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The BATTIPS number is 845-3315.

Ideas can include news stories, feature ideas and personality profiles of interesting people. Readers are also encouraged to offer any other suggestions that could improve the newspaper.

Security beefed up for concert

DALLAS (AP) — Police officers kept their riot gear on hand Monday as they prepared for a Guns N' Roses concert — the band's first since a show in Missouri turned into a heavy metal melee.

The police department assigned two squads of eight officers trained in crowd control to patrol outside the Starplex Amphitheatre, their riot gear stashed nearby in case fans at the sold-out show got unruly, police spokesman Sgt. Jim Chandler said.

Another two tactical units, including mounted officers, were on standby, Chandler said.

"I don't guess you ever go into a concert anticipating a problem, you plan to prevent problems," Chandler said. "Looking at what happened in St. Louis, I think it has to be a concern for us and the Starplex that the potential for problems certainly exists."

Chandler said 41 off-duty officers, 10 more than usual, had contracted to provide security within the 20,000 capacity theater.

A private security firm will provide additional guards, said Starplex General Manager Larry Fontana. He would not specify how many.

"We always go out of our way to secure great security for our concert fans," Fontana said.

NAACP expresses skepticism

Delegates take wait-and-see approach regarding Supreme Court nominee Thomas

HOUSTON (AP) — NAACP delegates expressed skepticism Monday about Clarence Thomas' nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court, saying they do not know if the black conservative judge is an acceptable replacement for retiring Justice Thurgood Marshall.

"I think the jury is still out on Judge Thomas," said Les Johnson, an auto worker from Youngstown, Ohio, who is attending the civil rights group's 84th national convention in Houston.

Some delegates said they were taking a wait-and-see approach as they hoped to learn more

about the man picked by President Bush to succeed Marshall, so far the only black to serve on the court.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has harshly criticized Thomas in the past, also withheld making a decision on whether to oppose or support the nomination. Benjamin



Clarence Thomas has not yet won support from the NAACP.

Hooks, NAACP executive director, said Monday that the group first wants to meet with Thomas and conduct a review of his record in public office.

Although NAACP members have not reached a consensus on whether Thomas is right for the post, they seemed to agree on one thing — Marshall will be tough to replace.

"When Marshall retired, that left a big void," Johnson said. The outspoken justice, who announced his retirement last month, has been an avid supporter of civil rights and women's rights and a staunch opponent of the death penalty.

As a lawyer, he won all but three of the 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court as chief counsel for the NAACP, including the landmark case in which the court banned the "separate but equal" treatment of the races in public schools.

Thomas, in his interviews, speeches, testimony and other public statements, has been consistent in his view that affirmative action and other programs designed to help poor minorities have instead hurt them in most cases. He also appears to support school prayer and opposes minimum-wage laws.

Richards takes time in appointing new leader for collider

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards said Monday she sees no need to rush in appointing a new head for the state's superconducting super collider agency.

"I want it to be very carefully thought through, and I want the involvement of the commission members when that decision is made," Richards said.

J. Fred Buey quit Friday as chairman of the nine-member Texas National Research Laboratory Commission, which manages the state's \$1 billion contribution and is purchasing land for the high-energy research project.

Buey voiced fears that other countries won't invest in the \$8.25 billion SSC and

that it might never be built. In resigning, Buey said he would focus on obtaining funding help from other countries.

Buey specifically cited problems obtaining a funding commitment from Japan, considered a key foreign contributor.

"He is concerned that we may not get a Japanese commitment that he hoped we would get, and he may be right in that," Richards said. "Frankly, I do not know."

The collider, to be the world's largest scientific instrument, is a particle accelerator to be built in a 54-mile oval tunnel in Ellis County, south of Dallas. Scientists will smash protons together at high speeds, hoping they break apart to yield further

clues to the origin of matter.

Richards also discussed the collider with U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, who downplayed Buey's resignation and said he was confident SSC funding was secure.

"There's certainly some concerns about international participation, but there's no crisis," said Barton, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"We are about to get from the House and Senate this year approximately a half a billion dollars to fund the SSC ... We've got major negotiations going on internationally," Barton said.

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During the early morning hours of June 1, the College Station Police Department received a flood of criminal mischief reports.

These calls indicated that someone went on a rampage of random attacks against property which included 26 vehicles and seven mail boxes, all in the east side of College Station.

One witness reported seeing a pickup truck driving east along Francis Street at a high rate of speed when the driver leaned out a window and used a club to break out the windshield of a car parked along the curb. Property damages are estimated to be about \$6,100.

The witness reported that the vehicle was a tan Ford pickup with no tailgate. The witness described the driver as a young,

tall, slender white man.

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What's Up

Tuesday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. STUDENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE: Informational meeting at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center. Call Dalia Burgos at 847-2970 for more information.

Wednesday

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: General membership meeting to discuss plans for summer activities. Everyone welcome to attend. Call Gary at 846-4713 or Helen at 693-9990 for more information.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: General discussion at noon. Call CDPE at 845-0280 for more information.

TAMU SAILING CLUB: General meeting - New members are welcome to attend at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower. Call Russell Powell at 823-6503 for more information.

KANM 99.9 CABLE FM STUDENT RADIO: Michael Worsham interviews Mark Fletcher of Aggies Against Bonfire from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

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