

Weather

Monday through Wednesday, fair at night with sunny and very hot days. Lows in the 70s., highs from 100 to 108.
— National Weather Service

Balloon Classic

Photos from this weekend's Brazos Valley Balloon Classic



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An interview with the "voice of A&M sports," Dave South



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NEWS BRIEFS

Riverside campus employee arrested

A Texas Engineering Experiment Station employee was arrested Thursday on a third-degree felony charge of official misconduct.

The University Police Department arrested John O. Lewis, head of the telecommunications training division, at the Texas A&M University-Riverside campus. Lewis was released from the Brazos County Jail later that day on \$500 bond.

He was charged with "misapplying anything of value belonging to the government in his possession," said a spokeswoman for the experiment station.

Lewis was also charged with a Class A misdemeanor for obtaining two receipts for less than \$1,000 for a single purchase of more than \$1,000.

Maintenance blocks part of Villa Maria

Travel lanes will be reduced from four lanes to two as railroad maintenance work begins Tuesday at the Villa Maria Road crossing in Bryan.

The Texas Department of Transportation will remove concrete pavement from around the railroad tracks at the crossing between Finfeather Road and Wellborn Road. The construction project is expected to be completed in three weeks.

Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes and to drive cautiously through the intersection.

Roe v. Wade plaintiff writes autobiography

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two decades after the landmark 1973 Supreme Court Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion, plaintiff Norma McCorvey has stopped dodging the past by writing an unvarnished account of her tumultuous, hard-knocks life and how being Jane Roe transformed it.

"I am a rough woman, born into pain and anger and raised mostly by myself," she writes in the book, "I Am Roe: My Life, Roe v. Wade, and Freedom of Choice."

The Louisiana native chronicles her difficult childhood and how she stumbled into the history books after finding herself, at age 21, divorced and pregnant for a third time.

The book isn't a treatise on abortion or how the court ruling altered the political landscape. It isn't a legal primer either, touching only lightly on Texas attorneys Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee, who pushed the case to the Supreme Court.

Instead, it's the account of one life and how that life was forever changed when, in a Dallas restaurant in February 1970, Ms. McCorvey agreed to become the plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking to overturn Texas' anti-abortion statute.

Dallas, suburbs swap barbs over pro sports

DALLAS (AP) — The city of Dallas and its 'burbs are trading barbs, as competition has heated up in recent weeks over proposals to lure the city's pro sports teams away.

"We're the 800-pound gorilla, and the suburbs are the pimples on our behind," said Dallas Councilman Chris Luna.

Mayor Bobby Joe Raper of suburban Irving retorted: "They're the 800-pound gorilla pacing around his cage, not knowing what to do."

Luna and other Dallas officials are upset with their smaller neighbors over discussions about building a new arena for the Dallas Stars and Dallas Mavericks.

Even college sports are involved in the suburban pull as Cotton Bowl organizers said they may move the football game to Irving's Texas Stadium.

"I don't see where it's advantageous for any suburb to get into a feud with Dallas," said Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England. "They've got the big bucks."

Some officials warn that such sniping between cities, if carried too far, could turn off prospective businesses and damage regional cooperation.

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Japan searches for new prime minister

Parliament debates over replacement as meetings with Clinton, other industrialized nations approach

TOKYO (AP) — For the second time this year, Japan has put major government business on hold as it searches for a new leader.

Saturday's resignation of Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata leaves the country leaderless just two weeks before a pair of important meetings — the planned July 7 summit with President Clinton and the meeting of the Group of Seven major industrialized nations.

In April, the hiatus lasted two weeks before the governing coalition agreed to stay together and back Hata.

The coalition had been shaky since taking over in 1993 from the Liberal Democrats, who had ruled for 38 years. The coalition was an awkward alliance of conserv-

ative parties and the Socialists, divided by ideology and united only in a desire to keep the LDP out of power.

The Socialists quit Hata's government at the start, angered by what they saw as moves to exclude them from some major coalition business. Hata was unable to coax them to return and resigned in the face of certain defeat in a Parliamentary vote of confidence.

Monday's schedule called for Parliament to meet to consider a replacement. But with no agreement in sight, Parliament appeared likely to extend its current session beyond its scheduled end on Wednesday.

As in April, the Socialists and other coalition parties are divided over whether sales taxes should be raised to

pay for rising welfare costs. They also disagree on how far Japan can go in joining U.N. peacekeeping missions, and how to deal with neighboring North Korea's suspected nuclear arms program. The nation's constitution bans use of force in international disputes.

Action delayed by the lack of a leader includes resolving trade disputes with the United States and announcing a package of measures to ease regulations on business.

Red tape is seen as hurting both U.S. efforts to sell here and Japan's own struggle to break out of a 3-year-old recession.

The Liberal Democrats, who were brought down by a series of scandals, remain the largest party with 206 seats in the 511-member lower house of Parliament, which chooses the prime minister.

So far, they have been unable to ally with other parties to form a government.



Bart Mitchell/THE BATTALION

I've had it up to here!

Claire and Lenny Ganz (Nellwyn Haley and Steve Mise) fight about gossip concerning their best friend in a rehearsal of Neil Simon's play "Rumors" on Wednesday. The Aggie Players production runs Thursday through Saturday at the Rudder Forum.

Ugandan president visits Texas A&M

A&M's agricultural research may help African country, university

By Tracy Smith
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The president of Uganda met with Texas A&M officials Sunday to cement a long-term agricultural relationship between A&M and the African country.

Yoweri Kaguta Museveni toured the University's agricultural operations, including the experimental farm, plantation farm and meat science laboratory.

President Museveni, who also serves as chancellor of Makerere University, said he hopes his visit strengthens ties between A&M and Uganda, while also helping Makerere University.

"I was impressed with Texas A&M because of its extensive agricultural research," he said. "The different forms of crops and grasses could benefit my country and help our university."

"The climates in Texas and Uganda are similar in many ways, making the research from A&M even more beneficial," Museveni said. "Due to civil strife, Uganda has limited research, so A&M's research is needed."

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said the University also hopes the plan linking A&M and Uganda will improve on the present relationship between the two.

"The relationship between A&M and Uganda is not a new one, actually starting in 1988 with many of our faculty members exploring different areas of research and development assistance pro-

jects in the country," he said. "After many years of delegation, we hope a cemented relationship will prosper everyone."

"Land grants through the University will provide special training about many agricultural problems," he said. "We feel this pact will be beneficial, having a positive impact on the community."

Currently, there are five Ugandan students attending A&M and Bowen said he thinks this will help in the implementation of future plans, while also helping A&M in the process.

"With several Ugandan students on the A&M campus, we receive an added benefit that we would not have otherwise," Bowen said.

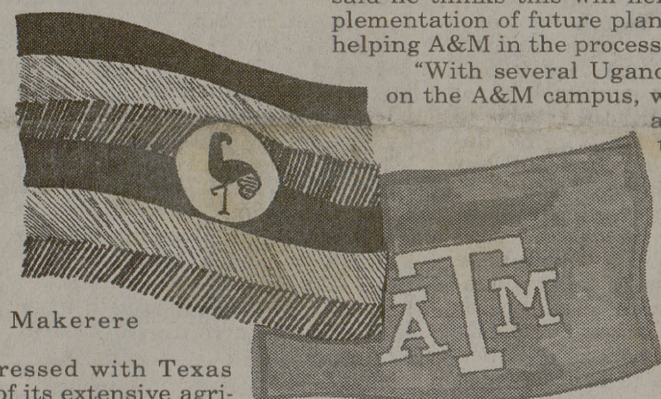
An official date has not been set for the plan to start, but many do not feel this is a problem.

Bowen said because of long-term relations between the two, activities are in progress.

"We have a number of ongoing activities now," he said. "This has left us with no real hurdles to leap."

A presentation was given to Ugandan officials along with the tour discussing agriculture concerns.

Accompanying President Museveni on the tour and presentation, were several Ugandan officials, including J.S. Mayanja-Nkangi, minister of finance and economic planning, R. Kaijuka, minister of trade and industry, and S.T.K. Katenta-Apuli, Ugandan ambassador to the United States.



Aggies host camp for 'future engineers'

By Christine Johnson
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The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is encouraging Texas junior high school students to consider a career in engineering.

Fifty junior high girls toured campus last week and experienced what Texas A&M has to offer future engineers.

Heidi Fischer, a senior civil engineering major and chairwoman of the week-long summer camp, said the program was a great way for girls to understand the importance of math and science.

"The girls need to realize this (engineering) is something they can do and to start taking the classes they need," she said.

The camp allowed the participants to learn about several engineering fields and included a design project and a trip to Six Flags-Astroworld.

The campers also got a taste of on-campus life. They stayed in Aston Hall along with six of the 20 A&M students who volunteered to be counselors.

Sheri Leahy, a senior civil engineering major and camp counselor, said the camp was a success.

"This camp is important because by the time they have reached high school, most girls have already decided what they want to do, so it is good to be able to talk to them while they are still in junior high," Leahy said.

Throughout the week, the girls went on tours of nine engineering departments including civil, mechanical and nuclear engineering.

They also toured the Ocean Drilling Program, the Off-Shore Technology Research Center, the College of Veterinary Medicine and KAMU-TV.

During the week, the girls worked on their design projects in groups of four or five.

The project was to design and build a roller coaster out of

Popsicle sticks. A marble had to be able to roll down the roller coaster and trigger three other marbles placed at various positions on the roller coaster.

The projects were judged by the counselors in the categories of Best Overall, Best Paper, Most Scary and Most Ingenious.

"The girls have a design project every year," Leahy said. "Last year it was kites, the year before that it was boats and this year it's roller coasters."

The week ended with a banquet for the counselors. The prizes for the design projects were presented at the banquet and a slide presentation which recapped all of the week's fun and activities.

Dr. Karen Watson, assistant dean of the College of Engineering and SWE faculty adviser, was the guest speaker at the banquet. She urged the girls to take more math and science courses when they attend high school.

"Whether or not you decide to become an engineer, you should keep your options open by choosing the harder and more challenging math and science classes which high school girls have a tendency not to take," she said. "It's very important that all of you realize that you can achieve anything that you want and be anything that you want."

SWE has conducted summer camps for junior high school girls for the past eight years. It will hold a camp for high school girls in July.

The girls had to fill out applications and write a paper on why they wanted to attend the camp. The applications were reviewed by SWE members and 50 girls were chosen.

Leahy said it is the only summer camp in the College of Engineering that is completely organized and run by students.

SWE camp is sponsored by various companies, including the Texas Education Agency, Exxon, Hewlett Packard, Amoco, Texaco, TU Electric and Dow Chemical.

NO CONSPIRACY:

Massacre in mosque was act of one man, panel says

JERUSALEM (AP) — Rejecting Palestinian claims of a conspiracy, an Israeli commission found Sunday that a Jewish settler acted alone when he killed at least 29 Muslims in a Hebron mosque.

The five-member panel then cleared the government and army command of any responsibility for the Feb. 25 blood bath, prompting charges by Palestinians and liberal Israelis that the six-week investigation was a whitewash.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged to carry out the commission's recommendations, including improvement of security at the Tomb of the Patriarchs, which is sacred to Muslims and Jews.

Jews will be barred from carrying weapons at the site in the West Bank town, and Jewish and Muslim worshippers will be separated to prevent friction.

But Rabin said there were no guarantees that security forces could stop another massacre by a "Jewish madman who decides to open fire in one of a thousand mosques where prayers are held in the West Bank."

The commission appeared to accept the argument of army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Ehud Barak, who testified the massacre "hit us like lightning from a clear blue sky."

In its 338-page report, the panel said the army could not have predicted an attack by a Jewish extremist on Palestinians because

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