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Shakespeare Festival offering is open to interpretation WEEKEND

Weather forecast: Partly cloudy today, 30 percent chance of rain, high 80 to 85. Thursday: High, 83; low, 66.

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New Kids beware: Turtles can rock, too

NEW YORK — Cowabunga! The dudes can rock! Those awesome Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles boogied up from their subterranean pad Wednesday to launch a new album and fall concert tour.

Rush Limbaugh, the politically conservative but personally outrageous radio host, is coming to Winston-Salem for a Sept. 29 appearance at Reynolds Auditorium.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are \$12 in advance, \$16 the day of the event. They go on sale today at nine Winston-Salem locations and at Fast Signs, 9559 W. Market St. in Greensboro.

Winston-Salem radio station WSJS (94.1 FM), which airs Limbaugh's nationally syndicated talk show from noon to 2 p.m. daily, expects a sellout for the man who rails against Democrats, feminists, "peaceniks" and those of similar liberal ilk.

"Rush tends to have people love him or hate him," said WSJS program director Andy Thomas. "I don't think there are too many people in the middle."

While in the Twin City, Limbaugh will appear live on WSJS from 10 to 11 a.m. Sept. 29.

Lawyer ejects bad rap

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Former matrimonial attorney Jan L. Warner wants a divorce from the Arnie Becker image.

Warner says he has been happily remarried for 15 years.

Mule pickets are stubborn

BALTIMORE — Five members of an animal rights group have been arrested after they tried and failed to stop a mule-diving act in eastern Maryland.

Shouting, "Stop the torture, stop the pain," three protesters tried to handcuff themselves Wednesday to the ramp leading to the diving platform.

The act is billed as "the world's only high-diving mules." The animals jump from an 18-foot platform into a 6-foot-deep pool.

"I'm not an animal activist, but I am an animal lover," Rivers said. "Animals are my life. For me to abuse my animals would be for me to abuse my living."

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Today's Chuckle: Hamster: a gangster pig.



Carrying posters of Sheik al-Sabah, the emir of Kuwait, demonstrators protest the invasion outside the Iraqi embassy in London

Iraq needs Kuwait to pay its war bills

By NEIL MacFARQUHAR

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein seemed determined to solve his financial problems and fulfill territorial ambitions by detroning the government of neighboring Kuwait Thursday.

The invasion, unprecedented in modern Arab history, reflected the brutality Saddam has used to crush all opposition at home since coming to power in 1979.

"Iraqis will not forget the saying that cutting necks is better than cutting means of living, Oh God Almighty, he witness that we have warned them," he said last month after prices tumbled below \$14 per barrel.

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He accused Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates of costing Iraq \$14 billion in lost oil revenue by ignoring their quotas assigned by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Saddam was reported to be incensed that Kuwait was demanding repayment for the wartime loans. Saddam said he fought the war to protect the Arabs from the fundamentalist revolution fomented by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in

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RJR to fund after-school tutoring

By JUSTIN CATANOSO

WINSTON-SALEM — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is giving \$300,000 to the 12 middle schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system to establish an intensive after-school tutorial program.

The RJR Success Academy, which will begin this fall, will help sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders in reading, writing and mathematics. Three teachers from each school will be paid to conduct four hours of after-school classes a week. 108 area college students will be employed as tutors.

Reynolds has given Forsyth County schools \$1.1 million in the past 30 years for scholarship and educational programs. But the grant for the RJR Success Academy ranks as the largest private gift ever given to the school system, Superintendent Larry Coble said.

The tutorial program will be the largest of its kind in the state, added Vanessa Jeter, a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

"I believe this program will make a real difference for many of our students," Coble said.

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Peace Corps worker freed

Timothy Swanson, 26, of Cheyenne, Wyo., leans on his wife for support Thursday after being freed by Communist rebels in the Philippines. His ab-

ductors handed him over to a Red Cross team on the central Philippine island of Negros, not far from where he was abducted June 13.

A&T to share in \$5.5 million NASA contract

By DONALD W. PATTERSON

N.C. A&T State University launched deeper into space research Thursday as officials announced that the campus is one of six minority institutions that will share a \$5.5 million NASA contract.

The five-year effort, which will be coordinated by A&T, is the most expensive ever awarded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to historically black institutions.

NASA projects as a space station, which is anticipated for completion in 1997, and a hypersonic plane, which would travel at five times the speed of sound or more and is scheduled for development in 2015.

Scientists from A&T and N.C. State University already are at work on a Mars Mission Research Center, an effort that could produce some of the technology needed to send humans to Mars and beyond. It could be worth as much as \$8.4 million to the two schools.

The latest project, called the Space Technology Development Program, was initiated nearly two years ago to expand the capacity of minority institutions to contribute to the nation's scientific programs and enhance their academic and research efforts.

"This is a great breakthrough," Chancellor Edward B. Fort said. "It is the first time that NASA has provided a major research initiative to these outstanding institutions. It means that our professors and graduate students can make even greater contributions to society's re-

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Iraq faces world's reaction

U.S., Soviets cooperate after Kuwait is overrun

By LOUIS J. SALOME and ANDREW ALEXANDER

MUHARRAQ, Bahrain — Invading Iraqi forces controlled the capital of Kuwait Thursday and moved south near oil fields in neighboring Saudi Arabia as world leaders contemplated military intervention if their frantic diplomatic efforts failed.

The lightning-fast invasion by an estimated 120,000 forces brought widespread condemnation of Iraq's president, Saddam Hussein, and prompted historic U.S.-Soviet cooperation aimed at easing the crisis.



Saddam al-Sabah

The Soviets, Iraq's main arms supplier, immediately suspended weapons sales to Baghdad as the United States led other non-Arab nations in freezing Iraqi assets and blocking further trade with Baghdad. U.S. and Soviet officials have scheduled a joint declaration on Friday regarding the invasion.

Iraq responded by freezing repayment of Iraqi debts to the United States, the Associated Press quoted the official Iraqi News Agency as saying. The total size of the debt is unclear. Last year, Washington provided \$1 billion in agricultural credits to Iraq.

Kuwait's borders remained sealed Thursday night, adding to confusion about the extent of fighting in the country and the fate of an estimated 3,800 Americans living there.

A State Department official said Thursday evening that eight American oil field workers had been reported missing in northern Kuwait. Earlier, there were unconfirmed reports that American and British workers had been seized by Iraqi troops in Kuwait's oil fields and in

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President asks 25% troop cut

By TERENCE HUNT

ASPEN, Colo. — President Bush Thursday proposed a 25 percent cut in U.S. armed forces within five years but said the invasion of Kuwait proves "the world remains a dangerous place" and that America's military must remain strong.

In a major defense speech, Bush said that even as armed forces shrink, the United States must be able to respond to global threats such as terrorism, hostage-taking, "renegade regimes and unpredictable rulers."

"Let no one, friend or foe, question this commitment," he said. On a trip cut short because of the invasion, Bush for the first time committed himself to a 25 percent reduction by 1995 in today's 2.1 million active-duty personnel. He said the cutback would leave the armed forces at their lowest level since 1950.

"The threat of a Soviet invasion of Western Europe launched with little or no warning is today more remote than at any other point in the postwar period," said Bush, who has been under pressure from Congress to cut defense spending by reducing manpower and scrapping costly weapons systems.

"With the emergence of democracy in Eastern Europe," Bush said, "the Warsaw Pact has lost its military meaning."

An official traveling with Bush said the civilian military work force would be cut by 200,000 jobs by the mid-1990s, in addition to the 500,000-person reduction in active

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