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# U.S. encounters fierce resistance

**By the Associated Press**

Coalition troops pressed toward Baghdad with new wariness today, as militiamen loyal to Saddam Hussein proved they were not a beaten force and sandstorms snarled the advance. Iraq claimed to have shot down two U.S. helicopters and taken two pilots prisoner, a day after more than 20 Americans were killed or captured.

Facing a pattern of deadly ambushes and ruses, and with many of Saddam's supporters discarding their uniforms in favor of civilian's clothes, coalition forces responded with tough new tactics in the south.

U.S. officials also confirmed their forces have arrived in northern Iraq, and have been operating there for about 24 hours. Coalition warplanes bombed a military barracks near the Kurdish-held town of Chamchamal, not far from the Iraqi oil center of Kirkuk.

Saddam sought to rally his people today with a televised speech. Speaking on Iraqi TV before a white backdrop, he appeared relaxed and healthy.

He assured Iraqis "victory will be ours soon," and mentioned the defiant resistance of Iraqi forces in Umm Qasr, which U.S. and British forces have struggled to hold since Saturday. The reference seemed designed to allay any suspicion that the address had been taped earlier, or that Saddam had been wounded or killed last week.

The language was general enough that U.S. and British officials were not convinced. A senior U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity said U.S. intelligence had determined that Saddam's speech was recorded but that it was unclear when it was taped — hours or weeks before the strikes.

Iraqi TV later showed images of what appeared to be a downed U.S. Apache attack helicopter sitting largely undamaged in a grassy field. Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf claimed peasants had shot down two Apaches, and two pilots were in custody.

U.S. Gen. Tommy Franks confirmed that one helicopter and two pilots were missing in action but he rejected the idea that farmers had brought down the chopper.

Speaking at a briefing in Qatar, he said Saddam's command and control network was still working but was damaged.

Franks said that U.S.-led coalition forces were making "rapid and in some cases dramatic" progress in Iraq but also have met sporadic resistance.

In Baghdad, security and police officers dug more trenches around military offices in the heart of the Iraqi capital, as smoke from fires set to conceal targets from bombing hung over the city today. Daytime traffic was heavy in some areas, youngsters played soccer on side streets and Iraqis walked the city despite the tension from days of bombing by coalition forces.

Fifty miles to the south, a brutal sandstorm with howling winds stalled U.S. troops near Karbala, a city holy to Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims. As the 7th Infantry Regiment pressed north, Iraqi militiamen shot mortars at a supply convoy of Humvees and cargo trucks. There were no casualties. Commanders requested air support, but the Iraqis were able to flee easily in small, civilian trucks.

Armed members of Saddam's Fedayeen, the Baath Party paramilitary organization, have increasingly been attacking coalition supply lines in this way.

Franks said U.S. forces had "intentionally bypassed enemy formations," but that the Fedayeen had been harassing the U.S. rear in southern Iraq.

With tension about such attacks mounting, Marines operating in the south took a tough approach with Iraqis they encountered today, forcing men from vehicles, questioning them and then slashing their tires to make sure they wouldn't harass other convoys.

British spokesman Lt. Col. Ronnie McCourt confirmed coalition forces had exchanged new fire today with Iraqis on the outskirts of Basra, Iraq's main southern city, where the allies earlier captured an airport and a key bridge. Commanders held off storming the city, hoping its Iraqi defenders would give up, but they have held firm. McCourt said such resistance was not unexpected.

"This is not a video game where everything is clear and neat and tidy," McCourt said. "Some enemy who feel that they want to carry on fighting will inevitably do so. ... This does not come as a shock to us."

The coalition canceled press tours of the strategic southern port of Umm Qasr and the Rumeila oil fields, which Iraqi forces set ablaze early in the ground war. Fighting in that area was fierce enough to drive civilian firefighters away.

In his address, Saddam praised his supporters for their resistance.

In one incident today near An Nasiriyah, a crossing point over the Euphrates River, a group of Iraqis waved a white flag in surrender, then opened up with artillery fire. Another group appeared to welcome coalition troops, then attacked them, U.S. officials said.

Up to nine Marines died and a dozen U.S. soldiers were missing and presumed captured after the surprise engagements. Two British soldiers were missing after a convoy of vehicles they were traveling in was attacked in southern Iraq.



**SCOUTING MISSION — U.S. Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit set up a position during a scouting mission at a village in Az Zubayar today. Troops pressed toward Baghdad with new wariness as militiamen loyal to Saddam Hussein proved they were not a beaten force. Iraq claimed to have shot down two U.S. helicopters and taken the pilots prisoner. (AP Photo)**

# Fort Bliss soldiers said to be captured

EL PASO (AP) — Word that some of their comrades have been taken prisoner in Iraq has been hard on morale at Fort Bliss, a post spokeswoman said.

"The mood of course, is very tragic. We regret this," spokeswoman Jean Offutt said Sunday.

Offutt, who has worked at the post for 23 years, added that it was "the worst thing I've seen since I've been here." She said Fort Bliss didn't lose any troops in the Gulf War.

A late afternoon news conference at Fort Bliss was abruptly canceled as Brig. Gen. John Yingling, the post's ranking officer, was about to take the podium to talk about the incident.

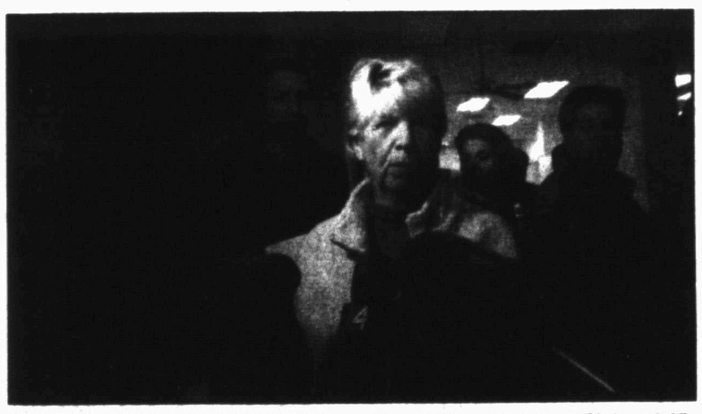
Offutt said the Department of the Army made the decision saying there wasn't enough information to give a factual account of the situation.

She apologized for the lack of information available Sunday and asked the community "to stay with us, support us and be patient." Offutt said the news conference might be rescheduled for today.

U.S. officials confirmed earlier that 12 soldiers were missing after Iraqi forces ambushed an army supply convoy around An Nasiriyah, a major crossing point over the Euphrates northwest of Basra.

Officials at Fort Bliss said about 10 members of the post's 507th Maintenance Company were missing. In an Iraqi television video, some of the captured soldiers said they were with the 507th.

And Anecita Hudson of Alamogordo, N.M., who is of Filipino ancestry, said she saw footage of the interrogation of five of the prisoners of war, including her son, Joseph Hudson, on a Filipino television station she subscribes to.



**CONFERENCE CANCELLED — Fort Bliss Public Affairs Officer Jean Offutt, center, informs the media Sunday that a news conference about missing Fort Bliss soldiers had been cancelled. (AP Photo)**

*Tally 466 points...*

# SHS students fare well in UIL

Snyder High School students earned 466 points in the District UIL Academic meet Friday and Saturday at Seminole High School. As a result, SHS is in the lead for the district sweepstakes trophy that will be presented after Saturday's district one-act play contest in Sweetwater.

Students who placed first, second or third and first place teams advance to the regional meet April 11-12 at Odessa College.

Students placed at Seminole as follows:

**Accounting:** Josh Kemp, Jacinda Judah and Tyler Kerr, tied for first; and Lilli Valdez, fourth. They were the first place team.

**Calculator applications:** Kim Cooper, fifth; and Josh Payne, sixth. They were the second place team.

**Computer applications:** Katie Haggard, first; Kasey Wemken, second; and Meagan Langham, third. There was no team competition.

**Computer science:** Matthew Morris, first; Lilli Valdez, second; Austin Hatfield, third (tie); and Kim Cooper, fourth. They also were the first place team.

**Current issues and events:** Glenn Burns, second; Matthew Kerr, third. Burns, Kerr, Seth Cooper and Tammi Walker were also the first place team.

**Spelling and vocabulary:** Mandy Burns, seventh; Megan Crisp, eighth; Patrick Jones, 10th and Chris Smauley, 14th. They also were the second place team.

**Literary criticism:** Adrienne Garcia, fifth; and Amanda Whitson, sixth. Garcia, Whitson, Temeka Wells and Daniella Garcia also placed third as a team.

**Mathematics:** Josh Kemp, first place; and Tyler Kerr, fourth. Kemp, Kerr and Josh Payne were the second place team.

**Number sense**: Josh Kemp, first. Kemp, Josh Payne and Noe Ruiz the first place team.

**Ready writing:** Lilli Valdez, first; Cozy Jones, second; and Kellie Dodson, sixth. There was no team competition.

**Science:** Matthew Kerr, first in biology and fourth overall; Kerr, John Birks, Barrett Bowlin, Seth Cooper and Will Floyd were the third place team.

**Informative speaking:** Austin McCormack, second; and Laura Arellano, fifth.

**Poetry Interpretation:** Kristel Fitts, second.

**Lincoln Douglas debate:** Will Davis, first; Paula Fritz, third; and Bonnie Cleveland, fourth.

**Persuasive speaking:** Will Davis, first; and Paula Fritz, third.

**Prose interpretation:** Jacinda Judah, second; Clark Reed, fourth; and Blake Robertson, fifth.

**Cross-examination debate:** Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano tied for third place.

In addition, these students were also the first place team overall in district.

**News writing:** Christy Essery, first; and Gretchen Hollis, fifth. Essery, Hollis and Jeff Scott were also the third place team.

**Feature writing:** Christy Essery, fourth.

**Editorial writing**: Catherine Whitworth, third; and Gretchen Hollis, sixth.

**Headline writing:** Gretchen Hollis, first; and Sara Cantu, sixth.

Sponsors are Phyllis Smith, accounting; Darlene Stokes, calculator applications, mathematics and number sense; Lynda Patterson, computer applications; and Wynola Early, computer science.

Others are Shad Nachlinger, current issues and events and literary criticism; JoAnn Cotton, ready writing; Thomas Strayhorn, science; Christy Smith, spelling and vocabulary.

Also Lynda McCormack and Ron Hester, speech events; and Diane Arnold, journalism events.

## ASK US

**Q—Have the WTC softball games against Midland College that were rained out Saturday been rescheduled?**

**A—Yes. The doubleheader will be made up this afternoon at 4 and 6 at Cates Field.**

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



**Dan Hicks...**

...is a 15-year resident of Snyder who originally moved here from Arizona. He currently works for AFLAC, but spent some six years as a police officer. His wife's name is Betty and they have two children. Son Shane is 11 and daughter Nikkie is eight. His hobby is coaching youth sports.

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**Nothing cures like time and love.**

**—Laura Nyro**

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# WHAT'S UP?

## ONGOINGS

### PTK Tupperware party

The Psi Zeta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society will host a Tupperware party from 6-7:30 p.m. today in the upper level of the WTC Student Center.

### Technology booster club

The Technology Student Association booster club will meet at 7 tonight to make plans for the end-of-year banquet, and the upcoming TSA meetings in Odessa and Waco.

### Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Three Ways Satan Tries to Destroy," followed by "Christianity is a Miracle."

### Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. today with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are welcome.

### Historical commission meeting

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

### Genealogical Society meeting

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. The program will be "Tales of Early Transportation." The public is invited.

### SISD reception

The public is invited to a welcome reception for new SISD superintendent Dr. Ronny Collins, and a farewell reception for interim superintendent Jim Kirkland from 3:30-5 p.m. Wednesday in the administration boardroom, 2901 37th St.

### MAWC game day

The Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day will begin at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Games will follow lunch and reservations should be made by Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

### Library book sale

Scurry County Library will hold its annual book sale Wednesday through Saturday. Hours Wednesday and Friday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday hours are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the children's summer reading program.

### Free income tax help

Free income tax help is available for persons earning low to moderate incomes. There is no age restriction. Assistance is available from 9 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M.

### Lenten worship services

The First Presbyterian Church will hold Lenten worship services at 6 p.m. every Wednesday through April 9. Anyone wishing to observe Lent is welcome to attend.

### FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

### Eastern Star meeting

Snyder Chapter No. 450 of the Order of Eastern Star will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All members are welcome.

### CNA classes

CNA classes will begin next Saturday at Snyder Oaks Nursing Center. Classes are 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free tuition, books available at WTC book store. Orientation is 2 p.m. Thursday in the dining room. For more information, call 863-2426.

### VBS training clinic

The Mitchell-Scurry Baptist Association will host a Vacation Bible School training clinic from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. This year's theme is "The Great Kingdom Caper." For more information call the area office at 573-1803 or Patsy Day at 573-0971.

### SHS senior activities

Senior parents need to send in their $20 as soon as possible. Also, the three pictures of your senior student are needed by April 4. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

### Senior water aerobics

Senior water aerobics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

### Relay for Life cookbooks

The cookbooks of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Relay for Life team are now available for a $10 donation. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Call Becky Craig at 573-2472, Jo Schooler at 573-7807 or 573-6374.

### WTC adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S. L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

### Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

### FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

# As expected, Oscars crown 'Chicago'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The best-picture Academy Award for the flashy musical "Chicago" was one of the only predictable elements of a ceremony that included three key wins for the Holocaust drama "The Pianist."

On a night when the war with Iraq set a somber tone, Adrien Brody took best-actor and Roman Polanksi earned the directing prize for "The Pianist" against higher-profile front-runners. The Japanese film "Spirited Away" won for feature-length animation against cartoon behemoths from Hollywood. Eminem took the best-song Oscar against a field that included veterans Paul Simon and U2.

The ceremony included an angry indictment of the Bush administration from documentary winner Michael Moore and a tearful moment of empathy for war victims from Brody.

With six awards, "Chicago" was the main winner at a ceremony where pageantry took on greater solemnity because of the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

"Chicago" became the first musical to win best picture since 1968's "Oliver!" Catherine Zeta-Jones, supporting-actress winner for "Chicago," was the first performer to win an Oscar for a musical since 1972.

Nicole Kidman won for lead actress as author Virginia Woolf in the somber drama "The Hours." Chris Cooper earned the supporting-actor Oscar for the twisted Hollywood tale "Adaptation."

Kidman, Cooper and Zeta-Jones had been acting front-runners, but first-time nominee Brody was something of a longshot in the best-actor field, where each of the other contenders already had at least one Oscar. Jack Nicholson of "About Schmidt" and Daniel Day-Lewis of "Gangs of New York" had been viewed as best bets to win the lead-actor trophy.

"The Pianist" was based on the life of Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman, a Polish Jew who eluded the Nazis in the Warsaw ghetto. Brody told the Oscar crowd the film was a tribute to Szpilman, and he fought back tears as he said the role gave him a taste of the dehumanization that comes with war.

"It's just a very difficult thing to do, to celebrate when there is sadness and conflict in the world. Our achievements as artists and filmmakers and actors are valid, and we deserve to celebrate that," Brody said backstage. But "the timing for me is a little odd."

Polanski had been a bit of a longshot for director. Martin Scorsese was viewed as the likely winner for "Gangs of New York" through much of Oscar season, but Rob Marshall's triumph for "Chicago" at the Directors Guild of America awards made it look like a horse race between Scorsese and Marshall.

A Holocaust survivor himself, Polanski has been an exile from the United States since he fled 25 years ago to avoid sentencing for having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Polanski would have faced arrest had he entered the country to attend the Oscars.

"The Pianist" also earned the adapted-screenplay award for Ronald Harwood.

"Chicago" came in with a leading 13 nominations, followed by the crime epic "Gangs of New York" with 10. But "Gangs" was shut out in every category.

"Chicago" was adapted from the Bob Fosse stage hit about two Jazz Age murderesses using their jailhouse celebrity to further their singing careers.

Musicals gradually fell out of favor in Hollywood after their critical peak in the early 1960s, when "West Side Story," "The Sound of Music" and others won best picture. "Moulin Rouge," a best-picture nominee a year ago, helped rekindle the genre, and "Chicago" has become a huge box-office success with a domestic gross of $134 million and climbing.

"I just hope that we continually do musicals," said "Chicago" producer Martin Richards. "I just hope that they don't do one musical after another just because it's the flavor of the week, and that they do good musicals, and we bring back at least one of them a year. That would be my joy."

"Spirited Away," from Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki, was a huge hit in his home country, but an English-language adaptation did only a modest $5.5 million in the United States last fall. The animated-feature Oscar seemed more likely to go to one of the Hollywood films, like the $100-million-plus hits "Ice Age" or "Lilo & Stitch."

Eminem won his Oscar for co-writing "Lose Yourself," a song from "8 Mile," in which he also starred.

Oscar organizers scrapped much of the ceremony's revelry in light of the Iraq war. A celebrity or two decided against attending because of the conflict, while some wore peace pins or drove to the Oscars in fuel-efficient vehicles to protest American reliance on overseas oil.

Moore, whose "Bowling for Columbine" won the feature-length documentary prize, railed against the White House, saying, "Shame on you, Mr. Bush," for going to war. He received a standing ovation as he headed to the stage, and his angry speech was greeted with a mix of applause and boos.

"Bowling for Columbine," Moore's alternately hilarious and horrifying examination of gun violence in America, also condemns U.S. policies and intervention overseas.

"We kill each other at an enormous rate, more so than virtually any other country on this planet," Moore said backstage. "What was the lesson that we taught the children of Columbine this week? This was the lesson, that violence is an acceptable means to resolve a conflict."

For a change, Oscar organizers moved the show along swiftly, bringing it at just over its scheduled 3½-hour time. Some past Oscar shows, including last year's, topped four hours.

## 2003 list of Oscar winners

**By The Associated Press**

**Complete list of winners at the 75th annual Academy Awards, presented Sunday night at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles:**

**Picture: "Chicago."**

**Director: Roman Polanksi, "The Pianist."**

**Actor: Adrien Brody, "The Pianist."**

**Actress: Nicole Kidman, "The Hours."**

**Supporting Actor: Chris Cooper, "Adaptation."**

**Supporting Actress: Catherine Zeta-Jones, "Chicago."**

**Adapted Screenplay: "The Pianist," Ronald Harwood.**

**Animated Feature: "Spirited Away."**

**Animated Short Film: "The ChubbChubbs!"**

**Art Direction: "Chicago."**

**Cinematography: "Road to Perdition."**

**Costume: "Chicago."**

**Documentary Feature: "Bowling for Columbine."**

**Documentary (short subject): "Twin Towers."**

**Film Editing: "Chicago."**

**Foreign Language Film: "Nowhere in Africa," Germany.**

**Live Action Short Film: "This Charming Man (Der Er En Yndig Mand)."**

**Makeup: "Frida."**

**Original Score: "Frida."**

**Original Screenplay: "Talk to Her," Pedro Almodovar.**

**Original Song: "Lose Yourself" from "8 Mile," Emmem, Jeff Bass and Luis Resto.**

**Sound: "Chicago."**

**Sound Editing: "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."**

**Visual Effects: "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers."**

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**Oscar winners previously announced this year:**

**Honorary Award: Peter O'Toole.**

**Academy Award of Merit: Alias/Wavefront for its Maya computer imaging software.**

**Academy Award of Merit: The Arnold & Richter Cine Technik and Panavision companies for their advanced motion picture camera systems.**

## Andrews still working

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Julie Andrews is still drawing audiences more than 40 years after gaining superstar status on Broadway and in film.

Andrews, 67, remains busy with movie roles and writing her autobiography and children's books.

# Date Book

**Monday, March 24, 2003**

Today is the 83rd day of 2003 and the fifth day of spring.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1934, the Philippines were granted independence (after nearly 50 years U.S. rule) when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Tydings-McDuffie Act that would take effect July 4, 1946.

On this day in 1788, the state of Rhode Island rejected the new Constitution. They finally ratified it on May 29, 1790.

On this day in 1989, more than 11 million gallons of oil were spilled into the waters and onto the shores of Prince William Sound, Alaska, after the Exxon Valdez oil tanker ran aground.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Andrew W. Mellon (1855-1937), financier and industrialist; William Morris (1834-1896), poet; John Wesley Powell (1834-1902), geologist and explorer; Harry Houdini (1874-1926), magician and escape artist.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1936, the Detroit Red Wings defeated Montreal 1-0 to win the Stanley Cup after more than 116 minutes of overtime.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Never try to fool children. They expect nothing and therefore see everything." — Harry Houdini

**TODAY'S MOON:** Last quarter (March 24).

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# Special Forces soldier charged in wife's slaying hangs himself

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — An Army Special Forces soldier charged with killing his wife after returning from Afghanistan nine months ago hanged himself in a jail cell Sunday, officials said.

Master Sgt. William Wright was one of four soldiers at Fort Bragg suspected of killing their spouses in a six-week stretch last summer. The deadly spree forced the Army to re-evaluate how it provided support for soldiers with strained marriages and those readjusting after combat service.

Three of the four soldiers suspected of killing their wives were in Special Forces units. Each of those three have now committed suicide.

Wright, 36, was found in his cell about 1 a.m., Lt. Glen Mobley of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department said. He was declared dead about an hour later.

Wright was alone in the cell and a jailer had checked on him a half-hour before he was found. Jail employees unsuccessfully attempted to revive him with CPR, according to the statement.

Wright served with the 3rd Special Forces Group in Afghanistan and returned a few weeks before reporting his wife, Jennifer, missing July 1. He was charged with first-degree murder in her death and had been held in jail since then without bond allowed.

The couple had three boys, ages 6, 9 and 13.

Sgt. 1st Class Rigoberto Nieves, 32, a Special Forces soldier, fatally shot his wife and himself June 11, two days after he had returned from Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Floyd, reportedly a member of the secret Delta Force, shot his wife and then killed himself July 19.

Still facing charges is former Army sergeant Cedric Griffin, who is accused of stabbing his wife, Marilyn, 50 times and setting her on fire July 9. He faces death if convicted.

## Performance is set

NEW YORK (AP) — Conductor James Conlon will feature music of Viktor Ullmann, a German-Czech composer who died in Auschwitz in 1944, in the first of a series of concerts devoted to composers killed by the Nazis.

Three performances of Ulmann's music will be presented this week in New York City, the start of Conlon's three-year project, "Recovering a Musical Heritage."

The project will highlight works by Erwin Schulhoff, Pavel Haas, Gideon Klein and Hans Krasa, all killed by the Nazis, as well as others uprooted by the war, like Bela Bartok, Kurt Weill and Alexander Zemlinsky.


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**By Bernice**

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# Fed judge handpicked in Dan Morales case

AUSTIN (AP) — The region's chief federal judge has bypassed the courthouse computer that randomly assigns criminal cases and given the case against former Attorney General Dan Morales to U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks.

James Nowlin, who once clashed with Morales, said his choice was driven by administrative concerns about distributing workload.

The decision put the fraud and tax-evasion charges against the Democratic politician in the hands of Nowlin's fellow Republican appointee, Sparks, making certain the indictment would not go to senior U.S. District Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth, a Democratic appointee.

Nowlin said the highly publicized charges filed this month against Morales prompted him to intervene because the "circus" atmosphere would make the Morales affair "burdensome."

That's why he handed it to Sparks, 63, the city's only other active federal judge, instead of Hudspeth, 67, who as a senior judge is semiretired and has opted for a lighter caseload.

"That kind of case normally doesn't go, or we normally don't send it, to a senior judge," Nowlin told the San Antonio Express-News.

He said he had no idea how Sparks and Hudspeth differed in style.

Nowlin said his decision was not tainted by the 1992 court battle over the redrawing of voting districts in which then-Attorney General Morales took aim at Nowlin by conducting an investigation that led to a formal reprimand for the judge.

Nowlin, who insisted he did nothing wrong but ultimately withdrew from the case because of the controversy, said he chalked the decade-old episode up to hardball partisan politics.

Asked what other cases received similar treatment, Nowlin characterized the Austin indictment of a former official as one without recent precedent.

Typically, courthouse computers assign a quarter of criminal indictments each to Nowlin and Hudspeth, and Sparks gets the remaining half, although the rules allow for exceptions, such as when a case poses a conflict of interest for a certain judge.

Hudspeth said he didn't know that Nowlin assigned the Morales case or that it was considered too onerous for him.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'm not prejudiced against any kind of case," Hudspeth said. "I just follow the random assignment."

Morales' lawyers said they were unaware that Nowlin personally assigned the case and declined to discuss it.

"If I had concerns, I wouldn't express those concerns," said one attorney, Sam Millsap. "I would be the dumbest lawyer on earth if I did. I'm not going to criticize any federal judge, even if I were inclined to — and I'm not."

James Alfini, the new dean of South Texas College of Law, said it would probably be "a stretch" to brand Nowlin's intervention a breach of judicial ethics.

# San Antonio expects boost from telecast

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Miss USA contestants won't be the only ones getting in the spotlight during today's pageant. As the host city for the event, San Antonio also expects to take center stage in the live telecast.

"You can't miss where you are when you watch this show," Phil Gurin, the show's executive producer, told the San Antonio Express-News "We really showcase San Antonio."

The pageant opens with a pretaped six-minute dance number on the River Walk, he said. And throughout the show there will be shots of the contestants at various San Antonio attractions, including the Alamo, Mission San Jos, La Villita, the Don Strange Ranch, Six Flags Fiesta Texas and a Spurs game.

"It's such a great location for us," said Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization, which produces Miss Universe, Miss USA and Miss Teen USA. "It's so diverse, and there's so much here."

Three of the sets that will be used for the live show at the Municipal Auditorium were designed to look like Alamo City landmarks, Gurin said.

"If people tune in and watch Miss USA and don't know anything about San Antonio, they're going to fall in love with this place," Gurin said.

Miss USA officials worked closely with the city's film commissioner for several weeks, said Dale Lockett, acting executive director of the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"We had input on what we wanted the nation and the world to see when the broadcast is conducted," he said. "I think what the world will see ... will knock their socks off."

Some local residents questioned whether the city should have spent $600,000 to host the pageant, but Lockett said nine minutes of exposure on NBC — promised to the city in its contract — is worth at least $2 million. He said the city will get a return on its investment and then some.

Even if NBC's coverage of the war in Iraq affects tonight's show, San Antonio still will get its nine minutes of air time, pageant officials said.

Telemundo, an NBC partner, also is airing a behind-the-scenes look at the pageant.

# Madonna gets several Razzies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie swept away the competition at the Razzies, an annual spoof of the Academy Awards singling out the worst achievements in film.

"Swept Away," the island-romance bomb that starred Madonna and was written and directed by Ritchie, took five Razzie Awards on Saturday, among them worst picture of 2002.

Madonna tied for worst actress with fellow pop queen Britney Spears, who made her starring debut in "Crossroads," another worst-picture contender.

Ritchie was chosen worst director, while "Swept Away" earned Madonna a second award for worst screen couple with co-star Adriano Giannini. A remake of an acclaimed Italian film about a rich snob stranded with a hunky sailor, Madonna's "Swept Away" also received the trophy for worst remake or sequel.

Madonna was named worst supporting actress for her brief cameo as a fencing instructor in the James Bond flick "Die Another Day," for which she also sang the theme song.

"She's not even in the movie for two minutes, but she's so awful in that one scene, that for the whole rest of the movie, you cannot forget that your eyes and ears have been assaulted with the stupidity of her appearance," said Razzies founder John Wilson.

Madonna's latest Razzies bring her career total to nine, tying her with Sylvester Stallone for most awards ever. Three years ago, the Razzies also chose Stallone and Madonna as worst actor and actress of the 20th century.

Other Razzie 2002 "winners" chosen by about 500 members of the Golden Raspberry Foundation:

— Worst actor: Roberto Benigni, "Pinocchio."

— Worst supporting actor: Hayden Christensen, "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones."

— Worst screenplay: George Lucas and Jonathan Hales, "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones."

— Worst original song: "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman," "Crossroads."

— Most flatulent teen-targeted movie: "Jackass: The Movie."

Ritchie and Madonna were the first husband-wife Razzie recipients since John and Bo Derek, who were named worst director and actress for 1984's "Bolero" and 1990's "Ghosts Can't Do It."

# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**



## *Gay man outraged by neighbor who brags about sex with boy*

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 32-year-old gay man who lives with my partner in a large condominium complex. Another gay man, "Nigel," lives down the hall. We do not socialize. Nigel is in his late 40s, and I have a strong aversion to him because he informs anyone who'll listen about his sexual escapades.

I recently ran into Nigel in the elevator, and he started boasting about a fling he's having with a 16-year-old boy who lives two floors below. As we stepped into the lobby, Nigel waved to the boy's mother, then laughingly told me under his breath that she regards him as just "a neighbor friend who kindly drives her son to school."

Abby, please urge your readers to get to know who their children are spending time with. They should make it a point to meet all their children's friends in person, and never permit their kids to go out with "friends" they haven't met.

Is there anything I can do about Nigel and that boy? Should I call the authorities? I feel this monster is taking advantage of a minor and should be stopped. — **NO NAME, CITY OR STATE**

**DEAR NO NAME, CITY OR STATE:** What Nigel is doing is child abuse. Tell the boy's mother what Nigel told you. She needs to know what's going on. It's up to her to report it to the police.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Recently, while "under the influence" at a party, "Ray," a friend of my boyfriend, "Pete," tried to kiss me. I avoided Ray for the rest of the evening and have not told anyone about the incident. The trouble is, my boyfriend has told me more than once that if he ever found out any of his friends had made a move on me, he'd hurt him badly.

I don't know if I should tell Pete what happened and try to explain that Ray was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. I don't think Ray would ever try anything like that while sober, so I'm tempted to keep quiet — so no one gets hurt. However, I have never kept a secret from my boyfriend before, and I'm worried that if he finds out, he might think I kissed Ray back. What do you think I should do, Abby? — **NOT A PARTY GIRL IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

**DEAR NOT A PARTY GIRL:** Don't tell him. I am concerned because it appears that your boyfriend has a violent and/or intimidating streak. You should be able to confide in him without feeling threatened.

I urge you to rethink your relationship with both of these young men, and the kind of parties you are attending.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Just before Christmas, I found evidence on our computer that my husband was cheating. New proof continues to appear, though less frequently.

I am financially dependent on my spouse, physically unable to work, and my elderly mother lives with us. She is completely dependent on me for her care. Financially, I cannot afford to leave or ask my husband to leave. I'm afraid to let on that I know about his infidelity, but don't know how much longer I can keep silent. The hurt and anger are eating me alive. What should I do? — **HUMILIATED IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

**DEAR HUMILIATED:** The stress of caring for your mother may have affected both you and your husband. If you continue to suffer in silence, it's only a matter of time until you explode — which would be counterproductive. Tell your husband calmly that you know what's been going on. Explain that you would like the both of you to get marriage counseling to heal the breach that has developed in your relationship. Marriages can be saved after an infidelity if both parties are willing to work on it.

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# Astro-graph

**By Bernice Bede Osol**



## Your Birthday

**Tuesday, March 25, 2003**

Your career and work opportunities for the year ahead look exceptionally promising. Things could get so revved up that you might get involved in several different kinds of commercial enterprises simultaneously.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You have everything that is necessary for fulfilling your ambitious objectives today, especially those that have become very personal for you. Fire up the stove and get things cooking.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — Don't be afraid to utilize in life what you've learned from books. You could get a perfect opportunity today to put to use some particular knowledge you've acquired through reading.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Allowing more time to lapse in taking care of a business situation over which you've been displeased would be detrimental. Positive changes can be made today if you'll give it a try.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Only a team effort can offer success today when you're involved in a group endeavor. Be the diplomat in getting everybody to be equally industrious and striving to share the load.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — There are plenty of new ways that can be found today to increase your earning potential. Get creative and develop opportunities from your present involvements and circumstances.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Plan something of a pleasurable nature to do with friends today that would fit into your hectic schedule. A change of pace now will make you more productive for the rest of the week.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — That critical matter you've been planning to get around to taking care of sooner or later should not be put off any longer. Today is an excellent day to remove this thorn from your side.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Try to plan your day so that you'll have plenty of freedom and flexibility to move around at will. It'll enable you to take care of what's on the charts as well as what pops up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — This could be a moneymaking day for you if you concentrate your efforts to matters that can produce good returns. Don't waste your valuable time on petty, nonproductive activities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — If you don't take the time to plan your moves in advance, some of your more important involvements could refuse to fly. Keep your engines running smoothly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — By bringing something that you've found very disturbing out into the open today, things could get cleared up quickly. However, if you continue to hide it, it'll continue to smolder.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Enthusiasm for a project or venture in which you've lost interest could be reawakened in you today. The fire might be ignited by a chance remark of an associate or friend.

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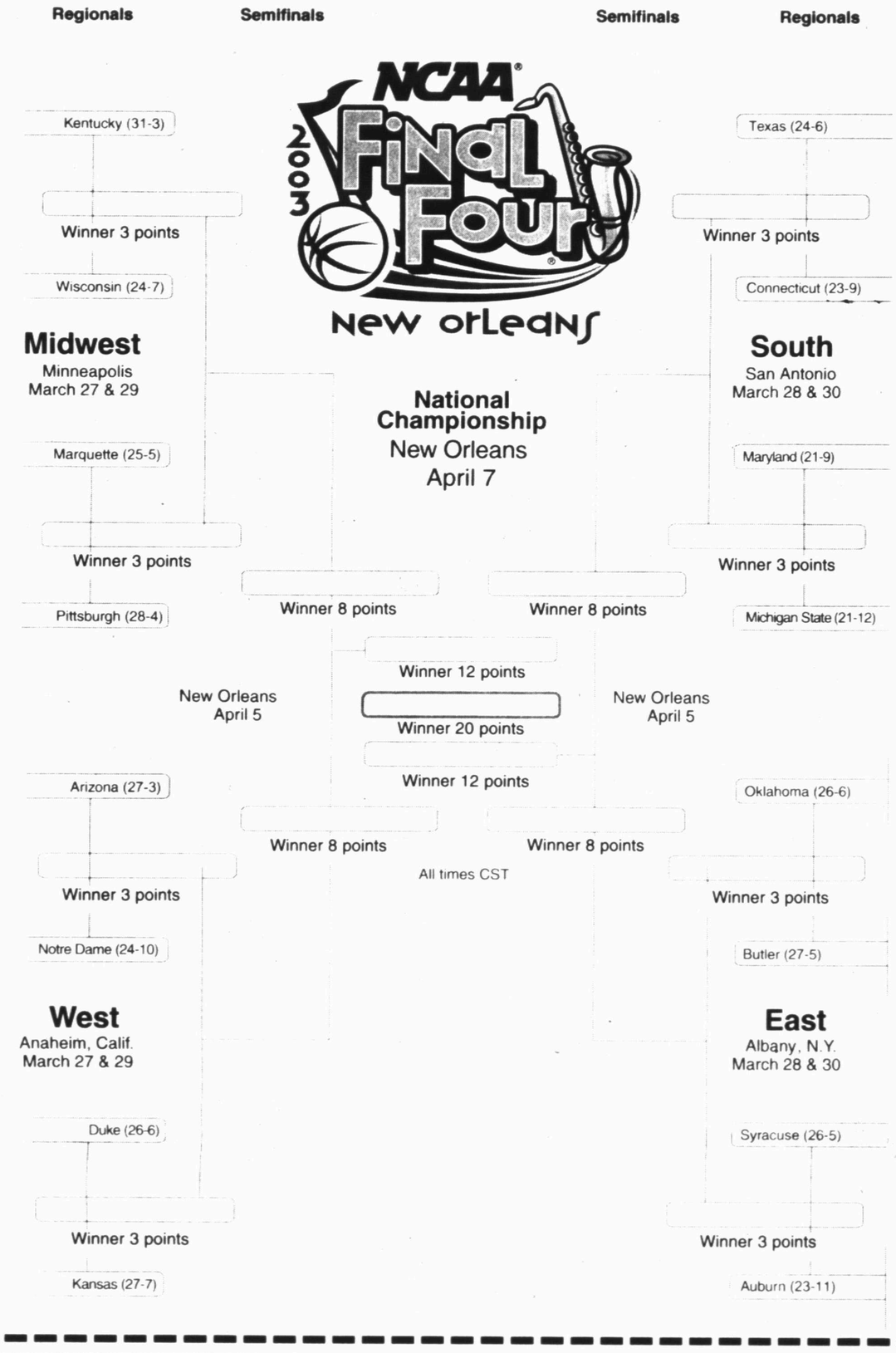
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write in your choice of winners on the tournament bracket on the four levels; then predict the total number of points that will be scored in the championship game (to be used as tie-breaker if needed); then fill in your name, address and phone number and bring entry to the Snyder Daily News office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, March 27. This deadline is needed because the first games starts at 7:27 p.m. that day.

Scoring: 3 points per winner will be awarded in the first level; 8 points in the second level; 12 points in the semifinals; and 20 points for the championship game - for a possible total of 100 points. The three entrants with the most points will be the winners. In case of a tie, the tie breaker will be the total points scored in the championship game.

Entries must be on the original newsprint. Anyone can enter, but only one entry per person. Winners will be announced the day after the championship game, played April 7. Winners will be mailed their checks. Best of luck to all.

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# SPORTS

*Time for Sweet Sixteen...*

# Twelfth-seed Butler stuns Louisville

**By The Associated Press**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A team of blue-collar kids with crew cuts from a tiny Indiana school beat a powerhouse in the big tournament.

Sound vaguely familiar?

Darnell Archey's brilliant shooting and Brandon Miller's deft ball-handling Sunday swept 12th-seeded Butler into the round of 16 for the first time with a 79-71 stunner over Rick Pitino and Louisville in the East Regional.

The Horizon League team that plays in the gym where the ultimate underdog movie, "Hoosiers", was filmed is writing a poignant script of its own with upsets of No. 5 Mississippi State and the fourth-seeded Cardinals (26-6).

Next, the Bulldogs (27-5) meet top-seeded Oklahoma on Friday in Albany, N.Y.

Archey shot 8-of-9 on 3-pointers — hitting all six in the second half — and tied his career high with 26 points to end Pitino's return to the NCAA tournament.

Butler, with an enrollment of about 4,000 — less than a fifth of Louisville's — made 14 of 22 3-pointers, including 9-of-13 in the second half, to erase an early 15-point deficit.

Reece Gaines scored 22 of his 26 points in the second half for Louisville.

**Auburn 68, Wake Forest 62**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cliff Ellis can sing it proud. His Auburn Tigers really do belong in the NCAA tournament.

Feeding off their underdog status one more time, the team that many felt shouldn't have been invited to the tourney stunned second-seeded Wake Forest.

Marquis Daniels led the way, returning from a five-minute spell on the bench in foul trouble to score seven of his 18 points in the final four minutes. Reserve Lewis Monroe scored Auburn's last four points from the foul line to finish with 12.

The 10th-seeded Tigers (22-11) advanced to the round of 16 for the second time in five seasons under Ellis, a musician who's recorded several CDs that the coach likes to play in the locker room and on the team bus.

Auburn will face third-seeded Syracuse in the regional semifinals.

Freshman Justin Gray led Wake Forest (25-6) with a career-high 26 points. But the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season champions were unable to overcome another subpar performance by Josh Howard, the ACC player of the year. He had 14 points and a team-high seven turnovers.

**Syracuse 68, Oklahoma State 56**

BOSTON (AP) — Never count out Carmelo Anthony and Syracuse's other freshmen.

And don't write off the Big East, either. The conference remained unbeaten in the NCAA tournament when Syracuse overcame an awful start to advance to the regional semifinals.

Third-seeded Syracuse (26-5) will be joined in the round of 16 by three other teams from the Big East, 8-0 in the tournament. The conference received only four bids to the NCAA, which excluded one of its division winners, Boston College.

No. 6 Oklahoma State (22-10) rushed to a 14-2 lead, running after nearly every miss by the Orangemen. But Anthony, Gerry McNamara and Billy Edelin, all freshmen, brought Syracuse back.

Edelin scored 20 points, and McNamara finished with 14 despite missing nearly six minutes to have a wound bandaged above his nose. Anthony, perhaps the nation's top freshman, had 13.

**South**

**Texas 77, Purdue 67**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Triple-threat T.J. Ford and his Texas teammates are going home — to keep playing in the NCAA tournament, that is.

Considered by some to be the best guard in college basketball, Ford scored 21 points and added nine rebounds and eight assists.

Now, he and the top-seeded Longhorns (24-6) can take their traveling party back to Texas. They're headed to San Antonio, where they'll take on fifth-seeded Connecticut on Friday at the Alamodome.

James Thomas contributed 11 points and 12 rebounds and Royal Ivey had 14 points as Texas reached the round of 16 for the second straight year.

Willie Deane scored 13 points for ninth-seeded Purdue (19-11), which fell short of the round of 16 for the fourth time in six seasons.

**Maryland 77, Xavier 64**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — No need to beat the buzzer this time. Maryland jumped ahead of Xavier right from the start.

The defending national champion Terrapins, who got a game-winning 3-pointer from Drew Nicholas in the most exciting finish of the first round, shut down David West early and beat the Musketeers to reach the round of 16 for the third straight year.

Nicholas and Ryan Randle scored 17 points apiece for sixth-seeded Maryland (21-9).

West, the three-time Atlantic 10 player of the year, finished with 22 points and nine rebounds for No. 3 seed Xavier (26-6).

**Michigan State 68, Florida 46**

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Michigan State, stung and shocked when Anthony Roberson chose Florida over the home-state Spartans, held the freshman guard scoreless as part of a stunningly easy win over the Gators.

Getting playing time that might have otherwise gone to Roberson, freshman guard Maurice Ager scored 16 points to help the seventh-seeded Spartans (21-12) win in a rematch of the 2000 title game, also a Michigan State victory.

Tom Izzo's team advanced to play defending champion Maryland in the South Regional semifinals next week in San Antonio.

The second-seeded Gators (25-8) failed to get past the first weekend of the tournament for the third straight year — and failed to break 50 points for the first time in coach Billy Donovan's seven years. David Lee finished with 16 points and four rebounds.

**Midwest**

**Kentucky 74, Utah 54**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Keith Bogans and Marquis Estill scored 18 points apiece and top-seeded Kentucky cruised into the round of 16 for the ninth time in 11 years.

Kentucky (31-3) stretched its winning streak to 25 games, a run sparked by an 18-point loss to rival Louisville on Dec. 28.

It wasn't a shock at all that No. 9 Utah (25-8) had its season end at the hands of Kentucky. The teams were meeting in the tournament for the fifth time in 11 years — the Wildcats have won each time, including a victory in the 1998 national championship game.

Kentucky advanced to meet Wisconsin in the regional semifinals at Minneapolis on Thursday. The Wildcats were knocked out in the round of 16 the last two years, but it will take a major upset by the Badgers to make it three in a row.

Marc Jackson led Utah with 19 points.

**Pittsburgh 74, Indiana 52**

BOSTON (AP) — Pittsburgh's defense put the Panthers in the round of 16 for the second consecutive year and ended Indiana's hopes of back-to-back trips to the NCAA title game.

Jaron Brown scored 20 points, and Brandin Knight added 17 points, seven assists and five steals for second-seeded Pittsburgh (28-4), which has won 11 straight. The Panthers will play No. 3 Marquette in Minneapolis on Thursday.

George Leach scored 15 points for the seventh-seeded Hoosiers (21-13), who lost to Maryland in the championship game last year.

## Sports Briefs

### Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-ups will take place Wednesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house for ages 13-15.

Any coaches interested contact Dwayne Murdock at 573-2207 or Larry Price at 573-0440.

### FBC golf tournament

The First Baptist Church youth ministry will sponsor the "Send a Youth to Camp" golf tournament Saturday at the WTC golf course.

Cost is $40 per person, with four people per team. Format is ABCD blind draw scramble. Call the church office at 573-2631 for more information or to register.

### Outsider's basketball tournament

The WTC student government will host an outsider's basketball tournament April 4-5 at the WTC gym.

Cost is $100 per team, and the money must be received by next Tuesday. For more information or to sign up, call Kendra at 57-8511 ext. 674 or Casey at ext. 509.

## Area Sports Calendar

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| | **TODAY** |
| Baseball: | Snyder vs. Lamesa, 7 p.m. |
| | Snyder JV vs. Lamesa, 4 p.m. |
| | **TUESDAY** |
| Baseball: | Snyder at Denver City, 7 p.m. |
| Softball: | Snyder varsity at Merkel, 4 p.m. |
| | Snyder JV at Sweetwater, district opener, 6:30 p.m. |
| Golf: | Snyder girls at Sweetwater, district opener, 9 a.m. |
| | **WEDNESDAY** |
| Baseball: | WTC vs. Lubbock Christian, DH, 2 p.m. |
| | **THURSDAY** |
| Rodeo: | WTC Rodeo, coliseum, 7 p.m. |
| Golf: | Snyder boys at Seminole, district opener, 9 a.m. |
| | **FRIDAY** |
| Baseball: | Snyder vs. Merkel, 7 p.m. |
| | Ira vs. Rotan, 4 p.m. |
| | WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon. |
| Softball: | Snyder varsity at Lamesa, 4 p.m. |
| | Snyder JV at Lamesa, 5:30 p.m. |
| | WTC vs. Odessa College, DH, 4 p.m. |
| Tennis: | Lubbock tournament. |
| Rodeo: | WTC Rodeo, coliseum. |
| | **SATURDAY** |
| Baseball: | WTC vs. El Paso CC, DH, noon. |
| Softball: | WTC vs. Odessa College, DH, 2 p.m. |
| Tennis: | Lubbock tournament. |
| Rodeo: | WTC Rodeo, coliseum. |

# WTC claims Odessa rodeo

ODESSA — The Western Texas College men started the spring rodeo campaign with a flourish, winning the Odessa College rodeo to push the team into first place in the southwest region.

"I'm really happy with the results," head coach Greg Rhodes said. "Overall we did great."

Several riders ended the rodeo in the top five, with Sam Spreadborough claimed the top spot in the saddle bronc event, scoring an 80 to win the short round and taking first place in the average.

Cody Horwedel took fourth in the average for saddle bronc, finishing third in the short round with a 75.

Steven Turner earned first place in steer wrestling, placing third in the short round with a 4.4.

Hadley Hunting placed second in the average in bull riding.

Justin Foltyn was victorious in the short round of the bareback riding competition with a score of 73, good enough for fourth in the average scores.

Foltyn was later lost with a broken collarbone, and may be done for the rest of the year.

"We'll miss him. We hope he'll be ready for the conference finals, but we will have to wait and see," Rhodes said.

The WTC women were almost as successful as their male counterparts, claiming second overall in the tournament.

Randus London won the top slot in breakaway roping, posting as time of 3.3 in the short round to push her to first place in the average.

Chevis Howell, earned fourth in the average in the same event, coming in third in the short round with a time of 4.0.

"There were some things there that I've been waiting to see. It's very encouraging," Rhodes said. "The women went in healthy, now they have to do it in the rest of the rodeos."

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Jersey | 42 | 28 | .600 | — |
| Philadelphia | 41 | 28 | .594 | ½ |
| Boston | 38 | 32 | .543 | 4 |
| Orlando | 37 | 33 | .529 | 5 |
| Washington | 32 | 37 | .464 | 9½ |
| New York | 31 | 39 | .443 | 11 |
| Miami | 22 | 48 | .314 | 20 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 44 | 25 | .638 | — |
| Indiana | 41 | 29 | .586 | 3½ |
| New Orleans | 40 | 31 | .563 | 5 |
| Milwaukee | 34 | 36 | .486 | 10½ |
| Atlanta | 29 | 42 | .408 | 16 |
| Chicago | 25 | 46 | .352 | 20 |
| Toronto | 21 | 47 | .309 | 22½ |
| Cleveland | 13 | 56 | .188 | 31 |

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**Midwest Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Dallas | 52 | 17 | .754 | — |
| San Antonio | 49 | 20 | .710 | 3 |
| Minnesota | 45 | 26 | .634 | 8 |
| Utah | 40 | 29 | .580 | 12 |
| Houston | 36 | 33 | .522 | 16 |
| Memphis | 25 | 44 | .362 | 27 |
| Denver | 15 | 55 | .214 | 37½ |

**Pacific Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Sacramento | 50 | 21 | .704 | — |
| Portland | 44 | 25 | .638 | 5 |
| L.A. Lakers | 39 | 30 | .565 | 10 |
| Phoenix | 36 | 33 | .522 | 13 |
| Golden State | 34 | 36 | .486 | 15½ |
| Seattle | 32 | 36 | .471 | 16½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 22 | 47 | .319 | 27 |

x-clinched playoff spot

**Sunday's Games**

San Antonio 98, L.A. Lakers 89
Philadelphia 112, Toronto 95
Orlando 96, Miami 74
Detroit 105, Chicago 82
Cleveland 93, New Jersey 88
Sacramento 109, Houston 108
Golden State 113, Washington 107

**Monday's Games**

Memphis at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

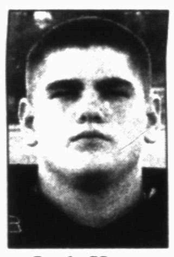
**Tuesday's Games**

Golden State at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Portland, 10 p.m.

## Knox sets SHS record

FT. WORTH — Josh Knox set a personal record and a school record at the state powerlifting meet at Texas Christian University Saturday.

The Snyder senior hoisted a personal-best total of 1,375 pounds to finish 11th in the state in thew 275-pound weight class.



**Josh Knox**

Knox had the fifth best bench in the tournament in all the weight classes, setting a new SHS record of 405 pounds.

Knox weighed in at 249.2 pounds.

Heath Coleson of Iowa Park won the 275-pound class with a total of 1,740 pounds — a new state record.

"Josh had goals of squatting over 500 pounds and benching over 400," powerlifting coach Armando Martinez said. "We wanted to reach all of his goals, and he did."

Martinez said the state tournament was very competitive.

"There were state records being set, including a couple of bench and squat records," he said.


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# DISD dedsegregation hearings begin today

DALLAS (AP) — A hearing starting today will put the spotlight on the Dallas Independent School District desegregation case and could result in the district being freed from 31 years of court oversight.

Robert Thomas, the district's attorney, said he will stress improvements in the district and the progress of DISD, which is now 93 percent nonwhite, has made with its large minority population.

"We're going to be bragging about what a good job we're doing," Thomas told The Dallas Morning News. "We've got star witnesses."

Ed Cloutman, the plaintiffs' attorney, said, "We have some points we need to make, and I think we'll make them well."

Cloutman and some black leaders say the district has yet to comply with the order, citing a continuing gap between the scores of minority and white students on tests.

DISD officials say the gap has narrowed.

The stated goal of the desegregation order is to end all remnants of past discrimination, including unequal academic performance and unfair hiring practices.

Attorneys don't expect the proceedings to take more than a week, but U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders could take months to issue his ruling after the hearing.

After the last such hearing in 1994, Sanders concluded that DISD had erased the effects of desegregation and put the district on a three-year monitoring period with set guidelines. In 1998, he ordered that the district had not fully complied.

In the last year, under the direction of Superintendent Mike Moses, the district has moved to show its compliance. Moses is expected to be among the first witnesses called by Thomas.

DISD officials have several reasons for wanting out of the order. For instance, the court must sign off on scores of decisions, from the placement of new schools to the allocation of money. The order also entails about $560,000 per year in administrative costs.

## Dr. Gott

**By Peter Gott, M.D.**



### *Proper technique to measure blood pressure*

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Please settle two family disagreements.

First, when my wife and I go to the doctor, the nurse takes our blood pressures over whatever garment covers the arm. I maintain that a true reading cannot be obtained in this manner. My wife believes otherwise.

Second, when performing home glucose monitoring (we're both diabetic), the tradition is to check the level before eating. I say a truer test of the blood sugar is to measure it when food is in the system.

Can you resolve these problems?

**DEAR READER:** I'll try.

On the issue of blood pressure, you and your wife are both correct.

When the blood pressure is taken, the cuff is wrapped around the upper arm and inflated to a level that stops blood-flow in the arm. Then the pressure is slowly reduced until the examiner hears the thud-thud sound of the blood flow returning. That is the systolic pressure. As the pressure in the cuff is further reduced, the sound disappears; that is the diastolic reading.

A thick garment, such as a sweater or flannel shirt, will invariably muffle the systolic and diastolic sound-changes, making the reading imprecise. More important, in order to shut off the blood-flow at the beginning of the maneuver, the garment (as well as the arm) must be compressed. Because more force is required to compress a heavy garment, the systolic pressure will be incorrectly elevated. The advantage of a bare-arm blood pressure determination is that it avoids these two pitfalls. So, as a general rule, most practitioners use this technique.

However, a thin garment, such as a cotton shirt or a silk blouse, will rarely interfere with the transmission of systolic/diastolic sounds. And these fabrics are not really compressible, so they don't alter the accuracy of the measurement.

Thus, the issue depends on what kind of clothing is involved. In my practice, especially during the cold winter months, I ask patients to remove thick garments (without rolling them up) but allow thin sleeves for reasons of comfort. The bottom line is that blood pressure can be most accurately determined by cuffing a bare arm, but thin sleeves should not appreciably alter the reading.

With respect to your second observation about blood glucose levels, obtaining such a figure in the fasting state enables doctors to make day-to-day comparisons. In contrast, a post-prandial (after eating) level is strictly a reflection of what (and how much) food was consumed, as well as the interval between eating and the sugar test. In these situations, comparisons are all but impossible.

Nonetheless, post-prandial blood sugars can provide useful information for certain patients whose diabetes may be "brittle," difficult to control. In this instance, a physician may need to know what the sugar level is after a meal.

I suggest that you query your practitioner about the pattern of home-monitoring he or she prefers.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Diabetes Mellitus." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

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## Today's chuckle

### Police find drug suspect in refrigerator



BURLINGTON, Iowa (AP) — Police officers were surprised to find a drug suspect stashed in a refrigerator.

"I definitely heard comments that this was a first," said Greg Hoffer, an investigator with the Southeast Iowa Narcotics Task Force.

Police went to a house on a tip that the suspect may be living there. The homeowner told police the man wasn't there, but gave them permission to search the house.

After a short search, police found Jerome Anthony Dobbey hiding inside a refrigerator with the door shut. Hoffer said items had been stacked in front of the refrigerator, which was not plugged in.

Dobbey, 24, was arrested and jailed Friday on charges, including possession and intent to deliver crack-cocaine. The homeowner was charged with being an accessory after the fact.

## Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**



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| West | | East |
| ♠ 8 6 5 3<br>♥ 6 2<br>♦ 5 3 2<br>♣ K 9 5 3 | | ♠ 7 4 2<br>♥ K Q J 10<br>♦ K 4<br>♣ Q 10 7 6 |
| | South<br>♠ A K Q<br>♥ 8 7 5 4<br>♦ Q J 8<br>♣ A 8 4 | |

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♣ 3

### A natural tendency to self-destruct

**By Phillip Alder**

Samuel Butler, an English author who died in 1902, wrote, "All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its ..." what?

There are certain desires at the bridge table. They cannot be considered innate, because we are not born with bridge knowledge. We glean that from teachers, books and — I hope! — newspaper columns.

Take this deal — the first of five on this theme — as an example. You are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the club three, and East covers dummy's jack with the queen. How would you plan the play?

It is correct to put up dummy's club jack at trick one. Your only chance for two tricks comes if West has underled king-queen-empty-fourth or -fifth.

You have six top tricks, with three more to come from diamonds. However, if the diamond finesse loses, the opponents might cash too many club tricks. That could happen if West started with five clubs. So, there is a natural reaction to duck the first two club tricks. This would denude East of clubs if he began with three. But is that likely?

West led the club three, his fourth highest. Since dummy has the club two, you know West has led from a four-card suit. And when the opposing cards are splitting 4-4, it is almost always right to win the first trick and go about your business. Here, that leads to success.

If you duck just one round of clubs, a thoughtful East will shift to his heart king, defeating your contract.

Butler felt it is an innate desire of every organism to live beyond its income.

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## Markets

### Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -Morning stocks:

| | High | Low | Last | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR Corp | 2.10 | 1.85 | 2.02 | —.36 |
| AOL TimeWrn | 11.27 | 11.05 | 11.10 | —.35 |
| AT&T Corp rs | 16.69 | 16.20 | 16.40 | —.42 |
| Albertsons | 20.07 | 19.42 | 19.50 | —.66 |
| Alltel | 46.31 | 44.65 | 44.90 | —1.41 |
| AmEl Pw | 22.75 | 22.45 | 22.58 | —.26 |
| AndarkPtr | 44.90 | 44.10 | 44.18 | —.32 |
| ATMOS Egy | 21.75 | 21.25 | 21.39 | —.51 |
| Aviall | 8.04 | 7.98 | 7.99 | —.11 |
| BP PLC | 39.94 | 39.50 | 39.67 | —.36 |
| BakerHughes | 30.75 | 30.06 | 30.07 | —.08 |
| Bank of Amer | 69.70 | 68.70 | 69.07 | —1.43 |
| BellSouth | 22.64 | 21.83 | 21.91 | —.97 |
| BurlNoSFe | 26.20 | 25.65 | 25.83 | —.66 |
| Caterpillar | 52.56 | 50.92 | 51.15 | —1.40 |
| CenterPoint | 6.95 | 6.78 | 6.80 | —.07 |
| ChevronTex | 65.92 | 65.25 | 65.28 | —.72 |
| Citigroup | 36.66 | 35.70 | 35.96 | —1.24 |
| CocaCola | 41.99 | 41.06 | 41.10 | —1.15 |
| ColgatePal | 55.06 | 54.18 | 54.28 | —1.47 |
| CmclMetals s | 14.18 | 13.93 | 13.93 | —.12 |
| ConocoPhill | 51.95 | 51.10 | 51.24 | —.41 |
| Cooper Inds | 38.79 | 37.77 | 37.77 | —1.01 |
| DaimlrChry | 30.60 | 30.04 | 30.18 | —1.15 |
| DeltaAirl | 10.74 | 9.58 | 9.88 | —1.37 |
| Dillards Inc | 13.89 | 13.05 | 13.10 | —.95 |
| DowChem | 29.50 | 28.66 | 28.95 | —1.07 |
| DuPont | 40.91 | 40.21 | 40.42 | —1.22 |
| EastmanChem | 32.42 | 31.05 | 31.09 | —1.33 |
| EstKodak | 31.11 | 30.30 | 30.52 | —1.32 |
| EDS Corp | 18.10 | 16.76 | 17.90 | +.27 |
| Entergy | 49.50 | 48.70 | 48.72 | —.77 |
| ExxonMobil | 36.75 | 35.39 | 35.66 | —.34 |
| FootLocker | 10.70 | 10.34 | 10.36 | —.41 |
| GenDynam | 58.45 | 57.08 | 57.50 | +.38 |
| GenlElec | 27.95 | 26.09 | 26.96 | —1.04 |
| GenMills | 46.43 | 46.06 | 46.17 | —.55 |
| GenMotors | 34.48 | 33.72 | 33.79 | —1.46 |
| GaPacific | 15.58 | 14.98 | 15.04 | —.76 |
| Goodrich | 15.32 | 14.74 | 14.75 | —.57 |
| Goodyear | 5.27 | 4.87 | 4.98 | —.37 |
| GtAtlPac | 4.85 | 4.55 | 4.68 | —.11 |
| Halliburtn | 21.00 | 20.51 | 20.54 | —.16 |
| Hanson ADS | 25.52 | 25.20 | 25.20 | —1.11 |
| HarteHanks s | 19.23 | 18.90 | 18.90 | —.43 |
| HomeDepot | 25.50 | 24.50 | 24.69 | —1.09 |
| HoneywellIntl | 23.50 | 22.70 | 23.13 | —.92 |
| IBM | 83.35 | 82.46 | 82.99 | —1.91 |
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| Kroger Co | 14.38 | 13.84 | 13.91 | —.60 |
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| PilgrmPrd B | 8.30 | 8.10 | 8.17 | —.16 |
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| ProctGamb | 88.15 | 87.00 | 87.57 | —1.33 |
| RadioShack | 21.39 | 20.50 | 20.60 | —1.12 |
| RoyalDut | 41.08 | 40.35 | 40.40 | —.60 |
| SBC Comm | 21.60 | 20.85 | 20.92 | —.72 |
| SaraLee | 20.17 | 19.90 | 19.97 | —.22 |
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## *Oil Patch News*

### Borden County

Chevron has completed the No. 3426 Jo-Mill field unit, 15 miles southwest of Gail. The venture was completed to produce 106 barrels of oil and 23 barrels of water.

Perforations were from 7,224-276 feet, and location is in Section 14, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

### Garza County

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1 Black Knight in the Lazy JL field, 14 miles south of Post.

The well was completed to produce seven barrels of oil and 27 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,168-278 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 30, T7N, B&B survey.

### Howard County

Sharp Image Energy Inc. has completed the No. 3-B Ackerly in the Middleton field, nine miles southeast of Ackerly.

The well was completed to produce 100 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,909-926 feet, and drill site is in Section 3, Block 33, T&P survey.

LCS Production Co. will drill the No. 1113-B Guitar, a 5,999-foot wildcat located five miles northwest of Big Spring.

Location is in Section 13, Block A, Bauer and Cockrell survey.

Richman Petroleum Corporation will drill the No. 1 Snidely, a 7,775-foot wildcat located 24 miles northeast of Big Spring. Location is in Section 11, Block 26, H&TC survey.

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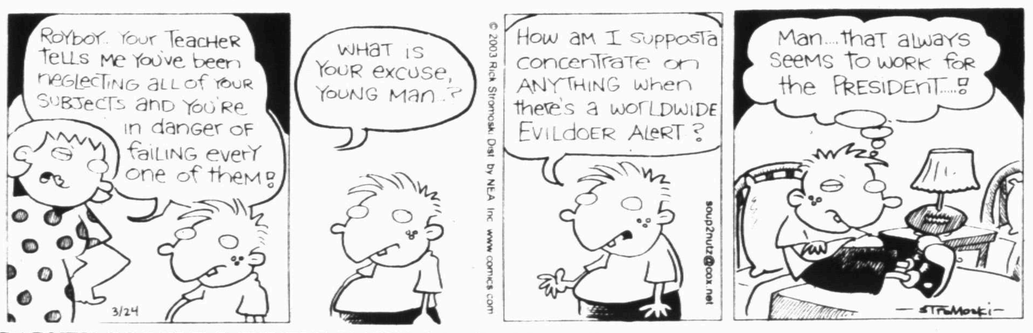
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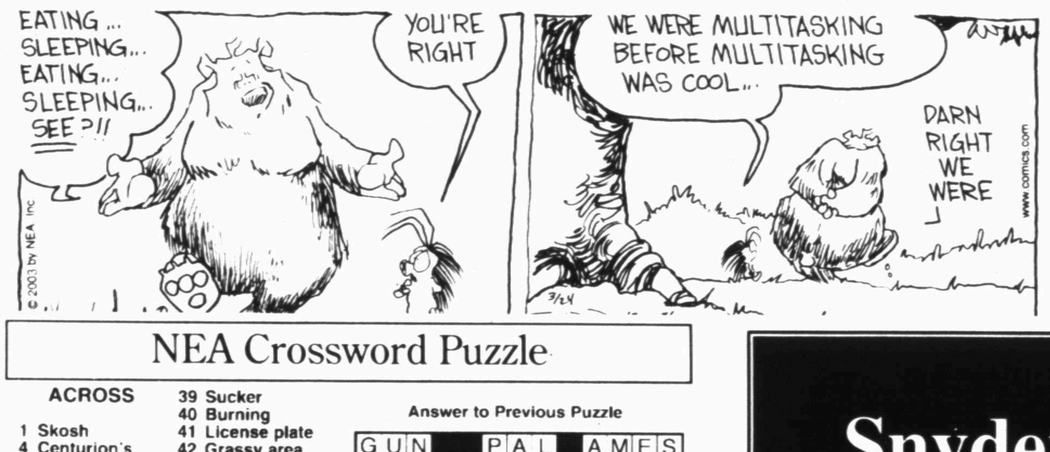

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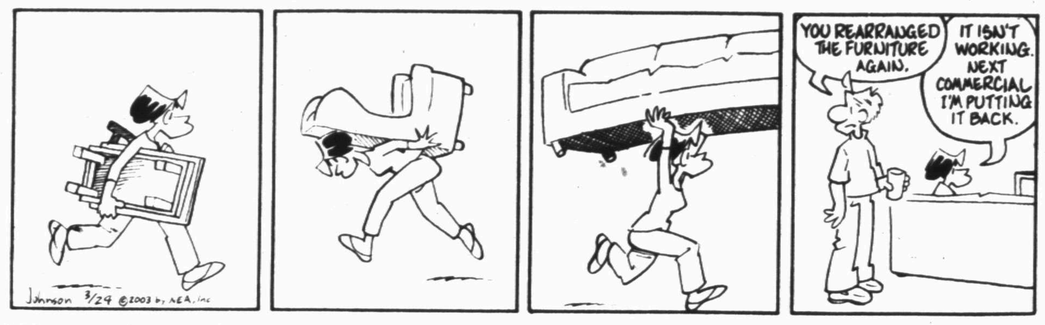

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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1 Skosh
4 Centurion's moon
8 Flightless bird
11 Swiss artist
13 Qatar ruler
14 Have a cold
15 Lubricates
16 Client mtg.
17 Worker's ID
18 Hockey gear
20 Oater backdrop
21 "I'll bet!"
22 Raspberry
24 Frequently
27 Conflict
30 Move like lava
31 Take a powder
32 — Khan
34 Ceiling fixture
35 Ponder
36 Zodiac beast
37 Hose
39 Sucker
40 Burning
41 License plate
42 Grassy area
45 Washes away
49 Anger
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57 Wind dir.
58 Sticky soil
59 Drenched

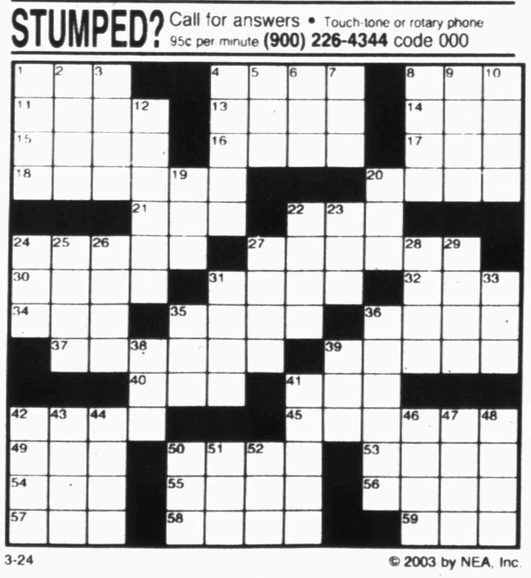
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3 Cold-cuts seller
4 Dog's restraint
5 Strike caller
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7 Paintings
8 Maneuver slowly
9 Fail to catch
10 Arm bone
12 Avoid
19 Corn Belt st.
20 Pierre's word
22 Cotton unit
23 Baseball's Mel —
24 Switch position
25 Eggy dessert
26 Upscale
27 Supervisor
28 Cafe au —
29 Swelled heads
31 Diamond ploy
33 Even one
35 Me, to Maurice
36 Shallow lake
38 DA's degree
39 Golf score
41 Not even-tempered
42 Cry of dismay
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# Snyder Daily News Comics

**DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham**




"IF YOU'RE MY GREAT-AUNT...WHAT DID YOU DO THAT WAS SO GREAT?"

**"Which credit card d'you want – R.G. Williams, Miss S. Peters or the Rev. J. Thomas?"**

**KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright**

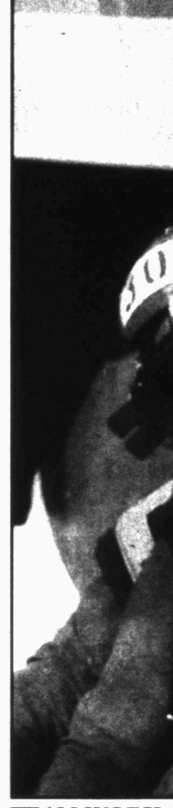



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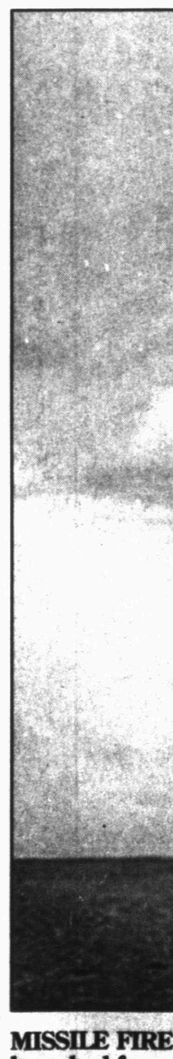
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# AMERICA AT WAR

# Taped Saddam rallies Iraqis

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — With U.S.-led forces closing in on Baghdad, a composed Saddam Hussein tried to rally his people and his troops with a stirring address today in which he vowed that allied forces would be crushed and "victory will be ours soon."

In Washington, a senior U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity said U.S. intelligence had determined that Saddam's speech was recorded. It is unclear when it was taped.

The Iraqi president appeared in full military uniform and seemed more robust and relaxed than during his last nationally televised address on Thursday, which followed the first round of cruise missile attacks on his capital. There had been unconfirmed reports that he was killed or injured in those attacks.

"Iraq will strike the necks (of each enemy fighter)," he said. "Strike them, and strike evil so that evil will be defeated."

Taunting the allies, he asked: "Have you found what the devil that besets your soul promised you in Iraq?"

Saddam urged loyal Iraqis to cut the throats of the invaders and insisted that Iraqi troops would prevail in the fight against a more technologically advanced enemy. He also made specific reference to U.S. tactics and the fighting around Umm Qasr, in an obvious attempt to show that the address was relatively current.

"Those who are believers will be victorious. In these decisive days, the enemy tried not using missiles and fighter jets as they did before. This time, they sent their infantry troops. This time, they have come to invade and occupy your land," he said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said nothing in Saddam's today speech proved it had been made since the beginning of the war.

"I think there are some doubts about whether that tape is canned or was fresh based on recent events," Fleischer said. "It would not be a surprise if Saddam Hussein had some time ago put in the can numerous statements designed to be released later."

U.S. officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity said Saddam would have to make a specific reference to a recent event to prove he's alive.

Officials say it is highly unlikely Saddam would use a double to give a speech; the Iraqis know such a ruse would probably be detected. Look-alikes, officials said, are more useful in motorcades and similar functions that don't require public speaking.



TEAM WORK — U.S. Navy aviation ordnancemen unload ordnance from an F/A-18 Hornet on the flight deck aboard the USS Harry S. Truman, at an undisclosed location at sea, Saturday. The USS Truman is deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo)

# Families of POWs struggle with harsh reality of war

DERBY, Kan. (AP) — The half brother of a Kansas soldier held captive in Iraq said he wants the United States to finish the war "as fast as possible" so his brother can come home.

The family of 23-year-old Pfc. Patrick Miller said he was one of five prisoners of war seen Sunday answering questions on Iraqi television. There also was footage of at least four bodies.

The soldier's half brother, Thomas Hershberger, 27, said his mother spoke to Miller's wife Sunday. She had received confirmation from the military that Miller was being held by the Iraqis, he said.

"She is not doing the best right now," he said of his mother, who lives in New Mexico. "I haven't had a conversation with her without her crying."

Also Sunday, the mother of another captured soldier offered a plea to President Bush: "Please do something for my son," Anecita Hudson said of Army Spc. Joseph Hudson, 23, of Alamogordo, N.M.

Jean Offutt, a spokeswoman for Fort Bliss in Texas, said 10 or more of those who were missing Sunday were with the 507th Maintenance Company, which deployed last month with the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. The 507th is not considered a combat unit, officials said.

The video footage aired on Iraqi TV showed Miller answering questions in a shaky voice, his eyes darting back and forth between an interviewer and another person who couldn't be seen on camera.

Asked why he came to Iraq, he replied, "I come to fix broke stuff."

Asked if he came to shoot Iraqis, he answered, "No, I come to shoot only if I am shot at. They don't bother me, I don't bother them."

Miller, of the Wichita area, graduated from Valley Center High School. He and his family had been living in Texas, but his wife, Jessa, and their two children moved back to Park City to live with her mother when Miller was deployed in December. Valley Center and Park City are near Wichita.

Hershberger said Miller has a 4-year-old son and 7-month-old daughter. Miller was a welder before joining the military last summer to help pay student loans, he said.

Hershberger said his mother was not happy when Miller was deployed overseas, but Miller did not seem overly concerned.

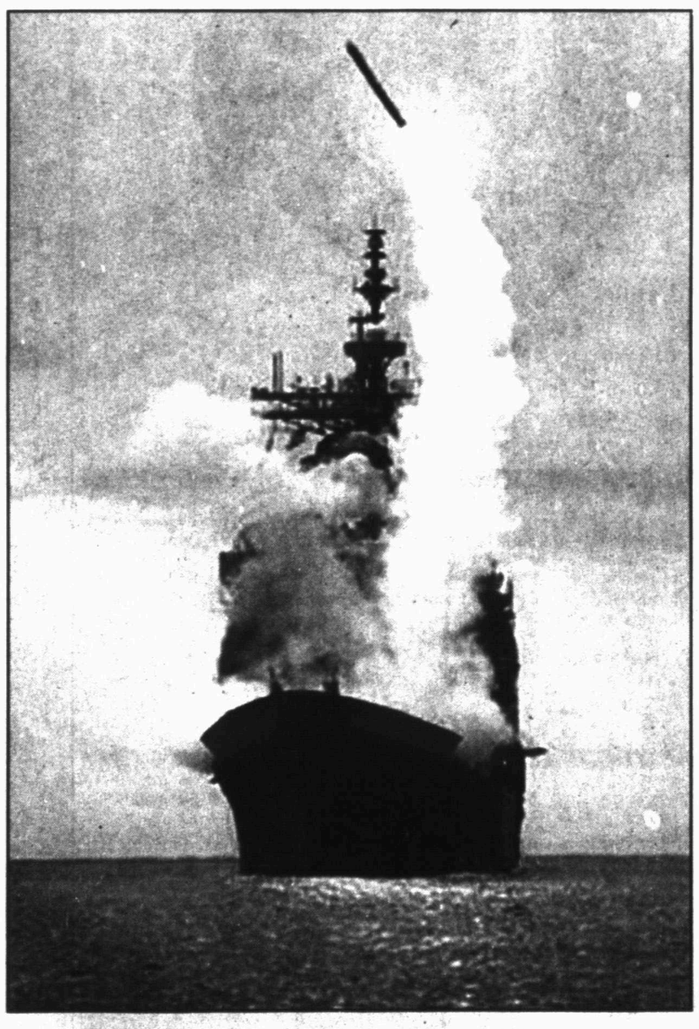
"He is kind of cocky — he didn't act scared at all," Hershberger said.

Hershberger said he did not know how his brother felt about going to Iraq, adding that he didn't know himself whether the United States should have gone to war with Iraq.

"I feel action should be taken for terrorists, but I think the U.S. government only has itself to blame for terrorists feeling the way they do," he said. "(The United States) puts themselves in other people's business that they shouldn't have been in."

Hudson's mother said her son identified himself on the video but didn't give any more information. She said he appeared to be uninjured, unlike some of the others in the video.

"It's like a bad dream, seeing your son get captured on TV," she said. Mrs. Hudson, who is of Filipino ancestry, said she saw the footage on a Filipino station she subscribes to.



MISSILE FIRE — A Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) is launched from the guided missile cruiser USS Cape St. George in the eastern Mediterranean Sea Sunday. Cape St. George is conducting missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo)

# Oil prices surge as war continues

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices surged today on market fears the Iraq war might take longer than some anticipated and because ethnic unrest was disrupting supplies from Nigeria.

Stiffening resistance to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq has undercut hopes for a brief war and an early rehabilitation of that country's oil industry. Iraq pumped 2.5 million barrels a day before fighting began and typically exported about 80 percent of that, or 2 million barrels.

May contracts of North Sea Brent, Europe's benchmark crude, jumped $1.39 a barrel to $25.74 in afternoon trading in London. Contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude for May delivery were trading $1.24 higher at $28.15 a barrel in New York.

Fighting around burning oil wells in southern Iraq's Rumeila field has driven out civilian oil-fire specialists working to quell the blazes, the top firefighter said. U.S.-led forces previously believed the field's facilities were secure.

"It's not nearly as safe as they said it was," Brian Krause, vice president and senior blowout specialist for Houston-based Boots and Coots, said today in Kuwait. "We're kind of sitting ducks out there."

Coalition forces have made a priority of securing Iraqi oil installations to prevent sabotage by Iraqis.

Confusion persisted over the extent of any Iraqi plans to damage or destroy southern oil facilities. British military sources said last week that almost all Iraqi oil facilities were mined or booby-trapped, indicating that Saddam Hussein was prepared to blow up his entire economy.

The Iraqi newspaper Al-Thawrah said on its Web site Sunday that was a lie.

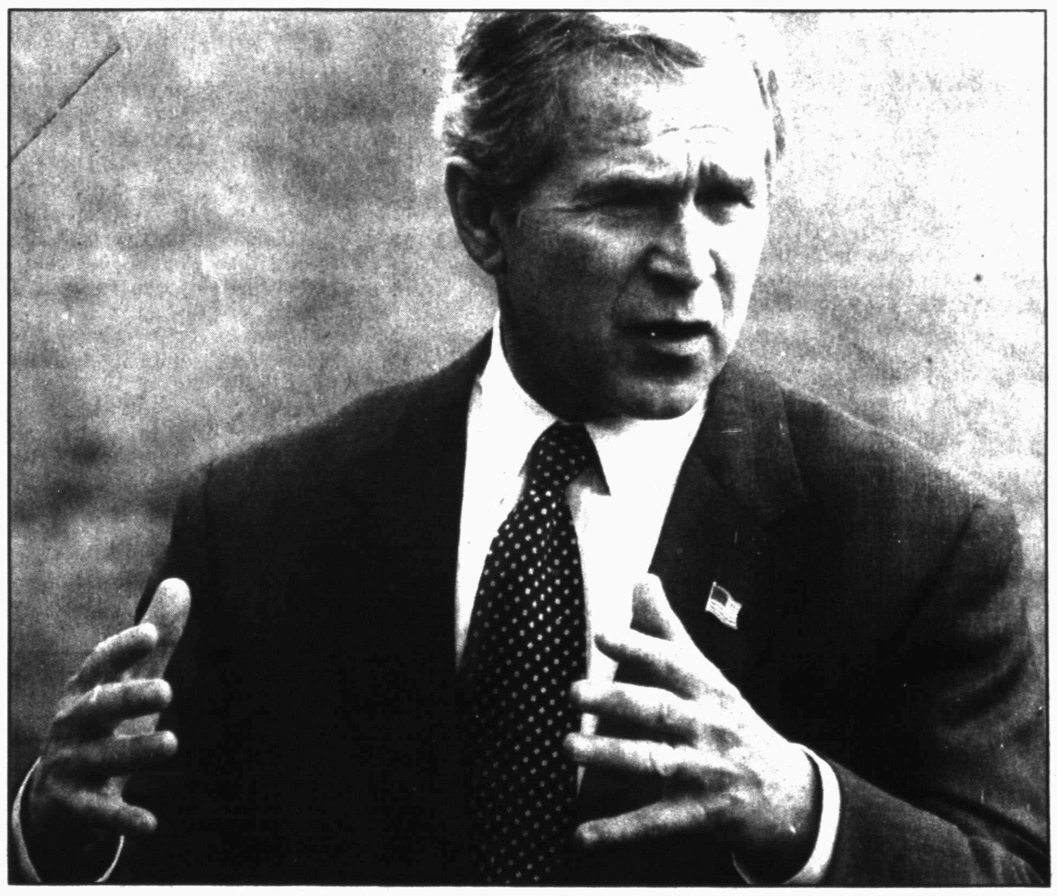
"What is burning in that area is no more than artificial trenches filled with oil to be used as obvious methods of defense," the paper said.

Iraqis sometimes have ignited oil in trenches to create thick smoke to confuse their attackers.

U.S. Brig. Gen. Vince Brooks said Saturday that only nine wells in southern Iraq had been sabotaged. Iraq has 1,685 producing wells.

"I don't think that the Iraqis ever really intended to blow these wells up and keep them burning forever," said Rob Laughlin, managing director of London brokerage GNI Man Financial.

He blamed fears of an "elongating" war for causing much of the market's jitters.



PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS — President Bush speaks with reporters after arriving at the White House following his weekend at Camp David Sunday. Bush demanded that any American troops held captive in Iraq be treated humanely. (AP Photo)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

# Phone competition appeal turned away

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rejected an appeal today over contested rules for competition for telephone and Internet services.

The appeal had essentially become moot because the contested rules were being overhauled by the Federal Communications Commission, the Bush administration told the court. New rules were approved last month.

AT&T Corp., WorldCom Inc. and other companies appealed a ruling that forced federal regulators to reconsider how to allow telecommunications companies to compete against each other.

Solicitor General Theodore Olson, the Bush administration's Supreme Court lawyer, said AT&T was correct that an appeals court misinterpreted the government's regulation authority. But he also told justices in court papers that the matter did not merit their attention because of the policy changes.

# Man arrested for felony DWI

***•Arrests***

Snyder officers arrested Justin Ray Hester, 30, of 4503 College Ave., Apt. 1 for felony driving while intoxicated just before 9 p.m. Sunday. He was taken into custody in the 2800 block of Ave. K and his company vehicle was released to a company representative.

At 1:30 a.m. today, a clerk at Town and Country East reported an Hispanic man exposed himself and made suggestive comments to her. The 40-year-old man was transported to the law enforcement center where he was later arrested for indecent exposure.

Officers arrested a 30-year-old man in the 2000 block of Ave. E at 11 p.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

At 11:34 p.m. officers took two subjects into custody in the 2400 block of Ave. T on alcohol-related offenses.

Arrested were a 17-year-old male for driving under the influence as a minor and an 18-year-old man for public intoxication.

A 40-year-old man was arrested at 1 a.m. Sunday at the American Legion for public intoxication.

***•Thefts***

Carmen Carpenter reported at 9 a.m. Saturday the theft of a purse from her car at 3000 40th Street. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

At 9:21 a.m. Saturday, Toby Haynes reported items missing from his car at 3608 Irving and officers filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Robert Lehrer requested an officer at 2806 34th Street Saturday afternoon to report a briefcase was stolen from his pickup. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

***•Criminal mischief***

Ruth Kerry reported juveniles shooting a BB gun damaged a window at Kerry's Pit and Grill. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

***•Disturbance***

A woman in the 3700 block of Rose Circle reported that her ex-husband created a disturbance at the residence then left. Officers contacted her and she requested he be served with a criminal trespass warning.

***•Juvenile***

A Cogdell Hospital employee requested a deputy at the emergency room and advised a 12-year-old girl had been shot with a BB gun. A deputy responded and advised a report for accidental shooting would be submitted and the parents requested no criminal action be taken.

***•Disagreement***

A woman in the 2100 block of 41st Street reported that she was receiving harassing phone calls from another woman. Officers contacted the complainant and also the other female and advised both women not to contact each other.

***•Close patrol***

A man reported someone prowling around his backyard in the 300 block of 35th Street at 9:10 p.m. Saturday and requested a close patrol of the area.

***•Gas drive offs***

A clerk at Allsup's in Hermleigh reported a gas drive off worth $20 at 8:17 p.m. Saturday.

At 9 p.m. Saturday, two drive offs were reported from Town and Country East in the amounts of $18.68 and $10.50.

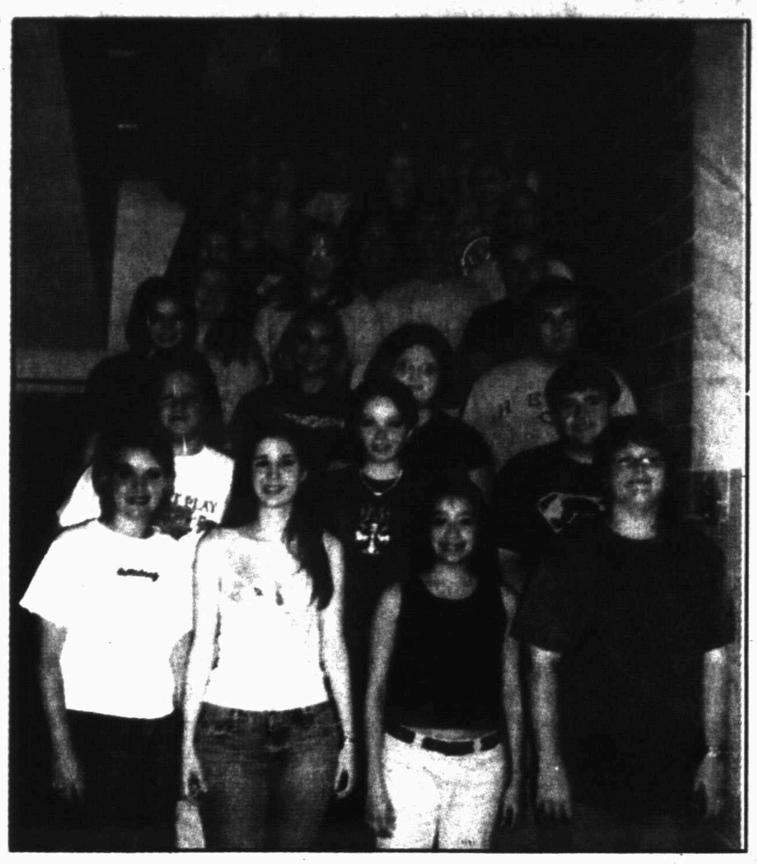
# WTC to receive matching grant

Western Texas College administrators will accept the largest financial commitment in the history of the school at a press conference Tuesday.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the gift is a matching grant that will enhance the infrastructure of the college and add new programs as well.

"This is a great step for Western Texas College," Dr. Williams said. "This will allow us to continue to grow and do some exciting things on campus and to offer more to our students."

The 2 p.m. conference, to be held in the administrative boardroom, is open to the public.



**UIL ACADEMIC DISTRICT WINNERS — Snyder High School students fared very well at the District UIL Academic Meet in Seminole Friday and Saturday. (See story Page 1). Anyone earning a first through third place and first place teams will advance to regional competition in April. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)**

# Births

Laura Flores of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter, Alexia Morgan, at 8:19 a.m. on March 21 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Alexia weighed five pounds.

Grandparents are Ernest and Connie Flores. Great grandparents are Elio Garza and Blasa Flores. All are of Snyder.

# Spy court law appeals rejected

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court rejected a civil liberties challenge to post-Sept. 11 law enforcement spying today, refusing to be drawn into a dispute over the boundaries of a law that gave the government broader surveillance authority after the terrorist attacks.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations wanted the justices to consider when the government should be allowed to monitor someone's telephone conversations and e-mail, then use the information to prosecute them.

# Obituaries

## Ona Spence

**1917-2003**

Ona Mae Spence, longtime Scurry County resident, died Friday, March 21, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Spence, 86, was set for 3:30 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



**Ona Spence**

Born March 6, 1917 in Van Zant County, she married Leonard Spence in 1939.

She was preceded in death by her parents, E.T. and Odessa Belle Bishop; three sisters; and two brothers.

Mrs. Spence moved to Scurry County in 1939 and has resided here except for a few years. She returned to Snyder in 1945 and has been a landowner in Scurry County for more than half a century and has been involved in cotton production.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Marshall Spence and Jim Spence and wife Janet, all of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Bobby Smith of Brownwood and Margaret and George McClone of Lake City, Colo.; two sisters, Lois Varnon of Dallas and Mona Lee Ramsey of Emory; eight grandchildren, Mark Kimmel, Janice Warren, Stephen Kimmel, Ann Scamardo, Dr. Wesley Smith, Allan Smith, Jennifer Seilhant and Brian Spence; 16 great-grandchildren, Paige, Andrew, Ashley and Megan Kimmel, Stephanie and Michael Warren, Kenna, Micah Jo, Rebecca and Seraiah Scamardo, Elizabeth, Michelle, Melissa and Alex Smith and Jayla Seilhant and Ethan Spence.

Other Snyder relatives are Nell Spence, Linda Cozart, Rhylene Stoker, Don Stoker and Brooke Mackey.

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## Paul Cumbie

**1927-2003**

ASPERMONT — Paul Cumbie, a native of Clairemont, died Sunday, March 23, in a Big Spring medical facility.

Service for Mr. Cumbie, 79, is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Double Mountain Cemetery. The Revs. William McCall and Jason Coveington will officiate. Services are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

Born on Jan. 26, 1927 in Clairemont, he married Joan Wright on Aug. 31, 1946 in Jayton. A farmer and rancher, Mr. Cumbie was a veteran of World War II. He served as sheriff for Andrews County from 1961-1964.

He was preceded in death by his parents, B.A. and Ada Cumbie; one sister, Virginia Paylor; and one brother, R.T. Cumbie.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Cumbie of Granbury; three daughters, Pam Cumbie of Arlington, Diann Borne of Jacksonville, Fla. And Jeffery Ann McClanahan of Granbury; two brothers, B.A. Cumbie of Hamlin and Thomas Cumbie of Sweetwater; two sisters, Elva Rie Stafford of Holdenville, Okla., and JoAnn Gardner of Tahoka; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Leroy Ward

**1030-2003**

Graveside service is pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Leroy Martin Ward.

Mr. Ward, 72, died Monday, March 24, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

He was born on March 29, 1930.

## Greg Porter

**1962-2003**

BIG SPRING — Greg Porter, 41, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, March 19, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a sudden illness.

A memorial service is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Danny Williams officiating.

A service was held Saturday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church officiating.

Born on March 11, 1962 in New Ulm, Minn., he had lived in Snyder and worked for White's Auto Store. He later moved to Colorado City and then to Big Spring three years ago where he worked for Dave's Tubing Testing.

Survivors include his wife, Shelia Porter of Big Spring; three sons, twins Micah and Malachi Porter of Tennessee Colony, formerly of Snyder, and Christopher Clark of Big Spring; one daughter, Brandy Clark of Big Spring; his parents, Allen and Lucille Porter of New Ulm, Minn.; and one brother, Brad Porter of Rockford Minn.

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# Today's Weather

## Local 3-Day Forecast

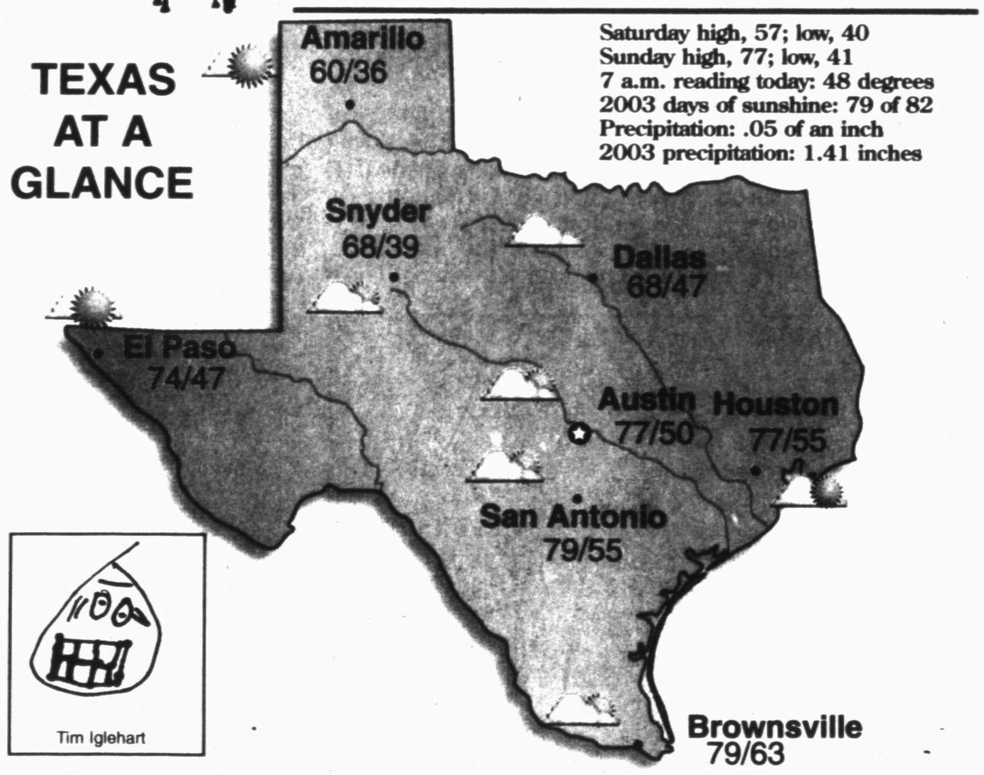
| Tue 3/25 | Wed 3/26 | Thu 3/27 |
|---|---|---|
| 68/39 | 72/46 | 78/46 |
| Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 68F. Winds N at 10 to 20 mph. | Sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s. | Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 40s. |
| Sunrise 6:41 AM / Sunset 6:59 PM | Sunrise 6:40 AM / Sunset 6:59 PM | Sunrise 6:39 AM / Sunset 7:00 PM |

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## TEXAS AT A GLANCE




Saturday high, 57; low, 40
Sunday high, 77; low, 41
7 a.m. reading today: 48 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 79 of 82
Precipitation: .05 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Tim Iglehart

### Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | 67 | 43 | pt sunny | El Paso | 74 | 47 | mst sunny | Midland | 73 | 43 | sunny |
| Amarillo | 60 | 36 | mst sunny | Fort Stockton | 77 | 46 | sunny | Raymondville | 82 | 60 | pt sunny |
| Austin | 77 | 50 | pt sunny | Gainesville | 65 | 41 | cloudy | Rosenberg | 77 | 54 | cloudy |
| Beaumont | 76 | 54 | cloudy | Greenville | 65 | 43 | t-storm | San Antonio | 79 | 55 | pt sunny |
| Brownsville | 79 | 63 | pt sunny | Houston | 77 | 55 | cloudy | San Marcos | 77 | 51 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 74 | 46 | pt sunny | Kingsville | 81 | 58 | pt sunny | Sulphur Springs | 66 | 43 | t-storm |
| Corpus Christi | 75 | 59 | pt sunny | Livingston | 76 | 49 | cloudy | Sweetwater | 70 | 41 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 71 | 46 | cloudy | Longview | 73 | 46 | cloudy | Tyler | 72 | 48 | cloudy |
| Dallas | 68 | 47 | cloudy | Lubbock | 66 | 39 | pt sunny | Weatherford | 67 | 42 | cloudy |
| Del Rio | 84 | 55 | pt sunny | Lufkin | 75 | 50 | cloudy | Wichita Falls | 65 | 39 | pt sunny |

### National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 75 | 49 | mst sunny | Houston | 77 | 55 | cloudy | Phoenix | 84 | 58 | mst sunny |
| Boston | 58 | 43 | pt sunny | Los Angeles | 73 | 54 | mst sunny | San Francisco | 64 | 54 | cloudy |
| Chicago | 50 | 32 | cloudy | Miami | 84 | 68 | pt sunny | Seattle | 53 | 42 | rain |
| Dallas | 68 | 47 | cloudy | Minneapolis | 48 | 27 | pt sunny | St. Louis | 59 | 38 | rain |
| Denver | 49 | 32 | pt sunny | New York | 62 | 46 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 71 | 49 | cloudy |

### Moon Phases

| Full | Last | New | First |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 18 | Mar 25 | Apr 1 | Apr 9 |

### UV Index

| Tue 3/25 | Wed 3/26 | Thu 3/27 |
|---|---|---|
| High | High | High |

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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