoena threat, McFarland will travel to the said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-

> A secretary in Fleming's office said Tuesday he was not commenting on the controversy Zachariah's parents have sued over the school's policy, saying the boy's rights have been violated.

He is one of several children in different Texas school districts

AUSTIN (AP) — A House com- who have run into problems him from school last week after a separately from his classmates

because of their hair style. Zachariah's

AUSTIN (AP) — A special

grand jury investigation which

has led to a two-count indictment

against House Speaker Gib Lewis

may spread to other lawmakers,

Travis County District Attorney

witnesses that we haven't sub-

poenaed, and among them are

sitting legislators, and we may or

may not get around to that,"

On Tuesday, the grand jury

heard testimony from Ken Gray

of Houston, who was ordered to

bring records from a company

called Federal Civil Process Inc.,

which serves people with legal

quoted Federal Civil Process'

part-owner John Coleman as say-

ing 90 percent of the company's

business was with the law firm of

Heard, Goggan, Blair and

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, has been

indicted on charges of failing to

report a gift from Heard, Gog-

gan, and of failing to disclose his

interest in a business for which

the San Antonio firm allegedly

Gray and John Kalisek, pro-

cess servers who initially

paid some property taxes.

In 1989, the Houston Chronicle

documents when they are sued.

'There are a lot of potential

Ronnie Earle said.

Earle said.

Williams.

pediatrician said he was being mother, hurt emotionally by his isolation.

operated Federal Civil Process,

alleged in a legal dispute against

Heard, Goggan that the law firm

told them to retain the services of

one of Lewis' lieutenants in the

Legislature, state Rep. Hugo

Gray and Kalisek said they

gave Berlanga's firm, Berlanga

Business Consultants, \$20,000 in

1988 for consulting work, the

reporters and Earle would not

comment on why he was sub-

Earle said the ethics probe

may require another overtime

period. The current grand jury's

term has been extended through

He said the investigation con-

tinues to broaden. "Every person

we talk to, additional information

Lewis, who has said he is inno-

cent of the charges, said he

thought the grand jury investiga-

rumors I get are the ones you get

home and forget about me, which

I hope they do. They should've

done that three months ago," he

"Last time I heard — the only

that they were going to go

is forthcoming," Earle said.

Gray refused to talk to

Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.

Chronicle reported.

poenaed.

tion was over.

since Oct. 5. His mother said she planned to teach him at home.

Ms. Toungate broke into tears while testifying Tuesday before the committee. "He was not allowed any con-

tact with his peers. He was not allowed to go to P.E. He was not allowed to go to music. He was not allowed to attend choir," she said.

"I would ask the school to please judge my son on his behavior and his performance in his school work, not on his looks,' she said.

Committee chairwoman Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner said that under the state Equal Rights Amendment a school board should have to show a bona fide reason for distinguishing between dress codes for male and female students.

Among those opposing Wilson's bill are the Texas Association of School Boards and Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

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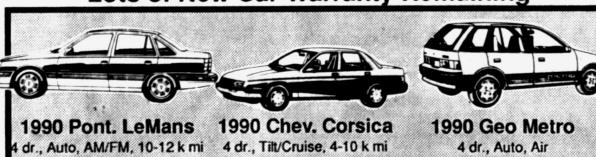
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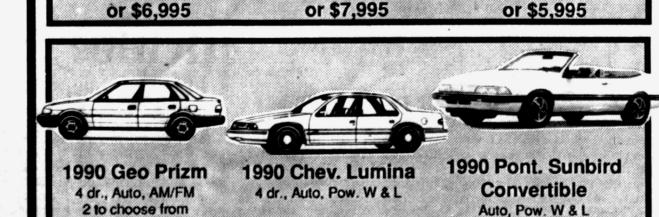


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Woman flies mother to Dallas to cat-sit while she's at work

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — An expatriate New Zealander working as a camerawoman in Saudi Arabia has flown her mother from the South Pacific country to Texas on a cat-sitting

Margaret Moth has been working in the United States since 1980 and last May joined the Cable News Network.

"I really, really wanted to come here (to the Gulf). They finally sent me over on Feb. 10, together with about 30 boxes of gear," she said Wednesday.

But Moth had a problem - her cat Fu. The female persiansiamese cross was a stray which adopted Moth's apartment as

"I rang my mother, Nona Wilson ... and asked her if she would mind living in my Dallas apartment until the war was over," Moth said. "She said, 'All right, it's not every day your daughter goes to war.

"People asked me, 'Aren't you frightened going to war?' But I replied that it was more dangerous living in Dallas. I hear shooting from my apartment about twice a week."

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For

Graduating Class of 1951 will have a reunion planning session in

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall,

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers, lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

the community room of Snyder Savings & Loan; 7 p.m.

information, cal! Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Epidemic changes way of life

LIMA, Peru (AP) - this century. Fishermen eat beans, the underwithout seafood, and thousands of would-be beachgoers stay virtually everybody in this oceanside capital.

Seafood restaurants serve pizza, swimming pools have been drained, and on a positive note, officials are trying harder to clean up this grimy city and shut down unsanitary food vendors.

"There seems to be a kind of psychotic fear of fish," said Wilfredo Martinez, manager of a Lima fish restaurant.

The government said Tuesday that 115 Peruvians have died and 25,000 others have been treated since cholera first appeared in coastal fishing towns in late January. The epidemic is the first in the Americas since early

International health officials nourished poor must now go say the outbreak is part of a Indonesia and has since spread to eat. home. A cholera epidemic that 98 countries. Cholera will prohas claimed 115 lives has affected bably spread from Peru to other South American nations, they

> No one knows how cholera first entered Peru, one of Latin and dishes that substitute America's poorest nations. The chicken or mushrooms for fish. disease causes diarrhea so rarely deadly if treated quickly.

Cholera is usually transmitted Andes. by food or water contaminated by infected feces. Every day the market are almost deserted, and sewage of Lima's 7 million people vendors say business has fallen is dumped untreated into the more than 95 percent. Pacific.

against cholera keep him and his squid and smelt at the market. friends home on weekends, when

Berry's World

Health Minister initially declared seafood unsafe but now are themselves eating beans and pandemic that began in 1961 in says well-cooked fish is safe to

Peruvians remain wary.

epidemic have since reopened. But now they serve steak, ravioli

severe a victim can become said many customers now ask for dehydrated within hours. It is cuy, a type of guinea pig com-, seafood. monly eaten in the Peruvian

Fish stalls in Lima's central

"We're being eaten alive by Law student Gregorio Diaz, an this cholera," said Ruth avid surfer, said the precautions Ninamango, who usually sells

Fishing boats are anchored in hundreds of thousands of the harbor in suburban Callao, residents would usually head to and fishermen have marched in the sea during these summer downtown streets demanding

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that people start eating fish. Nevertheless, many fishermen vegetables.

'It's what they serve at the soup kitchen they set up for us,' Seafood restaurants that clos- fishermen Jorge Cobos said. The ed in the first days of the soup kitchen is run by a local relief group and was opened after the initial cholera scare.

The fishermen's plight has been worsened as many Martinez, the restaurateur, neighboring countries have suspended imports of Peruvian

Yet there are limits to how life in Peru's shantytowns can change in response to the cholera. Most cases of the disease have been reported in these areas, where thatched huts lack running water and sewer systems.

About half of Lima's residents are undernourished. Few can afford cooking gas or kerosene to boil the water they drink, and many never buy soap.

Area youth win in Fort Worth

Area young people were winners at the 1991 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show which concluded its 17-day run in Fort Worth earlier this month.

Winners included Reagan Key, Ira FFA, first place heavy weight crossbred barrow and champion crossbred barrow

Brandno Alex Kidd of Jayton 4-H showed the second place medium weight yorkshire bar-

Walter Wright of Snyder FFA showed the first place light weight European crossbred

Of the over 18,000 head of livestock judged during the stock show, some 6,800 were involved in the junior division, open to Texas youth who are active in 4-H

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Clubs and FFA chapters.

Bridge **Community Calendar** By James Jacoby

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For NORTH 2-20-91 information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283. Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For EAST ♦ 10 ♥ Q 10 6 3 Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members 10832 Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; The Shack; noon. 4 Q 10 6 5 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

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Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-

FRIDAY Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral. Overeaters Anonymous; 1 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For lead more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency By James Jacoby waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763

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p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting). SATURDAY Black Heritage Gospel Celebration featuring community choirs;

Dora Roberts Conmunity Center, Big Spring, (rehearsal set for 10 a.m.-12) program, 6 p.m. Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park.

For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Steel-eyed Clint Eastwood put on undergraduate dramatic

Clint Eastwood named Man of Year

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) —

a size 40 bra adorned with two

American flags, and a crowd

roared approval as he accepted

the Man of the Year award from

Harvard's Hasty Pudding

much in public," he said.

man and Kevin Costner.

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11:05-11:35

11:35-12:00

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"I might not wear this too

Eastwood, otherwise clad in a

tuxedo, accepted the award Tues-

day, joining past honorees such

as Paul Newman, Dustin Hoff-

Theatricals.

Telltale

Anyone who does not think there is a case for random leads against slam contracts need only look at today's deal, in which Benito Garozzo brought home an apparently impossible slam. The contract was certainly good. With a different passive lead, declarer would draw trumps, cash A-K of hearts and then lead a heart up to the jack. He would lose the hand only when East held Q-10-x-x of hearts and West held the king of diamonds: This time West led the eight of hearts against six spades. It's always dangerous to make telltale leads against great declarers.

Garozzo won dummy's ace of hearts, played out all of his trumps, and cashed the king and ace of clubs. That meant East had to reduce to four cards. Since it was necessary for him to keep the Q-10-6 of hearts, he threw his next-to-last diamond away. Dummy had left K-J-9 of hearts. Garozzo cashed the ace of diamonds and then led a heart to dummy's jack. East won the queen and had to lead back into the K-9 to give declarer his slam.

And what would random leads have done? For starters, if West leads a club, declarer will have no indication of the right end position to develop. If West feels he must lead a heart, perhaps it's better to lead the two of hearts rather than highlight right away the fact that his holding in hearts is 8-2 doubleton.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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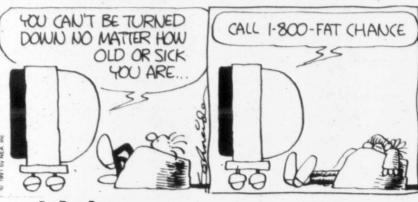
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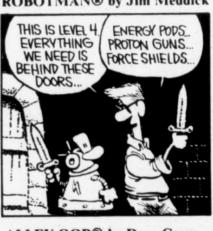


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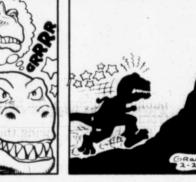
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Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Since 1988 I've been plagued with coccyx pain. This condition followed long periods of sitting while writing a book. There are no signs of pain when standing, walking, running or jumping — only when lying on my back or sitting in a relaxed position. Why does the pain

DEAR READER: Although the term "pain in the tail" is often reserved for the sensation we experience in dealing with unpleasant situations and irritating people, true coccygeal pain can be very uncomfortable.

Arthritis of the bones in the lower back can cause this pain; however, there are other causes, too. For example, the lower intestine may be the source of such pain. Internal hemorrhoids (swollen veins inside the anus), rectal infections and fissures (cracks) and rectal tumors must be ruled out in any patient who suffers chronic

pain over the coccyx. I remember once seeing a patient who had put up with excruciating pain for days. My first clue to his disorder was a tiny dimple, just below the coc-cyx, that seeped a little pus. Later, after the patient had been anesthetized. a surgeon discovered a huge abscess, which had arisen in a pilonidal sinus a congenital malformation consist-

ing of an abnormal tract or opening between the rectum and the skin. I was surprised the patient had not suffered symptoms earlier because, judging from the size of the abscess, it must have been there for months. Coccygeal pain can also be caused

by gynecological infections in women and, obviously, by injury to the coccyx itself. When one of my patients fell from a ladder and landed on his bottom, his coccygeal fracture caused pain on sitting until the bone healed.

Coccygodynia is an unusual, pecu-liar disorder: lightening-sharp stabs of tail-bone pain that occur without warning or when the patient is in certain positions. The cause is unknown but may be a type of neuralgia affecting the nerves near the coccyx and rectum. Treatment consists of

Because your pain is present only when you are lying on your back or sitting, I suspect the cause is a bruise of the coccyx, arthritis or infection. I recommend you be examined by an internist, a specially trained diagnostician, who should be able to identify the cause of your problem and suggest treatment.

To provide additional information on arthritis, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Under-standing Osteoarthritis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the

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Gathings listed on President's List

ABILENE - Stephanie Gathings, a student at Hardin-Simmons University was recently named to the President's List.

A student must take a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0. Gathings is the daughter of Bonnie Gathings from Snyder.

Lee swindled also

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. (AP) - Pinky Lee played a lovable character who was swindled at every turn on his popular 1950s children's show. In real life, Lee was getting swindled, too.

In his heydey, Lee, now 67, lived in Beverly Hills and drove a Cadillac to the NBC's television studio in Burbank. Baby Boomers rushed home from school to hear him say: "Yoo hoo. It's me. My name is Pinky Lee."

Phi Theta Kappa receives top

The Western Texas College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa chapter for being named a 5-Star (PTK) received numerous Chapter. awards at the society's regional Hood, chapter sponsor, said.

Distinguished Chapter in the of Frankston this year. West Texas-New Mexico region and another for being selected for also received a scholarship to the Members Hall of Honor at the National Honors Institute.

A certificate was awarded the

The chapter was elected to convention held over the serve as a state vice president for weekend in Dallas, Dr. Mary the third consecutive year. The chapter will choose one of its own The chapter was awarded two members to fill that slot, which plaques, one for being a Top 4 has been held by Derrick Bruton

Bruton and Gigi Tharpe, also a a Milestone Award. As a member of the WTC chapter, Milestone winner, the chapter were named to the Texas Saturday night awards banquet.

Texas and New Mexico attended the convention, Dr. Hood said. Naomi Gutierrez and Paul Hood, chapter sponsors.

Davidson, members of the WTC The scholarship is the National chapter.

ly Barkowsky, Scott Carothers, the WTC chapter. Bruton will Vicki Dawson, Bobbie Earnest, Registration was directed by the Ryan Teague and Mark Wood WTC chapter. All students along with Bruton, Davidson, registering received T-shirts and Gutierrez and Tharpe. The folders individualized with a Phi students were accompanied by Theta Kappa design created by Dr. Mary Hood and Dr. Duane

Honors Institute won by the PTK members from WTC at- chapter at the regional conven- junior/community colleges.

About 440 students from West tending the convention were Hol- tion is the third now available to receive one for serving as a seminar leader at the institute. These scholarships represent a value of over \$1,500, Dr. Hood commented. The Honors Institute is set for June 19-25 in Minneapolis.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society for students in

PTK inducts 36 new members

chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has inducted 36 new members, Dr. Mary Hood, faculty sponsor, has announced.

PTK is the only nationally recognized honor society for students in junior/community colleges and the Psi Zeta chapter at WTC received its charter in 1972. To be eligible for membership, students have completed at least 12 college credit hours with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. Membership is by invita-

County students among the new inductees are Amber Adams, Holly Barkowsky, Carol Beck, Stacy Davis, Bruce Drummond, Dana Fenton, Buffy Giddens, Leigh Holcomb, Rosie Hatley of Vernon.

The Western Texas College Lopez, James Parker, Vicky Rasberry, Chris Titus, Carolyn Walker and Julie Williams, all of Snyder, and Cheryl Chance of

> Others are Aimee Adams of Abilene; Darren Waters of Anton; Francesca Helm, Andra Thompson and Joan Thompson of Colorado City; Rickey Morrison of Dublin; Brad Loesch of Fort Worth; Sherron Cribbs of Hawley: Tin-Ping Lam of Hong Kong; Ryan Teague and Mark Wood of Pampa; Pamela Hum-ble and Carol Williams of Post; Danette Pope and Frank Romeo of Roby; Lisa Cade of Rotan; Nicole Lancet of Seagraves; Patricia Hightower of Spur; Anita Ceballos and Melinda Moncada of Sweetwater and Jennifer

HSU's annual art show and sale set Feb. 22-23

Western Art Show and Sale at Texas Sesquicentennial Artist of Hardin-Simmons University is 1986, bronze sculpture and wood being held Friday and Saturday carving. in the multipurpose room in the new Albert W. and Mary E. oil painting; Pete Spano of Johnson Building for the School Abilene, bronze sculpture; Bob of Business.

public at no charge on Saturday, Albany, pencil drawing; Paul from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Barton of Abilene, bit-and-spur- Gilbreth, maker Tommy Spraberry of An-O'Gorman, Buffalo Gap; Debbie son and knife-maker Dale Evans Rogers, Fort Worth; Jim Stutts, of Abilene.

Also to be shown, are eggtempra paintings of Mondel Rogers, Sweetwater, named "Texas State Artist for 1990-91" by the Texas Institute of

Cultures. Other exhibitors and their works include: Bill Chappell of Alpine, bronze sculpture; Barry Arthur of Sweetwater, oil painting; Bill Leftwich of Alpine, water color; Pamela Gilbreth Watkins of Buffalo Gap, bronze sculpture; Dr. Robert Taylor of Snyder, bronze sculpture; Mike

ABILENE - The annual Maloney of Sweetwater, the

Also Kenneth Wyatt of Tulia, Howell of Abilene, HSU art pro-The exhibition is open to the fessor, ceramicist; Bill Cauble of Cameron Smith of Cedar Hill, The show is featuring the work pencil drawing. Also Nita of saddle maker Art Reid and Bill Blackley, Buffalo Gap; Terry Abilene; Tye; and Ronald Thomason, Weatherford.

West receives literature degree

Pamela O. West of Snyder received a bachelor of arts degree in literature at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin during fall commencement.

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Drinking rate for pregnant women declines

ing rate among pregnant women tion. has declined overall, but not significantly for mothers-to-be who are young, less educated or who smoke, researchers say.

Interviews with 1,712 pregnant women in 21 states showed that overall, alcohol consumption fell from 32 percent to 20 percent between 1985 and 1988, according to a report in today's Journal of

"Of all subgroups, only three did not show a statistically significant decline in alcohol use during pregnancy: those aged 18 to 24 years, those with a high school education or less, and

Among pregnant women ages 18 to 24, the drinking rate was 23. 45; however significant declines non-pregnant women also inter-

percent in 1988. The rate also groups. declined from 23 percent to 22 percent among women with less than a high school education, while it fell from 42 percent to 37 percent among smokers.

The researchers said the pregthose who smoked," the report nant women most likely to drink were smokers, those who were unmarried and those ages 35 to

The study was conducted by researchers led by Dr. Mary Serdula from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The authors said the overall drinking rate among the 1,712 pregnant women studied was less than half the rate among 36,057

non-pregnant women said they drank.

Researchers also said the median number of drinks consumed per month by non-pregnant women was 8.7, compared with 4.0 drinks per month for pregnant

Among pregnant women, the highest number of drinks per month was reported by the unmarried, who consumed 7.0 drinks; by blacks, who had 6.5 drinks; and by smokers, who downed 6.0 drinks, the authors

each year with fetal alcohol syndrome, a cause of mental retar-

CHICAGO (AP) - The drink- the American Medical Associa- percent in 1985, compared with 22 were posted in the latter two viewed. Fifty-five percent of the dation and birth defects, and 35,000 more suffer less severe effects, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence reported late last

The council recommends that women not drink any alcohol dur-

ing pregnancy. 'There have been a lot of efforts in recent years to inform women about the dangers of drinking during pregnancy," said Jeffrey Hon, a spokesman for the New York-based council.

"The public education effort appears to be paying off with this About 5,000 babies are born study," Hon said Tuesday. But he added: "I don't think the battle is quite won.'

Astrographs

By Bernice-Bede Osol

Lawyer attempts to discredit informant

lawyer for a woman who is accus- to attempt to discredit the infored of trying to hire a hit man to mant who alerted police to the help get her daughter get on a alleged plot.

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applies only to calls to Directory Assistance which are billed to

the handicapped customer's residence telephone number.

HOUSTON (AP) - A defense cheerleading squad is expected in prison if she is convicted.

Wanda Webb Holloway, 36, of Channelview, was indicted by a Harris County grand jury Tuesday on a charge accusing her of offering a set of \$1,500 diamond earrings as a "down payment" to kill Verna Heath. Officers allege another \$1,000 would have been paid after Mrs. Heath was killed:

Authorities say Mrs. Holloway tried extraordinary ways over a five-year period to get her cheerleading squad but the girl had lost out to Amber Heath, 13, daughter of the intended victim.

A probable-cause affidavit filed in court records says that county narcotics agent George Helton was alerted to the plot by Holloway's former brother-inlaw, Terry Lynn Harper, describ-Mrs. Holloway faces up to life ed as "a credible person with no known criminal history.

But the Houston Chronicle reported today that county records show that Harper has a criminal record dating back to 1981 when he was granted probation for delivery of metha- at Garza Theatre qualone. He was sentenced for drunken driving in 1985 and also

Defense lawyer Troy McKinnev is expected to use that record in an attempt to discredit Harper, the newspaper reported.

Bollinger earns degree at HSU

ABILENE - Charles B. Bollinger has completed the requirements for a Bachelor of Education degree at Hardin- McCrary Simmons University.

He is the son of Benny Bollinger of Snyder.

Formal commencement exercises are not held in December, therefore graduates can choose to participate in the May gradua-

The charges say Holloway hoped that by getting Mrs. Heath killed, Amber Heath might be so overcome with grief at her daughter, Shanna Harper, on the mother's death that she'd drop out of cheerleader competition at Johnson Junior High School.

> Mrs. Holloway is free on a \$10,000 bond.

> The state's affidavit suggests the narcotics officer alone negotiated the alleged murder contract with Ms. Holloway but that Harper's voice may be contained on some or all of at least four recordings.

'Loot' slated

POST - Scheduled for only was accused of illegally carrying four performances, Thursday through Sunday, the Garza Theatre will present "Loot," a comedy written by Joe Orton.

First produced in London in 1966, and in New York the following year, the dark comedy was Orton's most successful theatre

Co-starring on the Garza stage will be the familiar West Texas ensemble of Jon Steele, Alison Hoeffler, Rich Warren, Rob Armstrong and designer-director Will

Call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005 for information and reservations. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and

Your Birthday

Feb. 21, 1991

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Conditions are a bit unusual where you are concerned today; you could be more fortunate in regard to things others do for you than in regard to what you attempt to do for yourself. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be called upon to help someone with a tedious assignment today. Try to respond willingly, and you should still have ample time to attend to your responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions in general should be rather pleasant for you today, with the broadest swings occurring where your financial interests are concerned. Ups and downs in this

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually, you are quite capable of handling several matters simultaneously, but this might be one of your off days. Try not to

spread yourself too thin.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Credits or

rewards should be equally shared today with those who helped you achieve something you couldn't do alone. If you don't, they might not be around the next time you need them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you'll be involved today may abuse your generosity. Conversely, however, there are indications that another might make up for it in a larger measure. The two events are unrelated. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) People who are eager to help you could turn out to be the ones who hinder you the most today. If you feel saddled with dead

eight, try to disengage yourself. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lack of proper preparation could create some problems for you today, but Lady Luck is your ally. She might intervene to help you over the rough spots.
SCORPIO (Cct. 24-Nov. 22) If you feel

inclined to take gambles today, rely on your own capabilities and not on someone else's. Lady Luck appears to hold you in higher esteem SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It

could negatively affect your image if, in the presence of others, you make promises today which you fail to keep later. Bear this in mind before making any CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Wheth-

er or not you'll be lucky in love today is rather "iffy," but, if you apply yourself properly, you should do well in fulfilling our material interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not ignore your better judgment today where your financial affairs are concerned. You might not be very successful at squeaking through situations where you leave too much up to chance.

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Stautner takes job on Broncos' staff

DENVER (AP) - Ernie Stautner, former defensive coordinator of the Dallas Cowboys, has been named the defensive line coach of the Denver Broncos.

Stautner was the Cowboys' defensive line coach from 1966 to 1988 and was defensive coordinator for all but the first two seasons

More recently, Stautner was head coach of the Dallas Texans of the Arena Football League last year. He was named Coach of the Year after leading the Texans to a 6-2 record and to the championship game of the indoor league.

At Denver, Stautner will be reunited with Dan Reeves, the Broncos' head coach who is also a former Cowboys assistant. The announcement of Stautner's appointment was made Tuesday

Stautner was an all-NFL defensive end and tackle with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he played from 1950 to 1964. He played in nine Pro Bowls and was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1969, the first year he was eligible.

"I'm very excited about coming back to the NFL. It just seemed there was something missing without it," Stautner told The Associated Press Tuesday in a telephone conversation from Dallas.

"I enjoyed Arena Football, and said I wouldn't leave it unless I could get a head coaching job in the NFL. But I talked to Danny and I really respect him. This is what I want to do. It sort of brings out the old war horse in me."

Stautner said he felt he learned a lot about defense in Arena

'It's a fast passing game," he said. "It teaches you a lot about rushing the passer in a hurry.

Stautner said he won't be going one-on-one with the Denver defensive linemen like he used to do at Dallas.

"The demonstration days are gone," Stautner said. "I will show them a forearm to a sled. I'll be in Denver tomorrow."

Stautner said retirement from the NFL was hard on him. "I enjoyed it for about two months," he said. "You get the itch to do things. I missed the excitement, the action and association.

Cage playoffs...

Levelland girls bop Granbury

their 30th game of the basketball season Tuesday night, doubling Granbury, 44-22, in a girls regional semifinal battle at Scurry County Coliseum.

Albany was eliminated by Wall, 52-46, in the evening's early game, a bi-district matchup, also at the county coliseum.

Levelland's Twylana Harrison led the No. 4 ranked LHS girls with 22 points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots.

The outcome was a foregone conclusion after the Lady Pirates fell behind, 18-4, early in the second period.

"We played awfully well tonight, especially on the defensive end," said Loboette coach Dean Weese. "We started out in a 1-2-1-1 zone and they didn't attack it very well. We got some early buckets and they got frutrated a little bit."

Levelland's next test will be against Stephenville in the Region I championship.

Stephenville upended District 2-4A runner-up Lamesa, 53-44, in Abilene Tuesday night.

The Loboettes are now 30-3 on the season. Granbury ended at

In Tuesday's early contest at held off a late rally by Albany's 56-42.

Lady Lions and Jessica Wiggins District 3-4A's second-place Big post-season competition.

Wall held a 48-40 advantage with 3:16 remaining before AHS went on a 6-0 tear, including buckets by Aydalu Delgado, Denise Cauble and Ceci Hudson that drew the Lady Lions to within two, 48-46.

The Wall defense stiffened and Wiggins began hitting freebies to end the contest.

Stephenville, behind Jody White's 21-point effort, got past Lamesa's Lady Tors, and ended hopes of a District 2-4A Regional matchup between Levelland and Lamesa

In another girls' game of local interest, Jayton, coached by former Snyder resident Randy courtney, beat Throckmorton Tuesday in the Class A Area round in Abilene, 67-59.

Bambi Ferguson poured in 20 points to lead the Lady Jays and added 12 rebounds and seven assists

In boy's games played Tuesday, No. 5 Lamesa, District 2-4A champion, hammered Caprock, 84-65, to move to 29-3 on the campaign and Levelland, 2-4A Scurry County Coliseum, Wall runner-up, fell to No. 6 Pampa,

nailed four straight free-throws Spring Steers in the Area round game to keep the Lady Hawks in with Sweetwater, District 3 ly champ.

The Golden Tors will take on

battle Westbrook Thursday as biin the waning moments of the while Pampa is slated to tangle district competition begins local-

The Bulldogs and Wildcats will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Highland.



DOMINATING THE BOARDS - Levelland's Twylana Harrison, in seven hits on the night to the ner and Cory Snyder lost their white, out-muscles Granbury's Shannon Reed for a rebound in Tuesday's 44-22 Loboette win in the Region I semifinal matchup at Scurry

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SHS baseball...

Tigers lose opener to Big Spring, 10-5 Crawford will draw the start in

BIG SPRING - Snyder pitchers gave up 11 walks to the Big played pretty well. We just had Spring Steers Tuesday as the Tigers fell in their baseball opener, 10-5.

"I'm not too disappointed," said Snyder coach Albert Lewis.

Phoenix halts Celtics' streak

by The Associated Press Boston's seven-game winning streak was making it impossible for the rest of the Eastern Conference to make up any ground triple.'

on the first-place Celtics. Who ya gonna call? How about the Phoenix Suns, the streak

Angeles Lakers' 16-game winn- innings and shut them out.' ing streak and 11-game streaks by Portland and Detroit this in his stint against Big Spring. season, ended the Celtics' seven-109-105 victory.

Kevin Johnson scored 15 of his 25 points in the fourth period for the Suns, who won their 12th consecutive home game.

"This was another big win for bottom of the second, the Steers to begin at 1 p.m. us, especially beating another team that was red-hot," Phoenix coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said. "But this was an uphill battle all night."

Dan Majerle scored 23 points, Xavier McDaniel 22 and Jeff Hornacek 19 for the Suns, 20-4 at home this season. But they made just 37 of 94 shots in reversing the Celtics' 132-103 victory on Jan. 4 in Boston.

Elsewhere, it was Indiana 115, Charlotte 102; New Jersey 97, Sacramento 83; Atlanta 110, New York 102; Philadelphia 107, Seattle 104 in overtime; Chicago 118, Washington 113; the Los Angeles Lakers 112, Houston 103; Milwaukee 116, Miami 90; and Portland 107, Dallas 100.

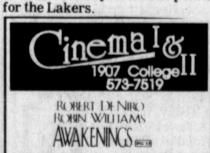
Trail Blazers 107, **Mavericks 100**

Portland opened an 13-point lead as Terry Porter scored 13 of his 23 points in the first quarter.

The Mavericks, who trailed by 18 in the first half and 87-76 with 10 minutes left, closed to 101-98 on Herb Williams' 10-footer with 57 seconds remaining. But Clyde Drexler's steal and Jerome Kersey's blocked shot in the final 20 seconds set up easy baskets that sealed the outcome.

Lakers 112, Rockets 103 Magic Johnson had 18 points, 17 assists and 10 rebounds, and his 3-pointer with 8:02 to play gave Los Angeles its first lead of the

James Worthy scored 27 points



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some problems on the mound.

"Brian (Crawford, who started Tuesday's game on the hill for SHS) said he was having pro-blems with the mound," Lewis reported. "They have a real high mound over there. That may have been part of the problem."

There were some bright spots for the Tigers according to the coach.

"John Wright had his best day at Snyder High School. He had three hits in three at-bats and one

Reliever Chad Fox also drew praise from Lewis.

"I was really impressed with Chad's relief pitching," Lewis The Suns, who stopped the Los said. "He came in for the last two

Fox registered two strikeouts

game run Tuesday night with a first-baseman Wright slapped his while SHS reliever Les Rinehart three-bagger that scored leftfielder Bobby Clinkinbeard, who Snyder's home opener is slated got on base on an error in the top for Saturday at Moffett Field of the first.

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"We out-hit them and we exploded for five runs off hits by Alan Corley and Tim Pearson the first game with Chad Martin and walks issued to Sammie Gon-taking the mound for the zales, Jason Mills and Steve nightcap. Stokes.

> Snyder's big inning was the third when back-to-back singles by Clinkinbeard and Wright followed by walks to DH Fox, Terry Stephens and Blair Williams, capped by an RBI base hit from Mark King, added up to four runs, which tied the score at

> Big Spring came back in the home half of the fourth with another 5-run burst to take the lead for good.

> the inning and Corley's double drove in two more.

Big Spring pitcher Johnny Snyder started quick when Morales earned the win last night

> accepted the loss. when the Tigers host Andrews in

With Snyder leading 1-0 in the a double-header. Game One is set

Cincy's Rijo inks new deal

Crawford, Rinehart, Parks, Fox and Williams

Myrick, Morales and Olivas. WP-Morales (1-0).

Wright, Snyder; Pearson, Big Spring. Records

LP-Rinehart (0-1). 2B: Corley, Big Spring. 3B

NEW YORK (AP) - With two days left in arbitration season, the \$3 million club is at 39 and Three runs walked across in Jose Rijo is the newest member.

Rijo agreed Tuesday to a \$9 million, three-year deal with the The Tigers wound up with Cincinnati Reds, while Jim Gantcases. At the same time, Jim Palmer continued his quest for County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo) the big bucks, with only a salary agreement keeping the Hall of Famer from joining the Baltimore Orioles for spring training.

> "The Orioles have let us know they're interested in inviting Jim," said Palmer's agent, Ron Shapiro. "At this point we're talking about the terms of the invitation."

Rijo, who made \$700,000 last season, gets a \$250,000 signing bonus, \$2.25 million this year, \$3 million in 1991 and \$3.5 million in 1992. He can make up to \$500,000 more each season in performance bonuses if he starts 33 games and pitches 220 innings. He is the 16th pitcher to agree to a contract averaging \$3 million a season.

"It was important that we try to keep harmony on a team that won a world championship, and did so handily, and this is one of the ways to get it done," Reds general manager Bob Quinn said.

Pitchers Tom Candiotti and Mark Knudson agreed to oneyear contracts, leaving six players in arbitration. Owners lead 8-5 in cases that have gone through to hearings.

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Panel named to influence Texas role

Trade agreement...

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry says he wants to ensure that producers and ranchers not "just some bureaucrat" will have a say in how the state will benefit from a planned U.S.-Mexico free trade agreement.

Tuesday, Perry named 13 agriculture business experts to a panel that will recommend how Texas can best take advantage of the new open market on its border.

Tyler cattleman James B. Owen, president of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, will lead the panel.

"This group is to help formulate the opinions that the individuals in Washington, D.C. have as we go toward this agreement, that they have some good solid producer input and it's not just some bureaucrat somewhere that maybe doesn't have a bit in background in agriculture making a decision that's going to impact these men's and women's lives and livelihoods," Perry said at a news conference.

Owen said he and fellow committee members would be pushing to open more markets for Texas agriculture products.

"We represent all facets of production agriculture and seek to develop a consensus position to bring to him (Perry) as he represents Texas agricultural interests," he said.

If tariffs and other trade barriers are lifted under a free trade agreement, vegetable and fruit growers say, they could face far tougher competition from Mexican produce, which is harvested with far cheaper labor.

Perry said he believed U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and U.S. Rep. Kika De La Garza, both with ties to the Rio Grande Valley, would work to block any damage to Valley growers.

Formal negotiations with Mexico are planned by the Bush administration this spring, with talks concluding by year's end. Perry said he expects his group, which meets for the first time next week in Austin, to complete its work in about a year.

Perry noted that while the state is the nation's second-largest agriculture producer, it ranks only fifth in export value.

"We do a great deal of back and forth with them as we import and export products out of this state," Perry said. "We intend to do more and that's the reason why this U.S.-Mexico trade agreement is so important to Texas.

Besides Owen, others named to the panel include:

-Billy Bob Brown of Panhandle, president of the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association and activist in feed grain organizations.

-Dale Deberry of Mercedes, president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association.

-Tommy Funk of Harlingen, chairman and chief executive officer of Sebastian Cotton & Grain -Kit Goldsbury of San An-

tonio, president and chief executive officer of Pace Foods, -Ernie Morales of Devine,

vice president of Morales Feed Lots, Inc., and a director of the Texas Cattle Feeders Associa--Bob Nunley of Sabinal, coowner of Nunley Brothers Ranches in South and West Texas and

president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association. -Bill Pfulger of San Angelo, past president of the National Wool Growers Association and operator of ranches in Tom Green, Fisher, Edward and Irion

counties. -Arturo Torres of McAllen, an attorney and president of Maquilmex, a maquila consulting

-S.M. True of Plainview, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

-W.E. "Bill" Weeks of Los Fresnos, executive vice president of the Texas Citrus & Vegetable Association.

-Kenneth Wendland of Kerrville, president and owner of Royal Financial, a financial services firm involved in real estate and business finance.

-Gary Williams of College Station, a Texas A&M University agricultural economist and coordinator of the Texas Agricultural Market Research and Development Center.

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Yeltsin's actions criticized by Pravda

day accused Russian President Boris Yeltsin of worsening the Soviet Union's political crisis by calling for the first time for Mikhail Gorbachev to resign.

Yeltsin - leader of the largest, richest and most populous republic — made the appeal in a nationally televised interview Tuesday. He said the Soviet president was sacrificing reform to gain personal power and establish a dictatorship.

"I warned in 1987 that Gorbachev has in his character a tendency to absolute personal power," Yeltsin said. "He has done all that and has led the country to a dictatorship, giving it a pretty name: presidential rule."

The Communist daily Pravda said it was a case of the pot calling the kettle black, that it was Yeltsin who was seeking power

commented. newspaper "Moreover, it makes the situa- records will be reviewed. tion which is already tense, more strained.

"There is no doubt that Yeltsin is using all means to claim his society and perestroika," Pravda

Soviet legislators condemning Yeltsin. In speeches to the president of seeking confronta-

Gorbachev has acquired from the legislature the power to rule similar to the 2-inch-long gouges by decree and lately took a more on two of Discovery's four door law-and-order stand in dealing hinges. Each of the two flapper with a collapsing economy, restive republics and ethnic shuttle, has two aluminum violence.

The moves have appealed to hard-line Communists but angered reformers, some of whom have quit his government. Yeltsin's remarks echoed those of Eduard A. Shevardnadze, who resigned as foreign minister in December warning of a coming

blamed Gorbachev.

Yeltsin said in the 40-minute television appearance Tuesday evening that his biggest mistake since becoming president of the Russian Federation in May 1990 was placing too much trust in Gorbachev's promises of economic and political reform.

Cracks limited to Discovery

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The cracked door hinges threatening to delay Discovery's March military mission by several weeks or more appear to be limited to that space shuttle, NASA says.

A preliminary check of Atlantis and Columbia uncovered chipped paint on the hinges but no cracks, launch director Bob Sieck said The position taken by Yeltsin Tuesday. Both shuttles will be exdoesn't inspire optimism," the amined more thoroughly, however, and their inspection

"We don't have any reason to believe it's due to age or it's generic," Sieck said. "What we would hope to find is something own ambitions and aspirations unique in the history of the that are far from the goals of Discovery processing that could democratization, renewal of our pinpoint when this happened and why it happened."

As engineers assessed the pro-State-run television, seeking to blem, Discovery's seven present both sides of the issue, to- astronauts proceeded as planned day broadcast a recording of with a two-day countdown demonstration test that ends today. Vice President Dan Quayle legislature, the Supreme Soviet, also was to meet with the crew deputies accused the Russian briefly during a visit to Kennedy Space Center.

Engineers initially feared all three spaceships had cracks doors, located on the belly of the

Births

Luis and Argentina Maldonado of Rt. 2 Box 291 announce the birth of their baby girl born at 6 a.m. Feb. 18 at Cogdell Memorial Shevardnadze blamed Gor- Hospital. She weighed six Term Care-29, OB-2, Nursery-2,

reform. Yeltsin, ousted from liners within the national govern-Gorbachev's Politburo in 1988, ment and the Communist Party urges a faster transition to a which he quit last year. market economy and the transfer of more power from the central position and policies of the government to the 15 republics.

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MOSCOW (AP) — The main Communist Party newspaper to-day accused Russian President on intense pressure from the Communist Party, but Yeltsin method of political and economic under attack recently from hard-live broadcast Tuesday.

"I distance myself from the (Soviet) president, I am in favor Yeltsin, a 60-year-old silver- of his immediate resignation,

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Yeltsin had never before called on Gorbachev to resign.

The Federation Council, created late last year as part of Gorbachev's government overhaul, consists of the Soviet president, vice president and heads of the republics.

Vitamins lower cataract risk

BOSTON (AP) - Older people who get lots of vitamins lower their risk of cataracts, but a lifetime of healthy eating may be necessary to avoid this leading cause of blindness, researchers

A new study provides some of the strongest support yet for the benefits of anti-oxidants, nutrients that counteract the effects of oxygen. Experts believe that just as oxygen rusts iron, it also can harm the eye, and some vitamins can slow or prevent eye damage that commonly afflicts

The researchers found that people who regularly used multivitamin supplements were 37 percent less likely to have Hospital. cataracts of all types.

The study, directed by Dr. M. Christina Leske of the State of Snyder for 25 years, driving a University of New York at Stony Brook, was published in the ment. February issue of the Archives of Ophthalmology. It was based on Augustina Rios of the home; 1,380 people treated a two Boston

the clear lens that block light Snyder; four sons, Asencion Jr. entering the eye. About 50 million of Big Spring; Danny of Austin, people around the world are blind Ricky of Snyder and David of San because of cataracts. Surgery is Angelo; one sister, Virginia Luna the only treatment, and in the of Georgetown; three brothers, United States alone doctors do Frank of Georgetown, Henry of more than 540,000 of these opera- Iowa City, Iowa, and Julian of tions annually at a cost of \$3.8 Lexington, Neb.; and 14 grand-

Woman injured by flash fire

A 34-year-old Snyder woman was treated and released this morning from Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a flash fire at the Texan restaurant. Restaurant employee Debbie

degree burns to her left arm and of 29th St. where the caller advis received stitches to her forehead. She was injured at approximately 9:20 a.m. today when she attempted to light a gas oven. Apparently, another employee

had left the gas on in the oven and Mrs. Grice was injured when she attempted to light it, according to Texan owner Bill Halpain. Mrs. Grice was taken to the

hospital in private vehicle by a restaurant patron.

The accident - which sent customers scrambling outside temporarily slowed operations at the restaurant. No other injuries gress, Greenspan pledged that or damage to the structure were reported.

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bie Schwarz and Jason Summers; FHA- Chuck Norwood and Rosey Maldonado; boys golf-Wendy Miller and Curry Koening; girls golf-Roe Patterson and Kim Duncan; industrial arts-Theresa Martin; Key Club- Jodie Sheperd and Chris Cunnington; Rodeo Club- Carrie West and Bay John Long; Student Council-Jayson Limmer and Courtney Lowrance; tennis-Rachel Wilson and Marcus Best; Tiger's Lair-M'Lys Lloyd and Shawn Bogard; Tiger's Tale-Suzanne Holton and Eddie Gutierrez; boys track-Vinnie Clay and Terrell Jones; girls track-Paul Anderson and Katina Anderson; and volleyball- Jerry Don Tippens and Camille Thomp-

Class favorites are, Robbie Braziel and Edward Albarez, seniors; Jason Bynum and Tonya Warren, juniors; Wes Everett and Laura Hamby, sophomores; and Eric Braziel and Cerise Covey, freshmen.

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vehicle. In addition, people would have to pay the current \$2 to \$6 entry fee to the park.

Individual hunting licenses, which now cost \$10, would increase to \$15 if commissioners approve. A fishing license would go from \$8 to \$11 under the plan.

The department's staff is scheduled to present the entire list of fees to commissioners on March 28 for consideration.

Obituaries

ASENCION RIOS

Asencion Rios

1928-1991

Mass has been set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for Asencion Rios, 62, of Snyder with Fr. Joe Augustine officiating and Fr. Bill Costigan, assisting. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Rios died Tuesday morning at Cogdell Memorial

Born Aug. 28, 1928, at Florence, Tex., he had worked for the City truck in the sanitation depart-

Survivors include his wife three daughters, Gloria Canales of Denison, Ophelia Mow of San Cataracts are cloudy areas on Angelo, and Teresa Jasso of

Police see early morning activity

Snyder police made a single arrest and investigated several disturbance calls during the past 24-hours.

An officer was requested at Grice was treated for second 12:34 a.m. today in the 600 block ed that an intoxicated man was creating a disturbance. When police arrived at the scene, the subject had left the area.

> At 12:40 a.m., a 39-year-old male was arrested in the 3000 block of Ave. Q on an outstanding DPS warrant for no seat belt. The subject was taken to Scurry County Sheriff's Office where he paid a fine and was released.

> Police investigated a report of a woman being assaulted by her husband at 2:07 a.m. in the 2700 block of Ave. O. No report was

Grass fire fought

Units of Snyder Fire Department extinguished a small grass fire on the Roby Hwy. Tuesday afternoon.

The call came in at 5:12 p.m. and firefighters responded to the scene 13 miles east of town on Hwy. 180.

The fire originated from a burning trash and was on land owned by Barton Willingham.

Female arrested

A 27-year-old female was taken into custody at 2:20 p.m. Tuesday by a Scurry County sheriff's deputy for bond forfeiture.

The subject was originally arrested on a theft of services charge last year in reference to not paying a bill from a local

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will include tips on how to shop a flea market by Bette League, a discussion on stained glass by Cindy Hand, and Nathalie's button and jewelry factory. Other topics will include "Grown and Made in the USA" by Peggy Ekdahl and "Toxic Chemicals in the Home" by Kathryn Roberts, county home economics extension agent.

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problems could worsen recession. Greenspan says WASHINGTON (AP)

War, banking

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan today warned that the recession could be worsened by a lengthy Persian Gulf War and continuing problems in the nation's banking system.

In written testimony to Conthe Fed would "remain alert" to changes in the economy in conducting its interest rate policies in coming months.

The central bank over the past three months has been lowering interest rates in an effort to spark an upturn.

"It would be most unwise to rule out the possibility that the recession may become more serious than already is apparent," Greenspan said in his semiannual report to Congress on monetary policy.

Among the dangers cited by Greenspan was the possibility that an extended war in the Persian Gulf would undercut public confidence and further weaken consumer spending.

He also cited a further slowdown in bank lending and increased public concern about the weakness of the U.S. banking system as other risks to a rebound in economic activity.

In addition to holding out the possibility of lower interest rates, Greenspan said the central bank and other federal banking regulators were exploring various regulatory changes to en-courage banks to make more

Greenspan said the changes would seek to ensure "that bank examination standards are prudent and fair" and provide the flexibility to allow banks to make loans to credit-worthy borrowers. These changes, which have been pushed by the Bush administration, are expected to be announced later this week.

Greenspan's appearance before the Senate Banking Committee came shortly after the government released a report showing that consumer prices jumped 0.4 percent in January, in spite of a fall in energy prices.

Carriers seek federal bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) - Airline of the federal budget deficit. executives are seeking an infusion of government cash to help airlines could fail unless "excarriers cope with the high fuel prices and sharply reduced dinary situation is found," said passenger traffic brought about that over a 12-month period, by war and recession.

Hollis A. Harris, whose Houstonbased company has filed for and revenue. bankruptcy protection, said Tuesday that the government should use the revenue generated by the 10 percent federal passenger ticket tax to bail the now have.' industry out of its financial squeeze.

Revenue from the tax is now earmarked for airport expansion paid back "with interest after a and improvement and reduction reasonable period of time set by

Harris, contending that many traordinary relief for an extraorticket tax collections could bring Continental Airlines President in \$4 billion to offset the present gap between operating expenses

> Without such help, he said, "I believe that our air transportation system will be weaker and inferior to the one we

Harris, in a speech to the International Aviation Club here, said the money would be a loan to be

Many other airline executives: echoed Harris' call for help in testimony Tuesday to the Senate Commerce subcommittee on aviation.

Edward R. Beauvais, chairman of America West Airlines, said he believes it would not be reasonable to expect help if the airlines' acute cash-flow problems were caused only by the

But he said a significant portion of the recent drop in air travel has been caused by U.S. policies in the Persian Gulf and fear brought about by "the threat of terrorism associated with the



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Shannon Hill, Jason Almquist, Alicia Peoples, Jacob Smith and Bradi Johnson, all fourth graders: Oscar Aguilar, Erica Hill, Jami Juarez and Kasey Cole, all fifth graders; Chris Ramirez, Raechele Wemken, Tadd Grimes, and Darla Blackwell, all sixth graders. (SDN Staff Photo)

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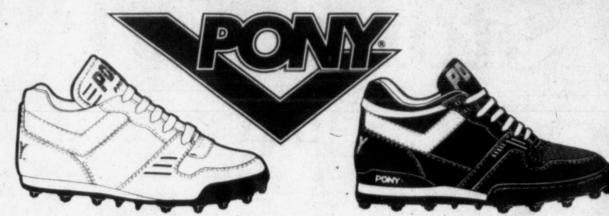
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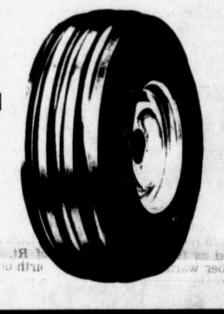
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Around the gulf

☐ Iraq's foreign minister was not expected to go back to Moscow until Thursday to respond to a Soviet peace plan, a German politician said. Aziz returned to Baghdad Tuesday with a Soviet plan to end the 5-week-old war.

☐ In Italy, a member of the anti-Iraq coalition, endorsed the Soviet proposal Wednesday. A senior Italian official said the plan calls for Iraq to begin withdrawing a day after a cease-fire goes into effect and pledges Iraqi troops would not be attacked during their withdrawal from Kuwait.

☐ A Soviet lawmaker said President Bush's comments on the Soviet proposal did not necessarily constitute a rejection. Bush said Tuesday the proposal "falls well short of what would be re-

☐ The allied air war went on without letup. In a dispatch from Baghdad Wednesday, Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency reported four hours of intense allied air raids lasting into the morning hours. It was the capital's second straight night of heavy bombing.

☐ Saudi officials said there was much less oil spilled in the gulf than previously thought. The spill estimated at 460 million gallons is now thought to be 65 million gallons or five times larger than the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska.

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who suffer anxiety because they have friends or family stationed in the Persian Gulf.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Dorothy Sens said Tuesday she (AP) - A hypnotherapist is of- offers sessions to relieve her pafering free "progressive relaxa- tients' tense feelings that can

'Plan for worst' to minimize surprises is strategy of U.S. and allied forces

would have to go right, incredibly right, for U.S. and allied forces to achieve quick victory in a ground offensive against Iraq, military

analysts say.

Army planners like to say that in preparing for any battle they keep uppermost in their minds the likely role of Murphy's Law: anything that can go wrong, will. They say they plan for a worstcase scenario to minimize ugly

On the harsh terrain and fortified beaches that would be the battlefield for allied and Iraqi land forces, plenty could go wrong. But if the allied armies are as prepared as they say, and Iraq's forces are as heavily damaged as the Pentagon claims, the expected glitches might be only minor setbacks.

"If you break his command and control structure, and if he gets confused and can't respond, I can see us rolling the thing up faster than I would have thought possible even a month ago," said Jack Merritt, a retired Army general and president of the Association of the U.S. Army.

Merritt is habitually cautious tion" therapy sessions for people generate further unhealthy emoin assessing the prospects for an allied victory against Iraq. But in People often misunderstand recent days, he said, he has the Persian Gulf.

hypnotherapy and become become increasingly confident that Iraq's strengths may have

WASHINGTON (AP) - A lot been overestimated and U.S. strengths underestimated.

"It just might be that we're forces, Merritt said in an interview Tuesday.

The best-case scenario from the anticipated ground campaign could be a key to victory. begins. But if the ground fighting

Here are some of the things that would have to go right to achieve that quick victory:

-The allied forces gain the benefit of "tactical surprise" against Iraq by deceiving Iraqi commanders and intelligence units about the main point or points of attack. In U.S. Army war-fighting doctrine, this is an essential element.

—U.S. armored and air assault units make full use of their extensive training in fighting under the cover of darkness. The Army claims its night-vision goggles and thermal imaging sights for Iraqis can't match. The Iraqis planes. have shown, however, that they

recently canceled until March 18.

spokeswoman Margaret Vodopia

said. British Air also has cancel-

ed one London flight a week in

Houston and in some other hub

The smaller firms that depend

"Maybe I could drive a cab

tomorrow," said Mohammed

Bader, president of Middle East

Shipping in Houston, who was

forced to lay off half his staff

when business plunged 50 per-

on Persian Gulf business have

cities in the United States.

been hit hardest.

-Allied communications hold suddenly up. It's an accepted fact that communications links between cessful in avoiding anti-aircraft that much better" than the Iraqi commanders and their troops are artillery and surface-to-air one of the most vulnerable aspects of war. Communications breakdowns can lead to confuthe allied soldiers' viewpoint sion, disorder and defeat, but if would have Iraq starting a U.S. links are as strong as the withdrawal from Kuwait before Pentagon says they are, this

starts in earnest, the best the landing on Kuwait's beaches. allied forces probably could hope which appears to be part of the for would be an Iraqi capitulation allied battle plan, is executed within a couple of weeks. allied battle plan, is executed without large losses from undetected Iraqi anti-ship mines or slowed by high seas or some unforeseen oil slick.

-Allied airplanes are as sucmissiles as they have been during the first five weeks of the war. Also, Iraq continues to fail to get much of its combat air force into the battle.

-Iraq's forces are disorganized and disoriented - as many -A Marine Corps amphibious U.S. military officials believe they are - to the point that they cannot withstand the initial ground assault. The key issue here probably is whether the allied aerial bombardments have taken a sufficiently heavy toll on the Republican Guard, which is -The weather cooperates, the best-trained and -equipped Debilitating sandstorms can hit part of the Iraqi defenses.

Air Force reservists ready for evacuation of wounded troops

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A row of C-130 aircraft sat on the flight M1-A1 tanks and Bradley infan- line at Kelly Air Force Base try fighting vehicles give it a while shouts of "Bring 'em in!" night-fighting capability that the and "Lift!" rang out inside the

> Reservists and National Guard members dashed in with stretchers carrying pretend patients.

> The scene Tuesday perhaps was a prelude to the real thing, snould a round war erupt in the Persian Gulf region.

> The 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, part of the reserve 433rd Military Airlift Wing, is instructing other reservists and Air National Guard members from throughout the country in the evacuation of injured troops.

Maj. Meade Warthen, spokesman for the 433rd, declined to say whether the trainees would be sent to the Persian Gulf bulatory patients sitting on board or whether the training was in preparation for a ground war.

"We don't have any idea what people are going to do after the training," Warthen said. "We just don't know - bottom line."

The 32nd Aeromedical Evacuation Group, another component of the 433rd, also has been called to active duty, and some of its members already have gone to the Middle East.

medical technicians Tuesday mass casualties." were undergoing the five-day training course at Kelly.

Trainees maneuvered straps and pullout shelves inside C-130s, then practiced loading litters containing fellow trainees posing U.S. military invasion that began as patients.

The short, rugged C-130s are designed to fly to hard-to-reach mobile hospitals near battlegrounds to pick up soldiers that have been transported there by helicopter. The C-130s can take off and land on dirt strips and require little landing or takeoff space.

Senior Airman Kevin Hamilton said once the wounded are loaded, rear crew member loadmasters, two nurses and three technicians - are stationed throughout the plane to monitor patients during flight.

"It's kind of like a football plan," Hamilton said. Everybody is able to cover their positions.

Senior Airman Carl Dominguez said the C-130 can transport about 78 litters carrying patients, depending on the number of amand the configuration used inside the aircraft.

Reservists with the 34th routinely evacuate the injured or sick in different parts of the world, and Dominguez said he recently completed a mission in Panama.

He said he believes evacuations from the Persian Gulf could be quite different.

'You're talking about a larger Fifty-two flight nurses and 72 number," he said. "It could be

Lt. Col. Georgia Hale, chief nurse with the 34th, made evacuation trips to Howard Air Force Base in Panama last year during Operation Just Cause, the

in December.

War keeps cargo stuck in United States

Gulf War is a "nightmare" for large backup has not occurred. Texas companies with farm cancellations are making cargo equipment and other goods space tighter than normal. destined for the Middle East but stuck in warehouses in the United States and Europe, business leaders say.

The war has caused some Texas businesses to stop shipments, while others have faced difficulties and rising costs in transporting goods into the region, officials said.

East buys a lot of products, but Pate said. we can't get them in there," said David Morgan, who co-owns a Dallas-based export forwarding are going down

"Our business is down 40 percent, and two of our customers have gone out of business."

The problems include some commercial shipments getting stuck en route, stacked in warehouses and delayed or canceled, freight transportation officials told the Dallas Times Herald.

The shipping woes are producing a shortage of some types of goods in the Persian Gulf and a financial vise on Texas companies dependent on sales to the Middle East.

"We have had to suspend orders. We can't find vessels to put them on," said Edward Carney, a vice president for the **Houston office of Export Oilfield** Supply. "You sit around and wait for the war to be over unless you have some way of getting it there — like a rowboat.

Shipping costs is a problem as well. Morgan said some of his customers can't pay up to \$9,000 per 40-foot container load, a 50 percent increase from the \$6,000 before the war.

The war is also being blamed for the dwindling number of tourists seeking to book flights to Europe.

Threats of terrorism have intimidated travelers and major 17. The AAA survey indicated transatlantic carriers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport are canceling flights to cities, including Frankfurt, Madrid and London.

Those cancellations have upset the freight forwarders who say it's making their efforts to get cargo to Europe and then to the Persian Gulf.

Although airline officials insist lighter passenger loads on re-

DALLAS (AP) - The Persian can transport more cargo and a

'The cancellations have put a squeeze on cargo," said Jackie Pate, a spokeswoman for Delta rier at DFW.

Cancellations include:

Two of Delta's five weekly flights from DFW to Frankfurt for the weeks of Feb. 3 and Feb. 10. "We will review the decision 'It's a nightmare. The Middle the latter part of the month,'

Gasoline prices

NEW YORK (AP) - If it seems like you're still paying too much to gas up the car these days, you can blame Uncle Sam instead of Saddam Hussein.

A gallon of gasoline now costs about the same as before Iraq invaded Kuwait - not counting about 5.6 cents in taxes added to the cost of a gallon of gas since the Aug. 2 invasion.

The average retail price of a gallon of self-serve unleaded regular on Tuesday was \$1.135, according to a weekly survey by the American Automobile Association.

That's 6 cents a gallon higher than the day before Iraq invaded Kuwait, when gas cost \$1.075.

But since the invasion, higher federal and state taxes have added about 5.6 cents, maybe more, to the price.

'We're pretty much where we were prior to the invasion," said Mike Doyle of Computer Petroleum Corp., in St. Paul, Minn., which tallies fuel prices for AAA and others. "I guess in the coming week or two, you're still going to see some downward pressure on retail prices. Not a

lot, but a little bit.' Prices have been falling since the war against Iraq began Jan. gasoline prices have come down 25.2 cents a gallon since peaking during the Persian Gulf crisis at \$1.387 per gallon in a survey on

Dec. 4. Minus taxes, Doyle said, the gasoline pump price is 3.8 cents cheaper than it was two weeks before the invasion. Thus, the "war premium" that sent oil prices soaring has vanished, leaving gasoline prices propped maining flights mean the aircraft up mostly by more taxation.

She also said Delta's two daily flights from Atlanta to London were being combined on some days, and a flight from Cincinnati to London is now routed through Atlanta.

Two of American's seven Air Lines, the second-largest car- flights to Madrid and Frankfurt from DFW will be canceled from March 2 to May 22, spokeswoman Ellen Crane said. Throughout American's system, cancellations to Europe will affect eight of the 18 daily routes, including reductions of some flights from Chicago and New York City starting March 2, she said. Some spot cancellations have occurred.

One of British Air's seven flights from DFW to London was

WAR

STATISTICS

REPORTED TUESDAY

A-10 Thunderbolt plane lost in combat.

Non-combat deaths: 30 (an additional 106 Americans listed as non-combat deaths in Operation Desert Shield

(An Iraqi official has been quoted as sayir 20,000 Iraqis were killed and 60,000 wounded in first 26 days. No breakdown f

ISRAEL

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Mail for members of the Army, Air Force Marines can be sent to APO New York

ans and military given.)

MIAs: 1

POWs: 1

Aircraft lost

Saudi Arabia

Killed in combat: 19

UNITED STATES

SINCE WAR BEGAN

Killed in combat: 16

MIAs: 10

Killed in action: 90

Troop strength: 520,000 MIAs: 30

Aircraft lost in combat: 22

Skirmish follows cat, mouse game

cent after the war began.

NORTHERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — A 1st Infantry Division patrol played cat and mouse and then skirmished with an Iraqi reconnaissance patrol that at times acted as if it planned to surrender, unit officers said.

The 1st Infantry patrol reported hitting at least one Iraqi with machine-gun fire.

The skirmish occurred early Tuesday during a busy night along the Saudi-Iraqi border, where journalists with forward units reported hearing mortar and artillery fire and frequent overflights by A-10 fighters.

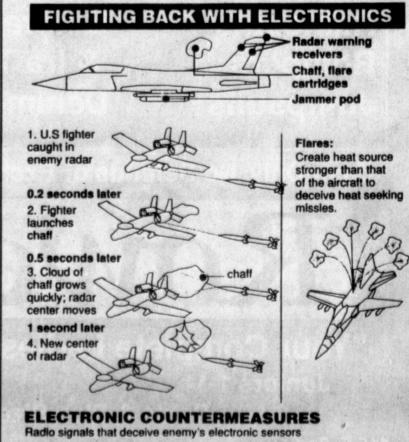
Lt. Col. Skip Baker, 45, of Odessa, Texas, commander of the 1st Infantry's 5th Battalion, said his men spotted Iraqi patrols heading south and that one soldier appeared to be holding a flag as if trying to attract the attention of U.S. troops to sur-

But as the patrol advanced, it would periodically drop down in-to small ditches and disappear, then reappear elsewehere.

After four hours of repeated similar incidents and with the patrol still heading south, Baker said he decided the unit had given the Iraqis ample opportunity to surrender.

"We fired them up," he said. "We know we hit one, we could see a pool of blood in the thermal sights," said Capt. Rick Orth, 30, of Port Jefferson, N.Y. He said the men saw what looked like a body lying in a narrow gully.

Baker said the soldiers have been told to put a premium on taking Iraqi prisoners, in hopes of gaining valuable intelligence.



1. Enemy locates U.S. aircraft;

directs weapons with microwave radio signal.

2. U.S. aircraft emits similar radio signals that are smaller, large or out of synchronization so that enemy weapons are sent off course.