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Head baseball coach Lance Brown isn't counting, but he could get his 500th TCU career win this weekend.

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## More Iraqi targets hit, civilians injured



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Sgt. David Turner (wearing bandana) talks with Pfc. Michael White at Tillil Airfield in Iraq Monday.

### Coalition troops continue march towards Baghdad

BY DAVID ESPO  
Associated Press

American-led forces bombed Iraqi targets and battled troops across Saddam Hussein's slowly shrinking domain Thursday, battering the regime's communications and command facilities in Baghdad. U.S. officials began sending reinforcements to the region and reported 25 Marines wounded after a friendly fire incident around An Nasiriyah.

The Iraqi regime breathed defiance even as coalition troops encircled its capital city. "The enemy

must come inside Baghdad, and that will be its grave," Defense Minister Sultan Mashem Ahmed declared.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested that U.S. forces might lay siege to the capital and hope Iraqis rise up against the government.

Eight days after the launching of Operation Iraqi Freedom, President Bush met with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and declined to set a timetable for the war. It will last "however long it takes" to win, he said, thumping the lectern for emphasis.

Both men said the United Nations could help rebuild postwar Iraq, but sidestepped tricky questions of who would create and run a new government once Saddam is toppled.

Air assaults beginning before midnight in Baghdad delivered one of the

strongest blasts felt there in days as allied forces zeroed in on one of Saddam's presidential compounds in the heart of the capital. Another round of powerful explosions followed, lasting half an hour.

"Coalition air forces and Tomahawk missiles took out a communications and command control facilities in the capital city during the night," said Lt. Cmdr. Charles Owens, a spokesman reading from a bulletin at the command center in Camp As Sayliyah.

In the war zone, sandstorms abated and the Americans and British

reported flying 1,500 missions during the day as they exploited their unchecked air superiority. British forces reported destroying 14 Iraqi tanks near Basra — their largest such take since World War II.

Warplanes bombed positions in northern Iraq near Kurdish-held areas and hit Republican Guard forces menacing American ground forces 50 miles south of Baghdad. Thunderous explosions rocked the capital after nightfall in one of the strongest blasts in days, filling the sky with flames and thick smoke after one of Saddam's presidential palaces was hit.

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— Lt. Cmdr. Charles Owens  
army spokesperson

## Bands 'battle' with unique sounds

BY BRADEN HOWELL  
Staff Reporter

A TCU tradition kicked off Tuesday as students passing through the Student Center Lounge were entertained by two distinctly different types of music at the annual Battle of the Bands.

Fabian Morice, a Programming Council projects director, said the event is put on by PC as a way to show off the talent of TCU students.

Andy Humphrey, a sophomore radio-TV-film major, said he likes the fact that the event brings in music that most TCU students are not used to listening to.

"It's good for TCU because it exposes the students to music other than the Dave Matthews Band or Jay-Z, and it's great for the bands because it gives them good exposure," Humphrey said.

The contest opened with a 40-minute set from Mysteree, featuring songs off their album, which was available for free to students. The group was followed by the heavier sounds of the metal band, Shadowed Beneath.

During their set, Shadowed Beneath singer/guitarist Nathan Horn humorously addressed an issue that was evident on the faces of TCU students in attendance when he thanked PC for allowing them to play, even though their music didn't fit in at TCU.

Along with the music, the decision to hold the event inside the Student Center Lounge received mixed emotions from students. Some students said they were unhappy the event was not outside, while others, such as sophomore advertising/public relations major Mary Wrench, said they enjoyed having it inside.

"I don't really know if all the music is TCU



Stephen S. Spillman/Photographer

Landon Torbett plays saxophone for Mysteree in the "Battle of the Bands" Thursday in the Student Center Lounge.

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## Position accepted

BY LAUREN HANVEY  
Staff Reporter

DePaul University history professor Susan Ramirez said Monday she will formally accept the history department's Nevill G. Penrose Chair of Latin American Studies.

R. Lee Woodward Jr., the current Penrose Chair, said the history department started thinking about potential candidates for the endowed chair position after he announced last spring that he would retire at the end of this academic year. The search was nationally advertised in September, he said. There were 19 candidates that were then narrowed to two by February, he said.

Woodward said Ramirez will be an asset to the history department.

"In addition to her superb scholarly credentials and wide teaching experience, she impressed us as a very congenial and pleasant colleague who would fit in well at TCU," Woodward said.

Ramirez will work mostly with graduate students and be expected to continue researching and publishing her work, said Clayton Brown, history department chairman. She will also attend conferences as a representative of TCU and recruit students for Latin American Studies, he said.

Ramirez said she spent her Spring Break doing research in

Lima, Peru. She said via e-mail that she is excited about the chance to work with TCU students and to share her knowledge of Latin America with them.

"I am at a point in my career where it is important to pass along the methodological pointers that I have learned working as a professional historian and, particularly, how best to write the history of societies with cultures very different from our own," she said.

Woodward said Ramirez's biggest potential challenges may be attracting high-quality graduate students into the Ph.D. program and finding good job placement for them when they graduate.

Heather Judge, a Ph.D. candidate in Latin American Studies, said Ramirez could be of assistance in her dissertation research because both women are interested in the history of indigenous people.

"She can offer criticism and commentary from a complementary perspective," Judge said. "(Ramirez) shows great interest in areas one might think would be outside of her research."

Ramirez will actually be the first woman to hold an endowed chair position in the history department, Brown said. However, he said

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## Renovations must wait



Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Milton Daniel Hall has still not undergone scheduled renovations.

BY LARA HENDRICKSON  
Staff Reporter

Renovations of Milton Daniel Hall were originally scheduled to be completed by now, but plans were delayed so other buildings' renovations could be completed and because of other financial difficulties, Residential Services Director Roger Fisher said Wednesday.

"At the time of our plans to renovate Milton Daniel, we were trying to finish the (University) Recreation Center, Tucker Technology Center, Smith Entrepreneur Center and the baseball stadium," Fisher said. "The university just did not have the money to continue with residence halls."

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Don Mills said the renovation of the all-men's residence hall will not begin for at least two years

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## Fewer flights not a problem

BY JACQUE NGUYEN  
Staff Reporter

Although airlines are canceling some international flights to and from the United States because of war in Iraq, TCU officials say students and staff should not expect difficulties with future traveling.

John Singleton, director of International Student Services, said he does not expect any problems with students trying to enter the United States that are coming to study at TCU. The basic rules to enter the country have not changed, but procedures are going to be more strict, he said.

"(Students) still need to have their basic immigration documents, but with every 't' crossed and every 'i' dotted," Singleton said.

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## The number is ...



Ty Halasz/Photo editor

Junior biology Rebecca Iroha draws from the housing lottery pot which is held by junior speech communication major Abby Crawford.

**The Weather**

**FRIDAY**  
High: 57; Low: 35; Partly Cloudy

**SATURDAY**  
High: 55; Low: 30; Partly Cloudy

**SUNDAY**  
High: 64; Low: 36; Sunny

**Looking Back**

**1814** — The funeral of Joseph-Ignace Guillotin, the inventor and namesake of the infamous execution device, took place outside of Paris, France. Guillotin had what he felt were the purest motives for inventing the guillotine and was deeply distressed at how his reputation had become besmirched in the aftermath.

**1947** — The final episode of the long-running "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" aired on radio network CBS.

**Watch For**

Look to the Skiff this week for more personal stories, commentary and information on the war in Iraq.

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## CampusLines

Your bulletin board for campus events

■ **TCU Unity Fair** will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Frog Fountain. Proceeds go to Operation Uplink, which buys phone cards for soldiers abroad. For more information, call (817) 257-8143.

■ **Jazz Festival** will be Saturday in Ed Landreth Hall Auditorium with high school bands performing all day. Jazz Ensembles, featuring New York saxophonist Dave Pietro, will play at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (817) 257-7640.

■ **Junior Recital** with pianist Victoria Vermilye will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in PepsiCo Recital Hall. For more information, call (817) 257-7602.

■ **Delta Dunkfest**, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, will be Sunday in the University Recreation Center Special Event Room. For more information, contact Paige Ponthier at (817) 926-3535.

■ **"Let It Fly" football tournament**, a 4-on-4 flag football competition, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the South Fork Ranch in Dallas. For more information, call toll free (866) 885-3984.

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## BANDS

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flavor, but it is cool to have music in here," Wrench said.

Freshman psychology major Jennifer Noy, a PC projects director, said the decision to move the event inside was based on how long the event has been in the past and how hot it was when held outside.

Morice, a junior kinesiology major, said there are six bands competing this year, and the four bands that did not play can be heard Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge. He said for a band to be able to compete, at least one member of the band must be a current TCU student.

A new edition to this year's competition is online voting. Morice said. Students will be able to log on and vote for the winner of the Battle of the Bands

the same way they voted for elections, he said.

Morice said the winner of the competition will receive \$300 and the top two finishers will be selected to open the TCU Block party, an all-campus event scheduled for April 27 at Frog Fountain. Morice said the block party, put on by PC, will feature a well-known headliner, but that he could not disclose the identity of the band.

When the competition resumes Tuesday, each of the four remaining bands will be able to play a 40-minute set, Morice said. He said The band 18% Grey will start the show at 10:30 a.m., followed immediately by The League, Free the Leaf and Skitch.

He said students can vote for the winner online at ([www.pc.tcu.edu](http://www.pc.tcu.edu)).

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## RENOVATIONS

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because no funds are available for it.

Mills said it is crucial for the stock market to improve before renovations begin. He said the way funding for renovation works is that the university buys bonds and then benefactors buy them from the university to pay for the residence halls. The university pays back bonds through residence hall revenue, he said.

"Right now, we can't spend the \$10 or \$11 million dollars it would cost to renovate Milton Daniel," Mills said. "While I don't have a crystal ball, I would think we are talking two to three years minimum before we could attempt it."

Resident assistant at Milton Daniel Ryan Flanagan said Milton Daniel really stands out, especially next to the University Recreation Center.

Matt Bragiel, a former resident of Milton Daniel, said the residence hall

will be in dire need of renovation two years ago.

"It seems like almost every other (residence hall) has been renovated," Bragiel said. "It's pretty old and rough around the edges."

Fisher agreed Milton Daniel is in desperate need of renovation, but said that it is livable for the moment.

"Pipes aren't falling apart, but it is due to have a new heating system, electric system and the bathrooms replaced," Fisher said.

Fisher said he would like to see the two fraternities attached to Milton Daniel have separate, personal doors, and would like to see the residence hall become co-ed.

"Look at Brachman and Moncrief," Fisher said. "Making the (residence halls) co-ed would be a great way to get away from stereotypes of Milton Daniel. This is the time to do that."

Fisher also said he would like to see the residence hall entirely redone, like the previous renovation of Waits Hall. "Renovation means a lot of differ-

ent things to different people," Fisher said. "Waits became a brand new building. However, renovation could also mean repainted, redecorated, new roofs, new fire alarms, etc."

Fisher said there are four other residence halls that could use renovations after Milton Daniel, including Sherley Hall, Colby Hall, Clark Residence Hall and Jarvis Hall.

Fisher said while he would like the renovations as soon as possible, he realizes TCU is very fortunate.

"We have already spent a lot," Fisher said. "Other campuses are extremely envious of us. We are just selfish and want more."

Fisher said he is ready to bring back the architects as soon as he learns funding is available, and Mills said he hopes renovation plans will resume as quickly as possible.

"When we're ready to go, it's going to be great," Mills said.

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## FLIGHTS

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However, Singleton said, students will now need a copy of their academic transcript to verify that he or she is a student that is traveling for studying purposes.

Representatives at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport said no problems or issues have been reported at the airport since Level Orange measures, meaning a high risk of terrorist attacks, went into effect Tuesday.

"Operations at DFW are continuing as normal under Level Orange mandates," Vice President of Public Affairs Ken Capps said.

"DFW will continue to operate with these security measures until further notice, or until Homeland Security advises a change."

Singleton said the State Department has identified a list of countries as potential terrorist countries, and people arriving from these countries have to go through a different registration, which includes being fingerprinted, photographed and interviewed.

He said the interview includes questions such as what the student is studying, why the student is studying, what the future plans are for the obtained degree, if he or she knows any terrorists and if he or she is a terrorist.

In a press release, American Airlines representatives said the air-

line has reduced its international flying for April by 6 percent as its initial response to the conflict in the Middle East.

"It is clear that people are becoming more tentative about booking international travel at this point in time," said Henry Joyner, American Airlines' senior vice president of planning.

Priya Chandy, a freshman engineering major, said she has not decided if she will travel back to the United Arab Emirates for the summer, but the decision is not based on potential traveling difficulties.

"Traveling shouldn't be a problem," Chandy said. "It just depends on which way you go and which airlines you fly. Unless the war intensifies, I don't think there

will be any difficulties."

Chandy said she is concerned that once someone travels out of the United States, he or she will not be able to re-enter.

Delta Air Lines representatives said in a press release that the airline is decreasing its domestic and international flights by 12 percent in response to declining passenger demand caused by the military action in Iraq.

Delta representatives say some of the changes may be in effect longer if passenger demand for international routes remains weak as a result of the conflict in the Middle East.

Frederic Guibaud, an MBA student, said he will be traveling home to Germany in the summer

and has not experienced any difficulties so far with his flight. He said he will keep checking in with the airline for updates on his flight.

According to their Web site, Lufthansa German Airlines have made schedule changes in flights, including canceling flights to and from Kuwait and Damman, Saudi Arabia.

"Military action in the Middle East and the resulting heightened security sensitivities have contributed to a steep decline in passenger demand within the airline industry," said Subodh Karnik, Delta Air Lines' senior vice president of network and revenue management.

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## POSITION

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hiring a woman is nothing new because there are four other female faculty members already in the department.

"We're very excited about having her here; she's very well qualified," Brown said. "She's just going to blend right in very well."

Ramirez said she will work hard to surpass expectations of her. She said she really looks forward to working with the students and faculty at TCU, but that after 20 years at De Paul University, it will be difficult to make the move to Fort Worth.

"Major adjustments (will) include finding my way around, finding a place to live, finding a dentist, physician and a hair dresser — don't laugh — and getting to know all my new colleagues and students," she said.

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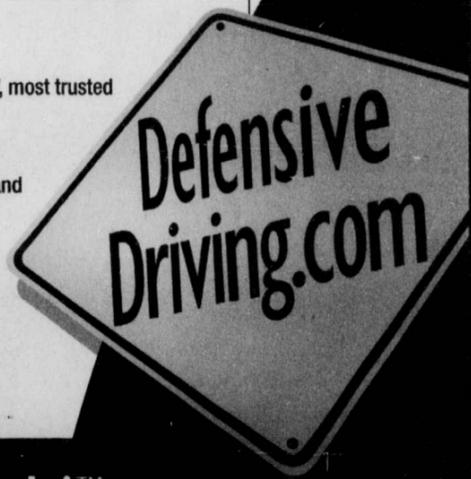
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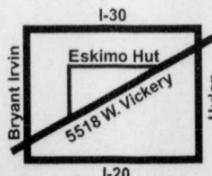
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## The Skiff View UNITY

Throw a pie, raise some money

After a busy week of papers, tests and projects, most students just want to sleep. But how about relieving your anxieties and stress another way? How about throwing a pie in the face of your professor for just a \$1.

You can do just that at the TCU Unity Fair. Sure, it's important to note that the point of the fair is to raise money to buy phone cards for soldiers stationed abroad. But, this fair is also meant to promote unity on campus.

What better way to bring students together than through their unified contempt for professors and residence hall directors.

Sure, the word "contempt" may be strong, but this is all in good fun and no harm is being done. Plus, it's a better way for students to relieve burnout than some of the other tried and true methods students often choose.

If you don't like living in Milton Daniel Hall, throw a pie at Artist Thornton.

If you don't like the way Student Government Association uses its budget, throw a pie at Brad Thompson. He'll be there for a full half hour, instead of the normal 15 minute slots.

If for some reason you weren't happy with the football team this past season, throw a pie at Gary Patterson. Maybe even a football player or two would like to get one "shot" at coach Patterson.

Also, free food is certainly a nice draw as well for cash-deprived students overly reliant on eating meals at The Main.

We also can't get past the fact that the money raised from this fair will go to buy phone cards for soldiers stationed abroad and their families. Whether you are for the war or not is beside the matter. These soldiers are away from home, and anything that can be done to bring a little home back to them is needed.

## QuoteUnquote

Quotes we ran that made you think ... or laugh

"I serve at the pleasure of the president and the American people." — **Gordon England, deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.**

"Gordon (England) could have retired and gone fishing ... Instead he answered the call for service." — **Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth.**

"We're using Jell-O and whipped cream because it won't hurt any of our victims and it is still messy enough to have fun." — **Matt Shonka, Residence Hall Association president, on a "pie throw" today at the TCU Unity Fair.**

"Instead of making everyone pay more up front, just let those who run out of money add it as needed." — **Matthew Gamble, freshman history major, on the planned dining fee increase.**

"We're not going out and ripping students off to the tune of thousands and thousands of dollars. Most of them are spending the money

anyway." — **Roger Fisher, Residential Services Director, on the planned dining fee increase.**

"You could really call this an experiment gone bad." — **Fort Worth Fire Captain Robert Webb, on smoke in the Tucker Technology Center that caused the building to be evacuated.**

"The biggest misconception is that we hate soldiers. We're probably their best supporters. We want them to come home safely." — **Jeff Brubaker, a junior history major and president of Peace Action.**

"My tolerance for whiny Hollywood people is low, but for you, my three readers, I sat down to watch the Oscars Sunday night." — **Columnist Patrick Jennings, freshman economics major.**

"We have learned that TCU students will go above and beyond the normal expectations of people ages 19-22." — **Trey Doty, advisor for Up 'Til Dawn.**

## HELP WANTED

The Skiff opinion page is now hiring columnists. Students must have excellent writings skills and be self-motivated, reliable and open to criticism. Previous journalism or Skiff experience is preferred, but not required. Students of any political persuasion or background will be considered. To apply, contact Opinion Editor Brandon Ortiz at (b.p.ortiz@tcu.edu).

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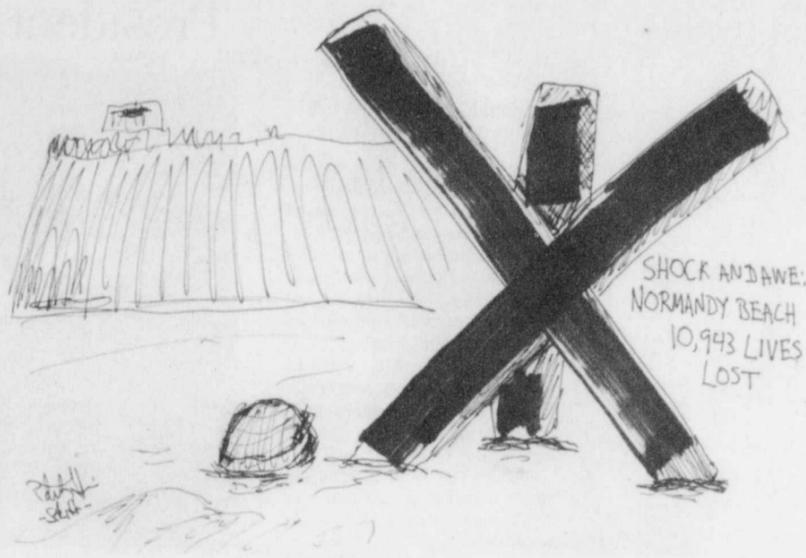
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## Opening day gives renewed hope

It's fitting that baseball season starts in the spring, when the dark gray of winter disappears, the flowers begin to bloom and life is seemingly reborn.

Only New Year's Day is more blissfully naive than opening day for Major League Baseball. It's the one day of the year when the Kansas City Royals and Tampa Bay Devil Rays are guaranteed to have the same record as the New York Yankees.

Only on opening day does the thought of the Rangers posting a sub-5.00 ERA seem more plausible than that New Year's resolution to lose 10 pounds.

I, unfortunately, don't have wonderful memories of scoring that game-winning run or making that diving catch. I'm what they call athletically challenged, so my organized baseball career ended when I was 7 years old and mired in the bottom of the order. But I do have great memories of watching baseball.

The smell of nachos and beer, the crack from the sound of the bat and the pitiful, yet fun "wave" reminds me of my youth — before the strike of 1994 and before I realized a lot

of professional athletes are over-paid crybabies who don't know what it's like to have a real job. It reminds me of players you could look up to, like Nolan Ryan, who was, and still is, my all-time favorite player.

And it reminds me of quality time with my great-aunt, Pam — or Sissy, as the children in my family call her — used to take me to about a dozen games a year when an entire family could get bleacher seats for \$10. At one time, I had the entire Rangers' roster memorized — for the last decade. I can still remember Rusty Greer's batting average in 1996 (.332) and the amount of saves journeyman southpaw Ed Vosberg had that year (8).

When the Rangers play their scheduled home opener Friday, I'll be in the stands eating hot dogs and peanuts, hoping Texas can hold Seattle to six runs. The Rangers stunk the past three seasons, and of course, finished dead last each year. And unless Chan Ho Park morphs into Randy Johnson (and the rest of the rotation follows suit, for that

matter), the Rangers are likely to stink again this year.

I pity those who don't like baseball, because they never get to experience anything like opening day. No other sport has such a celebrated beginning. Sure, the start of football is catching up, but it's not quite the same. Maybe it has something to do with the history of baseball, our national pastime, or it's just the sunny, spring weather.

Or maybe it's just the blatant optimism surrounding a sport with little parity, where the little guy really doesn't have a chance to win. It's the only time poor Cubs' fans — having last seen their beloved team win a championship in 1908 — can fancy themselves as boosters of a World Series contender.

Opening day is about more than just baseball — it's about hope. And in these trying times, hope is in short supply.

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## Bush didn't go to war about oil

It is the middle of March and that means that it is the season for talk of college basketball and the Academy Awards.

However, the news this March is not dominated by brackets and dresses. No, today the television and newspapers are instead full of the news of war.

Everyone seems to have their own opinion on the war and college students are no exception. Some TCU students were in the news Friday giving their opinions about the war. Yet while most of the older people I hear speak about the war tend to be in support of the effort, it seems as though most of the college students I hear are against it.

They say things like "We should have gotten more support from other nations" or "I don't think war is ever an option that we should ever take."

While I do not agree with those views, I respect them and I can understand why people might carry those viewpoints. What bothers me are those who say this war is only about oil. With all due respect, that's an opinion usually guided by ignorance.

President Bush has repeatedly stated that this war is about taking weapons of mass destruction away from an unstable and dangerous government. He said that when he

went before the United Nations in September, he said that in his State of the Union address and he has said that in every speech he has made over the past year.

There is no reason to believe that he is lying to us. This is a man of principle and integrity; he is not going to tell us and the rest of the world that he is doing this for one reason and then have a completely different reason for doing it.

Even if you think that this man is a lying snake consider this: President Bush is a man who stood on the piles of rubble at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. He attended memorial services for the victims of the

attacks and spoke personally with their families. Although he should not, he may feel somewhat responsible for those attacks, simply because they happened when he was in charge of the nation.

Now he sees a regime in a country that has a history of hatred toward America, which continually breaks international weapons agreements and lies about it, which has ties with terrorist groups and tried to murder his father. In effect he is saying, "That is not going to happen again. Not

while I am in charge. Not when I can do something about it."

If he does have a hidden agenda to this war, it is not oil but a personal vendetta against the man that tried to kill his dad. Gas prices aren't high because Saddam Hussein is making them high. They are high because there is uncertainty about the oil supply due to a war in the Middle East and the political turmoil in Venezuela.

Don't get me wrong, I am not completely against all people who are anti-war even though I do not agree with them. I believe in freedom of speech and everyone is allowed his or her own opinion.

What I do not like is people jumping to ungrounded conclusions simply because it sounds good and they are too lazy to know what is really going on. President Bush is simply looking out for the safety of the country that he has been entrusted with because that is what he was elected to do. I am thankful that my president knows his what his job is.

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## Your View Letters to the Editor

### Congrats to Lady Frogs on a job well done

Congratulations to the TCU Lady

Frogs on another successful basketball season! They are champions of the 2003 Conference USA Tournament. For the third-straight year, the team had a 20-victory season and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Our Frogs lost in the second round to UConn, the

defending national champions, but only after a hard-fought game. I'm very proud of the team's accomplishments and have enjoyed watching them play. Congratulations on a job well done!

— Alice B. Carter, director of advancement research

## Plans not a matter of politics

With a hefty price tag, the United States is bound and determined to rebuild Iraq in the name of democracy.

And the biggest winner may not be the Iraqi people, freed from an oppressive regime, but American industrial companies contracted to rebuild the infrastructure, seaports and economy of the (soon-to-be) fallen nation.

The proposed U.S. relief and reconstruction project will be the country's largest since post-World War II's Marshall Plan, which cost the United States \$13 billion.

Federal spending on the reconstruction, according to news reports, could reach the tens of billions of dollars.

And now, the inevitable question: Who's going to profit from all this?

If all goes as planned, it likely will be enormous companies with strong political ties and influence.

The largest contract up for grabs, valued at up to \$600 million, includes the repair of the country's infrastructure, such as roads and bridges.

The government already has awarded a \$4.8 million contract to Seattle-based Stevedoring Services of America, selected to manage the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr after the U.S. military fully secures the area.

Also, selected firms were "quietly and discreetly" contacted in January, before the war began, said Andrew Natsios, United States Agency for International Development administrator, in a State Department press release.

Among the firms: — A subsidiary of Halliburton, where Vice President Dick Cheney served as chief executive from 1995 to mid-2000.

— The Bechtel Group, whose ranks include several Republican cabinet alumni.

— Fluor, which has connections with several former top government intelligence officials.

Giving U.S. firms first dibs isn't faring well with the international community, which rightfully wants a share of the pie.

But by the end of the month, the government will announce which are the winning contractors, who then can pick subcontractors — which may include foreign firms.

USAID has proposed a plan geared at reconstructing Iraq. Firms will be contracted to rebuild the Iraqi seaports, airports, infrastructure, public health, education and government.

And the United States, according to Secretary of State Colin Powell will dominate the rebuilding of Iraq. United Nations be damned.

Bush's reconstruction plan is a pricey idea geared at rejuvenating a country both he, his father and Saddam Hussein destroyed. Bush's reconstruction plan is not a black-and-white Republican vs. Democrat issue.

If Bill Clinton were still president, we don't doubt he'd bring forth a plan with big payoffs for his pals.

It's a matter of politics, a matter of money and a matter we hope truly benefits the Iraqi people, whose lives have been ravaged by the Saddam regime as well as by American strikes.

Contracted firms will likely get the job done, perhaps as well or better than others would. But it smacks of political favoritism, which could overshadow the good it aims to provide for the Iraqis.

This is a staff editorial from the Daily Nebraskan at the University of Nebraska. This column was distributed by U-Wire.

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## National/International Roundup

### No definite cause found in Swissair crash investigation

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — A fire likely caused by an electrical spark crept undetected along the insulation of Swissair Flight 111 four years ago, giving the pilots no chance to save the 229 people on board, investigators concluded Thursday.

Canada's Transportation Safety Board ended its largest investigation ever — lasting more than four years and costing more than \$30 million — without being able to declare unequivocally what caused the fire that brought down the MD-11 airliner off the coast of Nova Scotia on Sept. 2, 1998.

The 338-page report focused on the in-flight entertainment system aboard the McDonnell-Douglas aircraft, saying a problem with the wiring to power the system went undetected and the spark "most likely" started there.

However, chief investigator Vic Gerden said a wiring flaw in the entertainment system did not spark the fire.

The report included nine safety recommendations involving testing for insulation materials and electrical systems, and improving the flight cockpit and data recording systems.

Safety board investigators previously made 14 recommendations that led to the removal of flammable insulation material from aircraft and improved fire reaction measures for pilots.

"This has been the largest, most complex aviation investigation the TSB has ever undertaken," safety board chairman Camille Theriault said. "The efforts of thousands of hardworking people from various countries, industries and regulatory authorities have culminated in a comprehensive report that has changed the face of aviation safety."

Relatives of passengers killed in the crash said the FAA and other regulators should implement the

recommendations immediately.

"There are problems, serious problems, with the wiring of aircraft," said Miles Gerety of Redding, Conn., whose brother, Pierce, was killed. "I wonder if the FAA will make the airlines spend the money."

Swissair Flight 111 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off the Nova Scotia coast while en route from New York to Geneva. Pilots reported smoke in the cockpit 53 minutes into the trip, and the electrical systems began failing 13 minutes later.

Since the crash, Swissair has gone out of business in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States that crippled the airline industry.

### Airlines screen passengers for fatal flu-like disease

HONG KONG (AP) — The government here said Thursday it would quarantine more than 1,000 people and close its schools, while the World Health Organization urged airlines with some international flights to screen passengers for the deadly flu-like illness.

The Geneva-based U.N. agency fighting to contain the disease said its latest warning was for international flights leaving affected areas — Toronto, Hong Kong, Singapore, Hanoi, Taiwan and Guangdong province, China.

The WHO said passengers should be asked if they have flu-like symptoms or if they may have had contact with anyone infected with severe acute respiratory syndrome. Anyone answering yes should not be permitted to fly.

The new warning about airline travel reflects heightened concern by the world health agency, which previously had said the disease was unlikely to spread on airplanes. However, Hong Kong reported nine passengers became ill from exposure to one passenger on a flight earlier this month.

### National Amber Alert bill awaits Senate's approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved creation of a nationwide Amber Alert network Thursday after attaching several additional child protection measures to the bill, including a new judicial crackdown on sex offenders and mandatory searches for missing children in federal buildings.

The bill, approved by a 410-14 vote, now goes to the Senate, which earlier approved legislation authorizing only the nationwide child kidnapping alert network.

President Bush commended the House on acting on legislation to help expand an Amber Alert system across the nation.

"I look forward to legislation reaching my desk as quickly as possible so that I may sign it into law," Bush said in a statement issued shortly after the House approval.

The two bills will have to be reconciled by House and Senate negotiators before any version can be sent to the president. Last year, the Senate refused to consider the House bill, and the House refused to consider the Senate bill.

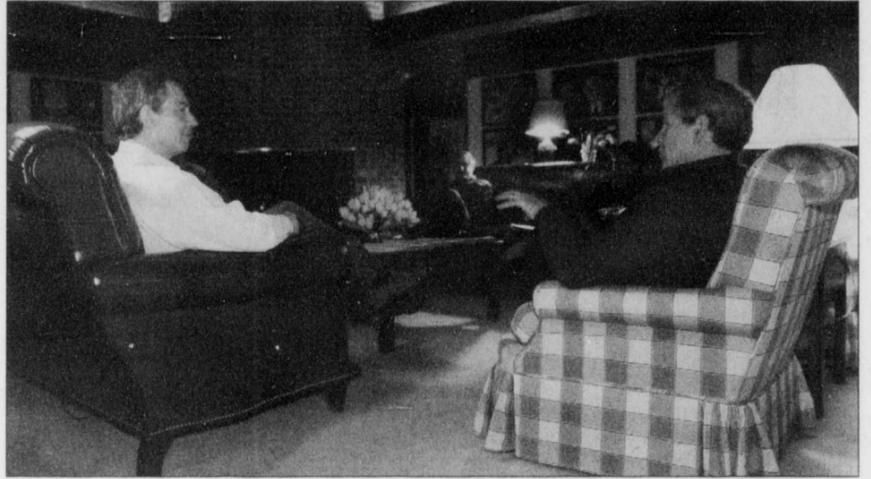
House Democrats argued that the House-passed bill likely will meet the same fate in the Senate as last year, because its additional child protection measures face much more resistance in the Senate.

"Here we are again, facing the same misguided strategies, and this time again with even more reason for the Senate to reject the bill which the Amber Alert bill is buried in," said Rep. Robert Scott, D-Va.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, one of the sponsors of the Senate-passed bill, called on both chambers to put aside their differences and get something to the White House.

"This is critical legislation that we should pass right away," she said. "We can't let controversial provisions — regardless of their intent or merit — sentence this bill to a legislative limbo."

## President states victory as objective



President George W. Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair meet Wednesday at Camp David.

### Bush meets with Blair at Camp David

BY RON FOURNIER  
Associated Press

THURMONT, Md. — President Bush and top war ally British Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged Thursday to keep their forces in Iraq however long it takes to overthrow Saddam Hussein. They also agreed on a role for the United Nations in a postwar Iraq.

"We have one objective in mind — victory," Bush said.

Joining in, Blair said the coalition's agenda is "not set by time, it's set by the nature of the job."

Bush and Blair, in a joint news conference at Bush's Camp David, Md., mountaintop hideaway, called for an immediate resumption of the U.N. "Oil for Food" program to help speed the distribution of food and medical supplies to Iraqis. About 60 percent of Iraq's 22 million people are fed through the program, which was suspended with the onset of hostilities.

Both leaders gave an upbeat as-

essment of what had been accomplished during the first week of the war. "Together, coalition forces are advancing day by day in steady progress against the enemy," Bush declared.

Neither Bush nor Blair would set a timetable for the war's conclusion.

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

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

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.

Differences appeared to remain on the extent of the U.N. role in governing. Blair has advocated a more aggressive role for the world body in a postwar government 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 are "huge numbers of details to be discussed with our allies as to exactly how that is going to work."

Blair and Bush appeared in front of a display of British and American flags in a helicopter hangar on the grounds of the secluded presidential retreat.

"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 said.

In Washington, at a Senate hearing Thursday, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked about diplomatic efforts by Arab nations or the United Nations to arrange a cease-fire.

"I have no idea what some country might propose, but there isn't going to be a cease-fire," Rumsfeld told a Senate Appropriations panel.

Under the Oil-for-Food 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.

## Thousands from Army's 4th Infantry deploy from Fort Hood

BY LISA FALKENBERG  
Associated Press

Sadness was mixed with a sense of relief Thursday for family members attending a long-awaited send-off ceremony for the 12,500 soldiers in the Army's 4th Infantry Division.

It will be the first major element to move out from Fort Hood, the nation's largest military post. Troops received deployment orders in January but just began shipping out because of delays caused by Turkey's refusal to allow them to enter Iraq through a northern front.

Officials said an advance group, believed to be 400-500 troops, shipped out Thursday morning and more were expected to leave in the afternoon.

Donald Mayle, 23, who will leave behind his wife and 4-year-old son, said he no longer believes it will be a "cake walk." As he has watched news coverage of the war, he has become more worried about what he will face, he said.

His wife said she is also worried but that knowing when he will leave provides some sense of relief.

"Right now I never thought I'd say it, but I'm ready for him to go

because the waiting has been the hardest part," said Brandy Mayle, 21. "I'm just trying to stay strong for my son."

The outdoor ceremony Thursday was attended by thousands, including soldiers clad in desert camouflage, children waving American flags and babies in strollers. Gov. Rick Perry was present but did not give a speech.

Maj. Raymond Odierno told the crowd that soldiers were going to join the fight to replace an "unethical, immoral and tyrannical regime" in a "just but dangerous mission."

If the division sees combat, it will be the first time since Vietnam.

"It is not a war about religion; it is not a war about oil. It is not a war about politics," Odierno said. "... It's a war to ensure the freedom of the oppressed Iraqi people."

The 4th Infantry Division is considered the Army's most lethal and deployable heavy division. Equipped with a sophisticated computer system linking all vehicles, it was supposed to deploy to Turkey in February to open a northern front against Iraq, but the Turkish government refused to grant access.



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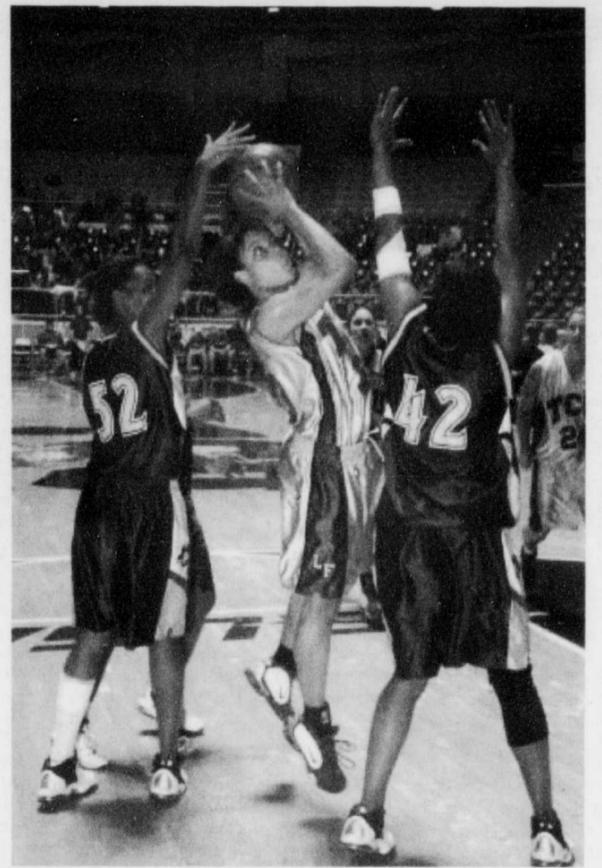
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# 'Die-in' staged in N.Y.

## Demonstrators lined street, halted traffic to protest the war

BY ELIZABETH LESURE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hundreds of chanting demonstrators lined Manhattan's Fifth Avenue Thursday, 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 staged a mock funeral march, and some protesters took up a "no business as usual" theme, including a dozen who blocked an entrance to Tiffany's. But most protesters left the area promptly, and there was little disruption around midtown by late morning.

Organizers said the civil disobedience was aimed at getting their message out.

"Nothing else gets attention," said protester Johann Westmacott. "It's not news when people voice their opinions."

Russ Forster, a filmmaker from Chicago, said, "People are willing to risk life and limb, sitting in the middle of Fifth Avenue. I think that's a pretty strong statement."

The demonstration attracted several counter-protesters, including a man with a red, white and blue bandanna under a hardhat who argued toe-to-toe with a young protester with a pony tail and sideburns.

One counterprotester held a sign that read: "Traitors, have you forgotten Sept. 11?"

"Whether you're for or against it, we need to pull together," said Rachel Harary, 20. "Put on your flag and get them home."

Some protest signs were directed at the media. One protester held a sign showing a picture of parrots and the words, "Don't Parrot the Right-wing Propaganda."

Another, 44-year-old teacher Lee Whiting, held up a sign that said, "Embedded? or In Bed?" Embedded, she said, means "journalists are presenting almost exclusively the military view of this war."

Police and security officers placed a web of barricades at the adjacent Rockefeller Center, home of the GE Building, NBC and The Associated Press, to prevent the protesters from staging their "die-in" there.

On Wednesday, a similar but smaller protest had halted Fifth Avenue traffic for blocks.

*"People are willing to risk life and limb, sitting in the middle of Fifth Avenue. I think that's a pretty strong statement."*

— Russ Forster  
filmmaker

# Rumsfeld: Shiites key to capturing Baghdad

BY MATT KELLEY  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld held out hope Thursday that the Shiite population in Baghdad opposed to President Saddam Hussein would stage an uprising against the regime, without the need for U.S. ground forces to invade the city of 5 million people.

At a Senate hearing, Rumsfeld was asked what would happen once the tens of thousands of U.S. Army and Marine troops now on the southern approaches to Baghdad got to the capital.

Rumsfeld suggested that they would follow the example in southern Iraq of the British handling of Basra, Iraq's second-largest city. British forces have surrounded Basra for several days and are fighting loyalist Iraqi forces on the outskirts while encouraging a Shiite rebel uprising.

Rumsfeld noted that, like in Basra, there are many Shiites in the capital. "And they are not terribly favorable to the regime," Rumsfeld said. "They've been repressed, and they are in the present time in Basra assisting us." He said that roughly half of Baghdad population are Shiites.

"The regime has tended to be fearful of them and repress them," he said, adding that he expected Saddam's loyalists to shoot any Iraqi troops in Baghdad who try to surrender and those who might try to assist U.S. forces.

"We will go through a period where we'll have to deal with that problem. We'll put in (air) strikes as necessary, we'll undoubtedly get assistance from

people inside the city, and we will attack them and subdue them," he said.

Under questioning, Rumsfeld acknowledged that it could take an extended period to secure Baghdad, and that a first step would be to destroy or gain the surrender of the Republican Guard divisions ringing Baghdad.

Other defense officials said U.S.-led invading forces flew more than 600 bombing missions over Iraq on Thursday, stepping up the air campaign that had slowed because of bad weather.

They were hitting Republican Guard formations around Baghdad.

Powerful sandstorms had forced the cancellations of a couple hundred planned bombing missions on Wednesday. That weather — along with unexpectedly strong resistance spurred by Iraqi paramilitary forces in central and southern Iraq in recent days — had created a drag on coalition troops and forced them to focus on those pockets of resistance.

Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told a press conference Thursday morning at command headquarters in Qatar that the invasion force remains "on plan."

A week into the war, he declined to estimate how much longer it might take to overthrow Saddam Hussein.

On Capitol Hill, Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Senate Appropriations

Committee: "This will not delay the execution of the plan laid out by (commanding) General (Tommy) Franks. It's tough to characterize because of the way they act. A better definition is regime death squads. They are putting guns to the heads of Iraqi citizens and forcing them to fight, and they'd much rather give up."

Other U.S. military leaders had warned Wednesday against expecting a quick end to the war as U.S. Army paratroopers opened a northern front and thousands of other troops assembled for an eventual assault on Baghdad.

"It may go fast, it may go slow, and we're going to apply any power we need to get the job done," Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said of the overall campaign Wednesday night.

The speed of the initial U.S. ground attack into Iraq from Kuwait last week led many to assume Baghdad would be assaulted soon, but now that appears to be many days away.

Severe sandstorms also had grounded Apache helicopters that made an initial round of strikes Monday against armor of the Medina division of the Republican Guard.

Coalition planes put attacks on the Republican Guard's Medina and Hammurabi divisions at the top of their target lists Wednesday.

*"We'll put in (air) strikes as necessary, we'll undoubtedly get assistance from people inside the city, and we will attack them and subdue them."*

— Donald Rumsfeld  
defense secretary

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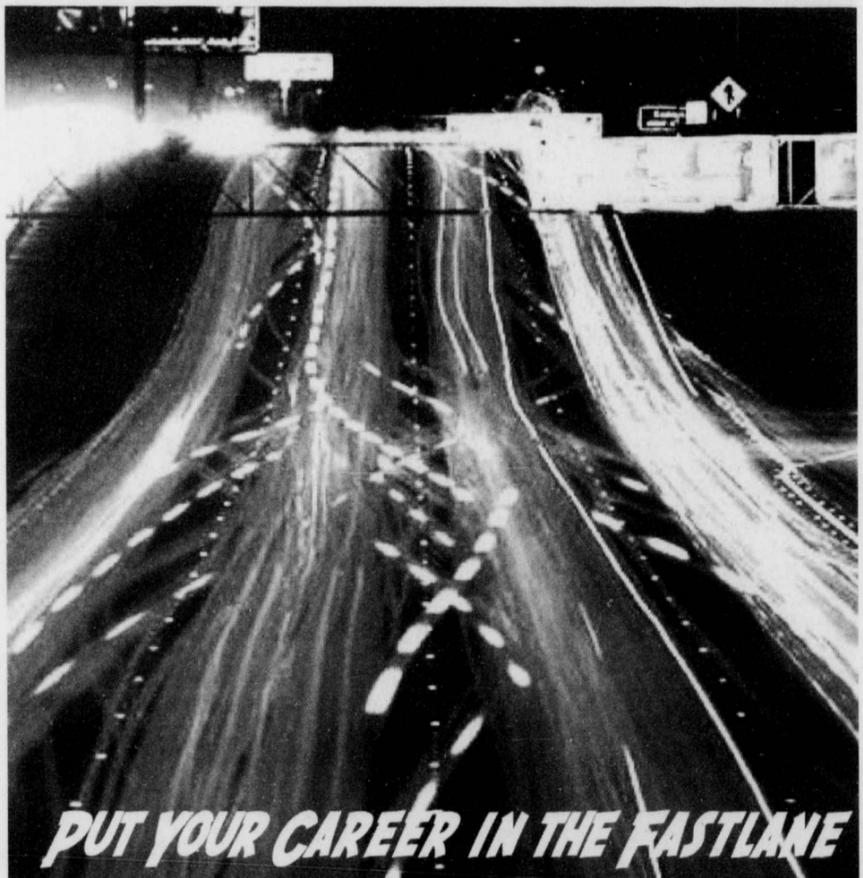
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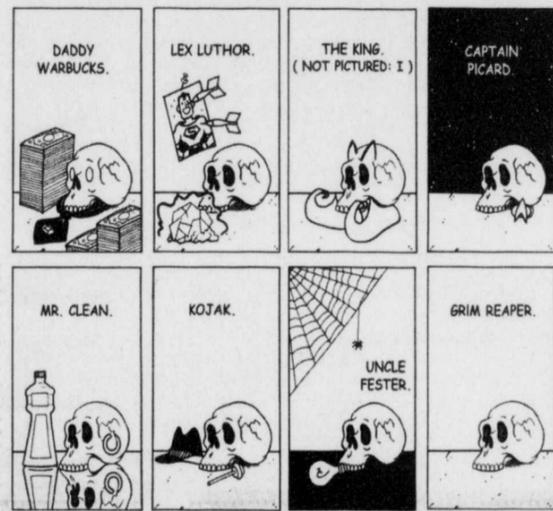


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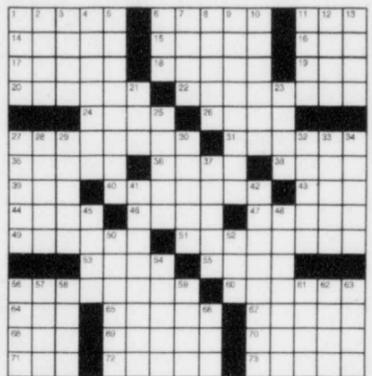
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  - 11 Triangular sail
  - 14 TV classic, "The Limits"
  - 15 Usher's route
  - 16 Chapel vow
  - 17 Composed
  - 18 Tablelands
  - 19 Fragrant neckwear
  - 20 Melancholy
  - 22 Whole amount
  - 24 Grad
  - 26 Garden of
  - 27 Table-setting element
  - 31 Highway reversal
  - 35 Sausage purchase
  - 36 Verdon of "Damn Yankees"
  - 38 In a sec
  - 39 Dancer Miller
  - 40 Utters in a thin, shrill voice
  - 43 Pub order
  - 44 Olympic ruler
  - 46 Functions
  - 47 Cheap jewelry
  - 49 At a sight
  - 51 Wine server
  - 53 Launder
  - 55 Sneaker tie
  - 56 Surfers' landings?
  - 60 Confuse
  - 64 Actor Holbrook
  - 65 Frisco NFL player
  - 67 Detergent ingredient
  - 68 Spanish gold
  - 69 Added shading
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  - 71 Picnic pest
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  - 2 Continental money
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  - 8 One "Time"
  - 9 Dramatic hoops shot
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## The Sideline

### Arizona Cardinals sign Smith to two-year deal

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The opportunity to remain a featured running back lured Emmitt Smith to the Arizona Cardinals, a franchise with no history of success and the smallest crowds in the NFL.

Smith, signed by the Cardinals to a two-year deal worth \$7 million to \$8 million, was introduced at a news conference at the team's headquarters on Thursday.

"This was definitely a football decision," Smith said. "A couple of other teams were asking me to come in and be a backup. I didn't foresee myself being a backup."

At 33, with many speculating that his skills have deteriorated, the NFL's career rushing leader says 1,200 to 1,300 yards is a reasonable goal next season.

"Why wouldn't it be?" he said. "I think that it's very reasonable. I expect that of myself. I expect myself to be over a 1,000-yard back every year. I just have to stay healthy, obviously, and everybody else has to do their job."

Owner Bill Bidwill and Smith held up a red Cardinals jersey with the No. 22 and Smith's name on it. Cornerback Duane Starks, who wore 22 last season, agreed to give it up to Smith.

The news conference was televised live in Phoenix and in Dallas, where Smith played 13 seasons and helped the Cowboys win three Super Bowls. Asked if he was motivated by the fact that Cowboys owner Jerry Jones let him walk away, Smith just smiled a long, big smile.

"That's about all I can say," he said as the crowd laughed and applauded.

Smith said he felt that the Arizona offense, with a stable offensive line and the recent signing of free agent Jeff Blake, is in better shape than the rebuilding Dallas offense.

### Hardaway, point guard, gives Pacers needed boost

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tim Hardaway feared his career was over when teams ignored him during training camps. The Indiana Pacers were concerned about backcourt depth entering the final weeks of the season.

Both problems were solved Thursday.

Hardaway gave up his job as a television analyst to sign with Indiana, giving the struggling Pacers a needed boost.

The 36-year-old point guard, a five-time All-Star, is expected to be in uniform for Friday's game against Chicago and is eligible for the playoffs because he is a free agent and not a waiver pickup.

"Until they called, I thought it was over with," Hardaway said. "Don't even consider it. Don't even worry about."

Hardaway's agent, Henry Thomas, said he talked with Pacers president Donnie Walsh throughout the season about the possibility of adding the player. Hardaway impressed team officials in a workout earlier this month, but Walsh didn't want to upset the team's chemistry.

Injuries, off-court distractions and losses in 15 of the team's last 19 games changed Walsh's mind.

Hardaway averaged 17.9 points and 8.3 assists in 12 seasons, all but one with Golden State or Miami. He averaged 9.6 points in 68 games for Denver and Dallas last season.

## Brown one win shy of 500 as Frogs coach

### Team to play 3-game series with Houston

BY EVAN ERWIN  
Skiff Staff

The baseball team could do more than just extend its winning streak when it faces off against Houston today for the first of a three-game series at Lupton Stadium.

Head coach Lance Brown could grab his 500th career victory at TCU.

When asked about the milestone, Brown thought it would

never be attainable.

"Somebody told me (at) the first of the year that (500 wins) was a possibility, but we have been really busy with the dedication and all," Brown said. "My sister said something when I got 400 wins, but I told her that I'd never get 500."

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— Lance Brown  
head coach

If TCU sweeps the Cougars, Brown could also reach 200 career conference wins at TCU.

History won't be on the Frogs side this weekend. The Frogs have an 31-45-2 all-time record against

Houston and were swept last season in a three-game series in May.

"We have scouted (Houston) pretty well," Brown said. "We have all the stats on the match-ups with them."

TCU will likely see some pretty good pitching this weekend in Houston

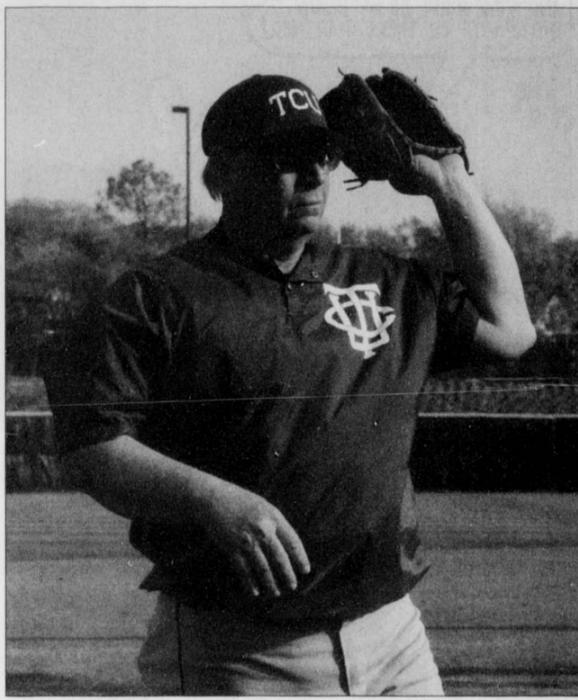
pitcher Brad Sullivan. The junior is coming off a season in which he earned many awards. He was named the 2002 Consensus All-American, Conference USA Pitcher of the Year and named to the All C-USA First Team and 2002 USA National Team.

"He pitched against us last year and threw a great game," Brown said. "The rest of their pitching staff is really strong too."

Sullivan had a rocky start to his season, going 0-3. He has come on as of late, going 3-0 in his last five appearances with 47 strikeouts, 19 hits and an ERA of .72. His most recent win came against Cincinnati when he had 13 strikeouts and only four hits in eight innings of work.

Junior pitcher Robbie Findlay is slated to start for the Frogs today. Findlay is 1-0 on the season with a 1.98 ERA. In his most recent appearance, he held the Saint Louis Billikens to only four hits in seven innings.

Houston and TCU are currently riding four-game winning streaks, which are both season highs.



Head coach Lance Brown pitches to help the team warm up during practice at Lupton Stadium Thursday.



Senior outfielder Chris Meeks attempts to stop the runner at third base in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday night at Lupton Stadium.

Miranda Goodsheller/Photographer

## On the rise: Teixeira and Blalock on the team

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Rookie third baseman Mark Teixeira and fellow third baseman Hank Blalock will open the season on the Texas Rangers 25-man major league squad.

"We're going to take Teixeira with us when we break camp. Hank is on the team, too," manager Buck Showalter said Thursday.

Teixeira came into camp as a non-roster invitee and has made his mark on the Cactus League with a .333 average in 24 games.

He set a Rangers spring record on Wednesday with his eighth home run. The old record of seven was

held by three players including Ruben Sierra in 1989. Sierra also is in camp trying to make the team.

Pete Incaviglia (1989) and Dean Palmer (1994) also hit seven homers. Teixeira has played mainly at first, third and designated hitter during spring training.

He was the Rangers first pick in the 1999 June draft and 5th overall.

As a rookie in 2002, Blalock was the youngest player in an opening day lineup at 21 years, 4 months. Blalock played in 42 games and hit .211 with three home runs and 17 RBIs for the Rangers.

After a slow start, he was sent down to Triple-A Oklahoma on May 12 where he hit .307 with eight home runs in 85 games earning a September call-up.

Blalock and Herb Perry were fighting for the starter's job this spring. Perry never played in a major league exhibition game and was finally placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday, retroactive to March 21, with a sore right shoulder and a bone bruise on his left knee.

Also Thursday, the Rangers sent right-handed pitcher Victor Santos

to Triple-A Oklahoma while fellow right-hander Joaquin Benoit was assigned to the Texas Rangers minor league camp.

Benoit, who opened camp in the fight for one of the five starting spots in the rotation, was 0-3 with a 6.86 ERA in six games this spring.

He had made four starts. Benoit

was 4-5 with a 5.31 ERA in 17 games last season with the Rangers. He was also 8-4 in 16 games at Oklahoma.

Santos, who was signed as a free agent in the offseason, was 0-1 with a 6.14 ERA in four games this spring. He was 0-4 for the Colorado Rockies last season and 4-9 at Colorado Springs.

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