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Bitter redistricting fight resurfaces

Wire, Local Reports

AUSTIN — Round two in Texas' bitter congressional redistricting match up has been set and both sides have their gloves on, ready to fight.

Angry House Democrats — who KO'd the redistricting push in round one when they fled the state — stand in one corner looking to repeat the victory.

But, across the ring, they face a throng of Republicans determined to redraw the state's congressional lines.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry ended weeks of speculation Wednesday by calling a special session beginning June 30 to address the divisive issue.

In a letter to Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, Perry said the Legislature, not the federal courts, should be responsible for drawing voting districts. The current congressional district map was drafted by the courts after lawmakers failed to approve a plan in 2001.

"When we put it off to the courts, we are just passing the buck. That's not right," said Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford, who drew the proposed map. "People elect us to do all we are required to do and redistricting's part of that. It's a crummy job and nobody enjoys it but we need to do it."

Backed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, the bill could shift the balance of power in the Texas delegation to the GOP. The delegation now has 17 Democrats and 15 Republicans.

The action by Perry was criticized by U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm saying it was a waste of money.

The governor also said the session could be expanded to include other "important matters." Perry named a Texas Tech medical school and regional academic health center as possible issues to take up.

Republicans, the majority party, would appear to be the favorite. But the so-called "Killer D's" proved they were a force to be reckoned with when they dealt a painful blow in May by busting quorum. Though most wouldn't discuss their game plan this time around, they were poised to put up a fight.

Rep. Jim Dunnam, a Waco Democrat who emerged as the ringleader of the Killer D's when they fled the state, said the House Democratic Caucus would be meeting in the next few days to develop a plan.

"We don't even have a certified budget and we're fixing to spend $2 million on a special session just so Tom DeLay can get his map?" Dunnam questioned.

Rep. Joe Deshotel, D-Beaumont, said he doubted the group would try to bust quorum a second time.

"I'm hoping we can convince the senators to stand up and fight what we perceive as an injustice," Deshotel said.

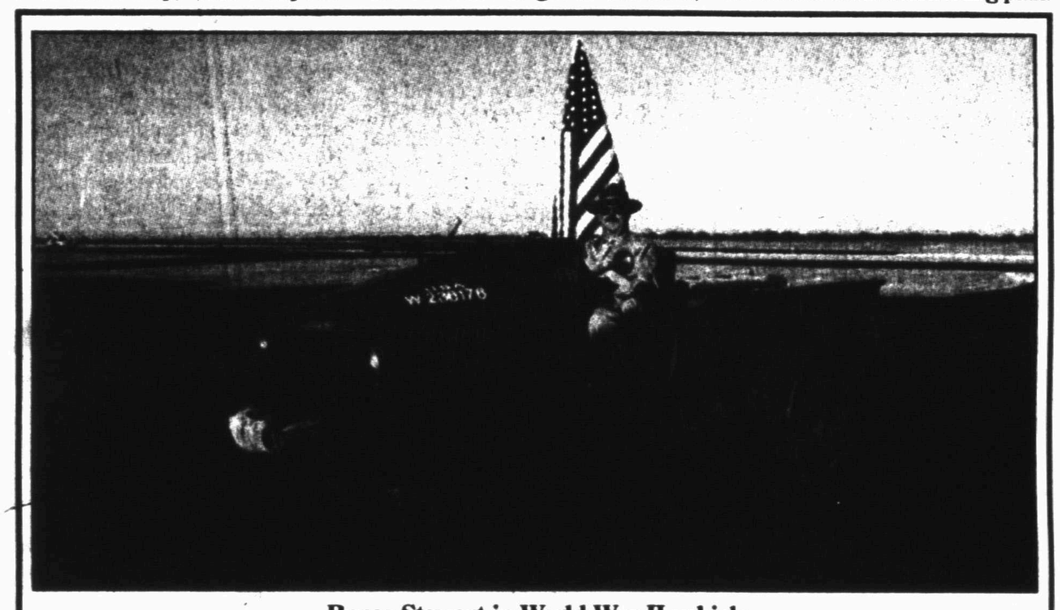
Scurry County's representative, Scott Campbell, a Republican from San Angelo, said it was extremely frustrating when the Democrats walked out in May.

"It was extremely frustrating during the session to have them walk out on us like that," said Rep Campbell. "It may have hurt them more than it helped them."

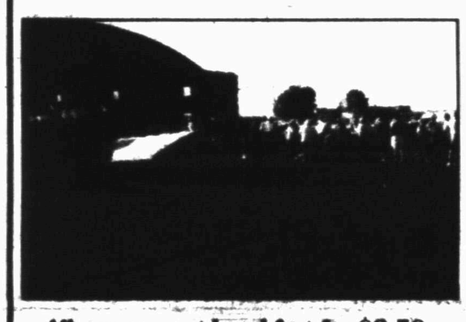
Campbell said he has been discussing redistricting with his constituents in anticipation of a special session.

"Before I make a call as to what I'm going to do, I have to look at the map," said Campbell. "I have to do the will of the folks."

In the Senate, where Dewhurst said he is inclined to keep a rule that requires two-thirds of the 31 members to vote for an issue to get to the floor, Republicans have a majority. But, there are 12 Democrats and only 11 votes would be needed to kill the bill under the two-thirds rule. Not all of the 19 Republican senators have committed to voting for debate on a redistricting plan.



Bruce Stewart in World War II vehicle



All-you-can-eat breakfast for $3.50

Aircraft of all kinds

Air show is Saturday morning

Those attending Saturday morning's Fly-In Breakfast at Winston Field will have an opportunity to view a number of vintage aircraft, World War II vehicles, and enjoy an all-you-can-eat breakfast for $3.50.

The event gets under way at 8 a.m. and will continue until 11:30 a.m. Snyder Wheels will hold a car show and an antique tractor show also will be held at the airport. The Texas Air Museum Diamond Dolls will perform, and there will be Young Eagle flights for youth ages 8 to 17.

The Fly-in is sponsored by the Scurry County Pilot's Association and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. (2002 Fly-In Photos Contributed by Mark Irwin)

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Briscendine

Saddam is dead.

You'd think that headline would be all over every newspaper in the world if the scoop were released by the Pentagon or the White House.

So far, the death of one of the world's lousiest citizens hasn't been confirmed by any of the usual sources of war information.

But we have it from a credible source.

While chatting with the pilot of a B-1B Lancer bomber Tuesday, the aviator referenced the dictator's death several times.

His admissions were casual, but definite.

Apparently, the bomb that hit the bunker that housed the despot was dropped by a B-1 and two of the planes four crew members only recently graduated from the B-1 training program at Dyess Air Base in Abilene.

The Ace was proud of that fact and mentioned it more than once. And he said "when we killed Saddam" several times during the conversation.

We once again were allowed the opportunity Tuesday to tour the impressive AHNTECH Lone Star Remote Scoring site near Winston Field.

The facility employs unbelievable technologies to help train the world's greatest air force to face enemies around the globe.

We stood on a loading dock behind the steel building and watched one of three large antenna moved in sync with a plane far above. Mounted on the antenna was a camera that pointed at something we obviously could not see.

Once inside, we viewed on a monitor the camera's subject — a B-52 bomber at 38,000 feet. That's more than seven miles high.

Most of the action takes place inside. Operators inside the building interact with the many planes that fly over daily.

Several of the Air Force's best weapons train over Snyder regularly. The B-52 Stratofortress and B1-B Lancer both are regulars over our area.

But other modern marvels also take advantage of the training capabilities the local facility offers.

Just last week, we were told, a stealth fighter — the B-2 Spirit — traveled from Edwards Air Base in California to train above our city.

Many smaller jets also use the blue skies of Scurry County to sharpen their skills.

Three B-1B crewmembers toured the Lone Star facility with us and all agreed the site's close proximity to Dyess is a great benefit.

The supersonic bombers take just under 15 minutes to get to Snyder from their runways outside Abilene, as compared to the almost-three-hour trip they used to make to train.

The savings on fuel cost alone must be great.

The pilots each had stories of the recent conflicts with Iraq and Afghanistan and all were adamant that their jobs were easier thanks to the training facility in Snyder.

"This place saves lives," one said.

Only time will tell if Saddam made it out of Baghdad alive.

In fact, the world may never know of the deposed leader's fate.

But if it comes out that he was done in by that "bunker buster" dropped by that B-1B — don't forget where you read it first!

After two days of riots...

Relative peace settles in Michigan community

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Residents of this city, plagued for years by poverty, high unemployment and racial tensions, say frustration and fear fueled the two days of street riots that followed the death of a motorcyclist during a police chase.

Someone set an arson fire before dawn today, causing extensive damage, but otherwise things had mostly settled down by Wednesday evening, the Berrien County Sheriff's department said. One arrest was made for an allegedly concealed weapon.

The relative calm came amid rain, a heavy presence of police in riot gear and calls by the crash victim's family and city leaders to stop the violence.

"Well, God has blessed us," Police Chief Samuel Harris said at Benton Harbor police headquarters.

It was anything but quiet Monday and Tuesday nights, when hundreds of people roamed a six-to-eight-block area, setting fires and attacking passers-by, police officers and firefighters. Protesters burned at least six buildings and five cars and injured about a dozen people.

Terrance Shurn, 28, lost control of his speeding motorcycle and crashed into a building as he was being pursued by Benton Township police. Shurn was black; the officers who chased him into the city are white.

Ministers walked through the area, talking to residents and discouraging them from violence. Shurn's brother, Raynard, 33, also called for peace at a community meeting Wednesday.

"I would say to the people of Benton Harbor that I feel your pain, your frustration and, yes, your anger," he said. "But I ask you and I beg you, please stop the violence."

Resident Tony Sims said he wants to see at least one Benton Township police officer fired over Shurn's death.

BCD meets for short time on Wednesday

With no new business on the agenda, the Board of County Development met only briefly Wednesday.

The board approved the minutes from the March 26 meeting, viewed and approved the financial statements and okayed bills for payment.

Board president Jerry Martin adjourned the meeting after 15 minutes. Attending were board members Don West, Ray Myers, Bill Dryden and Joe Hefner.

Price Daniel Unit staff awaits word on layoffs

State budget cuts will have a negative impact on staffing at the Price Daniel prison unit in Snyder, but it may be next week before all the details are known.

Some staff reductions were announced last Friday affecting the Windham School and its regional office located here, and the prison staff will learn of any layoffs following a warden's meeting scheduled for Tuesday in Wichita Falls.

Bruno Mata, Region IV deputy superintendent for Windham, is out of the office until Friday, and other staffers referred questions to him. Eight persons reportedly work in the regional office here.

It has also been circulated that the number of regional offices will be reduced to four and it is unknown which location would lose the regional office staff.

In the Windham school at Price Daniel, three jobs were eliminated. One of nine academic instructors was eliminated and one custodial vocational tech instructor's slot was cut. Also eliminated was a secretarial position that handled the college program.

TDCJ spokesman Larry Todd said the Windham budget was cut by 19 percent.

Earlier, the recreational director's spot was cut because of anticipated budget cuts. Price Daniel has been without a chaplain for more than a year, but Warden Wilhelmenia Howard said she expects that position to be filled.

Warden Howard said she would be attending next week's meeting in Wichita Falls and would have more information Wednesday.

Todd said he did not anticipate any reduction in the correctional officer staff as there remains a statewide shortage of some 2,000 officers.

DCOS takes no action following closed session

Meeting in executive session for the third time this week, directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder reconvened in open session and announced that no action would be taken.

The board met for almost two hours Monday with representatives of Snyder Brick and Tile. Another session was scheduled Wednesday morning.

The board recessed immediately and returned at 4 p.m. Wednesday for a 55-minute closed-door session.

Attending the Wednesday afternoon meeting were Dayton Robertson, Mark Cypert, James Brown, Roy McQueen, Roy Baze, Mayor Francene Noah and DCOS Executive Director John DeLille.

ASK US

Q—When is the carnival coming to town for the Fourth of July event at Towle Park?

A—The carnival will be in town July 2-5.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Justin Raney...

...is 17 and is spending this summer working at Snyder Nursery. He says his favorite things to do at work is water, and get paid. He moved here from Colorado City in March and lives with his dad, James Raney. Justin's favorite activities include writing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Tact is the art of convincing people that they know more than you do.

—Raymond Mortimer

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Colonial Hill Baptist VBS

Come to the Great Kingdom Caper Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church daily through Friday for grades K-6. Call 573-8596.

First Baptist Church VBS

First Baptist Church is hosting Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon daily through Friday. Cracking the Character Code is the theme for students K through completion of sixth grade.

Eastern Star meeting

Snyder Chapter No. 450 of the Order of Eastern Star will have a regular stated meeting at 7:30 this evening. Members are encouraged to attend as Deputy Grand Matron Bettye Sloan will be in attendance.

Antique tractor display

The Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will have a display from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Winston Field. For more information call 573-4414.

Discovery School fundraiser

Hair Razors will be doing haircuts, nail art and polish change for donations from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. All proceeds go toward a new playground for Discovery School at First United Methodist Church.

Central Baptist car wash

Central Baptist Church youth will have a car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Allsup's in Hermleigh. Proceeds will be used for summer camp.

Gospelaires concert

The Gospelaires Quartet will present a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Side Church of Christ. The vocal group was founded in 1974. The public is invited.

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh will have Vacation Bible School Monday through next Friday from 5:30-7:40 p.m. A parade and party will be held Sunday, June 22, at 5 p.m. with prizes for the best decorated bicycles. For more information, call the church at 863-2305.

East Side VBS

Vacation Bible School at East Side Church of Christ is set for Monday through next Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Monday. Children from kindergarten through fifth grades are welcome. For more information call, 573-3583.

Missionary to speak

Former Snyder resident Pat Reynolds, who is now a missionary in Guatemala, will speak at "Thee Place", 904 26th St., from 12:15-12:50 p.m. Monday. The public is invited, and if it is your lunch hour, bring a sack lunch.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What the Devil Wants You to Believe," followed by "When and Where the Church Began."

Hospice care-givers dinner

There will be a dinner for Odyssey Health Care Hospice caregivers, past and present, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Harold and Zola Kornegy will furnish the fish.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will have a work meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Guests are welcome to come with questions.

Class of '83 planning meeting

The SHS Class of 1983 will have a reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Kirk Herrley's home, 2281 S. FM 1611. All class members are invited to participate. For information call Kirk at 573-3204 or Donna Joplin Dupree at 573-0774.

Brisket dinner

Our Lady of Guadalupe Baile Folklorico will hold a brisket dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Northeast Elementary cafeteria. Adult tickets are $5, while children tickets are $3. All proceeds will be used to buy costumes.

Sonshine registration

Sonshine School at 37th St. Church of Christ is currently registering students for the fall semester. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the TED test will be Wednesday, July 2, at the GED testing center, Building 7B, at WTC from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 3. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext.297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

4-H Horse Club fundraiser

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club is selling whole smoked briskets to be delivered the weekend before July 4th. Cost is $30. To order call 573-3797 or 573-5423.

Gateway Family Services raffle

Gateway Family Services is raffling a 2003 anniversary edition Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held July 4th in Towle Park. Tickets may be purchased at D&D Auto, Purple Sage Motel, Ira Pump & Supply and by calling Gateway's administrative office at 573-4351.

Class of 1993 reunion

The SHS class of 1993 is planning a 10-year reunion on July 12. Classmate addresses are needed. Contact Catalina Jones at 573-5045, or e-mail class of 93shs@yahoo.com.

Legislative issues threatens oil, gas industry

MIDLAND (AP) — Small oil and gas producers in Texas find it increasingly difficult to operate as the state legislature becomes more focused on urban issues, interest groups say.

"The oil and gas industry has been such a bread-and-butter tax deal for the state for so long, if they want to keep that stream of income coming into the state, they need to not make it real hard on us," Bob Thompson, president of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, said at the group's meeting Wednesday.

Small producers generate the majority of the state's oil and gas, Thompson said, but face many restrictions.

"It's harder and harder to get anything done anywhere near somebody's town or somebody's house, which is probably OK. But as far as small operators go, we may in the future get legislatured to death," Thompson said in the Odessa American.

Martin Fleming, vice president of public affairs for the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners Association, said legislators' urban bias is more significant than the change from a Democratic-controlled to a Republican-controlled Legislature.

However, Fleming said the 78th Legislature was a good session for oil and gas producers, with a few exceptions.

House Bill 2020 would have revised the Texas Railroad Commission's rules on financial-assurance exemptions for oil and gas producers with proven track records of compliance, but who otherwise are unable to obtain a surety bond.

The bill was filibustered in the Senate. Fleming said the measure, had it passed, would have generated an estimated $26 million in industry fees that would have been deposited in the state comptrollers' Rainy Day Fund.

Fleming criticized the King Ranch in South Texas and the Texas Minerals and Landowners Association for backing legislation that would have shifted the balance of power from the owners of mineral rights to the owners of surface rights.

A law that has been on the books since Texas' statehood gives legal primacy to the holder of the mineral rights, Fleming said.

Among other things, landowners tried to get legislation passed that would require oil and gas producers to negotiate damage settlements even before drilling begins. Fleming said there was "no room" for a compromise on the issue.

While that measure failed, Fleming said he expected the battle between surface and subsurface interests to continue.

WTC reunions for classes 1971-73 slated June 27-28

A reunion of former students of Western Texas College for the years 1971-73 will be held June 27-28.

Reunion headquarters will be the Willow Park Inn.

For more information, contact Sharron Autry, 1-806-467-8605, or email sharronautry@yahoo.com, or Sharon Moore Mealer at 1-210-491-9306, or email exsec123.@aol.com.

Rowling sues NY newspaper over book's preview

NEW YORK (AP) — The author of the Harry Potter book series has slapped the Daily News with a $100 million lawsuit after the newspaper published tidbits about the fifth novel four days before its official release.

The News said it bought a copy of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" from a health food store that had mistakenly put the book out for sale Wednesday despite being embargoed until Saturday.

The suit, prepared by lawyers for author J.K. Rowling and U.S. publisher Scholastic Inc., claims the newspaper damaged Rowling's intellectual property rights and harmed Scholastic's $3 million worldwide marketing campaign.

The book has been under extraordinary security ahead of the release. In a statement, Scholastic said it hoped "this unfortunate situation will not spoil the surprise for millions of children around the country who have been eagerly awaiting the book."

Scholastic provided a copy of the suit to The Associated Press and said it had been filed late Wednesday in Manhattan federal court. There was no way to verify the claim Wednesday evening.

"We will vigorously defend any action and are confident we did nothing wrong journalistically or legally," Daily News spokesman Ken Frydman said.

The News story contained what it called a "brief glimpse into the 870 action-packed pages" of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." An accompanying graphic displayed, with legible text, two of the novel's pages.

The News said the health store owner received a shipment of four books from a wholesaler and decided to put them in the window. The owner told the paper he didn't know he was supposed to wait until Saturday. The paper withheld the name of the store and its owner.

3RD & 4TH GRADE TAKS RECOGNITION — Ira third and fourth graders who earned TAKS reading and academic commendable recognition are (back row) 3rd grade: Cristian Ornelas, Conner Smith and Quinton Shafer (not pictured: Taylor Autry and Tanner Martin); (front row) 4th grade: Mariana Ornelas and Isaac Martin. ESL award, Mariana Ornelas; TIP award, Isaac Martin (Contributed Photo)

Today's chuckle

Suspect's car used to pursue him

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A city police officer showed he'll do just about anything to catch his man.

Officer James Butler was working security inside a local Wal-Mart store Monday when he heard the blare of a car stereo in the parking lot. The driver of the car, Derrick Sanders, 25, was wanted on more than a half-dozen warrants.

Sanders jumped out of the car and took off running when he was asked for identification.

Butler said he looked around before quickly deciding his next move.

"I got in his car and started after him," Butler said.

The suspect disappeared into a nearby Radio Shack.

Sanders "looked pretty confused" to see his own car in pursuit, Butler said. "He didn't know what to think."

Butler used the car to block the store's back door. Employees blocked the front door, and minutes later Butler had Sanders in custody.

Date Book

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Today is the 170th day of 2003 and the 92nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1952, "I've Got a Secret" made its television debut.

On this day in 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, after being convicted of passing atomic weapons information to the Soviet Union, were executed.

On this day in 1978, "Garfield," a comic strip created by Jim Davis, appeared in newspapers for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), philosopher, mathematician and physicist; Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), baseball player; Abe Fortas (1910-1982), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Salman Rushdie (1947-), writer, is 56; Phylicia Rashaad (1948-), actress, is 55; Paula Abdul (1962-), singer-dancer, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Michael Jordan was selected by the Chicago Bulls as the third pick of the NBA draft.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Throughout human history, the apostles of purity, those who have claimed to possess a total explanation, have wrought havoc among mere mixed-up human beings." — Salman Rushdie

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (June 14) and last quarter (June 21).

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

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(Night) 9-0-4

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95 YEARS OLD — Blanche Arnold was given a surprise birthday party at the Senior Center Tuesday. Blanche was 95 years old on June 17. The Senior Center was opened in 1974. She is a charter member and has quilted and prepared iced tea for lunches for many years. Blanche was a member of the Kitchen Band and the Sunshine Choir for 20 years. She rides to the Center in the van almost every day to eat and visit, do word search puzzles, and play "88." Her friends love to see her coming because she "has a wonderful sense of humor." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Births

Seven-pound Devin Rae Moore was born to Tiffanie Larae Moore at 2:17 a.m. on June 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

His grandparents are Tommy and Teresa Moore of Hermleigh.

When I think over what I have said, I envy dumb people

—Seneca

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 06-19-03
♠ A 6 5 3
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ 10 7 6 2
♣ 3

West
♠ 4
♥ K J 8
♦ K J 9 3
♣ K Q J 10 7

East
♠ K 8 7
♥ 9 7 5 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 5

South
♠ Q J 10 9 2
♥ A Q
♦ A Q
♣ A 9 4 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

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In a republic, ignore monarchs

By Phillip Alder

Some politicians are inventive with the way they stab the opponents. For example, Adlai Stevenson, a democrat who ran against Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952 and '56, said, "The Republicans have a 'me too' candidate running on a 'yes but' platform, advised by a 'has been' staff."

This deal is easy for anyone who lives in a kingdom; a republican, who would like to remove the kings from the deck, might find life tougher. You are South, the declarer in four spades. How would you plan the play after West leads the club king? What do you think of the bidding?

Taking the second question first, the two-no-trump opening was understrength, but had some advantages. The two red-suit ace-queen combinations scream to be led around to, not through, and the good five-card spade suit is worth an extra point. North used Stayman to uncover the spade fit. (Yes, if South had opened one spade, West would have doubled, and North would have raised, the singleton being a useful extra value. Then South would have jumped to four spades. All roads lead to you-know-where.)

The declarer, Frenchwoman Anne-Marie Chaumard, won trick one with her club ace, ruffed a club in the dummy, played a heart to her ace, trumped another club, crossed to hand with a diamond to her ace, and ruffed her last club with dummy's spade ace. Finally, she called for a trump, eventually conceding tricks to the opponents' remaining three monarchs.

It is true that declarer could have survived a red-suit finesse, but only if she read the layout correctly. Chaumard's line was much simpler and nearly foolproof.

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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 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

MAWC HAS ANNUAL MEETING — Directors of the Martha Ann Woman's Club hosted an annual meeting of all MAWC members Wednesday. Shown visiting following the meeting are, from left, Helen Hood, Vera McSpadden, Jackie McNew, LaVerne Hood and Donna Early. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

MAWC directors host 'Silver Tea'

An annual meeting for Martha Ann Woman's Club members was held Wednesday at the clubhouse.

Hosted by the directors, The Silver Tea is an opportunity for members to make a monetary gift in support of the woman's club that was made possible by the late D.M. Cogdell family.

The Cogdells built the woman's Club for Snyder to have a building where they could meet friends enjoy cultural, artistic and educational functions.

The building was named Martha Ann in memory of the Cogdell's daughter.

Members had the responsibility of furnishing and decorating the club as well as the maintenance of the building.

The first MAWC board president was Louise Thompson and Mildred Sparks Baze was the first caterer.

There were nine founder members — Mrs. D.M. Cogdell Sr., Mrs. H.H. Eiland, Mrs. G.N. Heinzelmann, Mrs. John Keller, Mrs. C.T. McLaughlin, Mrs. F.G. Sears, Mrs. C.V. Thompson Sr. Mrs. H.G. Towle and Mrs. Edith McKanna.

When the club began its functions, the population of Snyder was 27,778. It dropped to 12,750 in 1972 and had even dropped to 10, 783 in 2002.

MAWC officers include Margaret Dillaha, president; Jan Harrell, vice president; Wanda Falls, secretary; Anne von Roeder, corresponding secretary; and Francene Noah, treasurer.

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Sandra Brace is caterer of the woman's club.

Dillaha thanked the committees for their fundraising efforts and noted that Frank Miller had been a big help to the board's decision-making on major maintenance and financial problems, the Rotary Club's and Lions Club's participation, and all organizations and individuals who contribute to the ongoing of the clubhouse.

A garage sale is being planned for October and plans are being made to have a Sunday lunch once a month. To highlight the pre-holiday season, a tour of homes will be held in November.

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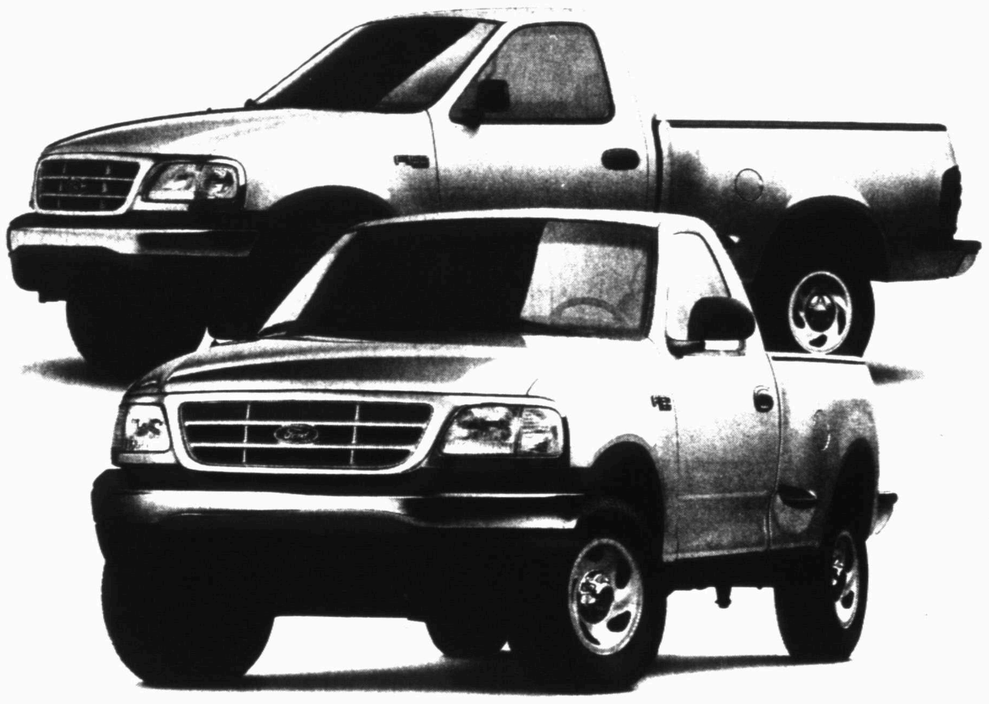

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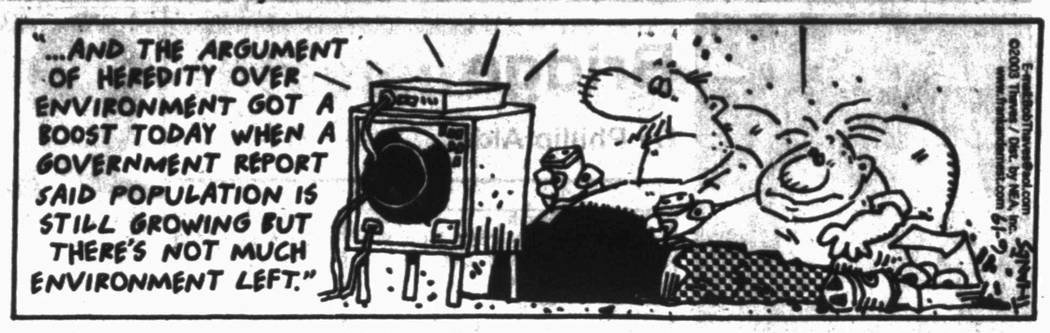

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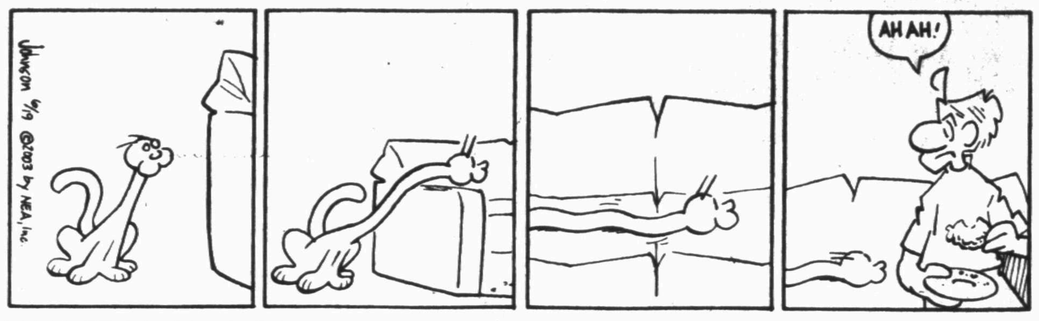

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16 Brouhaha
17 Thick rug
19 Lady's pump
23 El —
26 Skating jump
28 Leafy climber
29 Type of tire
31 Key in data
33 Singer — Piaf
34 Lash down
35 To's opposite
36 Hunter's need
39 Decide
40 Turnpike rumbler
42 Depose
44 Patch
46 Throw lava
51 Quirk
54 Puccini works
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56 Go ashore
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2 Component
3 Edible root
4 Afflictions
5 Soph. and jr.
6 McKellen and Holm
7 Formal, maybe
8 Aberdeen boy
9 Quiche ingredient
10 Kiki or Joey
11 Science room
12 Chisel
16 Office machine
18 Actor — Holbrook
20 Mooch from (2 wds.)
21 Not hidden
22 Fictional governess
23 Tight-knit team
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25 Telegraph signal
27 Poe's "Annabel —"
29 NBA officials
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41 Saturate deeply
43 Conical dwelling
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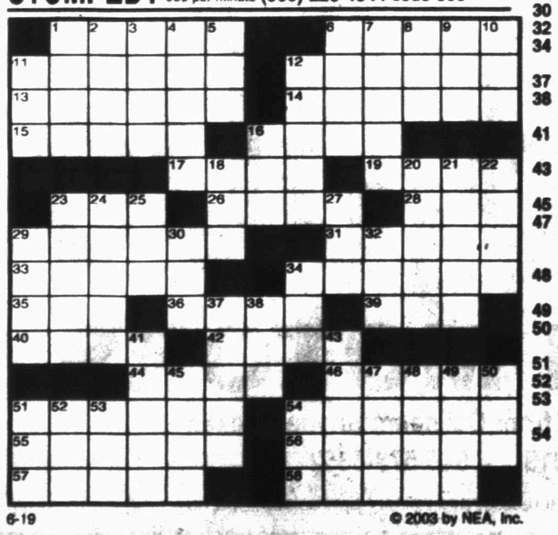

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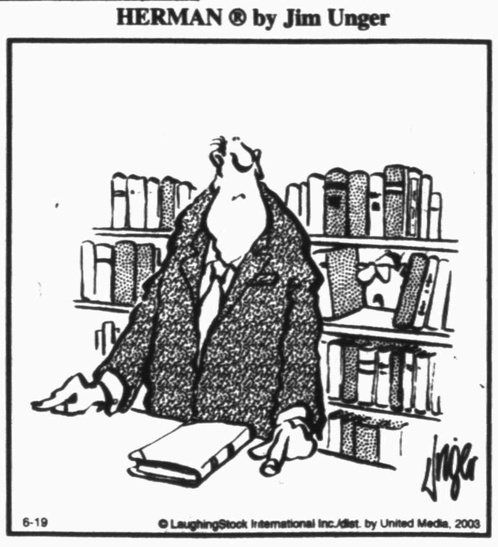

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SPORTS

Baseball pioneer Larry Doby dies

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a half-century ago when Larry Doby signed his first major league contract, Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck made a prediction.

"'Lawrence,' — he's the only person who called me Lawrence — 'you are going to be part of history,'" Doby said Veeck told him that day.

Doby had more pressing thoughts.

"Part of history? I had no notions about that. I just wanted to play baseball," Doby recalled.

As it turned out, Doby did fine on both counts.

Doby, the first black player in the American League and a Hall of Fame outfielder, died Wednesday night after a long illness. He was believed to be 79.

Doby died at his home in Montclair, N.J., said his son, Larry Doby Jr.

On July 5, 1947, just 11 weeks after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier, Doby joined the Indians.

Doby became a seven-time All-Star in a 13-year career, most of it spent with Cleveland. He helped lead the Indians to their last World Series title in 1948.

"He was a great guy, a great center fielder and a great teammate," Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, who played with Doby for nearly 10 seasons, said Wednesday night.

Later, with the 1978 Chicago White Sox, Doby became just the second black to manage a major league team, following Frank Robinson.

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa worked on Doby's staff with the White Sox.

"I got to know him in '78. He brought me up to coach first for him, so I was with him for half a year. Man, that's really bad news," La Russa said.

"I kick myself. I saw his son early in the year and I asked him for his number and I didn't call him. And I regret it," he said.

There are discrepancies over Doby's age. Total Baseball listed

Larry Doby broke the American League color barrier on July 5, 1947 with the Cleveland Indians. (AP Photo)

his birth date as Dec. 13, 1923, while the Baseball Encyclopedia had it as Dec. 13, 1924. Even Doby's friends weren't sure of the exact date.

Doby hit .283 with 253 home runs and 969 RBIs in a career that lasted through 1959. He was voted into the Hall of Fame by its Veterans Committee in 1998.

Yet on that historic day he joined the Indians, some teammates would not even shake his hand.

"Very tough," Doby once said. "I'd never faced any circumstances like that. Teammates were lined up and some would greet you and some wouldn't. You could deal with it, but it was hard."

Doby's No. 14 was retired by the Indians in 1994 — 47 years to the date after he signed his contract with Cleveland.

Rangers blow lead in 9th, lose in 11th

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Scott Hatteberg singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 11th inning and also sacrificed in the tying run as the Oakland Athletics beat the Rangers 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Hatteberg hit a soft single to shallow center against R.A. Dickey (3-3) with two outs in the 11th as the A's won their fifth straight game, their longest streak since a season-best six consecutive victories from April 24-30.

Hatteberg, a career .335 hitter against Texas, is batting .548 with 12 RBIs in eight games against the Rangers this season. Texas fell to 2-13 in June and has lost 15 of 17, including 11 straight on the road.

"It's just one of those things in baseball," Hatteberg said. "I feel really good against them. I see the ball better against them. I feel pretty comfortable against their staff. I knew that it was going to fall. It had good spin on it."

Keith Foulke (4-0) pitched the 10th and 11th for the win, while Dickey lost it in 2-3 innings of work.

Chris Singleton led off the A's half of the 11th with a single to break an 0-for-13 slump before Billy McMillon hit into a double play. Mark Ellis singled and Eric Byrnes walked to bring up Hatteberg, whose hit scored Ellis.

The Rangers missed chances in the 10th and 11th.

"It's tough either way you lose, especially when you're struggling like we are," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We did have a lot of good things happen, and I'll dwell on those."

Ugueth Urbina retired the side in the 10th after blowing his third save of the year in the ninth, when Hatteberg hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to left to score Chris Singleton and make it 3-3.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the seventh to end a streak of 13 games without an RBI. He drove a 1-2 pitch from Chad Bradford over the wall in left-center for his 17th home run of the season to break a 1-1 tie. When the ball sailed out, Rodriguez pumped his arm as he rounded first. He went 0-for-4 in Tuesday's 4-3 loss.

Erubiel Durazo had two hits for the A's, but Oakland couldn't manage enough run support to back up starter Barry Zito, the reigning AL Cy Young award winner who has only one win in his last six starts.

He kicked the dirt in front of the dugout when he left the game after six innings.

The A's have scored 40 runs in his seven wins and only seven in his five losses this season. He picked up his fifth defeat in his last outing to equal his loss total for all of 2002.

Zito got into a jam in the sixth when he gave up a leadoff double to Kevin Mench then walked Rodriguez with no outs. Juan Gonzalez, who came in with a nine-game hitting streak but went 0-for-4 before leaving in the eighth with a recurring groin injury, fouled out to Hatteberg at first. Zito then struck out Rafael Palmeiro, but walked Mark Teixeira and Doug Glanville to bring in the tying run.

The 37-pitch inning put Zito at 111 pitches and he gave way to Bradford.

After a single by Durazo in the first, Texas starter Tony Mounce retired eight straight before Durazo doubled in the fourth. Eric Chavez hit an RBI single two batters later to score Durazo for a 1-0 A's lead.

Source: Wizards to name Eddie Jordan head coach

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Wizards found a Jordan who will be right at home in the nation's capital.

Washington native Eddie Jordan, an assistant with the New Jersey Nets for the past four seasons, will be the Wizards' new coach, a team source told The Associated Press.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Jordan agreed to an offer after a meeting Wednesday with owner Abe Pollin. Jordan, who will be the Wizards' seventh coach in six seasons, is expected to be introduced at a news conference Thursday.

If nothing else, the new coach has local ties that were nonexistent under the previous regime of Michael Jordan, who never seemed comfortable away from his Chicago home. Eddie Jordan played for Archbishop Carroll High School, making him a natural candidate for a franchise desperately in need of positive news.

The hiring is the first step of an image rehabilitation for the Wizards and particularly for Pollin, whose messy dismissal of Michael Jordan on May 7 provoked widespread criticism. Jordan had expected to return to his former front office job of president of basketball operations after playing two seasons before sellout crowds, but, in an acrimonious meeting, Pollin informed the star he was not welcome back.

Seeking to appease fans, Pollin since has promised refunds to season ticket-holders if they are not satisfied with his personnel moves this offseason.

Rice dethrones UT

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Rice's Justin Ruchti knew what pitch was coming from Texas closer Huston Street and where it was going to be. All Ruchti had to do was get his bat on it.

He did.

Ruchti's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Rice a 5-4 victory Wednesday night and sent the Owls to the College World Series championship round.

Rice (56-11) eliminated the defending national champion Longhorns (50-20), and will play the winner of today's Stanford-Cal State Fullerton game in a best-of-three series starting Saturday.

Rice will be playing for its first national title in any sport.

Street (8-1), last year's CWS Most Outstanding Player, lost for the first time in 12 decisions dating to March 8, 2002.

Street threw four straight sliders before Ruchti lined the fifth into center field to drive in pinch-runner Matt Cavanaugh.

"I knew that was his 'out' pitch, and I figured he'd stay away," Ruchti said. "He happened to leave it up, and I got it pretty good."

Rice's Jeff Blackinton led off the ninth and reached on an error when his grounder rolled up second baseman Tim Moss' left arm and off his chest.

Cavanaugh took second on Dane Bubela's sacrifice and scored after Ruchti hit Street's 2-2 pitch. Texas center fielder Joe Ferin tried to charge the ball for a possible throw to the plate, but it got past him and Cavanaugh easily scored the winning run.

"I was going after him with my best stuff," Street said. "I got ahead of him with my slider. I didn't think he'd expect five in a row, but he was right on it."

Ruchti, the Owls' catcher and No. 9 batter, was 2-for-4 with three RBIs. He also threw out two Longhorns stealing.

"It was one of the more memorable games of my life," he said. "To put us in the championship series, that's what you dream of as a little kid."

Rice won in spite of its three pitchers combining to walk nine and hit four batters and its defense committing three errors.

"That shows the heart of this team," coach Wayne Graham said.

Sports Briefs

Football camp

The SHS football coaches will offer a football camp June 23-25 for incoming grades 4-9 at Tiger Stadium.

Cost is $30, and the camp will be split into two age groups with incoming 4th-6th graders going from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. each day, and incoming 7th-9th grade players going from 1:30 to 3:45 p.m. The first 40 to sign up receive a free t-shirt.

Forms can be picked up at the fieldhouse Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 5-8:30 p.m. Call the field house at 574-6039 for more information.

Summer strength camp

SHS head football coach Chad Rogers is hosting a free summer strength and conditioning camp for three weeks.

The camp is under way and will run next week and the week of July 7.

The camp, open to any incoming 9th-12th graders, will run Monday through Thursday, with incoming 10th through 12th graders working from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., and incoming freshmen going from 10-11:30 a.m.

Weight training, flexibility, speed and agility will be the focus.

Fourth of July volleyball tournament

Sign-ups are underway for the annual Fourth of July volleyball tournament at Towle Park. Entry fee is $70. Call Louis Alaniz at 573-7321 for more details.

Seminole softball tourney

The Fourth of July softball bash in Seminole is registering teams for the tournament which will run July 4-5 at Lytle Field.

Entry fee is $150 per team, with a first prize of $500 if 12 teams enter. Deadline to enter is July 1. Call Dustin at 432-209-0026, Bart at 432-209-0371 or Joey at 432-209-1226 for more information.

Fellowship golf tournament

The Young Adult Ministry of the Ira First Church of God is sponsoring the 4th annual Fellowship Golf tournament June 28 at the WTC golf course.

Format is four-person scramble, with a first prize of $400 for each of the two flights. Special events include a $5,000 hole-in-one contest and a $100 putting contest.

Entry fee is $50 per person or $200 per team. Deadline to register is June 14. Forms are available at the WTC pro shop or call 573-5965 or 207-1740 for more information.

Couples play day

The WGA hosts a weekly couples play day Fridays at 5:30 p.m. Format is handicap scramble. Cost is $10 per couple. Call Rick at 573-7101 for more information.

WTC golf special

The WTC Pro Shop is offering half-price greens fees and cart rentals Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

Snyder youths win PGA junior tourney

Snyder youths finished atop the leaderboard in three of five divisions at the North Texas PGA Junior tour event Wednesday at Scurry County golf course.

Tanner Bloom claimed the boys 16-18-year-old division, firing a 74, while Snyder's Cole Robertson took second with an 78. Ryan Williams of Sweetwater carded an 80 for third.

Jay Weaver won the 14-15-year-old group with a 74, besting Christopher Larremore of Breckenridge by seven strokes. Travis Marlar was third with an 83.

Ashley Luecke posted the only round under 100 in the girls 12-14 division, firing a 96. Monica Harris of Merkel shot a 100 and Amy Jones, also of Merkel, carded a 116 for third.

Kade Krueger fired a 108 to capture third in the boys 12-13 group, which was won by Anson's Kyle Dickerson.

Sarah McKinney also placed third in her group, recording an 84 in the girls 15-18 division. She was one stroke off second-place finisher Shelly Martinez of Pecos.

Megan Harris of Merkel won the group title with a 79.

Local resident wins national martial arts championship

Fernando Ramirez

Snyder resident Fernando Ramirez, who has been training under Greg Gafford at the West Texas Taekwondo Academy for a year and a half, won the national championships in the blue belt division.

Ramirez won the state title in April, advancing to the national tournament in New Orleans May 23. He competed in the 161-171 lbs. class.

Ramirez said he will only participate in the three tournaments next year — the Snyder tournament in February and the state and national tourneys.

He said he would probably test for his red tip this year.

Major League Baseball

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	29	.592	—
Boston	40	30	.571	1½
Toronto	40	31	.563	2
Baltimore	32	36	.471	8½
Tampa Bay	24	46	.343	17½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	32	.543	—
Kansas City	36	32	.529	1
Chicago	33	38	.465	5½
Cleveland	28	41	.406	9½
Detroit	17	51	.250	20
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	48	22	.686	—
Oakland	40	29	.580	7½
Anaheim	34	35	.493	13½
Texas	27	42	.391	20½

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 6, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 4, Detroit 1
N.Y. Yankees 1, Tampa Bay 0, 12 innings
Kansas City 8, Minnesota 6
Chicago White Sox 3, Boston 1
Seattle 2, Anaheim 0
Oakland 4, Texas 3, 11 innings

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Bell 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 6-6), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (B.Anderson 3-6) at Detroit (Cornejo 3-4), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 7-4) at Kansas City (Snyder 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 0-3), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 4-3) at Baltimore (Helling 4-4), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Ramos 0-0) at Oakland (Mulder 9-4), 2:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 7-5) at Seattle (Moyer 10-3), 3:35 p.m.

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	46	23	.667	—
Montreal	39	32	.549	8
Philadelphia	36	33	.522	10
New York	33	37	.471	13½
Florida	34	39	.466	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	39	31	.557	—
Houston	38	33	.535	1½
St. Louis	37	33	.529	2
Cincinnati	35	35	.500	4
Pittsburgh	29	39	.426	9
Milwaukee	28	42	.400	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	42	28	.600	—
San Francisco	42	28	.600	—
Colorado	36	37	.493	7½
Arizona	34	36	.486	8
San Diego	23	50	.315	20½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 3, 1st game
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 3, 2nd game
N.Y. Mets 10, Florida 5
Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 1
Chicago Cubs 4, Cincinnati 1
Arizona 2, Houston 1
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 1
Colorado 5, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 2

Today's Games

Montreal (Ohka 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Wells 2-3), 11:35 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-2) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 4-4), 11:35 a.m.
Atlanta (Hampton 3-3) at Philadelphia (Padilla 5-7), 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Tomko 2-5) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bacsik 1-1) at Florida (Phelps 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 4-3) at Houston (Redding 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Lawrence 4-7) at Colorado (Oliver 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Schmidt 5-3) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 4-4), 9:10 p.m.

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Teen's brutal beating death said 'something out of Dark Ages'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jason Sweeney had money in his pocket and plans to see his teenage sweetheart when he headed out the door to see her on the last Friday in May.

For a 16-year-old from a blue-collar section of Philadelphia, the end of the work week couldn't have seemed much brighter. But he never made it back home that night.

According to police, Sweeney's girlfriend lured him to a vacant gravel path by the Delaware River where three teenage boys were waiting. They attacked Sweeney with a hammer and hatchet until his heart stopped, authorities said.

The four teens — after a group hug — then robbed the victim, dividing up the $500 that Sweeney had earned at his construction job and went on a drug binge, police said.

"We took Sweeney's wallet and split up the money, and we partied beyond redemption," Dominic Coia, 18, told detectives, according to a transcript of his June 3 confession.

Coia, his younger brother, Nicholas, 16, and Sweeney's friend, Edward "Eddie" Batzig Jr., 16, are charged with first-degree murder and could face the death penalty if convicted. Sweeney's girlfriend, Justina Morley, 15, is also charged with murder but is too young to be executed.

The brutal nature of the crime stunned even the veteran city judge assigned to Tuesday's preliminary hearing.

"This is something out of the Dark Ages," Judge Seamus McCaffery said in upholding the murder charges against the four. "I'm not so sure we can call ourselves a civilized society when stuff like this happens."

In the hours before the slaying, as Sweeney changed out of his work clothes and showered at his family's cozy brick rowhouse in Fishtown, the defendants met nearby in Batzig's basement.

"We must have listened to 'Helter Skelter' about 42 times," Dominic Coia told police, referring to the Beatles song that also fascinated serial killer Charles Manson.

In 1969, Manson and his followers killed nine people in the Los Angeles area in what prosecutors said was an attempt to start a race war that Manson believed was prophesied in "Helter Skelter."

House bill to repeal estate taxes faces uphill battle in the Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed legislation that would permanently abolish estate taxes, but the bill faces long odds against winning support in the Senate.

"I don't think they have the votes to repeal," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. Democrats would have supply some votes if Republicans are to pass the bill in the narrowly divided Senate.

Republicans lobbying for passage agreed, observing that supporters do not have the 60 votes needed under Senate budget rules. This measure also passed the House last year only to die in the Senate.

"I think they'll end up with 56 votes on this," said Stephen Moore, president of the conservative Club for Growth. "The Senate is always the holdup on this."

Without a bill to permanently repeal the estate tax, it will disappear in 2010 only to reappear a year later. The anomaly is the result of a 2001 law that gradually reduced the tax rates on inherited estates and repealed the tax as of 2010. Senate rules designed to limit budget deficits forced lawmakers to make the repeal expire in 2011.

The House voted 264-163 on Wednesday to make the repeal permanent.

Lawmakers turned back a Democratic attempt to retain the tax on the country's largest estates. They voted 239-188 to reject a Democratic alternative that raised the exemption beginning next year to $3 million for each individual and $6 million for married couples.

Republicans said the tax must be fully repealed to protect families who own small businesses and farms and prevent their heirs from liquidating their enterprises to pay their tax bills. They also pointed to the time and money spent on estate planning.

"The country was built on family businesses," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "Unless we permanently repeal the death tax, we can kiss our small businesses goodbye."

"Today's vote is a victory for fairness, job creation and certainty for family businesses, farmers and ranchers," President Bush said. "I urge the Senate to act on this important matter so that we can eliminate this unfair tax once and for all."

Democrats charged that complete repeal of the tax benefits the country's wealthiest families at the expense of future generations.

Rep. Jerry Kleczka, D-Wis., said the bill's $162 billion cost to the Treasury "will be put on the national debt of the country and paid back by our kids and grandkids."

Internal Revenue Service statistics show that 52,000 estates paid taxes totaling more than $24 billion in 2000.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Selective spending for prescription

DEAR DR. GOTT: I think I have identified an inconsistency in the publicity surrounding the high cost of prescription drugs. Do you have experience with patients who spend $30,000 on weddings for each of several daughters, cruise the Caribbean annually, buy a luxury car every year or two, elaborately furnish a trophy home, dine out elegantly and often — then carp that they cannot afford their prescription medications?

DEAR READER: Yes, I have had such experiences — fortunately, they are few and far between. While I admit that there is some truth in your uncomplimentary vignette, many older citizens live literally from hand to mouth on Social Security. For these folks, the high cost of prescription medications can be a real budget breaker.

Neither I nor anyone else have a quick solution to this very real and serious problem. But I have suggested that physicians should do their part by not over-prescribing. Also, the use of generic drugs will often save the consumer a substantial amount of money.

To a large degree, each of us must decide about the most appropriate way of spending money. If certain drugs are essential to health and quality of life, then patients can appropriately invest in this expenditure, giving up other, less vital commitments. For example, if I have a serious heart condition requiring an expensive medication to stay alive, should I not sacrifice less compelling expenditures for this goal? Such a sacrifice might include sending cards, not presents, to family members at holiday time; limiting my vacation travel expenses; eating at home; forgoing unnecessary purchases; cutting out alcohol and cigarettes; applying for state or federal aid; and so forth.

At the time of this writing, Congress is considering prescription-drug coverage under Medicare. How such an option might work out is highly speculative.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of a bleeding ulcer, I am now advised to avoid any medication for my arthritis. What are my options?

DEAR READER: One of the major drawbacks to most drugs used to treat arthritis is their propensity to cause bleeding peptic ulcers. While this isn't a foremost problem for the majority of patients (who are prescribed ibuprofen and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — NSAIDs) it does affect some people.

In such instances, one option is to use acetaminophen (Tylenol), which doesn't cause intestinal irritation. Another option is to consider Arthrotec, an NSAID that has an added drug to counteract potential intestinal irritation.

Ask your doctor to discuss these and other choices.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I frequently use Pepto-Bismol for stomach upset and diarrhea. After taking it, my mouth and tongue turn black, and I experience a metallic taste. Is this normal?

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	High	Low	Last	
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AOL TimeWrn	16.39	16.11	16.11	—.07
AT&T Corp rs	20.50	20.18	20.19	—.04
Albertsons	19.60	19.33	19.35	—.25
Alltel	49.18	48.55	48.55	—.45
AmEl Pw	31.09	30.70	30.93	+.14
AndarkPtr	45.64	44.96	45.45	+.28
ATMOS Egy	25.15	25.01	25.05	—.10
Avaall	11.30	11.00	11.24	+.24
BP PLC	43.65	43.25	43.38	—.74
BakerHughes	34.60	33.62	34.47	+.68
Bank of Amer	79.75	79.06	79.10	—.63
BellSouth	27.10	26.60	26.60	—.19
BurlNoSFe	29.50	29.17	29.24	—.11
Caterpillar	57.45	56.30	56.40	—.62
CenterPoint	9.10	9.01	9.02	+.02
ChevronTex	74.19	72.78	73.60	—.59
Citigroup	45.10	44.00	44.01	—.90
CocaCola	46.90	46.08	46.12	—.88
ColgatePal	60.99	60.26	60.30	—.48
CrncllMetals	18.65	18.43	18.54	+.14
ConocoPhill	54.85	53.69	54.50	—.23
Cooper Inds	40.68	40.25	40.25	—.13
DaimlrChry	34.57	34.10	34.11	—.61
DeltaAirl	15.99	15.26	15.26	—.59
Dillards Inc	13.59	13.40	13.45	
DowChem	31.86	31.62	31.64	—.19
DuPont	43.98	43.28	43.30	—.48
EastmanChem	32.31	31.75	31.79	—.39
EstKodak	28.95	27.81	28.70	—.07
EDS Corp	23.98	23.20	23.26	—.94
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ExxonMobil	37.30	36.85	36.88	—.46
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TexasInst	19.10	18.60	18.88	+.28
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TrinityInds	18.91	18.44	18.91	+.47
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WalMart	55.34	54.67	54.67	—.57
WellsFargo	52.00	51.36	51.36	—.64
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UIL HIGH POINT INDIVIDUALS — Ira students named the high point individuals are (back row) high school: Celeigh Sterling, Candace Sanchez and Suzie Pendergrass; (middle row) junior high: Laura Juarez, Kaci Waller and Cesilie Torres; (front row) elementary: Isaac Martin, Zachery Goodwin, Amber Baker and Conner Smith. (Contributed Photo)

TOP AR READERS — Ira School's top two accelerated reader students for each grade are (back row) 3rd, 2nd place; Quinton Shafer, 4th, 1st place; Lupe Ornelas, 5th, 1st place; RT Shafer, 5th, 2nd place; Daniel Wooldridge; junior high, 1st place, Jamie Dobbs; junior high, 2nd place, Kaci Waller; (front row) 3rd, 1st place Cristian Ornelas; 4th, 2nd place, Mariana Ornelas; 1st, 1st place, Morgan Jones; 1st, 2nd place, Kurt Shafer; 2nd, 1st place, Sarah Kellner; 2nd, 2nd place, Taylor Hollingsworth. (Contributed Photo)

Wal-Mart ordered to recognize union in Texas

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A judge has ruled that a Wal-Mart store here must reopen its meat-cutting department and bargain with unionized butchers whose jobs disappeared when the chain switched to using prepackaged meat.

Judge Keltner Locke, a National Labor Relations Board administrative law judge, ordered the retail chain Wednesday to meet with the butchers and negotiate over the effects of the change.

"This is a historic decision — the first bargaining order issued against Wal-Mart in the United States," union leader Johnny Rodriguez said in a statement. "It is a victory for all Wal-Mart workers who are fighting for a voice at work."

In 2000, seven of the 10 butchers at the Jacksonville store voted to join the United Food and Commercial Workers union. The vote marked the only union success at a Wal-Mart store.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. soon announced it was closing its meat-cutting departments across the country. Many of the butchers were reassigned to meat stockers.

Wal-Mart downplayed the latest ruling, describing it as "limited."

"Wal-Mart has consistently contended that the union should never have been certified in Jacksonville because the election result was improperly influenced by union misconduct and because the bargaining unit requested was improperly narrow," the company said in a release. "This portion of the ruling will be appealed."

PASSED TAKS READING — Ira's third grade class was the first to take the TAKS Reading Test. All passed. (back row) Ashlei Pearcy, Jacob Elam, Taylor Autry, Quinton Shafer, Hayden Hollingsworth and Gabriel Patterson; (front row) Moises Ornelas, Cristian Ornelas, Travis Hartman, Brandee Pinkerton, Tanner Martin, Conner Smith and Michael Bennett. (Their teacher is Stacie Westmoreland.) (Contributed Photo)

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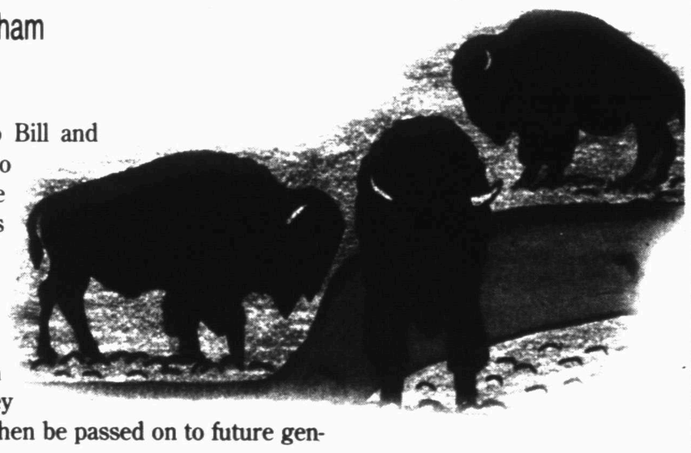

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Covering for lazy colleague is running worker ragged

DEAR ABBY: My co-worker, "Kay," has the world's worst work ethic. She chats on the phone and e-mails her friends, plays games online, reads the paper, balances her checkbook all day long on company time.

Our office manager encourages us to work independently, so no one looks over our shoulders. My problem is I need Kay's daily reports and summaries before I can complete my projects. Every week I give her a list of deadlines but she disregards them. (She's too busy playing online solitaire.) When a deadline is missed, it becomes my fault, even though Kay is the cause.

I tried talking the problem over with our manager (without trashing Kay). Unfortunately, he didn't get the message and nothing has changed.

Coming to work used to make me happy. Now it fills me with dread because every day is a fight for survival. I am overwhelmed and swamped trying to overcompensate for my irresponsible co-worker. I'm tired of working my tail off while she messes around. Please help me resolve this in the most professional way possible. — **STRESSED-OUT IN OHIO**

DEAR STRESSED-OUT: Talk to your manager again, and this time be direct. It's time to stop protecting the guilty. Your future with the company may depend on it.

Keep your manager current on the status of your work. This way, he will understand in advance that you're not being given the data you need to complete your task — and it will provide some much-needed insight to management.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old man happily married to my wife for 22 years. Before we met, I had an intimate relationship with a college sweetheart I'll call Amy.

Last summer, on a whim, I wrote Amy to find out how her life has turned out. Like me, she's been happily married for more than 20 years. Amy and I have since exchanged e-mails, family photos and a few phone calls — strictly platonic. We live on opposite coasts and have no interest in rekindling our old romance. We just want to keep in touch.

The problem: I made the mistake of telling my wife that Amy and I have been "catching up," and to my surprise she said I was acting inappropriately for a married man. Tell me, Abby: Just because I'm married, do I need to give up all contact with former lovers and friends? Sign me ... **WRONGLY ACCUSED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR WRONGLY ACCUSED: A lot of water has gone under the bridge since that college romance fizzled. Perhaps what has made your wife uneasy is the frequency of the e-mails and phone calls. Talk to her about it and see if you can reach a compromise. A card at holiday time would not seem inappropriate, but more than that does seem unfair to your wife, especially if it bothers her.

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DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Alana," and I have been dating for three months. (She is 16 and I'm 18.) I am about to meet her parents for the first time. My problem is I have a 10-month-old daughter from a previous relationship. Should I tell them I have a kid? Alana says her mom and dad would make us break up if they knew. I like Alana a lot, Abby. What should I do? — **NEEDS AN ANSWER IN ONTARIO, CANADA**

DEAR NEEDS AN ANSWER: Meet your girlfriend's parents and let them get to know you for the wonderful person that you are — but do NOT leave their house without leveling with them. Be prepared to answer a lot of questions about your obligations to the baby and the mother of your child. You should be given credit for honesty and for not hiding the truth.

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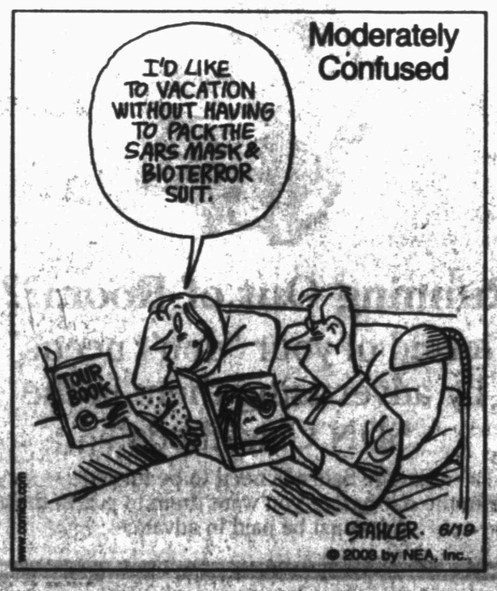

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Lead investigator in sniper shootings quits job as chief

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — For Charles Moose, who gained national recognition during the three-week hunt for clues in the Washington-area sniper shootings, the decision to resign as Montgomery County police chief was a choice between keeping his job and telling his story.

Moose quit under a cloud of controversy over his desire to write a book about the investigation that made him a fixture on television last fall.

"He came to the conclusion that it was one or the other," said Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan in announcing Moose's resignation Wednesday.

The decision caps several months of dispute and legal action over whether he could write his book and still abide by Montgomery's tough ethics laws, which bar employees from using the prestige of office for personal gain.

It also ends the chief's four years with the county police, a tenure that will forever be marked by his role in the massive search for the serial snipers linked to 20 shootings, 13 fatal, in Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and the District of Columbia.

Moose, 49, gave his resignation Monday night to Duncan. In a statement, he said he had worked to make the county a "safe and secure place to live," but it was time "to move on and explore other paths in life."

Moose became a celebrity after the shootings — he was in heavy demand as a public speaker and served as marshal of a county parade where people wore purple foam moose antlers in his honor.

He capitalized on that fame by signing a book deal with Dutton Books, reportedly with an advance of more than $100,000. Due out in the fall, "Three Weeks in October" is to be an insider's story of the investigation.

But the county's ethics commission blocked his plans, saying a county employee may not profit on the side from his official duties. The commission also worried the book could impede the prosecution in the sniper case by catering to the "public's thirst for all of those 'inside' details."

Moose later appealed the commission's decision in state court and filed a federal lawsuit, claiming his First Amendment rights had been violated by the ruling.

Moose may still be subject to county ethics laws after he leaves office, especially if he reveals confidential information in the book, according to Judd Garrett, a county attorney representing the commission.

"This doesn't moot the ethics commission's concerns," he said.

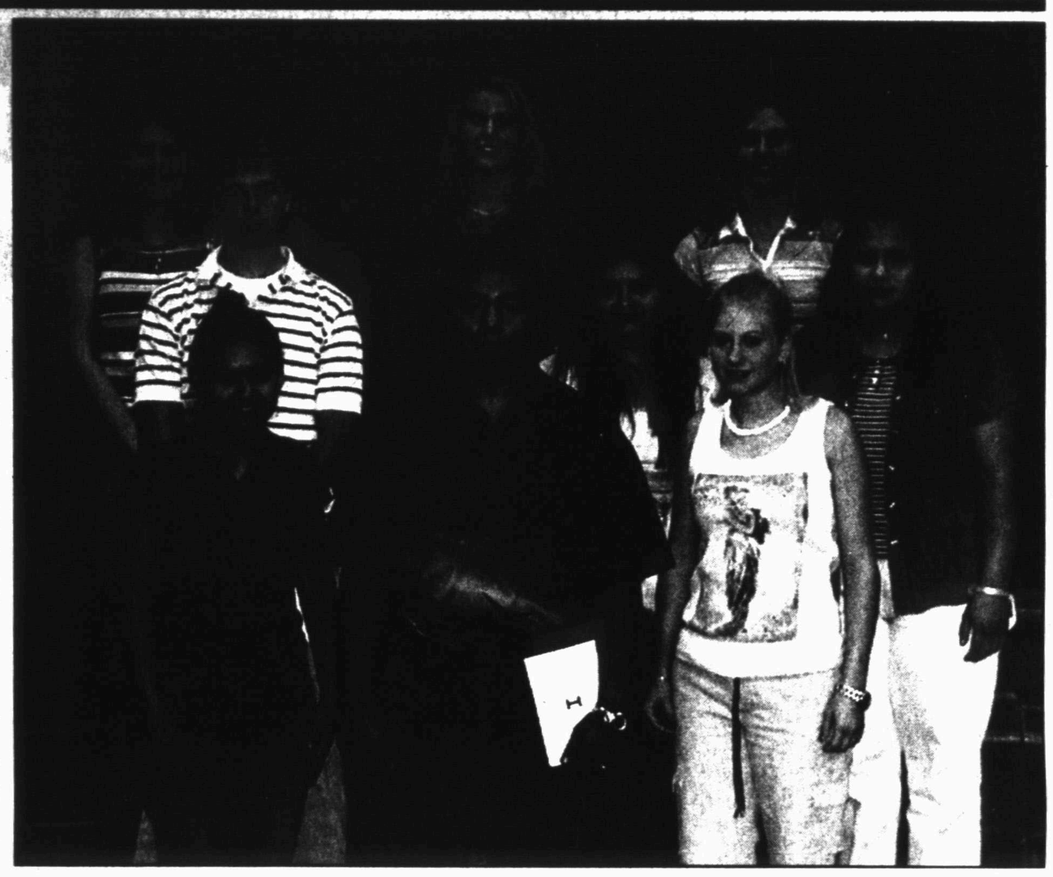
Moose's attorney, Ron Karp, did not return phone calls. Karp said earlier the chief planned to offer his manuscript to the prosecutors of the sniper suspects for review.

Moose is on duty with a military police unit of the National Guard and has been posted at Andrews Air Force Base. His resignation is effective June 28, and county officials said they didn't expect him to return from the guard by that date.

Duncan said Moose made great strides during his tenure, shepherding the police department through a settlement with the Justice Department over racial profiling and overseeing the sniper investigation.

"He leaves a department that is much better," Duncan said.

On the Net:
Montgomery County Police Department: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/sitehead.asp?page/mc/services/police



DEPARTMENTAL AND "I" AWARDS — Ira School students who received departmental and "I" awards are (back row) social studies and agriculture department awards, Candace Sanchez; business and agriculture department awards, Celeigh Sterling; science department award, Michelle Nettles; (middle row) desktop publishing "I" Award, Michael Allen; annual staff "I" award, Bea Aguinaga; homemaking department award, Raquel Ornelas; (front row) math department award, Vicky Rivera; most improved English student award, Roy Torres; Spanish department award, Amanda Alexander. (Contributed Photo)

Southern Baptists end annual convention

PHOENIX (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention denounced same-sex marriage and homosexuality at its annual meeting, while asking members to help gays become heterosexual through Christian faith.

The nation's largest Protestant denomination also spent much of the gathering that ended Wednesday defending the right of evangelicals to proclaim their religion the only path to salvation.

"There are forces that attempt to silence us, who say don't intrude on our lives," said the Rev. Jack Graham, the Southern Baptist president. "We cannot resist the love and the call of God to penetrate our world."

The denomination made a special plea to its more than 42,000 churches to befriend gays and help "liberate" them from homosexuality. Gay rights groups said the initiative promoted hatred.

The Southern Baptists also urged all judges and public officials to join them in opposing same-sex marriage.

"Legalizing same-sex 'marriage' would convey a societal approval of a homosexual lifestyle, which the Bible calls sinful and dangerous," reads one of the resolutions passed during the meeting.

No U.S. state recognizes same-sex marriages, though Vermont has instituted civil unions that give gay and lesbian couples the benefits and responsibilities of marriage. The Canadian prime minister said Tuesday he will file a bill to permit same-sex marriages in that nation.

The denomination acknowledged the severity of the global AIDS crisis and expressed support for President Bush's $15 billion initiative to fight AIDS overseas. Bush addressed the meeting in a videotaped message calling the 16 million Southern Baptists "faithful servants" and asking God to bless them.

The denomination also came out against distributing condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS. Abstinence education programs that emphasize "a Biblical view of sexuality" would be more effective, they said.

Their other resolutions denounced anti-Semitism and affirmed support for the U.S.-led war on Iraq. The resolutions are not binding on churches but are meant to express the denomination's views.

In other business, leaders voted to cut $125,000 of their annual $425,000 payment to the Baptist World Alliance in a dispute related to differences with church moderates.

Alligator kills 12-year-old boy in Florida

TAVARES, Fla. (AP) — A 10-foot alligator attacked and killed a 12-year-old boy who was swimming near a marina in central Florida, police said.

Brian Griffin was pulled under the dark water Wednesday, minutes after two friends spotted alligators and screamed for him to get out of the Dead River where they had been swimming, witnesses said.

Deputies and witnesses saw the alligator surface at least once with the boy in his jaws, but the animal quickly disappeared across the river, the Orlando Sentinel reported in a story for today editions.

The boy was under for at least 25 minutes before a sheriff's helicopter spotted him and dropped a buoy to guide deputies, who pulled him up. The boy was pronounced dead Wednesday night at Leesburg Regional Medical Center, deputies said.

"We saw gators all day," said 14-year-old Justin VanGorder, who said he was swimming with Brian. "Every time we saw them, we would get out of the water."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 20, 2003

Chances are the course you select to follow in the year ahead will prove to be a far wiser one than those you have chosen in the past. You might be able to fulfill an ambitious effort that could put you onto a successful course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Instead of half-heartedly trying to please someone who doesn't appreciate it anyway, spend your time and efforts gratifying your own personal interests. At least you'll have a productive day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Occasionally, it can be wise to take some quality time to think things through that have been bothering you in order to regroup your forces and start anew. Today could be that day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Keeping an eye on the future could help you to begin extending your present efforts more effectively into your future hopes and aspirations. It'll help you make tomorrow count.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Your words could carry more weight than usual today, so make certain that what you say in front of others leaves the exact impression you want to make. It'll be a lasting one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It would behoove you today to devote more time to mental projects than to those that are essentially of a physical nature. Your mind is mightier and stronger than your back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't just keep thinking about things you'd like to change, do something about them today. Take positive measures to alter those situations or projects you know can be improved upon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It could be to your ultimate benefit to listen attentively to the suggestions of others with whom you share a joint interest. Someone's thoughts could be worth trying and may prove beneficial.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — What you begin today has excellent chances to succeed, so it might be a great time to start that diet or exercise program you've wanted to get into. This time you might reach your goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Associate with friends today who are upbeat and think positive, because it will have a pronounced effect on your outlook and attitude for the rest of the week.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Things that you couldn't get to previously can be easily taken care of today, so don't waste this day on insignificant projects or activities. Use it to clear up important matters.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Someone who has come through for you in a number of ways in the past is deserving of compliments. Show your appreciation today by acknowledging and praising his or her efforts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you're in need of going shopping for some special items, today might be the time to do so. You're apt to have a better eye for bargains at this time than you will tomorrow.

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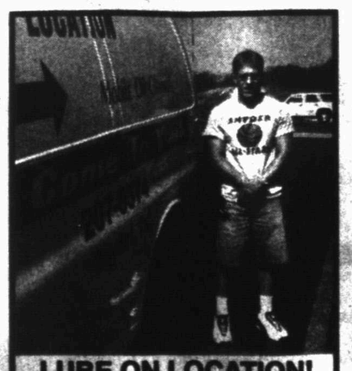

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TXU Gas Company (the "Company"), in accordance with the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged to all of the customers served by the Company in the incorporated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will impact all classes of service and all fees and charges presently being assessed by the Company on its transmission and distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are expected to approximately produce a $69,524,311 or a 7.24 percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from customers in the System. The proposed change will affect approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial, and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differing impacts on individual customers, depending on consumption and current applicable rate schedules. The proposed changes in rates will not become effective for environs customers until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential customer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approximately $41.69, which would constitute an average increase of approximately $3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A commercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of approximately $173.04, which would constitute an average increase of approximately $13.91 per month or a 8.7% increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and services for industrial sales and transportation customers, which may be significant for individual customers, will vary depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed change would constitute an increase of $0.00 or a 0% increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23, 2003, is available for inspection in the Company business office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201. Persons with specific area questions or who want information about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected persons located outside of the city limits of a municipality served by the Company may file written comments or protest concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed rates become effective on June 27, 2003.

Este es un aviso para informar a los clientes de TXU Gas Company (la "Compañía") que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectara a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado de Texas. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a TXU Gas Company al 1-800-460-3030.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Mexico expected to deport fugitive heir

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico (AP) — U.S. authorities said today that they expect Mexico to quickly deport cosmetics heir Andrew Luster back to California, where his lawyer plans to appeal his rape conviction under a technicality that was to expire in days.

Mexican police arrested Luster, an heir to the Max Factor fortune, on Wednesday after he scuffled with bounty hunters in the beach resort of Puerto Vallarta.

The police also arrested three bounty hunters, another American and a cameraman reportedly from the "America's Most Wanted" television series. Mexican officials said Luster could be deported within hours if he lacked the proper visa for his stay in the country. But if he had the right documents, he could fight extradition, a process that could last months.

The FBI expects Luster's prompt return to the United States. "It could take from a few hours to a few days," a spokesman, Matt Mclaughlin, told "The Early Show" on CBS.

A California court dismissed Luster's appeal because he was a fugitive, but defense lawyer, Roger Diamond, said the deadline to challenge that decision is Friday.

"Ironically, if he comes back he can pursue the appeal," the lawyer told "The Today Show" on NBC. "If he remained a fugitive a few months longer he could not pursue the appeal."

Luster, was staying at a $34-a-night hotel beside a police station in Puerto Vallarta and had just ordered tacos at a street stall when bounty hunters tackled him.

The bounty hunters face potential charges of kidnapping in Mexico.

Diamond, who expects Luster to be transferred to federal court in San Diego or Los Angeles within days, says his client has always insisted he is innocent and that he had consensual sex with the women.

"If you saw the movie 'The Fugitive' ... you will note that not everybody who flees is guilty," Diamond told NBC.

In January, a California court convicted and sentenced Luster in absentia to 124 years for multiple counts of rape, poisoning and drug possession a few days after he vanished during a recess in the trial, despite posting $1 million in bail.

AF will not court-martial 2 F-16 pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force has decided not to court-martial the two pilots who mistakenly bombed Canadian troops in Afghanistan last year, killing four, a senior defense official said today.

The pilots, Maj. Harry Schmidt and Maj. William Umbach, had been charged with involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and dereliction of duty and faced up to 64 years in prison if convicted in a court-martial.

Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, the 8th Air Force commander who reviewed the case, decided that both pilots should receive non-judicial punishment but not face criminal prosecution, according an official familiar with the decision. The official spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Carlson also recommended that Schmidt, who released the bomb from the F-16 fighter, should face a flight evaluation board, which could decide to restrict or end his flying career, the official said.

The case had been closely watched in Canada, where many were outraged by the bombing and the two days it took President Bush to publicly apologize. The bomb also wounded eight other Canadians.

The Air Force has told relatives of the victims that Carlson's decision would be released this afternoon, said Dick Murthe, a lawyer who represents the family of Pvt. Richard Green, one of those killed in the April 17, 2002, bombing near Kandahar.

An Air Force judge who presided over a military hearing in January recommended that all criminal charges against the pilots be dropped. Col. Patrick Rosenow said Schmidt and Umbach should face internal Air Force discipline, not a criminal trial.

Carlson is not bound by Rosenow's recommendation.

The bombing killed Green, Cpl. Ainsworth Dyer, Sgt. Marc Leger, and Pvt. Nathan Smith. They were the first Canadians to die in combat since the Korean War.

A joint U.S.-Canadian investigation concluded the two pilots were at fault. The head of the probe said the men showed "reckless disregard" for standing orders against attacking, ignored briefings about allied troop locations and should have simply flown their F-16s out of the area.

Schmidt, 37, who dropped the bomb, blamed the "fog of war" and said he believed he and Umbach, 44, had been ambushed. Defense attorneys also suggested Air Force-issued amphetamines had clouded the pilots' judgment.

The pilots said they were never told the Canadians would be conducting live-ammunition exercises that night. Schmidt, who dropped the bomb, said he believed the jet had been ambushed by Taliban forces.

The pilots were returning from a 10-hour patrol, at more than 15,000 feet, when they spotted surface-to-air fire.

Snyder officers respond to fight reports

•Fight, arrest

Just before 8 p.m. Wednesday, officers responded to a report of a fight at 25th Street and Ave. L.

The caller reported that the subjects had left in two vehicles chasing each other and headed toward the square. At 8:03 p.m., dispatchers received a call from the 3200 Block of Ave. R, but the caller hung up without giving further information.

Three units responded and the caller said he had given the wrong address, but an officer reported that the caller had been assaulted by three individuals. The victim requested that officers contact the assailants to advise them not to return to the residence.

Dispatchers received a third call at 8:41 p.m. from the 2500 Block of 26th Street. Three units again responded and a 26-year-old man who was reportedly involved in the altercation was arrested for public intoxication.

•Family disturbance

At 9:34 a.m. Wednesday, a son called to report that his parents were fighting. Police made contact with the parents and were advised there was no assault, only a verbal disagreement.

At 6:42 p.m. Wednesday, a woman requested an officer in reference to child custody issues. The man reported that he had been assaulted prior to the officer's arrival. An offense report was submitted for family violence.

At 8:35 p.m., a woman called to request that authorities make contact with her estranged husband and request that he stop harassing her.

At 10:10 p.m., a woman in the 3900 Block of Eastridge called to report that her husband was causing a disturbance and had pushed her 13-year-old son. The woman left the residence for the evening and officers filed an offense report for family violence.

At 10:28 p.m. Wednesday, a woman in the 2900 Block of 42nd Street asked that officers contact a subject to request an end to harassing telephone calls.

•Shots fired

At 10:16 p.m., officers responded to the 3700 Block of Ave V. where a woman reported shots had been fired at her residence. Officers reported finding evidence in the yard and the incident remains under investigation.

•Burglary

Brandy Rodriguez, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 6B8, reported someone breaking into her apartment while she was out of town. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

•Theft

Dan Massaro called to report that previous tenants had taken carpet out of a rent house at 3002 38th Street. The caller advised that it was a civil matter and of the proper steps to take.

Bill Lockhart at 2805 26th Street reported a theft of a lawnmower from that address. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

•Criminal mischief

Martha Sanchez, manager of the College Ave. Dairy Queen, reported that someone, perhaps a former employee, had rearranged letters on the firm's sign. A close patrol was initiated.

Pam Robertson reported that her mailbox at 4671 CR 132 had been destroyed.

Christy Bias called to report seeing three juveniles vandalizing equipment at the Kiddie Park. Officers made contact with the subjects and found that no damage had occurred.

•Fuel drive off

Two reports of gas drive offs were reported. The first was in the amount of $6.02 from Town and Country North. The second was at Town and Country East, totaling $20.15.

•Window peeper

A woman in the 2200 Block of Sunset reported two subjects that left in an SUV had been looking through her window. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate.

•Fire

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, firefighters responded to a small hay fire at Scurry County Gin on the Lamesa Highway.

Also Wednesday, the fire department was advised of controlled burns at 4500 College, 1200 Huffman and 7869 Roundtop Road.

Obituaries

Eris Rasor

1924-2003

ABILENE — Eris "Tootsie" Rasor, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, June 18, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside service for Mrs. Rasor, 78, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Mount Hope Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Walton officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Born July 7, 1924 in Scurry County, she married Clealen "Ross" Rasor on June 6, 1974 in Colorado City. He died in 2002.

A homemaker and a Baptist, Mrs. Rasor moved from Waco to Abilene in 1999.

She also, was preceded in death by her parents, John and Dessie Pearl (Bird) Woodard.

Survivors include a daughter Nancy Newman of Abilene; three sons, Kenneth Rasor of Flower Mound, Kenneth Crowder of Elgin and Mike Rasor of Irving; a brother, Rex Woodard of Weatherford; two sisters, Muriel Grubbs of Sweetwater and Letha Merritt of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Mayor won't ride in Juneteenth parade

HOUSTON (AP) — With celebrations scheduled across the state and nation on what many blacks say is their real Independence Day, some add that it's marred by a Southeast Texas mayor's refusal to ride in a Juneteenth parade.

Hempstead Mayor Hayden Barry says he will not participate in Thursday's event. Some residents of the predominantly black Waller County seat accuse the white mayor of racism. They add that reports of city neglect at two predominantly black cemeteries also indicate disrespect for their community about 40 miles northwest of Houston.

Barry, 42, responds that he doesn't ride in parades and avoids other such appearances, contending that he is not a politician.

"I didn't think he was that type of person," Floyd Randle, a black resident of nearby Brenham who owns a restaurant in Hempstead, told the Houston Chronicle. "He's the mayor. That's what they do: public appearances."

Dozens of residents crowded into a City Council meeting this week for an update on the nearly two-month-long title investigation ordered to determine ownership of Houston and Oakwood cemeteries. Black residents contend that the city owns the cemeteries and must care for them as it does two so-called "white" cemeteries that are city-owned.

After being told that the title investigation is still incomplete, they stormed out of the council meeting amid shouts of "We're tired of it" and "We're not being heard." Barry was criticized for the delay and told about the historic significance behind the black holiday.

Juneteenth, commemorating the date in 1865 when Union soldiers landed at Galveston Island with news that the Civil War had ended and slaves were free, is observed in at least 200 cities nationwide.

Campbell to be in Snyder on Friday

State Rep. Scott Campbell (R-San Angelo) will be in Snyder Friday for a public forum at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Hosted by Operation Stars and Stripes, Rep. Campbell will address the public from 10-11 a.m.

Rep. Campbell has recently completed his freshman legislative session where he served as the vice chairman of the defense affairs and state-federal relations committee.

Rep. Campbell will discuss the results of the recent legislative session and the upcoming special session that will get underway June 30.

Vicki Shroyer has arranged the session and forms will be available for joining Operation Stars and Stripes and also the Citizens Corp.

A donation can be made at the door to fund the project.

More information can be obtained by calling 573-1419.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/20	Sat 6/21	Sun 6/22
90/67	96/71	97/71
Mostly sunny skies. High near 90F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Windy with a possible thunderstorm.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM

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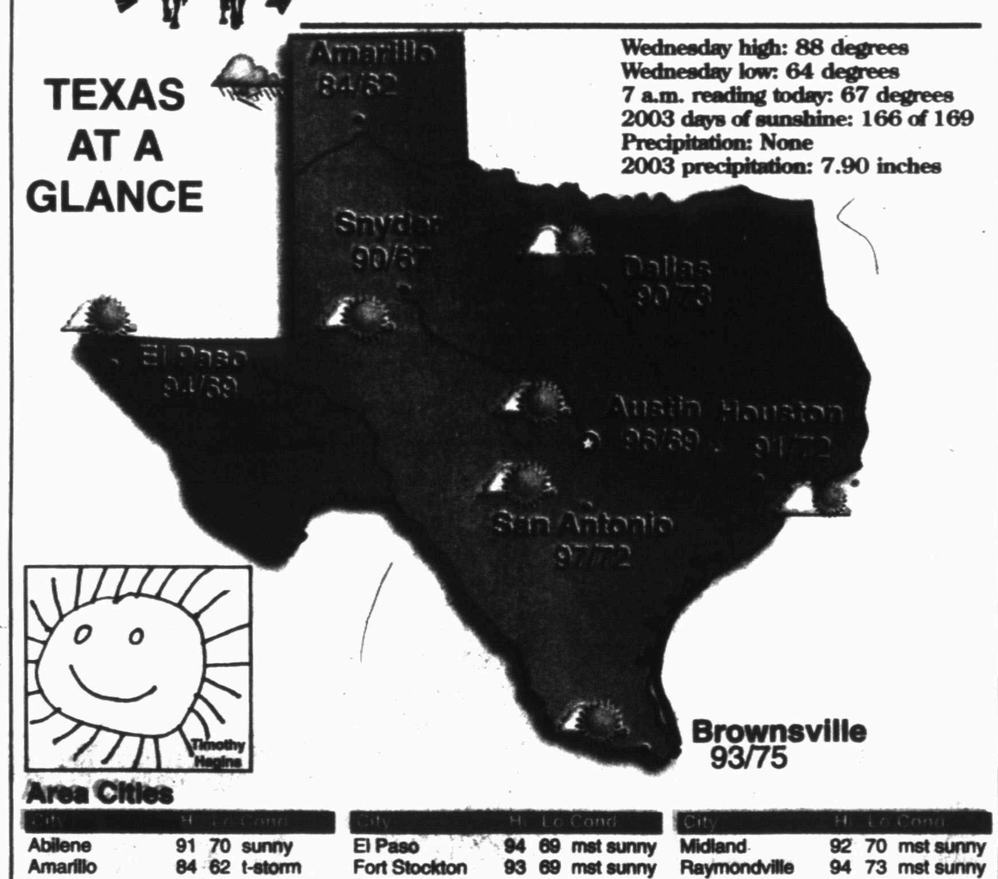
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday high: 88 degrees
Wednesday low: 64 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 67 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 166 of 169
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 7.90 inches



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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	91	70	sunny	El Paso	94	69	mst sunny	Midland	92	70	mst sunny
Amarillo	84	62	t-storm	Fort Stockton	93	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	73	mst sunny
Austin	96	69	mst sunny	Gainesville	88	68	mst sunny	Rosenberg	92	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	89	71	t-storm	Greenville	88	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	97	72	mst sunny
Brownsville	93	75	mst sunny	Houston	91	72	pt sunny	San Marcos	96	70	mst sunny
Brownwood	93	69	mst sunny	Kingsville	94	71	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	88	68	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	74	pt sunny	Livingston	95	68	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	68	mst sunny
Corsicana	94	70	pt sunny	Longview	88	67	pt sunny	Tyler	89	70	pt sunny
Dallas	90	73	pt sunny	Lubbock	88	66	t-storm	Weatherford	89	68	mst sunny
Del Rio	97	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	69	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	92	68	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	82	60	pt sunny	Houston	91	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	101	76	sunny
Boston	65	58	rain	Los Angeles	67	57	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	53	windy
Chicago	72	51	sunny	Miami	86	77	t-storm	Seattle	61	48	rain
Dallas	90	73	pt sunny	Minneapolis	84	61	sunny	St. Louis	79	59	mst sunny
Denver	81	56	t-storm	New York	68	58	rain	Washington, DC	71	63	t-storm

Moon Phases

Full	Last	New	First
Jun 14	Jun 21	Jun 29	Jul 7

UV Index

Fri 6/20	Sat 6/21	Sun 6/22
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

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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