

Survivors cautiously walk Sarajevo streets

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — After six days of peace, Sarajevo's survivors are doing the unthinkable.

At one of the city's deadliest intersections on snow-caked Sniper Alley, three war-maimed men pushed a legless comrade in a wheelchair.

At any other time in the Bosnian capital's 22-month-old siege, they would have been halted by Serb snipers in surrounding skyscrapers or gunners perched on Mount Trebevica looming over southern Sarajevo.

Now, the streets, even the most dangerous, are full. Instead of running across perilous open spaces, people walk.

Despite heavy snowfall, Sarajevans are out visiting friends they have not seen for months, scouring stores for food or merely out for a stroll towing children on sleds.

Citizens take advantage of U.N. cease-fire; memories of recent attacks, bloodshed linger

They want to believe peace is at hand but after countless disappointments they hardly dare.

"I'm walking down this street for the first time in two years," said Nusret Pleho, as he pushed Omer Velic in a wheelchair.

Pleho and two friends, all veterans of the war who were wounded in 1992, walked with the aid of artificial limbs. They all were on a 3-mile trip for meager food rations from an organization for wounded veterans.

"We have been hostages for two years," said Pleho. "It's difficult to feel safe, we don't feel safe, we can't feel safe here."

A cease-fire arranged by the U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, took effect Thursday and has brought six days' peace. But

Sarajevans still depend on scarce food aid to survive. There is little or no heat in their homes, where plastic sheeting covers most windows.

"The problem is we can't remember what a normal life is," says shop worker Senada Bojanovic. "We've all gone a bit crazy."

"The streets are full now, but all it would take is for one shell to fall and they would be empty within a second," she said.

Bojanovic works in a store across town in the ravaged Turkish bazaar quarter. She was working in the Markale market until it was hit by a mortar Feb. 5.

A friend was among the 68 killed. Bosnian Serb TV showed the body lying on the ground and claimed it was a dummy placed there by the Bosni-

ans who staged the attack, she said.

Using the threat of NATO air strikes against Serbian positions, Rose is trying to get Serb guns off the surrounding hills or under U.N. control. The United Nations has started placing peacekeepers on sensitive confrontation lines in and around the city.

Rose wants to quickly restore electricity and water supplies.

"Once the lights go on, life will be transformed" and people will start lobbying their leaders for peace, not more war, he said.

These are the cornerstones for making Sarajevo a U.N. protectorate. If Rose succeeds, his scheme could be used on other war-weary cities such as Mostar.

"We all hope, we really hope that Sarajevo will come under U.N. protection," Pleho said.

"But we all fear that there can be no real talks with the Serbs up there."

1994 Bonfire date in question after UT game change

By Eloise Flint

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The date of the 1994 Texas A&M Bonfire will probably be moved to Nov. 3 or 4 to coincide with the tradition of burning Bonfire before the University of Texas game.

It was announced Monday that the A&M-UT game, which is usually played on Thanksgiving Day, has been tentatively moved to Nov. 5.

The official date of the 1994 Bonfire will be announced after the Bonfire committee meets Friday with Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs.

Southerland said there has been no formal discussion about the date of the Bonfire, and he will ask for any recommendations at a meeting Friday.

"I don't think it will affect the spirit of Bonfire, but there are some operative issues that we are accustomed to," Southerland said.

John Barr, head stack senior Red Pot and a junior industrial distribution major, said the main change will be the limited time available to build Bonfire.

"Bonfire will be built as usual before the t.u. game to symbolize our burning desire to beat the hell outta t.u.," Barr said.

The Bonfire committee, which consists of Red Pots, Brown Pots and climbers, will have to return to school earlier than usual.

Barr said the committee has already started planning tentative dates to begin construction.

"There are different ways of doing things, and we'll have to get the ball rolling sooner," Barr said.

Barr said the committee is relying on student involvement.

"The student body needs to be at all events, but we really don't expect to have a problem with it," he said.

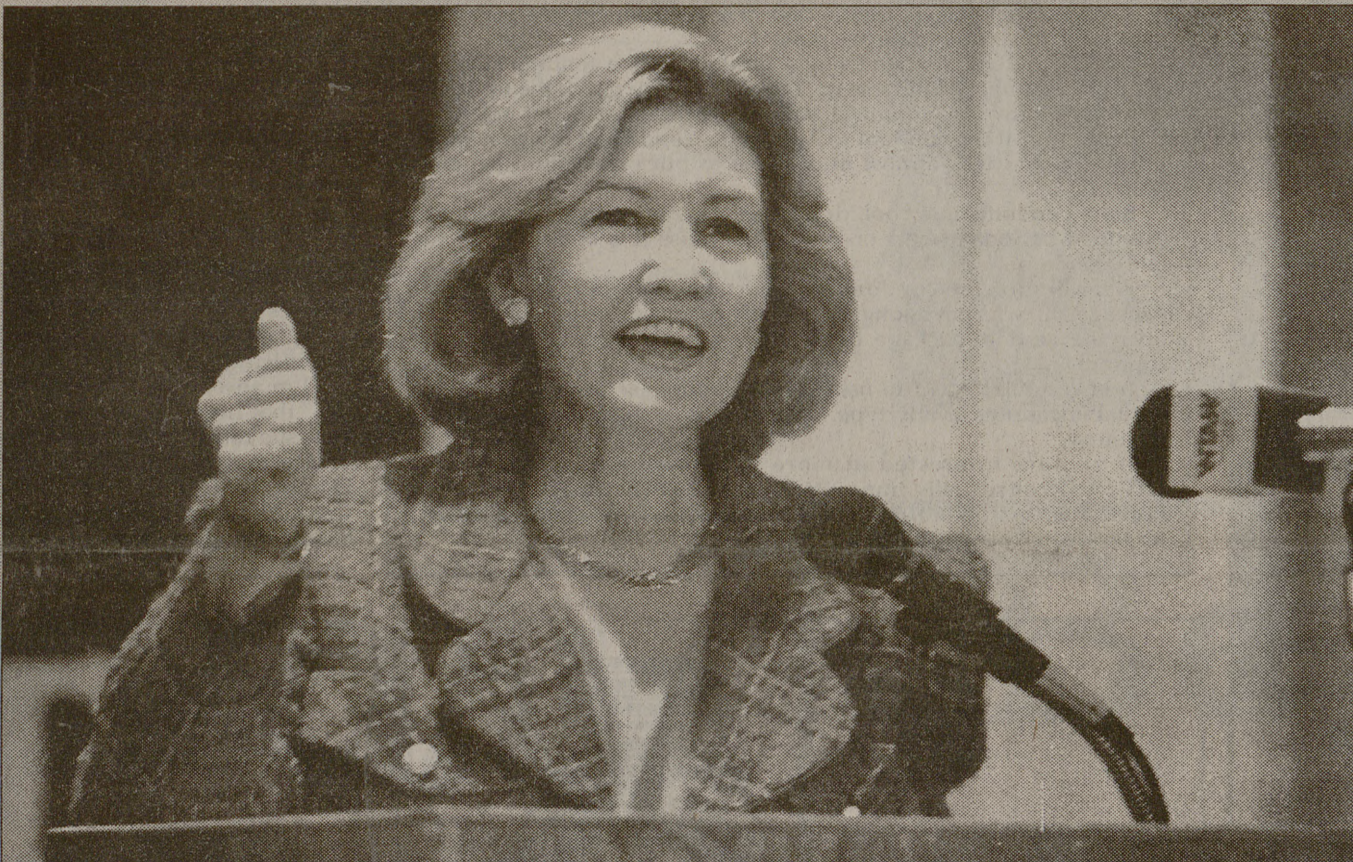
There is always concern in the back of their minds as to how many people will participate in the building of Bonfire, Barr said.

"Our chain is set up, and the Yellow Pots have already been chosen," he said. "We will meet with them this spring to get them involved and encourage them to prime their guys."

Barr said nothing should be different just because the date has been changed.

"Bonfire is built for the fact of beating the hell outta t.u., not for Thanksgiving, and we're still playing t.u.," Barr said.

Hutchison hopes to put trial behind her



Tim Moog/The Battalion

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was the keynote speaker fundraiser. Hutchison was found innocent of ethics charges on Friday.

Senator cites lack of U.S. interest in Bosnian conflict, criticizes Clinton's budget

By James Bernsen

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Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said it is time for Texans to look past her recent trial on ethics charges and forward to the coming legislative agenda, including a balanced budget amendment.

Hutchison was the keynote speaker Tuesday night at the Lincoln Dinner, an annual fund-raiser for the Brazos County Republican Party.

Hutchison was acquitted Friday after Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle dropped the case because he feared the judge would rule prosecutors had obtained evidence illegally.

Hutchison said Earle has "hounded a lot of good people out of office," and her victory will put an end to such politically motivated prosecutions.

"The last eight months of my life have been a nightmare," she said. "I don't want any other person who offers themselves for public service to ever go through what I have been through, and because we fought and because we won, they won't have to."

Hutchison said the investigation represents the worst depths of Texas' political system.

"We knew we should be deciding issues at the ballot box, not the jury box," she said.

Hutchison said the success in her trial will make her stronger in the November senatorial elections, and she predicted a large margin of victory.

Hutchison said she will now be able to do the work she was elected to do and can concentrate on

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Barone responds to Tech fans' lawsuit

Texas A&M head basketball coach Tony Barone responded to a lawsuit filed by two Texas Tech basketball fans in his weekly press luncheon Wednesday.

The two fans are suing Barone and Aggie basketball players Tony Barone, Jr., Joe Wilbert and John Jungers for what the fans described as "wanton, willful, and malicious" attacks during a post-game brawl Feb. 5 in Lubbock following an 89-88 Aggie victory.

"We didn't go there to do that (get in a fight)," Barone said. "We thought we were going there to play a basketball game."

The Tech fans are asking for punitive damages of \$1.375 million and actual damages between \$500 and \$100,000.

Barone said he is not going to comment about the suit until he understands the nature of the charges.

"This is the first time I've been sued," Barone said. "I don't know the legal ramifications."

Clinton's appointments opening doors for working women, A&M professors say

By Angela Neaves

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The role that women occupy in President Clinton's administration has received praise around the nation as well as the Texas A&M campus.

Dr. Pamela Matthews, director of women's studies at A&M, said Clinton's appointing women to 31 percent of the positions in his administration cannot help but make a difference.

"Children who see these women in high positions grow up with a better perception of women," Matthews said. "What you want is a world where people don't even notice the sex of who is in office."

Bryan Jones, professor of political science, agreed the appointments are extremely positive.

"Government is more open to women and minorities than businesses and universities are," he said. "Women are crashing through the glass ceiling of the federal government."

However, Jones also sees a negative effect of the appointments.

U.S. alpine skiers take Olympic gold in Norway

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RINGEBU, Norway — Diann Roffe-Steinrotter had already waited nine years. And now she had to wait another 90 minutes.

Roffe-Steinrotter erased nearly a decade of futility Tuesday by winning the women's super-giant slalom at the Olympics. The victory came two days after Tommy Moe's win in the first Alpine event, the men's downhill.

The score on the mountain now: USA 2, Everybody Else 0.

"What an inspiration," Roffe-Steinrotter said. "He skied brilliantly, and I said, 'I can do that, too.' This is hot pretty hot."

But when she flew down the Kvitfjell course in 1 minute, 22.15 seconds, the first of 57 racers, she had no way of knowing just how hot her time was.

She hadn't won a big race since the giant slalom at the 1985 world championships. Then, she was 17. Now, she was 26 and in her final season before retiring.

She leaned on her ski poles, her face expressionless as she watched the scoreboard, sometimes alone, sometimes with other Americans.

Finally, the last skier with a chance to beat her finished and Roffe-Steinrotter had the gold.

Two teammates lofted her onto their shoulders and paraded her around the finish area — a 5-foot-4-inch, 132-pound trophy of persistence and determination.

"I think this is the best day of my career," she said. Svetlana Gladisheva of Russia took the silver in 1:22.44, while Isolde Kostner of Italy won the bronze in 1:22.45.

Roffe-Steinrotter knew her time might not hold on the 2,035-meter Kvitfjell course. Still to come were defending World Cup overall champion Anita Wachter of Austria, defending Olympic super-G champion Deborah Compagnoni of Italy, German downhill star Katja Seizinger, and Bibiana Perez, another red-hot Italian.

Wachter's time was 1:23.01. Safe, so far. Then came Compagnoni, skiing fifth. The 23-year-old Italian star was all over the course and had some trouble with a small jump near the bottom. Her time was 1:23.54.

Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden, battling for this year's World Cup lead, came down in 1:22.67.

At the halfway timing spot, Dovzan was .42 seconds ahead of Roffe-Steinrotter. The crowd roared for the young Eastern European.

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