

Monday

Weather

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Tucson should be mostly sunny and warmer today. Fair tonight.

Today's high: near 80. Low: mid-50s. Yesterday's high: 62. Low: 48.



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Attack drives Christians off Lebanon coast

By Ed Blanche

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Spear-headed by Syrian-supplied tanks, waves of Muslim militiamen and their Druze allies routed Christians from coastal strongpoints in south Lebanon yesterday.

Christian refugees fled by the thousands to a mountain strong hold.

At least 42 people were reported killed and 30 wounded in incomplete police and militia casualty counts from the southern fighting, and there were allegations on both sides that civilians were being massacred or abducted.

In Beirut, Muslim Shiite Amal militiamen backed by Druze said they killed or wounded at least 20 Christian fighters in artillery, grenade and machine-gun attacks on the streets of the capital.

Muslim and Druze warriors drove against the Christians in a two-pronged attack in the south.

The Druze, moving behind Syrian-supplied T-54 tanks, captured the port of Jiyeh, six miles north of the southern provincial capital of Sidon, pinching off the Christians' last lifeline with their northern heartland.

Fighting broke out about Saturday midnight, with the Druze thrusting south in one assault while the Popular Liberation Army of leftist and Muslim militias pushed east from the coast.

The outnumbered Christians rooted under the combined offensive, retreating through Majdelyoun and Salbiye on the Jezine road after artillery and rocket battles.

The Druze — members of a secret sect whose creed is basically Islamic — also swept through the Kharrub region between Thaurou and Sidon, extending the Druze homeland in the Chouf mountains to the Mediterranean for the first time.

In Beirut, Christian Lebanese Forces were driven out of positions along the Green Line by leftist Muslim fighters as Lebanon's 10-year-old civil war exploded anew.

Witnesses said bodies were piled on a sidewalk as Christians were pushed back 200 yards from the Green Line, which divides the capital's mostly Muslim west and Christian east sectors.

Reporters in Tyre, 50 miles south of Beirut, said Israeli withdrew the bulk of its occupation forces from Lebanon's southernmost port yesterday.



A Lebanese Christian woman, her household goods loaded in and atop a van, tells of fleeing the fighting

24 rats, 2 monkeys loaded aboard shuttle 'ark'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — While the seven-man human crew received final briefings, 24 doorned rats and two squirrel monkeys named "SHE" and "SHE" were loaded aboard the space shuttle Challenger, ready for a start today on a seven-day scientific mission.

The launch was set for noon EDT, NBC and CNN planned live coverage of the launch.

"All systems are go," said Jesse W. Moore, director of the shuttle program. "We are showing the thumbs-up sign now."

The weather looked good for liftoff, the second this month, and NASA looked forward to the shortest interval between flights in the space shuttle program.

Discovery landed April 19 after a seven-day mission.

The previous "turnaround" record was 34 days.

The crew includes commander Robert Overmyer; pilot Fred Gregory; physician William Thornton and Norman Thagard; physicist Don Lind and Taylor Wang; and Lodewijk van den Berg, a chemical engineer. Van den Berg, born in Sliedrecht, the Netherlands, and Wang, born in Shanghai, are naturalized U.S. citizens.

In the shuttle's cargo bay is a 12-ton, barrel-shaped laboratory, 23 feet long and 13 feet in diameter, where five scientists will conduct around-the-clock experiments in materials processing, fluid mechanics, life sciences, atmospheric physics and astronomy.

It is the second time that the \$1 billion, European-built Spacelab has flown. The first was in December 1983.

The squirrel monkeys, carefully chosen to be free of herpes simiae, which infects 86 percent of their species, were put into the laboratory yesterday, a cumbersome procedure when the vehicle is vertical on its launch pad.

Herpes-free monkeys were chosen because of a remote risk that the astronauts might be infected with the cancer-causing form of herpes, although they will not handle the animals.

Defense contractor bills of \$110 million assailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of auditors has uncovered \$107 million in "absolutely inexcusable" claims against the Pentagon by seven giant defense contractors, the House Armed Services Committee said yesterday.

The questioned bills range from the costs of free haircuts for senior company executives of one company to \$60,071 for a public relations campaign by another company to counteract negative publicity caused by the crash of an airplane it had built.

The questioned bills were found in audits of one-year billing periods by General Dynamics Corp. of St. Louis; Sperry Corp. of New York City; Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. of Newport News, Va.; Bell Helicopter of Fort Worth, Texas; McDonnell Douglas Corp. of St. Louis; Rockwell International Corp. of Pittsburgh; and The Boeing Co. of Seattle.

The auditors examined a total \$1 billion in claims for overhead expenses by the seven corporations.

Legislators' ritual works on each year's 'pressing problem'

By Steve Meisner

The Arizona Daily Star

PHOENIX — It's a spring ritual.

Each year, as the temperatures rise and everyone else in the state begins to run their coolers, Arizona's 90 legislators turn up the political heat.

The Legislature spends the first 30 months of the session working in a leisurely fashion — holding committee meetings, moving along routine bills, killing an occasional controversial measure.

Legislators argue and make floor speeches. They introduce bills and amide at legislative by committee. Everyone goes home early, either Thursday night or Friday afternoon.

Then the 100th day of the session draws near, and the real work begins.

The 60-member House and 30-member Senate prepare for sine die (pronounced "sign-ee-dee") — the adjournment of the session.

Legislative rules dictate that adjournment occur during the week in which the 100th day of the session falls. The House speaker and Senate president can extend it one week beyond that, and additional time can be added by a majority vote.

After 120 days, things get even more serious. Legislators can keep meeting, but their per diem pay is cut in half.

As the end of April approaches, all 90 members begin to threaten, wheedle, cajole and bargain.

They posture for reporters and the voters back home. They complain about inequities in the law. They call for more regulation. They call for less. They demand that government be taken off the people's backs. They claim government is ignoring their constituents' needs.

Then a single problem — one usually identified by the state's business leaders — grabs everyone's attention.

The leadership, after spending several days haggling behind closed doors, calls the press corps to unveil its solution to "the most pressing problem this state has ever faced."

Other legislators, lobbyists and journalists promptly pick the plan apart, and the leadership goes back behind closed doors. The governor is called in. He smiles for the television cameras as he enters the meeting, but looks grim as he emerges to pronounce that the talks are "hopelessly deadlocked."

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Sometimes they use their leverage to carve an extra-large slice of something for themselves and their constituents.

Occasionally they ask too much, and the leadership goes to someone who had been cut out of the deal but isn't being quite as greedy.

The particulars vary from session to session, but the scenario is always the same.

And it usually has a happy ending — a plan is crafted that gives everyone a little something — but not everything — they wanted, and the legislators can go home to tell voters what they did to make Arizona a better state.

Not always, however. In 1984, the Legislature adjourned without a plan to contain health care costs. The Legislature was called back for a special session. It rejected a plan drafted by a business coalition and offered an alternative of its own.

Both plans were put on the ballot, and both were rejected by voters.

The issue this year is transportation. Community leaders, particularly those who are members of the Phoenix Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, have de-

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News

Texas floods. Seven people are killed and one person is lost as flash floods sweep three cars off north Texas roads. Page 2A.

Psychoprobing. Tucson police officer Brad Berg takes his job as department hypnotist seriously and knows full well the technique's capabilities and limitations. Page 3A.

1,500 creditors. United Press International files for protection under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code, saying it has completed \$40 million in liabilities and 1,500 creditors. Page 8A.

"Never again." Survivors of the Nazi death camp in Dachau return to mark their liberation 40 years ago by the Allies, and memorial services are held elsewhere in Europe. Page 6A.

The cemetery visit. President Reagan is reported "astounded" and "wounded," but will not cancel his Billburg visit. The Bavarian premier offers an alternative. Page 7A.

"Hollywood 10." Writer Albert Maltz, who won two Oscars and was a member of the blacklisted "Hollywood 10," dies at 74. Page 18A.

Soviet stopover. President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua arrives in the Soviet Union to seek \$200 million in supplemental aid. Page 5A.

6-year-old bomb. Police say a homemade bomb found in a Michigan church may have been planted there six years ago by a man who died in a 1979 bomb blast in the same church. Page 8A.

Gas line blast. Company officials join an investigation to learn the cause of a natural gas line explosion in Beaumont, Ky., that killed five persons and seriously injured three. Page 18A.

Sports

Moskau in office. Tucsonan Paul Moskau, a former Rincon High School player and major league pitcher, is named general manager of the Tucson Toros, replacing Joe Kasunick. Page 1B.



Yogi Berra, left, is fired as manager of the New York Yankees and replaced by Billy Martin, who will take over the team for the fourth time in 10 years. Page 1B.

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