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To end shared-services pact...

City letter hand delivered to commissioners

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning accepted the much-anticipated letter from Snyder Mayor Francene Noah — delivered to each commissioner personally by the mayor.

Snyder City Council authorized the mayor to pen the letter two weeks ago, but the court wasn't sure what to make of the document once it arrived.

Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer was first to voice his confusion. "I'm not sure what I'm reading here," he said. "Is the purpose of this letter to terminate the present contract?"

Mayor Noah said the purpose of the letter "is to get us off high center. We want to reinforce our feelings that we hope for a cooperative effort and want what is best for all taxpayers."

City Councilman Terry Martin, present in the audience, said the letter should serve as the city's 90-day notice of its intent to negate the shared-services pact.

The court's confusion centered on a statement in the letter reading "the city wishes to continue to abide by the agreement on a month-to-month basis."

In the next statement the letter again emphasizes that the document is notice of intent to terminate the agreement.

Limmer questioned how the entities can continue to share services without a contract.

Martin responded that is what has been happening since the contract in contention expired in 1996.

County Judge Rod Waller said the contract has remained a binding legal document even after its expiration because neither entity exercised its right to void the pact.

The mayor said she hopes a "new and improved" contract can be forged in the next 90 days.

Limmer said that would have to be the case if services are to continue. "I don't think the county can continue to provide services for the city or even accept them without a contract."

The mayor's letter also stated that the city desires a new agreement, which will be mutually beneficial for the county and city.

The letter also invites any or all of the commissioners to meet with city representatives, but requires the meeting take place at city hall.

At the heart of the disagreement is the cost of fire suppression, supported entirely by city taxpayers. The city council views the current inter-local agreement as unfair to city residents who also pay county taxes and wants to draft a separate contract for fire suppression services.

The court took no action.

In other business, final draft of an exclusive contract with Coca-Cola was signed by the judge on the approval of the court.

The contract grants Coke exclusivity in providing soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages at all county facilities and events.

In exchange, the company agreed to pay $70,000 for lighting at county little league fields in Towle Park.

A $7,100 bid from Kinder Morgan was opened and accepted for purchase of a 7-acre tract northwest of Snyder. The county will retain mineral rights on the land. Kinder Morgan's bid was the only received.

The court approved the appointment of Donna Gray to the Child Welfare Board.

Stan Reid of the Texas Association of Counties addressed the court about technology and Internet access at the courthouse.

Reid also proposed that TAC would supply and maintain an Internet site for Scurry County and suggested some cost-saving measures for technology. No action was taken.

Three line-item transfers were approved for equipment in Precinct 4 and the Parks Department.

A line-item request for the justice of the peace office died for lack of a motion.

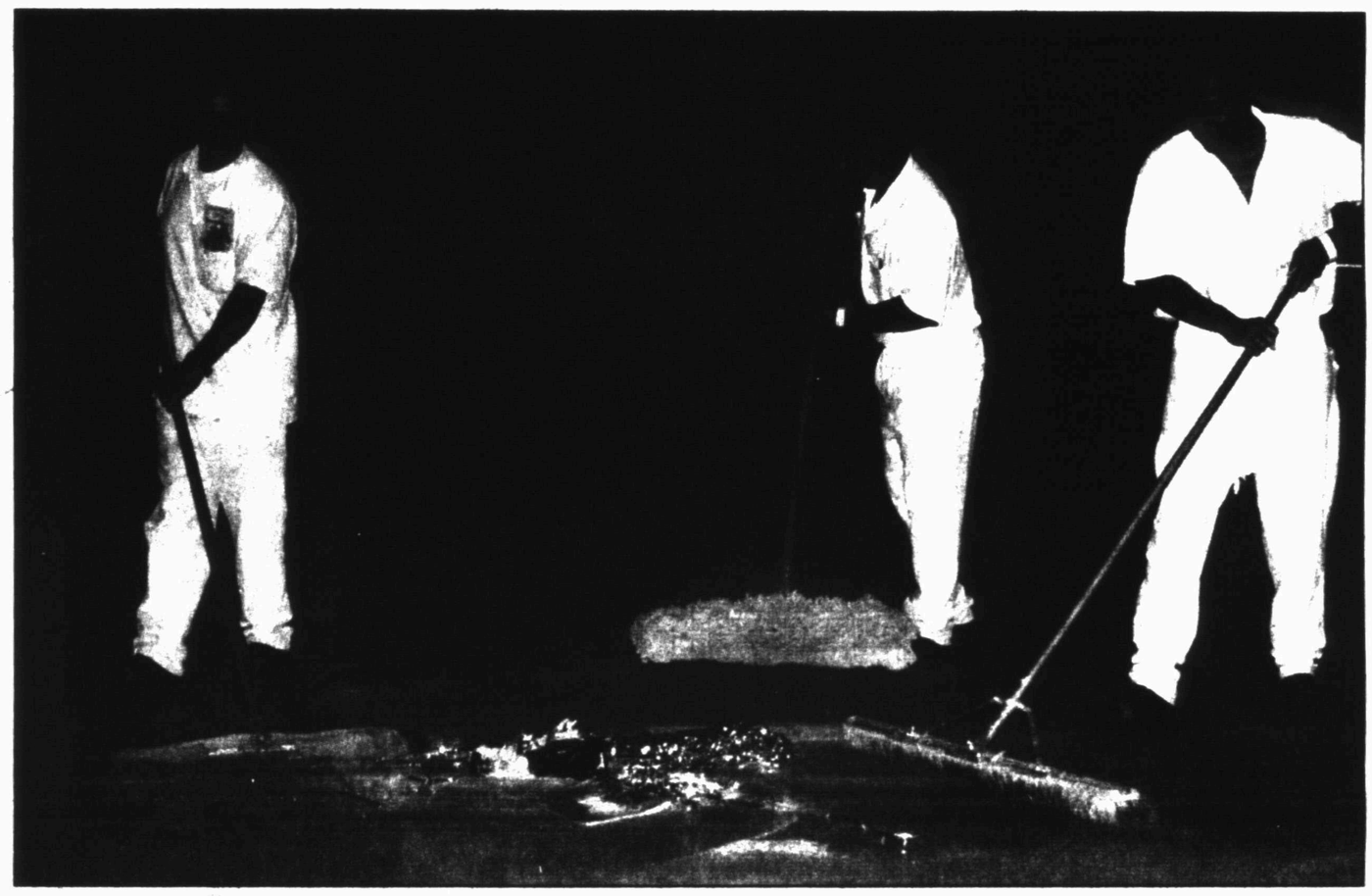
The JP requested $500 be moved from maintenance to travel expenses, but the court did not move the money.

Commissioner Limmer said the county is trying to limit travel and the JP has exhausted her funds midway through the year.

A $3,400 budget amendment was approved to fund court-appointed attorneys through the remainder of the year.

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

Waller presided and commissioners present included Limmer, Jerry House and Chloanne Lindsey. Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey was absent.



ALL THAT IS LEFT — Price Daniel Unit outside workforce members Alden Sepeda, Patraic Beecham and James Hubbard worked this morning to clean up what's left of the West Texas Western Swing Festival at Scurry County Coliseum. The annual music festival wrapped up Saturday night with record crowds reported. (SDN Staff Photo)

Festival: 'Biggest one ever'

Record crowds attended the West Texas Western Swing Festival that ended Saturday night.

"We don't know how we came out money-wise," said a tired Donna Fowler, executive director of the sponsoring Snyder Chamber of Commerce. "But with that many people, we will have to have done better than the previous festivals."

Fowler said the increased attendance started Wednesday night and carried through Saturday.

"And get ready for next year," said Fowler. "It promises to be even bigger in 2004."

Fowler said the western swing music was, of course, the main draw but there are other reasons more people are attending the local festival.

"Our visitors just love the community," said Fowler. "And it's our businesses and our people who we give credit to."

"They mention the warm and friendly reception they get in local businesses and the extra effort our merchants go to ensure a good shopping experience."

"They love to shop here and eat meals out in Snyder."

Fowler said she heard several compliments on waiters and waitresses given by the visitors.

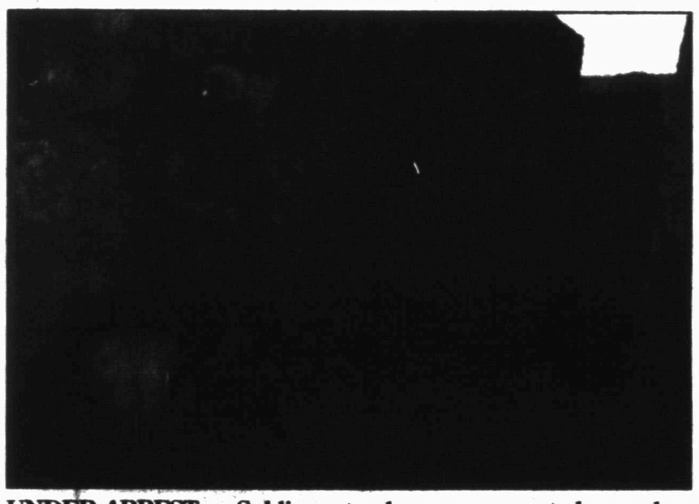
"They (festival-goers) just can't get over how friendly everyone is here."

Fowler said a number of festival-goers walk early in the morning and they all commented on how safe they felt in the community.

Fowler said half the RV spaces at the coliseum have already been booked for next year, and many booked motel rooms for the 2004 festival before they left town.

"We're looking forward to next year already," said Fowler. "We have to thank everyone who helped us. Sandra (Salinas) and I could not have done this without the help of the Gold Coats and the army of volunteers who were there every day.

"I don't think one thing went wrong. It was a great event for Snyder and our visitors and I don't think it could have gone any better," she added.



UNDER ARREST — Soldiers stand near an arrested man during a raid today at Khaldiyah. Hundreds of U.S. troops raided several cities and villages on the second day of Operation Desert Scorpion. (AP Photo)

Troops search for weapons

KHALDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — Armor-mounted American troops swept through towns and villages west of Baghdad after dawn today, arresting suspected resistance leaders and searching for outlawed weapons.

It was the second day of a forceful operation called Desert Scorpion, based on intelligence pinpointing opponents of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq. It followed the expiration on Sunday of an amnesty program for people turning in heavy weapons.

Families of those arrested warned that resistance would only increase.

Also today, the U.S. military announced that ambushers fired rocket-propelled grenades at two U.S. military convoys Sunday, wounding at least four Americans in the separate attacks.

In the first attack, a grenade hit a civilian Iraqi bus that was passing a 4th Infantry Division convoy near the town of Mushahidah, about 15 miles north of Baghdad. At least two Americans were seriously wounded, said Capt. John Morgan, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad. The number of casualties on the bus was unknown.

Why do you think I'm here?

The weekend police blotter noted one call to the Scurry County Coliseum in reference to persons attending the West Texas Western Swing Festival.

Coliseum employee Larry Thompson requested an officer shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday after fellow RVers noticed one of their friends had not been in his RV for a long time.

Officer Jason McMillan located Robert Sterns of Medford, Ore., who told McMillan that everything was fine.

"I've just been inside dancing," said Sterns.

Pressure on North Koreans could force diplomatic talks

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's official in charge of relations with North Korea said today that intensifying pressure on the communist state would force it to accept a U.S. offer for multilateral talks on its suspected nuclear weapons programs.

North Korea has insisted on one-one-one meetings with the United States, hoping to win security guarantees and economic aid in exchange for giving up its nuclear programs. Washington considers Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions a regional threat and says any talks on the crisis should include China, Japan, South Korea and possibly Russia.

"Various forms of pressure on North Korea — I wouldn't call them sanctions but rather diplomatic pressure — would get the North to change its mind," said South Korean Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun in an interview with Seoul's CBS radio.

Jeong said talks including Japan and South Korea are "the North's only option" and that Pyongyang "is expected to change its attitude in one or two months."

His comments echoed those of a senior Japanese official. Japanese Deputy Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe said Sunday that continued pressure could bring a "dramatic turn" in North Korea's policies.

In recent weeks, the United States and its regional allies, most notably Japan and Australia, are acting to crack down on the North Korean trade in illicit drugs, weapons and counterfeit money — believed to be key sources of hard currency for Pyongyang.

Japanese authorities have beefed up inspections of North Korean ships long suspected of smuggling missile parts and narcotics between the two countries.

ASK US

Q—Prior to Gov. Perry's inauguration, I heard that some of the proceeds from the events would go to charity. Did any local organization receive anything?

A—Yes. Gateway Family Services received $1,500.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Evelyn Liccardi...

...has been the assistant manager at Discovery School at the First United Methodist Church for the past two years. Previously she had been a teacher there. A resident of Snyder for 13 years, she likes to play on the computer and read. Evelyn's husband, Johnny, drives a truck for Pool. They have two children, John, 15; and Kayla, 12.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Of all the things God created, I am often most grateful he created laughter.
—Charles Swindoll

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

AARP pot luck supper

The AARP pot luck supper and game night will be at 5:30 p.m. today at the senior center.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Understanding the Godhead," followed by "The Preeminence of Christ in His Church."

Hermleigh Masonic meeting

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will have its monthly meeting at 7:30 tonight with a meal to follow. All Master Masons are invited.

Colonial Hill Baptist VBS

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

First Baptist Church VBS

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

Mesquite Country Emmaus meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus Community Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe chicks will meet at 6 p.m.

Senior swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the WTC pool.

FBC services televised

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

Discovery School fundraiser

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

Vacation Bible School

Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh will have Vacation Bible School June 23-27 from 5:30-7:40 p.m. A parade and party will be Saturday at 5 p.m. with prizes for the best decorated bicycles. For more information, call the church at 863-2305.

4-H Horse Club fundraiser

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

Brisket dinner

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

Gateway Family Services raffle

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

Class of 1993 reunion

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

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.

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.

Missing boy found in Texas

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) — A 3-year-old boy who was kidnapped by his mother was found early Sunday with his parents in Texas as they slept in a sport utility vehicle.

Jacob Rose, who lives with his grandmother in this Detroit suburb, is a ward of the state and his parents weren't allowed to visit him without supervision, police said.

Heather Rose, 23, reportedly took him Wednesday evening from his grandmother's home. The boy's father, 23-year-old David Cole, was with them when they were found, police said.

A police officer in Galveston, found them Sunday morning sleeping in the couple's 1991 Ford Explorer, Taylor police Commander Don Helvey said. Another Taylor man was with them.

Jacob, who apparently was in good health, was taken to a local hospital as a precaution, Helvey said. His grandmother and aunt were preparing to travel to Texas later Sunday to be reunited with him.

Jacob was to be placed in protective custody until they arrived, Helvey said.

Heather Rose was named in an arrest warrant on Friday on a custodial interference charge, Helvey said. Wayne County prosecutors were trying to decide what charges Cole and the other man, whose name was not released, should face.

They likely will be extradited to Michigan to face charges, he said, but Galveston police were still investigating.

The state removed Jacob from the custody of his mother two years ago following allegations of neglect and physical abuse, authorities have said.

An Amber Alert had been issued for the boy.

Workers OK contract with Bell Helicopter

FORT WORTH (AP) — Production of the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft will continue uninterrupted after assembly and maintenance workers at Bell Helicopter Textron agreed to accept a new three-year contract, averting a strike.

Seventy-eight percent of United Auto Workers Local 218's 1,500 members voted Sunday in favor of the agreement, which preserves most health insurance benefits but provides only one pay raise.

The union, which represents about 1,900 production workers at Bell facilities in Hurst, Arlington, Grand Prairie and Fort Worth, had been prepared to strike at 12:01 a.m. today at the Fort Worth plant if its members had rejected the deal.

"It was a long, tough battle to retain the insurance," said Union President Gary Livingston. "I was disappointed in the raises."

P.D. Shabay, Bell's executive vice president for administration, congratulated the union Sunday on the new agreement.

"Working together as partners, we look forward to going into full rate production on the V-22 Osprey and the H-1 helicopter upgrade programs," Shabay said in a written statement.

Bell inventory clerk Sharon Montgomery, who voted in favor of the contract, said she was satisfied with its terms. She had feared the company would seek pay cuts or other concessions.

"With the V-22 the way it's going right now, it's still iffy," she said. "It could've been worse."

The new contract will provide members signing bonuses of $1,700 on June 26 and a 2 percent pay raise in 2005. Employees will continue to receive their existing cost-of-living adjustments quarterly through the contract's duration, and their monthly pension rates will increase by $5, to $51 for each year of service.

Health insurance benefits remain mostly untouched in the new contract. It also makes minor changes in group insurance, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, accident and sickness weekly benefits.

Union members approved the bargaining committee's recommendation to accept the new contract on a 1,176-326 vote during a Sunday afternoon meeting at Will Rogers Auditorium.

The basic monthly pension rate of the basic pension formula for employees retiring on or after Sept. 1, under early or normal retirement provisions of the plan, increased to $51 for each year of credited service, up from $46 in the old contract.

The agreement also calls for Bell to become a smoke-free facility on Jan. 1.

"This was a very difficult negotiation, but we are all pleased with the results and look forward to creating value for our customers," Donald White, chairman of the local union, said in a statement posted on the company's Web site. The union represents about 1,900 Bell employees.

Negotiators for the company and the union began talks in late April.

Three smaller locals, representing the security force, some administrative workers and some engineering personnel, will renegotiate their contracts with Bell over the next two months. The contract for the UAW's Local 317, which represents about 350 office workers, expires June 29.

Textron, based in Providence, R.I., has spent two years trying to increase profit and stop cost overruns while improving safety and quality issues on military projects like its V-22 Osprey. Those troubles led to several rounds of layoffs.

Its restructuring plan eliminates 10,000 jobs by the end of next year.

Local 218 is one-third smaller than it was four years ago. Since 1999, 800 jobs have disappeared at the Fort Worth plant.

The last walkout was in 1987, when the UAW struck for three weeks over cost-of-living pay adjustments. The union was able to keep its pay increases.

On the Net:
http://www.bellhelicopter.com
http://www.uaw218.org

Guest worker plan is drawing support

HOUSTON (AP) — Some undocumented immigrants could legally hold a job for up to three years while working toward full-time residency under a draft proposal by Sen. John Cornyn.

The Republican from San Antonio was expected to outline the proposal for a guest worker program today in a speech before the U.S. Senate.

"We must bring our broken immigration system into the 21st century. We must move transient workers out of the shadows. We must ensure the security of our borders," Cornyn said, according to a draft of the speech obtained by the Houston Chronicle.

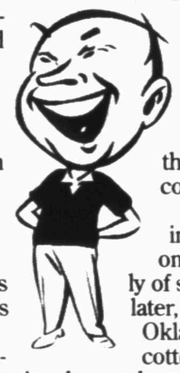
Cornyn cautioned that the proposal remains a work in progress until he formally issues it as a bill soon. He called the plan "a straightforward and effective guest worker program that will recognize the vital role hard-working immigrants play in our economy."

Supporters of such programs say they could help millions of undocumented workers living in the United States. Opponents, however, argue that guest worker programs are thinly veiled amnesty grants.

Today's chuckle

Woman graduates from high school

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) — At 97, Gustava Bennett Burrus is the oldest person ever to graduate from Richmond High School.



The great-great-grandmother walked across the stage at Richmond Auditorium Saturday to accept an honorary diploma at the San Francisco Bay area public school, which was founded two years after her birth.

"My dream has come true," Burrus said.

Burrus, whose education was cut short in the fourth grade, began attending computer classes at the high school in January. It was her third time taking courses there over the past decade.

Her interest in computing began with the emergence of personal computers in the 1980s, but it wasn't until this year that she learned how to use a keyboard and mouse.

"This world is going to be a computer world," she said. "Everything is going to be run by computers."

Burrus was born in 1905 in a small Louisiana town, one of 10 children in a family of sharecroppers. Two years later, her family moved to rural Oklahoma where they grew cotton, corn, tomatoes and other crops. She attended school in a one-room school house in Boley, Okla., until her parents pulled her out to help support the family.

Date Book

Monday, June 16, 2003

Today is the 167th day of 2003 and the 89th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1904, the novel "Ulysses" by James Joyce is said to take place. It is celebrated worldwide as Bloomsday after the novel's main character, Leopold Bloom.

On this day in 1963, cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to be launched into orbit.

On this day in 1992, former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger was indicted for his role in the Iran-Contra scandal. He was later pardoned by President George H.W. Bush.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Stan Laurel (1890-1965), comedian; Katharine Meyer Graham (1917-2001), Washington Post publisher; Joyce Carol Oates (1938-), writer, is 65; Roberto Duran (1951-), boxer, is 52; Tupac Shakur (Lesane Parish Crooks) (1971-1996), rapper and actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1996, the Chicago Bulls won their fourth NBA championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real." — Tupac Shakur

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

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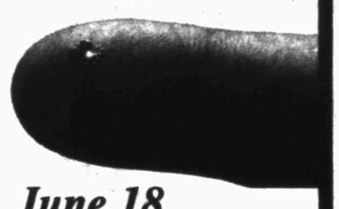
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EAST AR — The top Accelerated Reader students at East Elementary are first row from left, Kaitlin Horton, Ana Cabrera, Skye Moffett, Kaylee Lord and Briana Rose; second row, Krysha Burleson, Melisa Chhuor, Brianne Perry, Collin Parsons and William Davis; third row, Garrett Snyder, Scott Smith, Shawn Burns, Will Toombs and Sam Blythe. Chelsea Alarcon is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



CITIZENSHIP FOR THE YEAR — East Elementary students who earned good citizenship recognition for 2002-2003 are first from left, Makenna Scott, Savannah Valdez, Geovanny Facio, Ana Cabrera; second row, Krysha Burleson, Brianne Perry and Kassidy Henderson; third row, Bryson Elliott, Roman Romero and Dakota Carroll, (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Friends can't talk woman out of married man's arms

DEAR ABBY: I have a girlfriend at work I'll call "Crystal." I think she's cheating with "John," a co-worker who is married. Crystal was going to be married in the fall, but now the wedding is off. She says that she and John are "just friends." But the way it looks to me, they are a lot more than that.

I see Crystal and John in the parking lot after work. He sits in the driver's seat, and she sticks half her body through the car window to kiss him goodbye. They also go "out to lunch" every day. When I ask her if she'd like to have lunch with me, she lies and says she's staying in — then I see them in the parking lot and she's all over him.

I've tried talking to Crystal about John, but she gets defensive. I think he convinced her not to get married. This isn't the first time he's been involved with a co-worker. How can I tell Crystal she shouldn't waste her time with a married man? — **WORRIED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR WORRIED: Love is blind, and sometimes also deaf to the voice of reason. In your case, it is already too late to reason with Crystal. If a co-worker who had an earlier fling with John would be willing to share her experience with Crystal, it might wake her up — but I'm not betting on it. Some lessons must be learned the hard way, and when a workplace romance fizzles and reality hits, it's a cold awakening. (Clip this, give it to her, and tell her this message is for her — from both of us.)

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DEAR ABBY: My fiancee, "Charlene," and I plan to marry this fall. We couldn't be happier and eagerly anticipate spending our lives together. However, the wedding planning is causing tension in our families.

Charlene and I are recent college grads, struggling to pay off student loans. We are unable to afford a large, lavish wedding. After discussing this at length, we realized that neither of us wanted a big wedding in the first place. We prefer a quiet, intimate gathering, and a small ceremony would suit us both.

Our problem is, Charlene and I feel we must accommodate our large families who want to attend our wedding. We're afraid that if we don't invite everyone on both sides, feelings will be hurt.

How do we arrange for the perfect small wedding of our dreams without disappointing our extended family members? — **TRYING TO KEEP THE PEACE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

DEAR TRYING: Limit your wedding to parents, grandparents and siblings. As long as no exceptions are made, there should be no hard feelings among the extended family members.

P.S. Consider celebrating with friends and other relatives by hosting an open house a few weeks after your wedding. It needn't be anything formal — you could serve wine and/or punch, a few simple homemade hors d'oeuvres and something sweet.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother of two boys. My oldest is 21 with a wife and baby. They live here in town. My youngest is a junior in high school and lives with me.

Recently, because he's out of work, I helped my older son by paying his $600 rent. My younger son has a part-time job and should have money of his own, but he usually blows it and never seems to have a dime.

What's bothering me is that neither of my sons did anything for me on Mother's Day. No card, no phone call, no "Happy Mother's Day" — nothing! I feel angry, hurt and awful. And I don't know what to do with these feelings. What, if anything, should I say to them? — **MISERABLE MOM IN TUCSON**

DEAR MISERABLE MOM: Tell your thoughtless, self-centered sons exactly what you have written to me. They need to hear it. Your feelings are valid.

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Nine die when charter fishing boat capsizes, two still missing

GARIBALDI, Ore. (AP) — Federal officials say it could be months before they know why a charter fishing boat capsized in rough surf off the Oregon coast, killing at least nine people. Two men were missing and presumed dead.

Maintenance was done on the 32-foot Taki Tooo's throttle several days before the accident, said National Transportation Safety Board official John Goglia, but he said that might not have any bearing on what happened.

The eight survivors, though, had vivid impressions of what caused the Saturday morning accident — in their view, a killer wave that the skipper was unable to avoid.

"We went through a couple rough waves and turned north to try to get around a pretty large wave but then it crashed into the side," said Tyler Bohnet, 28, whose father, Sigmund Bohnet, died.

The younger Bohnet said most people on the deck were tossed off the ship when the wave hit.

"I was able to swim to a life raft that was floating but I kept getting knocked off it until I couldn't get on it again," he said. "Then I tried swimming to shore until I got to shallow enough water that some men came out and helped me."

Ted Lopatkiewicz, a spokesman for the NTSB, said the agency was aware of reports that the Taki Tooo had turned sharply to the north before it capsized, but that they haven't made any conclusions about whether that was a factor in the accident.

Goglia said the NTSB will examine the condition of the ocean when the boat set out, as well as the boat itself and its equipment. The shell of the vessel, which washed ashore, will be moved to an undisclosed secure location.

Investigators' most definite conclusion about the capsizing at the mouth of Tillamook Bay was the importance of life jackets. The boat's orange vests were worn by all the survivors and none of those found dead.

The Taki Tooo was believed to have enough life jackets for all aboard, although passengers and crew are not required by law to wear them.

As the investigation got underway and the victims returned home Sunday, the ocean search ended for two men still missing. Coast Guard helicopters and boats stopped looking for Tim Albus, of Madras, and Barry Sundberg, of Cheney, Wash. Officials said the men could not have survived long in the 50-degree water.

"They called off the search and now they're just waiting for the tides and hoping his body is washed to shore," said Marsha Sundberg, about her husband, Barry. "I don't know what to do, whether to do a memorial service or wait for a funeral. It's just so hard."

The Taki Tooo flipped over after setting off from a harbor that had been closed to recreational boats because of waves estimated at up to 15 feet high.

Charter fishing boats were allowed to set sail, and three other commercial sport fishing vessels left from the same area Saturday morning, said Tillamook County sheriff's department Marine Deputy Paul Fournier.

Coast Guard Master Chief Lars Kent said people on the beach, including the pastor of a local church, helped pull some of the survivors from the water and help them to shore.

The survivors were treated at a hospital for hypothermia and released.

Those on board were mainly fathers, sons and grandfathers, out for a pre-Father's Day bottomfishing excursion. Several of those who died had come from many miles away — Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois — to fish the waters off Oregon's rugged coast.

Strong effort underway for recalling Gov. Davis

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A recall campaign against Gov. Gray Davis backed by $800,000 from a conservative congressman seems poised to reach the ballot, and that possibility already has politicians scrambling.

With Rep. Darrell Issa's money funding an army of paid signature gatherers, supporters claim to have 700,000 of the 900,000 signatures they must obtain by Sept. 2 to put the measure on the November ballot.

"It's not a matter of if, it's just a matter of when. And it's going to be a wild ride," said Allan Hoffenblum, a Republican consultant.

Davis, a lame duck due to term limits, has the lowest approval rating of any California governor in 55 years. Re-elected last year over an underfunded Republican opponent, his term ends in 2007.

He had little to fear initially from a recall threat. Not one of the 31 campaigns against California governors has made it to the ballot.

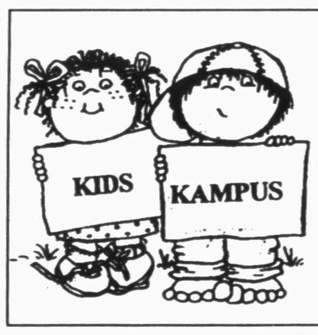
But this one is fueled by the deep pockets of Issa, an ambitious car alarm magnate who has represented the northern San Diego County area since 2000. The Republican has set up a gubernatorial campaign committee.

But on a campaign stop Saturday, he denied funding the recall out of personal ambition.

"Many people say here's this rich guy trying to buy himself a governorship, right? Wrong," Issa told a gathering of moderate Republicans. "People stand 30-deep to sign this petition ... I'm supporting the recall because Gray Davis needs to go."

Davis himself has begun speaking out against the campaign.

"It will move us backwards and cost the taxpayers $30 million," he told The Associated Press on Friday, referring to the projected cost of a special election.



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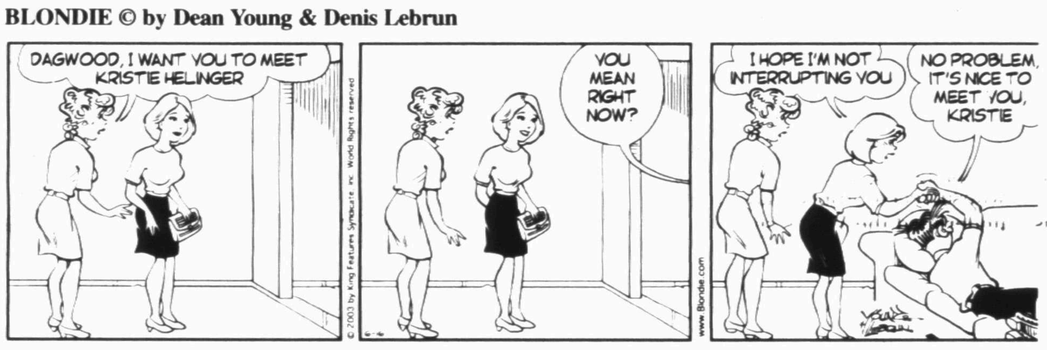
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5 Yes, in Yokohama
8 Can. neighbor
11 Bogus butter
12 Livy's bear
14 Geol. formations
15 Pant
16 Wound covering
17 Two-piece part
18 Vegan's taboo
20 Tackle the job (2 wds.)
22 — and don'ts
23 Pool cover
24 Efficient
27 Row of seats
29 Harmful
30 Feral quality
34 Roundup mishap
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38 Cushy
39 Vise
41 Wharf
43 Garden tool
44 Sheet material
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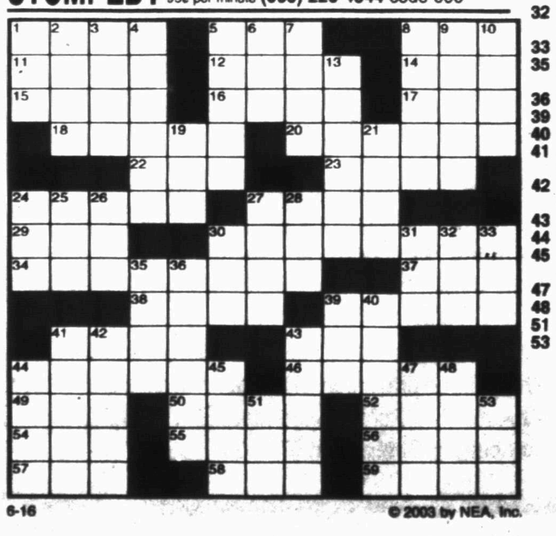
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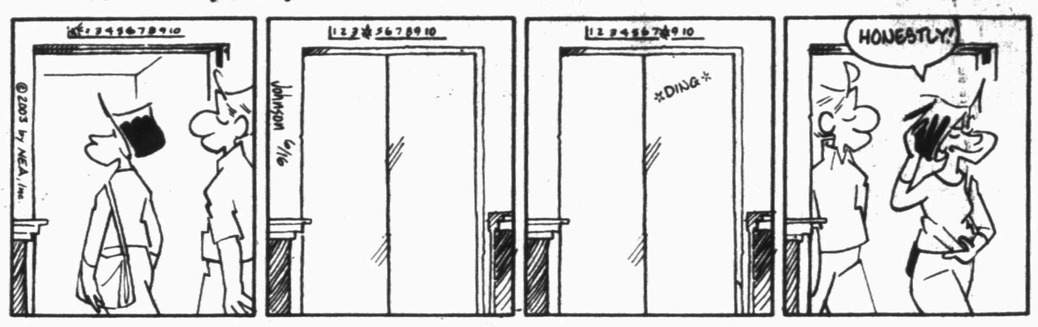
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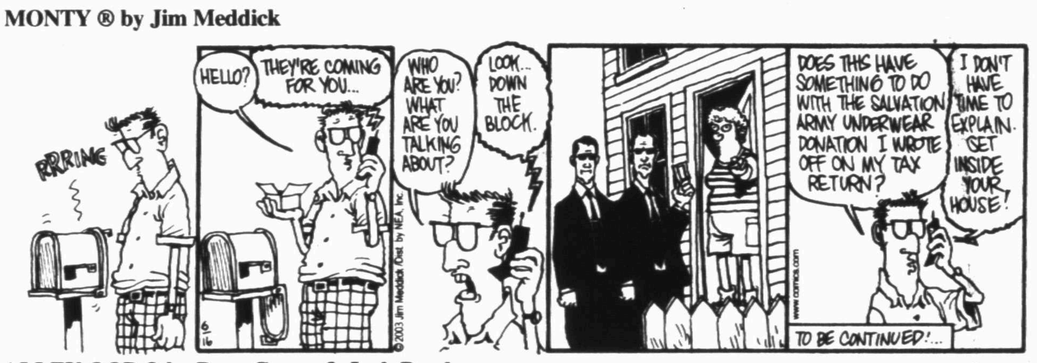
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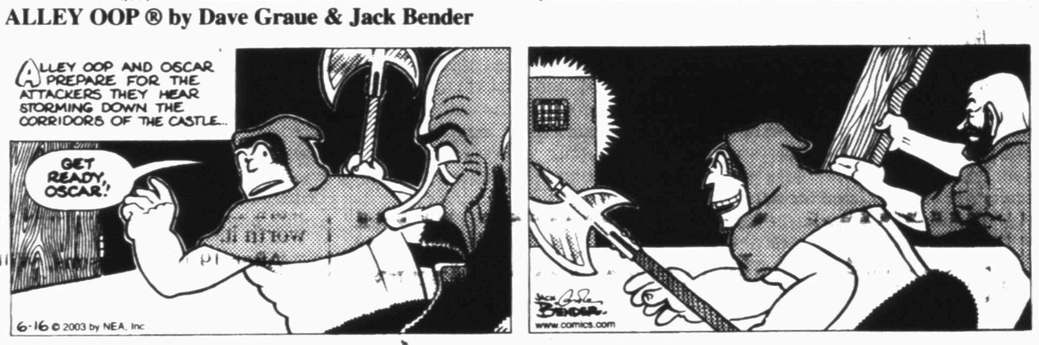
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SPORTS

Duncan named MVP...

Spurs capture second NBA crown

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Somewhere between the court and the locker room, Tim Duncan got hold of his wife's video camera.

The NBA's most dominant player was drenched with sweat and champagne from the defining game of his career to date, but he had one more task to complete, one more moment to capture.

"Dayyy-vid Robinson!" Duncan shouted, pointing the camera at the smiling man coming up the hallway one last time.

Robinson's grin grew even wider.

"You know what you still are, don't you?" he asked. "Young fella!"

For six years, the San Antonio Spurs have been led by this matchless duo of easygoing big men. Their partnership produced hundreds of victories, a legacy of class and grace — and now, two championships.

Duncan carried the Spurs to their second league title with an 88-77 victory over the New Jersey Nets in Game 6 of the NBA Finals Sunday night. With 21 points, 20 rebounds, 10 assists and eight blocked shots, he easily captured his second finals MVP award.

And Robinson, who's never had a problem sharing his success, roared into retirement with 13 points and 17 rebounds, playing a key role in his final victory.

"My last game, streamers flying, world champions," Robinson said. "How can you write a better script than this? It's unbelievable. I'm going to end my career on the highest of highs."

Robinson and Duncan hugged on the bench as the final seconds ticked away, and they hugged again as confetti poured from the rafters and their families celebrated with them.

"For a second there on the court, the last couple of seconds, I really thought, 'You know what? I'm not going to play with this guy again,'" Duncan said. "'I'm going to have to come out on this court without him.' It's going to be weird."

San Antonio trailed for most of Game 6 before embarking on an overpowering five-minute stretch of the fourth quarter. With 19 straight points, the Spurs left no doubt about their worthiness to be called champions despite an NBA Finals dampened by mistakes and ineptitude from both teams.

"I'm just thrilled that David ends his career with a game like that," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "I'm happy for this whole team. ... It's an eclectic group. They are all the strangest backgrounds you can imagine, both individually and basketball-wise.

"There is one common thread: They're all very competitive."

Well-traveled guard Stephen Jackson shook off a horrible series to score 17 points, including three 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. Backup point guard Speedy Claxton scored 13 points and led the fourth-quarter charge, and emerging Argentine star Manu Ginobili added 11 points.

The Spurs' locker room was a madhouse from the moment Kevin Willis entered, clutching the trophy above his head.

"It was light. Everything feels light," Willis said. "All the love I have for the game, and all the work it took to get here, it was worth it."

After 19 NBA seasons, Willis won his first title. So did Danny Ferry, a 13-year veteran, and 12-year pro Steve Smith. Steve Kerr added a fifth ring to his collection.

The Spurs' youngsters also helped the celebration along. Tony Parker got his turn with the trophy — and along with his brother and girlfriend, sang a rousing chorus of "We Are the Champions" in French.

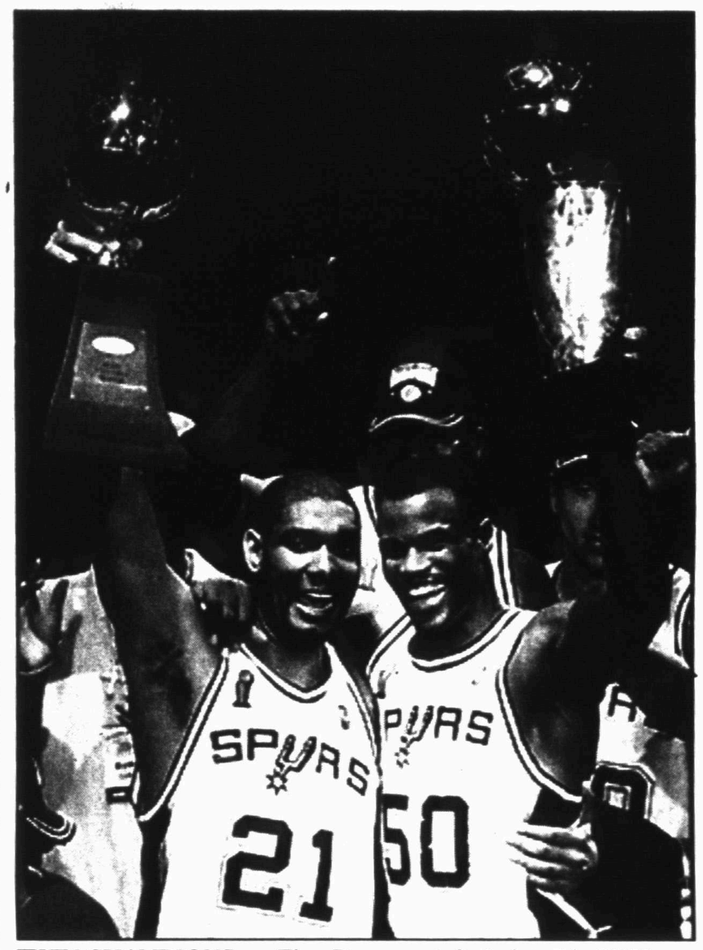
Jason Kidd had 21 points and seven assists for the Nets, who played three outstanding quarters, but were simply overwhelmed by San Antonio's late surge. New Jersey shot another poor percentage (34.5), including a 3-of-23 effort from leading playoff scorer Kenyon Martin.

"I thought it all started on the defensive end with them," said New Jersey coach Byron Scott after losing his second straight trip to the finals. "They really started being a bit more physical, and we got out of our flow. We started rushing shots, and we started taking bad shots."

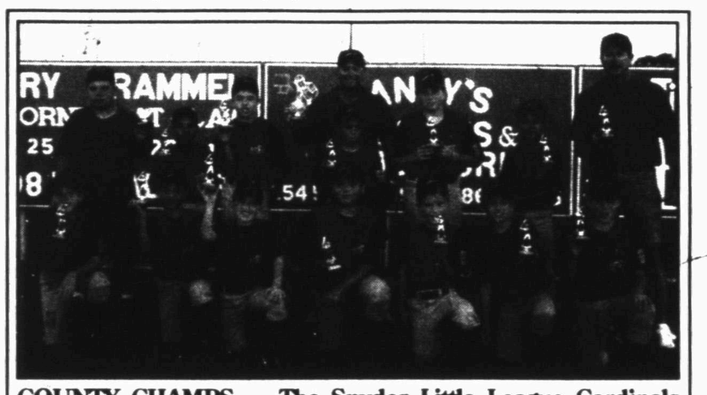
Scott was criticized last season for pulling his starters in the final minute of the Lakers' final victory while it was still a close game. His moves in the fourth quarter of Game 6 were even more debatable.

Kerry Kittles, who had 16 points, and Richard Jefferson were stuck on the bench while struggling reserves Lucious Harris and Rodney Rogers played during San Antonio's overwhelming run. The Nets didn't have the skill or the personnel to counteract the most dominant stretch of play by either team in this mistake-filled series.

It was the fifth straight NBA title for a Western Conference team, and the second straight disappointing finish for the Nets, whose recent efforts have only underlined the West's superiority.



TWIN CHAMPIONS — Tim Duncan, left, hoists his MVP trophy while David Robinson, who played his final game Sunday, holds the NBA championship hardware aloft. (AP Photo)



COUNTY CHAMPS — The Snyder Little League Cardinals won the county championship last weekend, stopping Roscoe, 14-9, Saturday and Key City-Abilene, 7-6, Sunday. The team is, bottom from left, Kylor Fine, Anthony Taylor, Brenan Rhodes, Rey Juarez, Troy Henry, Dillon West, Miles Valentine and, top, from left, coach Rey Juarez, David Zalman, Gage West, Jake Alaniz, manager Ray Conner, Rance Dunn, Ruben Molinar and coach Alan Fine. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder Cardinals win county championship

BRECKENRIDGE — After topping Roscoe, 14-9, Saturday night, the Snyder Little League Cardinals thought they had won the county championship.

But the Cards had one more obstacle placed in front of them before they could claim the title.

The Cardinals played Key City Abilene Sunday in the final game before the all-star season begins, getting a come-from-behind, 7-6, victory to finally bring home the county hardware.

Anthony Taylor did not allow a hit and struck out three in the final two innings to get the win.

The Cardinals were down 4-2 heading into the bottom of the third, before Ruben Molinar smoked a bases-loaded double to plate Taylor, Gage West and Rey Juarez. Molinar later scored on an error to give the Redbirds a 5-4 lead.

Taylor singled and scored in the fourth, before Key City tied things up in the top of the sixth.

West raced home from third on a passed ball with two out in the bottom of the sixth to give the team the championship.

In Saturday's game, The Cardinals rallied from a 8-0 deficit to top Roscoe, 14-9.

Jake Alaniz pitched the final 41/3, allowing one run on one hit to claim the victory.

The Cardinals were lifted to the win on a pair of big fly balls.

West hit a three-run bomb in the third to pull the team to within five. After plating three more in the fifth on four consecutive singles by Rance Dunn, Taylor, West and Juarez, the Cardinals got two more in the bottom of the sixth on a two-run homer from Dunn to tie it at 8-8.

Key City added a run in the top of the seventh, before Snyder finished things off with a six-run seventh for the 14-9 tally.

All-star voting for nine and ten year-olds and 11 and 12-year-olds will take place tonight.

The 9-10 all-stars will open at Logan Field July 1, while the 11-12 all-stars will play in Rotan.

Furyk wins U.S Open with a record-tying 272

OLYMPIA FIELDS, Ill. (AP) — When Jim Furyk walked off the 18th green as the U.S. Open champion, the most important people in his life were there to share his finest moment as a golfer.

He was greeted by his wife, infant daughter, mom and — most fittingly — by his dad, the only coach he's ever had.

What better way to say "Happy Father's Day" than to use what he was taught, take one of the game's most unorthodox swings and parlay it into his first major championship.

"It's hard to try to rate where everything sits or falls, but this is the most special day," Furyk said. "This means the most to me right now."

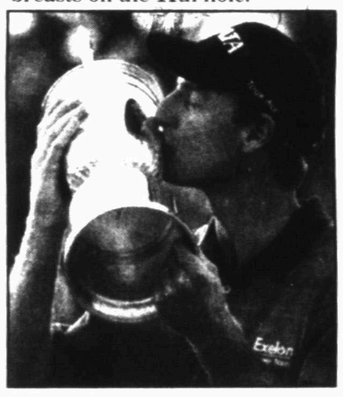
Furyk shot a 2-over 72 on Sunday at Olympia Fields for an 8-under 272 total and three-stroke victory over Australia's Stephen Leaney. The winner matched Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Janzen for the lowest 72-hole score in the 103 years of the U.S. Open.

Woods shot 12-under 272 three years ago at Pebble Beach, which played as a par 71, and remains the only player to finish a U.S. Open in double digits under par.

Leading by three strokes going into the final round, Furyk said he woke up Sunday morning knowing he would win. Even tougher than settling his nerves was composing himself to tell his father Mike Furyk: "Happy Father's Day."

"I had a difficult time even speaking to him," Furyk said. "He's always been there for me in all parts of life. I just told him, 'I know you'll be out there with me today. Let's go get 'em."

And Furyk did, playing the same solid golf that had helped get to 10 under through three rounds. Nothing distracted him, not even a woman who bared her breasts on the 11th hole.



Jim Furyk

As he got ready to walk to the 18th green, the significance of his accomplishment and all the work he'd put in started to sink in while an ovation built.

"I lost it at the point emotionally," he said. "I knew I could pretty much do anything on that green and still the tournament. I just wanted to get it over with and win."

He ended with a bogey but it didn't matter. He was too far ahead to be caught. And the label as one of the best players to never win a major had disappeared.

Marlins hammer Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez , the former Texas All-Star, and Luis Castillo had three hits each for the Florida Marlins, who have won three straight road series for the first time since 1999, after topping the Rangers, 10-4, on Sunday.

The Marlins have taken seven of their last nine on the road.

"The weekend was great," said Rodriguez, who went 4-for-12 in the three games, his first as an opponent at The Ballpark in Arlington. "My friends were there for me and we wound up taking two of three. It's nice to be back in Texas and hopefully I can be back here again someday."

Florida bounced back from Saturday night's 13-2 loss to Texas with its fourth victory in six games.

Marlins starter Mark Redman (5-2) gave up two runs and eight hits over seven innings to remain unbeaten in three road decisions.

Rangers starter John Thomson (4-8) retired the game's first two hitters, before the next five got hits to give Florida a 3-0 lead. He left after 3 2-3 innings, having given up seven runs on 11 hits.

Texas came back with a two-run second on Hank Blalock's RBI single and Donnie Sadler's sacrifice fly.

The Marlins pulled away in the fourth. Juan Pierre had an RBI groundout, Luis Castillo added a run-scoring double and Rodriguez's RBI single made it 6-2 and knocked Thomson out of the game.

R.A. Dickey came in, and gave up a two-run homer to Lowell on his first pitch.

The Rangers are 2-10 in interleague play and have dropped 13 of their last 15.

"We haven't been doing anything well," Alex Rodriguez said. "We're not hitting and we're not pitching. We have to rally and get the ship going in the right direction."

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	28	.588	—
Boston	39	28	.582	½
Toronto	39	31	.557	2
Baltimore	32	35	.478	7½
Tampa Bay	23	44	.343	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	29	.567	—
Kansas City	33	32	.508	4
Chicago	31	37	.456	7½
Cleveland	26	41	.388	12
Detroit	17	49	.258	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	45	22	.672	—
Oakland	38	29	.567	7
Anaheim	34	32	.515	10½
Texas	27	40	.403	18

Today's Games

Minnesota (Lohse 6-4) at Kansas City (May 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 4-2) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-10), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 4-5) at Seattle (Pineiro 5-5), 9:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	45	22	.672	—
Montreal	39	30	.565	7
Philadelphia	35	32	.522	10
Florida	33	37	.471	13½
New York	31	36	.463	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	37	30	.552	—
Houston	37	32	.536	1
St. Louis	35	32	.522	2
Cincinnati	34	33	.507	3
Pittsburgh	27	39	.409	9½
Milwaukee	27	40	.403	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	42	26	.618	—
Los Angeles	40	28	.588	2
Colorado	35	35	.500	8
Arizona	33	35	.485	9
San Diego	21	49	.300	22

Sunday's Games

Toronto 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings
Colorado 5, Detroit 4
Los Angeles 4, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 5, St. Louis 2
Pittsburgh 9, Tampa Bay 5
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Baltimore 5, Milwaukee 4
Boston 3, Houston 2, 14 innings
Arizona 12, Minnesota 8
Kansas City 5, San Francisco 4
San Diego 1, Chicago White Sox 0
N.Y. Mets 8, Anaheim 0
Oakland 9, Montreal 1
Seattle 2, Atlanta 1
Florida 10, Texas 4

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (Glavine 5-6) at Florida (Willis 5-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 4-6) at Cincinnati (Ji.Anderson 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Calero 1-1) at Milwaukee (W.Franklin 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 2-5) at Colorado (Cook 2-6), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Summer strength camp

SHS head football coach Chad Rogers will host a free summer strength and conditioning camp for three weeks beginning today.

The camps also will run next week and the week of July 7.

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

WTC golf clinics

The WTC junior golf clinic will be held Tuesday through Friday at the WTC golf course. Ages 7-10 will receive instruction from SHS and SJHS golf coaches Matt Glenn, Ricky Hunter and Cody Cox from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., with ages 11-18 going from 3 to 5 p.m. Cost is $50 per person and $25 for each additional sibling.

The women's clinic will be held on the same days from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is $50 per person. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information and to register.

Football camp

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

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

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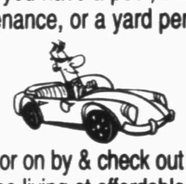
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Ira FFA awards presented

Ira FFA students recently received awards for the 2002-2003 school year.

First semester awards were presented to: Bubba Walker, agriculture business; Stephen Nickerson, work study; Jeff Fine, metal fabrication; Shea Allen, introduction agriculture mechanics; Kelbi Pitner, eighth grade explorer; and Jordan Lollar, agriculture 101.

Second semester awards were presented to: Lacie Thompson, animal science; Geoff Pinkerton, work study; Joel Lollar, agriculture 102; and Justin Taylor, animal and plant production.

Ashton Smith and Wes Kellner received the Star Greenhand Awards. The State Farmer Degree was awarded to Lacie Thompson, and Chapter Farmer to Amber Sanchez. The Outstanding Shop Student Award was presented to Geoff Pinkerton.

Candace Sanchez received the award for Outstanding FFA Student. The Outstanding Freshmen Student Awards went to Brittany Dickerhoff and Chad Nickerson. Ashton Smith was recognized as the District FFA Student Advisor, and Lacie Thompson as the District FFA Reporter.

Judging, skills, and leadership teams were recognized. Brittany Dickerhoff for placing first at district and third at area in junior prepared public speaking. Celeigh Sterling was recognized as the regional winner of the DeKalb Award, as well as for receiving a $1,000 National FFA/Ford Scholarship.

The Ira FFA Chapter provided a meal of bar-b-que, followed by ice cream for members, parents, and supporters.



IRA FFA OFFICERS — Ira FFA officers for 2002-2003 were from left, Jake Barnes, president; Cody Lomax, student advisor; Celeigh Sterling, treasurer; Michelle Nettles, sentinel; Kali Clements, reporter; Jess Wall, vice president; and Candace Sanchez, secretary. (Contributed Photo)

Funding cuts likely for AmeriCorps

WASHINGTON (AP) — AmeriCorps is planning to cut funding for some of the more than 2,000 nonprofit and other groups that rely on grants from the community service organization, a spokesman said Saturday.

Today, the Corporation for National and Community Service — which oversees AmeriCorps — will announce its first round of program grants for the coming year, leaving off the list some programs that have received funding in the past, said Sandy Scott, spokesman for the corporation.

He declined to say how many groups would be affected in advance of the announcement.

But Paul Schmitz of Public Allies, one of the many not-for-profit groups affected, said the cuts are "just way worse than any of us had imagined or were prepared for."

Astronauts satisfied with NASA's safety efforts, live with the risks

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite the safety problems uncovered by the Columbia space shuttle investigation, several current and former astronauts say they are comfortable with NASA's approach to safety, even as they acknowledge there's no way to make space travel risk-free.

"Every time that I strapped on the shuttle, I felt confident everybody had done what I thought was everything possible to make sure we were ready to go," said astronaut Scott Altman.

Altman said he wouldn't hesitate to fly on the shuttle again. Neither would former astronaut Sally Ride, who has served on the boards that probed both the Columbia and Challenger accidents.

James Voss, who retired this month after four flights and a nearly six-month stay on the international space station, said decisions about the Columbia flight were those "any reasonable person would have made with the information that we had," he said.

In recent years, Altman said, the space agency has done a good job of addressing problems it uncovered, noting last year's grounding of the fleet after hairline cracks were found in fuel lines. Flights resumed after the cracks were welded.

However, the probe of the Columbia accident revealed NASA's failure to see the dangers of fuel-tank foam insulation flying off and hitting the shuttle — the leading theory for the Feb. 1 disaster that killed seven astronauts.

"Maybe we just haven't imagined enough what could go wrong," said Altman, who commanded Columbia on its last mission before the accident. "As you try to make safety improvements, you go at what you perceive are the biggest risks. Was it a bad decision to go after things that were more of a threat before? I'm not sure I could say it was."

Just last week, new fears arose over giant bolts designed to break off when the rocket boosters separate from the shuttle's external fuel tank. Investigators found that pieces of the 2-foot-long bolts might not land in the canisters designed to catch them.

The bolts are not considered a cause of the Columbia disaster, but could threaten future shuttles, investigators said. NASA is now working to fix that problem along with the breakaway foam.

Altman said that returning to space will involve managing risk but acknowledging it will always be there. He predicted changes from the Columbia investigation will probably be "incremental rather than revolutionary."

The investigative board has said it wants to improve hands-on shuttle inspections, which decreased due to greater reliance on contractors. Until the mid-1990s, NASA itself did more than 40,000 inspections before a shuttle flight, compared with 8,500 right before the latest accident.

But former astronaut Tom Henricks, who commanded two shuttle missions and was a pilot on two others, said more inspections aren't necessarily the answer.

"Safety and reliability have to be designed into systems. If that's done properly it reduces the requirement of inspections," he said. "Every time you touch a system like that you are opening yourself up (to) breaking the components. You're better off just leaving it alone. One reason you saw the number of inspections decrease over time was because things were designed better."

However, Henricks, who flew twice on Columbia, said he felt NASA began to accept too much risk not long after the 1986 Challenger accident.

"The pendulum (after Challenger) had swung to as conservative as they could make it," he said. "But then that pendulum started swinging back almost immediately and it was very prevalent by the time we were going to (the Russian space station) Mir. We were still sending Americans to Mir after a fire and a collision. Near the post-Challenger time frame, that wouldn't have happened.

"If leadership will accept foam coming off, then why would somebody lower in the organization get all that concerned about it? Culture is driven top-down," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 06-16-03
♠ K 10 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ J 8 7 5 2
♣ K 6

West
♠ Q 9 7 6 4 2
♥ 7
♦ Q 10 3
♣ J 5 4

East
♠ 8 5
♥ A K 10 9 6 3
♦ A 9 4
♣ Q 10

South
♠ A J
♥ Q J 2
♦ K 6
♣ A 9 8 7 3 2

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
2 ♣	Pass	Pass	2 ♥
3 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

How do you think the play proceeded in three clubs?

Sitting East-West were Mexico's top pair, Dr. George Rosenkranz and Miguel Reygadas. West started with his singleton heart, East winning with his king and cashing the ace. When West discarded a low spade at trick two, East continued with the heart three, his lowest card being a suit-preference signal for diamonds, the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits. So, West, after ruffing, returned a low diamond to East's ace.

Now Rosenkranz paused to consider from where the fifth defensive trick might come. Since it seemed as though both spades and diamonds were hopeless, a trump trick looked to be the best shot. Therefore, Rosenkranz led a fourth heart, which Reygadas ruffed with the club jack to uppercut dummy's king and promote a trick for East: one down.

At the other table, the bidding and early play were the same, but after getting back in with the diamond ace, East returned a diamond, hoping his partner had the king. South won, drew trumps, and claimed.

It is safe to give a ruff-and-sluff if your side has taken every side-suit trick it can win. Then, when declarer takes his sluff, he is discarding a winner, not a loser.

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Who's afraid of the ruff-and-sluff?

By Phillip Alder

On our grandmothers' knees, we were warned never to give the declarer a ruff-and-sluff. However, as is "always" the case in bridge, you can "never" say "never." There is one time when giving a ruff-and-sluff cannot cost and might gain.

This deal arose during a regional Swiss Teams at the Spring Nationals in Philadelphia last March.

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AOL TimeWrn	15.67	15.41	15.65	+ .10
AT&T Corp rs	21.08	20.75	20.94	+ .08
Albertsons	19.70	19.42	19.70	+ .32
Alltel	47.74	47.21	47.74	+ .72
AmEl Pw	30.56	29.82	30.54	+ .86
AndarkPtr	45.75	44.90	45.30	—.42
ATMOS Egy	25.25	24.92	25.23	+ .32
Aviall	10.86	10.55	10.82	+ .20
BP PLC	44.74	44.46	44.68	+ .78
BakerHughes	34.57	33.65	33.96	—.60
Bank of Amer	79.54	78.63	79.54	+ 1.05
BellSouth	26.99	26.64	26.98	+ .46
BurlNoSFe	29.88	29.40	29.83	+ .18
Caterpillar	57.69	56.63	57.68	+ 1.63
CenterPoint	9.07	8.91	9.05	+ .15
ChevronTex	75.00	74.18	75.00	—.05
Citigroup	44.78	44.10	44.76	+ .66
CocaCola	47.91	47.30	47.90	+ .55
ColgatePal	60.67	59.91	60.42	+ .44
CmclMetals	18.40	18.27	18.40	+ .16
ConocoPhill	55.10	54.11	55.10	+ .79
Cooper Inds	40.78	40.40	40.78	+ .39
DaimlrChry	34.05	32.56	34.03	+ 1.12
DeltaAirl	15.58	15.15	15.53	+ .38
Dillards Inc	13.33	13.16	13.30	+ .17
DowChem	31.98	31.65	31.95	+ .30
DuPont	44.10	43.50	43.98	+ .40
EastmanChem	33.24	32.50	33.20	+ .80
EstKodak	31.60	31.03	31.60	+ .77
EDS Corp	22.60	22.28	22.60	+ .28
Entergy	54.30	53.07	54.13	+ 1.11
ExxonMobil	38.24	37.73	38.21	+ .28
FootLocker	13.39	13.15	13.39	+ .14
GenDynam	73.47	72.15	73.44	+ 1.43
GenElec	31.17	30.65	31.16	+ .51
GenMills	49.18	48.76	49.16	+ .46
GenMotors	37.00	36.31	36.96	+ .76
GaPacific	17.88	17.58	17.85	+ .10
Goodrich	20.45	20.13	20.33	
Goodyear	7.02	6.75	7.01	+ .29
GtAtlPac	9.48	9.10	9.40	+ .14
Halliburtn	24.49	23.76	24.39	+ .08
Hanson ADS	31.27	30.95	31.11	+ .70
HarteHanks	19.05	18.85	19.05	+ .19
HomeDepot	34.56	33.50	34.55	+ .99
Honeywellintl	28.30	28.07	28.28	+ .42
IBM	83.86	82.55	83.74	+ .99
IntlPaper	38.30	37.60	38.23	+ .36
JohnsonJn	53.75	52.60	53.74	+ 1.18
KinderMorg	56.02	55.55	55.75	+ .20
Kroger Co	16.04	15.60	16.00	+ .50
LockheedM	48.80	47.85	48.70	+ .80
Lowes Cos	45.10	44.27	45.08	+ .93
Lubys	2.75	2.67	2.75	+ .13
LucentTech	2.18	2.08	2.14	
MarathonOil	26.96	26.47	26.95	+ .37
MayDeptStr	22.79	22.28	22.79	+ .60
Medtronic	49.53	49.27	49.53	+ .53
Motorola	8.85	8.63	8.81	+ .15
NCR Corp	27.12	26.48	27.12	+ .43
Navistar	35.37	34.25	35.28	+ 1.08
PNM Rescs	27.45	26.85	27.43	+ .58
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Drug bust defendants anticipating release from Texas prisons

TULIA (AP) — Mattie White had all but given up hope that she would ever again be reunited with her two children sent to prison during an undercover drug operation since called into question.

"I thought, 'It's not going to ever happen.' I would go off and cry to myself," White said. Her children were among 46 arrested in 1999 in this small Panhandle town.

But over the past few months, White's hopes have risen as civil rights advocates decried the arrests as racially motivated and a judge recommended that the convictions be overturned.

Retired state District Judge Ron Chapman, of Dallas, was expected Monday to order the release of White's 27-year-old son, 26-year-old daughter and 10 others on personal recognizance bonds while their appeals are being heard.

Another defendant would be covered by the ruling, but won't be released because of charges in another county. A 14th defendant is not eligible for bond because his case is still pending on direct appeal.

The judge's expected ruling would mark a milestone in the case that has brought national attention to this community of 5,000 people. Several investigations have been launched.

"I'm so happy for them," said Billy Wafer, who was arrested during the busts but had an alibi that led to his case being dismissed. "It's been a long time coming but it's finally here."

The controversial busts were led by undercover agent Tom Coleman, who claimed he bought drugs from the defendants during an 18-month investigation in which he worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance.

No drugs were ever found during a total of 46 arrests and little or no corroborating evidence was introduced at trial. Some suggested discrimination was behind the arrests. Coleman is white; of the 46 people arrested, 39 are black.

A total of 38 of the group arrested were convicted or accepted plea agreements out of fear of lengthy prison terms. Of the 38, 14 defendants remain in jail.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

In the year ahead chances are you could meet many people of considerable influence, yet, oddly enough, those who help you in the ways that are most important to you will be of the lesser rank.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The fact that you're intrigued about gathering new data causes you from time to time to be a bit gullible — and this could be one of those days. Verify any new information being relayed to you today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Financial or commercial situations must be treated with caution today. Conditions are very uncertain at this time and what appears to be a bargain could be anything but.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is no way a partnership arrangement can hang together today if either person does not hold up his or her end of the bargain today. Without equal contribution it'll collapse from its own weight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You cannot automatically assume things left to their own devices will work out to your satisfaction today. You need to stay on top of things and not leave anything up to chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If you act without first consulting with your friends of associates about a social assessment, you could find them all siding together and ganging up on you today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be very careful not to assume your position is much stronger than it actually is. If it turns out that you're even a tad behind the curve, you could quickly find yourself totally off the road.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You're a pretty perceptive individual and not known for gullibility, but today someone who spins a good tale could have you wrapped around his or her finger, playing the role of a puppet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — For someone who takes great pride in being his or her own person, you might allow yourself to be cast in the unfamiliar role of depending on another for a matter of material security.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Listen to the suggestions and points of views of others today, but under no circumstances let anyone make a major decision for you. Consider all the data and come to your own conclusion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Sincere humility is a wonderful virtue, and one you display often. Today, however, don't humble yourself to the point where others can take advantage of you for their own purposes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The fact that you're a self-starter and not afraid to challenge others when you feel it is necessary is good, but today you could go up against someone who is more than you had bargained for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be careful what you take on today when you believe others are following your banner. You could be mistaken about the support you thought you had and find yourself out on a limb alone.

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Officials to probe fatal crash of skydiving plane

JEANNETTE, Pa. (AP) — A Father's Day skydiving trip turned tragic when a small plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing four of the five people aboard.

Witnesses told authorities they heard the Cessna 205's engine sputter and cut out before the crash about 1:15 p.m. Sunday at Greensburg-Jeannette Regional Airport.

The aircraft apparently clipped four trees when it crashed about 100 feet from the runway, said Ron Supancic, chief of the Claridge Volunteer Fire Department.

The plane is registered to Charles E. Bryant, of Greensburg, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Salac said. Bryant, 61, was among the dead, Westmoreland County Coroner Kenneth A. Bacha said.

The coroner's office did not immediately identify the pilot, a 52-year-old Pittsburgh man. The other victims were David Ray, 49, of Seward, and Terry Blanish, 52, of West Newton.

"My world has fallen apart," said Marla Goodlin, 48, who was to marry Blanish next summer in Switzerland. Blanish had 15 years of skydiving experience and was approaching 2,000 jumps, she said.

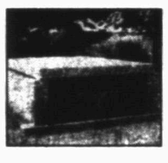
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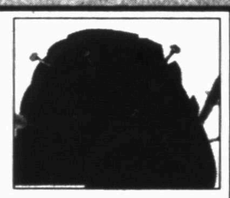
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Hermleigh 3rd and 4th graders make projects

Hermleigh third and fourth graders recently completed projects.

The third graders took a virtual trip to Washington, D.C. and later constructed copies of the Washington Monument.

Fourth graders completed four habitat projects.

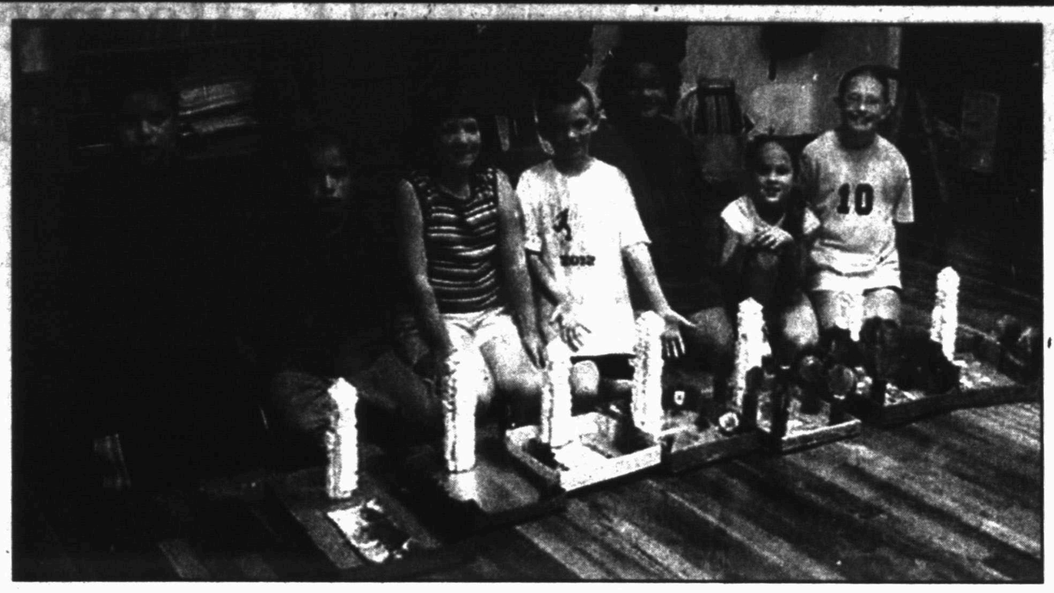
The "most artistic" award went to the wetland habitat, designed by Matt Williams, Kelton Garcia and Garrett Gray.

The mountain habitat, designed by JR Jaimes and Jacob Nachlinger, received the "most original" award.

The forest habitat received the "most realistic award." Designers are Duncan Sorrells, Lori Garcia and Gavin Gray.

The "best all around" award was presented to the desert habitat, designed by Gloria Ramirez and Jordan Williamson, had previously presented a program on habitats within an ecosystem.

Previously Jim Lionberger, Texas Parks and Wildlife, presented a program on habitats within an ecosystem.



MAKE WASHINGTON MONUMENTS — Hermleigh third graders who recently made replicas of the Washington Monument are from left, Fabian Fuentes, Santos Reynoza, Larissa Nachlinger, Aaron Jernigan, Catie Anderson, Carly Gill, Delinda Dacus, (Contributed Photo)



MAKE HABITATS — Hermleigh fourth graders who made habitats are from left, JR Jaimes, Jordan Williamson, Gloria Ramirez, Gavin Gray, Lori Garcia, Duncan Sorrells, Kelton Garcia, Matt Williams and Garrett Gray. Jacob Nachlinger is not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Soldier home in time for Father's Day

FORT HOOD (AP) — Wounded on the front lines in Iraq, an Army soldier says he's glad to be back at his Central Texas post for Father's Day with his family.

Spc. Jerry White said his faith and his love for his wife and three children brought him through his medical crisis after he was hit by shrapnel.

An electrician with the 62nd Engineering Battalion, the 33-year-old White was sent from the front by Medivac about May 10 after being hit by shrapnel. He was returned home to Fort Hood on June 7 after surgery and physical therapy.

"I felt the peace of knowing that Jesus Christ would bring me through this and I would be OK," White told the Temple Daily Telegram.

"That, and my wife Malynda. How wonderful to have her when things got really rough," said White, leaning on a cane trying to find a comfortable position for his back.

But he prefers not to talk about the specifics of the incident that caused his wound, his wife says.

"He has flashbacks and the memory is traumatic," said Malynda, 35.

Shrapnel lodged in her husband's back next to his spine, causing a disc to swell which temporarily paralyzed him from the waist down, she said.

"He called me from the triage unit at Camp Wolfe after he had been sent to the rear," she said

Bush kicks off multi-million dollar campaign fundraising

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush begins raising money in earnest this week for his 2004 re-election effort with a two-week, cross-country sprint expected to take in millions of dollars.

First lady Laura Bush and the president's 2004 running mate, Vice President Dick Cheney, also will hit the fund-raising circuit.

In all, the president is expected to raise $200 million or more for his primary campaign over the next several months, at least twice the record $100 million he collected for the 2000 primaries.

The Republican will be helped by a doubling of the individual contribution limit to $2,000 in the new campaign finance law, effective with the 2003-04 election cycle.

Helping Bush are fund-raising volunteers, including the "Pioneers" who played a key role in 2000 by raising at least $100,000 each. A new class of fund-raisers, known as the "Rangers," will collect at least $200,000 each for Bush's campaign.

Bush entered the race last month. He immediately began raising money on his campaign Web site and through the mail.

He plans his first fund-raiser Tuesday in Washington, a $2,000-per-person reception at the Washington Hilton where donors will get hamburgers, hot dogs and nachos.

Bush will follow it up with a series of $2,000-per-person events across the country, including Friday in Greensboro, Ga.; June 23 in New York; June 27 in suburban San Francisco and Los Angeles; and June 30 in Miami and Tampa, Fla.

The two California events alone are expected to take in about $6 million. That would be only about $1 million less than the top two first-quarter Democratic fund-raisers, Sens. John Edwards of North Carolina and John Kerry of Massachusetts, took in for their campaigns from January through March, the most recent figures available.

Cheney will headline campaign events this month, including fund-raisers June 23 in Richmond, Va., and the Boston area and June 30 in Ohio and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Laura Bush is to attend Bush-Cheney fund-raisers Friday in Chattanooga, Tenn., and June 25 in Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

Bush campaign spokeswoman Nicolle Devenish declined to release early fund-raising figures.



Punishment ruling is delayed in hazing case

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A state district judge has granted a request by several Texas A&M University students to delay disciplinary proceedings against them resulting from a hazing investigation of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry.

Attorneys for the students claim A&M's punishment process, which started in the spring semester, is unfair and illegal.

State District Judge Rick Davis agreed to a temporary injunction on the campus hearings, according to court documents.

In August, Davis is scheduled to rule on a permanent injunction, which would keep A&M from ever pursuing sanctions against the students accused of hazing, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Sunday.

"What we're asking for is a permanent injunction because they have violated rights of due process in such as way it cannot be undone," said Ronald Hole, a McAllen lawyer representing his son and another student against A&M.

The students are not asking Davis to decide whether hazing occurred in the Corps of Cadets unit.

Criminal and university investigations of the Parsons unit were launched last year after a cadet came forward with allegations that upperclassman had beaten and otherwise abused their subordinates.

Hazing is a Class A misdemeanor and is prohibited by university student rules.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Zamboni cough

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son is a member of his college ice hockey team. He coughs every night on Thursdays through Sundays, the days he competes. Miraculously, his cough disappears Mondays through Wednesdays. Could this be stress-induced? He is a hockey fanatic and refuses to see a doctor.

DEAR READER: Stress could conceivably be a cause of your son's cough but, based on his pattern, I have an alternative explanation.

The Zamboni machine is the device used to clean and smooth indoor ice rinks. It is run by an internal combustion engine that produces emissions, which often cause hockey players to cough. I suggest that your son conduct an experiment: During the times the machine is operating, he should remove himself from the rink. If his cough disappears or lessens, you have your answer. If his cough continues, he should be checked by the doctor in the student health service.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: After moving back to the Midwest (after an unsuccessful trial of winter living in the South), my husband and I fight the cold, dark winter nights with an electric blanket, which we sleep under every night. You can imagine our surprise when a friend informed us that this practice could endanger our health because of long-term exposure to close-proximity, low voltage. Have you heard of this?

DEAR READER: Yes, I have.

Several years ago, experts expressed concern about a variety of medical ills that possibly were caused by chronic exposure to weak electromagnetic radiation in our environment from sources such as high-voltage power lines, microwave devices and electric blankets.

Since then, studies have dismissed the risks from power lines and moderated their positions about microwave ovens (they're OK if the seals are intact but can cause tissue damage if there is microwave scatter). The case against electric blankets has not really been addressed. Therefore, my position is strictly conservative: Until definitive information is available, reduce your exposure to low-voltage sources. I recommend that you turn off your electric blanket before sleeping under it. In essence, warm your bed, but use more conventional methods, like comforters or blankets, to stay warm once you have climbed into bed. I admit that this position is somewhat controversial, but I see no harm in being prudent about a topic that clearly needs more scientific scrutiny.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 76 and get terrific cramps in my thighs and legs when I exercise. They last several minutes — unless I somehow keep moving. Then I'm OK. No one can explain why I get this symptom. I smoke, but have no other health problems.

DEAR READER: Your brief description is classical for a medical condition called claudication, muscle cramps related to exercise. In this situation, arterial blockages (in the arteries leading to your legs) reduce the flow of blood. In the resting state, this block is inconsequential. However, during exercise when the muscles demand more circulation, the arteries cannot deliver it: Muscle cramp develops.

In some patients who choose to continue exercise, the pain may disappear. Called "walk-through" claudication, this symptom also needs to be addressed.

I believe that you need further investigation, especially an arterial study to diagnose significant blockages. This could be an arteriogram or, if your physician agrees, a Doppler ultrasound. Ask your doctor about this and let me know the decision. And please stop smoking.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Rocker A Operating will drill the No. 3-B Fuller in the Corazon field, five miles northeast of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 2,700 feet, location is in Section 663, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 2-26 EZJ, a 4,500-foot wildcat located 19 miles southwest of Colorado City. Location is in Section 26, Block 19, Lavaca Navigation Co. survey.

Kent County

Occidental Permian will drill the No. 1126 Cogdell Canyon Reef field unit, 14 miles southwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 705, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 4-C Southeast Ackerly, a 9,200-foot wildcat located 14 miles northwest of Big Spring. Drill site is in Section 11, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2833-C Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Planned depth is 4,000 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2817 Snyder in the Snyder field, 15 miles east of Big Spring. Contracted for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

L.C.S. Producing Co. will drill the No. 1018 Dillard in the Would Have field, four miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 5,999 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Southwest Royalties has completed the No. 6-13 Powell in the Signal Peak field, three miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of oil and 22 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,428-544 feet, and location is in Section 13, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

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Court upholds campaign finance rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today that the government can ban campaign contributions from advocacy groups, a warm-up decision to the showdown over the broader new campaign finance law.

Justices rejected a constitutional challenge to the 32-year-old federal donation ban, which applies to groups with a point of view on issues such as gun rights and abortion.

The case, involving a North Carolina anti-abortion organization, was a prelude to the court's handling of the 2002 campaign finance law.

By a vote of 7-2, the court said the right to free speech does not trump Congress' goal of limiting the corrosive effects of corporate money in politics.

Advocacy organizations maintain that their members should be allowed to pool their money and use it to elect candidates who support their issues.

The government maintained that the groups could be used to circumvent individual campaign donation limits, with little public disclosure about the source of the money.

"Any attack on the federal prohibition of direct corporate political contributions goes against the current of a century of congressional efforts," Justice David Souter wrote for the majority.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer agreed with Souter. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy agreed with the outcome.

Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented.

The donation ban is not directly related to the court's review of the new campaign finance law, commonly known as McCain-Feingold for its congressional sponsors — Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., but the ruling will be closely watched for clues to what the justices might do.

The court has scheduled a special session in September, a month ahead of the start of its regular term, to consider the law that bans corporate, union and unlimited contributions to national party committees.

The new law also bars a range of interest groups, including those financed with corporate or union money and those that do not disclose their donors, from airing ads mentioning federal candidates in their districts the month before a primary and two months before a general election.

When Congress rewrote the campaign finance rules, it did not change the 1971 law that makes it unlawful for any type of corporation to give money to a federal candidate or political party.

Currently, only individuals, political parties, political action committees and other campaigns can contribute to federal candidates and national party committees. The court's ruling today maintains that status quo and continues a trend in which the high court has been willing to uphold limits on contributions.

In 2001, the court ruled that political parties could not spend unlimited amounts of money if they coordinated their efforts with a candidate. And in 2000, the court voted to back Missouri's contribution limits to state campaigns.

Elizabeth Garrett, a law professor at the University of Southern California, said the case is important because issue-oriented nonprofits have become increasingly important in campaigns.

Gillespie to chair GOP committee

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican National Committee named Washington lobbyist and GOP strategist Ed Gillespie as its national chairman today to replace Marc Racicot, who will head the re-election effort for President Bush, said Republican officials.

Gillespie, 41, was a general strategist for Elizabeth Dole's successful Senate campaign in 2002 and served as a senior communications adviser to the Bush-Cheney campaign in 2000 — a major step up from his first GOP job in which he worked the party's phone banks.

A partner in the lobbying firm Quinn, Gillespie & Associates, Republican officials said Gillespie will not lobby, nor engage in any policy discussion with clients of his lobbying firm. He will forgo his salary, but he is not divesting his ownership stake in the company.

Racicot came under criticism when he was named RNC chairman in December 2001 because he would not agree to stop doing business with his lobbying firm, Bracewell & Patterson. He promised to be cautious about doing any work that could put the White House or the RNC in an awkward situation.

In the 1990s, Gillespie was a communications director for the RNC and a spokesman for former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. Gillespie also worked closely with former RNC chairman Haley Barbour as a political consultant and a lobbyist.

Racicot, a former governor of Montana, moves to the campaign to re-elect Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. During his tenure as RNC chairman, the party regained control of the Senate in the 2002 midterm elections and improved its numbers in the House, bucking the historical trends that typically work against the party occupying the White House. The RNC used a strong get-out-the-vote effort with an emphasis on grass-roots contact with voters.

"The American people have come to know George Bush as a person and a leader, and we'll make that case — that he has been effective and honest and a very important force in a very troubled world," Racicot told The Associated Press during an interview Friday at the RNC's Capitol Hill headquarters.

Bush has asked Gillespie to serve as chairman, but his appointment won't be official until the full RNC votes at its summer meeting in New York in July.

The RNC also named Maria Cino to be its deputy chairman, replacing Jack Oliver who went to the Bush-Cheney campaign last month, and chose Christine Iverson as press secretary. Cino was national political director in the early stages of Bush's 2000 presidential campaign and worked at the RNC and the Commerce Department.

Alcohol-related arrests reported in Snyder

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 26-year-old woman on U.S. 180 at 1:11 a.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Two individuals were taken into custody in the 3000 block of Ave. U at 1:40 a.m. Sunday. Arrested were a 23-year-old woman and a 23-year-old man, both for public intoxication.

A 28-year-old man was arrested at the VFW at 2 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

Theft

Marvin Butler reported at 4:45 p.m. Saturday that his lawn mower was stolen from his home on West Dr. Officers advised an offense report for stolen property would be submitted.

Criminal mischief

A woman in the 1400 block of 19th Street reported a window broken on her husband's work truck. Officers submitted an offense report.

Fight

Three Snyder officers responded to the McDonald's parking lot at 9:15 p.m. Saturday to a fight between two females. The women had separated for the night when officers arrived and neither wished to file charges.

Harassment

A woman requested an officer at her apartment Sunday morning to report that she received several harassing phone calls from a male subject. Officers advised an offense report for telephone harassment would be submitted.

Gas drive off

A clerk at the Plaza Truck Stop reported a gas drive off in the amount of $11.31 at 11 a.m. Sunday.

A fuel drive off worth $10 was reported from Town and Country East at 3:40 p.m. Sunday.

At 11 p.m. Sunday, a gas drive off in the amount of $15.91 was reported from Town and Country North.

Obituaries

Silvia Martinez

1969-2003

Silvia Martinez, a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School, died Saturday, June 14, in Campbell Health System in Weatherford after a lengthy illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Martinez, 33, is set for 7 this evening in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church with Fr. Roy Badillas officiating. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Oct. 5, 1969 in Hollister, Calif., she married Johnnie Martinez April 17, 1988 in Snyder.



Sylvia Martinez

She had lived all of her life in Snyder before moving to Weatherford a year ago. A homemaker, Mrs. Martinez also had attended Western Texas College.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Tovar.

Survivors include her husband, Johnnie Martinez of Weatherford; a daughter, Kelly Martinez of Weatherford; a son, Bobby Martinez of Weatherford; her parents, Alex and Diane Tovar of Snyder; a sister, Sally Rios of Snyder; five brothers, Gus Tovar, Richard Tovar and Robert Tovar, all of Snyder, and Jack and George Tovar, both of Amarillo.

John Partain

1938-2003

John Partain, longtime Snyder resident, died Saturday, June 14, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Partain, 64, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Nov. 18, 1938 in Troup, Mr. Partain moved to Snyder from Kilgore in 1949 and graduated from Snyder High School in 1957. He married Pat Denson on April 3, 1958 in Lawton, Okla.

Mr. Partain, a Baptist, worked as a lineman for Texas Electric Service Co. for 33 years. After retirement, he drove a bus for the Snyder ISD for eight years.

Mr. Partain was preceded in death by a daughter, Laurie Woolever; and a sister, Earnestine Nolan.

Survivors include his wife, Pat Partain of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Wes and Terri Partain of Spring; a sister, Leoma Hagan of Longview; a brother, Leonard Partain of Robert Lee; and three grandchildren, Brett, Kyle and Brittany Partain, all of Spring.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Odyssey Hospice, 1510 S. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720; or to a favorite charity.

Earnest Biggers

1917-2003

Earnest Biggers of Colorado City died Saturday, June 14, in Valley Fair Lodge.

Service for Mr. Biggers, 85, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Colorado City. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery in Colorado City. The Rev. H.H. Lee of Colorado City will officiate.

Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Dec. 17, 1917 in Milam County, Mr. Biggers married Angeline Baker on Jan. 18, 1939 in Cameron.

He was preceded in death by one son, Earnest Biggers Jr.; four daughters, Nettie Mae Brooks, Ernestine Biggers, Celestine Biggers and Christine Biggers.

Survivors include his wife, Angeline Biggers of Colorado City; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Willie Foote of Spanaway, Wash.; two daughters, Evelyn Dillard and Theresa Thompson, both of Colorado City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Janice Biggers of Colorado City and Nikko and Tennille Biggers of Arlington; three sisters, Wilma Biggers of Colorado City, Helen Ward of Waco and Leesther Biggers of Abilene; 14 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe T. Fuller

1947-2003

VENTURA, Calif. — Joe T. Fuller, former Snyder resident, died Wednesday, June 11, in Ventura as a result of injuries from an automobile accident.

Services for Mr. Fuller, 55, were held in California following cremation. A memorial service will be held June 22 in College Hill Church in North Richland Hills.

Born on Aug. 27, 1947 in Abilene, Mr. Fuller attended Snyder schools. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Kathy and William Ellington of Fort Worth; his father, Alford Fuller of Colorado; a son, Aaron Fuller of San Diego; a brother, Doug Fuller of Kilgore; and two step uncles, Bennie and Joe Ellington of Snyder.

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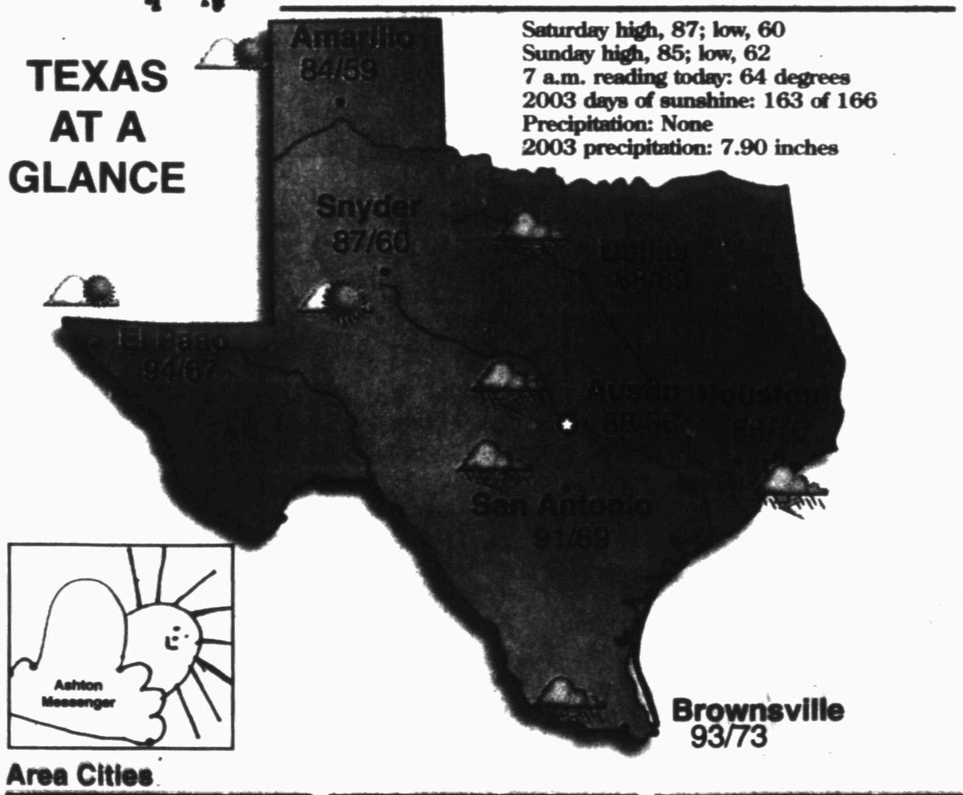
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 6/17	Wed 6/18	Thu 6/19
87/60	90/62	90/64
A few clouds from time to time. High 87F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.
Sunrise 6:35 AM / Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM / Sunset 8:54 PM	Sunrise 6:36 AM / Sunset 8:54 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Saturday high, 87; low, 60
Sunday high, 85; low, 62
7 a.m. reading today: 64 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 163 of 166
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 7.90 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	89	65	sunny
Amarillo	84	59	pt sunny
Austin	88	66	t-storm
Beaumont	85	69	t-storm
Brownsville	93	73	t-storm
Brownwood	90	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	90	71	t-storm
Corsicana	84	67	t-storm
Dallas	88	69	t-storm
Del Rio	93	72	t-storm
El Paso	94	67	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	89	64	sunny
Gainesville	87	64	t-storm
Greenville	85	65	t-storm
Houston	86	70	t-storm
Kingsville	93	69	t-storm
Livingston	84	66	t-storm
Longview	84	65	t-storm
Lubbock	87	62	pt sunny
Lufkin	83	67	t-storm
Midland	88	64	mst sunny
Raymondville	94	70	t-storm
Rosenberg	87	70	t-storm
San Antonio	91	69	t-storm
San Marcos	89	67	t-storm
Sulphur Springs	85	65	t-storm
Sweetwater	89	61	mst sunny
Tyler	83	68	t-storm
Weatherford	86	64	t-storm
Wichita Falls	91	62	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	84	67	t-storm
Boston	71	57	mst sunny
Chicago	76	58	mst sunny
Dallas	88	69	t-storm
Denver	80	55	t-storm
Houston	86	70	t-storm
Los Angeles	75	61	pt sunny
Miami	85	77	rain
Minneapolis	81	62	t-storm
New York	68	56	pt sunny
Phoenix	109	80	sunny
San Francisco	70	56	windy
Seattle	77	56	pt sunny
St. Louis	85	65	pt sunny
Washington, DC	66	61	rain

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 6/17	Wed 6/18	Thu 6/19
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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