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Up 3.6 feet...

Lake Thomas gaining water

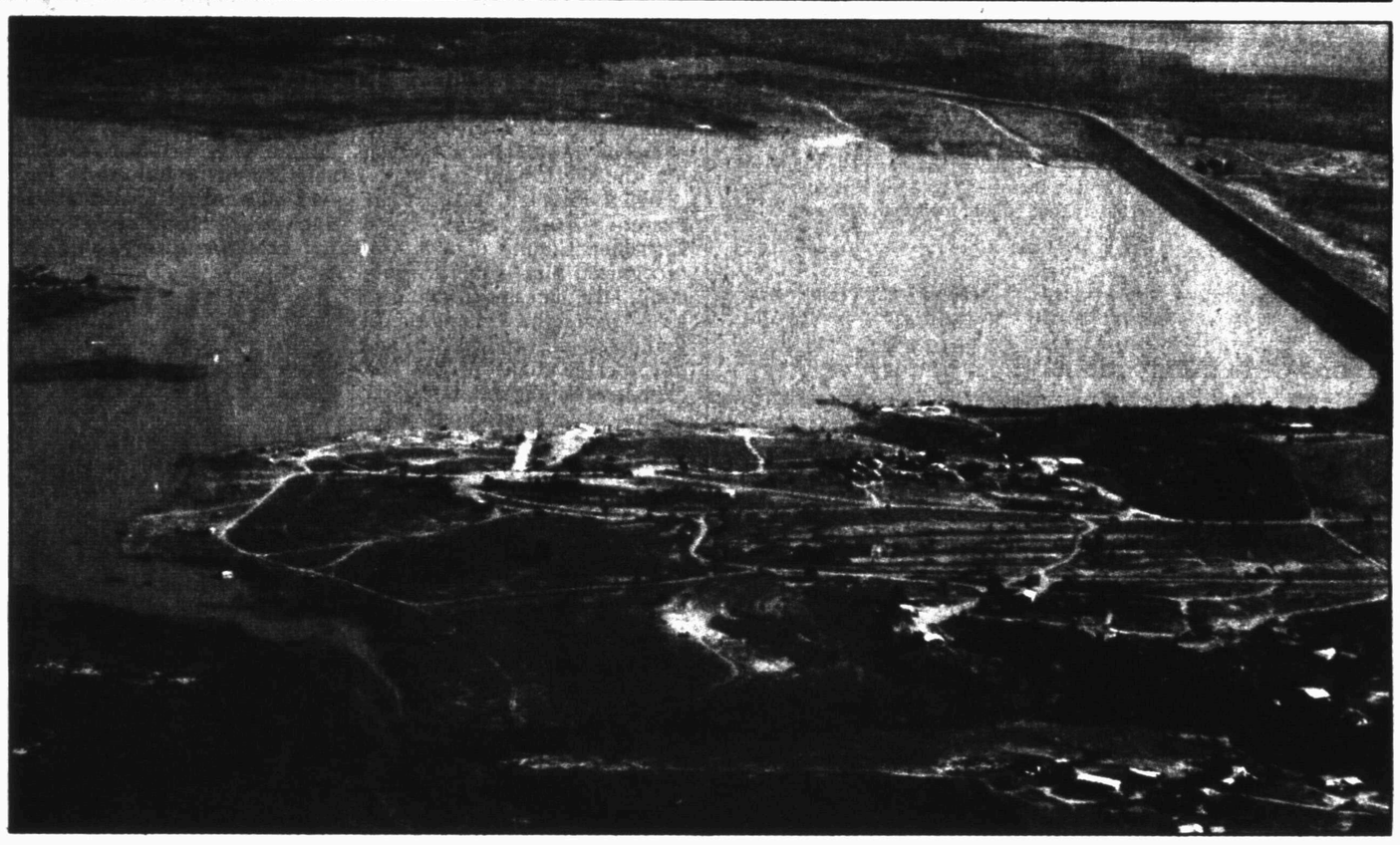
Colorado River Municipal Water District officials said this morning that Lake Thomas has risen 3.6 vertical feet and is gaining more water, albeit slowly now.

Bull Creek in Borden County had some water in it under the Hwy. 84 bridge late Sunday afternoon, but it was not flowing.

Borden County received some rain Sunday morning with the totals ranging from .3 inches to just under an inch.

Snyder's water treatment plant recorded .7 inches of rain early Sunday morning, and other totals around the county ranged from just a trace to 1½ inches west of Snyder.

Farmers wanting to get into their fields in that area will have to wait, as terraces are full of water and some are even washed out.





LOOKING BETTER — The top right photo shows the Lake Thomas dam area while the photo above shows the Odessa-Big Spring intake. The lake has gained 3.6 vertical feet since the rains began last weekend. (Contributed Photos by Bob Fishback, Forsan ISD)

On the federal level...

Changes ahead for Head Start

Changes are in the works at the federal level that could have a big impact on Snyder's local head start program next year.

"President Bush has proposed moving the head start program to the Department of Education from the Department of Health and Human Services," said Ricky Fritz, executive director of Scurry Community Services.

Head start is one of the programs that is administered through the non-profit agency and has been for some eight years since it was moved from the school system's management.

Fritz, who took over the agency this year following the retirement of his mother, Shirley Fritz, said if the program is moved from the health and human service, funding could be cut locally and the number of children served would be reduced.

Federal money would still be available, but likely would be directed to large population areas.

"It could boil down to a rural versus urban issue with the money," said Fritz, noting that the local track record should work in its favor if changes are made in the program.

"The state will have to come up with a set of guidelines and the success of our programs should help us. We have day care and head start transportation and that would be a plus in our favor, and we have been rated the highest in the state as a Texas Rising Star Agency. We are rated as high as we can be."

Fritz said the service is working hard to be certified in areas where they do not now have certification.

"All of this will be a plus for us if changes are made," said Fritz.

Presently, the local service has 77 slots for head start, and 64 for the early head start program.

"That's a lot of slots for a community our size and if they are cut, the question will be where will those kids go," said Fritz.

Fritz said he and his staff are just waiting to see how everything plays out over the next nine months.

"Right now, we're really just waiting and whatever happens, we'll work to have the best program we can get," said Fritz.

"We think our program now can stand up against anybody's," said Fritz. "We'll come out alright as we have a lot of check marks by our name."

Suspect is arrested in California kidnapping

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Police arrested a "potential suspect" today in the abduction of a 9-year-old girl who was found safe after two days, the police chief said.

The man, who was not identified, was taken into custody around 8:30 a.m. after police served a search warrant on his San Jose home, Police Chief William Lansdowne said.

The arrest came three days after an intruder brazenly kidnapped Jennette Tamayo from her San Jose home and 10 hours after she walked into an East Palo Alto convenience store less than 30 miles away, scared but unhurt.

Lansdowne offered no further details on the arrest, other than to say the man looked like a police sketch of the suspect that had been released.

Jennette appeared at the store late Sunday, police said, although the details of how she got there were unclear.

"We're not sure if she was able to escape or if she was dropped off at this location," Lansdowne said before today's arrest.

Isa Yasin, the owner of the shop, said he did not see anyone drop off the girl.

"She was crying and scared," said Yasin, who called police after realizing who she was.

Before the arrest, Lansdowne said Jennette was providing useful information.

Earlier, Deputy Chief Rob Davis said investigators were focusing on one suspect who police believe was unknown to the family. Davis offered several reasons why police believe the abduction was not a random crime, including that the man twice told Jennette's mother "you know what I want" as he attacked her in her home before leaving with Jennette.

Police interviewed the father, Pablo Velasquez, who told the San Jose Mercury News he had not seen Jennette for two years because of a child support dispute.

"That guy has hurt me," Velasquez said. "That's my only daughter and I love her very much."

Jennette was taken from her home Friday afternoon by a man who staked out her house and waited for her to arrive home from school. Before he left with her, Jennette's mother and teenage brother encountered the man, who beat them before he sped away.

Much of the ordeal was caught by a neighbor's video surveillance camera. Released before Jennette's discovery Sunday, the tape contains several brutal images and sounds.

The videotape showed a man pulling up in front of Tamayo's home Friday afternoon and going inside. After approximately 25 minutes, the suspect returned to wait in the car. At one point another car drove past, then backed up and lingered next to the suspect's car. Police said they were looking for the driver of that car.

At approximately 4:20 p.m., Jennette was seen crossing the street and entering the house alone. The man got out of the car about 90 seconds later and followed her into the house.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.7
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West of city	1.5
CRMWD office	.1
Lake Thomas	.1
Fluvanna	.5
Loyd Mountain	.6
Camp Springs	.6
Dunn	.4
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Dermott	.3
Union	.6
Gail	.8
Gins	
Farmers Co-Op (E)	.3
Sc. County (W)	.9
Inadale	.6

Totals as reported by area residents for Sunday morning.



SETTING UP — Ray and Beth Willingham of Angleton arrived Sunday afternoon at Scurry County Coliseum for West Texas Western Swing Festival, which kicks off with a reunion dinner Tuesday evening and a noon kickoff Wednesday in the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—When is the first Texas Tech home football game this fall?

A—The Red Raiders open the season at home Aug. 30 against SMU.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Terryn Autry...

...is a 15-year-old sophomore at Ira High School. She is the daughter of Lance and Sherry Autry and she has a nine-year-old sister, Taylor. Terryn runs track and enjoys participating in UIL academics. Her hobbies include reading mysteries and fiction. She is currently installing a pond and enjoys yardwork.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

What the world really needs is more love and less paperwork.

—Pearl Bailey

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St., will have Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon daily through Friday. Theme is "The Great Kingdom Caper – cracking the character code." All children first through sixth grade are invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Power of His Presence," followed by "What in the World is a Church."

Lions Club family dinner

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet at noon Tuesday, but instead will have a family hamburger cookout at 6 p.m. in Towle Park.

37th Church of Christ VBS

37th Street Church of Christ Vacation Bible School will be held Tuesday through Friday. Classes for ages two until the sixth grade will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at noon.

GED pre-registration and testing dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be Wednesday at the GED testing center on the WTC campus, Building 7B from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The math segment of the test will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday. For more information about the test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC services televised

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

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Senior piano recital

A piano recital by Erin Cooley, student of Joann Snider, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The public is invited.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Colonial Hill Baptist VBS

Come to the Great Kingdom Caper Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 16-20 for grades K-6. Call 573-8596.

First Baptist Church VBS

First Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. until noon June 16-20. Cracking the Character Code is the theme for students K through completion of sixth grade. Transportation provided by reservation by calling 573-2631 by Friday. The Marvelous Mystery kickoff will be held from 10 a.m. until noon in the Family Life Center on Saturday, June 14.

Senior swimnastics

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

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.

Reporter for newspaper fired for plagiarism

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A small-town newspaper plans to adopt and publish a code of ethics after a sports writer was fired for plagiarizing sports columns and parts of a movie review.

Michael Kinney, 29, was fired by The Sedalia Democrat after an investigation prompted by a reader who called the paper last month to report similarities between a movie review by Kinney and one written by nationally syndicated columnist Roger Ebert.

"We have let our readers down by publishing without attribution material taken from other writers under Michael Kinney's byline," editor Oliver Wiest wrote. "I apologize to our readers for that."

Wiest, in a special column published Sunday, said he fired Kinney June 5. The Democrat is a daily newspaper with a circulation of about 11,800 in the central Missouri town 100 miles east of Kansas City.

Besides the code of ethics, the newspaper will publish a column "explaining the ethical standards by which we expect our readers to hold us accountable."

Training, luck led to Rudolph identification

MURPHY, N.C. (AP) — Every day for the five years Eric Rudolph was hiding in the rugged mountains of western North Carolina, local law officers saw his face when they went to work.

Wanted posters of the Olympic Park bombing suspect decorated the walls of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department.. Sheriff Keith Lovin even had one pinned to a bulletin board in his office.

"I stuck it up there as a constant reminder that this was somebody we're always looking for," the sheriff said.

When Rudolph finally reappeared a week ago, it was a Cherokee County deputy who recognized him — his training and a little luck leading him to look past the changes in Rudolph's face and hair to see the man so many people had been hunting for so long.

The officer credited with catching Rudolph on May 31, city Patrolman Jeff Postell, was still in high school in 1998 when Rudolph was identified as a suspect in the bombings of abortion clinics in Georgia and Alabama, a lesbian nightclub and an Atlanta park during the 1996 Olympics.

For several crucial moments, Postell didn't realize that the prowler he had stopped behind a grocery store was one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted, a man with a $1 million bounty on his head.

The prowler had short-cropped hair and clean fingernails, and he wore tidy work clothes and sneakers — not what one would expect from a man in hiding in the woods for five years. He had a mustache and had lost 30 to 40 pounds. He identified himself as Jerry Wilson of Ohio.

Deputy Sean Mathews, the third officer on the scene, took one look at the man and immediately recognized Rudolph. The eyes and eyebrows that gave him away, he said.

After questioning, Rudolph admitted his identity, Lovin said.

Officers are trained to look past the superficial features such as hair color or length, and the changes in build that can come from long-term weight loss or gain, the sheriff said.

Sheriff's Sgt. Allen Denny admitted he might not have recognized Rudolph if he had simply passed him on the street. The situation, he said, changes when an officer stops someone: Then the suspect's features must be carefully studied.

"The eyes are one of the biggest things to look at," he said. "We all know you can grow a beard or cut your hair."

But Lovin knew certain features of Rudolph's face were distinguishable: "The eyes, the cheekbones and he had a pronounced scar on his chin."

No one knows how many times Rudolph might have been seen and not recognized during his years on the run.

"It's hard to recognize someone in these situations," Lovin said.

Rudolph told Newsweek magazine's June 16 issue that he moved around constantly during his years on the run, surviving on a diet of acorns and salamanders. "I just swallowed them whole, like sushi," he told investigators.

Sgt. Lester White told the magazine that Rudolph said he eventually began hunting deer, bear and turkeys, using a .223-caliber rifle. He said he rarely fished, fearing the roar of the rushing water would drown out the sounds of footsteps.

Kentucky Army base sees spurt in births 9 months after return

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — There are about to be a lot more bleary-eyed moms around here.

After soldiers based at Fort Campbell returned from fighting in Afghanistan late last summer, many of their wives happily shared a secret: They were pregnant.

The births now of the "Afghani babies" — as the wives affectionally call them — about nine months after the soldiers temporarily came home is creating a mini baby boom on this base.

But conceiving babies after wars is as old as battle itself, this time many of the fathers aren't around to see their births because they had to turn around and serve in Iraq.

So many of the wives in the 3rd Brigade of the 20,000-plus strong 101st Airborne Division are pregnant or with newborns that it feels at times like there's no one left to ask for help, said Krista Kalvaitis, 29.

"The people you would normally rely on are also pregnant, so you feel guilty" asking for assistance, said Kalvaitis, a soon-to-be mother of three.

Only the division's 3rd Brigade was deployed to Afghanistan, but the entire division left in February to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom and is now in Northern Iraq.

No official numbers are kept, but in the few months the men were home before leaving for Iraq, an estimated 50 to 75 couples from the brigade were suddenly expecting, said Cherieann Diaz, wife of the brigade's command sergeant major.

"It's just so amazing at how these ladies hold up. They are so strong," Diaz said.

In the brigade's third battalion, 23 babies have been born in recent days or the wives are expecting, and in just the 3rd Battalion's Alpha Company, at least 12 to 20 percent of the wives got pregnant shortly after the soldiers' return. A battalion ranges from between 300 to 1,000 soldiers, while a company ranges from about 60 to 190 soldiers.

One of those with a new bundle of joy is the company commander's wife, Alison Cox.

Cox, who gave birth last month to a girl, said the midnight feedings and other responsibilities alone are tough, but the hardest part is the men missing out on "sharing the good times. Sharing the exciting times. That's really it."

Cox said that when her husband, Clint, received e-mailed photos of their new daughter, Madaline, it "just tore him up."

"He said it was a figment of his imagination until he got the pictures and then that made it real for him, and he was really sad because he couldn't touch her. That was really hard on him," Cox said.

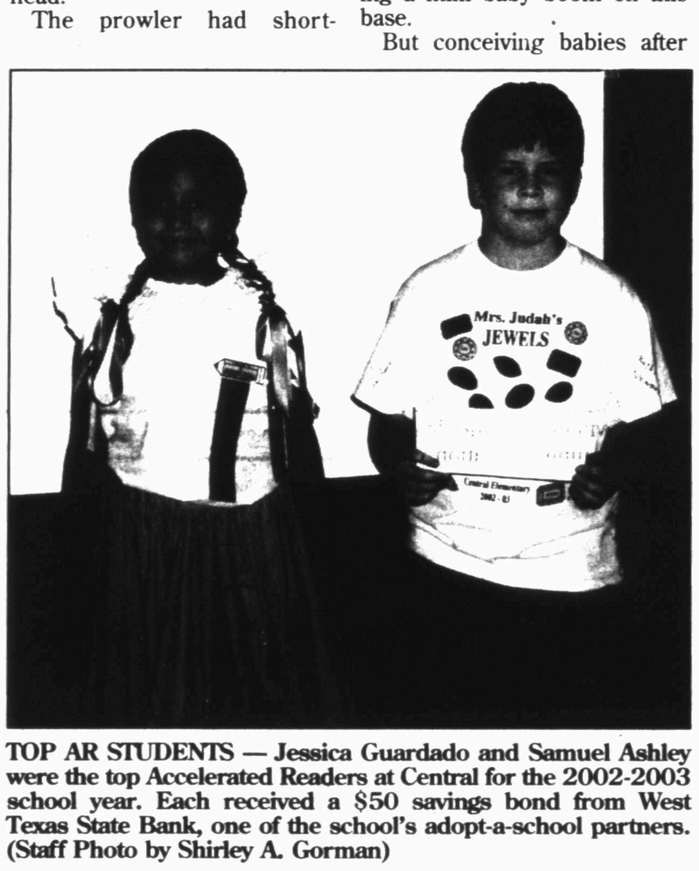
Lucintia Billy, who also gave birth last month, said she usually only sleeps from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m., but also tries to take occasional naps.

She said taking care of the newborn baby isn't as hard as disciplining her two boys, ages 3 and 5, which her husband usually does. The couple has seven children.

"When I ask them to do something, they turn around and say they miss Dad. That's their way of getting out of it," Billy said. "Then they cry to me and it hurts me because it's like I miss him too, so I how do I comfort them? So I end up cleaning up whatever mess they made."

Billy said she asked her husband to pick out a name for their new daughter before he left, but he didn't.

"I said, if you don't come up with a name before you leave, we're going to come up with it on our own," Billy said.



TOP AR STUDENTS — Jessica Guardado and Samuel Ashley were the top Accelerated Readers at Central for the 2002-2003 school year. Each received a $50 savings bond from West Texas State Bank, one of the school's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Today's chuckle

Yellowstone bear likes to hop on tents

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — Yellowstone park rangers are trying to net a bouncing bear.

Park officials erected a decoy tent in hopes of luring the mischievous bear that has been hopping on tents.



On Sunday, the bear bounced onto an unoccupied tent near Grebe Lake just west of Canyon Junction. The park closed the campground Tuesday and put up the decoy tent, park spokeswoman Cheryl Matthews said.

Meanwhile, Pebble Creek campground and West Thumb Geyser Basin remain off-limits to visitors after recent bear encounters.

A young grizzly pounced on an unoccupied tent at Pebble Creek in the northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park Sunday, crushing the tent and rolling on it before leaving. No one was injured.

Video taken by a camper indicates the bear could be the same one staff tried to capture last year after several reports of a tent-smashing bear in the Lamar Valley.

Rangers say it is unlikely the bear is the same one that attacked the tent near Grebe Lake. The two sites are 25 miles apart.

Datebook

Monday, June 9, 2003

Today is the 160th day of 2003 and the 82nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1898, a 99-year lease, which made Hong Kong a British Crown Colony, was signed. In 1997, Hong Kong's sovereignty was turned over to the People's Republic of China.

On this day in 1964, a memo from the CIA challenged the Johnson administration's "domino theory" concerning the Vietnam War, a theory that contended that if South Vietnam and Laos came under communist control, communism would spread to the rest of Southeast Asia.

On this day in 1999, King Abdullah II came to the throne in Jordan following the death of his father, King Hussein.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Stephenson (1781-1848), inventor; Cole Porter (1891-1964), composer and lyricist; Les Paul (1915-), musician, is 88; Michael J. Fox (1961-), actor, is 42; Johnny Depp (1963-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Secretariat won the Triple Crown.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I love Paris in the summer, when it sizzles." — Cole Porter

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (June 7) and full moon (June 14).

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Lottery

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

5-6-25-31-44

Bonus Ball: 27

(five, six, twenty-five, thirty-one, forty-four; Bonus Ball: twenty-seven)

Estimated jackpot: $37 million

Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

Pick 3

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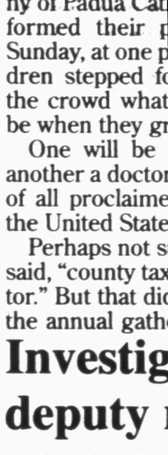
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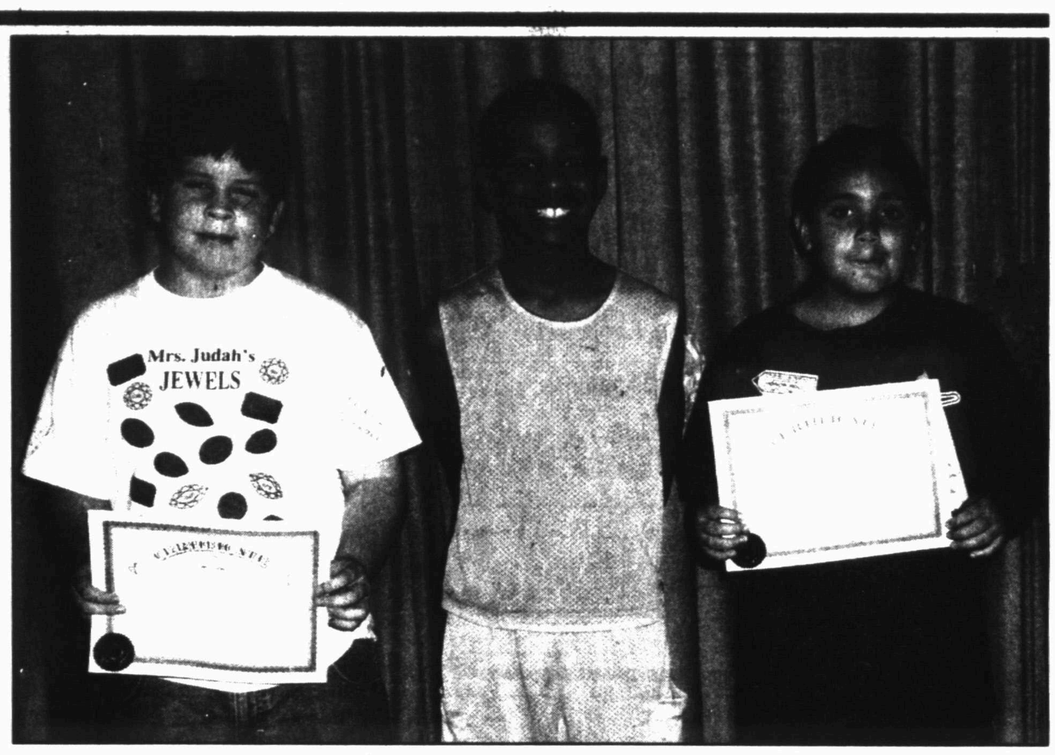
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Central students who were not absent during the school year are back row from left, Yesennia Cabrera, Taylor Garcia, Cole Etheredge, Damian Donaldson, Chase Price, Jentri Driggers and Kayla Scott; front row from left, Samuel Ashley, Robby Luna, Justin Haggard, Beto Resendiz, LaTasha Seale, Steven Seale, Tyler Redman and Dakota Owens. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HARTWARMERS — Central students with good citizenship who help their teachers receive the "Hartwarmer" designation. Hartwarmers for 2002-2003 are back row from left, Kyler Billingsley, Davin Bolton, John Muniz, Sadye Naizer, Susan Lee, Chase Price, Regan Head, Harley Collins and Jordan Peoples; front row from left are Zoi Malone, Randi Sanchez, Khari Powell, Stephan Gunderson, Aaron Garza, Hunter Cox, Diego Hernandez, Selena Guajardo, Sadee Bernal and Monica Glover. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



TOPS IN MATH — These Central students mastered math facts including division during the 2002-2003 school year. From left are Samuel Ashley, Jordan Peoples and Kayla Scott. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



GOLD MEDALS — These Central students received gold medals for reading more than 40 books in the Accelerated Reader Program. Back row from left are Flor Garcia, Roselia Jaimes, Michelle Martinez, Estefany Olivarez and Eddie Torres; front row from left are Nayely Cabrera, Priscilla De Luna, Christopher Esquibel and Christian Garica. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

State's tax assessor-collectors have annual meet in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — When the children's choir from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School performed their patriotic medley Sunday, at one point several children stepped forward and told the crowd what they wanted to be when they grew up.

One will be a police officer, another a doctor. The littlest one of all proclaimed, "president of the United States."

Perhaps not surprisingly none said, "county tax assessor-collector." But that didn't seem to faze the annual gathering of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Association of Texas, which kicked off a weeklong conference at a north Houston hotel.

"Always be about the bottom line and always be of service to the community," Harris County Commissioner Sylvia Garcia, who served a similar role to a tax assessor as Houston's city controller, implored the crowd of elected officials and staff members.

Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector Paul Bettencourt, the conference's host, promised a fun week including a trip to Houston's new Aquarium restaurant downtown. In between, conferees will endure the drudgery of continuing education classes on scintillating subjects like "legislative update on motor vehicle sales tax" and "news from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission."

Bettencourt this week also will host attendees at the Harris County tax office, a high-tech operation that expects to take in about $2.6 billion this year, a world away for most of the rural-county tax assessors.

Yet despite the disparities in county size in Texas — Harris County is the nation's third-largest, Loving is the smallest — Bettencourt said the gathering offers real opportunities for knowledge sharing and watching each other's back.

Bettencourt harkened back to June 8-9, 2001, when he had been in office less than two years and Tropical Storm Allison dumped up to 36 inches on Harris County and caused massive damage. He reached out to the association and found help in officials from Val Verde County, which at around 43,000 residents is 78 times smaller than Harris County with 3.4 million residents.

The Del Rio area was ravaged by a flash flood in 1998 that left 2,000 homeless and killed at least 14 along the Mexican border. Val Verde's tax assessor-collector's office instructed Bettencourt to get his people in the field to help assess damage to help get federal aid moving.

Investigation indicates E. Texas deputy may have shot himself

PALESTINE (AP) — Officials investigating last month's fatal shooting of an East Texas lawman say the veteran sheriff's deputy may have died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Anderson County sheriff's investigator Shelby Green, 39, was found shot to death May 15, slumped against the open door of his unmarked patrol car. Green had been shot in the chest.

Since then, county investigators had said the case was being investigated as a homicide. But last week, Chief Deputy Mike Link told the Palestine Herald-Press that investigators had also begun to consider suicide a possibility in Green's death.

Investigators are still awaiting ballistics results and have no other suspects in the shooting.

"We can't eliminate one of them (homicide or suicide) right now," Link said. "It is our goal to come to a definitive classification. It may not be as timely as everyone wants, but ... we want to be right, we want to be accurate."

In the early hours of May 15, Green had been on his way to back up another officer on a domestic disturbance call when he noticed a suspicious vehicle at a Bradford area store where he thought a burglary might be taking place, an investigator said earlier.

Minutes before his death, Green radioed that he was involved in a pursuit between Bradford and Cayuga. He described the vehicle as a silver-colored pickup, possibly a Chevrolet.

Houston man winner in new Lotto Texas game

HOUSTON (AP) — David Kelly got more than he bargained for when he went for a glazed doughnut and large coffee at his neighborhood food mart.

Kelly was told by a store clerk Sunday that he was a winner of the $37 million lottery. That would make him the first to cash in on the game since state lottery officials added a bonus ball last month, increasing the odds.

"I'm about to pass out," Kelly, still holding his doughnut and coffee, said.

Meanwhile, a store manager and two employees rechecked his ticket and posed for photos with a disposable camera off the rack.

Kelly, 37, said he purchased $20 in quick picks on Saturday, hoping to win enough money to save a longtime friend from bankruptcy. He described himself as an occasional lottery player — about twice a month — who hoped to win something.

The winning numbers — 5-6-25-31-44, with bonus ball 27 — still have to be confirmed by the Texas Lottery Commission in Austin. If they are correct, the store will get 1 percent of the purse. Kelly chose the cash option and will receive his payoff in a lump sum.

Saturday's drawing was the largest since a sixth ball was added May 7.

"Somebody had to make it," said Glen D'souza, who sold the winning ticket. "It was easy before, and they turned it harder, and they thought no one would win it. I'm glad someone won from my hands."

Kelly, who makes trophies and award plaques, was stunned. He had to be reminded not to forget the crumpled paper worth millions.

"I checked it twice. He was telling me, 'Don't lie, please tell me again,' "said Nick Maridiya, another store employee.

The manager of the Texas Star Shop, a Shell Food Mart that sold the ticket, said the retailer sells from $200 to $300 worth of Lotto Texas tickets a day.

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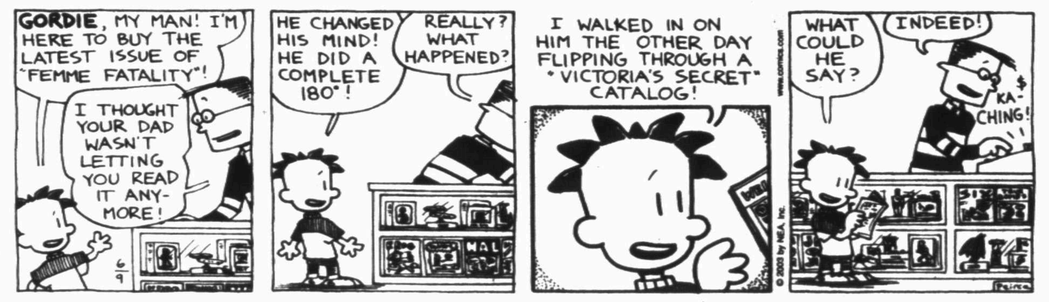
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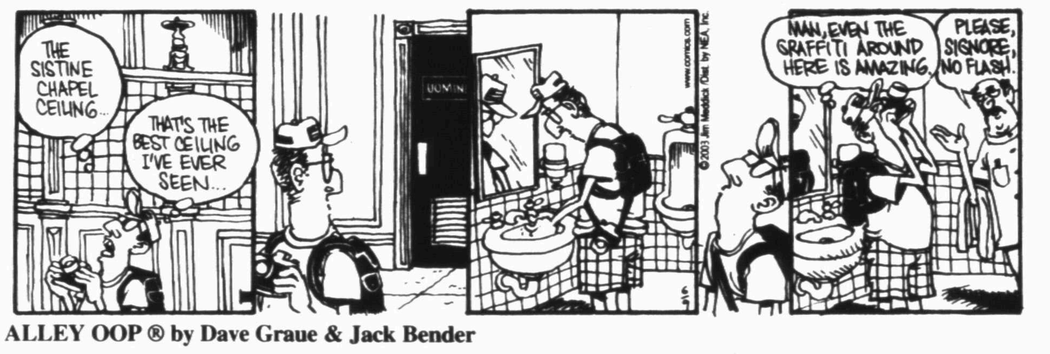
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4 JFK arrival
7 Undercover org.
10 Aunt, in Mexico
11 Tendon
13 "Wolf Man" — Chaney, Jr.
14 Pixie
15 Raptor's nest
16 Possess
17 Food basic
19 Pyramid builders
21 Web addr.
22 Yes, to Yves
23 Riyadh resident
26 Content sound
30 Opposed, prefix
31 "Titanic"'s call
32 Educ. org.
33 Big extinct bird
34 Model Carol —
35 S&L customer
36 Touch up
39 Seismic event
40 — Palmas
41 Not their
42 Harmful things
45 Loses it, slangily
48 Grade-schooler
49 Commerce
51 Scientist's lair
53 Flight dir.
54 Aden's country
55 Sweater letter
56 — Plaines, Ill.
57 Each
58 Poet's always

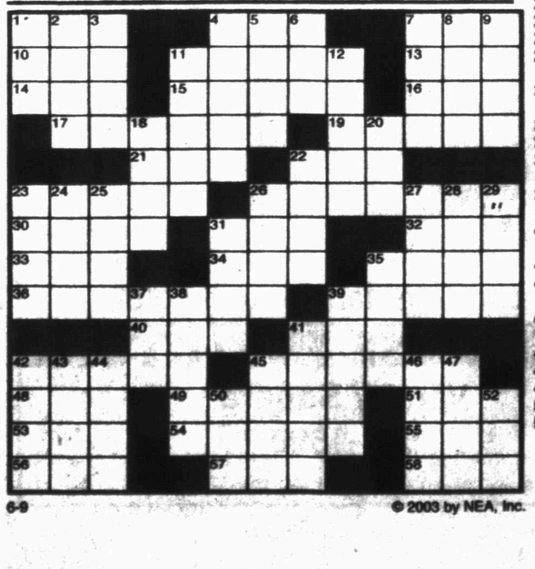
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1 Map abbr.
2 Lubricates
3 Blow gently
4 Conch
5 Miffed
6 Prefix
7 Jade
8 Plains state
9 Miller and Blyth
11 Blue Grotto site
12 Object
18 Volkswagen kin
20 Full of hot —
22 Depose
23 Like before
24 Soon, to Juliet
25 Jazz's home
26 Flag holder
27 Early Peruvian
28 Bottle top
29 Airport exit
31 Kangaroo pouches
35 Mystique
37 Every one
38 Bad-tempered
39 Pageant winner
41 Peace and quiet
42 Scraped by
43 Grape plant
44 — of March
45 Renown
46 MOMA artist
47 Overfeed
50 Salesperson
52 Prohibit

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SPORTS

Spurs win 'really ugly' game 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — At times during Game 3 of the NBA Finals, Tim Duncan wanted to avert his eyes from the turnovers, the missed shots and the general lousiness of play.

In the third quarter, the two-time MVP looked away for a different reason: to deliver an exceptional blind pass while leading the San Antonio Spurs' fast break.

Duncan provided a spot of beauty in the very definition of an ugly win. He did it with another big assist from the best point guard so far in the finals.

Tony Parker scored 26 points, and Duncan had 21 points and 16 rebounds as the Spurs overcame one of the most pitiful offensive games in finals history to beat the New Jersey Nets 84-79 on Sunday night, taking a 2-1 lead in the series.

Duncan's flair and Parker's four clutch 3-pointers aside, there wasn't a lot of artistic flavor in the game that featured 37 turnovers, 43 fouls and the lowest-scoring first half in finals history.

Only the highlights were choice: Malik Rose's breathtaking dunk over Dikembe Mutombo, Kenyon Martin's arena-rattling rebound slam — and Duncan's slick pass, which would be inconceivable for almost any other 7-footer but the one halfway to his second championship ring.

"We were a little bit sloppy in the first half," Duncan said with delicate understatement. "(But) I love to be in the open court. It's fun to get up and down a little bit. Whenever I can get somebody to finish a play, it's great."

Martin had 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Nets, who disappointed their home fans — accustomed to seeing them dispatch nearly every East opponent in the postseason — with a tepid performance.

Parker outplayed Jason Kidd for the second time in the series' three games, holding New Jersey's heart and soul to 6-of-19 shooting and four turnovers. Kidd's struggles and the Nets' ineptitude were functions of the Spurs' tough defense, which held New Jersey to nine points in the second quarter.

From there, the outcome never really seemed in doubt, though New Jersey pulled within two points in the final minutes.

"We could never get that one last push to get back at them," said Kerry Kittles, who scored 21 points for New Jersey. "It was frustrating. The fourth quarter was right there for us. They did a good job late in the game of making plays, and we didn't."

In the first finals ever between two former ABA teams, the Nets and the Spurs are doing their high-scoring forebears a grave disservice — but just as New Jersey did in Game 2, San Antonio displayed the toughness to overcome its struggles.

"We are right where we want to be," Duncan said. "We have the opportunity to go into Game 4, get another one and really put them on their backs. So the pressure is on them."

Game 4 is Wednesday night, with Game 5 on Friday. If necessary, the series will return to San Antonio for two more games.

The optimist watching this series would see impressive defense as the trend emerging from three decidedly untidy games. A pessimist might just call it bad basketball.

The Spurs have made 51 turnovers in the series, which has prompted coach Gregg Popovich to completely ignore the statistic when addressing his team — and the Nets made 20 turnovers in Game 3, often leaving coach Byron Scott with a painful grin on the sideline.

"We probably pressed a little bit," Scott said. "It's going to be like this the rest of the series. Both teams are physical, both teams are aggressive. Both teams take a lot of pride in their defense, so it's not going to be a lot of high-scoring games."

The first half of Game 3 never will hang in a Manhattan art gallery, though it'd be right at home in the lounge of a truck stop on the Jersey Turnpike.

The Spurs scored just 15 points in the first quarter, and the Nets managed only nine in the second — the worst output for that quarter in finals history.



ULTIMATE GAME — 2003 SHS graduate and starting quarterback T.J. Jones runs down a ball carrier during Saturday's FCA All-Star game in Abilene. Jones played safety in the 21-20 loss. (Contributed Photo by Dr. Ronny Collins)

WTC riders face tough task at national rodeo

The Western Texas College rodeo hands did the best with what they had at the college national finals rodeo in Casper, Wyo. Sunday.

Sam Spreadborough scored 58.5 points in his first round saddle bronc ride for 29th place, while Steven Turner sits tied for 15th in bull riding after notching 59 points for his ride.

Both rode on uncooperative animals, according to coach Greg Rhodes.

"Sam made as good of a spur ride as he could with what he had," Rhodes said. "And Steve made as good a ride as he could. His bull was running around the arena like air going out of a balloon."

Both Spreadborough and Turner were scheduled to ride again this morning.

Cody Horwedel and Trent Cormier each got no scores Sunday, with Cormier getting bucked and Horwedel dropping his rope.

Rhodes said Spreadborough, Turner and Cormier still had shots at a national title, while Horwedel faces an uphill climb.

"Things change as you go along," Rhodes said. "Anything can happen if we get some animals underneath them."

The national rodeo finals are scheduled to run through Saturday.

Rangers drop 9th straight

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tomo Ohka and three relievers shut down Texas and Brad Wilkerson's second run-scoring double broke a tie in the eighth inning as the Expos sent the Rangers to their ninth straight loss, 3-2 Sunday.

After allowing 33 runs and 15 homers in losing two of three to Anaheim, the Expos got three good starts and some clutch relief to sweep the Rangers.

"That was a tough ego series for our pitchers," Robinson said. "They bounced back and did a good job this series.

"It's good to turn it around after such a disastrous start to the road trip. ... We'll enjoy the off-day."

After starting a 22-game trip away from Montreal with one win in nine games, the Expos have won four straight to give Robinson 800 career wins. All the wins came after they lost All-Star Vladimir Guerrero with a herniated disc in his back.

Wilkerson played a key role in the turnaround, homering twice in a 5-4 win Saturday and coming up with two big hits in the series finale.

"It shows a lot about this team, the character of this team," Wilkerson said. "We got off to a bad start and it could have gotten worse. But we were able to come up with good pitching and clutch hits."

The powerful Rangers were held to two runs over their final 16 innings at cozy Hiram Bithorn Stadium and are on their longest skid since also dropping nine straight in June 2000. Texas finished its road trip 2-10.

"It was a long trip that was not good for us. I'm very disappointed," Buck Showalter said.

Ducks, Devils to decide Cup champion tonight

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Mike Babcock entered the interview room carrying his luggage and sporting a 5 o'clock shadow.

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks' rookie coach was happy to be back in New Jersey, even after a tiring cross-country flight.

After six games against the Devils, all won by the home team, Babcock's players have one more chance to be the first road team to break through. If they do it tonight in Game 7, the 10-year-old Ducks will win the Stanley Cup.

"I can't express it enough how exciting it is to be with a group of guys that have tried this hard and come this far and been this impressive. I'm honored to be sitting here talking about them," Babcock said Sunday.

After Babcock left the podium, three of his top players followed him. They were all dressed casually with room keys in hand. Resting before the final game of the season seemed to be soon on the agenda.

"I've been dreaming my whole life of winning the Stanley Cup," forward Rob Niedermayer said. "You pretend you're playing in Game 7 on the pond when you're growing up as a kid. This is a position that you look to get to throughout the career."

It's also one the Devils have become quite accustomed to over the past nine years. In that time, they've won two Cups and squandered a 3-2 series lead when it appeared the 2001 title would be theirs as well.

That was the only time since 1971 a team has blown a 3-2 lead. New Jersey and Anaheim are playing the 12th Game 7 in Stanley Cup finals history. Home teams are 9-2; the last road winner also was in 1971, Montreal at Chicago.

"Whatever happened in the past doesn't count," Anaheim goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere said. "It's about what's going to happen (Monday) that's going to count."

Anaheim is bucking the odds since so few teams have recovered from such holes to win the Cup. New Jersey is 11-1 at home in these playoffs, and only once since 1971 has a team rallied to win from a 3-2 deficit.

"You throw everything out the window," New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur said. "You can't rely on what's going to happen automatically just because history tells you what's going to happen. This has been a team that's been surprising everybody."

And the Ducks believe they have one more surprise in store when they take the ice at Continental Airlines Arena. They have already erased 2-0 and 3-2 deficits to New Jersey.

Sports Briefs

Girls basketball camp

SHS girls' basketball coach Mike Martin will host a basketball camp Tuesday through Friday at the high school gym.

Incoming 3rd-5th graders will get instruction from 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., incoming 6th and 7th grade players at 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and incoming 8th and 9th graders go from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Forms can be picked up at each SISD campus and at the SHS athletic office.

WTC golf special

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

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday at Scurry County golf course. Format is queen of the hill

Baseball builders camp

SHS baseball coach Charles Bollinger will host the 2nd annual Snyder Baseball Builders Camp June 16-19 at Moffett Field. Cost for the four-day camp is $75 for eight-year-olds through incoming freshmen, and $50 for ages 7 and under. If parents enroll more than one child, they will receive a $25 discount. Cost includes a T-shirt.

The older group will receive instruction from 9 a.m. until noon, and the 7 and under camp will be held from 1-2 p.m. Sign-ups will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. and Friday morning from 8-10, with late sign-ups the first day of camp. Contact Coach Bollinger at 573-5734 or 575-1808 for more information.

WTC golf clinics

The WTC junior golf clinic will be held June 17-20 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 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.

Forms can be picked up at the field house Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and from 5-8:30 p.m. The first 40 to sign up receive a free t-shirt. Call the field house at 574-6039 for more information.

Fellowship golf tournament

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

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

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



CLEARING A PATH — Snyder graduate and center Josh Knox provides a lead block during Saturday's FCA all-star contest. Knox will next play for Hardin-Simmons University. (Contributed Photo by Dr. Ronny Collins)

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	26	.574	—
New York	35	27	.565	½
Toronto	34	30	.531	2½
Baltimore	29	32	.475	6
Tampa Bay	22	39	.361	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	35	26	.574	—
Kansas City	30	30	.500	4½
Chicago	28	34	.452	7½
Cleveland	24	37	.393	11
Detroit	16	44	.267	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	42	19	.689	—
Oakland	34	27	.557	8
Anaheim	31	29	.517	10½
Texas	25	36	.410	17

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	42	19	.689	—
Montreal	37	26	.587	6
Philadelphia	33	29	.532	9½
Florida	29	35	.453	14½
New York	27	34	.443	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	36	27	.571	—
Chicago	34	27	.557	1
St. Louis	33	28	.541	2
Cincinnati	30	32	.484	5½
Pittsburgh	25	35	.417	9½
Milwaukee	25	36	.410	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	39	23	.629	—
Los Angeles	34	28	.548	5
Colorado	32	32	.500	8
Arizona	30	33	.476	9½
San Diego	19	45	.297	21

Sunday's Games

Seattle 13, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game
Seattle 7, N.Y. Mets 0, 2nd game
Montreal 3, Texas 2
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 5
Philadelphia 7, Oakland 1, 1st game
Philadelphia 8, Oakland 3, 2nd game
Toronto 5, Cincinnati 0
Anaheim 8, Florida 5
Boston 9, Milwaukee 1
Houston 2, Tampa Bay 1
St. Louis 11, Baltimore 10
Colorado 8, Kansas City 7
San Francisco 7, Detroit 6
Chicago White Sox 10, Los Angeles 3
Arizona 13, Cleveland 3
San Diego 9, Minnesota 4
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Dirty needles: One cause of AIDS in Africa

WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Health Organization's long-held position that dirty needles cause 2.5 percent of African HIV exposures is too conservative, says a leading researcher at the U.N. agency, prompting questions about a congressional bill focused mainly on unsafe sex.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson has launched a review of all research linking AIDS and medical injections, possibly laying the groundwork for changes in how the legislation's $15 billion in funding is distributed.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., a member of the Senate's health panel, requested the review after he turned up a WHO report listing four separate studies that find dirty needles responsible for 8, 15, 41 and 45 percent of exposures in sub-Saharan Africa.

The report, dated Dec. 19, 2002, concludes that "the lowest attributable fraction calculated on the basis of the data provided by the authors (8 percent) exceeds our 2.5 percent modeled attributable fraction, suggesting that our estimate is conservative."

Yvan Hutin, a WHO researcher who wrote the report, acknowledged the 2.5 percent number was probably low, although just how low remains a point of debate. Regardless, he said, it would be wise to consider an education campaign on unsafe needles, perceived by many as an easier and cheaper problem to correct than unsafe sex.

"It remains a very good investment to do injection safety," said Hutin, reached at WHO headquarters in Geneva. "It doesn't matter whether it's 2.5 percent or more or less."

Sessions, however, contends it would have mattered while Congress was balancing the spending priorities in the AIDS bill, which President Bush signed last month. If the widely recognized figure was even a little higher, he said, Congress would have poured far more money into needle education — and possibly even a clean-needle exchange program.

But some at WHO say cost isn't the only issue. Because it is widely believed that sex is more responsible for AIDS than needles, they contend the message would be diluted if needle and sex education were given equal weight.

"We'd all like to see there be no unsafe injections," said George Schmid of WHO's Department of HIV/AIDS. "But to begin to place a large emphasis on the unsafe injections, which likely would be at the expense of resources devoted to unsafe sex, would be an unwise decision. We need to keep the resources where the problem is."

That position outrages Sessions, who suspects it's the reason WHO continues to tout an estimate its researchers acknowledge is low.

"This is hogwash," he said. "It's about numbers. It's about infections. You can certainly carry two messages. This is a life-and-death issue. Whatever bureaucratic objections are occurring here have got to be overcome because people are dying every day."

A major part of the AIDS bill could be rerouted if new research about injections surfaces, Sessions said. But HHS officials aren't saying how likely that is, or even when the study is expected to be finished.

"Like Sen. Sessions, we too are interested and concerned with how AIDS is actually transmitted," said HHS spokesman Bill Pierce.

Sessions' interest in the connection between AIDS and injections was heightened in March after he invited Dr. David Gisselquist to testify to the Senate. After reviewing some 19 years of research, Gisselquist concluded that at least one-third of AIDS exposures in sub-Saharan Africa are due to contaminated needles in medical treatment.

Coup attempt rattles Mauritania

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania (AP) — Heavy explosions shook the capital of this Arab-dominated west African nation for a second day today as Mauritania's pro-Western leader battled a coup attempt.

The army chief was reported killed in the fighting, which followed a government crackdown on Islamic activists that started with the U.S.-led war in Iraq. It wasn't clear if the army chief had supported the insurgents or the government.

Clashes between rebellious army units and loyalist forces subsided overnight but erupted again around 6 a.m. in the center of Nouakchott and near the international airport on the eastern outskirts of the desert capital.

As dawn broke, President Maaouya Sid'Ahmed Ould Taya's whereabouts remained unknown and it was not clear who controlled the city.

Coup forces claimed to have taken the presidential palace, state radio station and other key buildings. But government officials insisted authorities had the situation under control and the president was directing efforts to restore order from a secure location.

"Most of the rebels have been arrested and many others have surrendered to loyalist forces," Communications Minister Hamoud Ould M'hamed told The Associated Press late Sunday.

In neighboring Morocco, the state-run news agency said the coup attempt was the work of armored units within Mauritania's military.

The Arab satellite television station Al-Jazeera said it appeared to be lead by officers recently dismissed from the army and others angry about the government's campaign against Islamic extremism.

Nouakchott residents heard heavy explosions throughout Sunday.

"I have decided to lock everyone inside, all members of my family, because we are too scared to go out," said one man reached by telephone, too afraid to give his name. "We are hearing gunshots at this very moment."

There was heavy fighting around the presidential palace and nearby radio station, where loyalist soldiers and paramilitary police traded gun and tank cannon fire with Kalashnikov-toting insurgents. Residents in the area said they could not distinguish between the two sides because they were in the same uniform.



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Cognitive problems common in the elderly

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor says I have "cerebral disease." I'm 80, in good health but have insomnia, for which I take one Halcion at bedtime. What's my problem? Am I getting Alzheimer's?

DEAR READER: Cerebral disease is really too broad a term. It means that you are experiencing symptoms because of a disorder in the part of your brain (cerebral cortex) that controls higher thought processes. Such symptoms often include forgetfulness, emotional outbursts and loss of judgment.

Although cerebral problems can certainly be related to Alzheimer's disease, they have other causes as well, including mini-strokes, vitamin deficiencies, thyroid disorders, alcohol use and the effects of mind-altering drugs, such as sleeping pills. As I'm sure you are aware, the normal aging process can affect cognitive function. Insomnia is a common complaint in the over-70 set and does not necessarily reflect a physical malady.

However, Halcion and other types of sleeping pills can lead to forgetfulness and impaired judgment, particularly if used regularly and for long periods.

I believe you need a more specific diagnosis. Ask your primary care physician to refer you to a neurologist for testing. For instance, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) would provide more important, detailed information about your condition.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 30-year-old woman with very dark hair. I recently began shaving my upper lip. My husband says if I don't stop, the hair will grow back faster, thicker and coarser than it already is. Is there truth to this?

DEAR READER: No. Shaved hair does not grow back faster, thicker or coarser. Because shaved hair is stubbier than normal, it may appear coarser and more abundant, but shaving does not alter the hair follicle (growing portion) itself.

I might add that you have more satisfactory options than shaving your facial hair. Speak with a cosmetologist. Hot wax and electrolysis would probably be more appropriate for you, because both methods remove hair, rather than simply cutting it off.

Also, if this excess hair growth has developed recently, you should check with a doctor. Glandular disorders, such as a hormone imbalance or adrenal over-production, can lead to excessive hair-growth.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm concerned about whether chromium supplements are safe for a young, healthy male.

DEAR READER: Chromium is an essential trace element for human metabolism, but its role is a mystery. In the past, chromium deficiency was thought to lead to diabetes, but there is no sound evidence to support this view.

Because chromium deficiency rarely, if ever, occurs, nutritional experts make no recommendation about the dietary allowance of the mineral, although a "safe" intake is considered to be 50 to 200 micrograms daily. Chromium is contained in most foods, including meats, grains, dairy products and fruit.

Chromium poisoning appears in animals at levels equivalent to 1,000 times the usual dietary intake for humans. Therefore, dietary chromium is not a hazard. People are at risk of toxicity if they have regular exposure to industrial chromate dust or excessive dietary supplements. My advice is: Stay away from supplemental chromium.

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Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	9.25	8.87	8.89	—.22
AOL TimeWrn	15.20	14.94	14.99	—.16
AT&T Corp rs	20.01	19.41	19.67	+.30
Albertsons	19.30	19.12	19.16	—.04
Alltel	48.07	47.21	47.80	+.47
AmEl Pw	29.64	29.27	29.57	+.07
AndarkPtr	45.22	44.43	45.06	+.70
ATMOS Egy	25.10	24.95	25.01	+.06
Avtall	10.30	10.15	10.24	—.31
BP PLC	42.70	42.44	42.62	—.23
BakerHughes	33.98	33.46	33.59	—.43
Bank of Amer	76.70	75.87	76.07	—.85
BellSouth	27.36	26.65	26.68	—.22
BurlNoSFe	29.48	28.88	28.96	—.31
Caterpillar	54.76	54.05	54.26	—.35
CenterPoint	9.40	8.80	9.04	—.23
ChevronTex	73.95	73.30	73.32	—.94
Citigroup	43.80	42.75	42.84	—.85
CocaCola	46.85	46.40	46.74	—.15
ColgatePal	59.21	58.60	59.21	+.61
CmclMetals	18.44	18.19	18.32	—.10
ConocoPhill	54.09	53.80	53.88	—.82
Cooper Inds	41.00	40.60	40.77	—.23
DaimlrChry	31.12	30.83	31.03	+.12
DeltaAirl	14.85	14.36	14.72	+.09
Dillards Inc	13.75	13.49	13.59	—.15
DowChem	31.80	31.34	31.41	—.46
DuPont	43.31	42.80	42.94	—.31
EastmanChem	33.80	33.42	33.46	—.11
EstKodak	31.17	30.85	30.99	—.29
EDS Corp	22.03	21.25	21.41	—.58
Entergy	52.64	51.78	51.90	—.31
ExxonMobil	37.43	37.21	37.23	—.11
FootLocker	13.17	13.00	13.05	—.22
GenDynam	68.50	67.55	68.19	—.42
GenlElec	30.40	30.04	30.18	—.12
GenMills	47.98	47.64	47.88	—.13
GenMotors	35.95	35.38	35.53	—.21
GaPacific	17.84	17.26	17.26	—.58
Goodrich	19.05	18.65	18.72	—.42
Goodyear	6.97	6.76	6.76	—.13
GtAtlPac	8.70	8.36	8.45	—.10
Halliburtn	24.10	23.67	23.96	—.09
Hanson ADS	30.55	30.31	30.31	—.09
HarteHanks	19.18	18.82	18.95	—.22
HomeDepot	33.00	32.28	32.69	—.17
HoneywellIntl	27.94	26.91	26.97	—.57
IBM	81.45	79.87	81.26	+1.21
IntlPaper	38.50	38.01	38.07	—.37
JohnsonJn	52.95	52.18	52.87	+.12
KinderMorg	53.15	52.72	53.01	—.05
Kroger Co	15.71	15.00	15.58	—.22
LockheedM	47.25	46.42	46.72	+.31
Lowes Cos	44.60	43.37	43.40	—.56
Lubys	2.74	2.60	2.62	+.02
LucentTech	2.29	2.22	2.23	—.06
MarathonOil	26.55	26.29	26.45	—.04
MayDeptStr	23.81	23.40	23.42	—.54
Medtronic	49.50	48.22	48.28	—1.23
Motorola	8.53	8.34	8.47	—.42
NCR Corp	25.85	25.02	25.25	—.58
Navistar	34.21	32.93	33.18	—1.52
PNM Rescs	26.80	26.55	26.57	—.13
Penney JC	18.40	18.02	18.26	—.20
PepBoys	10.49	10.40	10.42	—.17
PepsiCo	44.45	43.91	44.01	—.29
PhelpDodge	38.03	37.42	37.47	—.69
PilgrmPrd B	9.30	9.10	9.11	+.59
Praxair	60.60	59.90	59.93	—.35
ProctGamb	91.16	90.50	90.86	+.06
RadioShack	25.30	24.78	24.80	—.35
RoyalDut	46.72	46.50	46.69	—.09
SBC Comm	27.49	26.10	26.19	—.23
SaraLee	18.70	18.56	18.70	+.06
Scripps EW	86.71	85.80	86.15	—.55
SearsRoeb	34.64	33.60	33.61	—1.02
SherwinW	27.53	27.21	27.26	—.09
SouthernCo	31.00	30.72	30.93	+.13
SwstAirl	16.61	16.36	16.51	—.02
SprintFON	14.08	13.70	13.70	—.35
SprintPCS	5.49	5.22	5.30	+.18
Sunoco Inc	36.83	36.37	36.52	—.35
TXU Corp	21.11	20.79	20.91	—.17
TempleInland	46.05	45.32	45.41	—.64
TexInd	21.89	21.38	21.38	—.54
TexasInst	21.00	20.02	20.32	—.63
Textron	36.00	35.51	35.65	—.54
TrinityInds	18.00	17.80	17.89	—.21
TylerTech	4.53	4.48	4.50	+.04
UnionPacif	60.86	60.27	60.40	—.34
USSteel	16.45	16.17	16.34	+.01
UnitedTech	71.10	70.24	70.29	—.72
Unocal	30.29	29.50	30.14	—.17
VerizonComm	39.74	38.76	38.85	—.38
WalMart	54.26	53.72	53.91	+.09
WellsFargo	50.00	49.53	49.65	—.65
WstnGasRs	40.99	40.35	40.98	+.07
WinnDixie	14.28	14.00	14.20	—.07
Xerox Cp	11.05	10.91	10.95	—.10
YumBrands	28.90	28.31	28.44	—.03

FBI searches for evidence of anthrax

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — The FBI was draining a municipal pond Monday in a search for evidence of how anthrax-laced letters were assembled in the 2001 attacks that killed five people.

The FBI's Washington field office released a statement saying that its agents and those from the U.S. Postal Service were conducting "searches related to the investigation of the origin of the anthrax-laced letters" mailed in 2001.

"The purpose of these searches is to locate and collect items of evidence related to the attacks," the statement says. "To facilitate the search activity, one pond will be drained." No further details were provided.

Mayor Jennifer Dougherty said last month that FBI agents had discussed with city officials a plan to drain the spring-fed pond. It was among the first of about a dozen that divers searched in December and January.

The idea to drain the pond stems from an FBI theory revealed May 11 by The Washington Post about how the person behind the attacks could have packed the deadly spores into envelopes without being infected or leaving traces in homes, buildings or on open land.

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Wyatt ad apologizes, asks that stockholders make changes

HOUSTON (AP) — One of El Paso Corp.'s largest shareholders and most vocal critics has apologized to former shareholders of Coastal Corp., an energy company he founded that was sold to embattled El Paso, and again urged the investors to vote to replace the company's directors.

Oscar Wyatt Jr. took out a full-page ad in Sunday editions of the Houston Chronicle, telling shareholders that the 2001 stock deal didn't turn out well because of later "ill-advised" decisions by El Paso's board and management.

In the ad, Wyatt advised former Coastal shareholders holding El Paso stock to oust the energy company's 12 directors and install a new slate.

The company, in a statement, said the ad was "riddled with falsehoods and outrageous statements" and that Wyatt has been on a "one-year campaign" it believes was designed to create roadblocks to El Paso's progress.

It's the latest chapter in the increasingly heated contest between the incumbent board and dissident shareholders vying for control of Houston-based El Paso.

Wyatt holds about 5 million shares of El Paso stock after El Paso's $22.6 billion acquisition of Coastal in 2001. He is financing one-third of Selim K. Zilkha's $5.9 million effort to remove El Paso's directors in favor of a new lineup of nine when shareholders vote at their annual meeting June 17.

El Paso expects to spend $10 million soliciting votes.

Zilkha is El Paso's largest individual shareholder, with 8.9 million shares.

For more than a year Wyatt, 78, has been a vocal critic of El Paso's leadership as the company scrambled to sell assets and cut costs to counteract falling stock and junk credit ratings in the post-Enron Corp. era of skittish investors and increased scrutiny. This year El Paso ousted top executives, including former chief executive William Wise, and appointed more board members with oil and gas industry experience after Zilkha launched the fight.

The ad, a letter from Wyatt to former Coastal shareholders with El Paso stock, echoes criticisms previously launched by Wyatt, who is the lead plaintiff in a shareholder class-action suit accusing El Paso of violating federal securities laws.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Tuesday, June 10, 2003

Your Birthday

The year ahead could turn out to be a remarkable one for you concerning a venture or enterprise you either conceive of or personally direct. This could be your time to step out and be counted as an entrepreneur.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There may be a few more opportunities around you today that could yield a few extra bucks. However, they'll not come out of your usual sources, but through a social contact.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You have a gift today for taking something that is outmoded and giving it a practical and functional purpose. It could involve either an intangible situation, or a tangible item.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When involved in a partnership situation today it may be up to you to supply the initiative if you hope to experience success. You'll be the driving force, so don't expect it from your cohorts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There is an unusual opportunity around you today concerning your work or career. Whatever it is it will be of a unique nature, yet it will have strong, practical applications that make it a winner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is much to be made of today's events, provided you're determined and persistent regarding a personal objective you set for yourself. Don't rest on your laurels; get moving on things.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you are involved in any form of creative work today, let your imagination run rampant. You could conceive of something rather ingenious if you allow yourself to be free from restrictions.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An experienced friend will have some very good suggestions for you today, which might be a bit unusual for you but which you should seriously consider. They'll put you on a successful path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take advantage of this day because it is one filled with excellent financial opportunities. Focus your creativity and energy on ways that will produce bonuses or a big raise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a chance you could find yourself on the verge of something today that has enormous potential. It will be an imaginative enterprise in which you could play a leading role.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A beneficial change for which you have earnestly been hoping could finally transpire today. It may be brought about by unusual forces over which you have little control.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your mate's thinking might be a bit superior to yours today, so get his or her point of view before making a personal decision and pay particular heed to the hard reality of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It may seem to be the same ho-hum day for you at work today, but there is something exciting brewing that is up for grabs for anyone smart enough to pick up on it.

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Fifth body found in LA apartment building

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rescuers have ended the search for any more victims in the charred apartment building where a small plane nose-dived through the roof last week, killing five people and injuring seven others.

The fifth and last victim's body was recovered Sunday. The victims included the plane's pilot, three passengers and one resident of the apartment complex.

Coroner's investigators are examining dental and medical records to identify the victims. All of the other 17 people believed to have been inside the 15-unit building during the crash Friday have been accounted for.

Nearly all the plane's wreckage was removed from the building Sunday. The National Transportation and Safety Board will attempt to reassemble the fuselage to determine the cause of the crash.

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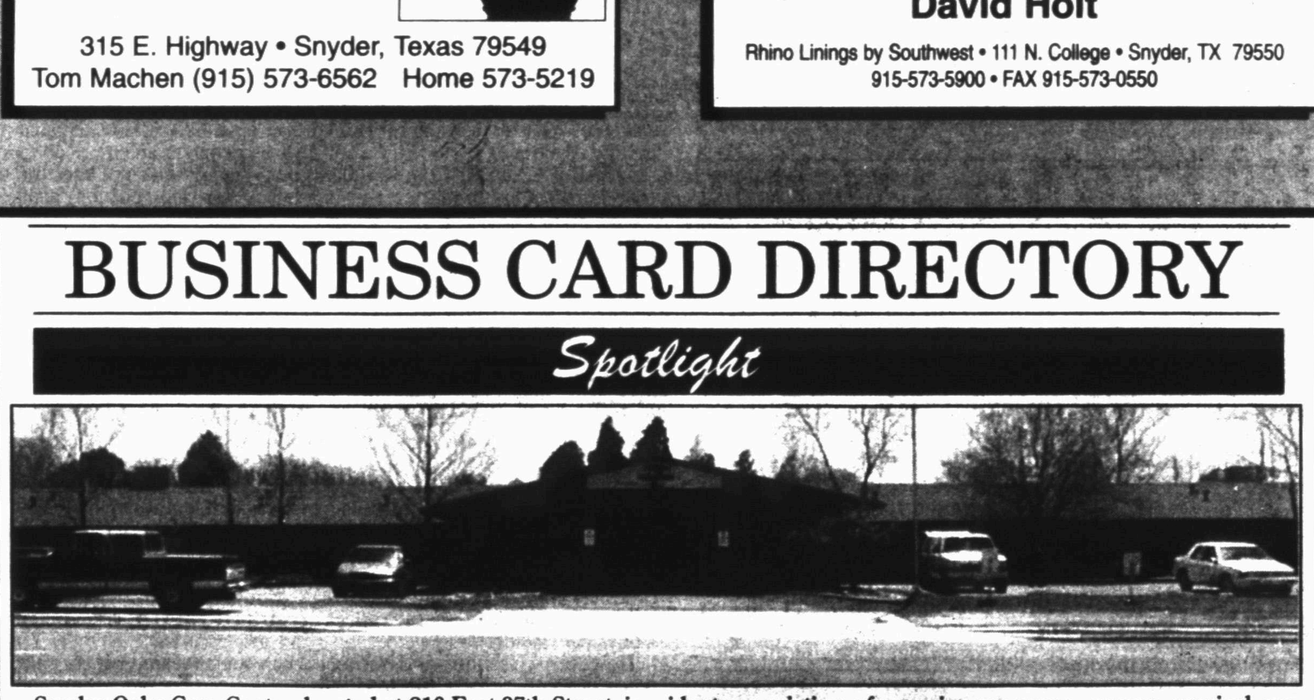
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Promised school funds, many cities and towns have spent it

BOSTON (AP) — Scores of Massachusetts cities and towns, promised a generous state reimbursement to build schools, could find themselves in a budgetary lurch now that the state's fiscal crisis is threatening to delay funding, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Created in 1948 to build schools for baby boomers, the School Building Assistance program has spent billions to give Massachusetts arguably the best-built schools in the country.

But the reimbursement rate has climbed as high as 90 percent, and the backlog of projects the program promised to fund stretches past 300, a total tab of more than $11 billion.

The money was a promise, but not a legal obligation. Communities have been told their reimbursements may not come for a decade or more.

For some cities and towns that means delaying necessary projects. But an Associated Press analysis based on interviews with more than 100 local officials revealed the scope of another looming problem: many communities have already spent the money.

AP identified at least 82 communities that have issued $1.92 billion in so-called "bond anticipation notes" — short-term bonds they can roll over for up to seven years and pay nothing but interest— to fund such projects. After that, they must pay down principal, but they had counted on checks from the state arriving by then to soften the blow.

"It would crucify us if we had to start paying part of that out of the budget," said Donald Kaminski, the treasurer of Oxford.

For communities, it's like charging up a company credit card on a business trip and then learning the company won't pay you back for years, and even then, possibly less than promised.

Including long-term debt and BANS issued by regional school districts, where communities share costs, the total nears $3 billion, the AP found.

"Right now, this is why we're called Pem-BROKE," said Linda Porazzo, treasurer of Pembroke, where the average property tax bill could increase almost $1,000 per year if the state reneged.

Some states, like Massachusetts, help municipalities build schools with direct reimbursements. California offers 50 percent, while others simply buy up bonds issued by cities and town.

Akash Deep, a professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, called Massachusetts' program, which averages about 70 percent reimbursement, "by far" the most generous of its kind.

"We haven't found a good way to say 'no' to some of these projects," said Jeff Wulfson, a program administrator.

Health officials in three states battle outbreak of monkeypox

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A virus similar to smallpox apparently jumped from an imported African rat to pet prairie dogs, infecting at least four people — possibly dozens — in the disease's first appearance in the Western Hemisphere.

Eighteen people in Wisconsin are suspected of suffering from the monkeypox virus and four are confirmed, said City of Milwaukee health commissioner Dr. Seth Foldy. At least 11 more cases in Indiana and three in Illinois are suspected.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Saturday the prairie dogs likely were infected with the virus by a giant Gambian rat, which is indigenous to African countries, at a suburban Chicago pet distributor.

Thirteen of the people suspected of having the virus in Wisconsin were around prairie dogs, while the other apparently contracted it after handling a sick rabbit that had been around a prairie dog. Foldy said it doesn't appear anyone contracted the virus from another person.

Monkeypox in humans is not usually fatal, but causes rashes, fevers and chills. Doctors initially feared they might be facing smallpox, which causes similar symptoms, but scientists quickly eliminated that possibility after discovering the link between people and prairie dogs. Monkeypox's incubation period is about 12 days.

Two patients at Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Milwaukee were in satisfactory condition Sunday, hospital spokesman Mark McLaughlin said. The two were isolated and doctors wore caps, gowns and masks whenever they interacted with them. Other suspected victims were treated and released.

The CDC said a preliminary investigation showed the virus was transmitted to humans as a result of close contact with the infected prairie dogs, although scientists were unable to exclude the possibility of human-to-human transmission.

Health officials are trying to contain the virus' spread by preventing more animals from becoming infected. Prairie dogs, usually found in southwestern and western states, aren't indigenous to Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection issued a warning telling people not to dump prairie dogs into the wild, agency spokeswoman Donna Gilson said. The agency also told state humane societies to isolate any prairie dogs people bring in.

Monkeypox has been found mostly in west African nations, Foldy said. The human mortality rate in Africa has ranged from one to 10 percent, but Foldy said the virus may be less lethal in the United States because people are typically better nourished and medical technology is far more advanced.

"We have isolation, soap, running water, sterile dressing materials, we have washing machines," Foldy said. "These are all things that have reduced the prevalence of germs that are spreadable by person-to-person contact."

The prairie dogs were sold by a Milwaukee animal distributor in May to two pet shops in the Milwaukee area and during a pet "swap meet" in northern Wisconsin, the CDC said.

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services issued an emergency order Friday banning the sale, importation and display of prairie dogs. State agriculture officials plan to publish an emergency rule this week, Gilson said.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has prohibited Phil's Pocket Pets, a pet distributor in Villa Park, Ill. where the prairie dogs may have been infected, from selling animals until the health of its animals is verified.

The owner of Phil's has given Illinois officials a list of all who bought prairie dogs, Gambian rats or other exotic animals since April 15, the Illinois Department of Public Health said. No telephone listing could be found for the store Sunday.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Chronic pain sufferer finds joy in life one step at a time

DEAR ABBY: I have lived my entire life in constant pain. My childhood was rough. Now that I am an adult, I want to share some truths that I wish someone had shared with me — in the hope that they will help a child who is struggling with physical or psychological pain today:

(1) Sometimes you feel like you're the only person in the world who knows what you are going through. You are right, because no one else can know what your specific pain feels like. However, other children have had experiences similar to what you are going through, and you don't have to face things alone.

(2) There are times you are going to be angry. That's only natural. What's happening to you is not fair, and it's OK to be angry about it. However, you must learn to deal with your anger and not lash out at others or become self-destructive.

(3) Sometimes you are going to be depressed. If it persists longer than two weeks, ask an adult for help — a parent, a teacher or your doctor. If the first adult can't help you, KEEP ASKING. Depression makes everything harder than it should be. You can defeat it, but not alone.

(4) You have a right to understand what's wrong with you, what the doctors are doing about it, what medications you are on, and what the side effects might feel like. Sometimes adults want to "protect" children from the facts. They don't realize that what your imagination can conjure up will be far worse than the truth.

(5) If your treatment makes you feel bad, talk to your doctor about it. If you feel a doctor is not taking your problems seriously, immediately tell your parents or another responsible adult.

(6) Most of all, DON'T GIVE UP, even if you feel the odds are against you. Decide on a dream worth fighting for. Break your goals into small, doable steps — and take one step at a time. You might not reach your goal, but if you don't try to get somewhere, you'll get nowhere.

Abby, I don't design rockets like I once dreamed of doing, but I do have my college degree, a good job and a loving spouse. While my life might be filled with physical pain, it's also filled with a greater amount of joy. Sign me ... **SMILING THROUGH THE PAIN**

DEAR SMILING: Thank you for an inspiring letter. I'm not surprised that you're smiling. You are a winner. And today, you have helped more people — of all ages — than you'll ever know.

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DEAR ABBY: Can you tell me how to mend an American flag? Ours is badly torn in two places. We put it up shortly after Sept. 11 and have flown it on its brass flagpole ever since. We want to treat it with respect, but don't know if there is a specific protocol. Please help. — **PATRIOTS IN CARBONDALE, ILL.**

DEAR PATRIOTS: When a flag is damaged or faded, it should be retired and replaced. According to the American Legion Flag Etiquette brochure: "When a flag has served its useful purpose, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning. For individual citizens this should be done discreetly so that the act of destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration."

Many American Legion Posts conduct Disposal of Unserviceable Flag ceremonies on June 14, Flag Day, each year. There is a Web site: www.legion.org. (Click on "Our Flag.") This ceremony provides a dignified and solemn way of disposing of unserviceable flags.

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♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ 6 3
♣ 7 4 3

West
♠ 7 5 4
♥ Q 8 6 3
♦ A Q 9
♣ 10 8 2

East
♠ 3
♥ K 10 9
♦ 10 8 7 5 4
♣ Q J 9 6

South
♠ A J 10 9 8 6
♥ A
♦ K J 2
♣ A K 5

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

By Phillip Alder

If you compete in a lot of pair events, you are used to fighting for every trick. The more winners you can collect, the better. But if you play only socially or in team events, overtricks are almost valueless.

In this deal, suppose you are South, the declarer in either four spades or five spades. West leads the heart three: two, nine, ace. How would you plan the play in each case? Did West have a more effective opening lead?

If South had gambled on three no-trump over his partner's single raise, that would have worked well here, but it isn't recommended.

You seem to have only three possible losers: two diamonds and one club. Yet you have only nine sure tricks: six spades, one heart and two clubs. What will be trick 10?

South crossed to dummy with a spade and played a diamond to his jack. However, West won with the queen and returned a trump. Up with dummy's spade king, declarer tried a diamond to his king, but West produced the ace and led his last trump. Suddenly South had four losers: three diamonds and one club.

Declarer was unlucky, to be sure, but that is the right line only in five spades, not in four. Your 10th trick should be a diamond ruff in the dummy. At trick two, lead any diamond from hand. Let's suppose the opponents shift to a trump. Take it in the dummy and play another diamond. West may win and return a trump, but you win in hand and ruff your last diamond.

Then West will probably apologize to his partner for failing to lead a trump at trick one.

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 78-1A SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 121-10 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Also contracted for 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 295, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 145-5 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and drill site is in Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 122-6 SACROC unit in the same field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 295, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 207-6 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles northwest of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 176-8 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, three miles northwest of Snyder. Also planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 251, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 89-3 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, six miles northwest of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is Section 338, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 145-4 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 294, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 210-3 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, four miles northwest of Snyder. The well will be drilled to a depth of 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Devon Energy will drill the No. 1604-W Canon Ranch Jo Mill field unit, 15 miles west of Gail. Planned depth of the horizontal well is 7,396 feet, and location is in Section 46, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Pure Resources will drill the No. 287 Wolfcamp in the Reinecke field, 10 miles northwest of Vincent. The recompletion projection is planned for a depth of 6,450 feet, and location is in Section 53, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Halvey Energy Co. will drill the No. 1 Johnson unit in the Ida Sue field, 20 miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 7,800 feet, drill site is in Section 74, Block 5, H&GN survey.

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Bush says Iraq had illicit weapons program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush insisted today that Baghdad had a program to manufacture weapons of mass destruction, seeking to rebut critics who charge his administration doctored evidence to justify an invasion of Iraq.

"Iraq had a weapons program," Bush said. "Intelligence throughout the decade shows they had a weapons program," Bush told reporters during a meeting of his Cabinet. "I am absolutely convinced that with time, we'll find out they did have a weapons program," Bush said.

Weeks of searches in Iraq by military experts have not validated the administration's portrayal of Iraq's cache of weapons. Alleged stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons have not turned up, nor has significant evidence of a nuclear weapons program.

Bush was asked whether American credibility was on the line in the hunt for illicit weapons. In answering, he pointed to the outcome of the war, not the weapons search.

"The credibility of this country is based upon our strong desire to make the world more peaceful, and the world is now more peaceful after our decision," he said.

Bush also insisted that al-Qaida had a presence in Baghdad.

"History will show, history and time will prove that the United States made the absolute right decision in freeing the people of Iraq from the clutches of Saddam Hussein," Bush said.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Sunday he wants a full congressional investigation. "I think that the nation's credibility is on the line, as well as (Bush's)," he said.

North Korea claims it needs 'nuclear deterrent' against U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea sharpened its tone in the standoff with the United States today, publicly threatening for the first time to develop a "nuclear deterrent" unless Washington abandons its "hostile" stance toward the communist nation.

The statement was the isolated North's most direct admission of its intention to develop nuclear weapons. Until now, Pyongyang has referred to its need for "physical deterrence" against what it calls U.S. plans to attack it, though U.S. officials say the North Koreans told them privately that the country already has nuclear bombs.

"If the U.S. keeps threatening the DPRK with nukes instead of abandoning its hostile policy toward Pyongyang, the DPRK will have no option but to build up a nuclear deterrent force," the KCNA news agency said in its official English translation, using the North's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The regime also linked its nuclear ambitions to an effort to rebuild the country's shattered economy.

The "intention to build up a nuclear deterrent force is not aimed to threaten and blackmail others, but reduce conventional weapons under a long-term plan and channel manpower resources and funds into economic construction and the betterment of people's living," the agency said.

Pyongyang keeps two-thirds of its 1.1 million-strong military, the world's fifth largest, near the inter-Korean border, the world's most heavily fortified.

The United States has asked North Korea to reduce its troops near the border, but the North has emphasized the importance it sees in using military force to stave off a possible U.S. attack in the wake of the war against Iraq. The North has insisted in the past that it has the right to develop nuclear weapons to defend itself.

The escalation came as South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun repeated today that his country would never accept a nuclear-armed North Korea.

Addressing Japanese lawmakers at the end of his first official visit to Tokyo, Roh acknowledged that negotiating an end to the standoff over North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons program would take time.

"I am not hoping that this issue can be solved in a day or two," Roh said.

Six arrested over weekend

•Arrests

Snyder officers arrested Enrike Carrisalez, 42, of 903 N. Ave. Q at 12:45 p.m. Sunday in the 1500 block of Ave. T for felony driving while intoxicated and for driving with a suspended license.

Two subjects were taken into custody early Sunday in the 300 block of 25th Street after officers responded to a report of a fight. Arrested were a 19-year-old woman and a 22-year-old man, both for public intoxication.

At 10:40 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested two subjects in the 1800 block of 30th Street. Taken into custody were a 19-year-old man for public intoxication and a 43-year-old woman for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 33-year-old woman was arrested at 11:45 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of 32nd Street for Class A family violence.

•Disturbance

A woman reported a property dispute with her boyfriend at 9:42 a.m. Saturday. The male subject retrieved some property and left the residence and officers advised a report for family violence would be submitted.

At 5:30 p.m. Saturday, a woman requested an officer on 35th Street to report abuse to her 14-year-old son. An offense report for family violence was filed.

A woman reported to 9-1-1 Sunday night that she was assaulted by another female who was attempting to take her child. Officers advised the subject left the residence and a report for family violence was filed.

•Criminal trespass

Officers served a criminal trespass warning on a man Saturday afternoon to stay away from a residence in the 3900 block of Ave. O.

•Criminal mischief

A woman reported damage to a door at Mulligan's Mall Sunday evening and a report was filed for criminal mischief.

•Dog bite

A woman on Hill Ave. reported at 8:30 p.m. Sunday that a dog bit her, and a disturbance was reported by another woman at the same location. Officers were dispatched and advised two subjects were involved in a verbal altercation.

The dog was taken to the shelter and a report for the incident was submitted.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country East reported a gas drive off at 11 p.m. Sunday in the amount of $13.02.

Obituaries

Mrs. Villanueva

1940-2003

Esperanza Villanueva, 63, of Hermleigh died Sunday, June 8, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services for Mrs. Villanueva are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Francisco Cantu

1914-2003

SWEETWATER – Francisco G. Cantu, the father of three Snyder residents, died Saturday, June 7, at his home in Longworth.

Rosary for Mr. Cantu, 88, is set for 7 this evening in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service for Mr. Cantu, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Rodriquez officiating. Burial will follow in the Palava Cemetery.

Born Oct. 4, 1914 in Mexico, he married Lala Aguilar on Feb. 20, 1940 in Edinburg.

A resident of Longworth since 1947, Mr. Cantu was a self-employed farmer and also worked for Wendell Kent, Sweetwater Cotton Oil Mill and National Rail Car before his retirement.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Elva Cantu; and two grandsons, Rudy Cantu and Gilbert Ray Cantu.

Survivors include his wife, Lala Cantu of Longworth; seven sons, Roy Cantu of Snyder, Frank Cantu, Albaro Cantu, Lupe Cantu, Roland Cantu, Adam Cantu and Arthur Cantu, all of Sweetwater; four daughters, Macy Gutierrez and Solia Gutierrez, both of Snyder, Myra Pena of Lubbock and Delia Ruiz of Sweetwater; 31 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Juanita Harrington

1914-2003

THROCKMORTON – Juanita Harrington, the grandmother of Sherry Holland of Snyder, died Friday, June 6.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harrington, 89, was held Sunday in the Christian Center in Throckmorton. The Rev. Edgar Jones of Graham officiated and interment followed in the Throckmorton Cemetery.

Born May 5, 1914 in Throckmorton, she married Willie E. Harrington on Aug. 17, 1935 in Throckmorton. He died Dec. 18, 1981.

Mrs. Harrington was a dietician for the Throckmorton Nursing Home for 10 years and a Baptist. She moved to Abilene in 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Margaret Jane Kelley; a daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Franklin Pieper; and a grandson, Graydon Evan Pieper.

Survivors include a daughter, Darlene Ritchie of Abilene; three sons, Bobby Harrington of Throckmorton, Donnie Harrington of Seymour and Billy Harrington of Wichita Falls; two sisters, Mattie McGuire of Andrews and Marie Shankle of Throckmorton; a brother, Clarence Kelly of Springer, N.M.; 10 other grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

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Divided GOP hopes to begin work on spending proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans hope to patch up internal rifts and finally start writing Congress' 13 annual spending bills this week, aware that GOP control of the White House, Senate and House leaves them unable to blame Democrats should things go awry.

Disputes among Republicans over proposals to shift several billion dollars from defense to popular domestic programs have prevented work even from beginning on the must-pass spending bills, costing the House and Senate Appropriations committees a month's time.

Fights last year between the Democratic-controlled Senate and the GOP-run House, and between conservative and moderate Republicans, stalled completion of the 2003 bills until this past January — nearly four months late.

Now, Republicans will control the spending process for the first time since 1954 with their hold on the executive and legislative branches. They want to finish all the bills close to the Oct. 1 start of the government's 2004 budget year as a symbol of their ability to govern.

"Once this dam breaks, we're going to start producing bills right away," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla.

Congress's two top Republicans planned to meet today with President Bush at the White House to discuss the bills, which will total roughly $785 billion and finance every federal agency. The rest of the $2.2 trillion budget is for automatically paid benefits such as Medicare.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee were hoping for Bush's blessing for their proposal to shift about $3 billion from the military to domestic security, education and other programs.

The defense funds would be restored with money not spent from this spring's $80 billion bill that financed the Iraq war, Republicans say.

An additional $2.2 billion would be provided for domestic programs with a second accounting maneuver. That $2.2 billion for 2004 was approved in last year's bills, but under the proposal would not count against the budget's $785 billion spending cap.

Bush's acquiescence to the proposed money shifts would be an important signal to GOP conservatives, who annually battle the Appropriations committees over spending that the conservatives say is excessive.

Members of the committees, where bipartisan cooperation long has been the hallmark, say they are being pragmatic and including enough money for their bills to win enough votes to pass Congress.

Births

Ronnie and Melinda Girard announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Megan Girard, born at 8:49 p.m. June 8 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 9 pounds.

Grandparents are Susan Mary Smith of Boston, Frank Rodriguez of California and Amanda and Lupe Hernandez of Snyder.

Today's Weather

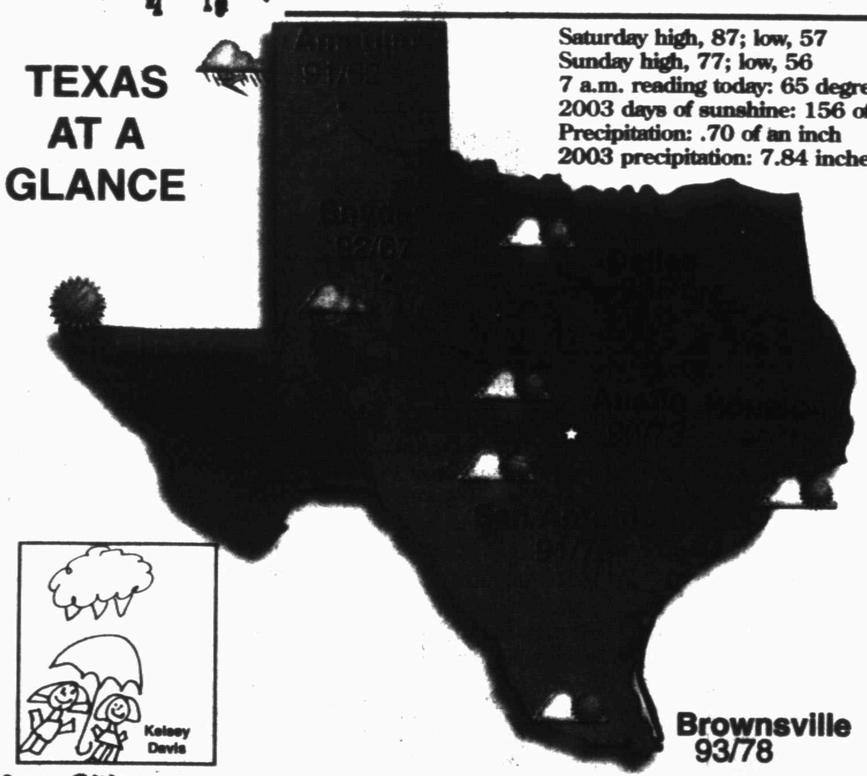
Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 6/10	Wed 6/11	Thu 6/12
92/67	95/67	94/67
Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon.	Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise 6:35 AM, Sunset 8:51 PM	Sunrise 6:35 AM, Sunset 8:51 PM	Sunrise 6:35 AM, Sunset 8:52 PM

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TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Saturday high, 87; low, 57
Sunday high, 77; low, 56
7 a.m. reading today: 65 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 156 of 159
Precipitation: .70 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 7.84 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	90	72	pt sunny	El Paso	95	68	sunny	Midland	95	68	mst sunny
Amarillo	91	62	t-storm	Fort Stockton	94	68	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	75	pt sunny
Austin	90	73	pt sunny	Gainesville	89	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	93	74	pt sunny	Greenville	89	72	pt sunny	San Antonio	91	75	pt sunny
Brownsville	93	78	pt sunny	Houston	90	75	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	74	pt sunny
Brownwood	92	71	pt sunny	Kingsville	92	74	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	72	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	90	77	pt sunny	Livingston	93	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	91	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	74	pt sunny	Longview	94	73	pt sunny	Tyler	90	75	pt sunny
Dallas	91	76	pt sunny	Lubbock	94	64	t-storm	Weatherford	90	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	96	77	pt sunny	Lufkin	93	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	92	72	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	68	mst sunny	Houston	90	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	75	sunny
Boston	80	60	mst sunny	Los Angeles	67	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	64	51	pt sunny
Chicago	75	55	t-storm	Miami	88	76	t-storm	Seattle	68	53	pt sunny
Dallas	91	76	pt sunny	Minneapolis	69	52	pt sunny	St. Louis	83	65	t-storm
Denver	77	55	t-storm	New York	80	61	mst sunny	Washington, DC	86	66	pt sunny

Moon Phases

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

UV Index

Tue 6/10	Wed 6/11	Thu 6/12
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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