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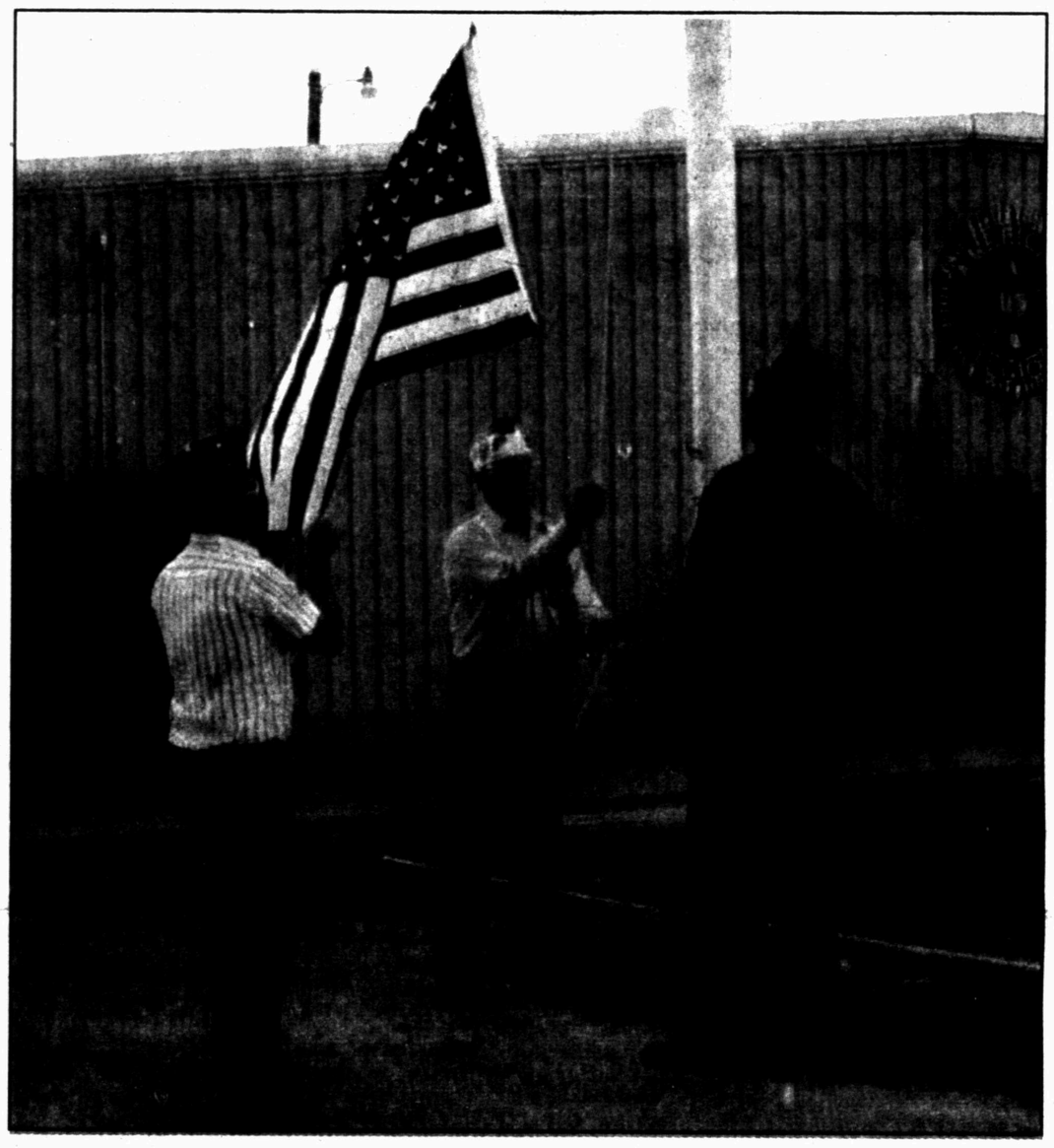
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Home of Theresa Conner



IN MEMORIUM — Keith Bryant, right, Commander of the Snyder American Legion looks on as veterans Johnny Roddy and Robert Neblett raise the flag Monday morning to honor fallen veterans. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Following bridge collapse...

Search continues in Oklahoma for victims

WEBBERS FALLS, Okla. (AP) — Rescuers pulled a fourth corpse today from the swift and murky Arkansas River below an interstate bridge that collapsed and sent up to 12 vehicles plunging into the water.

A crane hoisted the victim's car from the water under the Interstate 40 bridge shortly after divers resumed the search about daylight, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said.

"It's pretty well mangled," said Trooper Brandon Kopepasah.

The names of the four victims pulled from the river since Sunday have not been released. The Highway Patrol believes up to a dozen people were killed when a 500-section of the nearly 2,000-foot bridge collapsed after it was slammed by a barge just before 8 a.m. Sunday.

Lt. Chris West of the Highway Patrol said authorities believe there are up to eight 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Tulsa, which operates 11 dams and lakes in the area, was trying to reduce the flow of water on the Arkansas.

At least five people were taken to hospitals, including one man rescued by fishermen.

The fishermen, Norman Barton and Randy Graham, were competing in a bass tournament near the bridge when it collapsed. They alerted the tournament director to call for help, then rushed back to the bridge.

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

They found James Bilyeau, a truck driver from Conway, Ark., and pulled him out of the water.

"He was in really bad shape. I don't know how he hung on like he did," Graham said. "I said, 'You're all right. We got you.'"

Bilyeau, who remained in a hospital Monday with head injuries, telephoned Barton on Sunday night, and "he kept saying over and over, 'You saved my life,'" Barton said.

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

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.

Snyder native named director at Lockheed for C-130J aircraft

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

Snyder native Jack O'Banion is living a childhood dream as Lockheed Martin's program director for the newest and most sophisticated combat delivery system in the United States Air Force, the C-130J.

O'Banion, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J.W. O'Banion, graduated from Snyder High School in 1982. During that time, he was an integral part of the highly-successful Snyder Drama program.

He participated in one-act play competition all four years of high school and won Best Actor at state AAA level competition in both 1980 and 1981.

When not in school, O'Banion worked as a ranch hand for longtime mentors Frank and Doris Beaver and ran an airplane washing service at Snyder's Winston Field.

He attended the University of Texas where he received his bachelor of science degree with honors in aeronautical engineering.

O'Banion joined Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems Company following his graduation from college as an advanced design engineer developing new aircraft.

He later became the lead advanced design engineer for Lockheed's Navy Maritime Patrol/Surveillance Programs.

In 1995, O'Banion earned an MBA from Emory University, receiving the most outstanding academic achievement award.

Later that year, O'Banion was selected by Lockheed-Martin for its fast-track management development program in the company's air mobility line of business. There he managed the company's internal research and development, investments and strategy development for the tactical air mobility product line.

In 1997, O'Banion was named deputy U.S. government program manager charged with development of the WC-130J Hurricane Hunter and EC-130J Commando Solo Special Forces aircraft. In 2000, he was tapped to become the program director of the USAF's $10 billion CC-130J fleet replacement program.

O'Banion currently lives in Atlanta, but he is proud of his roots in Snyder.

"While the rest of the world is struggling to become a global village, Snyder already knows how," he said. "The closeness and nurturing spirit of the people of Snyder is something you carry with you even after you move to the big city."

O'Banion said he would always hold a special place for the people of Snyder.

"Any community that can support and motivate a dyslexic kid who nearly flunked the fourth grade to reach for something more is deserving of thanks and recognition," he said. "Thank you, Snyder."



HOMETOWN PROUD — Snyder native Jack O'Banion waves an American flag in front of the Air Force's newest combat delivery vehicle, the C-130J. O'Banion was recently named program director for Lockheed for the aircraft project. (Contributed Photo)

Ira seniors graduate

Eleven Ira High School seniors graduated Saturday night in the school's Roy Sallee Gym.

Valedictorian is Kendra Krop, while the Salutatorian is Nathan Smith.

Other graduates are Jessica Green, Lecia Knight, Robert Hardy, Kayla Krop, Jerry Jamison, Jase Olvera, Todd Wall, Cade Tucker and Joshua Wilson.



WAY TO GO! — Jase Olvera, left, shakes hands with Jerry Jamison following Ira High School's graduation ceremonies Saturday night at Roy Sallee Gym. (SDN Staff Photo by Joanne Nunley)

Jury trial is set for Tuesday

Prospective jurors who have been notified to report for jury duty at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday need to do so, according to District Clerk Trina Rodgers.

Those who have received notices should report to the district courtroom on the fourth floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Rodgers said Saturday morning that it had not been determined if the case to be heard would be a criminal or civil case.

Rainfall Reports

North of city	.30
Lake Thomas	Trace
Hermleigh	Trace
Fluvanna	.60
Loyd Mountain	.50
Camp Springs	.20
Ira	.20
Dermott	.37
Union	.70
Gail	.20

Totals as reported by area residents for Sunday and Monday morning.

ASK US

Q—Are schools required to hire a certified teacher over a non-certified, but degreed, teacher?

A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 75 degrees, low, 49; high Sunday, 91 degrees; low, 58, 7 a.m. Monday, 66; .35 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 7.94 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, 40% rain chance; low 60-65; SE winds 10-20 mph; Tuesday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance; high near 90; S winds 10-20 mph.



Ty Shifflet
Rain Chance

Sunset:
8:40 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:41 a.m.

Of 146 days in 2002, the sun has shone 138 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.

—Patrick Henry

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Kindergarten through second graders learn nutrition facts

During March, April and May, Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension agent, conducted classroom workshops for all Snyder kindergarten, first and second grade classes.

The 593 students were introduced to the food pyramid, discussed milk products, importance of milk, amount of milk needed, and each class made a nutritious snack from milk.

Kindergarten and first grade classes made pudding in a jar learning how to measure ingredients and shaking the jar to congeal the pudding.

Second graders made grilled cheese sandwiches learning kitchen safety while using hot appliances. The sessions ended with the students eating and enjoying their snacks.

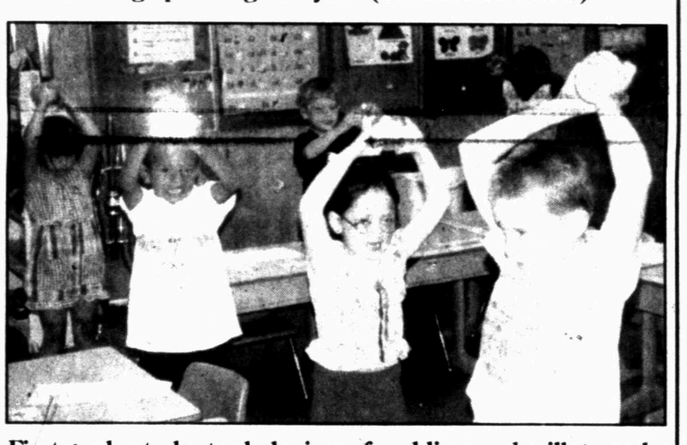
These workshops are a part of the Better Living For Texas Grant (BLT) which targets Title I schools, WIC, Head Start and Food Stamp recipients. The grant is through the Texas Department of Human Services and Texas Cooperative Extension.



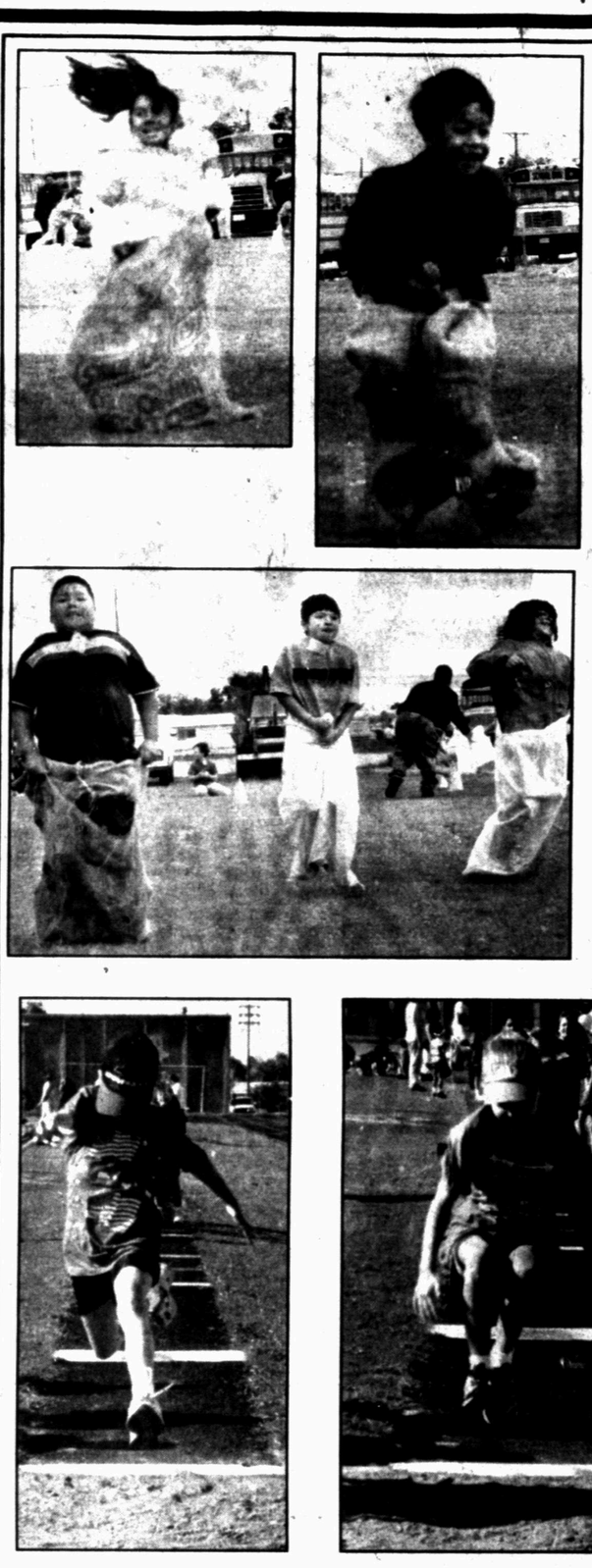
Beth Dannheim, Scurry County Extension agent, shows a student how to measure dry ingredients correctly during one of the 36 "Milk as a Nutritious Snack" workshops she conducted for all kindergarten, first and second grade classes in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



Students in all kindergarten, first and second grade classes in Snyder participated in classroom workshops on "Milk as a Nutritious Snack." These first graders are licking the lids after making "pudding in a jar." (Contributed Photo)

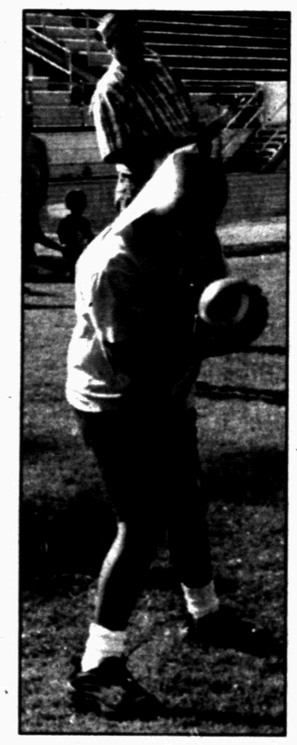


First grade students shake jars of pudding and milk to make "pudding in a jar" during school workshops on "Milk as a Nutritious Snack." (Contributed Photo)



Central 2002 field days







SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Jewish American weds Palestinian activist

TROY, Mich. (AP) — A Jewish American who joined Yasser Arafat at his besieged West Bank office married a Palestinian-American activist in a ceremony blending Christian and Jewish rites.

Adam Shapiro, 30, of New York and Huwaida Arraf, 26, of the Detroit suburb of Roseville were married Sunday at St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Church in Troy.

"I'm very excited," Shapiro said before the ceremony began. "Now that it is actually happening, I'm very happy."

About 300 relatives and friends attended the ceremony, in which a passage from the book of Genesis was read in Arabic and the groom followed the Jewish tradition of stepping on a glass.

"It is not political in any way, shape or form," said Arraf. "I don't even think along those lines. I'm marrying someone from a Jewish background. I have many friends who are Israeli.

"This 'Arab vs. Jew' thing is misleading."

Both Shapiro and Arraf have played visible parts in promoting Palestinian rights during the recent flare-up of fighting between Israel and Palestinian forces.

On March 29, Shapiro accompanied an ambulance crew into Arafat's Ramallah headquarters, besieged by Israel's army in an invasion that followed the Passover suicide bombing of an Israeli resort hotel.

Shapiro spent 24 hours in Arafat's compound, sharing breakfast with the leader.

Oil Patch News

Borden County

Ruwco Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1 Barbacoa, a 6,700-foot wildcat located five miles southwest of Fluvanna. Drill site is in Section 424, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1-H Roadrunner in the Good field, 15 miles southwest of Gail. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 8,800 feet, and location is in Section 29, Block 32, T4N, T&P survey.

Kent County

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 333W-A Salt Creek field unit, eight miles northwest of Claremont. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, location is in Section 145, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 579-C Salt Creek field unit, seven miles northwest of Claremont. Planned for a depth of 7,600 feet, drill site is in Section 145, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 456-C Salt Creek field unit, seven miles northwest of Claremont. Contracted for a depth of 6,350 feet, location is in Section 144, Block G, W&NW survey.

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 1 Davis Ranch, a 7,000-foot wildcat located five miles south of Spur. Location is in Section 138, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Garza County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1-8 Guilliams Ranch, an 8,500-foot wildcat located 14 miles northeast of Gail. Location is in Section 27, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Tommy Swanson Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-939 Stoker in the Rocker A field, seven miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,177 feet, location is in Section 939, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 120 Lott Trust in the Lazy JL field, 14 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 6,200 feet, location is in Section 20, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Rocker A Operating will drill the No. 40-B Connell Estate in the Post field, 13 miles east of Post. Planned depth is 3,000 feet, and drill site is in Section 123, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 39 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, 11 miles southeast of Big Spring. Planned depth is 2,700 feet, and location is in Section 123, Block 33, T2S, T&P survey.

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The poem America the Beautiful was written in 1893 by American educator Katharine Lee Bates, who was inspired by the view from atop Pike's Peak.

events

Lotto Texas

RESULTS

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket matching all six numbers would have been worth an estimated $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 4-12-16-25-26-54.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $12 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-9-2

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Date Book

Monday, May 27, 2002

Today is the 147th day of 2002 and the 69th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1647, the first known execution of a witch took place in Salem, Mass.

On this day in 1937, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened to the public.

On this day in 1994, democracy in Russia won another battle when exiled writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn was allowed to return. His unflattering fiction ("One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich") and nonfiction ("The Gulag Archipelago") caused his deportation to the United States two decades earlier.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794 - 1877), financier; James "Wild Bill" Hickok (1837 - 1876), U.S. marshal; Isadora Duncan (1878 - 1927), dancer; Hubert H. Humphrey (1911 - 1978), U.S. vice president; Vincent Price (1911 - 1993), actor; Sam Snead (1912 - 2002), golf legend, is 90; Henry Kissinger (1923 -), former U.S. secretary of state, is 79; Lou Gossett, Jr. (1936 -), actor, is 66; Adam Carolla (1964 -), TV/radio personality, is 38; Joseph Fiennes (1970 -), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, New York Giants pitcher Carl Hubbell set a record with 24 consecutive wins when he came on in relief to help defeat Cincinnati 3-2.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Compassion is not weakness, and concern for the unfortunate is not socialism." — Hubert H. Humphrey

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (May 26) and last quarter (June 2).

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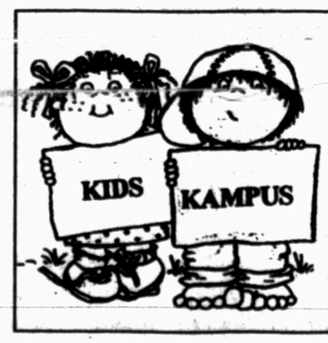
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Texas Lottery observes 10th anniversary this week

BEAUMONT (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 Fertitta, 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, "Lone Star Millions," was introduced on May 29, 1992.

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

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

The orginal 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 lottery's best year in 1997. That year, the games brought in more than $3.6 billion.

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.

"Its 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 spokewoman 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.



Where were you in '62?
This lady was born that year,
So if you see TC today,
Wish her a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
because her 40th one is here!

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



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.

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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 PRE-TEENS IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR WORRIED PRE-TEENS: 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.

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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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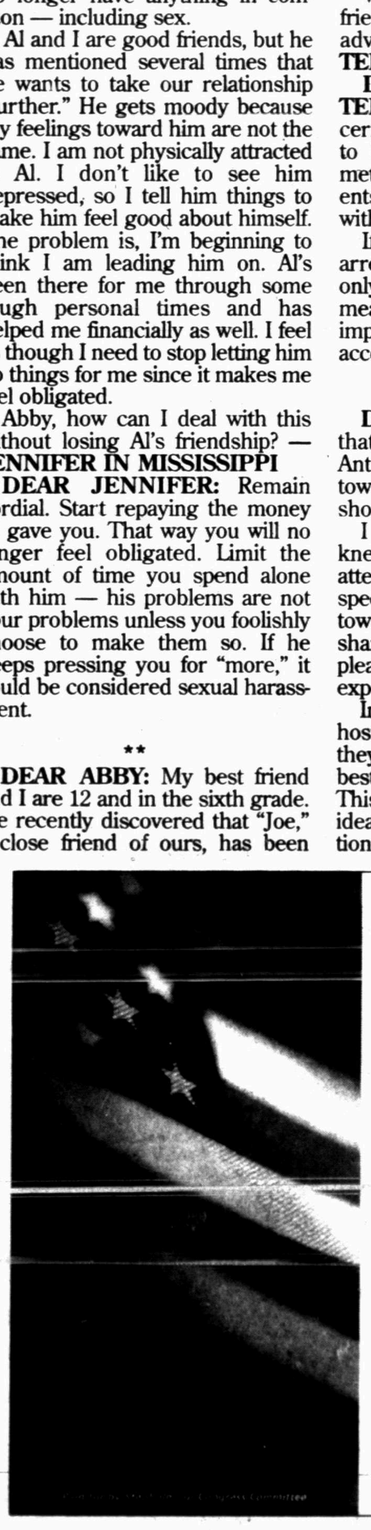
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—*Congressman Charlie & Cindy Stenholm*



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ACROSS

1 "Bam!"
4 Hikes the price
7 UK network
10 Flying saucer
11 Swift
13 Want-ad abbr.
14 Chart type
15 Not ashore (2 wds.)
16 Sense organ
17 Jeans partner (hyph.)
19 "The Trial" author
21 — — rush
22 Cartoon shriek
23 Get used to
26 Besets
30 Eye part
31 Mischief-maker
32 Feel bad
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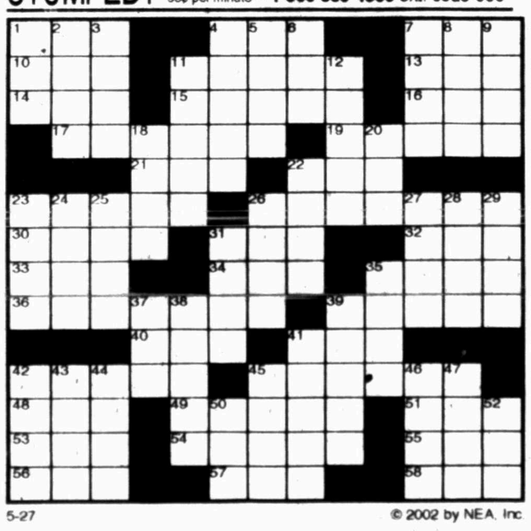
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1 Little dog
2 "Think nothing — —!"
3 Sorrows
4 Extremely
5 Mouse or gnat
6 Meet, in poker
7 Complain
8 Bird's bill
9 Dagwood's boss's wife
11 Hard to make out
12 Seizes
18 Rose fruit
20 Wanted poster abbr.
23 Intentions
24 Word of annoyance
25 Opera by Verdi
26 During
27 Otello villain
28 Stead
29 Luge, e.g.
31 Noted lithographer
35 Soprano — Gluck
37 Howl
38 Retirement plan
39 Buenos —, Argentina
41 Snowbank
42 Piccadilly streetcar
43 Words of dismay (2 wds.)
44 Zen question
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47 9 to 5, commonly
50 Daughter of Helios
52 Wedding announcement word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

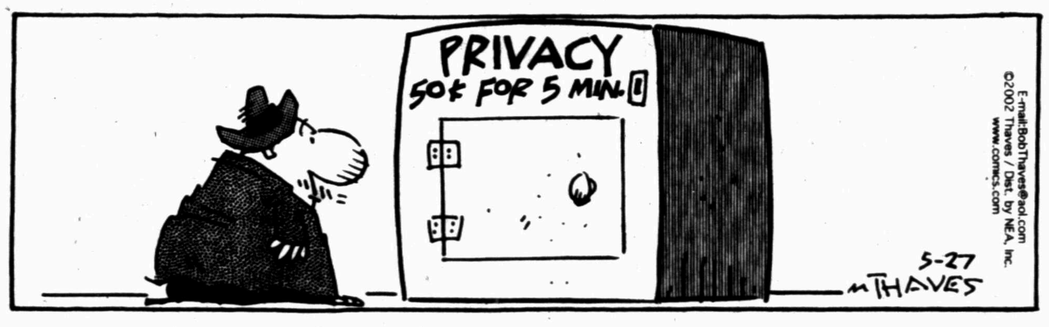
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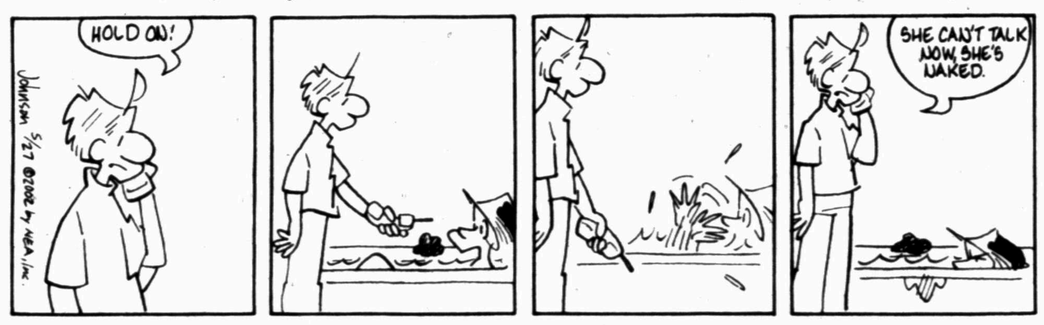


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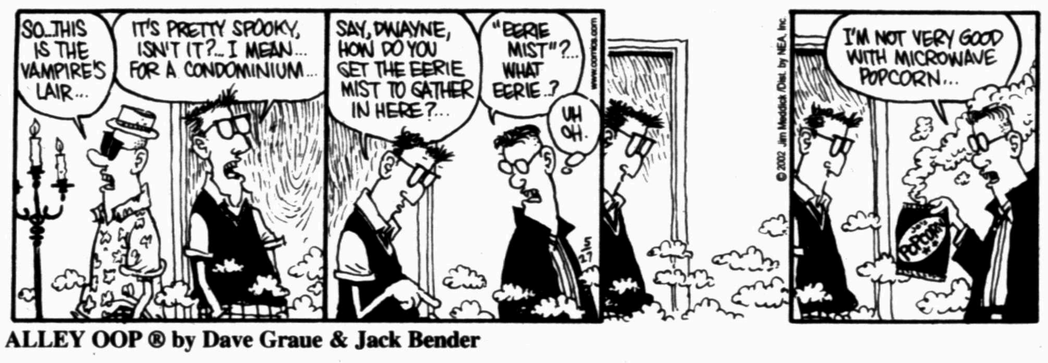
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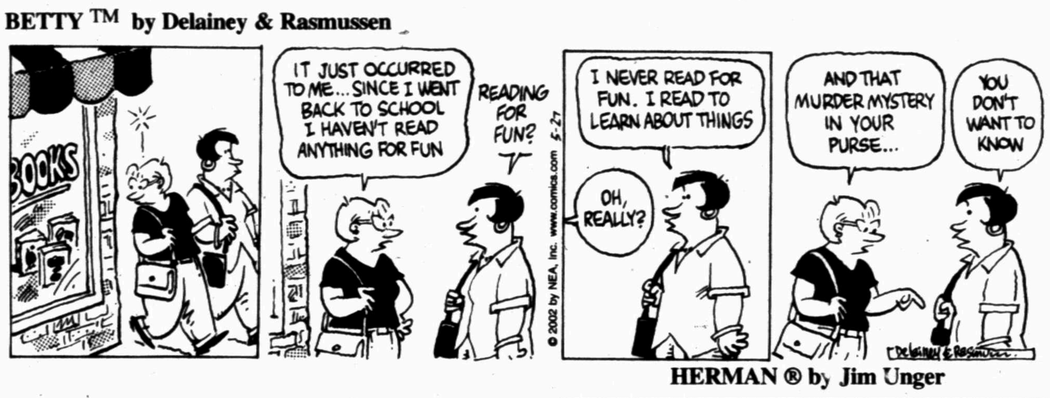
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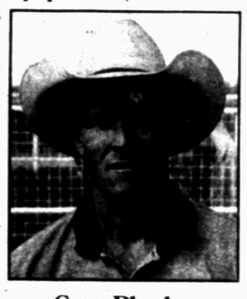
SPORTS

WTC riders qualify for national finals

HOBBS, N.M. — Mission accomplished.

Western Texas College sent eight competitors to the conference finals rodeo over the weekend, and all eight earned the right to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo scheduled for June 10-15 at Casper, Wyo.

"We wanted to make sure we got everybody qualified," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "We did that, so it was definitely a successful rodeo for us."



Greg Rhodes

Lady Westerners Kassie Mowry, Jennifer Freeland and Randus London had already locked up a berth at nationals due to their high ranking in regional competition.

But Mowry didn't rest on her heels, winning the short round and overall title in the barrel racing. Mowry posted a time of 14.48 seconds in the finals to give her a total of 43.34 on three runs.

WTC will have one competitor in each of the women's events at Casper. Freeland will compete in the goat tying, with London taking part in the breakaway roping, and Mowry in the barrel racing.

On the men's side, Western Texas finished third in the team standings over the weekend, anchored by a first-place effort from bareback rider Tyson Thompson.

Thompson registered 66 points in the short-go to give him a three-ride total of 212. Nathan Reid also qualified for nationals in the bareback event.

J.W. Todd will represent WTC in two events at Casper. Todd will try his luck in the steer wrestling, as well as the addle bronc competition.

Joining Todd in the saddle bronc event will be Sam Spreadborough who qualified for nationals on the strength of his regional performance.

Joseph Gernentz earned a spot in the national finals in calf roping to give WTC five men's team members battling for titles in Casper.

"I like our chances with our men and our women at the finals," Rhodes said. "Every one of our competitors has the skills to finish at the top. It all depends on who has their best rodeo."

Astros end skid with 7-5 victory

HOUSTON (AP)— Chicago's starting pitcher did his job. The Cubs' relievers didn't do theirs.

Chicago right-hander Jason Bere left Sunday night's game against the Houston Astros with a 5-0 lead after six innings and it appeared his six-game losing streak would end on his 31st birthday.

But Houston beat up the Chicago bullpen for seven runs in the bottom of the seventh and eighth innings for a 7-5 decision at Astros Field.

Bere had thrown just 86 pitches when manager Don Baylor replaced him with Joe Borowski to start the bottom of the seventh.

"His number of pitches had a lot to do with it," Baylor said. "Eighty-six was the right number. It was the right score, 5-0."

The Astros were glad to see him go.

"Jason Bere was in control of us," Houston shortstop Jose Vizcaino said. "We couldn't do anything with him. But they took him out and it was like a new life for us. It was a different ball game after he left."

Bere had allowed only four hits. No Astro runner had reached third base against him.

Vizcaino, who doubled and singled against the Cubs bullpen, was outmatched striking out against Bere in the third inning.

"Bere's always been tough on us," Houston outfielder Daryle Ward said. "He's got a good slider, a short-arm fastball and a changeup. You never know what he's going to throw."

Borowski, who earned a save in the Cubs' 11-inning victory Friday night, walked Morgan Ensberg, to open the bottom of the seventh. Then he gave up a single to Brad Ausmus and, after striking out Geoff Blum, allowed back-to-back doubles to Vizcaino and Craig Biggio that made it 5-3.

"It started with the first hitter," Borowski said. "I had him 0-2 and walked him. We should have put them away. But I didn't do my job."

The Astros, booed early in the game by a portion of the 37,546, were suddenly very much alive.

"They started to get that little glimmer of hope and they feed off that," Borowski said. "We couldn't put that fire out."

Baylor brought in left-hander Jeff Fassero to face Lance Berkman. Fassero struck out Berkman and Jeff Bagwell to end the inning.

Ward opened the eighth with a single off Fassero. After Billy Hunter and Ensberg struck out, Ausmus and Blum followed with singles to cut the lead to 5-4.

"I made the pitches I wanted, except to Ausmus," said Fassero, who took the loss and dropped to 1-3.

The Astros greeted closer Pat Mahomes with a single by Vizcaino and the winning two-run single by Biggio.

The Cubs wasted an excellent effort by Bere, who hadn't won since April 12, his only victory of the season against seven losses.

"He threw the ball great," Baylor said. "He threw some balls up in the strike zone. But he got (Richard) Hidalgo out when he needed to."

The Astros' only threat against Bere occurred in the sixth. With two outs, Bagwell hit a slow grounder just by shortstop Alex Gonzalez and Ward walked.

Bere retired Hidalgo, the last batter he faced, on a foul pop to first baseman Fred McGriff.

Baylor thought he could help Bere's mental attitude with the Astros still scoreless.

"You like to get him out with some confidence," Baylor said. "Five runs should be enough."

Indy 500 crowns controversial winner

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 51/2 hours to announce that Castroneves, indeed, had won the race, giving him a chance to carouse again.

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.

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.

High School Baseball Playoffs

(Game 3 is if necessary)
CLASS 5A
Region I Semifinals
Lubbock Monterey (27-10) vs. Carrollton Smith (26-4)
One game: Carrollton Smith 12, Lubbock Monterey 2
Midland (26-8) vs. Duncanville (22-9)
Game 1: Midland 5, Duncanville 4
Game 2: Duncanville 3, Midland 0
Game 3: Duncanville 3, Midland 2
Region I Final
Carrollton Smith (27-4) vs. Duncanville (24-10), TBA
Region II Semifinals
Rockwall (29-10) vs. Round Rock Westwood (27-9)
Game 1: Rockwall 6, Round Rock Westwood 5
Game 2: Round Rock Westwood 5, Rockwall 4
Game 3: Round Rock Westwood 10, Rockwall 3
Richardson Lake Highlands (25-11) vs. A&M Consolidated (25-9)
Game 1: A&M Consolidated 8, Richardson Lake Highlands 4
Game 2: A&M Consolidated 1, Richardson Lake Highlands 0
Region II Final
Round Rock Westwood (29-10) vs. A&M Consolidated (27-9)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, College Station
Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Round Rock
Game 3: 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station
Region III Semifinals
Fort Bend Elkins (30-1) vs. League City Clear Creek (27-6)
One game: Fort Bend Elkins 6, League City Clear Creek 4
Houston Bellaire (26-5) vs. Humble Kingwood (27-8)
Game 1: Humble Kingwood 4, Houston Bellaire 3
Game 2: Humble Kingwood 9, Houston Bellaire 2
Region III Final
Fort Bend Elkins (31-1) vs. Humble Kingwood (29-8), TBA
Region IV Semifinals
SA Reagan (28-3) vs. CC Moody (28-5-1)
Game 1: SA Reagan 5, CC Moody 2
Game 2: SA Reagan 2, CC Moody 1
Austin Bowie (27-6-1) vs. LA Joya (25-5-1)
One game: Austin Bowie 3, La Joya 2
Region IV Final
SA Reagan (30-3) vs. Austin Bowie (28-6-1), TBA
CLASS 4A
Region I Semifinals
Andrews (24-4) vs. Southlake Carroll (26-7)
Game 1: Southlake Carroll 3, Andrews 0
Game 2: Andrews 2, Southlake Carroll 1
Game 3: Southlake Carroll 6, Andrews 2
Canyon Randall (25-6) vs. WF Rider (25-9)
Game 1: Canyon Randall 4, WF Rider 2
Game 2: Canyon Randall 4, WF Rider 2
Region I Final
Southlake Carroll (28-8) vs. Canyon Randall (27-6)
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. Friday, Moffett Field
Game 2: noon Saturday, Moffett Field
Game 3: 30 minutes later
Region II Semifinals
Hewitt Midway (30-6) vs. Dallas Highland Park (26-10)
Game 1: Dallas Highland Park 6, Hewitt Midway 5
Game 2: Dallas Highland Park 4, Hewitt Midway 3
Denton Ryan (23-8) vs. Wylie (23-9)
Game 1: Wylie 5, Denton Ryan 4
Game 2: Wylie 10, Denton Ryan 3
Region II Final
Dallas Highland Park (28-10) vs. Wylie (25-9), TBA
Region III Semifinals
Belton (25-13) vs. Bay City (23-7)
Game 1: Bay City 10, Belton 1
Game 2: Belton 4, Bay City 0
Game 3: Belton 3, Bay City 2
Jasper (23-8) vs. Houston Forest Brook (27-7)
Game 1: Houston Forest Brook 6, Jasper 2
Game 2: Houston Forest Brook 6, Jasper 3
Region III Final
Belton (27-14) vs. Houston Forest Brook (29-7), TBA
Region IV Semifinals
Kerrville Tivy (23-8) vs. Robstown (21-12-1)
Game 1: Robstown 2, Kerrville Tivy 0
Game 2: Kerrville Tivy 4, Robstown 1
Game 3: Kerrville Tivy 6, Robstown 1
Spring Branch Smithson Valley (23-5) vs. CC Calallen (28-6-1)
Game 1: Smithson Valley 3, CC Calallen 0
Game 2: CC Calallen 13, Smithson Valley 11
Game 3: CC Calallen 2, Smithson Valley 1
Region IV Final
Kerrville Tivy (25-9) vs. CC Calallen (30-7-1), TBA
CLASS 3A
Region I Semifinals
Monahans (23-5) vs. Kennedale (25-3)
Game 1: Monahans 6, Kennedale 5
Game 2: Monahans 10, Kennedale 5
Shallowater (25-6) vs. Abilene Wylie (25-5)
Game 1: Abilene Wylie 10, Shallowater 3
Game 2: Abilene Wylie 4, Shallowater 3
Region I Final
Monahans (25-5) vs. Abilene Wylie (27-5)
Game 1: 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland
Game 2: 30 minutes later
Game 3: 6 p.m. Saturday, Abilene
Region II Semifinals
Lake Dallas (22-10) vs. Mineola (25-8)
Game 1: Lake Dallas 5, Mineola 4
Game 2: Lake Dallas 3, Mineola 1
Forney (24-6) vs. Lindale (25-6)
One game: Forney 3, Lindale 0
Region II Final
Lake Dallas (24-10) vs. Forney (25-6), TBA
Region III Semifinals
Taylor (21-8) vs. Buna (18-9-1)
Game 1: Taylor 4, Buna 3
Game 2: Taylor 5, Buna 1
Lorena (27-1) vs. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (21-8)
Game 1: Lorena 1, Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill 0
Game 2: Lorena 7, Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill 1
Region III Final
Taylor (23-8) vs. Lorena (29-1), TBA
Region IV Semifinals
Bellville (22-6) vs. Sinton (26-4)
Game 1: Sinton 5, Bellville 1
Game 2: Sinton 8, Bellville 7
La Grange (26-5) vs. Yoakum (26-1)
Game 1: Yoakum 3, La Grange 0
Game 2: Yoakum 6, La Grange 4
Region IV Final
Sinton (28-4) vs. Yoakum (28-1), TBA
CLASS 2A
Region I Semifinals
Mason (16-9) vs. Olney (12-9)
Game 1: Olney 10, Mason 1
Game 2: Mason 13, Olney 8
Game 3: Olney 6, Mason 0
Tahoka (18-11) vs. Holliday (20-4)
Game 1: Holliday 6, Tahoka 1
Game 2: Tahoka 13, Holliday 3
Game 3: Holliday 12, Tahoka 2
Region I Final
Olney (14-10) vs. Holliday (22-5)
One game: 7 p.m. Saturday, Graham
Region II Semifinals
Celina (27-4) vs. Cooper (18-11-1)
One game: Celina 4, Cooper 3
Bangs (20-4) vs. Crawford (18-8)
Game 1: Bangs 7, Crawford 6
Game 2: Crawford 5, Bangs 0
Game 3: Bangs 2, Crawford 1
Region II Final
Celina (28-4) vs. Bangs (22-5), TBA
Region III Semifinals
Arp (29-3-1) vs. Buffalo (19-7)
Game 1: Arp 8, Buffalo 5
Game 2: Arp 10, Buffalo 5
DeKalb (19-7) vs. Jewett Leon (25-6)
One game: Jewett Leon 5, DeKalb 1
Region III Final
Arp (31-3-1) vs. Jewett Leon (26-6), TBA
Region IV Semifinals
Wallis Brazos (20-8) vs. Skidmore Tynan (17-6)
Game 1: Wallis Brazos 5, Skidmore Tynan 1
Game 2: Skidmore Tynan 8, Wallis Brazos 6
Game 3: Wallis Brazos 13, Skidmore Tynan 6
Weimar (20-9) vs. Bloomington (19-10)
Game 1: Bloomington 2, Weimar 1
Game 2: Weimar 6, Bloomington 5
Game 3: Weimar 20, Bloomington 1
Region IV Final
Wallis Brazos (22-9) vs. Weimar (22-10), TBA
CLASS A
Region I Area
Game 1: Crosbyton 5, Claude 4
Game 2: Claude 19, Crosbyton 12
Game 3: Crosbyton 11, Claude 5
Windthorst (21-2) vs. Ira (19-6)
Game 1: Windthorst 5, Ira 2
Game 2: Windthorst 4, Ira 0
Nazareth (13-2) vs. Follett (15-3)
Game 1: Nazareth 10, Follett 0
Game 2: Nazareth 6, Follett 2
Petrolia (15-5) vs. Miles (16-5)
Game 1: Miles 4, Petrolia 2
Game 2: Miles 7, Petrolia 5
Region I Semifinals
Crosbyton (13-9) vs. Windthorst (23-2), TBA
Nazareth (15-2) vs. Miles (18-5)
Game 1: 3 p.m. today, Seminole
Game 2: 30 minutes later
Game 3: 3 p.m. Tuesday, Seminole
Region II Semifinals
Alvord (19-8) vs. Bosqueville (25-6)
One game: 7 p.m. today, Waxahachie
Brock vs. Valley Mills (20-6)
One game: 7 p.m. today, Stephenville
Region III Semifinals
Simms Bowie vs. Neches (20-7)
Game 1: 4 p.m. Monday, Longview
Game 2: 30 minutes later
Game 3: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Longview
McLeod (21-5) vs. Douglass (16-8)
One game: 2 p.m. today, Longview
Region IV Semifinals
Bremond (24-4) vs. D'Hanis (22-5)
One game: 7 p.m. today, Marble Falls
Burton (19-4-2) vs. Shiner (19-10)
One game: 3 p.m. Tuesday, Weimar

State Softball Tournament

At Red McCombs Field, Austin
CLASS 5A
Friday Semifinals
Fort Bend Elkins (31-5) vs. Bryan (31-7), 5 p.m.
North Richland Hills (34-5) vs. SA O'Connor (24-7), 8 p.m.
Saturday Final
Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.
CLASS 4A
Friday Semifinals
Frisco (34-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (33-7), 11:30 a.m.
Brenham (32-4) vs. Spring Branch Smithson Valley (31-6), 2 p.m.
Saturday Final
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.
CLASS 3A
Thursday/Friday Semifinals
Splendora (28-4) vs. Decatur (21-9), 7:30 p.m.
Bandera (26-4) vs. Lindale (22-3-2), 8:30 a.m.
Saturday Final
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.
CLASS 2A
Thursday Semifinals
Alto (28-4) vs. Coahoma (18-12), 2 p.m.
Weimar (30-1-1) vs. Aubrey (27-5-1), 4:30 p.m.
Saturday Final
Semifinal winners, 11 a.m.
CLASS A
Thursday Semifinals
Brock (23-4) vs. Bosqueville (24-11), 8:30 a.m.
Collinsville (20-5-1) vs. Shiner (14-5), 11 a.m.
Saturday Final
Semifinal winners, 8 a.m.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	23	.540	—
Atlanta	26	24	.520	1
Montreal	25	24	.510	1½
Florida	25	25	.500	2
Philadelphia	20	30	.400	7
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cincinnati	29	21	.580	—
St. Louis	28	22	.560	1
Houston	22	27	.449	6½
Pittsburgh	22	27	.449	6½
Chicago	19	29	.396	9
Milwaukee	17	33	.340	12
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	31	18	.633	—
San Francisco	28	20	.583	2½
Los Angeles	28	22	.560	3½
Colorado	26	24	.520	5½
San Diego	23	27	.460	8½
Seattle	32	17	.653	—
Anaheim	28	19	.596	3
Oakland	23	26	.469	9
Texas	20	28	.417	11½

Saturday's Games
Florida 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3
Cincinnati 6, Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 2, San Diego 0
Montreal 13, Philadelphia 9, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Houston 1
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
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.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	15	.681	—
New York	33	18	.647	1
Baltimore	22	26	.458	10½
Toronto	17	30	.362	15
Tampa Bay	16	32	.333	16½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	28	22	.560	—
Minnesota	28	22	.560	—
Cleveland	23	26	.469	4½
Kansas City	19	29	.396	8
Detroit	18	29	.383	8½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 2
Cleveland 3, Toronto 0
Oakland 6, Tampa Bay 0
Kansas City 6, Texas 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit 4
Baltimore 3, Seattle 2
Anaheim 4, Minnesota 3, 13 innings
Sunday's Games
Cleveland 3, Toronto 1
Kansas City 7, Texas 5, 1st game
Kansas City 9, Texas 8, 2nd game
Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 5, Anaheim 2
Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 8, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 14, Boston 5
Monday's Games
Detroit (Redman 1-5) at Cleveland (Finley 2-6), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (F.Castillo 2-5) at Toronto (Halladay 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lohse 3-3) at Texas (Rogers 5-2), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Thurman 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Wright 5-4), 8:05 p.m.

Big 12 Baseball Tournament

Big 12 Tournament
At The Ballpark in Arlington
All Times CDT
Double Elimination
Wednesday
Game 1: Texas Tech 5, Kansas St. 4 (12)
Game 2: Nebraska 11, Baylor 9
Game 3: Oklahoma 11, Oklahoma State 4
Game 4: Texas A&M 8, Texas 4
Thursday
Game 5: Kansas St. 6, Baylor 2, Baylor eliminated
Game 6: Texas 8, Oklahoma State 6, Oklahoma State eliminated
Game 7: Nebraska 12, Texas Tech 8
Game 8: Oklahoma 9, Texas A&M 1
Friday
Game 9: Kansas State 7, Texas Tech 6, Texas Tech eliminated
Game 10: Texas 9, Texas A&M 4, Texas A&M eliminated
Saturday
Game 11: Nebraska 8, Kansas State 7, Kansas State eliminated
Game 12: Texas 2, Oklahoma 1
Game 13: Texas 8, Oklahoma 5, Oklahoma eliminated
Sunday
Championship: Texas 9, Nebraska 6 (10)

NBA Playoffs

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Saturday, May 25
Boston 94, New Jersey 90, Boston leads series 2-1
Sunday, May 26
L.A. Lakers 100, Sacramento 99, series tied 2-2
Monday, May 27
New Jersey at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29
Boston at New Jersey, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 31
New Jersey at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, TBA
Sunday, June 2
Boston at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

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MARSHALL (AP) — A bus returning to Dallas from a casino in Louisiana veered off the road and slammed into a grove of trees, killing one person and sending nearly 60 others to hospitals Sunday night, officials said.

Marshall EMS coordinator Ronnie Morton said three or four people on the bus suffered life-threatening injuries, but the conditions of the other passengers weren't known.

"The bus just ran off the roadway, overcorrected then came back into the median into a wooded area and struck several pine trees, but we don't know the cause," said Rosalie Turner, a Texas Department of Public Safety operator in Texarkana, Texas.

The impact crumpled a portion of the front of the bus, ripping a hole in the roof above the door. Gurneys were lined up by ambulances along Interstate 20 and passengers rested on tarps on the ground in a temporary triage center.

The Shuttle King casino bus had 58 passengers and one driver, Turner said.

Authorities said the bus picked up its passengers at the Isle of Capri in Bossier City, La.

The accident occurred just before 7 p.m. about three miles west of Marshall, which is about 140 miles east of Dallas.

There was no answer Sunday night at the telephone number of Shuttle King offices in Dallas.



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS — Foreign exchange students Maryna Hulenko and Soslan Jusoyev were members of Snyder's FFA chapter during 2001-2002. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Two years after police scandal broke, Oakland streets the same

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Two years ago, the crime-ridden west Oakland neighborhood became engulfed in police scandal after a band of officers was accused of everything from beating suspects to planting drugs on innocent people.

Residents say police are being more careful these days, but they also say crime is as bad as ever since the scandal broke, derailing scores of prosecutions and leading to more than 17 civil rights suits by 115 people.

"There's so much poverty, so many drugs. There's an enormous problem to solve," said Councilwoman Nancy Nadel. "We've seen the same guys dealing drugs on the same corners for years."

The fired officers — Clarence "Chuck" Mabanag, Jude Siapno and Matthew Hornung — were to go on trial Tuesday for allegedly obstructing justice. A fourth officer and the alleged ringleader, Frank Vazquez, is believed to have fled to Mexico.

The four were turned in by Keith Batt, a rookie officer who described the officers randomly accosting suspects, handcuffing them and throwing them in patrol cars before questioning them.

Batt, who left the department after speaking up, said The Riders routinely beat suspects and concocted police reports.

Since then, the Oakland Police Department has set up a number of protections. Some residents and business owners say they notice a difference. Ellen Parkinson, who started the Oak Center Neighborhood Association in 1963, said police are "very sensitive, more sensitive than they were."

"My main complaint is that there just aren't enough officers," Parkinson said. "The police should show themselves more often. They should make themselves visible more often and for a longer period. They should walk the beat and talk to the people on the street. Most of the time they just drive by."

The department has more internal affairs investigators now, and more supervisors. The department also created an Office of Inspector General, an internal audit division, and has generally increased internal scrutiny, police spokesman George Phillips said.

For years, west Oakland had one of the highest crime rates in the state. Then-Mayor Jerry Brown was elected in 1998 and vowed to reduce crime by 20 percent. Though Brown has said The Riders were rogue cops, some critics have said officers are under too much pressure to produce arrests.

"There's a general malaise on the part of a lot of patrol officers," said Mike Rains, a lawyer who represents Mabanag. "I think a lot of officers now say, 'Screw it.' If we're supposed to achieve this 20 percent crime reduction ... and if we're going to lose our careers doing it ... it's better to duck and cover."

Violent crime dropped nearly 16 percent in Oakland from 1998 to 1999, more than twice the national average, and 19 percent more the following year. The economy was healthy and crime was falling across the country.

But it has started inching up again. Violent crime was up 10 percent from 2000 to 2001, Phillips said. And, on a recent weekend, there were six homicides in the city, three in west Oakland.

Phillips is hopeful the departmental changes not only will prevent future police misconduct, but help bring those numbers back down.

"We've adjusted the way we respond to crime," he said. "We're looking at the root of the problem, we're not just responding to symptoms."

Prosecutors have reviewed nearly 400 convictions in the 18 months before the four were taken off the streets in July 2000. About 90 cases, mostly drug-related, have been dismissed as a result.

"In a lot of those cases, I believe the person is guilty but has gotten a phenomenal break," said Alameda County Deputy District Attorney David Hollister, who is prosecuting The Riders. "We're not going to rely on the credibility of these officers."

Florida child welfare workers blamed by governor's panel

MIAMI (AP) — A review panel looking into the disappearance of a 5-year-old girl found that despite the attention given to the child's case, flaws in Florida's child welfare agency still exist and more children could be at risk.

The four-member group was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to investigate the case of Rilya Wilson, whose disappearance went unnoticed by Florida officials for more than a year.

The case has led to widespread criticism of the state's Department of Children & Families and become a difficult issue for Bush, who is seeking re-election after promising to fix the agency during his campaign four years ago.

While the committee placed most of the blame on Rilya's caretakers and two department caseworkers, panel members said the agency's shortcomings "are manifest."

"None of us felt the department was doing yet enough to make the possibilities of tragedy as slim as humanly possible," the panel said in a 26-page draft report released Sunday.

The panel was preparing a final version of the report to be presented Tuesday to Bush.

The Miami girl was an infant when she was taken by the state from her homeless, crack-addicted mother. Rilya was placed in Geralyn Graham's home in April 2000, and she reported Rilya was taken from her home by a DCF worker in January 2001.



CLASS PROJECT — Ira High School's geometry class completed this year's tessellation project by painting their projects on the classroom wall. The class of 21 students first researched various tessellation patterns, then chose one or created their own. The project took two months to complete. Designs included the Twin Towers, bees, apple cores, fireworks, Sponge Bob Square Pants, and dragons, to name a few. Almost all of the 21 patterns were pure tessellations which means that the one design completely covers a plane by rotating, reflecting, or translating the pattern. Representing the class in the picture are: (standing, left to right) Jessie Green, Roy Torres, Brandon Graves, Vickie Rivera; (seated, left to right) Suzie Pendergrass, Manuel Garcia. (Contributed Photo)

Andersen ready to start defense

HOUSTON (AP) — Arthur Andersen LLP attorney Rusty Hardin is fighting for an acquittal in the firm's obstruction of justice trial. But he says saving the business will be a different matter entirely.

The defense was expected to begin presenting its case today, and Hardin said he would 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 call to the witness stand. "Most of these people have gone on to other jobs. The company's dead."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Pain control is vital in the terminally ill

DEAR DR. GOTT: I just read your column about the importance of pain relief in terminal patients, and I heartily agree. I suffer from advanced cancer and pain, and accept the inevitable reality of my death. However, I really do need relief during this terminal illness. Some physicians are strangely reluctant to prescribe medication. When I am lucky enough to receive a supply of opioid pain-pills, the medicine causes nausea and vomiting. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Terminal patients requiring narcotics for pain relief are often sensitive to these medicines in pill or liquid form. In such instances, a medication to control nausea should be administered simultaneously. There are many such drugs available including Compazine, Phenergan, Tigan, Zofran and others.

Also, while these patients may react adversely to oral pain-relievers, they can tolerate opioids in the form of patches or injections. The reason for this isn't known. But it is certainly another option you might consider. Ask your oncologist about this. In my opinion, you should not have to live out your last days with uncontrollable pain, nausea and vomiting.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Losing Weight" (formerly "Winning the Battle of the Bulge") that includes my No Flour, No Sugar diet, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: With the Lyme disease season rapidly approaching, I am interested in learning how adults and children can avoid contact with infected ticks. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Ticks that carry Lyme disease are ubiquitous in many parts of the country. As you point out, prevention is crucial.

Experts advise people to avoid obvious tick habitats, such as long grass, fields and wooded areas. However, in my experience, this prohibition is largely unrealistic during the warm portions of the year. I've found two more reasonable options.

First, if a child or an adult is going to work or play in an environment where ticks are a problem, the person should be sensible about protective clothing. This means long sleeves and trousers (preferably tucked into socks). Also, the clothing should be sprayed daily with a tick repellent.

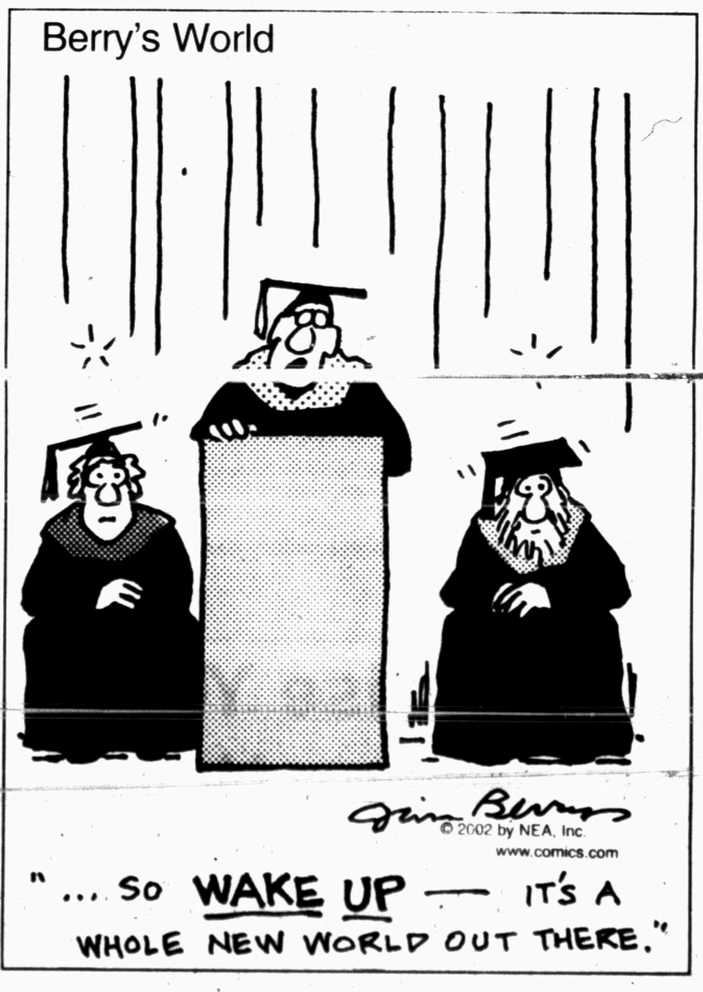
Second, and most important, a tick check of the body (at the end of the day) is vital. Every inch of the body must be examined for ticks, which should be promptly removed, even if they are imbedded. While it's true that immature ticks are tiny and hard to see, a combination of visual inspection plus gentle feeling of the skin is usually successful. Remember that ticks are, in a sense, very versatile. They can easily find a host (in short grass, for instance) and will often attach to a pet animal before changing to humans. Therefore, a thorough tick check at the end of the day is a reasonable strategy for anybody who spends time outdoors in an area known to harbor ticks.

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Berry's World



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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, May 27, 2002

There is a good possibility that you will take on two unrelated ambitions in the year ahead. Each will have an excellent chance of being gratified, so long as you are able to give each the time needed to achieve success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Try to remember that the opinions of those with whom you share your day are just as important to them as yours are to you. If you want them to respect your thinking, you must respect theirs. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murry Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you find that you are continually being bombarded to donate more funds to a cause, organization or certain individual, it's time you put a stop to it. Quit being a patsy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When confronted with trouble in a relationship, be honest in your assessments as to who is to blame. Check your own behavior first before pointing any fingers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't get pressured into doing something you feel is wrong, especially if this is work-related. If things don't go well — and chances are they won't — you'll be the one held accountable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because another may be on the outs with a mutual associate is no reason for you to follow suit. Judge your relationships based upon your own experience with that individual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It is OK to bring outside problems home for the purpose of resolving them, but don't take your frustrations out on the innocent. Keep the fault squarely on whoever is to blame.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you present yourself as an expert on a particular subject, you had better be certain of your facts, especially if another acts upon them. Your credibility could be on the line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A close friend may hit you up for a loan. If you honestly believe this person is a poor risk, make certain you can take a loss and still remain friends before you comply.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think twice before involving yourself with a partner on a project you could do on your own. Although you may want the company, she or he could be a hindrance and slow you down.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You might feel imposed upon when someone asks you for a favor, but if you do so anyway, handle it in such a way that the person doesn't regret asking you. Bad feelings could result.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll have a better chance of things working well if you don't try to run the show. Keep a low profile, be as cooperative as you can and others will ask for your suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't allow your pride to dictate your behavior by causing you to fight for something that could only produce a hollow victory. There's nothing in it for you.

Tuesday, May 28, 2002

A desire for nice things could be a prominent motivator for you in the year ahead to establish ways of acquiring the funds you need to satisfy your cravings. You'll be willing to do what it takes to accomplish your purposes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you expect more than you are entitled to, you will be disappointed. Nobody is going to give you anything more than equal to what you are prepared to pay out or do for it. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and a SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a strong possibility that you might be overly susceptible to flattery. Someone could decide to take advantage of it and use his or her wiles to manipulate you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Feeling sorry for yourself because you are saddled with a job or task that you dislike will get you nowhere fast. If you hope to be industrious and productive, do whatever is necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you haven't figured it out by now, the way to be popular is to be more interested in others than in yourself. Unless you pay attention to friends' needs, they'll snub you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It might make you feel good to unload your displeasure about a family member, but chances are no solutions will be provided - and it could provide fodder for gossip and criticism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Be careful, because you could select the wrong person with whom to be flirtatious. This individual might take you seriously and respond in ways you aren't prepared to handle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Believing people will be impressed if you spend a lot of money will do nothing but empty your wallet. In fact, others will think you are a spendthrift or just plain foolish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Others could affect your momentum if you're not careful. In trying to be nice you may be held back by the sluggish ones — and consequently, you'll accomplish little yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Unless you put your heart into your work, you could drag your feet and not complete your assignments. Unfortunately, a task that is easy now will be much harder later.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — You are a nice and giving person, so there is no need to counterfeit your overtures to get others to do something for you. Your transparent intentions and insincerity will backfire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Relying on good intentions instead of grit and determination won't be enough to gratify your ambitious desires. All you will get in place of victory will be a lot of near misses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be optimistic about your affairs and involvements — you must be able to distinguish between inspiration and illusions. You could kid yourself into believing fantasies or fabrications.

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Jim Lehrer is hopeful

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.

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

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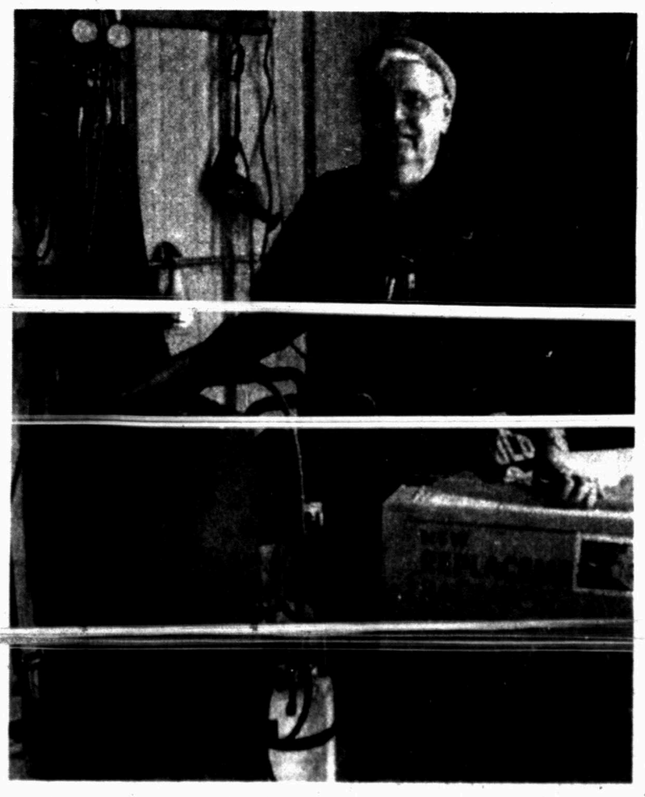
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Bush visits U.S. graves in France

COLLEVILLE-SUR-MER, France (AP) — Standing among the graves of America's World War II dead, President Bush pledged today that the United States will never forget those who perished on the beaches of Normandy — or on the battlefields of Afghanistan.

"For some military families in America and in Europe, the grief is recent," Bush said at a rainy ceremony honoring those who died in the 1944 liberation of France. "They can know, however, that the cause is just. And like other generations, these sacrifies have spared many others from tyranny and sorrow."

Observing this Memorial Day on foreign soil, a rarity for an American president, Bush spoke at the Normandy American Cemetery, home to the graves of 9,387 Americans killed in World War II.

The cemetery overlooks Omaha Beach, where some of the heaviest U.S. casualties occurred in the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion as allied forces broke through Hitler's fortifications to turn the tide of the war.

"Our security is still bound up together in a transatlantic alliance, with soldiers in many uniforms defending the world from terrorists at this very hour," Bush said.

With French President Jacques Chirac at his side, Bush, who was born two years after the D-Day invasion, also participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery.

Among those in the audience of several thousand was a moist-eyed Ted Liska, 84, of Chicago, dressed in his World War II uniform. An Army sergeant in the D-Day invasion, Liska said he's come back nearly every year since.

He lost four Army buddies in the invasion. "I told them I'd never forget them. That's what I come back for every year," he said.

Knotted item of clothing found near Levy's body

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police have found a knotted piece of clothing with Chandra Levy's remains that could have been used to restrain her, a person close to the investigation said Saturday.

Investigators are trying to determine whether Levy's stretch leggings were used to tie her up, the person said.

"If they conclude she was bound, that would eliminate any possibility other than that she was killed," the source said.

Deputy police chief Terrance W. Gainer on Saturday would not confirm or deny whether leggings had been found. "That shouldn't be shared publicly for two reasons, her parents shouldn't have to read it and some things interrogators want to keep to themselves," he said.

Gainer said police do not have a prime suspect, and have yet to reinterview any of the more 100 people whom they questioned after Levy disappeared on May 1, 2001.

"Everybody is an equal opportunity suspect," he said.

WTC registration to begin Tuesday

Registration for the first summer session at Western Texas College gets underway at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the admissions office located in the student center.

Registration will continue through 6 p.m.

Summer classes also begin Tuesday.

Students will start the registration process in the admissions office in the student center, according to Ann Galyean, WTC registrar.

From there, students will go to the counseling offices to be assigned classes and then proceed to the administration building to be entered into the school's computers and to pay registration fees.

Upon completion of registration, students will go straight to class.

The first six-week session ends July 5, while a second six-week summer session will begin July 8 and continue through Aug. 16.

Both academic and vocational courses are being offered, including a nine-week session for night classes.

Students need to bring a driver license, social security card, high school diploma or GED certificate, as well as a TASP score and ACT/SAT scores, if available.

In addition, high school students wanting to take college courses this summer need to bring a completed early-admissions form.

Transfer students will need their college transcript.

Obituaries

Horace Pruett

1922-2002

Horace Daniel Pruett, 79, of Snyder died Sunday,May 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

No services are planned. His body was donated to the Texas Tech Health Science Anatomical Department. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born June 2, 1922 in Aniston, Ala., Mr. Pruett had lived in Snyder and Scurry County for a number of years working at the water plant for the City of Snyder, and also for BJ Well Service.

Survivors include a sister, Myrtice Shears, and a nephew, Tim E. Johnson of Auburn, Ala.

Rex Huffman

1930-2002

STEPHENVILLE — Rex Huffman of Stephenville, father of Dana Stone of Snyder, died Sunday, May 26 in Baylor-All Saints Hospital in Fort Worth.

Graveside service for Mr. Huffman, 71, is set for 10 a.m. on Tuesday in the Gardens of Memory Cemetery. The Rev. Buddy Wells will officiate.

Born on Aug. 9, 1930 in Erath County, he was a lifelong resident of Erath County. Mr. Huffman was a construction worker and he served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Joe Huffman.

Survivors also include his wife, Pat Huffman of the home; a son, Bill Moos of Hawaii; five sisters, Kathlyn Rhodes of Crowley, Bonnie Wells of Longview, Naomi Ferguson and Elaine Hammett, Carol Henderson, all of Stephenville; a son-in-law, Charley Stone of Snyder; two grandsons, Dusty and Tye Stone.

A.D. Groseclose

1926-2002

A.D. Groseclose, longtime Scurry County resident, died Sunday, May 26 in a Seymour hospital after a sudden illness.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Jan. 14, 1926 in Roswell, N.M., he married Frances Fargason who died in December of 1982.

Mr. Groseclose worked as a dry goods salesman and traveled selling candy products. He moved to Seymour 12 years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Becky Everett of Sweetwater; a son, Terry Groseclose of Mansfield; a brother, Donald Ray Groseclose of Crawford; and two grandchildren, Shane and Christopher Everett of Sweetwater.

Bruce Wortham

1958-2002

Services are pending for Bruce Wayne Wortham, 44, former Snyder resident, who died Friday, May 24, in Abilene.

Born March 12, 1958 in Carlsbad, N.M., Mr. Wortham graduated Snyder High School in 1977.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Wayne W[illegible]

Survivors include a son, Zane Green of Snyder; a daughter, Lindsay R[illegible] of Snyder; his mother, Nancy Sue Wortham of Snyder; and two brothers, Kenneth Dale Wortham of Woodville and Byron Keith of Littlefield.

Lots of noise over holiday weekend

•Arrests

A 23-year-old man was arrested at 10:37 p.m. Saturday from U.S. 84 for outstanding DPS warrants, failure to identify and probation violation.

Police arrested a 23-year-old woman at 11:30 Saturday night from the 400 block of Coliseum for public intoxication.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male from the 2500 block of 31st Street at 4:43 a.m. Sunday for driving while intoxicated.

DPS troopers arrested a 19-year-old woman at 10:30 Sunday night from U.S. highway 84 on a Colleyville warrant for theft.

Police arrested a 33-year-old man at 2:15 a.m. Monday from the 2600 block of Westridge on local warrants for failure to appear and disorderly conduct and for a DPS warrant for speeding.

Officers placed a juvenile in custody just before 5 a.m. Monday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

•Burglaries

Sue Tabor requested officers at 9:30 Saturday night from the 2800 block of Ave. V regarding a man stealing property from her vehicle. She advised police that her husband was in foot pursuit of the subject. Officers placed a male juvenile in custody and charged him with burglary of a vehicle.

Olga Medrano called officers just before 10:30 p.m. Saturday [illegible] her home through a window while she was at work. Officers [illegible] and all was secure and nothing was missing.

Officers reported damage to the back door and the theft of a small amount of change at Warehouse Furniture just before 2 a.m. Monday. An offense report for burglary was submitted.

An officer reported a subject left Allsup's store on College Ave. just before midnight Saturday without paying for a bag of ice. The juvenile did return the ice, but the officer submitted a report for Class B theft after he was found to be in possession of other stolen goods.

•Criminal trespass

A man reported stolen property Saturday from a residence in the 400 block of 29th Street and requested a criminal trespass warning be served to another subject and officers issued the warnings.

•Criminal mischief

A man requested officers at his residence Sunday in reference to a woman keying her initials into the hood of his pickup and also taking items from inside the vehicle. Officers responded and submitted a report for Class A criminal mischief.

•Noise disturbances

Officers responded to several complaints of loud music Saturday evening.

Complaints were received from the 100 block of Milburn, the 500 block of 32nd Street and the 1700 block of 17th Street.

Other complaints came from the Kingswood Apartments and from the American Legion.

Officers also were called to the 2500 block of Gilmore, the 200 block of 35th Street and the 1500 block of College Ave. over the weekend because of loud music.

•Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol at the Cinema Saturday night in reference to a reckless driver almost hitting children there.

Officers initiated a close patrol near College Ave. and 18th Street Sunday after a fight between two men was reported in that area.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a drive off in the amount of $9 Sunday morning and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and its driver.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. today is "Faith That Will Not Shrink," followed by "the Victory Belongs to The Lord."

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge #987 will have election of officers at 7:30 this evening at its stated meeting. All Master Masons are welcome.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Anti-Drug Coalition

The Scurry County Anti-Drug Coalition will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Snyder Area CADA offices at 2513 College Ave.

Scurry County Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Sandra Graves will present a program on organizing genealogical records and how to research your lineage in Salt Lake City. Visitors are welcome.

ACS board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital boardroom.

Learn bicycle safety

Snyder Police Department and Outreach Health Services/WIC Program will be teaching bike safety from 3-5 p.m. Thursday on the parking lot of the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Those attending will have a chance to win a new bicycle.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Poppies, Memorial Day dinner

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary and Post 8231 will sponsor a dinner for all veterans and their families from 6-8 p.m. on Memorial Day Thursday.

Applin Ministries

Applin Ministries will have a healing service at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gentle Dove, 1411 25th St. For more information, call 573-1517 or 573-4882.

Camp Springs homecoming

The Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Northeast Community Center. There will be a potluck meal. Call 573-8948 for more information.

Swanson reception

A reception to honor Nan and Rollin Swanson will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in the fellowship hall of the First Presbyterian Church where the Rev. Nan Swanson has resigned as minister. The public is invited.

First Baptist Church speaker

Elsie Frost will speak at 7 p.m. next Monday at the First Baptist Church. She is the mother of Lane Frost, the subject of the movie *Eight Seconds*. Frost's appearance is sponsored by the church's Women's Ministry.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scouts who register for the 2002-2003 membership during May will receive a patch. Cost is $7. See your Girl Scout leader to register.

Trinity Methodist Church study

Trinity United Methodist Church will host the Beth Moore study, "Breaking Free," Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Melissa Petty will lead classes at 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, and Ellie Dryden is leading classes at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays beginning June 6. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Sons of American Legion election

The Sons of American Legion Post 181 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 17, to elect officers.

Sonshine School registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is pre-reregistering for the next fall. The school, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, is for children from two to five years old before Sept. 1. Registration fee is $30 and the monthly tuition is $45. Parents are encouraged to pre-register in order to assure a space. The school observes the same schedule as Snyder ISD. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office.

Colonial Hill VBS

Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to join the Amazon Outfitters for Vacation Bible School at Colonial Hill Baptist Church June 3-7. Call 573-8596 for registration and transportation.

Avenue D VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 10-14 and the theme is Amazon Outfitters. Our Expedition [illegible] 6th grade and will be held 9 a.m. until noon. Call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

SHS class of 1987 reunion

The 1987 class of Snyder High School will have a 15-year reunion dinner Saturday, July 6, at Snyder Country Club. RSVP by June 15 to Robyn Wilson at 915-552-7791 or Dee Chasteen at 573-2913.

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Funds to pay for death-row inmates' defense go unspent

AUSTIN (AP) — More than $5 million set aside by the state to pay for lawyers for indigent death row inmates over the past five years hasn't been spent, and much of it has gone back into the general state budget, a newspaper reported.

Since Sept. 1, the state has spent just $47,000 of the $2 million available this fiscal year for the legally mandated appeals, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its Sunday editions.

Supporters of the system in which Texas pays up to $25,000 for every death row inmate's post-conviction appeal say the leftover money is proof that the state is setting aside enough.

Advocates for death row inmates say the appeals system is so flawed that court-appointed lawyers don't do the bare minimum for their clients, such as using all available money.

"We are appointing lawyers in death penalty cases that are underperforming and are incompetent and unqualified," said Jim Marcus, director of the Texas Defender Service, a nonprofit group that represents death row inmates. "We have basically erected a system that gives the appearance of a review of these cases and the appearance of a fair appeal when, really, it's a sham."

The money is only part of what the state earmarks for indigent defendants. It is not related to the law approved last year that pays for lawyers for poor defendants as soon as they are arrested, or to the money the state provides for direct appeals for death row inmates. Instead, the money is supposed to help death row inmates file habeas corpus appeals.

Unlike an appeal that addresses problems from the trial, a habeas appeal deals with broader, often constitutional, concerns.

A 1995 law allows death row inmates to file habeas appeals as their other appeals moved through the system. It also created a roster of approved attorneys to handle the appeals and earmarked almost $2 million to pay lawyers in the 1996-97 budget. The Court of Criminal Appeals hired lawyers to file habeas appeals for about 300 inmates. To stay within budget, the court instituted a $25,000 limit for attorney's fees.

In 1999, the Legislature changed the law to put trial court judges in charge of appointing habeas lawyers. Lawmakers also made the cap permanent, with counties responsible for paying anything beyond $25,000.

After the courts breezed through that first allocation from the Legislature, the money didn't move nearly as fast.

About $300,000 will be left over from the $4 million the state set aside in 1998-99, once all pending cases make it through the legal system.

Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals Troy Bennett recently wrote to the governor's office that the money could be available to fill deficits in other parts of the budget this year.

And about $3.4 million of the $4 million earmarked in 2000-01 has already gone back to the state treasury.

"We need to spend whatever it takes. If it's only half a million dollars, fine. Then we're over-appropriating. If it's $4 million, fine," said former state Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, who helped pass the 1995 law and is now running for land commissioner. "The fact that the money's not used does not indicate (the system) is working or not working."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 05-27-02
♠ Q 7 5
♥ 8
♦ A Q 10 9 7
♣ A K 10 6

West
♠ J
♥ A J 10 9 7 6 4
♦ 6
♣ Q J 9 4

East
♠ 10 6
♥ K 5 2
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ 8 7 5 2

South
♠ A K 9 8 4 3 2
♥ Q 3
♦ K J 5
♣ 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
	4 ♥	Dbl.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

Is the card honest or deceiving?

By Phillip Alder

If declarer will succeed in making his contract with normal play, your only chance is to lie with your cards, trying to deceive your opponent about the actual layout.

I have seen some barefaced swindles in my time, but this is one of the more incredible. Do you see any way in which South could fail to make six spades?

Normally, to open with a four-bid requires at least an eight-card suit, but West decided that his good distribution was sufficient. After North made a takeout double, South jumped to five spades to say that he wanted to bid six, but that he held two (or more) heart losers. North, having the key singleton, raised to six spades.

It seems as though declarer only has to win trick two, draw trumps, and claim an easy small slam. However, at trick one, East dropped the heart king! Then, when West continued with a second heart, declarer became nervous that East would overruff the dummy. So, South called for the spade queen. Imagine his chagrin when East followed suit. No trouble, of course, because spades are 2-1, but South stopped to wonder why East had falsecarded. Suddenly he thought he saw the light: East had all three missing spades and was trying to arrange a trump promotion. When East followed with the spade six under dummy's seven, declarer bravely — you may prefer a different adverb — finessed: one down.

Who was East? Jack Ehrlenbach, who lived in Los Angeles until his death in 1979. Life Master #56, in 1946 he became the first to attain that rank on the West Coast.

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HBO documentary praised by Giuliani

NEW YORK (AP) — HBO's documentary about the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center gets high praise from one of the heroes of that day — Rudolph Giuliani.

The former New York City mayor, who leads viewers through "In Memoriam: New York City, 9/11/01," said the documentary helps show the tragedy from many locations around the city and personal perspectives.

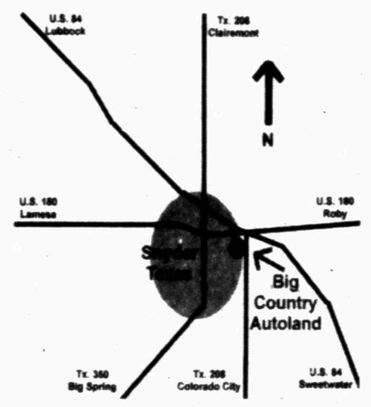
"I think they had to strike an enormously impossible balance, which was to describe what happened that day in a way that conveyed the horror of the events and the full scope of what happened in the city," Giuliani said. "I think they've succeeded in doing both."

The one-hour documentary is made up of still and video images from more than 100 sources, including television networks, news agencies and eyewitnesses with cameras.

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