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POLLUTION

Fort Worth council waives water cleanup in 3 districts

Landowners won't have to clean up about 100 acres of contaminated groundwater.

By MIKE LEE

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FORT WORTH — Despite residents' fears that the Trinity River could be tainted by contaminated groundwater, the City Council approved three special environmental districts for contaminated land in far east Fort Worth.

The special districts, known as municipal setting designations, would cover about 100 acres near the intersection of Farm Road 157 and Calloway Cemetery Road, near the Fort Worth-Euless border.

The districts will restrict the use of groundwater in the area, allowing property owners to sidestep requirements that the water be cleaned to drinkable standards. The districts are designed to speed redevelopment of polluted areas as long as they don't pose a risk to a drinking-water source.

Environmental officials say

the groundwater in the targeted areas is contaminated with trichloromethane, or TCE, a potentially cancer-causing solvent.

"The groundwater is not going to be contained," said Chester Wiley, a Euless resident who lives within a half-mile of the site. "If we're going to err, we should err on the side of caution."

Representatives of three

companies — B.F. Goodrich, Sun Coast Resources and Direct Fuels — said there's no danger to the neighborhoods and said the contaminated water will quickly dissipate once it reaches a nearby pond.

"The solution to pollution is dilution," said Steven George, an environmental consultant for Goodrich.

The council approved two of the districts unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Hicks voted against one of the districts, saying she thought it was too close to a neighborhood and private school.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality must still approve the three districts, which would bring to 12 the number of districts in Fort Worth.

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EULESS

Fire destroys apartment block; up to 45 displaced

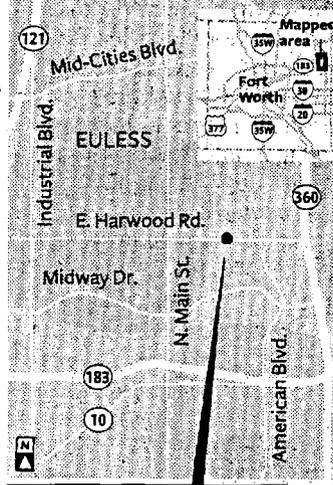
By **MELISSA VARGAS**
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EULESS — Dozens of residents sat in a cloud of smoke watching for more than two hours Friday as a four-alarm fire destroyed an apartment building.

Firefighters responded to a call just after 8 p.m. at the Bear Creek Villas Apartments, 500 E. Harwood Road.

Smoke was coming out of the roof of a 16-unit, two-story building, but firefighters had a hard time finding the source of the fire, investigator Vernon Gilmore said. Firefighters from at least seven departments battled the blaze, which was extinguished about 10:15 p.m. One Euless firefighter suffered minor injuries and another was treated for heat exhaustion. As many as 45 people were displaced by the fire, Anita Foster, a Red Cross spokeswoman, said. Late Friday, volunteers were trying to find places to house the complex's residents and hoped to have them settled by dawn,

4-alarm apartment fire



Sixteen units at the Bear Creek Villas complex were destroyed.

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she said.

One Meadowview Drive home was evacuated because burning embers were blowing onto the building, resident Stacie Montgomery said. Jason Raupp, another resident, said onlookers could hear the floors crumbling and windows bursting as the fire raged.

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LOTTO TEXAS

North Texas group takes lottery jackpot

The winners have a variety of spending plans, from saving for retirement to living debt-free.

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A newlywed, a soldier stationed in Iraq and a man weeks from retirement were among 25 North Texas residents who won the lottery jackpot from a ticket sold on Mother's Day in Euless, officials announced Friday.

The \$12 million Lotto Texas jackpot winners, many of them employees at AT&T in Irving, chose the lump sum option and will split \$5.3 million after taxes.

"They just approved our ticket and announced us as winners," said Damon Sawyer III of Watauga, who said he received a check for \$196,000. "We are all super stoked."

For nearly two years, a group of employees — which started as a core group of four — put in \$20 each and divided the money between buying Lotto Texas and Mega Millions tickets, officials said.

The four members of the core group each chose 25 sets of numbers — for a total of 100 sets — that the entire group played each week. On May 23, one of those sets — 1-3-13-14-22-52 — hit the jackpot.

The day after Mother's Day, Sawyer was training some em-

ployees at AT&T when another member of the lotto group sent out an e-mail saying the office pool had struck the jackpot.

"I was like, 'Wait. I'm in that pool,'" he said. "I was so shocked."

The Ector Drive One Stop Shop, where the ticket was purchased, is eligible to receive a bonus of \$120,000.

The popularity of pooling money to buy more tickets has always been strong, especially among Lotto Texas players, Anthony J. Sadberry, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said in a news release.

The winners

The winners range from their late 20s to retirement age, Sawyer said.

Bethurel Griffin of Arlington is in Iraq; he has kept up with the lottery pool in the year he has been away, Sawyer said.

Next week, Griffin will come home to his chunk of the winnings.

One winner who chose to remain anonymous was recently found to have brain cancer and will use the money for medical and family expenses.

John Tomlinson told lottery officials that he will use his share to save for retirement.

Aurora Hobbes of Cedar Hill was probably the most fortunate winner of all.

She had been begging to be allowed to join the group for the past 16 months, but the members didn't want the group to get too big, she said.

About a week before the Mega Millions lottery, two people dropped out and she got to join.

She plans to use the money to pay her bills, invest and live her life debt-free, she told lottery officials.

Sawyer, 28, was married in August and plans to take his wife on a second honeymoon, buy a new car and start a family, he said.

"We're going to keep playing," he added Friday. "We've got our 10-play for tonight's Mega Millions and tomorrow's lotto."

Online: www.texaslotto.org

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Garage sales

Rules differ among area cities and towns.

City	Number of sales allowed	Permit needed	Permit cost	Time limit for sales	Number of signs allowed	Where to get permits	More information
Bedford	Four a year	Yes	\$10	Three days	Five	City Hall	817-952-2112
Colleyville	No limit	No	n/a	Three days	One for single-family homes	n/a	817-503-1032
Eules	Two a year	Yes	\$5	Three days	Four city-issued signs	City Hall	817-685-1630
Flower Mound	Two a year	No	n/a	Three days	No limit	n/a	972-874-6340
Fort Worth	Two a year	Yes	None	Three days	One	City Hall	817-392-2222
Grapevine	No limit	No	n/a	n/a	No limit	n/a	817-410-3165
Haltom City	Four a year	Yes	\$5	Three days	One	City Hall	817-222-7700
Haslet	No limit	No	n/a	n/a	No limit	n/a	817-439-5931
Hurst	Once every six months	No	n/a	Three days	No limit	n/a	817-788-7088
Keller	Two a year	No	n/a	Three days	One	n/a	817-743-4110
N. Richland Hills	Once every six months	Yes	\$6	Two days	No limit	City Hall	817-427-6300
Richland Hills	Four a year	Yes	\$3	Three days	Five	City Hall	817-299-1870
Roanoke	Once every six months	Yes	\$5	Three days	No limit	City Hall	817-491-2411
Southlake	Two a year	No	n/a	Three days	Four	n/a	817-748-8400
Watauga	Four a year	Yes	\$5	Three days	Five	City Hall	817-514-5839
Westlake	No limit	No	n/a	n/a	One	n/a	817-490-5726

Notes: Permits for Fort Worth can also be obtained online or by calling 817-392-2222 Notes: Trophy Club allows only two community garage sales

Source: Cities

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EULESS

After fire, building is a total loss

Thirty people were displaced but had shelter by Saturday.

By MELISSA VARGAS
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EULESS — A four-alarm fire that engulfed a building at the Bear Creek Villa Apartments on Friday was a total loss of at least \$500,000, officials said Saturday.

A fence was placed around the building Saturday because it is in danger of collapsing.

"The structural engineer won't even let us inside because it's too dangerous," fire investigator Vernon Gilmore said. "They will end up bulldozing this building."

Thirty people were displaced but had shelter by Saturday and assistance from the Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross, officials said.

Sister apartment complexes and a local mosque also gave residents places to stay, apartment manager Renee Jones said.

"We are a really tight community, and the help we have gotten is just amazing," she said. "Many of these people only have what they walked out wearing."

Jones said a newlywed couple lost all of their wedding belongings and their car keys in the fire.

The Red Cross helped families purchase groceries, shoes and new clothing, spokeswoman Anita Cross said.

One firefighter suffered minor



Fire investigator Vernon Gilmore and firefighter Ken Kelly get an aerial view of the damage at Bear Creek Villa Apartments. The Fire Department was putting out hot spots and investigating the start of the fire. STAR-TELEGRAM/RALPH LAUER



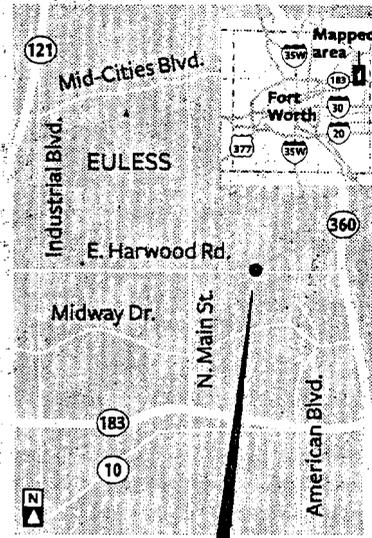
Firefighter Ken Kelly helps roll up hoses Saturday. The Red Cross helped displaced families purchase groceries, shoes and new clothing, spokeswoman Anita Cross said.

injuries and another was treated for heat exhaustion during the fire, which was extinguished about 10:15 p.m.

Gilmore said the department

had sent four of its firefighters to a memorial Friday for firefighters killed in a blaze in South Carolina. When they heard two of their own were injured in the Euless blaze,

4-alarm apartment fire



A building at the Bear Creek Villa complex was destroyed.

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they text-messaged Gilmore to make sure their colleagues were OK, Gilmore said.

Jones said investigators still had not officially ruled on the cause of the blaze, which engulfed one of the four buildings on the property at 500 E. Harwood Road. Preliminary reports suggested that the fire started in the attic, officials said.

"We have had grease fires and small stuff like that before, but nothing like this," she said.

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EULESS

City may limit watering

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Euless residents will be prohibited from watering outdoors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round, if the City Council approves mandatory water restrictions Tuesday.

Euless' current policy is voluntary and seasonal.

If the measure is approved, Euless' rules will be in line with those of Arlington and other area cities.

"The drought that we've

City Council meeting

- 7 p.m. Tuesday
- Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- 817-685-1434

gone through the last two years pointed out the need to conserve our water," Public Works Director Ron Young said.

Young also noted that the Trinity River Authority water treatment plant that serves Euless is undergoing a costly

expansion, so city officials are looking at ways to save money even though the drought has been declared over and reservoirs are nearly full.

"One way we can do that is to reduce our water demand," he said.

If passed, the restrictions will take effect immediately.

The TRA is Euless' primary source of water.

Online: www.ci.euless.tx.us

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UPDATE | EULESS

Council OKs apartment demolition

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EULESS — Dickey Apartments, the complex at the center of a decades-long dispute with the city, is set for demolition.

The City Council voted Tuesday to award contracts for asbestos treatment and demolition, which could be complete by August.

The 36-unit complex, on Dickey Drive south of Texas 10, has been vacant since 2003.

The city has been pursuing demolition of the complex since 2003. The land, which was annexed from Fort Worth in the early 1970s, is zoned single-family residential. In January, the city sued in state District Court to enforce a judgment ordering the demolition. In May, the court authorized the city to proceed and put a lien on the property for demolition expenses.

The court also awarded the



Demolition on the vacant Dickey Apartments in Euless could be finished by August. STAR-TELEGRAM/KELLEY CHINN

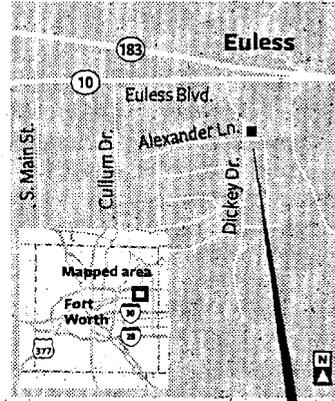
city \$282,000 in civil damages and \$7,090 in attorney fees. The city hasn't collected that money yet. The asbestos treatment and demolition cost more than \$107,000. The council set aside \$175,000 from the general fund for the project.

Other action:

- The council approved an ordinance that would prohibit residents from watering outside from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round.
- This was also the first meeting for new City Council members Perry Bynum and Tim Stinneford, who were elected in the June runoff.

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Dickey Apartments



Tenants were forced out of the building in 2003.

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The Shops at Vineyard Village Acquires More Tenants

Staples, PetSmart, Marshall's Anchor Euless, TX Retail Center



Next spring several tenants--Ross Dress for Less, Marshall's, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Staples, PetSmart, Shoe Pavilion, Party City, Dollar Tree and Famous Footwear--will move into The Shops at Vineyard Village.

The 450,000-square-foot power center at the southeast corner of West Glade Road and SH 121 in Euless, TX, is on 46 acres. These tenants will join tenant-owned LA Fitness and Lowe's Home Improvement locations, already on-site.

Ross Dress for Less leased 30,187 square feet and was represented by Jim Tapp of The Tapp Co. Marshall's leased 28,000 square feet. Robert Aycok of Princeton Partners represented Marmaxx Operating Corp. in the negotiation. Bed, Bath and Beyond leased 28,000 square feet and was represented by Steve Lieberman of The Retail Connection.

Jennifer Frank of The Woodmont Co. represented Staples in its 20,388-square-foot lease. PetSmart leased 29,087 square feet and was represented by Warren Creason of Creason Commercial Realty and Craig Wielansky of L3 Corp. out of St. Louis, MO.

Shoe Pavilion leased 20,000 square feet and was represented by Darrell Hernandez of United Commercial Realty. Party City leased 14,000 square feet. Larry Leon and Jonathan Cooper of Venture Commercial represented the tenant.

Dollar Tree (Dollar Tree Stores Inc.) leased 10,000 square feet and was represented by Jim Weir, formerly of The Woodmont Company. Famous Footwear (Brown Group Retail, Inc.) leased 7,000 square feet and was represented by David Fazio of The Retail Connection in the negotiation.

John Zikos of Venture Commercial and David Hardesty of Hardesty Realty Group represented the owner Burk Collins & Co. in all transactions.

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CELEBRATION

Eules Baptists pay off debt early

Each 5-foot-tall, 600-pound stone in a church garden represents a million-dollar donation to clear debt.

By **TERRY LEE GOODRICH**
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EULESS — Members of First Baptist Church Eules are saying hallelujah about paying off a \$6.5 million debt in only 28 months.

The 9,000-member congregation will mark its debt-free status at a 10 a.m. service Sunday overseen by the Rev. John Meador, senior pastor.

A representative from Chase National Bank, which in 2004 restructured a 15-year loan, will help the church celebrate getting out of debt early by burning the property note, church officials said.

"We had a multitude of building programs in the late 1990s and early 2000 that left us with a lot of debt not paid off as timely as it should have been, and we had unbelievable interest rate payments," said Scott Sheppard, the church's communications director. "But the bank stepped in to help us with a restructuring, and people stepped in to help pay it off."

Providential showers

The first donation came from an anonymous donor — not a member — who went to church one Sunday in late February 2005 when his golf game was rained out, Sheppard said. The man came back later that day with a \$25,000 check for the church.

The original loan for \$6 million financed a 3,500-seat auditorium and the church's preschool building.

The 103-year-old church, at 1000 W. Airport Freeway, also maintained its annual operating budget of more than \$6 million during its payoff drive, church leaders said.

"Hundreds of people were devoted to seeing our church have a strong foundation for future ministry, and God just put it all together," Meador said.

With each million dollars donated, a 5-foot-tall, 600-pound stone was erected in a church garden. A seventh stone engraved with "The Miracle: Debt Paid in Full" will be presented Sunday.

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Each stone represents \$1 million repaid. A seventh will be added Sunday. **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EULESS**

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INSIDE THE POLICE SCANNER

Not your typical family outing

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EULESS— The theft appears to have been a family affair.

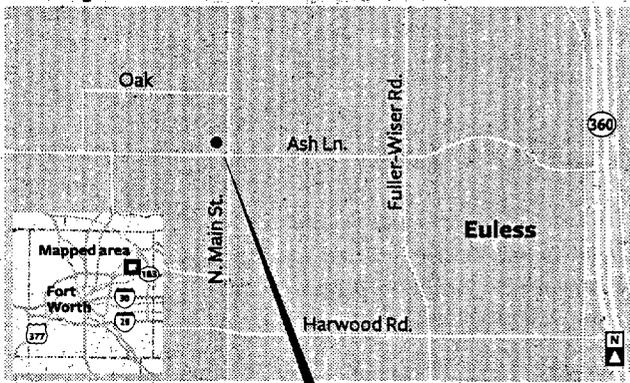
Investigators believe that two men and a woman accompanied by two toddlers took almost \$60 worth of pans, food and razors Monday from Albertsons in the 1100 block of North Main Street.

An employee told police that the group, including 2- and 3-year-old girls, was in the self-checkout line about 4:30 p.m. and asked a cashier to void several times.

They included a Mirro saucepan and frying pan, bacon, Kellogg's Cereal Straws, Velveeta cheese and Jack Links Beef Jerky, according to police reports.

Instead of handing back the items, the family placed

Family affair



Two men and a woman with two toddlers stole almost \$60 worth of pans, food and razors Monday from a Euless grocery store.

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them at the bottom of the grocery cart and started walking out without paying, police said.

And the thieves didn't stop there.

On the way out, they

grabbed a pack of Gillette razors and bottles of Coke — probably to clean up their act and wash down the stolen food.

— Domingo Ramirez Jr.

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Boyce Byers,
Kacey Bess
and Leila Khoury



Diane Porterfield,
Sandra Crowley,
Norann Lustfield
and Mary Ann Goetz

Library board convenes

The board of directors for the Euless Library Foundation met recently at the Euless Public Library.

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Sgt. Dustin Williams of Euless recently came across an Iraqi boy, center, wearing a Euless Parks & Community Services T-shirt. COURTESY OF JOHN WILLIAMS

Familiar name in odd place

On his second tour in Iraq, Army Staff Sgt. Dustin Williams of Euless thought he had seen it all. Not so.

A few days ago, he was part of an operation to rout out insurgents who were hiding in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. As he was going door-to-door, he saw a child wearing a Euless Parks & Community Services T-shirt, said his father, Euless police Lt. John Williams.

The boy didn't speak English, so Dustin Williams has no idea how the boy got the T-shirt.

"He said he almost dropped his teeth," John Williams wrote in an e-mail. "Odd that a soldier 9,000 miles away from home runs on to something like that."

— Melissa Vargas

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IN MY OPINION

COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN SLOWING DOWN
TO SPEED THINGS UP

North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino expects to make progress in his term as chairman of the Regional Transportation Council.

North Richland Hills Mayor Oscar Trevino is only 30 days into his role as chairman of the Regional Transportation Council, but he's already discovered that leading the council resembles herding whales: It takes a while, and some whales always wander off in new directions.

Last month's vote to recommend a builder and operator of a future Texas 121 toll road, for example, was 27-10 in favor of the North Texas Tollway Authority, with some of the 10 voicing adamant opposition. Regional transportation issues rarely achieve consensus because interests and needs are



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so varied.

The council, part of the North Central Texas Council of Governments, is the chief planning agent for future regional transportation needs: highway improvements, toll roads, regional passenger rail and the like. The regional council's 40 members include elected or appointed officials from 16 Metroplex counties, as well as representatives from transportation planners like The T or Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Nothing big in region-

al transit happens without the regional council's endorsement.

"The process of getting things done in regional transportation is miserably slow, like watching grass grow," the thrice-elected North Richland Hills mayor jokes. It helps that he's also a civil engineer and highway construction expert.

It's already obvious that Trevino's style is to speed up by slowing down, giving council members plenty of time to get their say. His first meeting ran almost four hours. It's a hypothesis that long meetings equal faster projects.

"Letting members have their say and having open civil discussions may result in meetings going a little long," Trevino concedes. "But when everybody can present positions and have them openly debated, even members that don't get things 100 percent their way will know that we hashed it out and gave them a fair shake."

Trevino knows that at the same time, the clock is ticking on transportation issues and speeding up projects is crucial.

A recent census study revealed that the percentage of people commuting to work in a vehicle by themselves actually increased by 2 percent over the past five years. The population of the Metroplex is projected to increase 3.5 million over the next three decades.

"More cars and people add to pollution and congestion problems," he said.

Trevino's watch as council chairman did not begin on a cheerful note. A pitch to the Legislature to allow Metroplex residents to vote on a half-cent sales tax to fund regional passenger rail was essentially ig-

nored.

"If transportation planning moves slow, the Legislature moves even slower," Trevino said. "If you want something done in one session, you have to introduce it an earlier session. Basically, all we're asking is that the Legislature allow voters here to make that call."

Without the tax, Trevino sees no way to fund regional rail, which is why one of the top two priorities of his council term will be to organize a more focused and determined legislative lobbying effort two years from now to get lawmakers to allow a vote on a tax.

The other priority? When he hands over his gavel to a new chairman in 11 months, Trevino would love it if the tollway authority had resolved not only the 121 issue, but had also established firm timetables for toll road projects, including a widening of Texas 360 in southeast Tarrant (Arlington/Mansfield), Texas 171 in north Fort Worth and north Tarrant County, and the Southwest Parkway. He'd also like the tollway authority to pick up the pace on a George Bush Freeway extension and the Dallas Trinity Parkway project.

"It's also obvious that [the Texas Department of Transportation] is going to have to recognize that it's going to have to take care of some mobility issues without assistance from tolls, including problems on I-35, Loop 820, S.H. 183 and the downtown funnel," Trevino said, though with a proviso: He favors construction of toll-funded express lanes on 820.

That's much to do with less than a year to do it.

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TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

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EULESS

Man fatally stabbed in confrontation

By DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.
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EULESS — A Euless man died Wednesday night after he



Colglazier

lunged at a rival who was holding a large kitchen knife and was stabbed in the chest, police said. The Tarrant County medical examiner's office identified the victim as Nicholas Colglazier, 18. He

died at Harris Methodist H.E.B. Hospital in Bedford shortly after the scuffle.

Colglazier was a recent graduate of Colleyville Heritage High School.

The incident happened shortly before 9 p.m. Wednesday after Colglazier went to an apartment in the 2500 block of Texas 360, where his former girlfriend was, and confronted several people in an apartment, police said.

After walking out of one room, Colglazier saw the man

with the knife and tried to jump on him, police said.

A Myspace page under the name Nick Colglazier describes its owner as a positive, spontaneous person who enjoys swimming and working out. By 2 a.m. Thursday, friends of Colglazier's had written grief-filled notes on the page saying goodbye.

Staff writer Melissa Vargas contributed to this report.

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America's Incredible Pizza Co.

1201 W. Airport Freeway, Euless

The nuts and bolts: 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday. \$4.50 single rider; \$5.50 for double-seater.

Track record: Where the Burlington Coat Factory once snuggled up to Airport Freeway now resides this indoor empire of fun. Open since the first of the year, this location is one of several in the America's Incredible Pizza Co. chain. There are also locations in San Antonio, Houston and Warr Acres, Okla. And don't ask us where that is.

As for the track, "it's a pretty good size oval track," says supervisor Corvero Crawley. "Every Friday and Saturday, we have a wait and we hand out pagers," he says. "They're very popular."

Driver's ed: Drivers must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall, or 14 years old, to ride alone.

Must be at least 3 feet tall to ride, period. There are slower cars for short and/or young kiddos.

Speed limit: The cars, all plastered with stickers by O'Reilly and other hot-rod/need-for-speed companies, come in two speeds: 7 mph for the younger riders; 14 mph for older racers. Cops ain't gonna be busting this place anytime soon.

Accessories: The complex also features miniature golf; mini bowling; bumper cars; video games; and a pizza buffet.

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