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SPORTS



Aggies fend off Longhorns

The sixth-ranked Texas A&M Aggies, leading the Big 12 men's basketball standings, defeated the Texas Longhorns 100-82 Monday night in College Station.

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NATION



Cold blast puts parts of U.S. in deep freeze

A bone-chilling Arctic cold wave with temperatures as low as 42 below zero shut down schools for thousands of youngsters Monday, sent homeless people into shelters and put car batteries on the disabled list from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes.

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HOW NOW JOE BROWN

I learned yesterday that the bikini swimsuit was re-invented in 1946 by a pair of Frenchmen from drawings of bikini-like suits found on wall paintings dating back to 1600 B.C.



It was first called the "Atome" or smallest particle on Earth, but was changed to the name of the Bikini Atoll, the site of atomic bomb testing. When first advertised as a "bikini," it was described as "smaller than the smallest bathing suit in the world."

WEATHER



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Fire Station No. 8 may move into new home

Lynn Walker Times Record News

Twenty-seven years is not old in the lifespan of a building, but Wichita Falls' fire chief says it's time to say adios to Fire Station No. 8 and move on. The Wichita Falls City Council will consider a resolution today to move the station at 4415 Miller Rd. to a new site on Southwest Parkway.

Station No. 8 was built in 1980 in what would become a residential area east of Sikes Center. It did not turn out to be an ideal location.

"The present Fire Station 8 is a tough one," said City Manager Darron Leiker. "It's too small and it's too difficult to get to Southwest Parkway."

Fire Chief Earl Foster agreed.

"It was built for three men, but houses six," he said. "It has one bathroom and one shower."

Foster said accessibility is the big problem.

"It takes a minute to 1-1/2 minutes to get to Southwest Parkway because you have to wind through residential

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Gary Lawson/Times Record News

Firefighters on the B shift gather for lunch at Station 8 on Monday. Six firefighters have to share a tiny station, which was built to accommodate three firefighters.



Gary Lawson/Times Record News

Calvin Duckworth, 81, has been a barber in Nocona for 59 years. He said when he started in the business, there were 12 barbers in Nocona and three in nearby

Saint Jo. Below, Duckworth, in back, is seen in a photograph taken at Edd Hillard's barbershop on Clay Street in 1949.

Barber has seen it all in his six decades behind the chair

Lara K. Richards Times Record News

NOCONA — Calvin Duckworth, 81, knows every haircut by heart.

He's been cutting hair in Nocona for 59 years, and he owned and operated Duckworth Barber Shop on U.S. 82 for 41 years.

He's enjoyed the trade for almost six decades for a very simple reason, he said.

"I get to visit with friends . . . and charge them," he joked.

Laughter and the buzz of clippers fill the air in the shop, the one-liners coming out as quickly as the hair flies off.

Duckworth sold the business in October, but he still comes in for a few hours each morning. New owner Wayne Jacobs, 35, said he hopes to keep the shop open for another 40 years.

"It'll be around as long as I'm here," Jacobs said. "I just hope I can keep the tradition alive here.

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Cuts above the rest



Courtesy

Geek-chic: Nerd reaching cool status

Brittany Anas Scripps Howard News Service

University of Colorado senior Kevin Brown says "nerd" should be used as a term of endearment, or perhaps it's even an esteemed status symbol.

Here's a brief character sketch of Brown, a proud and self-labeled nerd: He goes to the bars on weekends. Well, not really. He's been to the

bar on a weekend. But he'd much rather read lengthy, mind-challenging novels or have philosophical conversations with friends. He's an architecture student and part-time nanny, but doesn't think he wants children of his own because he's concerned about over-population.

His favorite television show is MTV's "Beauty & the Geek."

Trendspotters are recognizing a type of nouveau nerd: They are proud of their intellectual

pross, and popular culture is beginning to appreciate the brains-and-sensitivity power combination. Call it the revenge of nerds ... cool nerds.

"The geeks are having their moment in the sun with technology being the name of the game in our society," said David Morrison, with Twen-

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Microsoft's Bill Gates and movies like "Napolean Dynamite" are leading a new charge into Geek-hood.

"Talk nerdy to me." Popular expression on women's T-shirts

ANALYSIS

Roll of dice

Economic luck may play role in Bush's budget

Tom Raum The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One major unmentioned entry in President Bush's new budget is luck.

Luck that the economy keeps growing, that corporate profits remain robust, that inflation stays tame and that foreigners keep lending the U.S. money. Otherwise, the numbers don't add up.

Bush's spending outline also assumes an exit strategy from Iraq that even the president's supporters see as wishful thinking — a sharp drop in war spending in time for the 2008 presidential election. It's a peace dividend without peace.

Not surprisingly, Democrats were quick to criticize.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., cited a "deception to hide a massive

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TRICARE

Bush budget raises fees

Trish Choate Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Figuring out what President Bush's 2008 budget proposal would mean for military retirees' health care in North Texas didn't call for a fortuneteller's reading of tea leaves, but it came close.

Basically, Bush calls for hiking costs for some military retirees in the TRICARE military health-insurance program in his budget unveiled Monday, spokesmen with military retiree and veterans service organizations said.

"The change is an increase in deductibles, premiums and fees for all retirees under the age of 65, and those fees, the increase, would be based on some yet-to-be-determined index," said Rick Jones of the

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