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Home of Ila Ruth Newton

LIGHTNING STRIKE – This tree in the yard of Rex Robinson, 2509 35th Street, was struck during an early-morning thunderstorm that dumped heavy rains on Scurry County. By 7 a.m., three-quarters of an inch was reported in Snyder and rains continued to fall during the morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rainfall varies, but generally good for crops

3.5 inches recorded near Price Daniel Unit

Unless you were a farmer with cut hay on the ground or one getting ready to harvest wheat, this morning's rains brought a smile.

"Generally speaking, we were needing a rain," said Joe Hefner with the Farm Service Agency in Scurry County.

Hefner estimates that 55,000 row acres of cotton, or an estimated 95,000 ground acres, have been planted, and most of it got a late start since spring rains didn't come until the end of May. He added that a lot of the dry-planted cotton had to be replanted when the rains did occur.

"This is just what we needed," Hefner added. "Unless it blew real hard or had hail with it."

Measurements varied across the county. The storm moved into the Snyder area from the southwest just about 6 a.m. and in less than an hour .75 of an inch was recorded at the city's water treatment plant. Another .6 of an inch was gauged by mid-morning, bringing the day's total in Snyder to 1.35 inches.

The heaviest rainfall was reported east of Snyder in the area of the Price Daniel unit. John Zalman Jr. reported 3.4 inches and water was standing in area fields.

Billy Haynes at Hermleigh reported two inches.

Ray Courtney, northwest of Snyder just off the Polar Road, reported 1.2 of an inch and Farmer's Coop Gin east of Snyder on the Roby highway had 1.5 inches. West of Snyder Kent Holmes received .9 of an inch and Joe Landrum at Fluvanna recorded .8 of an inch.

A half inch was reported at the Koonsman Ranch east of Snyder, at Dunn and Ira and also at Lake J.B. Thomas southwest of Snyder.

At Camp Springs and at Union, the reported rainfall was .3 and Jerry House, who lives just north of Snyder, reported only a shower.

At Western Texas College, underground wires got wet, apparently causing a power outage. Staffers were sent home for the remainder of the day.

Judy Suggs with Oncor said a crew was on the scene and a "thumper truck" used to detect the underground fault was en route from Midland.

Cogdell Hospital must change fourth floor to assisted living

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning approved the license change recommended by the administration from a 99-bed facility to 50 beds.

Cogdell CEO George Parsley told the board that the hospital doesn't even have 50 beds and that the change will bring CMH into compliance.

"If the state health department came in and asked to see our 99 beds, we couldn't show them to them because we don't have them," he said.

The fewer number of beds also will allow the hospital to receive the maximum reimbursement from Medicare for the Rural Health Clinic.

Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of staff, told the board that the change would not hinder the staff. "We are a 49-bed hospital, not a 99-bed hospital," he said.

Another consideration in lowering the number of beds, Parsley said, is changes in how the fourth floor is run at the hospital.

The floor currently is reserved for long-term care, but the beds are classified as custodial beds.

"We can't continue to operate custodial beds," Parsley said. "We must change to long-term care or assisted living and I would recommend the latter. We can apply for an assisted living license and move in that direction with very little changes necessary."

The CEO said smoke detectors would be added to each room under the assisted living plan and also added that the hospital could see increased revenue from providing additional services to the assisted living residents.

Board Chairman Carl Williams excused himself from the discussion because his mother resides on the fourth floor.

The motion to apply for assisted living and to change the number of beds was unanimously passed.

Several reports and the monthly financial statements also were approved. All board members were present.

Only two clerical jobs cut at prison

The bad news was not as severe as expected.

Only two clerical positions at the Price Daniel unit were eliminated as a result of state budget cuts.

Senior Warden Wilhelmenia Howard said Wednesday afternoon that information obtained at a warden's meeting Tuesday in Wichita Falls impacted two staff positions here.

One mail room clerk and one disciplinary clerk positions were eliminated. State-wide, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is reducing its work force an estimated 1,500. No security positions are being eliminated.

It was also learned yesterday that Snyder will continue to be the location of the regional Windham School District office, but the regional staff will scale down from eight to four. The regional office to be eliminated is in Huntsville.

Price Daniel has been without a chaplain for more than a year, but Warden Howard said she had no information on the chaplaincy program.

Larry Todd of TDCJ said that any affected personnel would be given consideration — close to home as possible — for any available security positions. Currently, the agency is 2,000 short of needed correctional officers.

Three staffers — two instructors and a secretary — were eliminated from the Windham staff. Statewide, 169 teacher positions were cut.

Court strikes down Texas sodomy law

By The Associated Press

Gay men and lesbians reacted with relief and triumph today after the Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that bans gay sex acts even in private.

Gay-rights activists, who regarded the anti-sodomy statute challenge as one of their most important legal cases in decades, said the high court's ruling would have a far-reaching impact in guaranteeing equal rights for homosexuals.

"This is historic," said Kate Kendall, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights. "There is not a gay person in this country who has not lived their entire life under the yoke of these laws existing somewhere."

The 6-3 decision came in a case brought by two men who in 1998 were charged with breaking Texas' Homosexual Conduct Law. They were jailed overnight and ordered to pay $200 fines after police, responding to a false armed intruder complaint, discovered them having sex in their bedroom.

Though seldom enforced by police, the Texas law and similar provisions in a dozen other states are sometimes invoked by judges to deny homosexuals legal custody of their children, equal employment guarantees and other civil rights.

"It absolutely signals an entirely changed landscape," Kendall said. "It's impossible to be considered a full and equal citizen if you're a criminal in 13 states."

Budget cuts offset by enrollment gain

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

State budget cuts and reductions in appropriated funds will impact Western Texas College to the tune 4.7 percent less over the next biennium — but it could have been worse.

WTC has seen an increase in enrollment and contact hours are up 28.3 percent over the last year.

WTC is second in growth among all Texas community colleges only to Weatherford College.

Dr. Greg Williams, president, said the decrease in funding would be have been drastically worse if the college's enrollment had not increased.

"We actually would have had an increase in funding this cycle if it weren't for the 12 percent we had to repay for the hold-harmless funds the college received two years ago," Dr. Williams said. "But we're not complaining. WTC needed that money then and was fortunate to have it. We're glad we're in a better position now to repay that and move on."

The decrease in funding presents several challenges for WTC. The administration must deal with an increased student population with less money, Dr. Williams said.

"That's why we're being innovative and aggressive out here," he said. "We're moving forward and growing so in the next budget cycle, hopefully we can be on the positive side."

Some area community college fared worse than WTC. Howard College in Big Spring faces an almost 12 percent funding cut, while Ranger College's appropriations dropped 10 percent.

Weatherford College on the other hand, will enjoy a 35 percent increase in state funding.

"We were second in growth in the entire state and we're very proud of that," Dr. Williams said. "But it's also going to be more difficult for us. We're going to have to add one or two new faculty members and our salaries already aren't competitive.

"Usually, when you get a bump in enrollment you get extra state money and you can try to catch up in those areas, but these decreases aren't allowing us to do that."

The president said there are brighter days ahead and also that everyone at the college is focused on the brighter side of things.

"We expect to see more record growth in the coming year and that will help us in the next budget cycle," he said. "We've got good sports programs, a great rodeo team and our drama department is always strong and those types of things help to bring students in."

The Talent Search and Upward Bound programs also will attract a diversified student body to campus, the president said.

ASK US

Q—Has the ambulance service always been under the county?

A—No. Prior to the shared-services agreement written 10 years ago, it was contracted out by the City of Snyder.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Theresa Conner...

...has managed the Snyder area engineer's office for TxDOT for six years of her 13 years in Snyder. Her husband, Ray, is a sales representative for Redman Pipe and Supply. They have two sons, Heath, 19, and Jesse, 12. Theresa likes to follow her sons' sports activities, especially baseball, and she also enjoys dancing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be bold in what you stand for and careful what you fall for.

—Ruth Boorstin

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine

The handiwork of our legislators is beginning to trickle through the state and people are finding themselves without jobs or with less money to perform their duties.

It's an unfortunate circumstance of poor planning and even poorer spending by the folks we've elected to office in recent years.

We common folk often complain about our leaders and the spending habits that seem to come with office, but it can be difficult to point out tangible examples of overdoing it.

We know now they do exist.

While traveling to Houston for a convention last week, we got a first-hand look at one of the most overdone facilities we've ever seen.

Between San Antonio and Houston on Interstate 10, everyone in the car agreed it was time for a pit stop and we eyeballed a sign for a rest area a few miles ahead.

We've stopped at more of these roadside places than we can remember, but the *Colorado County Safety Rest Area* is hard to forget.

We thought for a fleeting moment that we'd taken the wrong exit and were pulling up to a museum or professionally manicured office building.

The red-brick structures — one on each side of the highway — are architectural marvels with several air-conditioned rooms each and numerous paved paths leading to surrounding picnic tables with their own bricked enclosures.

The structures are perfectly aligned across the interstate and ornate tile mosaics on the ceilings of rotundas on both sides depict an imaginary bridge crossing the wide highway.

We'll admit the rest area is an impressive place and pleasing to the eye, but we couldn't help but wonder as we walked around checking the place out, why it is necessary.

We don't know the cost of construction, but we'd bet it was easily several million dollars.

It's no wonder state employees are losing their jobs and low-income children are losing their insurance.

It's no wonder our state is in the red and cutting much-needed programs and important aid to folks who need it.

For a look at the behemoth project, just type its name into any search engine on the Internet.

Texas has great highways and we've always appreciated that. We've driven lots of miles outside the state when we wished we were home again. We enjoy good roads and safe travel and Texas provides both very well.

The highway department — like most other state agencies — probably needs more money than it gets, but a multi-million pit stop isn't how the funds it does get should be spent.

This is just one example of overdoing it and in no way reflects how things are done in our part of the world.

The local branch of the highway department is currently ahead of schedule on a bridge that will save lives at a dangerous intersection and work will soon begin to improve College Ave.

We guess the big city boys get a bigger bite of the budget to spend — and in this case, blow on a roadside rest area.

Spending that kind of dough on a pit stop like this one is, well — the pits.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh is hosting Vacation Bible School daily through Friday from 5:30-7:40 p.m. For more information, call 863-2305.

The Light to sing here

The Light will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday at East Side Church of Christ. The Light features six ACU students including Matt Coronado, a music major who graduated from Snyder High School in 2001.

WTC reunion

A reunion of students of Western Texas College for the years 1971-73 will be held Friday and Saturday. 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.

Fluvanna Baptist special speakers

Fluvanna Baptist Church will have Dr. Kent Brooks and children's book author Mike Daniels speak at services at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Calvary Baptist patriotic service

Calvary Baptist Church, 2403 35th Street, will Celebrate America at its 10:15 a.m. service Sunday. Featured will be the Honor Guard from Dyess Air Force Base, followed by the presentation of *America* by the adult choir. Special music also will be provided by the Calvary Baptist Men's Group.

Brisket dinner

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

God and Country Service

Scurry County's annual God and Country Service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

First Baptist concert

The Continental Singers will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at the First Baptist Church, 1701 27th St. The admission is free.

GED registration, test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the TED test will be Wednesday 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. next Thursday. 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.

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.

Nurses aide class

A certified nurses aide class will be held from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from July 5 through Aug. 9. A mandatory orientation will be held Thursday, July 3, at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Tuition is free and books may be purchased at WTC. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 573-2426.

WTC holiday notice

Offices at Western Texas College will be closed Monday, July 7, in observance of the July 4 holiday. However, night classes will still be held.

SHS 1967-68 reunion

Snyder High School classes of 1967 and 1968 will have a class reunion July 5 at Jack Greene's park starting at 7 p.m. Barbecue and music will be provided. Cost is $15 per person and those attending are asked to bring lawn chairs or blankets. RSVP by June 25. Contact Gina Rhodes at 573-2400, or Janet Lay at Janetlay@remax.net.

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.

SHS football program ads

Advertisements are now being sold for the 2003 football program. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad can call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

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.

Cancer treatment transportation

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

Ex-Boeing managers charged

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal prosecutors charged two former Boeing managers with conspiring to steal trade secrets from competitor Lockheed Martin to help their company win an Air Force rocket contract.

Kenneth Branch, 64, and William Erskine, 43, were charged with conspiracy, theft of trade secrets and violating fer'eral procurement integrity laws, according to documents filed late Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles.

The action follows a federal lawsuit Lockheed Martin filed earlier this month against Boeing, the two managers and another former employee.

Both complaints charge that Branch, a former Lockheed employee, gave Boeing thousands of pages of documents that included financial details on Lockheed's planned bid for the $1.88 billion contract.

The deal, part of the Air Force's Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle Program, was divided between the two companies in 1999. But Boeing was eventually awarded 21 rocket launches, while Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed, the nation's largest defense contractor, received seven.

Comedy to open at Ritz

You Can't Take It With You will open at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Ritz Community Theatre. The wacky comedy by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart will continue at 7:30 Saturday night and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Tanner Beard is directing the independent play and Corey Knipe is the producer.

Tickets are $7 each. For groups of 10 or more each ticket will cost $5 each. Tickets for students and seniors for the Sunday matinee will be $5 each.

Tickets may be purchased at the box office from 2-5 p.m.

The cast of *You Can't Take It With You* includes Rhonda Welch who will portray Mrs. Kirby. Others are Cole Welch, Tony; Clark Reed, Ed; Richard Hester, Martin Vanderhof; Caleb Durham, Mr. DePinna; Rachel Cave, Alice; Beth Bowen, Penny Sycamore; Amanda Mitchell, Essie; Ryne Trout, Henderson; Laura Hester, Rheba; Kaci Aldridge, Gay; Corey Taylor, Donald/Mae; Corey Knipe, Boris; and Tanner Beard, Mrs. Kirby.

Behind the scene workers include Justin Cox, production manager; Jerry Ashley, construction foreman; Jeff Stanfield, stage manager; Blake Robertson, production assistant and house manager.

Frank Capra directed a movie version of *You Can't Take It With You* in 1938 and a television adaptation aired in 1979.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU — *You Can't Take It With You* opens at 7:30 Friday night at the Ritz Theatre. Pictured in this scene are Caleb Durham, foreground, and from left in back, Richard Hester, Corey Knipe, Rebekah Thornton and Beth Bowen. (Contributed Photo)

Four-year-old...

Boy dies from being overheated

AUSTIN (AP) — A Central Texas boy has died after becoming overheated in a family car parked in the driveway of his home, law officers say.

The 4-year-old boy's death Wednesday was the second time in a week that an Austin area child has died of injuries apparently related to heat.

The latest victim was pronounced dead at 7:40 p.m. Wednesday, about an hour after family members found him overheated and unresponsive in the car outside their eastern Travis County home, a half-mile from the Bastrop County line.

Emergency medical technicians tried unsuccessfully to revive the boy.

"The family is very, very distraught right now," Travis County sheriff's office spokesman Roger Wade told the Austin American-Statesman. "We're working with them through our victim's services officers, trying to find out what happened."

The temperature at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was 94 degrees, with a heat index of 102 degrees, when emergency workers received the call at 6:45 p.m., according to the National Weather Service.

Wade said an autopsy was scheduled this morning, with results expected by this afternoon.

Sheriff's detectives, Child Protective Services officials and the Travis County medical examiner's office were investigating apparent heat-related injuries to the child, whose name was not released, Wade said.

But he said the death doesn't appear to be similar to fatal injuries June 19 to 2-year-old Chloe Abbott, who was left in an sport-utility vehicle outside a South Austin day-care center for at least three hours.

Chloe's death was still under investigation, with no charges yet filed.

The latest death was the 12th this year nationwide and the third in Texas, according to statistics compiled by 4 R Kids Sake, a nonprofit organization in California.

Today's chuckle

High school and college rings returned

OCONOMOWOC, Wis. (AP) — Tom Snyder lost his high school and college class rings. Today, more than 50 years later, he has both of them back.

His high school class ring was found by Jean Neumann, who now lives in a house the Snyder family once called home. Neumann was cleaning some cabinets when the ring, with the initials "TS," came tumbling down.

Lori Foy was moving earth in her back yard when she found Snyder's class ring from the University of Notre Dame.

"I was digging and loosening up the dirt when I heard this clank sound, like I hit metal," said Foy, who also lives in a house once occupied by the Snyder family.

Foy cleaned the ring and saw the initials "TS" and "1951" inscribed. She knew Snyder and his connection to her home, so she didn't have a hard time figuring out who the ring belonged to. She and a friend gave Snyder a call.

"I was sleeping...so I said I would come over the next day, but they insisted it had to be now," Snyder said.

He's taken both rings to a jeweler to be resized.

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Rate cut may be last one for awhile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve's first short-term interest rate cut of this year could turn out to be its last bracing tonic if the economy's vital signs — which the Fed says already are improving — get even stronger in the coming months.

The Fed's main lever for influencing the economy's health — the federal funds rate — was lowered by a quarter percentage point Wednesday to 1 percent, a 45-year low.

The action marked the first reduction in the funds rate — the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans — since November and the 13th cut since January 2001, when the Fed's credit-easing campaign began.

"The committee judged that a slightly more expansive monetary policy would add further support for an economy which it expects to improve over time," Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues said in a statement.

Private economists are hopeful the economy will pick up more speed in the second half of this year, with some predicting a growth rate of around 4 percent. A new round of tax cuts signed into law by President Bush last month should help on that front, they said.

"If Fed policy-makers see signs of much better economic growth, this could well be the last interest-rate cut necessary," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Banc of America Capital Management.

The Fed's next meeting is Aug. 12. Reaser and other economists believe by that time, the economy will be stronger and that the Fed will hold the funds rate at its currently low level — although it wouldn't hesitate to cut the funds rate again should the economy take an unexpected turn for the worse.

Fed policy-makers seemed to strike a more positive tone than they had at their last meeting in May, economists said.

In its statement Wednesday, the Fed said there were a number of signs that the economy seemed to be firming, including gains in consumer spending, growth in payrolls and "markedly improved financial conditions," a reference to the advance in stock prices and the decline in interest rates.

Date Book

Thursday, June 26, 2003

Today is the 177th day of 2003 and the sixth day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1819, William Clarkson of New York City patented the bicycle. In those days, a bicycle was called a "curricle" or a "velocipede."

On this day in 1919, the first issue of the New York Daily News was published.

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he proudly proclaimed, "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lord Kelvin (1824-1907), mathematician and physicist; Pearl S. Buck (1892-1973), writer; Peter Lorre (1904-1964), actor; Claudio Abbado (1933-), conductor, is 70; Chris Isaak (1956-), musician and actor, is 47; Derek Jeter (1974-), baseball player, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, Swedish boxer Ingemar Johansson took the world heavyweight title from Floyd Patterson in the third round. He became only the fifth champ born outside the United States.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible — and achieve it, generation after generation." — Pearl S. Buck

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 21) and new moon (June 29).

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RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-13-21-42, Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: $10,681.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 14. Prize: $2,077.

Number matching four of five: 625. Prize: $100.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 518. Prize: $107.

Number matching three of five: 24,266. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,490. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,130. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $12 million.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS IN CONCERT — Piano students of Lynn Baldwin were presented in recital with a South Sea Island theme. Participating from left are (top photo), bottom row, Autumn Posey, Kagan Benham, both of Rotan; Scott Bankhead of Roscoe, Kobie Benham, Rotan; Brooke Hall, Haskell; middle row, Madison Black, Roscoe; Alyssa Black, Roscoe; Madison Feaster, Roscoe; Austin Owens of Snyder; top row, Heather Posey, Rotan; Frances Leighton, Snyder; Laura Bankhead, Roscoe; Carl Ramsey and Catherine Dolan, both of Colorado City; Kate Wallace, Gail; (bottom photo) bottom row, William Davis, Averey Wright, Courtney Pollard, Megan McWilliams, Justin Haggard, Elizabeth Davis, all of Snyder; middle row, Amanda Kerr, Jacob Kemp, Karissa Medina, Jordan Wright, Brodie Calley, Kailea Shaw, all of Snyder; top row, Emily Jones, Austin Owens, Glyn Wright, Brett Bowlin, Kelsey Shaw, Sydney Wright. Not pictured are Zach Greenlee, Lauren McCall and Sarah Taylor, Rotan; Nathan McCright, J.D., Joni Clay of Colorado City, Devin Davidson and Alix Rieser, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Piano students receive awards

Pupils, parents and guests celebrated the close of the year for Baldwin Studio of Music 2003 with a South Sea Island concert and luncheon on May 24 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. An award presentation and swim party followed.

Music awards went to:

International places awards, memory pieces with names of cities, countries, regions top two pupils—William Davis, 5; Kailea Shaw, 4.

Others include most memory measures: Autumn Posey, 830 for grades 1-6; Zach Greenlee: 1,806 for grades 7-12.

"M" Letters for 10,000 points earned during the year: all pupils received an "M" and new pupils get a black "M;" second year pupils get a blue "M."

High school credit if approved by their school: Joni Clay, Zach Greenlee.

Sight-reader of the Year: Heather Posey, 93 songs, Elizabeth David, 78 songs.

Jazz Boogie, most pieces: William Davis, 12; Autumn Posey, 10.

Patriotic/Hymns, most pieces: Glyn Wright, 7; Heather Posey, 5.

Duet Performers: Kagan and Kobie Benham tied with 125 duets.

Scales/Cadences: grades 1-6, Madison Black, 7; grades 7-12, Zach Greenlee, 15 major scales, 15 harmonic minor; 15 melodic scales, 15 natural minor scales; all four kinds of triads for the 15 scales.

Most progress: Kobie Benham, 10 books; Kagan Benham, 11 books.

Practice: grades 1-6, Devin Davidson; grades 7-12, Brodie Calley.

Whitlock Theory Medals with 90 or above: Karissa Medina, 93; Emily Jones, 93; Glyn Wright, 93.

Silver Medal: Averey Wright, 94; Lauren McCall, 95; Sydney Wright, 94; Brett Bowlin, 94.

Gold medal: Megan McWilliams, 101; Jordan Wright, 100; Courtney Pollard, 98.

National Piano Guild Auditions, held in Snyder: all students participated.

Piano Guild high school diploma: Zach Greenlee.

Paderewski Gold Medal for 10 years with National program: Zach Greenlee.

Greenlee also received a $200 Piano Guild Scholarship for earning his diploma and Padereswki Medal and finishing high school in three years.

Repertoire Class Awards: Monday Rep Class winners—Laura Bankhead, 1; Madison Black, 2; Scott Bankhead, 3; Tuesday Beginner Class—Autumn Posey, 1; Kagan Benham, 2; and Kobie Benham, 3.

Tuesday Rep Class—Catherine Dolan/J.D. Clay; Devin Davidson, 2; Carl Ramsey, 3; Wednesday Rep Class—Joni Clay, 1; Emily Jones, 2; Glyn Wright, 3; Thursday Rep Class—Karissa Medina, 1; Courtney Pollard, 2; Jordan Wright, 3; Friday Rep Class—Averey Wright, 1; Justin Haggard, 2; Megan McWilliams.

Pastorale Festival Certificates: each student; Gold Cups for superior in solo category—Brodie Calley, Zach Greenlee, Brooke Hall, Emily Jones, Jacob Kemp, Austin Owens, Kailea Shaw, Jordan Wright; and superior went to Kelsey Shaw.

Attaining All-State Musician at TCU were Emily Jones, Glyn Wright, Sydney Wright, Joni Clay, Courtney Pollard, Kelsey Shaw, Madison Feaster, Kobie Benham, Kagan Benham, Autumn Posey and Brodie Calley.

Jubilee Award, grades 1-6, Jacob Kemp with 31,900 points; Grand Jubilee, grades 1-6, Autumn Posey with 40,500 points; Jubilee Award, grades 7-12, Heather Posey with 46,400 points.

Mrs. Baldwin announced that piano and theory classes will begin again on Aug. 8 with a Dec. 5 Christmas program planned.

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.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

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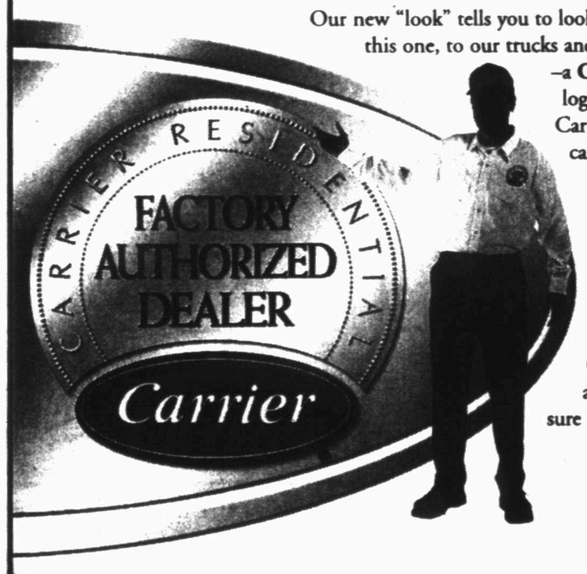

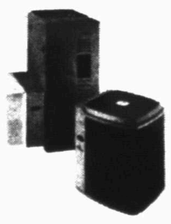

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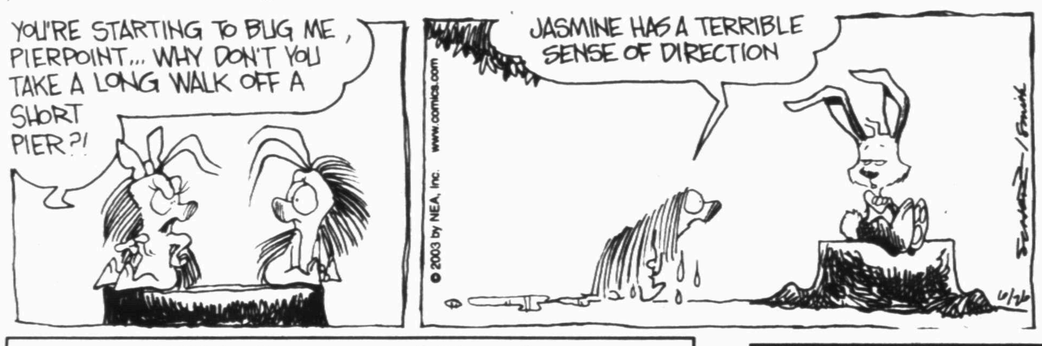

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6 Trades
11 Bailed out
12 Devastation
13 Stiff
15 Bogart's hat
16 Sidled
18 Omaha's st.
19 PC "brain"
21 Nutritious grain
22 Polite address
23 Humane org.
25 London's Old —
28 Smile upon
30 Frat letter
31 Retiree's kitty
32 Ga. neighbor
33 Kyoto sash
35 Pondered
37 9-digit ID
38 Borscht ingredient
40 Weight units
41 Wood residue
42 Before, to Byron
43 Sine — non
46 Harvest time
48 Sports prelims
50 Cartoon king
54 Fakir's faith
55 Colander
56 Harem head
57 Turf grabber

DOWN

1 Harsh cry
2 Brazilian port
3 Tokyo, formerly
4 Average sizes
5 Blissful spot
6 Snakes do it
7 Roll of bills
8 Cosmetics brand
9 Skin detail
10 Injury result
14 Sgts. and Cpls.
15 Retrieve
17 Merriest
19 Telephones
20 Song of joy
22 Execs' degrees
24 Draw a bead on
25 Glare protector
26 Ms. Dunne of films
27 Louts
29 Weep loudly
34 Suitors
36 Kitchen item
39 Heavy sound
43 Swab brand (hyph.)
44 Big Dipper bear
45 Has a fever
46 — mater
47 File label, maybe
49 Sigh of content
51 Maiden-name indicator
52 Role for Madonna
53 Up till now

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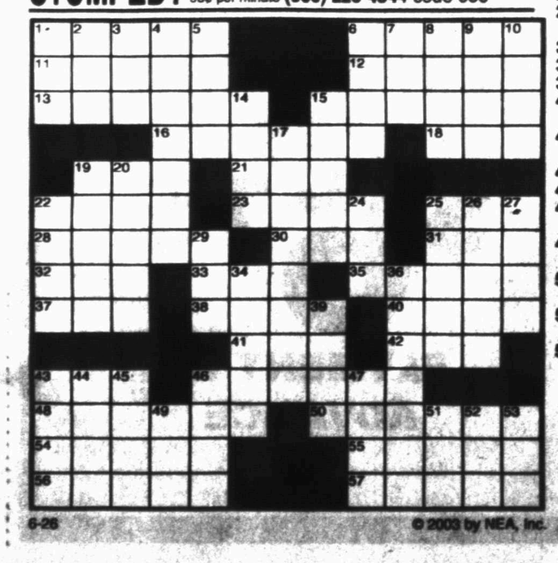

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SPORTS

NBA draft starts with top three set

NEW YORK (AP) — The fun starts at No. 4 in the NBA draft, with all eyes focused on the Toronto Raptors and the Miami Heat to see whether they'll stand pat, trade down or swap picks with each other.

The draft begins at 6:30 p.m., but it might not be all that interesting right away.

The first three picks are all but set in stone: Cleveland taking high school phenom LeBron James at No. 1, Detroit choosing Serbian 7-footer Darko Milicic at No. 2, and Denver selecting Syracuse freshman Carmelo Anthony at No. 3.

Then, who knows?

"I think there are going to be a lot of trades," Marquette junior Dwyane Wade said Wednesday, "From (picks) four to 13, they don't know what they want to do yet."

Last year's draft unfolded slowly, but before the night was over there were 11 trades made — six of them involving first-round picks from the 16th slot to No. 29.

There were seven draft-night trades two years ago, the biggest of which sent Elton Brand from Chicago to the Clippers for Tyson Chandler. A year earlier, there were eight deals.

One of the most lopsided draft night deals in recent history came in 1998 when the Dallas Mavericks sent the sixth pick, Robert Traylor, to Milwaukee for the rights to the ninth and 19th picks — Dirk Nowitzki and Pat Garrity.

Detroit owns the No. 2 pick because of a horrible deal made six years ago by NBA vice president Stu Jackson when he was general manager of the Grizzlies, sending a future first-rounder to the Pistons for veteran Otis Thorpe, who spent only a half-season in Vancouver.

Toronto general manager Glen Grunwald has been entertaining offers that would help him revamp his roster following a disappointing 24-58 season.

"I'm happy to stay at four," Grunwald said, "but we have a couple of holes to fill and there might be another way to do it."

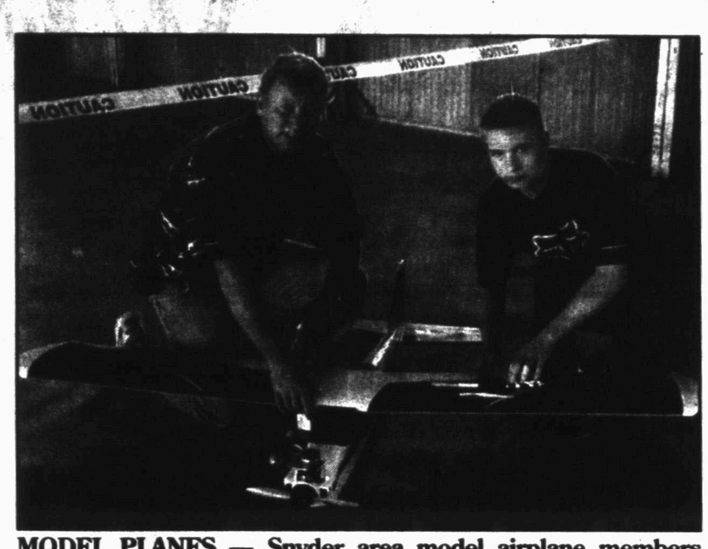
Georgia Tech forward Chris Bosh and Texas point guard T.J. Ford are among the Raptors' top choices if they keep the pick, and the Miami Heat will choose fifth.

The Los Angeles Clippers select sixth, followed by the Chicago Bulls, Milwaukee Bucks, New York Knicks and Washington Wizards.

Picks 11-15 belong to Golden State, Seattle, Memphis, Seattle and Orlando.

By the time the second round ends with the 58th pick, James' post-draft party should be in full swing.

Looking ahead to the moment when he steps onstage and shakes the hand of commissioner David Stern, James said it will be the most significant night of his career — the moment he knew he was moving toward even before he finished his junior year of high school.



MODEL PLANES — Snyder area model airplane members Greg and Nathan Graves participated in the Winston Field Fly-in last Saturday, displaying their Thunder Tiger N60. Members of the club showed their planes for education, development and promotion of the club. (Contributed Photo)

Opponent's meltdown helps Roddick advance

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The biggest tantrum so far at Wimbledon was so excessive that even John McEnroe disapproved.

Maybe Andy Roddick didn't need the help, but Greg Rusedski's profanity-laced meltdown in the third set ended his comeback bid in their second-round slugfest Wednesday.

After Rusedski lost his cool, Roddick won the final five games to finish off the angry Englishman, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1), 7-5.

"He got pretty upset," Roddick said.

The blowup came when Rusedski led 5-2 in the final set. With Roddick serving at 30-15, Rusedski stopped playing a point when a fan erroneously shouted that a shot was out. Roddick won the point, and chair umpire Lars Graff let it stand, rather than replaying it.

"Ridiculous," Rusedski shouted at Graff during the ensuing changeover. He accused the umpire of allowing the fan to change the course of the match.

Rusedski couldn't regain his composure. In what had been a tight match, he won only five of the final 23 points beginning with the disputed ruling.

"He was playing well, and he let that just get under his skin," said McEnroe, a three-time Wimbledon champion who launched a few tirades himself at the All England Club. "It's an embarrassing way for him to walk off the court."

The BBC, which televised the match and picked up Rusedski's profanities on a courtside microphone, apologized to viewers.

Texas rallies for 2nd straight win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro homered twice and the Rangers rallied to beat the Oakland Athletics 9-8 Wednesday night for their second straight victory, the first time they have had consecutive wins since winning seven straight from May 16-23.

Both of Palmeiro's homers came as the Rangers battled back from a 6-2 deficit. He homered to lead off a three-run sixth and an inning later tied it at 6 with a two-out shot.

"Those were two big blasts after you claw and claw to get back," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Alex Rodriguez also homered for the Rangers, who avoided their 19th loss in June, which would have matched a team record for a month. They still have five more games to play before July.

Miguel Tejada had a pair of RBI singles while reaching base five times for the A's. He was 4-for-4 with a walk, just six days after getting a career-high five hits against Texas.

Palmeiro's homers went 368 and 376 feet into the right-field stands. His bloop to left that landed only about 120 feet from the plate had the same result: it brought home a run.

The bloop was the third straight single for Texas in the third. The ball fell just behind the infield dirt but far from any fielder because Oakland employed the drastic defensive shift against the left-handed slugger.

It was the 31st multihomer game for Palmeiro, who has 507 career homers but never more than two in a game. He is 18th on the career list, one behind Sammy Sosa.

Young's RBI single off Jim Mecir (1-1) put Texas up 7-6 in the eighth. That came after Donnie Sadler tripled and pinch-hitter Mike Lamb was hit by a pitch with two outs. Hank Blalock followed with a two-run single that provided just enough margin of error for struggling closer Ugueth Urbina.

Texas played its second straight game with Juan Gonzalez sitting on the bench. The two-time AL MVP is considering whether to accept or reject a trade that would send him to the Montreal Expos, and has until Saturday morning to decide.

Urbina, who had blown saves in three of his previous five outings, gave up two hits to start the ninth before pinch-hitter Billy McMillon's two-run double with one out.

Sports Briefs

Bonds' 73rd home run ball auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — Barry Bonds' record 73rd home run ball was sold to comic book icon Todd McFarlane for $450,000 at auction.

McFarlane also bought Mark McGwire's 70th homer ball in 1999 for $3.2 million.

Softball board elections

The girls softball association will have board elections Friday after the last game. Tonight's games have been cancelled due to rain. Closing ceremonies will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Charity softball tournament

The 2nd annual Wal-Mart men's softball tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Winston Park. Entry fee is $110 and the deadline to register is 6 p.m. Thursday. All proceeds benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Contact Veronica Fuentes at 573-1967 or 573-5662 for more information.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County golf course. Format is all irons-back nine.

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.

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.

Gonzales, Expos GM meet

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez isn't rushing his decision on whether he will accept or reject a trade to the Montreal Expos.

Gonzalez, the two-time AL MVP who has a no-trade clause in his contract, has until Saturday morning to determine if he will block the deal. He sat out of his second straight game Wednesday, and there was no indication that he was close to making a decision.

"I haven't decided," Gonzalez said before the game against Oakland. "It's my decision. I don't know."

Gonzalez and his attorney, Jeff Moorad, met Wednesday with Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with the slugger and traveled to Texas in hopes of convincing him to accept the deal.

"I have met with him but I'm not going to talk about the meeting," Minaya said.

Minaya is credited with helping develop Gonzalez for the Rangers in the mid-1980s, when he coached the Gulf Coast Rangers for three years.

The Expos reached an agreement with Texas on Tuesday to acquire Gonzalez, but Moorad said then that Gonzalez "in all likelihood" would block the deal. Gonzalez insisted Wednesday that he hasn't made that determination, and didn't know exactly when he's make a final decision.

The last-place Rangers were expected to receive prospects, possibly three of them, if Gonzalez goes to Montreal. The Expos are in the thick of the NL wild-card race.

Ryan heads list of inductees into Rangers' Hall of Fame

ARLINGTON (AP) — Pitchers Nolan Ryan and Charlie Hough, catcher Jim Sundberg and former manager Johnny Oates were announced Wednesday as the inaugural class of inductees for the new Texas Rangers Hall of Fame.

The group will be inducted during an on-field ceremony Aug. 2 before the Rangers play Cleveland. Bronze plaques honoring the inductees will be permanently displayed at The Ballpark in Arlington.

Ryan, who is in baseball's Hall of Fame, recorded his 5,000th strikeout, 300th win and the last two of his seven no-hitters while with the Rangers.

Hough is the team's career leader in wins (139), complete games (98), innings (2,307 2-3) and strikeouts (1,452). Sundberg, whose 1,512 games played are a team record, won six Gold Gloves.

Oates, who has brain cancer, led the Rangers to their only three AL West titles in 1996, 1998 and 1999. He was 506-476 with Texas from 1995-2001.

The three players were chosen by fans from a ballot that included 13 players.

Everett's bat injures two

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 15-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy were hurt when a bat swung by Texas outfielder Carl Everett slipped out of his hands and flew into the stands near the Rangers dugout Wednesday night.

The game between the Rangers and Oakland was delayed for about 10 minutes while medical personnel attended to the injured spectators. Both were conscious, but were bleeding from cuts.

The young woman was transported from the field on a medical cart, an ice pack pressed against her forehead. The little boy was carried away in the arms of a woman, with someone holding a pack on the top of his head.

Rangers spokesman John Blake said the girl was taken to Baylor Medical Center for observation. The little boy was treated at the stadium and then went home with family members.

Police searching for missing Baylor center

WACO (AP) — Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy, a 6-10, 230-pound center, has not been seen or heard from in two weeks, Bears head coach Dave Bliss said Wednesday.

The Waco Police Department is asking for anyone with information regarding Dennehy's whereabouts to contact them.

Investigators have checked hospitals and the McLennan County Jail, and have interviewed Dennehy's roommate, Chris Turk. Police have yet to find anything that would indicate foul play, a WPD release said.

Turk said he wasn't sure if he'd spoken with Dennehy before leaving for a music festival on June 11, but said that his roommate seemed fine when he left.

When Turk returned from the trip five days later, he said he didn't notify police of the disappearance because he didn't think anything was wrong.

"Everything looked normal, except for the dogs. They didn't have food and water," said Turk, noting that the dogs had lost a lot of weight. "I just figured he'd skipped town and was being irresponsible (because he left the animals without food)."

Dennehy, who played high school basketball in Santa Clara, Calif., sat out last season after transferring from the University of New Mexico and was expected to vie for playing time this fall. He has two years of eligibility remaining.

"It's unusual for our staff to go more than a couple of days without being in touch with one of our players, so obviously we are concerned about Patrick," Bliss said in a news release.

Dennehy's girlfriend of almost two years, Jessica De La Rosa, said she became worried when she hadn't heard from him in several days, and she began calling friends.

De La Rosa, who met Dennehy during her freshman year at the University of New Mexico, said the couple would speak at least five times a week.

Dennehy had an impressive but controversial two-year stint at New Mexico under former Lobos coach Fran Fraschilla.

Midway through his freshman season at New Mexico, Dennehy said he might transfer at year's end because of a lack of playing time. Dennehy eventually saw more action and became the third-leading freshman rebounder in school history.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	46	30	.605	—
Boston	44	32	.579	2
Toronto	44	34	.564	3
Baltimore	35	40	.467	10½
Tampa Bay	25	51	.329	21
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	40	34	.541	—
Minnesota	41	35	.539	—
Chicago	36	41	.468	5½
Cleveland	30	45	.400	10½
Detroit	18	57	.240	22½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	50	26	.658	—
Oakland	44	32	.579	6
Anaheim	37	38	.493	12½
Texas	29	47	.382	21

Wednesday's Games

Boston 11, Detroit 2
Baltimore 9, Toronto 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Tampa Bay 5
Kansas City 3, Cleveland 1, 10 innings
Texas 9, Oakland 8
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 5, 11 innings
Anaheim 6, Seattle 3

Today's Games

Detroit (Roney 0-1) at Boston (P.Martinez 4-2), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 4-10) at Minnesota (Radke 5-6), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-4) at Tampa Bay (Standridge 0-2), 1:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 1-4) at Toronto (Hendrickson 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Lima 1-0) at Cleveland (Ric.Rodriguez 3-7), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 5-3) at Texas (Valdes 6-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 9-3) at Anaheim (Washburn 6-8), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	26	.653	—
Montreal	43	35	.551	7½
Philadelphia	40	34	.541	8½
Florida	39	40	.494	12
New York	34	41	.453	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	41	35	.539	—
Houston	41	37	.526	1
St. Louis	40	36	.526	1
Cincinnati	37	39	.487	4
Pittsburgh	32	43	.427	8½
Milwaukee	31	45	.408	10
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	31	.597	—
Los Angeles	45	32	.584	1
Arizona	41	36	.532	5
Colorado	41	39	.513	6½
San Diego	26	54	.325	21½

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 5
Milwaukee 12, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings
Arizona 3, Houston 2
Philadelphia 8, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 6
N.Y. Mets 6, Florida 3
San Diego 7, Colorado 6
Los Angeles 8, San Francisco 0

Today's Games

Milwaukee (W.Franklin 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 8-3), 1:20 p.m.
Florida (Willis 7-1) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 8-3) at Atlanta (Hampton 3-3), 6:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (J.Anderson 1-4) at St. Louis (W.Williams 9-2), 7:10 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 54370L002

APPLICATION Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 54370L002 which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located 17 miles from Post driving south on Highway 84, turn west onto FM1269 and drive to the top of the mesa, Post, Scurry County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 16, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Scurry County Library, 1916 23rd street, Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within the 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement"[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of you property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

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Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P. O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas, 79120 or by calling Ms. Kathy Hagerman at (806) 373-3270.

Issuance Date: June 25, 2003

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 54370L003

APPLICATION Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 54370L003 which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located 25 miles south of Post off Highway 669, turn east onto FM 2530 for approximately 3 miles to Ralph Miller Ranch Road, drive 6.5 miles to site at the top of mesa, Post, Borden County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 16, 2003. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Borden County Clerk's Office, 117 East Wasson Gail, Borden County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

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Further information may also be obtained from Golden Spread Redi-Mix, Inc., P. O. Box 31660, Amarillo, Texas, 79120 or by calling Ms. Kathy Hagerman at (806) 373-3270.

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Ex-weapons scientist unearths parts of old Iraqi nuke program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former Iraqi nuclear scientist has provided American authorities parts and documents from Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons program he claims to have buried more than 12 years ago, a U.S. intelligence official says.

The scientist, Mahdi Shukur Obeidi, said he acted on the orders of Saddam's government, according to the intelligence official, who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

Once sanctions against Iraq ended, the material in the garden of his Baghdad home was to be dug up and used to reconstitute a program to enrich uranium to make a nuclear weapon, Obeidi told U.S. officials.

U.S. authorities believe Obeidi's statements are credible, and regard them as evidence made an effort to hide parts of its original programs from U.N. inspectors.

Still, the intelligence official acknowledged the find was not the "smoking gun" U.S. authorities are seeking to prove the Bush administration's claims that Iraq had an active program to develop a nuclear weapon.

Before the 1991 Gulf War, Obeidi headed Iraq's program to make centrifuges that would enrich uranium for nuclear weapons, the official said. Most or all of that program was dismantled after U.N. inspections in the early 1990s.

Details of Obeidi's activities during the past decade were not immediately available, although he was interviewed often by inspectors from the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency in 2002, the official said.

Obeidi turned over a two-foot-tall stack of documents that includes detailed designs for centrifuges, intelligence officials said. Obeidi told intelligence officials the parts from his garden were among the more difficult-to-produce components of a centrifuge.

Assembled, the components would not be useful in making much uranium. Hundreds of centrifuges are necessary to make enough to construct a nuclear weapon in such programs.

Obeidi and his family have left Iraq, the intelligence official said.

Since the war, U.S. teams looking for evidence of Iraq's alleged chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs have been pursuing leads and tips from Iraqis who stand to win reward money offered for evidence. So far no weapons have been found.

Before the second Gulf War, U.S. and allied intelligence agencies said they had evidence that Iraq was seeking to reconstitute its nuclear weapons program, although some of that evidence has since been debunked.

Other evidence, such as reports that Iraq tried to import precision-made tubes for centrifuges, was hotly debated, with some experts saying those tubes were for conventional weapons.

Earlier this year, the U.N. agency said there was no new evidence or indications that Iraq was working to revive the program.

FTC set to launch national do-not-call list

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Trade Commission is poised to launch within days a national do-not-call list intended to help people block many telemarketing calls.

The free service, first proposed last year, will begin registering consumers before the end of the month.

The Federal Communications Commission was to vote today on whether the industries whose calls it regulates, including airlines, banks and telephone companies, will be subject to the FTC program.

Consumers will be able to sign up on a Web site by providing the phone number they want protected and an e-mail address so they can receive a confirmation message, the FTC said. The only identifying information kept will be the phone number.

Telephone registration using a toll-free number will begin at the same time in states west of the Mississippi River, including Minnesota and Louisiana, the FTC said. Nationwide registration should be available about 10 days later. Consumers will have to call from the number they want to register.

The Web site and phone number have yet to be announced.

The government says consumers who register should see a decrease in telemarketing calls after it begins enforcing the do-not-call list in October.

The FTC expects people to register up to 60 million phone numbers in the first year, said agency spokeswoman Cathy MacFarlane. There are about 166 million residential phone numbers in the United States, she said.

Of the states with do-not-call lists, 13 plan to add their lists of 8.1 million numbers to the national registry, three have legislation pending to allow them to share and 11 will not share the information, MacFarlane said. Consumers on state lists added to the national one do not need to register again.

While the national list is intended to block most telemarketing calls, there are limits.

A company may call someone on the no-call list if that person has bought, leased or rented from the company within the past 18 months. Telemarketers also can call people if they have inquired about or applied for something from the company during the past three months.

Charities, surveys and calls on behalf of politicians also are exempt.

Consumers on the list can give written permission to get calls from certain companies.

Beginning in September, telemarketers will have to check the list every three months to determine who does not want to be called. Those who call listed people could be fined up to $11,000 for each violation. Consumers would file complaints by submitting the company's name and phone number to an automated system by phone or online.

People would have to renew their registration every five years.

Congress authorized the FTC to collect up to $18.1 million from telemarketers to pay the program's expenses in the first year, MacFarlane said.

The telemarketing industry says the registry will devastate their business and have sued the FTC on grounds the program amounts to an unlawful restriction on free speech.

In 2001, nearly 185 million people spent $270 billion on purchases that originated from telemarketing calls, according to the Direct Marketing Association.

On the Net:
Federal Trade Commission: http://www.ftc.gov/donotcall/
Federal Communications Commission: http://www.fcc.gov
Direct Marketing Association: http://www.the-dma.org

Bond for ex-AG revoked, Morales jailed

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, awaiting trial on federal fraud and conspiracy charges, was jailed overnight after a judge revoked his bond and prosecutors accused him of giving conflicting information about his income to the court and on two car loan applications.

Morales was scheduled to return to the courthouse today for a hearing to determine if he will remain jailed or if he will be released on bond.

Morales, 46, pleaded innocent in April to charges that he and Marc Murr, a friend, tried to obtain hundreds of millions of dollars in legal fees for Murr resulting from the state's $17.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry in 1998.

U.S District Judge Sam Sparks appointed an attorney for Morales, who had requested one as he raised money to hire private attorneys. He has said he expected the case could cost him $1 million.

A financial statement later filed with the court showed he had almost $1 million in assets and about $925,000 in debts. The statement did not list his income or other information that detailed the need for a public defender. He was required to submit that in a sealed record to the judge.

In a court hearing Wednesday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Blankinship said that while Morales was out on a personal recognizance bond, he filed loan applications to buy a Lexus and a Mercedes. On one application, he claimed income of $20,000 a month; on the other application, $20,800 a month, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors alleged that Morales committed two new felony offenses because of the statements on his loan application, which they said contradicted earlier representations that he needed a court-appointed attorney.

"It appears that he's violated the law," said Blankinship.

After listening to prosecutors, Sparks ordered Morales' bond revoked and remanded him into custody. Sparks set a 1:30 p.m. CDT court hearing for today.

Morales was at the court hearing and after his bond was revoked, he refused to comment to reporters, simply saying: "We'll see you tomorrow."

Prosecutors would not comment after the hearing and Morales' court-appointed attorney, William Ibbotson, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press on today.

The financial statement Morales filed in April also listed Morales as self-employed with $10,000 in a bank account. The value of his Austin home was listed at $950,000. A 1999 automobile was valued at $15,000 and a 1996 recreational boat was valued at $10,000.

Dependents included his wife and two stepchildren.

The statement also listed a mortgage debt of about $825,000 and five credit cards with a total debt of about $100,000.

Blankinship also contended that Morales' law license had lapsed as of March 26 following failure to keep up with State Bar of Texas requirements for continuing legal education, according to the Austin American-Statesman's today editions.

The other federal charges pending against Morales accuse him of filing a false tax return; contracting to buy a $775,000 house and using $400,000 in campaign funds for the purchase and home improvements; and making false statements to get a $600,000 mortgage.

Morales faces prison terms of five to 30 years on each count of the original 12-count indictment, if convicted.

Morales was elected attorney general in 1990 and was re-elected to a second term in 1994. He chose not to run for re-election in 1998. He ran last year for the Democratic nomination for Texas governor, but lost the primary to multimillionaire Tony Sanchez.

In financial statements made public during the campaign, Morales listed pretax income of $1,148,197 for 1999 and $433,140 for 2000.

NOTICE OF GAS RATE INCREASE REQUEST

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.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

MS update

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your recent comments about multiple sclerosis were wrong.

The disease may not be "progressive;" many patients are diagnosed as having relapsing-remitting MS, meaning that they experience cycles of recovery.

The weakness may not lead to "profound handicap." To say that MS patients may eventually require "total nursing care" is irresponsible and inaccurate. Finally, there are treatments for MS. If begun early, such treatments show great promise. — **A reader via e-mail**

DEAR READER: I apologize to any reader who may have been angered by my brief, four-sentence statement about multiple sclerosis. I erred in failing to provide more information: namely, that MS is treatable, is unpredictable, appears in a variety of forms and can be helped by some alternative-medicine therapies, including stress management, yoga and swimming. If you would like more information, you can contact the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at (800) 344-4867, www.nationalmssociety.org.

I am sorry for any concerns caused by my over-simplification and I thank those readers who wrote, asking me to correct my comments. Actually, I would like to take this opportunity to thank readers who write me because they disagree with something I've said. Such readers do not feel comfortable addressing these issues with their own physicians. And that's just the point.

I believe that I am honest enough to admit a mistake or a goof, and — I maintain — most doctors should, too. But they may not. Nonetheless, I continue to campaign for patient/doctor dialogue, forthrightness and open communication. If I am at fault, I'll acknowledge it.

Thank you for writing; keep those letters coming.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please comment on the use of vitamins and minerals for adults and children.

DEAR READER: Most adults who consume balanced, healthful diets do not need vitamin/mineral supplements. There are more than enough such nutrients in the food itself.

Nonetheless, many people — especially older adults —perceive a feeling of improved well-being when they take vitamin supplements, especially during the winter months when fresh produce may be in short supply.

Also, the elderly may benefit from such supplements because older folks don't invariably consume diets that are nutritionally complete; for example, they may eat less and not be inclined to purchase and enjoy well-balanced diets.

In general, a one-a-day multi-vitamin/mineral preparation is satisfactory, safe and relatively inexpensive. When I'm asked by patients (who don't need vitamins) whether to take them, my position is that they cannot hurt and may do some good.

With respect to children, I defer to pediatricians. Adult multi-vitamin/mineral preparations are not suitable for toddlers and youngsters. Also, children's chewable or liquid vitamins can be expensive, so the decision about supplements in this age group should be made on a case-by-case basis by the children's doctors.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Vitamins and Minerals." 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.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Sufferers of eating disorders can get the help they need

DEAR ABBY: I was deeply touched by the letter from "Fed Up in Fort Myers, Fla.," regarding a young girl affected by her mother's bulimia. The children at school call her cruel names, and so does her mother.

Eating disorders are widespread illnesses that affect all segments of society. They may affect not only the body, but also the mind — and appropriate treatment is necessary.

Abby, I would like to invite your readers to contact the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD) for free resources and referrals.

Through our hotline and response to mail and e-mail inquiries, ANAD provides counsel and information to thousands of anorexics, bulimics, compulsive eaters, their families, and also the health-care community in all parts of the globe. Our referral list includes more than 1,500 therapists and inpatient/outpatient programs in the United States, Canada and several other countries, including Great Britain, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Colombia and more. — **VIVIAN HANSON MEEHAN, PRESIDENT, ANAD**

DEAR VIVIAN: Thank you for the information. After I printed the letter from "Fed Up," I received hundreds of others from readers of both sexes peppering me with questions about eating disorders.

Readers, if you or someone you know needs help or information, ANAD can be contacted by phone: (847) 831-3438; fax: (847) 433-4632; e-mail: anad20(at)aol.com; or the Web site: www.anad.org. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Fed Up," the 13-year-old girl whose mother is bulimic and who is ridiculed in school by other kids because she is overweight.

I was trained in another country to become a teacher. Our psychology teacher explained to us that, since parents cannot be present in school to protect their children, it is therefore the teachers' and the principal's full responsibility to protect the students from physical and emotional abuse by other students.

I am one of many educators who believe that it is the parents' responsibility to discipline their children and teach them proper social conduct. That said, this is how I handle my responsibility:

Every year on the first day of school I present the rules of conduct in my class to the new students. I tell them that I expect everyone to behave and respect each other.

I tell them that I am well aware that some children like to call names and hurt other children's feelings, but I do not tolerate this kind of behavior. I say, "If anyone hits you or hurts your feelings — tell me immediately." I will call the parents of the abusive student and tell them what their child did, and that I will not admit their child in my class the next day unless accompanied by one of his/her parents. I expect the parent to sit in our classroom the entire day and make sure that his/her child does not hurt anyone.

I then ask the students, "How many of you think your mother or father will have the time to sit in our class the whole day?" No one raises a hand. No student ever dares to abuse another student in my class.

I hope that child's letter will cause people to think and change the discipline policies that exist in many U.S. schools — and I hope that other caring teachers and principals will follow my psychology teacher's instructions and prevent abusive students from hurting helpless students. — **RETIRED TEACHER IN ATLANTA**

DEAR TEACHER: If there were more teachers like you, I would not receive the hundreds of heartbreaking letters I do from students who are harassed, bullied and taunted by their classmates. Orchids to you.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Some scanners reveal too much

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A scanner the government is testing for airport screening reveals too much more than meets the eye to be comfortable for most passengers.

Susan Hallowell, director of the Transportation Security Administration's security laboratory, sacrificed a large measure of her own modesty Wednesday to demonstrate the problem.

She stepped into a metal booth that bounced X-rays off her skin to produce a black-and-white image that revealed enough to produce a world-class blush.

Her dark skirt and blazer disappeared on the monitor, where she showed up naked — except for the gun and bomb she had hidden under her outfit.

"It does basically make you look fat and naked, but you see all this stuff," Hallowell said.

The agency hopes to modify the machines with an electronic fig leaf — programming that fuzzes out sensitive body parts or distorts the body so it does not appear so, well, graphic.

Another option would be to restrict the screener to a booth so no passing peepers can see the image, said Randal Null, the agency's chief technology officer.

Null hopes to conduct pilot programs with the machines at several airports this year. A test run with volunteers at Orlando International Airport in Florida met with mixed results, he said.

Some were uncomfortable with the technology — called "backscatter" because it scatters X-rays — while others proclaimed it "a whole lot nicer than having someone pat me down," he said.

David Sobel, general counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, thinks most people will object to the technology.

"The public is willing to accept a certain amount of scrutiny at the airport, but there are clearly limits to the degree of invasion that is acceptable," Sobel said. "It's hard to understand why something this invasive is necessary."

Magnetometers now in use at airports cannot detect plastic weapons or substances used in explosives.

With, backscatter technology, rays deflected off dense materials such as metal or plastic produce a darker image than those deflected off skin. The radiation dosage is about the same as sunshine, Hallowell said.

Backscatter machines have been available for years, priced between $100,000 and $200,000. They have been used to screen prisoners' families and South African diamond miners going home for the day.

Rep. John Mica, chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on aviation, wants to persuade colleagues to focus research on technology that identifies items on people's bodies.

"The chances of someone bringing an explosive on an aircraft by walking through a metal detector or in hand-carried luggage are very real," said Mica, R-Fla.

Mica pointed out that Richard Reid, convicted of trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic jetliner with explosives in his shoes, walked through metal detectors at Orly Airport in Paris several times before boarding the plane.

Suspect says God directed him to set fires to churches

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 22-year-old man faces one count of arson, but police say they think he has set more than a dozen small fires at churches — usually by lighting an oil-soaked sock and tossing it through a window.

Jesus Arturo Barraza Jr. visited a number of churches recently to talk to ministers about their beliefs. Police say they think he returned later and set them on fire.

"Apparently, he was upset over what he perceived to be conflicting interpretations of biblical teachings that he had been receiving from various churches of various denominations throughout the city," Arson Capt. Art Villarreal said.

"He told investigators that God had told him to commit these crimes and that during the committing of these crimes, God was protecting him and was watching over him," Villarreal said.

In a statement Barraza gave to investigators, he said the most common method he used to start a fire was throwing a sock soaked in charcoal fluid or lamp oil through a window. Investigators noted that although their have been more than a dozen attempts, most fires were small. In some cases, the fire never spread.

Barraza was charged Tuesday with a single count of arson, but police said they believe he's responsible for a series of church fires that worried many religious leaders and brought in federal investigators.

Police said they have evidence, including a self-incriminating statement he made to authorities, linking Barraza to at least 14 fires. If convicted, Barraza faces 20 to 99 years in prison.

A woman who lives next door to Barraza and his mother told the San Antonio Express-News. that he frequently could be seen sitting on the steps in front of his apartment reading the Bible.

The first time Barraza visited a number of San Antonio-area churches, he appeared to be seeking answers to deep-seated philosophical questions about truth and God.

As police questioned church leaders about the fires — the first was April 19 at St. Matthew Catholic Church — they asked if any of them recalled visitors who seemed angry or upset. Several reported they recalled disturbing meetings with Barraza.

Barraza dropped by St. Francis Episcopal Church unannounced on the afternoon of April 1, Rector Doug Storment said, and asked to speak with a preacher.

While he waited, Barraza made small talk with the office staff at the church in northwest San Antonio and volunteered to stuff envelopes for an hour before Storment arrived.

"Speaking with him, it was clear there were issues that were beyond the questions he was asking," Storment said.

"My concern for him is that he gets help and is not just behind bars," said Storment.

Tiny moon seen in pictures of Mars

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — One of the two tiny moons of Mars shines in new images released Tuesday by NASA, which captured the pictures with cameras aboard its Global Surveyor spacecraft.

One of the June 1 images shows the 17-mile-long, potato-shaped Phobos in detail, including the grooves and pits that mark its dark surface. The other, a composite of four wide-angle images, shows the moon as a speck just as it sets below the Martian horizon.

The moon orbits Mars three times a day, at an average altitude of just 5,828 miles. Were one to stand on Phobos, Mars would fill most of the sky.

The Global Surveyor is one of two NASA satellites orbiting Mars.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, June 27, 2003

In the year ahead, don't be afraid to take advantage of new opportunities that are advanced by those persons whose ideals parallel yours, because you'll do well. But do shun materialistic schemers who have a poor track record.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't stoop to anybody else's low level today and act in kind to their behavior. Stay in character and strive to be helpful, even to those who have been unappreciative of your kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A friend who is a bit more temperamental than usual today may upset the high spirits you have going for you if you allow it. Be on guard so this person won't be able to get under your skin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Chances are you'll reach your goal and achieve a few worthwhile objectives today. However, this might not be good enough for someone who has an ax to grind and wants to take it out on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Opportunities abound today, but if you become unduly pessimistic, you'll not be able to take advantage of any of them. When you brighten your spirits, good things to will happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't let up for a minute on your diligence in overseeing an important financial situation today. The moment you glance away, a predator could sneak in and upset the applecart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're smart to be wary of any grandiose scheme that is presented to you today by someone who has a rather unimpressive track record. Take ample time to investigate the odds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Time will work against you today. What you get done early in the day will have pleasing outcomes, while those things you leave for later could end up having disheartening results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Know when to call it quits today. If you overtax yourself, you'll deplete both your mental and physical reserves and possibly end up wrecking everything you had gained previously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be realistic about your abilities today, or the surging of your ego may get you into a situation where you might make a promise you won't be able to deliver and you will be foolish.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — For the sake of not ruining perfectly good arrangements that include others today, leave the people off your list who are always insistent upon having their own way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Just when you finally have that little extra in your wallet, you might go ahead and blow it on something frivolous today instead of spending it on an item that'll give you long-term enjoyment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be your own person today and do not abdicate your choices in life. The wrong individual could take you on a joy ride that might end up ruining something good you had going for you.

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New York schools to limit sugar and fat

NEW YORK (AP) — Soda, hard candy and doughnuts will disappear from vending machines in the nation's largest school system this fall under stricter nutritional guidelines designed to fight childhood obesity, officials said.

New York schools, which serve about 800,000 meals a day, will also serve lower-fat versions of foods like tacos and chicken nuggets. And beef ravioli and macaroni may soon be history.

By 2008, the city expects to abide by federal recommendations that 30 percent of the calories in school lunches come from fat.

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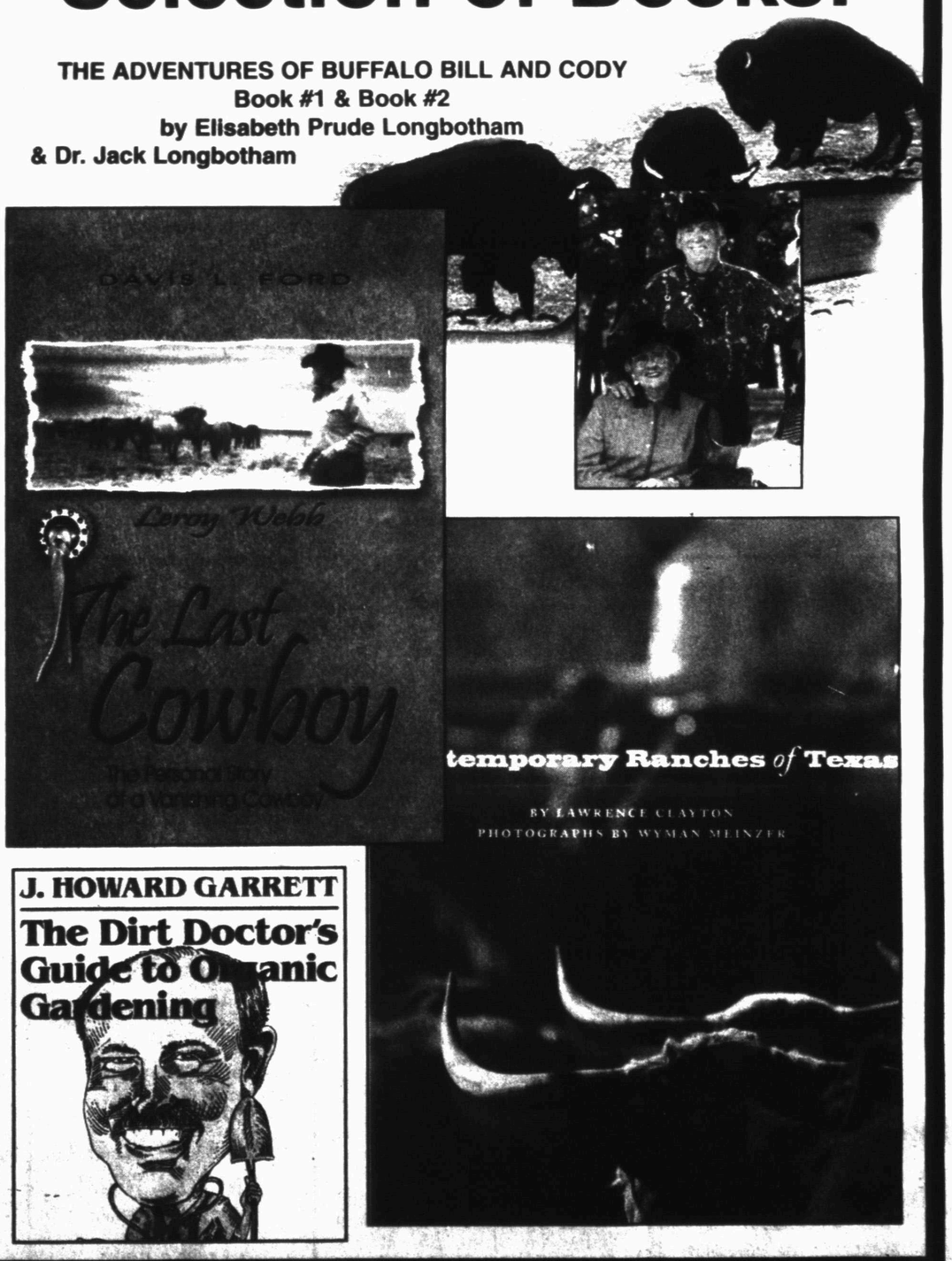

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Attackers ratchet up ambushes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Assailants launched a wave of ambushes against U.S. forces in Iraq, dropping grenades from an overpass, blowing up a vehicle with a roadside bomb and destroying a civilian SUV traveling with U.S. troops, soldiers and Iraqi police said today. Two U.S. soldiers and two Iraqi civilians were killed.

The onslaught was part of a spiraling series of attacks on coalition forces despite assurances that the troops are mopping up resistance. On Tuesday, six British soldiers were killed in a southern town, undercoring the spread of anti-coalition violence.

In latest wave of attacks, a bomb exploded today by a U.S. military vehicle on the road leading to Baghdad's airport, killing one U.S. soldier and injuring another.

The airport road, heavily used by U.S. forces, has been the scene of a series of ambushes using trip wires dangling from overpasses or grenades tossed from bridges. Last month, two U.S. soldiers were killed and two injured when a Humvee detonated an anti-tank mine hidden under debris on the highway.

On Wednesday afternoon, ambushers dropped grenades from a Baghdad overpass onto a passing convoy of Army Humvees, said Marine Corps Maj. Sean Gibson. There were no serious injuries.

In Hilla, 45 miles south of Baghdad, three Marines were wounded Wednesday in an ambush, a U.S. military statement said. One Marine was killed and two were injured when their vehicle — part of a quick reaction force dispatched in response to the ambush — rolled over on the soft shoulder on the way to the scene.

House committee seeks public testimony on redistricting bill

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With a special session just four days away, a House committee began taking public input on a bill to redesign the state's congressional districts in favor of Republicans.

In an effort to comply with federal regulations, committee members spread across the state to listen to Texans' opinions on how their vote will be counted in the next congressional election. Hearings were being conducted today in San Antonio, Brownsville and Lubbock.

During the regular session, embattled Democrats effectively killed congressional redistricting legislation by fleeing the state line and hiding out in Ardmore, Okla. until after a House deadline had passed.

The redistricting legislation that would likely increase the number of Republican districts from 15 to 19, while decreasing the Democratic districts from 17 to 13.

Two San Antonio Democrats who helped stymie the redistricting measure during the regular session were assigned to hearings in other parts of the state in what they believe was retribution.

Rep. Mike Villarreal and Ruth Jones McClendon ignored the assignment, sitting in on the San Antonio panel anyway.

"Three members of the committee who went to Ardmore are the three members displaced and not allowed to participate in the hearing in our district," McClendon said.

The third member, Rep. Richard Raymond of Laredo, was assigned to San Antonio but did not appear at that hearing.

An auditorium was packed for the San Antonio meeting by a raucous crowd whom Subcommittee Chairwoman Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, repeatedly asked to be quiet. Most seemed to favor the Democrats, but the Republican side was also represented.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, has implored the Texas Legislature to redraw congressional lines with 20 Republicans to reflect the state's GOP majority.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry earlier this month called a special legislative session on redistricting, scheduled to begin June 30.

"When the state of Texas is forced by budget constraints to cut essential health care and education funding for our children, it is outrageous for the governor to call a special session on redistricting," said U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, D-San Antonio. "He's going to waste millions of dollars to feed Washington Republicans' lust for power at the expense of our state and our children."

A federal court drew Texas' congressional districts after state lawmakers failed to do so in 2001, leaving open the possibility that the districts could be redrawn by the Texas Legislature.

Trooper arrests woman for driving with suspended license

Arrest

Law enforcement officers made only one arrest Wednesday. A 22-year-old woman was taken into custody by a DPS Trooper at 4:24 p.m. for driving with a suspended license.

Assault

At 4:22 p.m., police were called to the 500 Block of 25th Street where a woman reported she had been assaulted and threatened. A report for Class A assault and family violence was filed. At 10:23 p.m., officers returned to the same address where the woman reported someone had attempted to pry open her window screen in the rear of the house. A close patrol was requested.

Panic alarm

At 12:57 a.m. today, officers responded to a panic alarm at Allsup's on College Ave. The clerk reported a disturbance had occurred in the 1800 Block of 40th and she was concerned that the subjects might return.

Harassment

At 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, a man requested to speak to an officer concerning his son being threatened. A close patrol was requested.

Disturbance

Officers were called to Cogdell Hospital at 9:17 a.m. Wednesday where a patient was being disruptive. The subject was transported to the Big Spring State Hospital.

Criminal mischief

Damage to railroad crossing arms at 2000 Ave. I was reported Wednesday morning.

Close patrol

A close patrol was requested at Bealls for the next two weeks after a report of suspicious subjects in the area. Also it was reported that money had been taken from a vehicle in the parking lot.

Ambulance requested

At 5:33 p.m., dispatchers received a call from Wes-T-Go on South College Ave. in reference to a customer with a broken arm. The subject was transported to Cogdell Hospital.

Fireworks

Starting at 9:21 p.m. Wednesday, dispatchers received eight complaints concerning fireworks. Some reportedly were being thrown from vehicles at individuals.

Firefighters get ready to fight wildfire

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Helicopters began the assault on a suspected arson wildfire at daybreak today dropping giant buckets of water on flames in a riverside forest about five miles north of town.

The wildfire, along the banks of the Rio Grande, began Wednesday night and burned through more than 700 acres, threatening homes and forcing more than 200 people to evacuate.

While the evacuation remained in effect this morning, authorities were encouraged as the fire quieted down somewhat overnight.

Albuquerque Fire Lt. Lynn Reule said the wildfire was contained but not controlled.

"It's really banked down. We're not getting the big flare-ups like last night," she said. "They will probably do the drops until they (the flames) are under control."

Medicare bill vote looms in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of intense negotiations and years of political promises, the House and Senate prepared to vote on legislation to help older Americans pay for prescription drugs.

The legislation, particularly the House version, would give private plans a larger role in Medicare — an effort to increase consumer choice and control costs ahead of baby boomer retirements.

Together, the bills represented the most far-reaching overhaul of Medicare since it was signed into law by President Johnson in 1965.

House Republican leaders worked into today morning to finish a bill they hope will mollify enough conservatives to win passage and send the measure to conference with the Senate. They agreed to tack on a separate measure boosting medical savings accounts, which give tax breaks to those who set aside money to pay for their own health care — a move designed to appeal to conservatives.

Vice President Dick Cheney was traveling to the Capitol midday for some last-minute cajoling of his fellow Republicans.

The House debate later in the day was offering the Democrats a chance to propose an alternative to the GOP Medicare plan, but they were not to be allowed to offer a series of amendments trying to change details in the bill like senators have over the last two weeks.

The Senate opened debate today by turning aside a pair of Democratic amendments, the latest in a string of defeats for the Democrats.

The first, sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would have given disabled people on Medicaid more power to control where they receive services and was defeated 50-48. The second, from Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., would have required pharmaceutical companies to give more details about a drug's risks in their advertising. That vote was 59-39.

By sunrise Friday, both the House and Senate were each expected to approve the full measures. Senate leaders predicted easy passage with as many as 70 or 80 votes. It was tighter in the House, where Democrats were not part of negotiations and most planned to vote no.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., speaking today on NBC's "Today," predicted that lawmakers will be able produce a final version of the bill "without much difficulty over the coming weeks" and send it to President Bush for his signature.

He said lawmakers already agreed to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare, to give seniors a choice between traditional Medicare and alternative coverage, and to make the program voluntary.

Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 6/27	Sat 6/28	Sun 6/29
86/60	89/68	90/63
Partly cloudy skies. High 86F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:55 PM	Sunrise 6:38 AM, Sunset 8:56 PM

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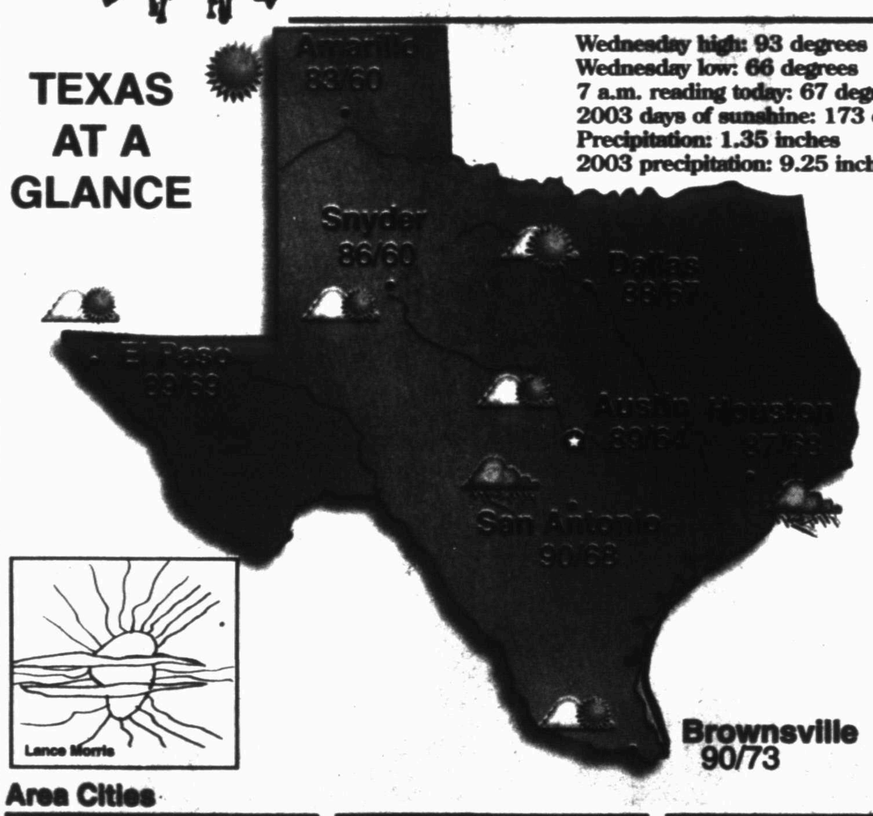
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Wednesday high: 93 degrees
Wednesday low: 66 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 67 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 173 of 176
Precipitation: 1.35 inches
2003 precipitation: 9.25 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	88	62	mst sunny	El Paso	89	69	pt sunny	Midland	84	65	pt sunny
Amarillo	83	60	sunny	Fort Stockton	83	66	rain	Raymondville	91	70	t-storm
Austin	89	64	pt sunny	Gainesville	87	62	sunny	Rosenberg	88	67	t-storm
Beaumont	86	68	t-storm	Greenville	86	62	mst sunny	San Antonio	90	68	t-storm
Brownsville	90	73	pt sunny	Houston	87	68	t-storm	San Marcos	90	65	t-storm
Brownwood	90	62	pt sunny	Kingsville	89	68	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	87	62	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	70	t-storm	Livingston	88	63	pt sunny	Sweetwater	87	61	pt sunny
Corsicana	88	64	mst sunny	Longview	87	62	pt sunny	Tyler	87	64	mst sunny
Dallas	88	67	mst sunny	Lubbock	85	62	pt sunny	Weatherford	87	62	sunny
Del Rio	88	72	t-storm	Lufkin	87	64	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	89	63	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	81	64	t-storm	Houston	87	68	t-storm	Phoenix	109	83	mst sunny
Boston	86	66	pt sunny	Los Angeles	78	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	79	57	windy
Chicago	77	57	mst sunny	Miami	85	76	t-storm	Seattle	79	55	pt sunny
Dallas	88	67	mst sunny	Minneapolis	74	61	pt sunny	St. Louis	82	66	mst sunny
Denver	81	56	mst sunny	New York	90	65	t-storm	Washington, DC	87	67	t-storm

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Jun 21	Jun 29	Jul 7	Jul 13

UV Index

Fri 6/27	Sat 6/28	Sun 6/29
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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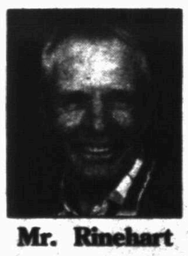
Obituaries

Kenneth Rinehart

1931-2003

Kenneth Eldon Rinehart, 71, died Wednesday, June 25, at his home in Snyder.

Funeral service for Mr. Rinehart is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the North College Avenue Baptist Church with the Revs. Cliff Cooper and Dennis Clark officiating.



Mr. Rinehart

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 7, 1931 in Scurry County, he married Wanda Leoma Gotcher on Dec. 26, 1947 in Colorado City. Mr. Rinehart was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Maybell Whitehead.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Rinehart of Snyder; three daughters, Linda Dillard of Childress, Gail Laster of Midland and Abby Davis of Snyder; two sons, Jerry Rinehart of Snyder and Ronnie Rinehart of Midland; two sisters, Dorothy Francis of Dayton and Margie Massarello of Boerne; a brother, Charles Rinehart of Huffman; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 6-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Robert Neblett

1941-2003

Robert Neblett, longtime Scurry County resident, died Wednesday, June 25, at his home in Snyder.

Services for Mr. Neblett, 62, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 11, 1941, he married Mariann Reeves on Sept. 22, 1962 and she died March 26, 1997.

Mr. Neblett had worked in the maintenance department of Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Snyder Independent School District. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Snyder.

Survivors include a daughter, Tonya Robison; and a son, Robert Neblett.

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