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Cause sought for recruit's death in training exercise

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Lackland Air Force Base recruit who died during a training exercise has been identified by military officials as Stephen W. Fortune, 31, of Nesbit, Miss.

Fortune collapsed and died Friday on Warrior Week's confidence course, which involves a series of 17 obstacles over a 1.4-mile course. Recruits jog through the course while attempting to safely overcome each obstacle.

The cause of death has not been confirmed. Air Force Public Information Specialist Ron Scharven said Saturday.

Fortune's death was the second Warrior Week-related death in three years.

Airman Basic Micah Schindler, 18, of St. Bernard, Ohio, died Sept. 12, 1999, two days after collapsing at the end of a 5.6-mile march that capped Warrior Week. An Air Force autopsy found he died of heatstroke.

The service asserted that water intoxication, a rare and little understood illness, played a role in his death.

DEATHS

Linda Susan Lane, 51, taught ESL for the Pampa ISD for 20 years.

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Life after Mesa permit ... Protecting groundwater still an issue

BY DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

After the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors approved high impact permits allowing Boone Pickens and his neighbors in Roberts County, operating as Mesa Water, Inc., to sell water beneath their land to cities in other parts of the state, Charles Bowers, the president of the board, said that the two-year-long party was over.

"What I should have added," Bowers said last week, "is that the fat lady has n't sung. We've got a lot more to do."

As one of three people on the board who voted against issuing the permits, Bowers said there are still things that the district needs to do to pro-

tect the groundwater in the panhandle.

"I'm not against people trying to pump their water," Bowers said. "I'm not against any of them moving their water so they can make some money at it."

But he wants to make sure they take only the water that they're entitled to.

"I'm in there to protect the guy that doesn't want to sell his water and maybe realize more of it in the next generation," Bowers said.

Part of the protection for other landowners means monitoring the project as it develops. Under the permits that were issued, the permittees have to drill a series of monitoring wells.

The permits are also for a fixed time, five years. If the

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Charles Bowers, a Gray County farmer and president of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's board of directors, left, visits with Boone Pickens following a water district meeting at its White Deer offices.

Pact gets approval to repay PEDC debt

Pampa Economic Development Corporation finalized an agreement during a special meeting Friday evening with George Kilcrease of Promised Land Park Models to pay off his PEDC debt.

Following a 40-minute executive session with its attorney, Vanessa Buzzard, the board said it had received a check for \$57,000 and told Kilcrease it would work out a payment plan for the balance.

He agreed to pay \$13,793.68 in annual payments over 10 years at 4.25 percent interest. The payments will begin July 1.

Board member Steve Phillips said Kilcrease has been paying \$1,000 per month for the past three months.

PEDC previously held the second lien on a note. A local financial institution, First Southwest Bank, had the first lien on

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Annexation plan on city agenda

A resolution that will set into motion the actions needed to annex property north of Pampa Regional Medical center is on Tuesday's City Commission agenda.

The Commission will meet at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Conference room for its work session that will be followed at 6 p.m. by the regular meeting.

Also to be considered will be a contract with City Attorney to change the way he is paid.

Working under "contract," the agenda explanation said, will save the city several thousands dollars annually in benefit costs.

Also on tap will be an executive session to discuss potential litigation and appointment of a municipal court judge.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Ryan Hughes, team leader, and Ryan Bradley, seated, computer programmer, are part of the Pampa High group which demonstrated its solar car at Car Quest Friday.

The Texas Lottery celebrates 10 years of ups and downs

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The Texas Lottery celebrates 10 years of existence Wednesday after a decade of ups and downs as Texans scratched, quick picked and two stepped in hopes of winning the latest lottery prize.

Jerome Ferritta, who operates a neighborhood grocery store in Beaumont, remembers the frenzy brought on by the creation of the lottery when its first scratch-off game, "One Star Millions," was introduced on May 29, 1992.

"There was a lot of excitement," Ferritta recalled in Sunday's editions of the Beaumont Enterprise. "(People) were standing in line waiting to get it."

A decade later, the lottery has added hundreds of millionaires to the Texas landscape and racked up billions in sales.

The original game thrived at first, bringing in enough money within the first three hours to pay the lottery's start-up cost, the newspaper reported.

Dozens of different scratch games were eventually introduced along with lottery drawings, which became a regular fixture every night but Sunday.

However, following a dramatic drop in sales in the late 1990s, sales might have improved but there is no guarantee of the results in the coming decade, the newspaper reported.

Last year's sales fell nearly \$1 billion short of the best year in 1997. That year, the games brought in more than \$3.6 billion.

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Search continues for I-40 bridge collapse victims

BY TIM TALLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla. (AP) — Hampered by swift currents, rescuers searched the murky Arkansas River on Monday for up to nine vehicles that plunged off a collapsed interstate bridge with people trapped inside.

Authorities recovered three vehicles and three corpses Sunday from the water under the Interstate 40 bridge, which was slammed by a barge as Memorial Day travelers headed across the major east-west roadway, said Lt.

Chris West of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

He said authorities believe there are seven to nine vehicles still in the water, which is about 11 feet deep at the bridge. The river is swollen and running fast because of recent heavy rain, making recovery difficult, he said.

"The real challenge is going to be dealing with the water," West said. The divers resumed the search at daybreak.

"In all, up to a dozen people may have been killed Sunday when the 500-foot section of the nearly 2,000-foot bridge collapsed after the barge

slammed into its piers, authorities said.

At least five people were taken to hospitals, including one rescued by fishermen who alerted authorities to the collapse Sunday.

Norman Barton Jr. watched the bridge crumble from only a quarter-mile away as he competed in a bass-fishing tournament.

"I just watched one after another go off into space, just like you see on the action movies," Barton said.

His fishing partner drove the boat near the barge and Barton got out a rope and fashioned a lasso.

"I roped the guy and drug him out. He was in pretty bad shape, but he was still conscious," he said.

Rescue crews retrieved floating pieces of car seats, clothing and drapers. Huge slabs of concrete where the west side of the bridge gave way slumped in the water close to the river's edge.

"There was a number of fishermen down there who saw it happen. They said it veered right into the piling and here came the road," said Gov. Frank Keating.

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OBITUARIES
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LANE, Linda Susan — 4 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

LINDA SUSAN LANE
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Linda Susan Lane, 51, of Pampa, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2002, at Houston, Texas. Services will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Lane was born Sept. 24, 1950, at Warrensburg, Mo., to Leroy and Virginia Bradfield. She married Kent Lane on Dec. 21, 1974, at Leeton, Mo. She moved to Pampa in 1979.

She held a bachelor of arts degree in education from the University of the Ozarks and worked for Pampa Independent School District at Baker and Lamar Elementary Schools as an ESL teacher for 20 years.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Nelson Bradfield, on Dec. 26, 1995.

Survivors include her husband, "Lyndal" Kent Lane, of the home; three daughters, Tiffany Noel Lane and Tabitha Amber Lane, both of Pampa, Talyia Venee Lane of Amarillo; her mother, Virginia Helen Bradfield of Leeton; and a brother, Richard Nelson Bradfield of Kansas City, Kan.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church in care of Mission Department, 203 N. West, Pampa, TX 79065.



Texas round-up ...

At least one dead, dozens injured in bus crash on I-20

MARSHALL, Texas (AP) — Moments before a tour bus veered out of control and smashed into pine trees, killing at least one and injuring dozens, the driver began "wobbling and weaving," a 28-year-old woman passenger said. "I told my parents, 'There's something wrong with him.' We started hitting trees, and everyone was bouncing around. I heard people yelling in the front," Monica Mullins told the Marshall News-Messenger.

The bus was returning to Dallas from a trip to casinos in Bossier City, La. Rosalie Turner, a DPS operator in Texarkana, Texas, said the bus had picked up its passengers at the Isle of Capri casino in Bossier City.

The accident occurred about 7 p.m., about three miles west of Marshall, which is 140 miles east of Dallas. Department of Public Safety Trooper Jimmy Benton, who investigated the accident, said the bus strayed off the highway on the right shoulder, then over-corrected across the west-bound lanes and into the median, where it crashed into pine trees that separate the east- and west-bound lanes.

Andersen expected to start presenting defense

HOUSTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP lawyer Rusty Hardin isn't fighting for the firm's life as he gears up for the defense's case in its criminal trial. He says that as a business, Andersen is dead.

The defense, expected to start Monday, will focus on showing jurors the people behind the 89-year-old company.

"Maybe I'll call some of them," Hardin said of Andersen partners that prosecutors didn't summon to the witness stand. "Most of these people have gone on to other jobs. The company's dead."

Chicago-based Andersen has lost more than 500 publicly traded clients, or nearly a quarter of the 2,300 companies whose books it audited last year. Most bolted after an indictment for obstruction of justice against the firm was unsealed March 14.

Last week, the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy said it has recommended revoking the company's accounting license.

Battleship to undergo repairs

HOUSTON (AP) — Preparations are under way for the Battleship Texas to take a voyage in 2005.

The 90-year-old battleship will have to be towed to dry dock so steel plating on its hull and its wooden deck can be replaced and painted as part of an \$850 million bond package that 13 state agencies will share after voters passed the proposal in November.

About \$12 million of the money will go to repairing the USS Texas.

The ship served in many missions during World War I and World War II. It has been docked at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historical Park since 1990, when it returned from receiving a \$14 million facelift.

Census: Proportion of Texas natives shrinking

HOUSTON (AP) — In the 1970s and early 80's, waves of arrivals bearing license plates

from places like Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania descended on the Lone Star State.

By the 1990s newcomers were more apt to sport Mexican plates from Nuevo Leon, Coahuila and elsewhere. Either way, Census 2000 found that native Texans' share of the population dwindled to 62 percent, down 3 points from the 1990 head count.

"That's why (Texas history) education is so important, and it's so critical groups like the Daughters of the Republic of Texas work with schools, because children are our future," said sixth-generation Texan Elaine Vetter.

Earlier this month, the group of more than 6,000 descendants of Republic of Texas citizens approved Vetter's two-year push to propose a "Native Texan" plate to the Texas Legislature. The Daughters must raise a \$15,000 deposit required by the state Department of Transportation.

The plate's final design isn't set, but Vetter said it will feature the Alamo, which is maintained by the organization. Of the \$30 plate fee, \$25 would go to preserving landmarks and promoting Texas history.

Texans answer Illinois man's call

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The day before his grandfather's funeral, Jonathan Taylor learned something would be missing from the military ceremony.

Although the Army veteran would have an honor guard, no bugler was available to play the traditional last salute.

"The people at the funeral home said usually they just had a recording of someone playing taps," said Taylor, 24, of Roanoke.

"I wasn't very happy about that. A recording doesn't seem like it's very appropriate, I guess," he said. "I said we could do better, so we did."

Hundreds of miles from home and without his trumpet, the one-time University of North Texas music major went to a store, borrowed an instrument and performed the duty himself.

Authorities trying to solve slayings of women with same name

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities are skeptical there's any connection between the slayings of Mary Henderson Morris and Mary McGinnis Morris on opposite sides of Harris County within days of one another.

However, the women's families, who didn't know each other before the deaths, say a connection is the only way to explain what happened to the women just three days apart two years ago.

"It is just so astounding that two people by the same name, who to me look very similar, were murdered so close together," said Marilyn Blalock, daughter of Mary Henderson Morris. "They were both brutally murdered, and no one has been charged in either case. It's hard to say it was just coincidence."

The families say Mary Henderson Morris, 48, who was found dead in her charred car three miles from her Baytown home, was mistakenly killed by the person who wanted 39-year-old Mary McGinnis Morris dead, the Houston Chronicle reported in its Sunday editions.

"The (first) Mary Morris appears to have been killed by a total stranger, with a complete absence of physical evidence," said Kim Ogg of Crime Stoppers, who is helping the families find answers. "The (second) has multiple suspects and could have been a hit."

Eli Lilly develops new impotence drug

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A yet-to-be-approved impotence drug developed by Eli Lilly and Co. and Icos Corp. appears to be longer-lasting than Viagra, the companies said, citing a study to be released at a medical conference on Monday.

Patients in the study reported success in achieving erections from 24 hours to as long as 36 hours after taking a 20 milligram pill of Cialis, said Indianapolis-based Lilly and Bothell, Wash.-based Icos on Saturday.

New studies add to pain reliever-heart attack debate

CHICAGO (AP) — Three new studies are adding to a raging debate over whether the popular arthritis pain reliever Vioxx increases the risk of heart attack.

not bad for the heart.

The editor of the Archives of Internal Medicine, which published the studies in its May 27 edition, says the results offer reassuring evidence that drugs like Vioxx and Celebrex are

But a cardiologist and a co-author of one of the studies said the safety issue is not resolved.

The new studies involved the older arthritis painkiller naproxen, not the newer class of pain relievers to which Vioxx and Celebrex belong. Vioxx maker Merck & Co. conducted or funded two of the three studies.

ON RECORD

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 25

Curtis Loyd Morris, 72, 316 S. Gray, false report to a police officer.

Tammy Diana Ryals, 29, 316 S. Gray, theft under \$50.

Ronald Clark Wollums, 54, 533 N. Roberta, public intoxication.

Jeffery Dewayne Hunt, 39, 605 Deane Drive, arrested on warrant for no driver's license and no insurance and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, May 27

David Rosales, 19, 403 N. Wells, no driver's license, failure to change address.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, May 26

Haltham Qumbargi, 21, Hazelwood, Mo., arrested by the DPS for money laundering, unlawful carrying of a weapon (knife) and possession of marijuana.

Paramendra K. Bhagat, 28, Lexington, Ky., arrested by Gray County constable for evading arrest.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, May 25

2:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 152 to Gray 2 and transported one to PRMC.

8:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

10:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

The Pampa Fire Department made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, May 26

2:25 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1800 block of Coffee on a service call.

5:30 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on lifting assistance.

People in the news ...

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — **Rapper Nate Dogg** was sentenced to one year of probation after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

The rapper, whose real name is Nathaniel Dawayne Hale, was arrested April 12 after his tour bus was stopped for speeding and a search turned up marijuana and a loaded, stolen gun.

Hale, 32, also received a \$4,400 fine on Friday and was ordered to complete 24 hours of community service and eight hours of drug counseling.

"Mr. Hale thinks it was a fair deal," said Pat Harris, Hale's attorney.

Hale had faced felony charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a stolen firearm and misconduct involving weapons while committing a felony.

All the charges were dismissed except for the marijuana possession charge, which was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor.

In August, Hale was sentenced in California to three years probation after pleading no contest to a misdemeanor charge of possessing an unmarked firearm.

WAILA, Hawaii (AP) — Actor **Clint Eastwood** will be honored during the Maui Film Festival next month.

The part-time Maui resident will receive the festival's Silversword Award at a June 14 reception.

The award is being presented to Eastwood "to honor and celebrate his creative contributions to the art and soul of filmmaking," said festival founder and director Barry Rivers.

The reception will include the showing of clips from Eastwood's extensive film career, illustrating "his body of work as producer, actor, director and composer," Rivers said.

Later that evening, "Unforgiven," which Eastwood

starred in and directed, will be shown on the outdoor Celestial Cinema screen above the Wailea Golf Course. The 1992 film won the Academy Award for best picture, best director, best supporting actor (Gene Hackman) and best film editing.

EASTON, Pa. (AP) — Newscaster **Jim Lehrer** says he sees hope for serious journalism as a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I am now finding more and more journalists saying, 'It has taken a tragedy of enormous proportions, but maybe, maybe we are returning to our roots, and those roots are in the business of information, not entertainment,'" Lehrer said in a commencement speech at Lafayette College on Saturday.

"If you want to be entertained, go to the circus, go to the movies, go to the carnival. If you want to be informed, read my newspaper, read my magazine, watch or listen to my television or radio broad-

cast," he added.

Lehrer is host of PBS' "Newshour with Jim Lehrer."

HARLEM, Ga. (AP) — **Oliver Hardy's** name lives on throughout this small town — on water towers, fire hydrants and at a local festival in honor of the 1930s movie star.

His fan club hasn't been so fortunate in recent years, but residents are trying to revive the organization.

A small group of Hardy fans gathered last week at the Harlem Library to reinstate the chapter — the Berth Marks Tent 89 of the Sons of the Desert International Laurel and Hardy Appreciation Society.

The group, which took its name from a 1929 Laurel and Hardy movie, was first organized in 1989. Former Harlem Mayor James Lewis said membership reached as high as 22 the first couple of years but dwindled in the 1990s.

"We decided the best thing to do is let it go," Lewis said.

WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is cloudy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms — a few storms may be severe this afternoon — highs in the lower 80s, and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should be cloudy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows near 60, and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 80s. Variable winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 80s. Wednesday evening, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Thursday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s. Highs in the upper 80s. Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows near 60. Highs around 90.

STATEWIDE

Thunderstorms and cloudy skies were in

the Memorial Day forecast for much of Texas.

Cloudy skies were expected, in most of West Texas, and thunderstorms were expected in parts of the region, according to the National Weather Service. Highs were expected in the upper 80s, and lows Monday night could dip into the 50s. Far West Texas should be clear and sunny, with highs in the 90s.

South Texas should also see cloudy skies, with highs mostly in the 90s but possibly hitting 100 in deep South Texas. Isolated showers and thunderstorms were expected by Monday night throughout the region, with lows in the 70s.

North Texas was expecting partly cloudy skies, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the northwest part of the region. Highs were expected in the upper 80s. Lows Monday night should be in the upper 60s.

Texas was mostly sunny Sunday, though parts of the state had some clouds. Temperatures were mostly in the 80s and 90s.

City Briefs

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landowners don't find a buyer in that period of time, then the permits expire.

They are interim permits, Bowers said, in essence if not in name.

Bowers admitted the board changed the draft permits considerably.

"You can't imagine what we did to those permits," Bowers said. "We took out a tremendous amount of stuff."

He said it's not the district's role to punish permit holders for violations of their permits, but to prevent problems from occurring.

He said that because of the expertise of the staff, they can look out two or three years, but he wants to get to the point where they can see out five years.

"I want to get to at least five years," Bowers said, "because anybody can adhere to restrictions if you give them enough lead time."

Besides, he added, if people are given enough lead time, they can't complain that they just heard about the problem.

"Who knows what can happen in five years," Bowers said. "We've been in a drought for six."

With a number of other landowners in the district poised to apply for permits to pump and sell their water to the highest bidder, Bowers said he thinks the district needs to develop a criteria for some sort of provisional permit.

As he told the bank of lawyers filling the front row during the last water district meeting, once an end user is designated, the provisional or interim status goes away and the permit becomes permanent.

Few of the provisions within the permit itself were changed, and Bowers is satisfied that the requirements laid down in the permits will protect the district's groundwater.

The permits prohibit the permittees from taking more than 50 percent of the water now in storage in the aquifer through 2048.

The permittees also have to abide by the district's rules and regulations, even if they are changed in the future.

But Bowers said he would have felt more comfortable if the word interim had not been deleted from the title of the permits.

Any change of rules would require a public hearing process, Bowers noted. It's not an easy process, nor should it be, but he said there are some changes he would like for the board to discuss.

Bowers said he would like to revisit the rules concerning the possibility of establishing an interim permit. He said he'd also like to review the contested case regulations.

During Mesa's application process, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority protested the applications.

Under the contested case rules, the water district board is to sit as jury on the contested case. A hearing officer is brought in, in this case a retired state district judge from nearby Childress, and he is to gather the facts and present them to the board along with his recommendations.

Because the board sits as the jury in the case, they are prohibited from being involved in the fact finding. The process itself was borrowed from surface water law.

Bowers said he would like to get rid of the ex parte part of the rule in the district's regulations so the board and the staff can at least talk.

"The contested case process is not all that bad, but it's mainly for surface water," Bowers said.

This was the district's first contested case since it was formed in the 1950s.

"This was the first contested case in the State of Texas concerning groundwater," Bowers said.

This is also the first major groundwater marketing scheme in the state.

The Mesa case has a number of firsts. Consequently, it's a learning process.

"I know we're going to make some mistakes," Bowers said. "I just hope we don't make any really, really huge ones."

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PEDC

the property, said Phillips. Kilcrease has recently sold the Promised Land Park Models property.

According to information furnished *The Pampa News* by the PEDC in October, 2001, the loan was made to Kilcrease in 1997.

"We recognize all the difficulties you've been through, George, and I think you've done a good job of negotiating the deal," said board member Doug Locke.

Phillips told Kilcrease he appreciated the cooperation he had given to the PEDC. "You came forward with a lot of information about this project," he said. "Thank you for everything."

"The note will have to be signed by me as an individual," explained Kilcrease. "The corporation ceased in 1999." PEDC board members approved the agreement to work out the balance of the debt.

President Dalton Lewis was given authorization by the board to sign the agreement on behalf of the board.

Husband, wife face shooting plot charges

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A man accused of convincing his wife to shoot him in the leg last week so he wouldn't have to return to active duty in Korea as required by the U.S. Army was free on bond Saturday.

Enrique Jose Cintron and his wife, Bethany Ellen Weigl, face felony charges related to Monday's report to police that the couple had been robbed along a Texas highway between Houston and College Station. Police say the pair later admitted they made the story up.

Weigl, 23, has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a felony, and making a false report to a police officer, a misdemeanor, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported in Saturday's editions.

Cintron, 25, has been charged with making a false report to a police officer and felony conspiracy to commit aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

On Friday, the pair appeared before Judge Patrick Meece, who had married the couple seven months earlier. Meece set bail for Cintron and Weigl at \$10,000.

The couple told police Monday that they had pulled to the side of Texas 30 in Brazos County for a break as they returned to College Station from Houston. The couple said a car pulled up behind them and a man with a gun emerged, stealing Cintron's wallet, watch and jewelry.

The couple told police the man then fired several shots at Cintron, one hitting him in the thigh.

Detectives who questioned Cintron's story said he admitted to making it up with his wife.

Madeline Graves recital



(Courtesy photo)

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa will present its annual spring dance recital at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 31, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. This year's event is entitled "United We Dance." Above: (front row) Ashley Williams, Elysa Clements, Shalyn Garner, Abbey Rios, Kallie Marak; (second row) Jenna Munsell, Caylee Steward, Monica Schepp, Cynthia Schepp, Danielle Zuniga; (third row) Heather Wiley, Jamie Pergeson, Annie Chumbley, Angel Villarreal, Rachel Wicker, Lauren Denney; (fourth row) Allison Cooper, and Annie Day.

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LOTTERY

Part of the drop-off in sales could be attributed to controversies surrounding the governance of the games by the Texas Lottery Commission and people's initial infatuation with the lottery wearing off, the newspaper reported.

"It's not unlike being in any kind of business where you have to watch your product," said Linda Cloud, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "You have to make sure that people aren't getting bored with certain games, and you need to make changes in order to shift the desire to play."

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, said that during the games decline officials tried to micromanage the lottery. Wilson, who said he proposed the lottery in the early 1990s to prevent a state income tax, said the future looks more promising as the games continue to be refined.

"It's done better than I think any of us had expected," he told the newspaper.

His original idea was for the lottery proceeds to go to education, but Wilson says he compromised with other lawmakers who thought it should go to the state revenue fund.

Since 1997, the lottery profits have benefitted the Foundation School Fund, which had received \$4.3 billion from the lottery through April 15.

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, a spoke-

woman for the Texas Education Agency, said the profits from the lottery make up less than 4 percent of the \$26 billion the agency spends each year on public schools.

"It's not a bunch, and that's intentional," she said. "We don't want to be scrambling for funding because some scratch-off game didn't do as well as somebody hoped."

Lottery officials say profits also go to a gambler addiction group and to fund indigent health care.

Critics of the lottery say it preys on less educated, lower income Texans.

Glenn Thompson, executive director of an anti-gambling group in Kansas, said it perpetuates a myth of improving the state's economy.

"A state-owned-and-operated lottery provides no economic development for the state, since almost all revenue is from citizens living within the state," he said in a study he authored. "The small amount of revenue from out-of-state players is usually insignificant compared to in-state revenue."

Over the years, the lottery has introduced new gimmicks to keep people playing, said Kristina Tirloni, a lottery spokeswoman. One such gimmick came two years ago when the lottery introduced four more numbers to the 50 in its Lotto game.

"We changed the game to put some excitement back into it," Tirloni said.

"The jackpots weren't getting as high as they were in the past."

The additional numbers decreased a player's odds of winning by matching six of six numbers. The odds went from one in 15.8 million to one in 25.9 million.

Wilson says while the lottery has suffered hiccups along the way, it has emerged as an important money maker for the state.

"It raises billions and billions of dollars," he said. "How can you complain about that? What other pursuit do we have that the state is engaged in that raises that kind of money and makes people happy at the same time?"

Oliver Dooley, 67, says in 1993, the Texas Lottery made him the happiest of men when he watched as each of his six number were drawn. Dooley and his wife, Evelyn, won \$6.4 million.

"That year, 1993, was a miracle year," Evelyn Dooley said. "I don't know why it happened to us so late in life, but we're glad it happened."

For others, like Beaumont maintenance man Joseph Williams Jr., 50, the big prize has never come despite the \$25 a week he spends on lottery games.

"On the average, I don't win much," he said.

But Williams isn't deterred.

"Every night you say, 'It may be my night.' Who knows?" he said. "You can't win if you don't play. Everybody has dreams of winning."

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BRIDGE

The vehicles that plunged into the water included two tractor-trailer rigs. A horse trailer also went under, and divers pulled three dead horses from the water, West said.

Keating, who flew to the area 100 miles east of Oklahoma City, said the barge captain may have suffered a seizure at the wheel.

Joel Henderson, an attorney for Magnolia Marine Transport Co., of Vicksburg, Miss., which owns the tow boat, said the captain, Joe Dedmon, was admitted to Muskogee Regional Medical Center.

Preliminary tests on Dedmon, 61, showed he had had not been using alcohol or drugs, Henderson said. Dedmon, of Florence, Miss., regained consciousness some time after the collision, he said.

The U.S. Coast Guard and FBI have spoken to Dedmon, and the National Transportation Safety Board was investigating.

In Webbers Falls, officials set up a morgue inside city hall, and victims' families were told to go to the community center in Gore, on the other side of the river.

"The loss of life is something that is unbearable for all of us because these are people traveling on Memorial Day from all over the country," Keating said.

Shane Guthrie, personnel manager for Magnolia Marine Transport, said the company's 104-foot-long towboat, the Robert Y. Love, was pushing two barges when the accident happened. None of the seven people on the barge was injured, officials said. It wasn't clear whether a thunderstorm in the area and fast-moving river water contributed to the crash.

The bridge, built in 1967, is about 35 miles west of the Arkansas state line. It was last inspected in June 2001 and was found to be in "great shape," said Terri Angier, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The I-40 bridge normally has heavy traffic, said Highway Patrol Sgt. Jarrett Johnson. The interstate is a main east-west route across the country.

Two of the injured, Max Alley of Stroud, Okla., and James Bilyeau, were in stable condition early Monday at Muskogee Regional Medical Center, and a third person was taken to Sequoyah Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, officials said. The two others were treated and released.

"One gentleman said he was driving and all of a sudden there was nothing under him," Ched Wetz, an administrator for the

Muskogee hospital, said Sunday. "He doesn't remember how he got out of his vehicle. He probably swam out, but he simply doesn't remember."

Bilyeau's niece Reneta Crane said her uncle, a truck driver, took a breath inside the cab after it hit the water and floated out.

"He's alive and he's doing good. He's a tough old guy," Crane said. "He said he doesn't want to go swimming ever again."

Girl back home; man charged with kidnap

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 41-year-old man has been charged with kidnapping after a 12-year-old girl who had been held captive for 38 days, was found.

The girl, who disappeared while walking to her school on April 17, was released Friday.

Richard Luna, 41, has been charged with aggravated kidnapping. He was in Bexar County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond. Luna could face additional charges, police said.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Boss Who Pushes For More May Be Guilty Of Harassment

DEAR ABBY: I have been working for the same company for more than three years. I have a good relationship with my boss, "Al." However, I think he has fallen in love with me. I don't know how to handle this delicate situation since he is married. Al says he and his wife no longer have anything in common — including sex.

Al and I are good friends, but he has mentioned several times that he wants to take our relationship "further." He gets moody because my feelings toward him are not the same. I am not physically attracted to Al. I don't like to see him depressed, so I tell him things to make him feel good about himself. The problem is, I'm beginning to think I am leading him on. Al's been there for me through some tough personal times and has helped me financially as well. I feel as though I need to stop letting him do things for me since it makes me feel obligated.

Abby, how can I deal with this without losing Al's friendship?
 JENNIFER IN MISSISSIPPI

DEAR JENNIFER: Remain cordial. Start repaying the money Al gave you. That way you will no longer feel obligated. Limit the amount of time you spend alone with him — his problems are not your problems unless you foolishly choose to make them so. If he keeps pressing you for "more," it could be considered sexual harassment.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I are 12 and in the sixth grade. We recently discovered that "Joe," a close friend of ours, has been shoplifting.

This situation has us worried because it might turn into a habit. My friend and I don't want Joe to lose his parents' trust or get into even bigger trouble. We want to tell his parents, but then Joe might get angry at us.

We want Joe to keep being our friend. Abby, please give us some advice.

WORRIED PRETEENS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WORRIED PRETEENS: You are wise to be concerned. Rather than reporting Joe to his parents, a more effective method might be to tell your parents — and ask them to discuss it with Joe's parents.

If left unchecked, Joe is risking arrest and criminal charges. It's only a matter of time. And in the meantime, in order to avoid being implicated in his shoplifting, do not accompany Joe into any stores.

DEAR ABBY: There is a way that "Bursting With Joy in San Antonio" could include her out-of-town family and friends in her baby shower.

I have no family where I live and knew they would be unable to attend my baby shower, so I made special announcements to out-of-towners indicating we wanted to share our joy with them, but to please not send gifts (which can be expensive to mail).

Instead, my best friend, who was hosting the shower, suggested that they send a card or letter with their best baby tips written on them. This turned out to be a wonderful idea! I received tons of congratulations, along with numerous suggestions that helped me care for my newborn.

My baby is now 15 months old, and I still use many of the tips. Plus, I have a unique keepsake for my daughter, showing how many people loved her before she even arrived.

BRENDA SPAGNOLA-WILSON, HOUSTON

DEAR BRENDA: What a terrific idea! Thank you for sharing it. Not only would it be helpful to someone planning a shower for an honoree whose friends and family are far away, but also for those who already "have everything."

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Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Starchy foods, for short
- 6 Stylist's place
- 11 German sub
- 12 Island greeting
- 13 Aquarium fish
- 14 Comic actor Leary
- 15 They may clash
- 17 Obtained
- 18 Working
- 22 Della's
- "Touched by an Angel" costar
- 23 Caught
- 27 Occurrence
- 29 Small group of trees
- 30 Smoothed, in a way
- 32 First place
- 33 Sleeps
- 35 Frodo's friend
- 38 Chase away
- 39 Cloth fold
- 41 Successful
- 45 Last Greek letter
- 46 Paris river
- 47 Spud
- 48 German steel city

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- 1 Director's call
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- 5 Play place
- 6 Blues offering
- 7 Pub brew
- 8 Protracted
- 9 River from Pittsburgh
- 10 Cartoonist Thomas
- 16 Breakfast drinks
- 18 Mine rocks
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- 20 Feds' cousin
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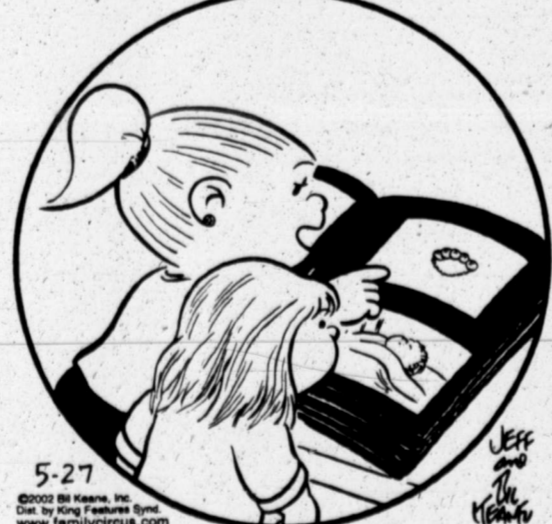
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Marmaduke



"We're in luck. The bug is moving toward the paper... Maybe he'll fetch the paper after all."

The Family Circus



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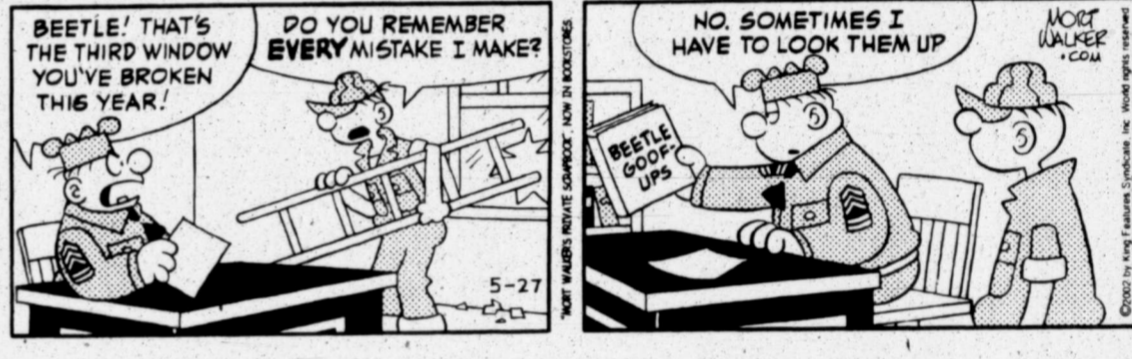
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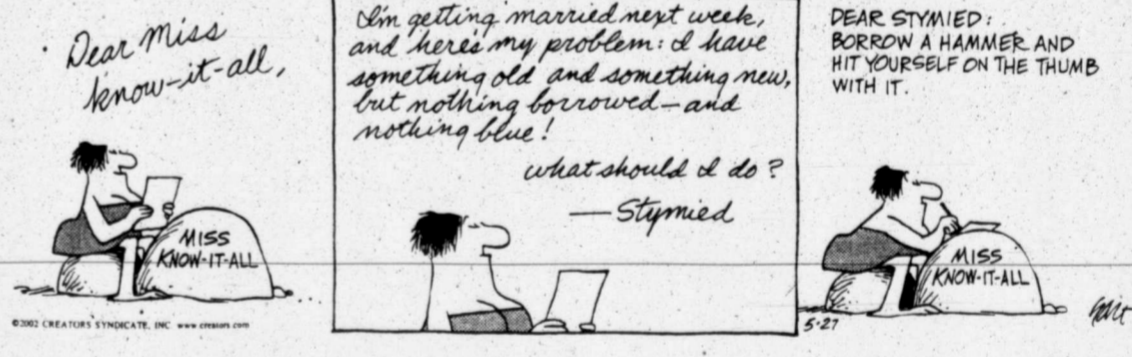
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SPORTS

Longhorns win first Big 12 tourney title

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dustin Majewski didn't have to hit a home run to help Texas win the Big 12 tournament championship game.

Majewski had a key sacrifice bunt and a pair of RBI singles, the second in the 10th inning to score Ryan Hubele with the go-ahead run, and Texas beat Nebraska 9-6 Sunday for its first Big 12 tournament title.

The Texas right fielder had hit four homers, one more than his regular season total, in the first five games of the tournament. His small ball tactics worked just as well in the title game as the Longhorns (48-14) led 4-0 and 6-4.

"We have been against the wall the whole week, but we have confidence," said Majewski, the tournament's MVP with a record 13 hits and 11 RBIs. "When they tied up the game, we didn't get nervous. We knew we had to go out

and score some more runs."

Texas, the regular season champion, overcame an opening 8-4 loss to Texas A&M on Wednesday and won the Big 12's automatic NCAA berth. It was the Longhorns' first post-season conference tournament title since the 1994 Southwest Conference.

"This is what we've been working for, and deserved as a team," said freshman Huston Street (4-1), who got the last five outs in his fourth appearance this week.

Nebraska (42-18) had won the past three Big 12 tournaments and 12 straight games in the event. The Cornhuskers will get an at-large bid when the 64-team NCAA field is revealed Monday, and as many as five other conference teams could get invitations as well.

"We're disappointed we lost, but we're a confident team," said Nebraska coach

Dave Van Horn. "Whatever happened this weekend, we'll learn from it."

Hubele, whose three-run homer in the third gave Texas a 4-0 lead, led off the 10th against Waylon Byers (1-5) with a double. He scored on a bang-bang play when his foot hit the plate at the same time of catcher John Grose's tag after Majewski's single to right off reliever Jeremy Becker.

"It was just a matter of inches," said Longhorns coach Augie Garrido.

Eric Sultemeier added a solo homer and Tim Moss, the first batter faced by reliever Jeff Blaesing, hit an RBI triple.

Street, the fifth Texas pitcher, allowed only a single to Jeff Leise in the 10th. He had two wins and a save in the tournament.

Nebraska tied the game at 4 with three runs in the seventh, and then added two runs in the

eight after Texas had gone back in front 6-4.

Jeff Ontiveros was hit by Aaron Marsden to start the Texas eighth, and advanced on a walk and a sacrifice bunt by Majewski with two on and no outs.

"He never had any hesitation, once he knew what we were trying to do," Garrido said, adding that Majewski initially missed the unexpected bunt signal.

Ontiveros scored when Marsden threw the pitch three feet wide of Grose and to the backstop while trying to issue an intentional walk. Michael Hollimon then hit an RBI single.

In the bottom of the eighth, after Daniel Bruce reached on a disputed hit by pitch, Jed Morris had an RBI single and Matt Hopper hit a sacrifice fly for a 6-6 tie.

Nebraska had batted around

in the seventh, scoring on an RBI single by Grose and a hit batsman and a walk with the bases loaded.

Ontiveros scored an unearned run in the second, when he struck out but reached on a passed ball by Grose. He scored on Majewski's first single.

Justin Simmons, whose only loss in his previous 15 starts for Texas this season was in the tournament opener, pitched five shutout innings after finding out only 45 minutes before the game that he was starting. He struck out three while giving up four hits and four walks.

Texas was just the second team to come out of the loser's bracket to get into the Big 12 title game. Simmons gave up five runs on seven hits in a 2-3 innings in an 8-4 loss to Texas A&M on Wednesday, before the Longhorns won five games in four days.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

KINSTON, N.C. (AP)

Ryan Jones drove in three runs, including a two-run home run, to lead East Carolina to a 4-0 win over top-seeded Houston in the Conference USA baseball championships Sunday.

Davey Penny (8-3) battled through two bases-loaded situations in his six innings on the mound to capture the win. Neal Sears came on for the final three frames, allowing only one hit, for his fifth save.

The Pirates (41-18-1) became the first team other than Houston or Tulane to win the C-USA crown.

Houston (44-15) came into the game with a 14-game winning streak, certainly hotter than the Pirates, who had lost seven of their last 10 games prior to the tournament.

"This was a very frustrating day for us and a great day for East Carolina," Houston coach Ray Noble said. "This was college baseball at its best, a lot of fun."

TENNIS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)

Defending champion Matais Boeker of Georgia and fourth-seeded Jesse Witten of Kentucky beat Stanford players Sunday to advance to the NCAA tennis final.

The top-seeded Boeker, a junior from Argentina, beat David Martin 6-4, 6-4, and Witten, a freshman from Naples, Fla., edged Ryan Haviland 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

Boeker, who beat Witten in a third-set tiebreak in March in a dual match, said he doesn't feel any pressure as defending champion.

"I try not to think about it," Boeker said. "If I do, it's pressure that I don't want. I'm just trying to have fun for my last college match of the year."

Witten is taking the opposite approach.

AUTO RACING

CONCORD, N.C. (AP)

Mark Martin patiently worked his way to the front as NASCAR's young stars took themselves, out of contention in the longest race of the season.

Martin took advantage of Jimmie Johnson's rookie mistakes to win the Coca-Cola 600 on Sunday night, ending a two-year victory drought and giving Roush Racing its fourth straight win in the race.

"I don't know if I'm going to win another one, so you better believe I'm going to party all night — and I don't even drink," said Martin, breaking from his usual serious demeanor. "This may be the last time I ever stand down there. I don't know."

Martin, at 43 the anchor of Jack Roush's four Winston Cup teams, held off teammate Matt Kenseth over the final laps to end his 73-race winless streak with his 33rd career victory.

After the race, NASCAR said Martin's car was an eighth of an inch below the minimum height requirement and that any penalties would be handed out Tuesday.

Kenseth was the last driver to fail a post-race inspection when his car was a quarter of an inch short following his February win at Rockingham. His crew chief was fined \$30,000, but the win and the points were not affected.

Athletes of the Year



Seniors Ashley Derington and Ryan Nash were named Harvester Athletes of the Year (2001-2002). They were recognized during the recent Pampa High School awards assembly. Nash excelled in football, soccer and track while Derington was a basketball and softball standout.

Celtics make NBA history

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics trailed New Jersey by 21 points after three quarters and Antoine Walker was ready to write the game off. What he wasn't willing to do, though, was quit.

In a the huddle between quarters, Walker challenged his teammates to play hard for the last 12 minutes — if only to let the Nets know that they wouldn't be pushovers for the rest of the series. But the Celtics did more than that: They came back to win and made NBA history.

"The public can never see his leadership," coach Jim O'Brien said Sunday, a day after Walker inspired Boston to a 94-90 victory over New Jersey in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

"They can see what he does on the court, but they would have to be around him on a daily basis to appreciate his charisma, his consistent leadership, his mental toughness, his understanding that being one of the two captains he sometimes has to grab the team and shake it."

That's what he did on Saturday, when Boston outscored New Jersey 41-16 in the final quarter to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. It's the first time an NBA team had ever won a playoff game after trailing by more than 18 points at the end of three quarters.

"I can't say what I said," Walker said Sunday after practicing for Monday's Game 4. "But I told the guys, 'Even if we lose this game, we've got to find some way to make them have respect for us.' I think (the Nets) were taking this as a joke."

Walker was Boston best player after he was drafted in the first round of the 1996

draft, but Celtics fans have always been lukewarm toward him, criticizing him for his shot selection, for arguing with officials and for his "Walker Wiggle" celebration dance.

Pierce, who carries none of that baggage and had the added advantage of leading the NBA in total points this season, has slowly eclipsed his elder co-captain, to the point where Walker has conceded that the Celtics are "Paul's team."

But one place where Walker remains pre-eminent is in leadership.

"He's our emotional leader," Pierce said. "He gives us the spark. When Antoine speaks, we hear him, and he said what everybody needed to hear."

He made his point, and the Nets soon realized it wasn't a laughing matter. Coach Byron Scott gave his team the day off on Sunday so they could clear their minds.

"It feels (as if) we lost the series, but we haven't," Nets forward Kenyon Martin said. "So we've got to find some way to bounce back. ... If it carries over, we might as well

just pack up and go home for the summer."

The Celtics have won 11 consecutive home games, and no team in the franchise's illustrious history has ever lost a playoff series after leading 3-1.

"You've got to think positive, because if you don't you'll get your doors blown off in Game 4," Nets guard Jason Kidd said. "We're on the road, and we have to remember what our objective is — to win a game up here."

Although Boston's comeback was unprecedented in NBA history, some of the Celtics have come close. While playing for Kentucky in 1994, Walter McCarty and Tony Delk were trailing LSU by 31 with less than 15 minutes left, when they came back to win — something no NCAA team had done before.

In that one, McCarty hit a 3-pointer with 19 seconds left and gave the Wildcats their first lead since 1-0.

Even so, the two comebacks don't compare.

"That was a regular-season college game," McCarty said. "This was probably one of the biggest games of our lives."

Dillas explode in fifth

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Dillas exploded for 10 runs in the sixth inning to beat the Ozark Mountain Ducks 11-4 Saturday.

Every Dilla scored in the fifth except for Nathan Culwell as the Dillas used five hits and seven walks to blow the game wide open. Mike Harge added his third home run of the year to lead off the sixth, giving the Dillas the 11-4 lead.

The first few innings of this game were shaping up to be a

pitcher's duel between starters Ross Cowling and Chris Trevino, with only run being scored by the two teams combined through four innings. Trevino would give up two more runs in the top half of the fifth, putting the Dillas down 3-0, but would get plenty of help one inning later.

The entire complexion of the game changed in the massive sixth inning when the Dillas tacked on those 10 runs to take the commanding lead.

Castroneves pulls off repeat performance at Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Helio Castroneves got to climb the fence twice.

The first time, he clung to the chain-link barrier along the main straightaway in front of some 400,000 fans, shortly after taking the checkered flag in the Indianapolis 500. The repeat performance came in the solitude of the garage, with nightfall creeping over the track and Castroneves surrounded only by his team.

So ended a wacky day at the Indy 500, where it took about three hours to make it through 200 laps Sunday — and more than 5 1/2 hours to announce that Castroneves, indeed, had won the race, giving him a chance to carouse again.

"I knew what to do," said Castroneves, known as Spiderman for his fence-climbing exploits. "Let's celebrate."

Well, not so fast. Paul Tracy actually passed Castroneves on the next-to-last lap, then was told to get back behind him because a yellow flag had come out.

Castroneves took the checkered flag to become the first back-to-back winner of the 500 since Al Unser Sr. in 1970-71, but Tracy insisted that he took the lead a split-second before the caution period began.

The Indy Racing League spent the rest of the afternoon and into the evening trying to figure out just who had won, finally posting the official results at 8:40 p.m. EDT.

Castroneves first, Tracy second.

Castroneves popped champagne when he saw the news on TV. The runner-up immediately filed a protest, which was scheduled to be heard Monday at IRL headquarters.

"I believe I won," said Tracy, whose view didn't change after he saw TV footage, the track timing data and videotape. "I passed him,

then the yellow came out."

Castroneves vehemently disagreed, though he understood Tracy's frustration.

"What is just is just," he said. "I'm not sorry for Paul Tracy, but I'd probably do the same thing if I was in his shoes."

IRL officials admitted the videotape was inconclusive, but they based their decision on data showing the yellow dashboard lights inside the cars went on while Castroneves was still leading. They also relied on a radio broadcast transmitted to all drivers announcing the caution.

Unlike NASCAR, racing in the IRL ceases the moment the yellow flag comes out, not when the drivers come back to the start-finish line. Tracy and Castroneves were almost wheel to wheel when, on the other side of the track, Laurent Redon and Buddy Lazier crashed to bring out the caution.

And so began the debate over what transpired during a fraction of a second in turn three.

"There's just no evidence worthy of overturning our original decision," said Brian Barnhart, the IRL's vice president of operations.

Castroneves didn't have the fastest car on the track, but a brilliant gamble by car owner Roger Penske gave the Captain his 12th Indy victory. The 27-year-old Brazilian went the last 105 miles without stopping for fuel and fresh tires, going to the lead for the first time just 23 laps from the finish.

And what a finish it was.

Tracy, a fixture in Championship Auto Racing Teams who was competing at Indy for the first time since 1995, made a charge for the lead and got by on the outside — only the second time there was a pass for the lead under green.

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Bronx Bombers take aim at the Green Monster

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

The Bronx Bombers are back, a return to the days of Mantle and Maris. Alfonso Soriano hit two of New York's six home runs as the Yankees put on another power display and beat Boston 14-5 Sunday night to gain a split of their four-game series at Fenway Park.

"They just kind of smoked us," Red Sox manager Grady Little said.

Jason Giambi and Robin Ventura hit three-run homers, and Jorge Posada and Ron Coomer added two-run shots for the Yankees, who lead the majors with 82 home runs in 51 games. Oakland is next with 64.

The Yankees haven't led the AL in homers since the M&M boys — Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris — carried them to a franchise-record 240 in 1961. No Yankees player has won a home run title since Reggie Jackson hit 41 in 1980 to share it with Milwaukee's Ben Oglivie.

The Yankees, who also hit six long balls in a 14-inning game against Minnesota on May 17, took the last two

games of the series to trim rival Boston's lead in the AL East to one game.

"It's very tough to do what we did, especially in somebody else's ballpark," manager Joe Torre said. "You don't want to give anybody a head of steam."

In other AL games, Seattle defeated Baltimore 8-1; Minnesota upended Anaheim 5-2; Detroit downed Chicago 9-2; Oakland blanked Tampa Bay 7-0; Cleveland beat Toronto 3-1; and Kansas City swept a doubleheader from Texas, 7-5 and 9-8.

Soriano homered leading off the fifth and sixth innings, giving him 14 to tie Texas' Alex Rodriguez for the AL lead. The second-year second baseman also leads the league in hits, total bases and extra-base hits.

"Soriano is the league MVP right now," Boston's Johnny Damon said. "You have to get him out or he's going to score."

The Yankees had their second three-homer inning of the season in the fifth and broke out against nemesis Darren Oliver (4-4), who had been 6-1 career against New York.

Still, Torre doesn't want his team to

rely on the long ball.

"I don't like to approach the game as home run hitters," he said. "We like to grind out every at-bat."

Yankees starter Mike Mussina (7-2) struggled just as teammates Roger Clemens and David Wells did in the previous two games. Mussina allowed five runs and seven hits in six innings, yet improved to 4-0 in his last five starts.

Derek Jeter's hitting streak ended at 16 games, one short of his career high, as he went 0-for-3 with three walks.

The Red Sox finished their homestand 7-6 but still have the best record in the majors at 32-15.

Mariners 8, Orioles 1
Jamie Moyer (4-2) pitched eight strong innings at Safeco Field to win his 13th straight decision against Baltimore since 1989.

Carlos Guillen went 3-for-4 with a homer, two RBIs and three runs scored. John Olerud homered and doubled for Seattle.

The Mariners tagged rookie Rodrigo Lopez (5-1) for four runs and five hits in the second inning. His ERA rose from 1.94 to 2.57, dropping from first to third in the AL.

Twins 5, Angels 2
Eric Milton (7-3) allowed one earned run in six innings to improve to 5-0 lifetime against Anaheim, including a no-hitter in 1999.

The visiting Twins beat Kevin Appier (5-2) and took two of three from the Angels, who had won eight straight series. Anaheim lost for only the fifth time in 27 games.

Eddie Guardado, coming off his second straight blown save, got three outs for his 15th save in 17 attempts.

Tigers 9, White Sox 2
Adam Bernero (1-0) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings for his first career win, and Robert Fick went 4-for-5 with four RBIs at Comiskey Park.

Todd Ritchie (3-6) got hit hard, losing his fourth straight start.

Athletics 7, Devil Rays 0
Barry Zito (5-2) gave up two hits in seven innings to win his fourth straight decision and extend his home winning streak to 12.

Adam Piatt homered twice, and Miguel Tejada added a three-run shot as Oakland finished a three-game sweep and won for the fourth time in five games.

Tampa Bay lost its fourth straight

after a season-high four-game winning streak. Joe Kennedy (3-4), who shut out Seattle on Tuesday, wasn't nearly as sharp this time.

Indians 3, Blue Jays 1
Bartolo Colon (6-3) pitched a four-hitter for his third complete game this season, and Cleveland completed a three-game sweep at SkyDome.

Jim Thome hit his 11th homer off Luke Prokopec (2-7) as the Indians sent Toronto to its fifth loss in six games.

Royals 7, Rangers 5, 1st game
Royals 9, Rangers 8, 2nd game
Reliever Cory Bailey (2-4) became the first pitcher in Royals history to win both ends of a doubleheader, doubling his victory total of the previous five years.

Mike Sweeney, Carlos Beltran and Mark Quinn all homered in the second game for host Kansas City, which hadn't swept a doubleheader since July 28, 1997, against Minnesota.

In the first game, Joe Randa's two-run homer capped a three-run rally off Hideki Irabu (1-3) in the ninth inning.

Roberto Hernandez got his 301st career save in the nightcap, completing a three-game sweep. Texas was 2-9 on its longest road trip of the year.

Venus Williams opens with victory at French Open

PARIS (AP) — This time, Venus Williams didn't make an early exit from the French Open.

The second-seeded Williams overcame a shaky first serve Monday to beat Germany's Bianka Lamade 6-3, 6-3 in the opening round at Roland Garros.

In other early first-round matches, top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt beat Andre Sa of Brazil 7-5, 6-4, 7-5, while Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson beat Franco Squillari of Argentina 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-2.

Two-time defending champion Gustavo Kuerten was leading Ivo Heuberger of Switzerland 7-5, 6-2, 2-1 when rain halted play across Roland Garros.

Williams, ousted in the first round a year ago by Barbara Schett, managed to get in just 43 percent of her first serves, had six double faults and made 35 unforced errors on a cool first morning of the only Grand Slam tournament on clay.

Williams breezed through the first four games, yielding just five points, but lost two straight service games before regrouping and taking the first set in 27 minutes.

Her serve bogged her down in the second set, but she was able to save seven break points. Trailing 3-2 and love-30, she came up with an ace and service winner in a four-point run and then took the final four games against Lamade, who'd won just two main draw matches all year.

"The first set I felt good and then for some reason I started to be tight. Maybe I was thinking about last year," Williams said. "The rest of the match I was just trying to hold on."

Williams, who withdrew from the Italian Open because of a ligament sprain in her right wrist, refused to use that an excuse.

"It was a little tough this morning because it was really cold. It was tough to warm up. But once I got going, it

seemed to do OK," Williams said.

Sixth-seeded Monica Seles, fresh off a victory in Madrid, was scheduled to face Angeles Montolio of Spain later Monday. And Pete Sampras, shaky on the clay and without a tournament win since the 2000 Wimbledon, was to play Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy.

Defending champion Jennifer Capriati won't play until Tuesday, when she meets fellow American Marissa Irvin. Also on the schedule Tuesday are Serena Williams and Andre Agassi.

Capriati says she hasn't sneaked a peak at her dramatic victory from a year ago.

Her win over Kim Clijsters in last year's final was tennis at its edgy best, two friends slugging it out before Capriati captured an exhausting and exhilarating third-set tiebreaker, 12-10.

"I really haven't seen it again," Capriati says. "I only remember playing it. So I'm sure they'll play it a couple times on TV or something, some highlights. But I think I have a few things to

really look at to get me inspired for myself to play good tennis."

Capriati, seeded first, wanted to find a good practice partner in preparing to defend her title. She had no problem finding one. Her name? Kim Clijsters, who was to meet Tatiana Poutchek of

Brazil on Monday.

"It doesn't matter if it was just last year in the finals, or if we're on the opposite sides this year," Capriati said of Clijsters, who is seeded fourth. "She's good practice for me and I think vice versa."

Softball entry deadline is June 7
Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on June 12, 2002 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of June 17.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the summer softball leagues, call 669-5770 during business hours.

Biggio sparks Astros past Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — For six innings, it looked like the Houston Astros were headed for their seventh straight loss.

Craig Biggio had other ideas.

Biggio doubled, singled and drove in four runs in his final two at-bats to lead the Astros to a 7-5 comeback win over the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

"We are getting there," Biggio said of his team's struggle to score runs. "We've been spending a lot of extra time in the batting cage. It's been frustrating. But I don't care what your name is, everybody's going to have bad periods they go through. It was good to be able to come through tonight."

Chicago led 5-0 after scoring three times in the seventh.

"It seemed to be shaping up like the previous six games," said Houston catcher Brad Ausmus, who got two hits, scored twice and had an RBI in those final two innings.

Ausmus finished 3-for-4, his first three-hit game of the season.

"We know we have a good offense. It's just a matter of stringing some hits together," he said. "This was an example of how explosive we can be and it was a good pick-me-up for us emotionally."

The Astros ended Chicago's five-game winning streak. Cubs manager Don Baylor was upset with how his team played in the eighth inning, including

outfielders not throwing to the right cutoff men.

"We get two outs, and can't get it done," Baylor said. "A leadoff walk, you name it, we did it wrong. We reverted back to some things we've done in the past. In close games, you need every run."

Jeff Fassero (1-3) pitched 1 1/3 innings and allowed four runs to take the loss.

"I made the pitches I wanted except to Ausmus," Fassero said. "Either I struck them out or they hit it. I threw too many pitches. After we got a 2-0 lead, they seemed almost dead. We went through that with that nine-game losing streak earlier in the season. With Bagwell and Biggio, that team is going to fight back."

Houston trailed 5-0 before scoring three times in the seventh — two on Biggio's double — and four runs in the eighth.

Ausmus and Jose Vizcaino hit RBI singles that made it 5-1, and Biggio delivered the tiebreaking hit.

"We really hadn't done a lot offensively until that seventh inning," Astros manager Jimy Williams agreed. "But Biggio and Vizcaino and all of them had some good at-bats then. I think it signifies the kind of players they are. They've been playing hard all along but hadn't been rewarded for it until tonight."

Octavio Dotel (3-2) pitched a perfect eighth and Billy Wagner got his seventh save in

eight opportunities.

Astros starter Carlos Hernandez gave up five runs and a career-high 13 hits in six innings.

Chris Stynes hit a solo homer in the Cubs first. Pitcher Jason Bere and Darren Lewis doubled in the second for a 2-0 lead.

Bere, pitching on his 31st birthday, did not allow a hit until Daryle Ward doubled with two outs in the fourth.

In the seventh, the Cubs went up 3-0 on Sammy Sosa's RBI single. Then with the bases loaded two batters later, Moises Alou's two-run single gave Chicago a 5-0 lead.

Vizcaino's RBI double down the right-field line scored Houston's first run in the seventh off reliever Joe Borowski. Biggio followed with a two-run double down the left-field line to make it 5-3.

Notes: Jeff Bagwell is 1-for-11 and has left 10 runners stranded while batting in the No. 4 spot the last three games. He previously had not hit in the cleanup spot since Sept. 27, 1998. Lance Berkman is 1-for-11 batting third in that same span. ... Lewis has a 111-game errorless streak that covers 140 chances. ... Chicago's Corey Patterson has been successful in his last 16 basestealing attempts since he was thrown out by St. Louis' Mike Matheny on Sept. 22, 2000.

Major League Standings

| National League | | | | | American League | | | | |
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| At A Glance | | | | | At A Glance | | | | |
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| East Division | | | | | East Division | | | | |
| New York | 27 | 23 | .540 | GB | Boston | 32 | 15 | .681 | GB |
| Atlanta | 26 | 24 | .520 | 1 | New York | 33 | 18 | .647 | — |
| Montreal | 25 | 24 | .510 | 1 1/2 | Baltimore | 22 | 26 | .458 | 10 1/2 |
| Florida | 25 | 25 | .500 | 2 | Toronto | 17 | 30 | .362 | 15 |
| Philadelphia | 20 | 30 | .400 | 7 | Tampa Bay | 16 | 32 | .333 | 16 1/2 |
| Central Division | | | | | Central Division | | | | |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 21 | .580 | — | Chicago | 28 | 22 | .560 | GB |
| St. Louis | 28 | 22 | .560 | 1 | Minnesota | 28 | 22 | .560 | — |
| Houston | 22 | 27 | .449 | 6 1/2 | Cleveland | 23 | 26 | .469 | 4 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 22 | 27 | .449 | 6 1/2 | Kansas City | 19 | 29 | .396 | 8 |
| Chicago | 19 | 29 | .396 | 9 | Detroit | 18 | 29 | .383 | 8 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 17 | 33 | .340 | 12 | West Division | | | | |
| West Division | | | | | Seattle | 32 | 17 | .653 | — |
| Arizona | 31 | 18 | .633 | — | Anaheim | 28 | 19 | .596 | 3 |
| San Francisco | 28 | 20 | .583 | 2 1/2 | Oakland | 23 | 26 | .469 | 9 |
| Los Angeles | 28 | 22 | .560 | 3 1/2 | Texas | 20 | 28 | .417 | 11 1/2 |
| Colorado | 26 | 24 | .520 | 5 1/2 | | | | | |
| San Diego | 23 | 27 | .460 | 8 1/2 | | | | | |

| Saturday's Games | |
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| Florida 6, N.Y. Mets 5 | N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2 |
| Colorado 6, San Francisco 3 | Cleveland 3, Toronto 0 |
| Cincinnati 6, Atlanta 4 | Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 0 |
| Milwaukee 2, San Diego 0 | Kansas City 6, Texas 3 |
| Montreal 13, Philadelphia 9, 10 innings | Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4 |
| St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 3 | Baltimore 3, Seattle 2 |
| Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 1 | Anaheim 4, Minnesota 3, 13 innings |
| Los Angeles 10, Arizona 5 | Sunday's Games |
| Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 5 | |
| N.Y. Mets 3, Florida 0 | |
| Montreal 6, Philadelphia 5 | |
| St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 3 | |
| San Diego 8, Milwaukee 7 | |
| Colorado 10, San Francisco 6 | |
| Arizona 10, Los Angeles 9, 10 innings | |
| Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 5 | |
| Monday's Games | |
| Montreal (Armas Jr. 5-5) at Atlanta (Glavine 7-2), 1:05 p.m. | |
| Florida (Dempster 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 5-3), 1:10 p.m. | |
| St. Louis (Kile 2-3) at Houston (Oswalt 5-2), 4:05 p.m. | |
| Arizona (B. Anderson 0-3) at San Francisco (L. Hernandez 4-4), 4:05 p.m. | |
| Milwaukee (Sheets 3-4) at Los Angeles (Nomo 4-5), 4:10 p.m. | |
| Chicago Cubs (Prior 1-0) at Pittsburgh (D. Williams 2-5), 7:05 p.m. | |
| Colorado (Hampton 2-5) at San Diego (Lawrence 4-3), 10:05 p.m. | |
| Tuesday's Games | |
| Chicago Cubs (Clement 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 0-2), 7:05 p.m. | |
| Cincinnati (Dessens 3-3) at Florida (Tavarez 2-3), 7:05 p.m. | |
| Philadelphia (Adams 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-4), 7:10 p.m. | |
| Montreal (Chen 2-3) at Atlanta (Moss 1-1), 7:35 p.m. | |

| Saturday's Games | | |
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| Boston (P. Martinez 7-0) at Toronto (Walker 0-0), 7:05 p.m. | Oakland (Hijijus 3-3) at Baltimore (Maduro 2-4), 7:05 p.m. | |
| Detroit (Weaver 4-5) at Cleveland (Baz 4-3), 7:05 p.m. | Seattle (Pineiro 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 4-5), 7:15 p.m. | |
| Minnesota (Fiore 2-1) at Texas (Park 1-1), 8:05 p.m. | Anaheim (Schoeneweis 3-4) at Kansas City (Byrd 7-2), 8:05 p.m. | |
| N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-3), 8:05 p.m. | | |

Horry hits 3-point shot to give Lakers 100-99 victory

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Robert Horry and the Los Angeles Lakers seem determined to make their third championship run as cinematic as possible.

Horry hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer Sunday as the Lakers rallied from a 24-point deficit for a thrilling 100-99 victory over the Sacramento Kings, tying the Western Conference finals at two games apiece.

"I didn't look at the clock. I didn't even worry about that," Horry said. "I just took my time to knock it down."

Horry scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter as the Lakers willed themselves to an amazing vic-

tory in a game they desperately needed to keep their championship hopes alive. Horry hit the final shot, but an outstanding second half of defense kept the Kings from grabbing control of the series.

Game 5 is Tuesday night in Sacramento, with Game 6 back at Staples Center on Friday night.

The Kings blew out Los Angeles in Game 3 Friday night, putting the two-time champions in desperate straits entering Game 4. Faced with the prospect of a 3-1 series deficit — which the Lakers haven't rallied to overcome in 31 years — Los Angeles got 27 points and 18 rebounds from Shaquille O'Neal.

Sacramento roared to its second spectacular start at Staples Center, scoring 40 points in the first quarter and taking a 14-point lead to half-time. But the Kings fumbled through the second half, and Vlade Divac missed a free throw with 11.8 seconds left.

The victory came one day after the New Jersey Nets' unprecedented fourth-quarter playoff collapse against the Boston Celtics in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

After taking a 21-point lead into the final quarter, the Nets were outscored 41-16 in the fourth and lost 94-90.

The Celtics lead that series 2-1.

The Kings led by eight points with less than four minutes left, but Horry pulled the Lakers within three with another 3-pointer with 1:39 left. After Kobe Bryant hit a layup, O'Neal hit two free throws to make it 98-97 with 26.9 seconds left.

The Lakers fouled Divac with 11.8 seconds to play, and he made one of two. In the final seconds, Bryant missed a layup and O'Neal missed a tip-in, but Divac tipped the rebound out to Horry, who buried the wide-open shot from straightaway before being mobbed by his teammates.

As the confidence on his face showed, it wasn't Horry's first time as a postseason hero.

In Game 3 of the first round at Portland, he hit a decisive 3-point shot with 2.1 seconds left. In Game 5 of the conference semifinals against San Antonio, Horry's 3-pointer with 56 seconds remaining gave the Lakers a seven-point cushion as they finished off the Spurs.

It might be a crushing loss for the Kings, who had several opportunities to finish off the Lakers in the fourth quarter but couldn't complete their sixth straight road victory in the post-season.

Divac had 23 points, and Chris Webber had 20 for Sacramento, still playing without injured All-Star Peja Stojakovic.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 28, 2002.
All work and no play will certainly not work this year. You will need to schedule plenty of time for relating to others and enjoying your life. You will demonstrate an enormous capacity for making money, especially if you enhance a natural talent, turning it into an asset. You will also have a tendency to spend enormous sums of money if you're not careful! If you are single, a relationship will knock on your door. In fact, you might have many suitors to choose from. If you are attached, a loved one needs more of your time. Learn to schedule more one-on-one time. Extremes mark your relationship otherwise. CAPRICORN anchors you.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Whether you're ready or not, the lights are on you. You have a decision of importance and significance to make. However, you might opt to postpone any heavy matters. You still carry on as if it is Memorial Day weekend. Tonight: Try to put yourself in the frame of mind to work!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Your ability to see past what someone means and to understand others allows you to play amateur psychologist right now. Detach and observe the goings-on. Respond strongly but calmly to another's verbal shove. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Start planning the next weekend!
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