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Israeli raids continue to pound bases in Lebanon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NABATIYEH, Lebanon - Civilians flattened themselves on the floors of their homes Tuesday to ride out Israeli air and artillery bombardments aimed at Shiite Muslim and Palestinian guerrillas.

The United Nations said more than 120,000 villagers had fled north since Israel launched the operation Sunday. Undeterred so far, guerrillas fired more Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, where 150,000 inhabitants huddled in bomb shelters or reinforced rooms.

More than 47 people were reported dead and 230 wounded, most of them Lebanese, since Israeli jets, helicopters, gunboats and howitzers began striking at suspected guerrilla bases across Lebanon.

The raids are retaliation for an escalation in attacks by guerrillas on Israeli troops occupying a "security zone" in southern Lebanon to protect Israel's northern villages from guerrilla attack.

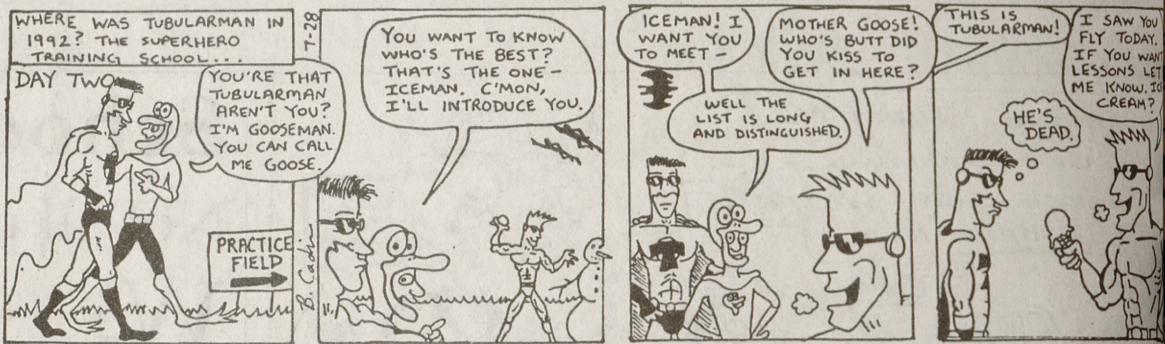
Two militia groups that have vowed to wreck the U.S.-sponsored Middle East peace process and drive Israel out of Lebanon killed seven Israeli soldiers and wounded seven in the zone in attacks beginning July 8.

"If there is no quiet here, there won't be quiet for the residents of south Lebanon north of the security zone," Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday night.

Lebanese police said six Syrian soldiers had been killed in the Israeli raids.

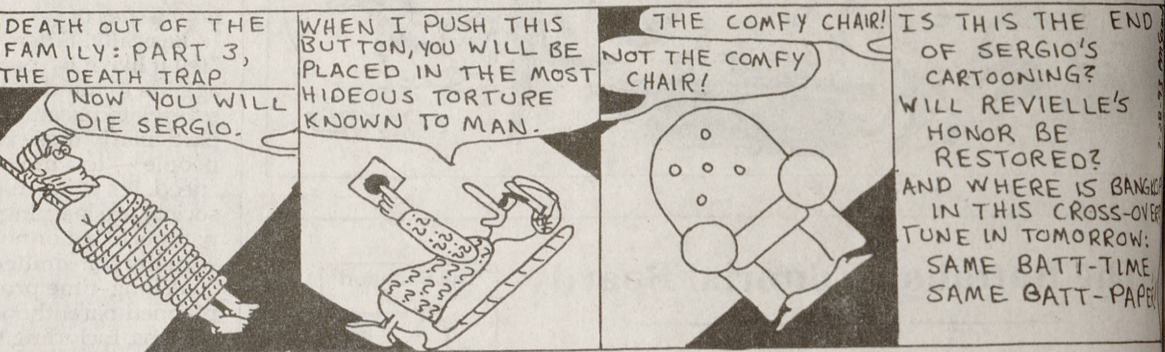
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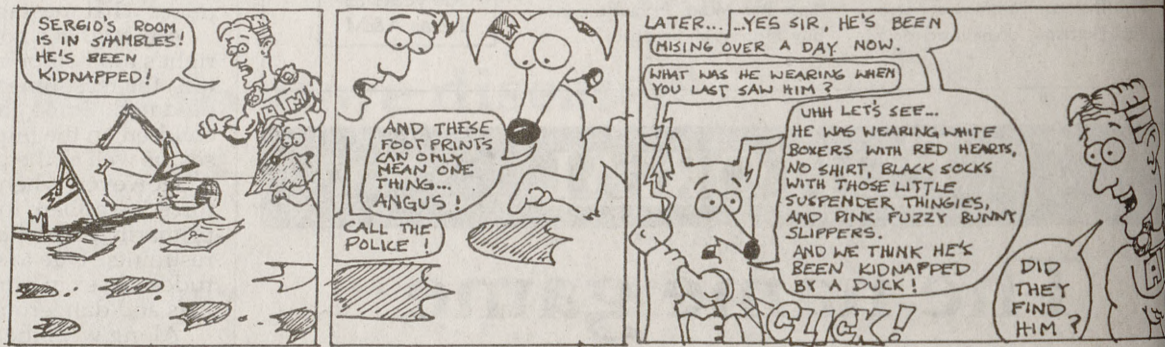
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Volunteers

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"It indicates to me that .10 is too liberal a level," Dennis said. "The American Medical Association wants it reduced to .05."

Dennis said the health and safety division also conducts an education program for people who have been arrested for DWI.

The program discusses the nature of the problem and Texas laws, the effects of alcohol on humans in general, alcoholism and how alcohol affects the decision making process.

The average BAC of a person arrested for DWI is .16, Dennis said.

"At levels above .15 BAC, a person is 380 times more likely to be in a fatal wreck than someone who is sober," he said.

Although driving while intoxicated remains a problem at Texas A&M and in Brazos County, it has decreased significantly in recent years, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) figures.

Jill Carey, administrator of the Brazos Valley chapter of MADD, said the number of deaths from DWI since 1981 has decreased by 82 percent.

"I hope it's due to public awareness," she said.

MADD was formed in 1980 to provide education and to work toward eliminating drunk driving.

"We're not against alcohol," Carey said. "We're trying to educate and remind people to designate a driver."

The Brazos County chapter of MADD was started by Dr. Kirk Brown, who continues to push the Texas legislature to reform current laws, Carey said.

MADD is currently lobbying to reduce the legal level of intoxication from .10 to .08.

"We would like to have a revocation of driver's licenses for people arrested for multiple DWIs," Carey said.

Carey said MADD is also trying to create an Aggies Against Drunk Driving on campus.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, certified crime prevention specialist, with the University Police Department (UPD), said from September of 1992 to June 1993, UPD reported 56 cases of DWI on campus or in the immediate vicinity of A&M.

Cindy Knox, statistician with the Department of Public Safety statistical services, said that there were 247 accidents in Brazos County that were DWI related.

In Wichita County, the closest county in population to Brazos County, there were 243 accidents.

"The counties vary so much that you can't draw any conclusions," Knox said. "For example, Ector county, which is smaller than Brazos county, had 384 accidents."

Statewide, 1222 people were killed in alcohol related accidents in 1992, and six were killed in Brazos County, according to DPS.

NSI

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time, we are going to appropriate \$7 billion toward a brand new program when we don't even know if it will work. That doesn't make much sense to me."

Although the NSI is said to have broad bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate, some A&M professors are skeptical about chances for passage.

Jones said, "I think it will be hard for the bills to pass because anything that costs money is going to run into the deficit reduction problems," he said. "My guess is if it passes, it will be in some kind of pilot program or a very small form of the original."

Jones said most republicans and some democrats are rejecting anything that costs money, and that will leave very few votes.

"The current programs are not working just fine," he said. "There are a lot of things the government can do that are worthwhile to do and this is one citizen that is sick of the republican 'no, no, no'. Anything that is worth doing is going to cost money."

Strawman said she is certain the bill will pass though it might not look the same after amendments.

"I'm sure something like this bill will pass because the democrats have a majority in both chambers and there is a democratic president," she said. "We don't know what the final bill will be like when it comes out though. With 26 amendments proposed it could be an entirely different bill."

Drug

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and take bigger chances," he said. Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, a certified crime prevention specialist with the University Police Department (UPD) said the number of students taking the chance and getting caught, however is not changing significantly.

The number of drug related cases on campus from September 1992 to June 1993 is 17, which is equal to the number of drug related cases made during the 1991 to 1992 school year.

The College Station Police Department made 37 arrests for marijuana possession last year, and they have made 35 arrests so far this year. Bryan Police Department had 149 drug related cases

in 1992 and 71 cases so far this year. These cases involved the sale and possession of drugs or drug paraphernalia.

Sgt. Robert Cahill of the College Station Police Department said the amount of arrests made by the police department was small compared to the amount of arrests made by the Brazos County Narcotics Task Force. This is because most of the arrests by the police department were made by the traffic and control officers whereas the task force aims at the big drug distributors, he said.

The force is made up of police officers from almost every agency in the county.

Ricketson warns potential drug buyers that the police are not just after dealers, as well as dealers, and drug buyers can be sentenced from 2 to 20 years in prison if they are convicted.

Rush

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Bream and John Smiley. The team that won the National League East the last three years has been disassembled like a Christmas tree after the holidays. All of these players have fallen victim to baseball's continued interest in rocket-high prices and free agency.

These players are not to be blamed, but rather the blame should be placed on baseball itself. The chaotic state that baseball has fallen into is wildly spinning further out of control. With no true Commissioner steering the ship, baseball's name continues to sink, especially within the

younger generation.

Unloading all of the team's talent is not the solution to the money problem. If you build a team around star players, adding talent around them, the team will inevitably win and winning subsequently draws revenue from which the money goes back to pay the players. In other words, keep your Bonds and your McGriffs and get rid of the other guys who demand high prices and don't put up the numbers that they should for such a salary.

It's nice to see a change of scenery with McGriff in Atlanta, Sheffield in Florida and even Bonds in San Francisco, but free agency and lucrative multi-year contracts have significantly changed the game people used to know.

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