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Attacks against Iraq to intensify

By The Associated Press

With sandstorms finally over and a new front opened in the north, U.S. commanders said today they would swiftly intensify attacks on Iraqi forces. In the south, a captured Iraqi airfield was renamed "Bush International Airport," while a British armored unit destroyed Iraqi tanks outside the besieged city of Basra.

President Bush, standing side-by-side with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, reiterated that Iraq will be disarmed of weapons of mass destruction and Saddam Hussein's regime toppled. The pair met at Camp David to discuss the first week of the war.

"We have one objective in mind — victory," Bush said. "And we will achieve victory."

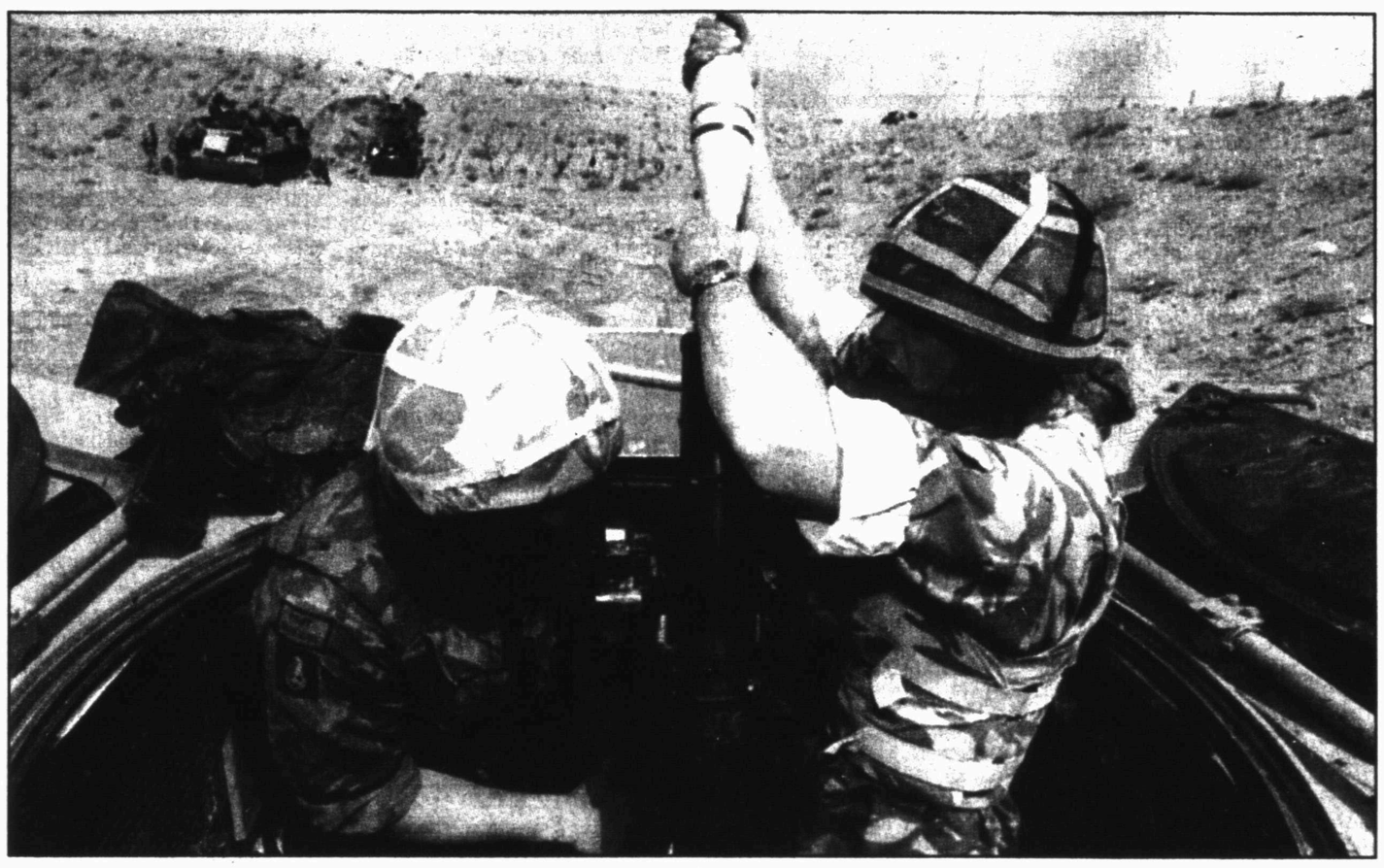
Blair said he and Bush had decided to seek new U.N. resolutions on humanitarian relief, a postwar administration for Iraq and a promise to keep Iraq's territorial boundaries intact.

In Kurdish-controlled northern Iraq, 1,000 Rangers and other paratroopers from the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade airdropped overnight onto an airfield and were busy securing it as they linked up with allied Kurdish militiamen. It is the first large deployment of American ground troops in the region; previously, only small groups of U.S. Special Forces were operating along with the Kurds.

"This tightens the noose against Saddam's forces," said Brig. Gen. James Parker, commander of U.S. forces in the north.

In central Iraq, where huge Army and Marine forces are gradually closing in on Baghdad, U.S. commanders were buoyed by the arrival of good weather. Defense officials said U.S. and British forces flew more than 600 bombing missions today as they revved up an air campaign that had slowed because of bad weather.

And in southern Iraq, a captured key Iraqi airfield was informally renamed "Bush International Airport," with a hastily erected sign put up at its entrance. The base, about four miles from An Nasiriyah, was expected to be a major resupply base and transport hub for American forces.



FRONT LINE — On the front line just south of Basra, Iraq, 1st British Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Y Company Lance Corporal Gay Williamson 23, at right; and British 1st Princess of Wales Regiment Private Daz Wright 26; both attached to the W Company Mortar Platoon, prepare to engage enemy targets Wednesday. (AP Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine

The folks over in Baghdad-way are realizing their supreme leader might have messed with the wrong country after all.

A closer look reveals that ole Saddam messed with the wrong state too.

We ran across an interesting article recently in a magazine called The Economist, which reported that native Texans comprise almost 20 percent of the entire army.

Considering the U.S. is made up of 50 states and Texas alone is contributing one in five enlisted army personnel, we think the Lone Star State is offering more than its fair share of citizens to protect our country's shores.

The article further reported that Texas and Florida combined, account for nearly a quarter of all men and women in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The navy, surprisingly, gets the majority of its recruits from the Midwest, including Texas.

That tidbit surprised us. We spent 12 miserable hours on a boat in the ocean once and thought for sure we'd die out there.

Maybe some Texans are better cut out for sea travel than we figured.

There's a reason Texas folks do well in the service. Soldiers, as reported in the article, are the people who do the hard work on the ground and tend to come from the obvious places.

The harder-jawed a region, as Texas is, the likelier it is to put its young into the army.

Not surprisingly, the generally pro-gun south puts a lot more soldiers than the northeast, both in absolute numbers and percentages of the regional population.

A Texan is eight times more likely to don a uniform than is a New Yorker.

The numbers of enlisted citizens also are bolstered by the presence of military bases and arms-making firms in any given state.

Again the south and Texas lead the way. Virginia has five army bases. Georgia has four.

Texas is home to eight Air Force bases. Florida has five and South Carolina and Georgia each support two.

Seven southern states have marines stationed on their soil.

We think this is evidence that President Bush isn't being reckless with American lives. A large majority of the troops he's sending into harm's way, hail from his state or a close neighbor.

Needless to say, the majority of Texans support the President, but the number of troops that a state provides is not always a clue to its political opinions.

New Jersey's contribution, large for its size, hasn't prevented President Bush's approval rating there from sinking below where it was even before Sept. 11.

But the President can take comfort in the fact that most of his men and women at arms come from, or are based in, friendly states.

Iraq is described often as an oil country, but we live in an area also referred to as oil country. There are many differences, but in the oil business there are bound to be many similarities.

We've not been to Iraq, but we doubt that country's roughnecks are as rough and tough as ours.

With so many of our homefolk pitching in over there, we wonder if any of the U.S. tanks rolling toward Baghdad today carry one of our all-time favorite bumper stickers.

Don't mess with Texas!

BCD officers are re-elected

The Board of County Development opted Wednesday to be a member sponsor of the Big Country RC&D for another year.

The annual sponsorship costs $25 and BCD vice president Don West said the community "definitely gets its money's worth."

Figures presented by the RC&D showed that $2,456.04 was returned for every dollar contributed by area sponsors last year.

The organization acquired $3,868,260 in private, state and federal grants in 2002. Local contributions from 63 donors equaled $1,575.

The board elected officers and County Judge Rod Waller swore in new member Joe Hefner.

Jerry Martin will serve another year as president. West is vice president and Bill Dryden is secretary/treasurer.

Judge rules for Air Force in suit

The Air Force can continue its low-level bomber training flights over Snyder and West Texas, a federal judge has ruled, rejecting arguments from landowners that the daily flights would create a nuisance and infringe on the use and enjoyment of their property.

"This is obviously disappointing to my clients because the long-term effects on them of this program are rather severe," lead plaintiff's attorney Frank M. Bond of Santa Fe, N.M., said.

U.S. District Judge Sam R. Cummings signed a summary judgment Monday in the lawsuit 28 plaintiffs in 16 counties had brought against the government in November 2000. The plaintiffs own 530,000 acres.

The Heritage Environmental Protection Association, founded by Buster Welch of Fisher County, brought the suit.

HEPA members said the noise from the daily training flights by the B-1 and B-52 bombers as part of the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative was a nuisance.

Cummings granted a summary judgment for the Air Force in a similar suit filed by landowners in the Davis Mountains area.

The flights over Scurry and surrounding counties began last year. An international firm, AHNTECH, operates the Lone Star Remote Scoring Facility at Winston Field.

The facility employs about 30 civilian workers.

While training over the area, bomber pilots must respond to simulated anti-aircraft missile attacks. The high-tech scoring site records evasive maneuvers and simulated weapons responses from the pilots.

The Air Force chose the South Plains and Trans Pecos regions of West Texas for the flights in 1997. The bombers from Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene had been conducting similar training in Wyoming and Nevada.

Some of the flights in far West Texas are as low as 500 feet.

Bond said he regretted the timing of the decision during the war against Iraq.

"Our clients, everybody to a person, strongly support our efforts, our military and our Air Force. It's not that," he said. "It's about a rule of law (and) an environmental analysis that was inadequate by the Air Force."

Timothy T. Pridmore of Lubbock, also an attorney for plaintiffs, said the court's order was being reviewed to decide what step to take next.

Changes coming to healthcare clinic

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

An announcement this morning that Covenant Health Systems is working to convert its local Family Healthcare Center into a rural health clinic is but one model that is being considered for Snyder.

This is according to Jim Bullard, vice president of Covenant.

"It's way early to tell exactly what is going to happen here," said Bullard. "There are several models being tossed about."

Bullard emphasized that the local clinic is in absolutely no danger of closing its doors.

"We are working with your local physicians, the hospital and all healthcare providers to transition Snyder's clinic to the best possible situation," said Bullard.

"We want to ensure all the physicians have the resources to transition to private practice if they want to, and at the same time, provide coverage to the rural health clinic," said Bullard.

Bullard added that all the local physicians have indicated they want the transition to be smooth, and to avoid any unnecessary burden on Cogdell Hospital.

"The facility is not in jeopardy, there is no chance that it is closing," Bullard said again.

Other clinics in similar situations as Snyder's are in Crosbyton, Littlefield, Plainview, Brownfield, Artesia and Clovis, N.M.

Facilities that no longer will be associated with Covenant are in Big Spring, Odessa, Post, Andrews, Carlsbad and Hobbs, N.M.

Jim Wurts, Covenant's senior vice president, said changes could occur as early as the end of June at some facilities, but may extend until September.

Bullard did say that because there are more physicians at the local healthcare center than others, the transition here might take longer than at their other clinics.

In response to a question during this morning's hospital board meeting, hospital CEO George Parsley said conversations with local physicians about the transition of the clinic were continuing.

Board meetings concerning the clinic have been tentatively set for April 2, 9, 16 and 23.

"We'll post the meetings and if we have something new to report, we will," said Parsley. "If not, we'll adjourn."

Parsley's statement followed the regular hospital agenda that included the approval of the annual report from the department of human resources and the year-end quality improvement report — both given by Jo Beth Hardegree.

The board also approved the revised strategic plan as was outlined in a called session earlier, and postponed the annual year-end safety report.

The board okayed privileges for two cardiac physicians for the specialty clinic. Dr. Luther Weathers and Dr. Charles Wilkins both are associated with Lubbock Cardiology Clinic.

Trustees also gave Parsley permission to seek a request for proposal for the collection of past-due private pay accounts, and heard a summary report on the February financial statements and certified the accounts payable.

Parsley also said he would be meeting today and Friday with different groups of employees at the hospital to discuss on-going projects.

The board also had an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Board president Carl Williams presided and members present were Bo Robinson, Dr. Charles Church, Terry Williams and Bill Voss. Dink Foree was absent.

ASK US

Q—Are there any plans to have a waste pickup in Snyder for old pesticides, or hazardous household items?

A—Yes, on April 4 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the coliseum annex.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Richard Dupree...

...a native of Snyder, is owner of Dupree Automotive. He graduated from SHS in 1980. His wife, Donna, opened a cake shop in October. They have three children, Alexis, 11th grader; Andrew, 8th grader; and Rachael, 5th grader. Richard enjoys riding motorcycles, bicycles, being with his kids and serving Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Repression is the seed of revolution.
—Daniel Webster

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Library book sale

Scurry County Library is holding its annual book sale daily through Saturday. Today's hours run until 8 p.m. and Friday's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the children's summer reading program.

Family council meeting

Snyder Oaks Care Center will have a family council meeting at 6:30 p.m. today.

Eastern Star meeting

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

Gold Coats luncheon

Gold Coats will have a luncheon at noon Friday at The Shack.

CNA classes

CNA classes will begin 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. today in the dining room. For more information, call 863-2426.

Junior high dance

Seventh and eighth graders only are invited to a dance from 7-11 p.m. Friday at Towle Park barn. Sponsored by the SHS senior class and their parents as a fundraiser, cost is $5 per person.

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.

MAWC luncheon

To pay for extensive plumbing repairs, Martha Ann Woman's Club will have a Sunday luncheon. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4 for children 10 and younger. The menu includes turkey and dressing, or ham, vegetables, salad, dessert and a drink. Carry-outs will be available and serving will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Make reservations by 5 p.m. Saturday by calling Sandra Brace at 573-3427.

Ira one-act play

Ira students will perform their one-act play, *The Small World of Millie McIvor*, at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Roy Sallee Gym.

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.

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 next Thursday. Both the money and the pictures can be left at the SHS office.

St. Elizabeth sausage festival

St. Elizabeth will have its annual sausage festival Sunday, April 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the parish center. Tickets are $7 for adults and all take-outs; and $4 for children 12 and under. Game booths, raffles and country store will be available. Sausage also sold by the pound, $3 uncooked and $4 cooked.

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.

Senate panel approves Owen's nomination to court of appeals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas judge Priscilla Owen won approval for a federal appeals court seat from the Senate Judiciary Committee today as the panel's new Republican majority overruled Democrats who voted her down last year.

Owen, a Texas Supreme Court justice, was approved on a 10-9 party-line vote by the same committee that rejected her nomination on an identical party-line vote last year when it was controlled by Democrats.

When Republicans regained control of the Senate after the 2002 election, the committee's makeup changed from 10 Democrats and nine Republicans to 10 Republicans and nine Democrats.

Democrats contend Owen, nominated by President Bush, is an anti-abortion and pro-business judicial activist whose opinions and rulings have been overly influenced by her personal beliefs. Owen said that she would be a fair and impartial judge if confirmed by the Senate for a seat on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans

"I judge cases by what is right," said Owen, who appeared at her second judiciary committee hearing two weeks ago, a replay of one she had when Democrats ran the panel. "I do not judge cases by what is politically correct. I apply the law, and the law has to be predictable and it has to be fair and that's what I do."

Former Senator Moynihan dead at age 76

WASHINGTON (AP) — Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a former Democratic senator, ambassador and presidential adviser known for his scholarly intellect, has died. He was 76.

"In many respects, Pat Moynihan was larger than life," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, leading tributes on the Senate floor to the man who from 1977 to 2001 was one of the body's most beloved and respected members.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who two years ago succeeded Moynihan in the New York Senate seat, announced his death on the Senate floor. "We have lost a great American, an extraordinary senator, an intellectual and a man of passion and understanding for what really makes the country work," she said.

Moynihan died Wednesday at the Washington Hospital Center from complications stemming from a ruptured appendix. In declining health recently, he had undergone surgery to have his appendix removed on March 11.

Sen. Moynihan

During his 24 years in the Senate, lawmakers from both parties turned to the gangly, professorial Moynihan for his expertise on welfare issues, transportation, Social Security and foreign policy.

"Rising from the depths of Hell's Kitchen in New York," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., "he became one of America's true leading intellectuals, whose foresight and whose ability brought to public attention a mass of critical issues long before others even realized these issues existed."

"I just hope God gives us a few more Pat Moynihans in this Senate, and in this country," fellow New York Democrat, Sen. Charles Schumer, said.

In 2000, Moynihan received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Born March 16, 1927, in Tulsa, Okla., he became a shoe shine boy in New York City to help make ends meet after his father deserted the family when Moynihan was 10. He graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in East Harlem and attended the City College of New York for one year before enlisting in the Navy, serving on active duty from 1944 to 1947.

He later graduated from Tufts University, studied at the London School of Economics as a Fulbright Scholar and taught government at Syracuse University and Harvard University. He was the author or editor of 19 books.

He was named an assistant labor secretary in the Kennedy administration and went on to become the first person ever to serve in a Cabinet or sub-Cabinet position in four consecutive administrations, from Kennedy through Ford.

As President Nixon's urban affairs adviser, he proposed a policy of "benign neglect" toward minorities that drew heavy criticism. A 1965 report to President Johnson created a major policy flap when he warned that the rising rate of out-of-wedlock births threatened the stability of black families.

Moynihan saw himself at the time as a liberal observer warning of future problems. Rather than hearing praise, he was denounced as promoting racism. The controversy haunted Moynihan for years and resurfaced as late as the 1994 elections.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., a leader of the congressional black caucus, said Wednesday that Moynihan "stood up for the poor, the underserved and the children when they had few other advocates."

There used to be two framed magazine front pages in Moynihan's Senate office. One was The Nation from 1979, titled "Moynihan: The conscience of a neo-conservative." The other was a 1981 issue of The New Republic, "Pat Moynihan, neo-liberal."

Moynihan, said President Bush, was "an intellectual pioneer and a trusted adviser to presidents of both parties." Under Bush, he served as co-chairman of the Commission to Strengthen Social Security.

Moynihan was ambassador to India from 1973 to 1975, and his wife of 47 years, Elizabeth Brennan Moynihan, is an architectural historian specializing in classic Indian architecture. He was U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1975 and 1976.

He won the New York Senate seat in 1976, defeating incumbent Republican James Buckley by portraying him as out of touch with New York City's fiscal crisis.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Embarrassed neighbor hears more than she wants to know

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from "Seen It All in Minneapolis," from the woman who, from her driveway, can see her neighbors through their bathroom window, I had to smile. I live in a townhouse and my neighbors and I share a common bedroom wall. One night I was awakened by a pounding noise. I couldn't figure out where it was coming from, and eventually went back to sleep.

Over the next few weeks, I was awakened frequently by the same sounds. One night, after listening for a while, I realized it was coming from my neighbors' bedroom — they were having intimate relations.

I didn't say anything at first, but finally decided I had to. I was afraid my mother would be visiting while the neighbors were going at it again. I was more than a little embarrassed at having to broach the subject.

One morning, I rang the couple's doorbell. When the woman came to the door I said, "I have something to tell you — the walls here aren't very thick." She took one look at my red face and understood immediately. Needless to say, I never heard them again. — **SILENCE IS GOLDEN IN MARYLAND**

DEAR S.I.G.: They say the squeaky wheel gets the grease. The same holds true for bedsprings and things that go bump in the night. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I have a simple solution for "Seen It All." Plant a bush, install a trellis, or build a fence between the driveway and the window to obscure the view. If that doesn't work, plant a fig tree and lend your neighbor a leaf. — **NATURE LOVER IN ROME, N.Y.**

DEAR NATURE LOVER: Why not? It was the first "fashion statement" conceived in the Garden of Eden.

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago my sister had the same problem — only SHE was the one with the bathroom window that wasn't opaque enough. Her bathroom faced the street.

One of her neighbors sent her a card that looked like a wedding invitation. It read, "This is to inform you that the one-way frosty glass window in your bathroom is in backward." She never found out who sent it, but she had that window fixed in a hurry. — **KATHY FROM OKLAHOMA**

DEAR KATHY: It could have been worse. It could have been an announcement of another au naturel performance of "Oh, Calcutta!" at her address.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and ache to have a baby. Everyone says I'm too young to have a kid — but I want one really bad. I've got a great guy, but he doesn't want to be a father right now. So far, I've tried to respect his wishes. However, I'm on birth control pills and sometimes I feel I should secretly stop taking them. Then if I get pregnant I can say, "Wow, how did that happen?" Please tell me what you think. I can't hold out much longer. — **READY-OR-NOT IN TEXAS**

DEAR READY-OR-NOT: Continue to hold out, because you are on the verge of making a mistake that could affect at least three people for a lifetime. Before you act on your fantasy, it's important that you understand what is missing in your life and why you are trying to fill the space with an innocent baby.

Conceiving a child through dishonesty is a terrible beginning. From the tone of your letter, neither you nor your "great guy" is ready for the responsibilities of parenthood

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, March 28, 2003

Trade upon your knowledge and experience in the year ahead and it could turn out to be a year of exceptional promise for you. What you know and how you dispense it will be at the core of your success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something that might at first glance look like a rather foolish gamble may turn out to be a spectacular involvement that will be earmarked just for you. Look beyond the obvious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Not only will a situation that has caused you a bit of apprehension be successfully concluded today, but it will also pave the way for something of much greater promise in the future.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An extremely positive and lucky influence could eclipse your present plans today and take you in a new direction that will give you many reasons to be hopeful about your involvements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It may seem that the harder you try today, the more you're locked out. Just about the time you begin to give up, however, a new dawn will break and loosen things up on previously untapped sources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Something very propitious could be in the wind for you today. Although there may be a few other people involved, you'll be the one who'll reap the most.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Just when you thought nobody cared, you'll learn today that others have been working on your behalf to help you out with a dilemma you've been recently faced with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A new ally you've recently made could prove to be very important to you today in helping carry out a project assigned to you. This person will have information you lacked.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Something very fortuitous could happen today that will have an advantageous effect on your status and reputation. It may come about out of someone else's failed attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although your ideas may be attacked today, pay little heed to your assailant. Your concepts will prove to have great merit when you continue to put them to the test.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Get your desires in harmony with those of your mate's today. What you collectively want should come rather easy for you. When you think and act as one, you will be successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Someone who has been adamantly opposed to accepting your policies and suggestions will have his or her eyes opened in seeing the merit of what you have to offer and could become a supporter today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Don't make any premature changes today concerning your career. Something very fortuitous is about to happen that will enhance your status and reputation within your field of endeavor.

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $5 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 1-11-21-22-28-29.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

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By ED HUT

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BRIDAL SHOWER— A shower honoring Johnnie (Riggs) and Aaron Stansell was held Dec. 7 in the home of Sandy Hodges. The couple married Jan. 4. On the front row, from left, are Kathy Riggs, mother of the bride from Colorado, formerly of Colorado City; Johnnie Stansell, the honoree of Lubbock; Nancy Stansell, stepmother of the groom of Snyder; back row, Angela Riggs, sister of the honoree of Colorado; Nikki Riggs, her sister of Arlington; Alanna Stansell, sister-in-law of the groom of Midland; Wanda Stansell, his grandmother of Fluvanna; June Mebane, his aunt of Maryland, formerly of Fluvanna; Cara McLeod, his sister of Arlington; and Rachel Stansell, his niece of Midland. Other hostesses include Helen McLeod, Sandy Hodges, Trina Rodgers, Kaprese Bedell, Martha Knowles, Debra McNair, Sandra Hall, Jana Helms, Keela Bearden, Donna Zalman, Connie Miller and Rita Hagins. (Contributed Photo)

Lilies are splendid garden plant

By ED HUTCHISON

Each Easter, millions of us are reintroduced to one of the most splendid garden plants available. And very soon after, we seem to forget the experience.

Potted Easter lilies are enormously popular; millions are sold in the United States each year. The bulbs are mostly a product of growers in Washington and Oregon, and the lilies that will bloom this Easter were harvested from the Pacific Northwest fields in October and then carefully forced into bloom by growers working with a well-laid out plan.

The familiar Easter lily is a member of the genus Lilium. The genus numbers about 80 to 90 species of perennial bulbs, growing from less than 12 inches high to more than 96 inches.

This plant is different than the daylily (Hemerocallis). The daylily grows in clumps of grass-like foliage and produces flower stalks with many buds on them, each flower lasting but one day.

The Easter lily produces one stalk, with long, pointed foliage on the stalk and usually several buds, each of which opens to last several days.

With that botany lesson completed, here are a few reasons why lilies deserve a place in gardens in all but the hottest sections of the country:

• Longevity. Most members of the Lilium genus are long-lived bulb plants that require little care and each year can be counted on to be even nicer than the year before. They offer the gardener a huge diversity in flower color, size and fragrance. The blossoms are wonderful in the garden and as a cut flower. The plant fits in wonderfully with perennials or annuals. Its only mildly fussy needs are more sun than shade and having its roots shaded from the heat of the day. This is easily accomplished by having smaller plants in front of the lilies.

• Fragrance. Few plants are as consistently fragrant as the lily. Among the most fragrant of the whole bunch is an oriental lily named Casa Blanca. The flowers are large, as much as 7 inches across, and shaped like a bowl, the way the petals curve back. The inner part of the petals is flocked and streaked in yellow, adding a sharp contrast to the pure white that prevails on the surface. One stem will fill a room with its rich aroma; walk within 15 feet of the garden and you know Casa Blanca is in bloom.

You would think that such a large, fragrant flower would be clumsy visually and over-powering. Dainty, it's not; stunning is the best way to describe it.

• Choices. Casa Blanca is just one of hundreds of varieties of lilies that do well in gardens throughout the country.

The oriental lilies are the most fragrant of the bunch and tend to bloom in mid- to late-summer.

The Asiatic species are less fragrant and bloom a few weeks earlier. Flower shapes are a bit more varied among the Asiatics — open bowls, similar to the orientals, to the extreme of blooms with petals curved far back.

Hybrids within the Asiatic species exhibit a wide range of colors. Look for lots of pastels but also very strong reds, oranges and yellows.

The true species lilies are less formal in appearance and bear softer colored flowers.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North
♠ A 2
♥ A J 4 3
♦ 6 5 2
♣ 7 6 4 3

West
♠ 6 4 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 7 4
♣ K Q J 10

East
♠ 5
♥ K 10 9 7
♦ J 10 8 3
♣ A 8 5 2

South
♠ K Q J 10 9 8 7
♥ 6 2
♦ A Q 9
♣ 9

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

Two chances are better than one

Spanish filmmaker Luis Bunuel wrote, "All my life I've been harassed by questions: Why is something this way and not another? How do you account for that? This rage to understand, to fill in the blanks, only makes life more banal. If we could only find the courage to leave our destiny to chance, to accept the fundamental mystery of our lives, then we might be closer to the sort of happiness that comes with innocence."

That might be true about life, but is not a good idea for most bridge players. Although there is chance during the game, trying to improve one's odds is vital.

In this deal, you are the declarer in four spades. How would you plan the play after West starts with two high clubs?

Maybe South should rebid four spades, but unless North has a few useful cards, game will be impossible.

You have nine definite tricks: seven spades, one heart and one diamond. It looks as though you need the diamond finesse to work. However, is that true? And how should you start?

There is a natural reaction to draw trumps, but if you do that here, you will go down. You need the spade ace as a dummy entry.

There are two chances in diamonds — that East has the king, or has the jack and 10. After ruffing the second club, draw two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy. Then play a diamond to your nine. If it loses to the 10 or jack, when back in dummy with the heart ace, play a diamond to the queen. Here, though, the diamond nine drives out West's king, giving you a 10th trick.

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Alpha Study Club hears Jean Everett program at library

Alpha Study Club met March 18 at the Scurry County Library with Jean Everett presenting the program.

Elizabeth McCloskey, president, introduced Everett who presented a review of her latest book, *Pioneer Profiles*.

Pioneer Profiles is a collection of stories of people who helped mold the personality and development of Scurry County. Members enjoyed taking a look back in history and remembering approximately 25 well known and loved "old timers." The author personally knew most, if not all, of the pioneers in her book.

Club members also enjoyed seeing photographs and the illustrations in the book done by the author's husband, Jess.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

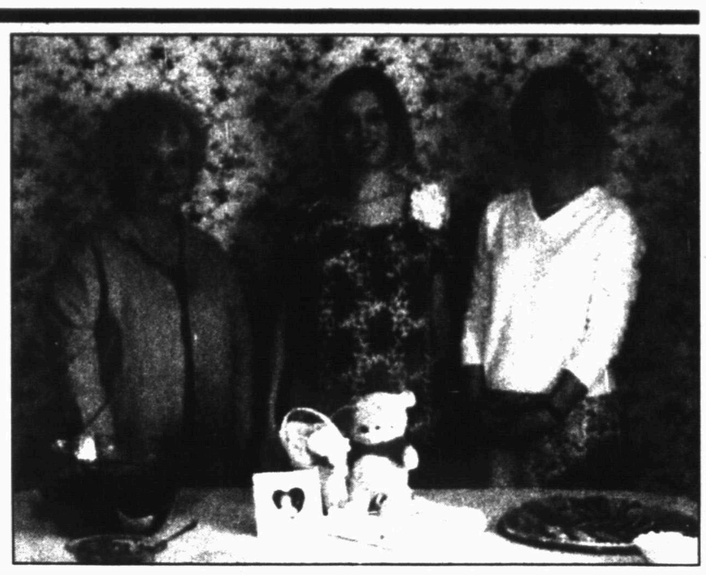
Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.



BABY SHOWER HELD — A baby shower honoring Josh and April Levens of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Snyder, was held Feb. 2 at the home of Terrie Powell. Pictured from left are Marsha Levens, paternal grandmother-to-be; April Levens, honoree; and Karen Whittenburg, maternal grandmother-to-be. (Contributed Photo)

ROYALTY AT SNYDER HEALTHCARE — George and Betty Dye were chosen king and queen by their friends at Snyder Healthcare. The coronation was held Feb. 14, followed by a party. (Contributed Photo)

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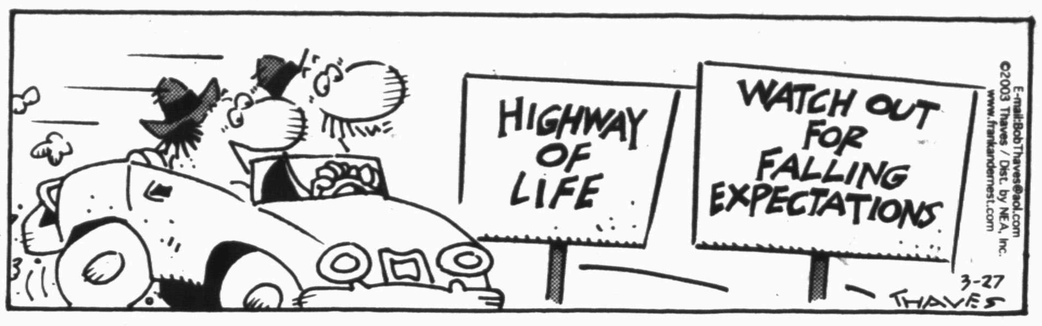

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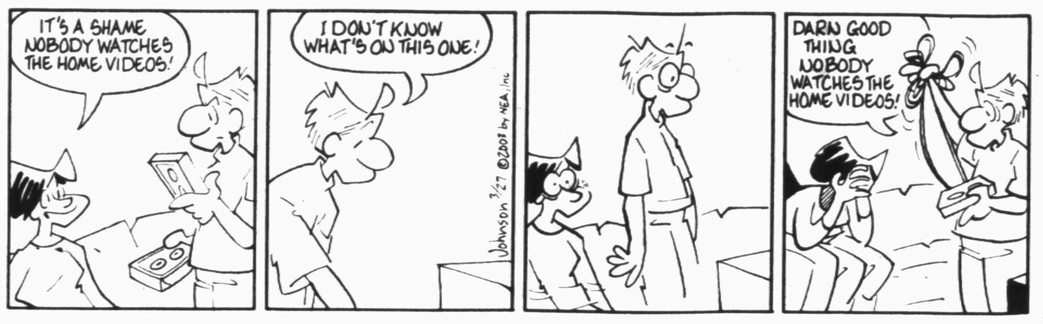

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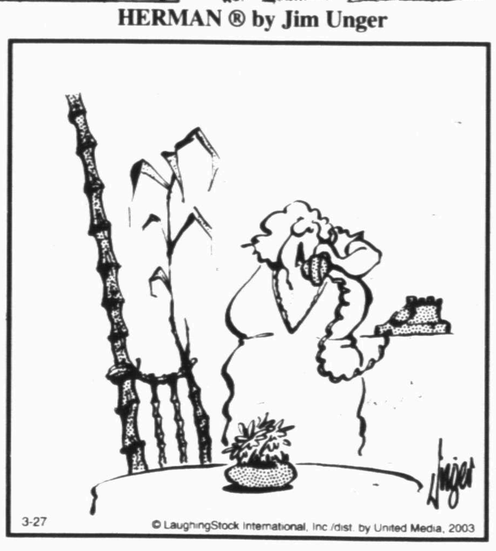

"That bamboo chair you sold me is still alive!"

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ACROSS

1 Mails
6 Kitty comment
10 Everest guide
12 Pint-size
14 Facing
15 Imaginary
16 Magician
18 Compete in a slalom
19 Repulsive
21 Complain
23 Male turkey
24 Legal thing
26 Membership fees
29 Big shot
30 Sault — Marie
32 Cheers
34 Luge or sleigh
36 Walk softly
37 Wish undone
38 Jai —
40 Free electron
42 Best medicine
43 Ghostly noise
45 Job-safety org.
47 House shader
50 Kind of tooth
52 Ottoman ruler
54 Gone (2 wds.)
58 Hushed
59 Erase
60 Goes out with
61 Fling

DOWN

1 L.A. hours
2 Gloating cry
3 Make a dress
4 Fish net
5 More nimble
6 Fixed
7 Poet's always
8 Gets in debt
9 Flimsy
11 Woodworking tool
12 Lily-white
13 Yale grad
17 Refuses to vote
19 There, to Pierre
20 Oblige
22 Sable or ermine
23 RCA products
25 Sixth sense
27 Third planet
28 Grid coach Don —
31 Tokyo, formerly
33 Brut
35 River tamer
39 Amana folk
41 Lassos
44 "That — hay!"
46 Great Lakes fish
47 Feminine ending
48 San — Obispo
49 Fr. title
51 Flop
53 Casual wear
55 German article
56 Pass near Pikes Peak
57 Bench

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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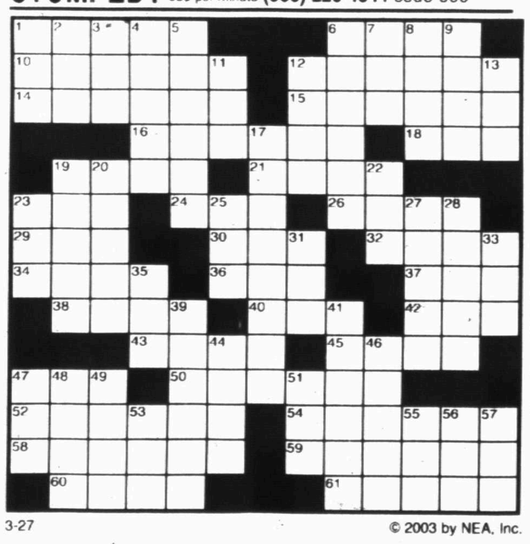

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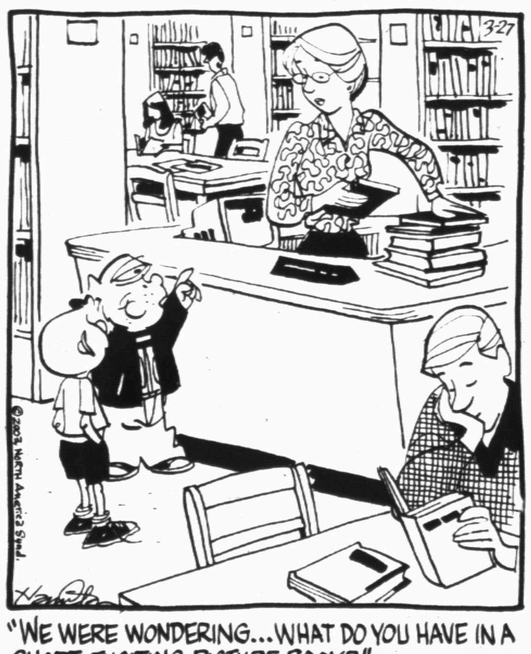

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SPORTS

Team gets ready for WTC rodeo tonight

Scurry County Coliseum is gearing up today to host the Western Texas College Rodeo, which will get underway at 7 tonight.

Foltyn

The WTC men's team moved past Vernon to the head of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Southwest Conference standings after dusting off the competition at the Odessa rodeo last weekend.

Bull rider and steer wrestler Steven Turner is second in the all-around standings in the conference for the men. He currently sits in second place in the individual bull riding rankings and fifth in steer wrestling in the conference.

London

Justin Foltyn and Hadley Hunting are in sixth and seventh place, respectively, in the bull riding standings.

Thompson

Tyson Thompson is third in the conference in bareback riding, while Sam Spreadborough ranks fourth in the Southwest in saddle bronc riding.

Spreadborough

The women's team is improving with each rodeo, according to coach Greg Rhodes.

The women rank fourth in the conference after a strong showing in Odessa last weekend.

Randus London is in fourth place in the conference in the all-around standings. She is also fourth in two events — breakaway roping and barrel racing.

After tonight's 7 o'clock start, the rodeo will begin at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

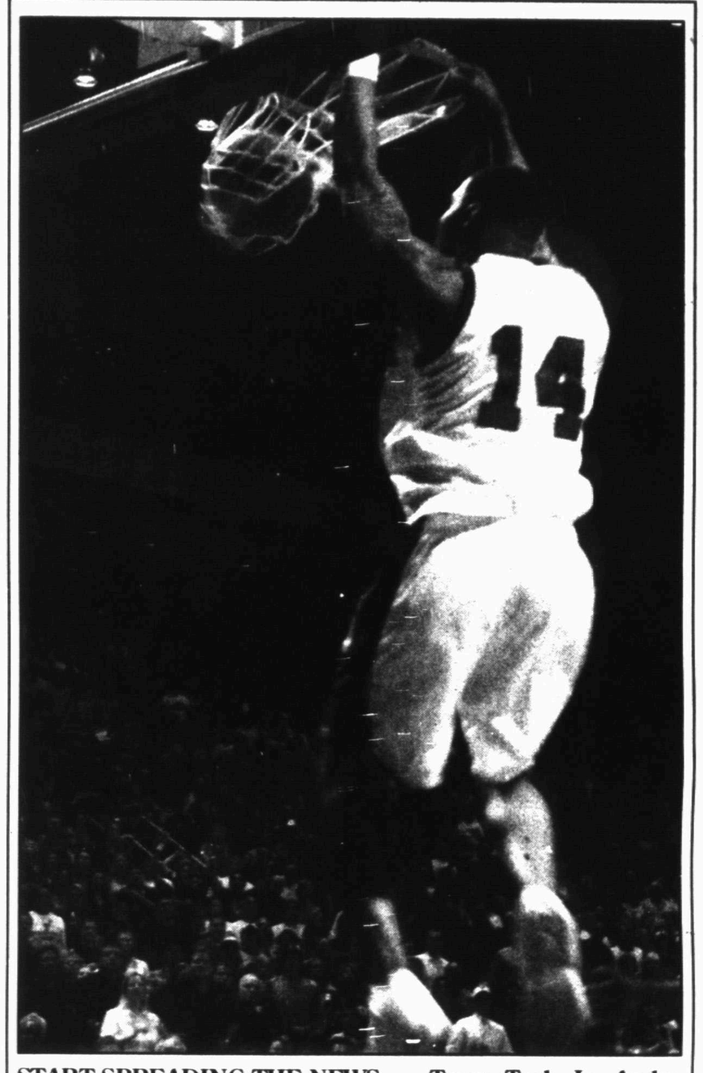
Southwest Conference

Men's Team

1. Western Texas College	1,175.00
2. Vernon College	1,075.00
3. West Texas A&M Univ	940.00
4. Tarleton State University	832.50
5. Eastern New Mexico	747.50
6. Howard County JC	655.00
7. Odessa College	628.33
8. South Plains College	420.00
9. Frank Phillips College	268.33
10. Texas Tech University	252.50
11. Sul Ross State	205.00
12. New Mexico JC	150.00
13. Weatherford College	137.50
14. Mesalands CC	40.00

Women's Team

1. Vernon College	1,256.00
2. Tarleton State	951.00
3. Texas Tech University	421.00
4. Western Texas College	401.00
5. South Plains College	235.00
6. West Texas A&M Univ	170.00
7. ENMU	150.00
8. Odessa College	125.00
9. Sul Ross State University	70.00
10. Weatherford College	60.00
11. Howard County JC	40.00



START SPREADING THE NEWS — Texas Tech Jr. Andre Emmett slams home two points Wednesday night as the Red Raiders topped Georgia Tech, 80-72 to advance to the NIT semifinals in New York City. (SDN Staff Photo)

Emmitt signs with Cardinals

PHOENIX (AP) — It took two years for the Arizona Cardinals to lay the groundwork to sign Emmitt Smith. The next two will determine whether the NFL's career rushing leader made a mistake.

Smith signed a two-year contract with the Cardinals on Wednesday, adding the luster of his name to a franchise that might be capable of tarnishing it. Somehow, the Cardinals convinced him they were committed to improving.

He certainly convinced them he has some big games left.

"There is still fire in that man to play this game," coach Dave McGinnis said after the Cardinals announced the acquisition during the NFL owners' spring meeting. "He is filled with the desire to excel. It transcends him."

Details of Smith's contract were not disclosed, but it was thought to be worth about $4 million a year.

Smith, who turns 34 on May 15, did not attend the news conference. The team planned to introduce him — wearing his familiar No. 22 on an unfamiliar, red-and-white jersey — at its headquarters in Tempe on Thursday.

That's two weeks after Smith paid his first free-agent visit to the Cardinals. He wrapped up two days of talks with McGinnis and the front office on March 13 feeling exhilarated by the all-out push to make him feel at home.

"We think Emmitt brings so much to our program in terms of his attitude, his desire and his track record," said Rod Graves, the Cardinals' vice president. "And we think incorporating all of that into our program will lift the level of where we are."

Smith's career with Dallas ended on a low note — the Cowboys wouldn't guarantee him a starting job and then released him Feb. 27. McGinnis said Smith will start, and also will help tutor young running backs like Marcel Shipp.

WTC holds off LCU

Tanyon Reeves hit for the first cycle in school history Wednesday, as the Western Texas College Westerners held off Lubbock Christian, 13-12, in 12 innings.

Reeves homered in his first at bat and tripled in his second trip to the plate, as WTC jumped out to a 10-2 lead. Reeves later singled then doubled to complete the cycle.

Starter Jared Anderson left with the eight-run cushion, but the Chaps scored eight in the fifth and sixth innings to even it up at 10-10.

WTC (9-25) took the lead in the bottom of the eighth and 11th innings, but Lubbock Christian rallied to tie it in its ensuing at-bats in the top of the ninth and 12th.

Matt Meredith scored the game-winner in the 12th inning on a passed ball after leading off the inning with a base hit.

Scott Peden, Jeremy Cross and Tyrrell Henley each contributed two hits apiece in the game.

The Westerners will resume conference play with a pair of doubleheaders this weekend against conference leader El Paso Community College.

The twinbills scheduled for Friday and Saturday will start at noon.

El Paso is 15-4 in conference play. The Dusters have won two conference games.

Tech heading to Big Apple for NIT semis

LUBBOCK (AP) — Bob Knight didn't start dancing when the public address system at United Spirit Arena began blaring out Frank Sinatra's New York, New York.

But there's no denying he's glad his Texas Tech team beat Georgia Tech 80-72 Wednesday night to earn a berth in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden next week.

"Our defense was pretty good most of the way," Knight said. "We made some mistakes in the second half, but the thing that pleased me most was that we had better movement. I think we played better offensively."

With Andre Emmett's 29 points, the Red Raiders captured their third straight tournament home game. The win sends Knight to the tournament's semifinals for the sixth time in his 37 years as a head coach.

Knight, in his second year at Texas Tech, took his Army team to the NIT three times and his Indiana team twice. His 1979 Indiana team won the tournament, beating Purdue 53-52.

Knight also won three NCAA titles in his 29 years at Indiana.

It is the first time the Red Raiders have ever been one of the final four teams in any postseason tournament. They got to the NCAA's Sweet 16 in 1996 and last played in the NIT in 1995.

Knight took to the microphone after the game to pay tribute to the band, cheerleaders and the seniors on the team.

He also honored Jack Dale, who has been calling Texas Tech basketball games on the radio for 50 years and is retiring after the season. Earlier in the season, Dale had told Knight he had never been to Madison Square Garden

"So that's a hell of an anniversary present," Knight said to the capacity crowd and to Dale. "Let's get ready to go to New York."

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY

Rodeo: WTC Rodeo, coliseum, 7 p.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.

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Jack -n- Jill

Team	W	L
Quick Auto	25	15
Mama's Misfits	24	16
WTP Energy	23	17
BCEC	22	18
Timely Finance	20	20
Snyder Iron&Metal	20	20
Square Pants	19	21
JB's	18	22
Rogers Backhoe	17	23
Snyder Lanes	12	28

High series: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 581, Betty Boatman 441; **Handicap:** Daryl Nachlinger, 707, Terri Blocker 599.
High game: Scratch: Lynn Smith, 224, Betty Boatman, 165; **Handicap:** Daryl Nachlinger, 257, Jo Schooler, 222.

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
Snyder Iron & Metal	103	67
Snyder Brick & Tile	98.5	71.5
The Shack	98	72
WTP Energy	95	75
Timely Finance	82.5	87.5
Pin Busters	82.5	87.5
Anadarko	82.5	87.5
Blue Sunoco	78	92
Robert Early's Weld	66	104
NAPA Auto	64	106

High series: Lynn Smith, scratch, 689; Lynn Smith, handicap, 743.
High game: Lynn Smith, scratch, 255; Lynn Smith, handicap, 273.

Sports Briefs

Little Dribblers in Andrews

The 11- and 12-year-old Little Dribblers All-Stars will take on Andrews I tonight at 8:30 in Andrews.

The team will compete in Andrews through Saturday.

Babe Ruth sign-ups

Babe Ruth League sign-ups will take place today from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon in front of the baseball field house. The league is for ages 13-15, and players can not turn 16 before Aug. 1. The sign-up fee is $40.

Any coaches interested contact Dwayne Murdock at 573-2207 or Larry Price at 573-0440. Any old teen-age league coaches should must return their equipment during sign-ups.

Baseball Buddies

The SHS baseball team will host a "Baseball Buddies" from 11 a.m. until noon for the next three Saturdays.

The skills sessions with the team are free to all kids aged 7-14.

NCAA Men's Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Pepsi Arena
Albany, N.Y.
Friday, March 28
Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Butler (27-5), 7:10 p.m.
Syracuse (26-5) vs. Auburn (22-11), 9:40 p.m.
Championship
At Pepsi Arena
Albany, N.Y.
Sunday, March 30
Oklahoma-Butler winner vs. Syracuse-Auburn winner

SOUTH REGIONAL
Semifinals
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Friday, March 28
Connecticut (23-9) vs. Texas (24-6), 7:27 p.m.
Maryland (21-9) vs. Michigan State (21-12), 9:57 p.m.
Championship
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Sunday, March 30
Connecticut-Texas winner vs. Maryland-Michigan State winner

Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
Thursday, March 27
Wisconsin (24-7) vs. Kentucky (31-3), 7:10 p.m.
Marquette (25-5) vs. Pittsburgh (28-4), 9:40 p.m.
Championship
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
Minneapolis
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Semifinals
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Thursday, March 27
Notre Dame (24-9) vs. Arizona (27-3), 7:27 p.m.
Duke (26-6) vs. Kansas (27-7), 9:57 p.m.
Championship
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

Wells, Traylor place at Andrews

Snyder varsity runner October Wells earned two top five finishes at the Mustang Relays last weekend.

Wells was the runner-up in the 100M dash, crossing the finish line in 12.7 seconds.

She placed third in the 200M run with a time of 26.8.

JV sprinter Dalesa Traylor captured third in the 200M dash with a time of 29.6 seconds.

Traylor also took fourth in the 100M sprint, running the race in 13.8 seconds.

The girls will join the boys in Sweetwater Friday.

Girls Little Dribblers

Major

Liberty 31, Panthers 20
Liberty: Britney Webb 21, Alexis Castillo 6, Kelsi Falford 4. **Panthers:** Lecy Bleveult 6, K'Ana Garcia 4, Chelcea Roemisch 4, Erica Maldanado 4, Jessica Bilderback 2.

Fast Break 28, Sparks 23
Fast Break: Jessica Sandoval 20, Casey Williamson 6, Lindsey Urias 2. **Sparks:** Erma Rodriguez 12, Chassidy Pittman 10, Maria Murillo 1.

Jazz 38, Shock 14
Jazz: Brittany Mitchell 18, Samantha Medrano 16, Briana Bryant 2, Bailey Minor 2. **Shock:** Laressia Arellano 8, Monica Clanton 2, Roxann Renteria 2, Megan Villegas 2.

Sting 25, Lady Raiders 23
Sting: Megan Thompson 10, Lauren Zamora 6, Teryn Sullenger 4, Micayla Redman 3, Holly Manlief 2. **Lady Raiders:** A'Lex Koonce 13, Allison Swigert 6, Ashley Swigert 2, Brooke Burleson 2.

Fast Break 32, Sonics 4
Fast Break: Jessica Sandoval 21, Veronica Solano 4, Casey Williamson 4, Lindsey Urias 3. **Sonics:** Shandy McMullen 2, Lolita Ramos 2.

Jazz 51, Sparks 32
Jazz: Brittany Mitchell 27, Samantha Medrano 22, Lareshia Carey 2. **Sparks:** Erma Rodriguez 17, Chassidy Pittman 9, Jami Robbins 2, Maria Murillo 2, Amanda Midwell 2.

Junior

Little Tigers 28, Wildcats 16
Little Tigers: Tara Gordon 12, Jenee Payne 5, Laura Reich 5, Taylor Reed 4, Kendra Peterson 2. **Wildcats:** Jessica Ibarra 10, Meagan Robbins 2, Tania Rodriguez 2.

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Demos again try to derail limits on lawsuits

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick knocked down objections to a bill that would limit lawsuits in Texas almost as quickly as Democrats could make them Wednesday. Meanwhile, an El Paso lawmaker said a key Republican legislator offered $5 million in funding for a medical school for votes on the lawsuit legislation.

Rep. Chente Quintanilla, D-El Paso, said in a story in Wednesday's online edition of the El Paso Times that a delegation of three El Paso lawmakers was told by Rep. Talmadge Heflin, House appropriations committee chairman, that a four-year medical school in the city would get $5 million in state funding if they voted for the legislation. Quintanilla said he felt failing to vote for the measure would jeopardize funding.

Rep. Joe Pickett, who was also in the meeting, said he didn't consider what was said a threat. He declined to discuss details. Pickett told the newspaper the three El Paso lawmakers in the meeting did not commit their vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, which is key to the legislation.

Heflin declined comment to the newspaper. "I don't know what you are talking about," he told the newspaper. Heflin did not immediately return a call left at his office by The Associated Press late Wednesday.

Quintanilla did not immediately return telephone calls to The Associated Press.

Debate on the bill began a week ago and legislators had to start from scratch again Tuesday. It wasn't clear when it would end.

Among the provisions of the bill are new rules on class-action lawsuit filings; limits on which parties must pay for damages; new protections for retailers and manufacturers; and a measure that would allow a judge to refer some cases to applicable state agencies before going to trial. The bill also would place a $250,000 cap on non-economic damage awards such as pain and suffering in medical malpractice lawsuits.

Republican leaders pushing the bill have enough House votes for a portion of the measure but need additional votes for the proposed constitutional amendment. It takes 100 of 150 House votes to put such an issue on the election ballot.

The Democrats' parliamentary maneuvers were the latest speed bumps to stall the lawsuit bill after days of House debate. The delays of the Republican-backed bill proved to be a roadblock for other House business as the Legislature rumbled past its midway point.

Rep. Jim Dunnam, D-Waco, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, made the latest in a series of maneuvers to kill consideration of the bill. Dunnam raised a parliamentary point of order and said consideration of the bill should be halted because of an improper committee report.

Craddick overruled Dunnam.

Earlier, in another point of order, Dunnam argued that the addition of Rep. Joe Nixon's name as an original co-author to an amendment being considered violates the "rule of order of layout of amendments."

After a relatively amenable morning of debate and discussion, Dunnam argued that Nixon, a Houston Republican who authored the "tort reform" bill, added his name to an amendment too late.

Craddick overruled that objection as well.

Rep. Mike Wise, D-Weslaco, tried to derail the bill on yet another parliamentary point of order, which was overruled.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Louisiana Irises

Louisiana Irises are perennials that can be grown successfully in every area of Texas and the Gulf Coast, but thrive best in the eastern third of the state where their ancestors are native. They also occur naturally in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Mature plant size varies from 1 to 6 feet and flower sizes from 3 to 7 inches across. Flowers occur in March and April. Because all the primary colors are inherent in the various species that contributed to this group, there is no limit to the color range. The Louisianas, for example, include the purest form of red of any iris.

Louisiana irises prefer an acid soil in the range of 6.5 or lower. They like large quantities of fertilizer and water, but their greatest need for both of these comes during the naturally cool and moist fall and winter seasons.

They are among the few irises that will thrive in poorly drained soils, and may be effectively used along streams and lakes where they may be inundated periodically during changing water levels. Foliage is lush and requires heavy fertilization to remain healthy and productive.

Some varieties go dormant during the heat of summer, leaving dead foliage that should be cut back or removed. New foliage will appear again in the fall. Fall is the best season for transplanting. Beds should be well tilled and amended with large amounts of compost, peat, or pine bark. Rhizomes should be planted just below ground level and kept moist until well established. Clumps spread quickly, and individual rhizomes should be spaced several feet apart to avoid need for annual division.

Mulching in the summer protects rhizomes against sunscald. Winter protection is not necessary, but could help prevent the evaporation of essential moisture in northern and dry areas of the region.

Azalea-camellia fertilizers are recommended, along with water soluble fertilizers designed to lower the soil pH. After bloom is completed in the spring, the stalks should be cut back to the rhizome. Old rhizomes do not bloom again, but increase to produce the following year's crop.

These flamboyant flowers are attractive to bees, and the visits of these insects often result in pollination and the production of fertile seed in the irises' large seed pods. Ripening seeds sap the plant's strength, so they should be removed unless, of course, the grower has decided to raise new plants from seed. If so, leave the pods in place until they turn yellow-green in July or August, shell out the seeds before they dry, and plant at once into pots of well-prepared soil. Provide adequate protection over the winter, and plant the young seedlings into permanent locations in March.

Although not always available in a great variety of colors, Louisiana irises are sold by some garden centers in Texas. Mail order sources are another possibility. Special plant sales, such as the Bulb Mart in Houston each fall and March Mart at the Mercer Arboretum, usually offer a wide variety of Louisiana irises.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CESA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Continued From Last Week

5. Step to It!

The National Weight Control Registry (NWCR) studies successful weight control strategies of people aged 18 years and older who have lost at least 30 pounds and kept it off for at least one year. The average person listed with NWCR expends about 400 calories a day in physical exercise, with walking the most frequently cited activity.

Health experts recommend walking around 10,000 steps/day (about 5 miles) on most days for cardiovascular health. It's possible more steps may be needed for weight loss. Investing in an inexpensive pedometer is a good way to begin and stay motivated with walking. Simply determine your current number of steps for a couple of days and gradually build up.

The average person gets less than 6,000 steps per day. Many people need to include some type of daily walking program for about a half-hour to one hour to get to 10,000 steps. If you can't get to 10,000 steps, becoming more active than you were before is still better than not being active at all.

To help stay on track, track your steps — keeping a record of how we're doing can help us stay on target.

Some pedometers can be adjusted to calculate miles, speed and approximate calories burned, but simply monitoring the number of steps is enough and may be more accurate than some of the other measurements.

Shoes are the most important equipment. They should be flexible with good support and allow the foot to expand while walking. The more often a person walks, the more frequently shoes need to be replaced. If you walk daily, you may need new shoes every six months. If you only plan to walk, buy walking shoes. If you might progress to a little jogging, buy running shoes. Comfortable, well-fitting socks are important to prevent blisters.

As a general guideline, a person will burn about 100 calories walking a mile. Fitness, weight and age will affect how many calories each person burns.

6. Sleep on It!

Too little sleep may lead to weight gain. Studies in The Journal of the American Medical Association (Aug. 16, 2000) and The Lancet (Oct. 23, 1999) suggest chronic sleep loss can make it harder to maintain or lose weight by affecting various components of metabolism that influence hunger and weight gain.

Though most healthy adults generally need an average of eight hours of sleep nightly, some people can function on less while others may need more. Here are general tips that may help you sleep better:

(1) Drink less fluids before bedtime; **(2)** avoid heavy meals shortly before bedtime; **(3)** don't smoke; go to bed and get up at the same time daily, including weekends; **(4)** exercise regularly, but at least three hours before going to bed; **(5)** avoid napping during the day if you have trouble sleeping at night; avoid caffeine and alcohol in the late afternoon and evening. While caffeine may keep you awake, alcohol may cause you to awake later in the night.

95 percent of Snyder ISD 3rd graders pass TAKS reading

Contrary to statewide predictions of large numbers of failure, 95 percent of Snyder I.S.D.'s third graders have passed the new Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Statewide, 89 percent of the third graders passed the test.

On their first try, approximately 95 percent of Snyder ISD third-graders passed the reading section of the TAKS test, thereby meeting the new state requirement for promotion, state education officials reported Tuesday.

Statewide, the passing rate was higher than predicted by experts, and the percentage will climb even more as the 28,143 students who failed — about 11 percent of third-graders statewide — are given two additional chances to pass before they are required to repeat the third grade next year.

"Our third-graders earned a great big gold star today," said state Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis. "The state set high expectations for them, and they rose to the challenge. "Educators, parents and the kids themselves worked hard day after day to achieve the results we see today."

The commissioner credited the intense, scientifically based reading instruction that this year's third-graders have received since kindergarten. That included special training for their teachers.

This is the first class of students affected by a 1999 law aimed at stamping out social promotion, the widespread practice of passing students to the next grade regardless of achievement.

Last year, for example, about two percent of third-graders were retained based on grades. There was no test requirement last year.

Under the 1999 law, originally proposed by Gov. George W. Bush, students in grades three, five and eight will be required to pass the TAKS to be promoted to the next grade. The new promotion standards will be phased in at the fifth and eighth grades as this year's third-graders reach those levels.

Date Book

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Today is the 86th day of 2003 and the eighth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1972, Venera 8, an unmanned probe from the USSR, was launched on its trip to Venus.

On this day in 1972, the comic strip "Funky Winkerbean" made its nationally syndicated debut.

On this day in 1977, two Boeing 747s collided on a runway in what was the worst civil aviation accident in history; 570 people lost their lives.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gloria Swanson (1899-1983), actress; Sarah Vaughan (1924-1990), jazz singer; Quentin Tarantino (1963-), director, is 40; Mariah Carey (1970-), singer, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, the Kentucky Wildcats won their fifth NCAA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think all this talk about age is foolish. Every time I'm one year older, everyone else is too." — Gloria Swanson

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 24) and new moon (April 1).

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AndarkPtr	44.25	43.80	44.19	+.19
ATMOS Egy	21.38	21.19	21.21	—.04
Aviall	8.11	7.80	7.80	—.31
BP PLC	40.45	39.15	39.31	—1.13
BakerHughes	30.11	29.63	29.95	+.36
Bank of Amer	68.55	67.65	67.90	—.65
BellSouth	22.18	21.86	22.09	—.12
BurlNoSFe	25.78	25.40	25.44	—.32
Caterpillar	49.85	49.30	49.58	—.62
CenterPoint	6.85	6.74	6.84	—.01
ChevronTex	65.35	64.80	65.11	—.69
Citigroup	35.89	35.24	35.46	—.43
CocaCola	40.61	40.14	40.31	—.42
ColgatePal	53.66	52.89	53.54	—.25
CmclMetals s	14.10	13.83	14.09	+.21
ConocoPhill	52.17	51.70	51.98	+.11
Cooper Inds	37.10	36.32	36.42	—.92
DaimlrChry	29.98	29.46	29.92	—.53
DeltaAirl	9.95	9.35	9.60	—.35
Dillards Inc	13.02	12.80	12.92	—.05
DowChem	28.37	27.92	28.03	—.66
DuPont	40.05	39.50	39.50	—.92
EastmanChem	30.17	29.72	29.91	—.57
EstKodak	30.55	30.09	30.24	—.31
EDS Corp	17.62	17.38	17.48	—.17
Entergy	48.68	47.16	48.15	—.52
ExxonMobil	35.78	35.52	35.56	—.30
FootLocker	10.89	10.70	10.70	—.19
GenDynam	56.30	55.57	56.04	—.06
GenElec	26.40	25.94	26.06	—.54
GenMills	46.32	44.94	46.19	—.14
GenMotors	34.08	33.76	33.93	—.40
GaPacific	14.38	13.95	14.06	—.34
Goodrich	14.48	14.20	14.23	—.25
Goodyear	5.03	4.97	5.00	—.05
GtAtlPac	5.08	4.90	4.98	—.06
Halliburtn	21.18	20.83	21.11	+.42
Hanson ADS	25.18	25.12	25.12	—1.53
HartelHanks s	18.89	18.75	18.80	—.05
HomeDepot	25.34	24.70	25.08	—.34
HoneywellIntl	22.08	21.75	21.92	—.39
IBM	81.25	80.53	80.83	—.72
IntlPaper	35.30	34.67	34.71	—.92
JohnsonJn	56.22	55.70	56.09	—.57
KinderMorg	45.10	44.76	44.89	—.27
Kroger Co	14.05	13.70	13.75	—.49
LockheedM	46.83	45.91	46.70	+.45
Lowes Cos	41.78	41.25	41.32	—.71
Lubys	1.10	1.03	1.04	—.01
LucentTech	1.52	1.49	1.50	—.02
MarathonOil	23.63	23.35	23.55	+.01
MayDeptStr	20.42	20.08	20.12	—.50
Medtronic	46.27	45.10	45.33	—.57
Motorola	8.44	8.25	8.31	—.20
NCR Corp	19.06	18.90	18.95	—.17
Navistar	25.00	24.53	24.60	—.80
PNM Rescs	22.12	21.92	21.96	—.11
Penney JC	20.58	20.15	20.19	—.41
PepBoys	7.81	7.71	7.76	—.04
PepsiCo	39.85	39.50	39.69	—.13
Pharmacia	44.05	43.61	43.80	—.37
PhelpDodge	32.99	32.59	32.75	—.57
PilgrmPrd B	8.20	8.08	8.08	—.18
Praxair	56.89	56.50	56.60	—.52
ProctGamb	88.33	87.50	88.02	—.31
RadioShack	21.35	20.75	21.26	+.13
RoyalDut	41.17	40.70	40.87	—.86
SBC Comm	21.15	20.75	20.85	—.58
SaraLee	19.95	19.66	19.72	—.23
Scripps EW	76.12	75.08	75.32	—.90
SearsRoeb	23.89	23.52	23.73	—.41
SherwinW	26.60	26.39	26.41	—.07
SouthernCo	28.52	28.33	28.40	—.19
SwstAirl	14.61	14.22	14.39	—.22
SprintFON	11.91	11.65	11.69	—.21
SprintPCS	4.36	4.24	4.27	—.11
Sunoco Inc	36.09	35.50	36.07	+.06
TXU Corp	17.83	17.59	17.72	—.18
TempleInland	38.72	37.78	38.00	—.85
TexInd	19.10	18.65	18.83	—.33
TexasInst	17.70	17.50	17.58	—.17
Textron	28.40	28.05	28.28	—.22
TrinityInds	17.40	17.20	17.20	—.15
TylerTech	3.65	3.61	3.64	+.06
UnionPacif	56.61	55.80	55.93	—.68
USSteel	10.25	10.01	10.16	+.11
UnitedTech	60.69	59.84	60.06	—1.22
Unocal	25.84	25.65	25.80	—.08
VerizonComm	36.00	35.71	35.86	—.21
WalMart	53.30	52.87	53.03	—.30
WellsFargo	45.90	45.22	45.35	—.55
WstnGasRs	31.90	31.65	31.82	—.07
WinnDixie	13.60	13.07	13.08	—.54
Xerox Cp	8.96	8.81	8.82	—.18
YumBrands s	24.71	24.05	24.62	+.17

Youth wildlife brigades on the march for new recruits

SAN ANGELO — Recruits are now being mustered for the 2003 "Texas Brigades," a group of wildlife-oriented youth camps targeting 13-17 year-old cadets.

Bobwhite quail, white-tailed deer, and wild turkey form the nuclei for the award-winning camps that equip participants with communications skills, leadership development, and a healthy dose of wildlife management.

"The core curriculum at these camps is leadership development, and conservation of our natural resources," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas cooperative Extension wildlife specialist and founder of the Brigades. "We meld and disguise those principles into fun and interesting activities dealing with quail, turkey, or deer. The result is a 100-hour crash course in growing up."

The two Buckskin Brigade dates and locations are: South Texas, 4th Battalion, La Pryor, June 1-5, and North Texas, 2nd Battalion, Lueders, July 20-24. Dates and locations for the two Bobwhite Brigades are: Rolling Plains, 11th Battalion, Lueders, June 21-25, and South Texas, 6th Battalion, Campbellton, July 13-17.

The East Texas "Feather Forces" Brigade, 7th Battalion, July 27-31 at Broadus, centers around quail and turkey. Rollins said combining the turkey with the quail curricula in this single instance was a real boost to the camp. It also allowed the camp to add a strong new sponsor in the National Wild Turkey Federation.

In addition to recruiting cadets, the brigades are also seeking adult volunteers to serve as "Covey" or "Herd" leaders. These positions don't require any training in wildlife management, just the willingness to help the cadets 'be all they can be.' Many of the adult leaders consider this to be a watershed week in their own lives.

After their tour of duty at the camp, many sign on to continue service on the camp's steering committee. And for those who would like to expand their knowledge of quail, deer, or turkey management, there's no better short course than a brigade camp.

The camps have earned numerous state and national awards as have many of the graduate cadets. Rollins said five other states currently have similar programs patterned directly from the Texas camps.

The camps' sponsors include: Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and numerous private businesses and landowners.

Greg Gruben, Texas Cooperative Extension Agent for Scurry County, says April 15th is the deadline for applications to the 2003 Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps. A total of 5 camps are now being offered. Dates, Camp locations, and additional information can be found at www.texasbrigades.org

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AMERICA AT WAR

Navy ships pack heavy punch

By The Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AP) — Floating fortresses on Saddam Hussein's doorstep, the Navy warships that opened Operation Iraqi Freedom with a thunderous strike of Tomahawk cruise missiles are now launching planes that can protect ground troops by picking off a single tank or mortar emplacement.

The Navy has deployed tens of thousands of men and women, more than half of its 305 ships and more than 4,000 aircraft to the Persian Gulf and the eastern Mediterranean to focus its impressive array of weapons on Baghdad.

Aircraft carriers like the Roosevelt provide range and mobility, enabling the Pentagon to bring U.S. military might close to any theater of war.

In this campaign, that means the military could fight a convincing air war even if bases in friendly Persian Gulf nations were suddenly declared off limits.

"We can get moving anywhere in that vast international domain of water," said Rear Adm. John C. Harvey Jr., commander of the battle group that includes the Roosevelt and the flattop's array of smaller warships. "That breaks us free of the logistics ties of home — we can go wherever we need to go, whenever we need to go."

Retired Rear Adm. Fred Metz said the Navy's already crucial role in the conflict has grown with Turkey's refusal to allow U.S.-led ground troops to open a second front against Iraq from its territory.

Earlier this month, for instance, five warships in the Mediterranean passed through the Suez Canal in response to Turkey's foot-dragging in granting the U.S. overflight rights.

"Carriers give the decision makers the flexibility not to worry about this kind of thing — about overflights and about bases," Metz said by telephone from Norfolk, Va.

The five carriers deployed in the Red Sea and the eastern Mediterranean are the crown jewels in the Navy's part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With pinpoint accuracy, F/A-18 fighter bombers taking off from the flattops have punched holes in Saddam's palaces with satellite-guided bombs. With help from ground-based air controllers, they can take out a single piece of artillery threatening U.S. troops.

Typically, the pilot receives a radio or visual signal from ground spotters, hits the release for his smart bomb and positions a diamond-shaped target indicator over the target on a screen on his instrument panel. The bomb, reading the laser signal through sensors in its nose cone, appears on the screen as a flash when it explodes.

Called close air support, this mode of combat is likely to be crucial once the battle for Baghdad gets under way.

Less sexy than the combat aircraft, but crucial to the Navy's war role, are support craft such as the EA-6B Prowler, which flies interference and jams enemy electronics, and mini-AWACS, which use their telltale saucer-shaped radar systems to provide command and control.

SAFE LANDING — Arresting gear officer Lloyd Mack from Pensacola, FL, watches as an F/A-18 Hornet makes an arrested landing on the deck of the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the eastern Mediteranean today. The squadrons of the carrier group have stepped up flight strikes over northern Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. (AP Photo)

WORLD LEADERS — President Bush, right, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair talk at Camp David Wednesday night. Also pictured in background are Chief of Staff Andy Card, rear left, and National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice. (AP Photo)

Bush, Blair meet; vow to continue fight in Iraq

By RON FOURNIER
AP Correspondent

THURMONT, Md. (AP) — President Bush, meeting with top war ally British Prime Minister Tony Blair, said today that coalition forces were "advancing day by day" through Iraq. He and Blair demanded that the United Nations' "Oil for Food" program be immediately restored.

Blair, standing alongside Bush at the president's mountaintop retreat, declared that "Saddam Hussein and his hateful regime will be removed from power."

"Iraq will be disarmed of weapons of mass destruction. And the Iraqi people will be freed. That is our commitment. That is our determination, and we will see it done," Blair added.

Joining Bush for a joint news conference at Camp David, Md., Blair said he and the president had decided to seek new U.N. resolutions on humanitarian relief, a postwar administration for Iraq and a promise to keep Iraq's territorial boundaries intact.

Bush and Blair were briefed on the progress of the war in Iraq after a week of fierce combat, meeting amid growing signs Iraqi forces have dug in for a prolonged fight.

About 60 percent of Iraq's 22 million people are fed through the U.N.'s oil-for-food program that began in 1996. Under the program, Iraq is allowed to sell unlimited quantities of oil as long as the money goes mainly to buy food, medicine and other humanitarian goods for Iraq's people.

The U.N. Security Council has been bitterly divided over the decision by the United States, Britain and Spain to attack Iraq, and that division has spilled over into negotiations to revise the program.

Blair has advocated a far more aggressive role for the United Nations in administering postwar Iraq than has Bush.

"No doubt, the United nations has got to be closely involved in this process," Blair said. He said he and Bush agreed on "principles," but that there was "a huge amount of details ... that have to be the subject of discussion."

Bush was asked whether the war would last months, not weeks.

"However long it takes to win. However long it takes to achieve our objective. However long it takes," he replied. "It's not a matter of timetable, it's a matter of victory."

Said Blair: "It's not set by time, it's set by the nature of the job."

Bush said anew that any Iraqi that launched chemical or biological weapons against U.S.-led forces "will be tried as a war criminal."

Blair referred to the deaths of two British soldiers, saying they had been executed. "It is an act of cruelty beyond all human comprehension," the prime minister said.

Both Bush and Blair addressed the lack of support among many traditional allies in war.

"There are many people on our side, there are those that oppose us," Blair acknowledged.

NYC protesters stage die-in on Fifth Ave.

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hundreds of chanting demonstrators lined Manhattan's Fifth Avenue today, and dozens lay down in the street in a "die-in" to protest the war.

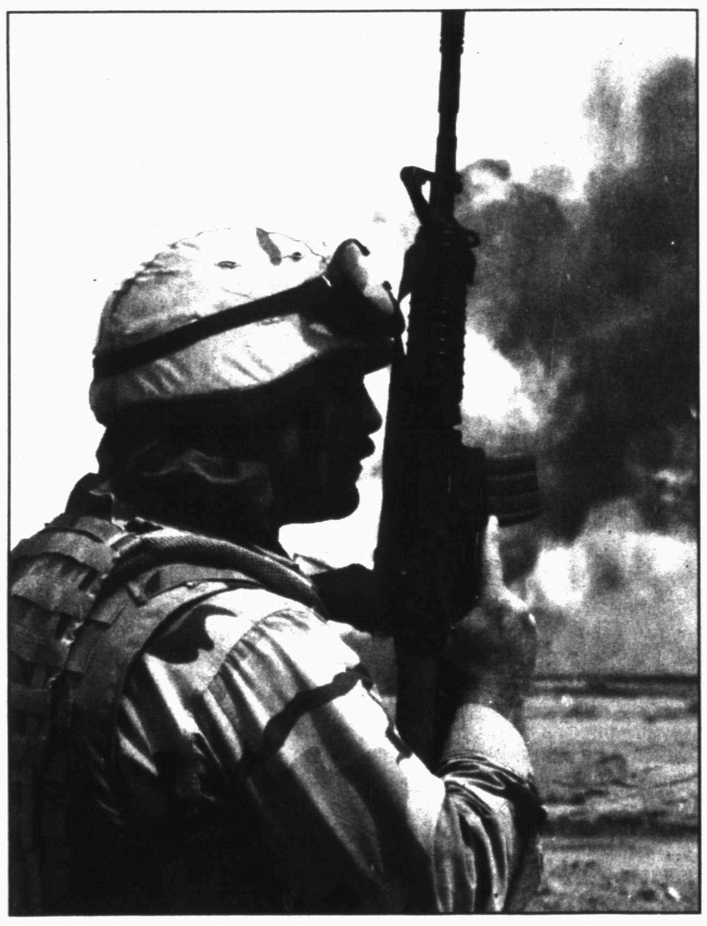
Officers, some in riot gear and on horseback, clamped plastic handcuffs onto about 150 protesters who refused to get up and half-carried them into police vehicles.

Anti-war groups also called for other civil disobedience in the city to protest media and corporate "profiteering from the war."

As helicopters hovered overhead, the protesters — some beating drums or chanting "Hey-hey, ho-ho, Bush's war has to go!" — jammed police pens near St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Saks Fifth Avenue store.

Organizers of the loose coalition, which calls itself M27, said the "die-in" was intended to symbolize Iraqi war victims. A single lane of Fifth Avenue was reopened to traffic after about a half-hour.

Later, a small group of protesters, draped in black and walking to the beat of a drum, staged a mock funeral march on the same block.



LOOKING ON — A U.S. army soldier looks on while patrolling near the burning North Ramala oil fields, in southern Iraq, today. According to reports, Iraqi soldiers explode the wells before leaving the area. (AP Photo)

Iraq war: as it unfolds

By The Associated

Key developments in the war:

— The U.S. military parachuted about 1,000 Army troops into Kurdish-held northern Iraq in a dramatic nighttime operation that opened another front against Saddam Hussein's regime.

— President Bush, meeting with top war ally British Prime Minister Tony Blair, said coalition forces were "advancing day by day" through Iraq. He and Blair demanded that the United Nations' "Oil for Food" program be immediately restored.

— The ferocious sandstorm that halted the U.S. drive on Baghdad lifted today and coalition warplanes were back in the sky in force, blasting Iraqi armor that probed American lines.

— U.S.-led invading forces flew more than 600 bombing missions over Iraq today, stepping up the air campaign that had slowed because of bad weather, defense officials said. They were hitting Republican Guard formations around the capital, Baghdad.

— The U.S. military said today "it was entirely possible" that an Iraqi missile was responsible for the marketplace explosion in Baghdad that killed 14 civilians.

— U.S. and British officials said Iraqi paramilitary forces are seizing children and threatening Iraqi men with execution if they don't fight for the regime.

— British officials postponed a seaborne relief operation after discovering Iraqi mines in the channel leading to the port of Umm Qasr. Supplies were not expected to reach land until Friday.

— Coalition aircraft and artillery destroyed several Iraqi armored vehicles that streamed out of the besieged city of Basra overnight, the top British commander in the Gulf said today.

— Iraq's health minister today said 36 civilians were killed and 215 wounded in U.S. airstrikes on Baghdad a day earlier, and he accused U.S.-led forces of deliberately targeting civilians to break the people's will.

— Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Iraqi troops had executed some American prisoners of war. An Iraqi government statement accused U.S. forces of taking civilians as POWs and mocked coalition leaders over expectations for a swift end to the war.

— Hundreds of chanting anti-war demonstrators lined Manhattan's Fifth Avenue today and dozens lay down in the street to begin a day of planned civil disobedience actions. About 150 people were arrested.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

State high court gets school finance case

AUSTIN (AP) — Arguments over the legality of education funding in Texas have moved from the statehouse to the courthouse, with the Supreme Court set to hear a challenge to the so-called Robin Hood system.

The state's wealth-sharing school funding formula has already survived several legal challenges since it was written in 1993. It sends money from property-rich school districts to poorer ones.

But the latest legal fight comes as lawmakers are under pressure to fix the system.

The Supreme Court has agreed to consider the case brought by a group of wealthy districts that say the system has essentially created a statewide property tax. That's banned under the Texas Constitution. Trial and appeals courts have dismissed those claims.

The Supreme Court could rule on the legality of Robin Hood or simply send the lawsuit back to the lower courts for further consideration. There is no set timetable for a ruling.

The case before the court today was filed by four districts: West Orange-Cove Consolidated, Port Neches-Groves, Coppell and La Porte.

In 2001, former State District Judge Scott McCown of Austin dismissed the case, saying the system works for millions of Texas schoolchildren and that improvements should come from the Legislature.

McCown also said not enough school districts had reached the maximum tax level to qualify as a statewide property tax. The Third Court of Appeals in Austin upheld the ruling in 2002.

State lawmakers, many of whom campaigned on pledges to eliminate Robin Hood, have already started debating the issue. Efforts to scrap the system quickly passed the House Public Education Committee, but have since stalled.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, the Republican who presides over the Senate, said that he's working on a plan to improve the school finance system that he will make public soon.

He's said the court case puts pressure on lawmakers to come up with a solution before the court intervenes.

The debate over Robin Hood has pitted poor and wealthy districts against each other.

Many school districts say they have raised local property taxes to the legal limit — $1.50 per $100 of valuation — and can't raise any more money.

The state's 118 wealthier districts that have given up $1.5 billion say they must slash programs and jobs because they must send some of their money to poorer districts.

The poorer districts, however, say their students have benefited greatly from Robin Hood, which has allowed them to buy computers, books and new buildings.

Asian nations try to block spread of mystery illness

HONG KONG (AP) — The government here said today it would quarantine more than 1,000 people and close its schools to try to stem the spread of the deadly flu-like illness spreading across some parts of eastern Asia.

Singapore, which earlier quarantined hundreds of people, also shut its schools, and weekend concerts in Hong Kong by the Rolling Stones were postponed for fear of the disease.

The measures came a day after mainland China disclosed a sharply higher death toll for the flu-like illness, spreading fears of a wider outbreak.

The illness, severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, has now infected more than 1,500 people in more than a dozen countries, according to a U.S. official with new figures. The death toll rose by one to 54, most of them in Asia, when Hong Kong officials said today night that a Filipino maid who died here Monday was a SARS victim.

"It's spreading a little bit faster than we anticipated," said U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, testifying before Congress today. He said 4 percent of the people who came down with the disease had died.

Thousands of Hong Kong residents wore surgical masks while going about town, giving this vibrant city the feel of a sprawling hospital ward. The Health Department recommended masks only for people with flu-like symptoms so they won't infect others.

"If people feel more safe wearing a mask, it is up to them to decide," Health Department spokeswoman Sally Kong said.

The Taiwanese capital of Taipei declared a full medical alert today after a major engineering company temporarily closed because five of its employees were suspected of being infected. They had recently traveled to mainland China.

Hong Kong's government leader, Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, said today night that officials had ordered the quarantine of 1,080 people believed to have been in close contact with SARS victims. They are being urged to stay home and must check in regularly with health officials over a 10-day period starting Monday or they could be fined or jailed.

Tung said Hong Kong schools, except for universities, will shut down early for spring break, closing from Saturday to April 6 as a precaution.

"For the sake of our health and for the sake of the health in our community, we must win this battle," Tung told a news conference.

Man arrested on two warrants

•Arrests

Deputies arrested a 29-year-old man at 9:10 a.m. Wednesday on warrants for criminal mischief and theft by check.

At 11:23 a.m., deputies arrested a 71-year-old woman and transported her to the jail to serve time for driving while intoxicated.

Snyder officers arrested a 43-year-old woman at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

•Thefts

Zach Starnes reported the theft of 40 to 50 CDs from his vehicle several nights ago. A close patrol was initiated.

Ann Dewitt reported at 9:53 p.m. Wednesday that her car stereo had been stolen in the 300 block of 37th Street. A report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

•Welfare checks

An operator on the crisis line reported that a female advised she was having suicidal thoughts. Officers responded to the girl's home and advised that a report for threatening self mutilation would be submitted. MHMR also was contacted.

At 9:20 p.m. Wednesday, a woman requested an officer at her residence and reported that her brother cut his arm with household scissors. Officers contacted both subjects and advised they were intoxicated. A report for self mutilation was filed.

•Criminal mischief

A man in the 100 block of 35th Street reported several mailboxes damaged in the area and a close patrol was begun.

•Criminal trespass

Officers served a 20-year-old man with a criminal trespass warning at 3:20 p.m. Wednesday ordering him to stay away from the Park Village Apartments.

•Dog bite

A Cogdell Hospital employee reported a dog bite victim in the emergency room Wednesday.

Midland man pleads guilty

A 25-year-old Midland man pleaded guilty Tuesday in 132nd District Court and will now serve a five-year probated sentence.

Jake Vasquez Silva pleaded guilty to an Aug. 31, 2000 charge of fraudulently obtaining workers' compensation benefits.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Silva to two years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years. Silva also was fined $1,000 and ordered to pay $4,855.73 in restitution.

Obituaries

Rosalio Gutierrez

1944-2003

Rosalio Gutierrez Sr., 58, died Tuesday, March 25, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Rosary for Mr. Gutierrez is set for 8:15 this evening in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Frank Ortegon officiating.

Funeral mass is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mr. Gutierrez

Born Sept. 4, 1944 in Sabinal, he married Rosalinda Olvera on April 8, 1962 in Carrizo Springs.

A mechanic, Mr. Gutierrez was preceded in death by a brother, Hilario Gutierrez; and a sister, Paula Marie Perez.

Survivors include his wife, Rosalinda Gutierrez of Snyder; four sons, Alex Gutierrez, Rosalio Gutierrez Jr., Eddie Gutierrez and Joe Angel Gutierrez, all of Snyder; four daughters, Melinda Piru of Austin, Josie Juarez of Caldwell, Nancy Gutierrez and Esmeralda Maldonado, both of Snyder; his mother, Lorenza Gutierrez of Snyder; two brothers, Santos Gutierrez of Snyder and Jose Gutierrez of Salem, Ore.; six sisters, Hilaria Gutierrez of Hermleigh, Consuelo Gallegos and Esperanza Renteria, both of Snyder, Lorenza Jimenez of Eagle Pass, Maria Aguilar of Mission and Dolores Gutierrez of Conroe; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Dorothy Eckert

1932-2003

BIG SPRING — Dorothy Bernice Eckert, sister-in-law of Juanita Eckert of Snyder, died Monday, March 24, at her home in Big Spring.

Service for Mrs. Eckert, 71, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside service will follow at 3 p.m. at the Miles Cemetery in Miles, Tex.

Born Jan. 17, 1932 in Cameron, she married Elmer Eckert on April 8, 1951 in San Angelo. He died April 30, 1988.

Mrs. Eckert had lived in Big Spring since 1974 and had been a caretaker for the elderly. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Carl Elmer Eckert on March 19, 2002.

Survivors also include three sons and a daughter-in-law, Chester Eckert, Steve Eckert and Fred and Becky Eckert, all of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Dornell and Lanny King of Big Spring; a brother, Mondrow Stork of Rockdale; four sisters, Doris Junek of Graham, Ona Faye Skrhak of Bastrop, Leola Sladek of San Antonio and Florence Downey of Big Spring; a niece, Lujean Eckert of Snyder; two nephews, Gary Eckert and Nelson Eckert, both of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

Paula Bylsma

1940-2003

SIOUX FALLS, Idaho — Paula Ann Bylsma, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, March 25, at her home under the care of Avera Mckennan Hospice.

Committal service for Mrs. Bylsma, 62, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Woodlawn Cemetery and a memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the First Presbyterian Church.

Born June 11, 1940 in Gorman, she moved with her family to Snyder in 1947 and was a 1958 graduate of Snyder High School. She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1962 and completed her master of arts degree in history at the University of Iowa in 1963.

She married John Bylsma on Dec. 28, 1963.

Mrs. Bylsma taught English and history for two years in Columbus Junction, Iowa, and social studies and English for eight years at Patrick Henry Junior High in Sioux Falls. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school and served on boards and committees. When the church sponsored Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s, Mrs. Bylsma began her involvement with the refugee community in Sioux Falls. She was a volunteer and teacher of English as a second language for Lutheran Social Services.

Mrs. Bylsma also was one of the founders of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sioux Falls and was active in its growth during its first years of its existence.

Survivors also include her husband, John Bylsma of Sioux Falls; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Engebretson of Fargo, N.D.; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Lisa Bylsma of Ashland, Ore.; her parents, Bob and Henrietta Dupree of Snyder; a sister, Dena Ferrell Bryant of Arlington; and grandchildren, Ariel, Benjamin and Samuel Engebretson, and Noah and Micah Bylsma.

Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church's Malawi and One Great Hour of Sharing missions or to Habitat for Humanity.

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54/31	54/27	68/34
Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 54F. Winds N at 15 to 25 mph.	Partial sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 20s	Sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 30s
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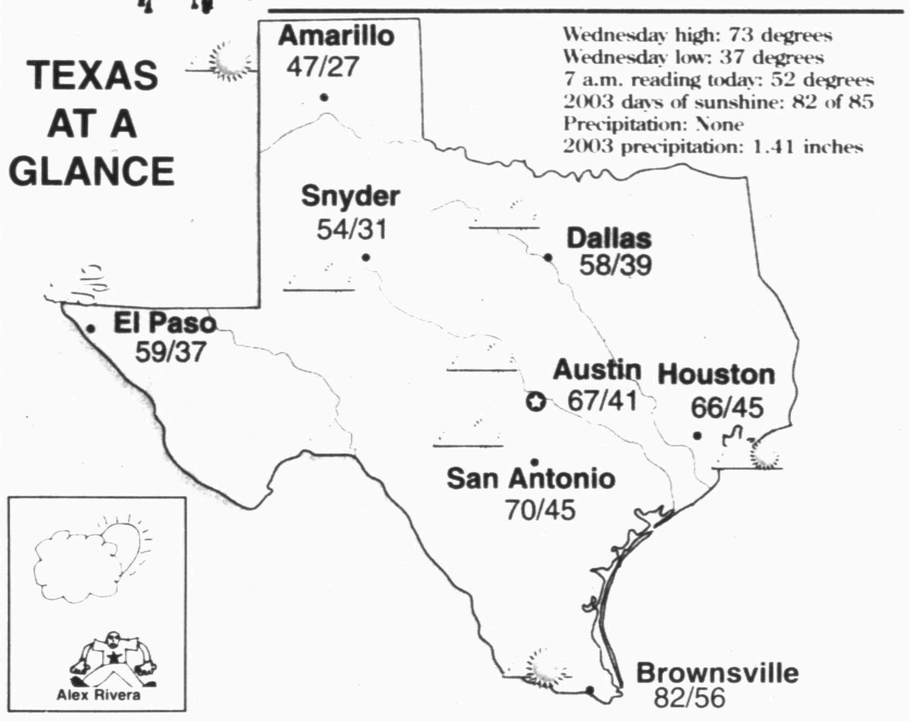

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Wednesday low: 37 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 52 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 82 of 85
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 1.41 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	56	36	pt sunny	El Paso	59	37	windy	Midland	55	36	pt sunny
Amarillo	47	27	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	59	39	mst sunny	Raymondville	83	52	mst sunny
Austin	67	41	pt sunny	Gainesville	56	33	rain	Rosenberg	67	44	cloudy
Beaumont	67	44	cloudy	Greenville	56	34	pt sunny	San Antonio	70	45	pt sunny
Brownsville	82	56	mst sunny	Houston	66	45	cloudy	San Marcos	67	41	pt sunny
Brownwood	62	38	pt sunny	Kingsville	80	48	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	57	34	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	76	49	pt sunny	Livingston	64	39	cloudy	Sweetwater	57	34	pt sunny
Corsicana	58	38	pt sunny	Longview	59	38	pt sunny	Tyler	58	40	pt sunny
Dallas	58	39	pt sunny	Lubbock	51	30	pt sunny	Weatherford	57	33	pt sunny
Del Rio	74	49	pt sunny	Lufkin	62	41	cloudy	Wichita Falls	53	32	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	52	pt sunny	Houston	66	45	cloudy	Phoenix	73	51	windy
Boston	49	41	pt sunny	Los Angeles	79	54	sunny	San Francisco	67	52	windy
Chicago	52	29	rain	Miami	87	70	pt sunny	Seattle	52	44	rain
Dallas	58	39	pt sunny	Minneapolis	42	24	snow	St. Louis	53	34	rain
Denver	37	21	pt sunny	New York	56	46	mst sunny	Washington, DC	61	53	rain

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 25	Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16

UV Index

Fri 3/28	Sat 3/29	Sun 3/30
8	8	9
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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3 DAY WEEKEND SALE!

Friday, March 28, Saturday, March 29, Sunday, March 30, 2003

Coke or Sprite

3 for 12 Pack 12 Oz. Cans **$8**

USDA Select Packer Trimmed Beef Brisket

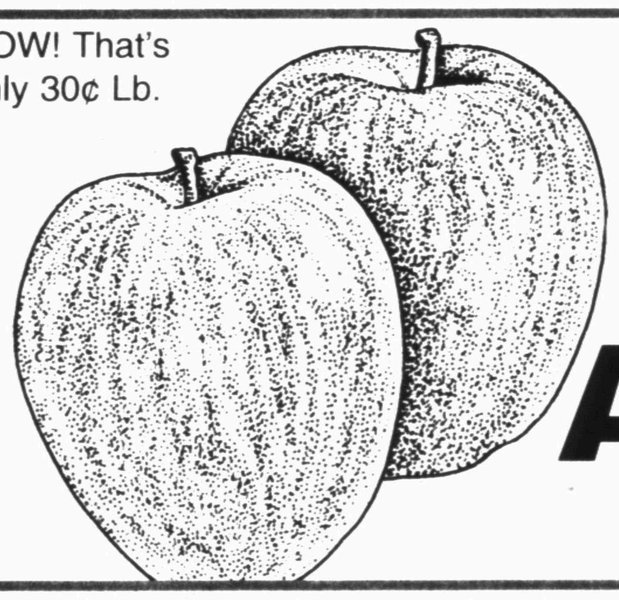
99¢ Lb.

Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef

99¢ Lb.

Family Pack

WOW! That's Only 30¢ Lb.



Fresh Crisp Red Delicious Apples

2 for 5 Lb. Bags **$3**

New Crop - Medium White Onions

3 Lbs. for **$1**

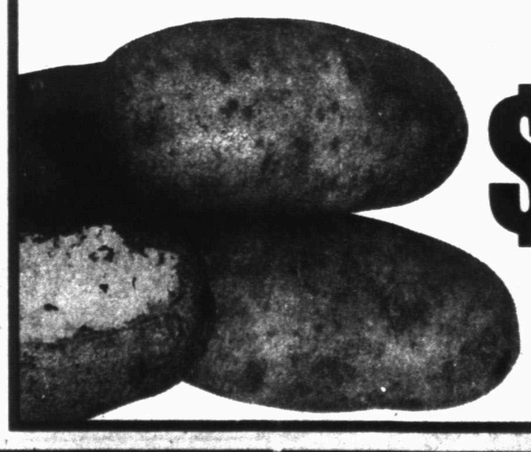
Cello Iceburg Lettuce

2 for **$1**

Fresh Large Cucumbers or Green Medium Bell Peppers

4 For Each **$1**

15 Lb. Bag Russet Potatoes



$1.98 Each