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Meetings start Thursday...

Congress will begin pre-Sept. 11 probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sets out this week to learn why, despite disturbing reports at home and abroad, the FBI and CIA didn't do more to anticipate and prevent the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Our main goal is to protect the American people," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. "In order to do that, we must find out what got us to where we are now."

The House and Senate intelligence panels meet jointly behind closed doors Tuesday to begin an analysis of intelligence agencies' preparedness for Sept. 11 and future terrorist threats.

On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to hear in public session from Coleen Rowley, the Minneapolis FBI agent who has charged that bureau headquarters mishandled the investigation of an alleged terrorist now linked to the attacks.

The FBI has come under sharp criticism for not seeing a link between the Minneapolis case and the warnings of a Phoenix field agent that Middle Eastern men were training at American flight schools.

Newsweek magazine reported that the CIA tracked two of the Sept. 11 hijackers when they attended an al-Qaida meeting in Malaysia in January 2000 and afterward, but didn't inform the FBI or the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The INS could have denied them entry into the United States or the FBI could have monitored them while they were in the United States.

The CIA declined comment, but a U.S. intelligence official familiar with the investigation told The Associated Press that the significance of the meeting increased after it became clear the two — Nawaf Alhazmi and Khalid Almihdhar — were associated with an alleged mastermind of the October 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, declined to confirm the Newsweek report. In an interview today on ABC's "Good Morning America," he complained of a pattern of CIA failures. "I know the director over there is in denial. But I believe he is totally wrong," Shelby said.

"Some hard questions have to be answered," Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., a member of the Senate Intelligence and Judiciary committees, said on CNN's "Late Edition." She said the hearings would probably reveal other missed chances to foresee the attacks. "I expect there are numbers of bits and pieces that weren't put together."

FBI Director Robert Mueller and Attorney General John Ashcroft, appearing separately on several Sunday news programs, agreed the agencies need to improve how they gather and share information. But they added that better coordination still probably wouldn't have stopped the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"There is a torrent of information that comes in" from the FBI's 56 U.S. and 44 overseas offices, Mueller said on NBC's "Meet the Press." The bureau's inspector general is looking into the Minneapolis and Phoenix cases, he said, but "there was nothing specific in either of those instances that had a direct relationship to Sept. 11."

Last week, Mueller announced major FBI changes intended to better collect and analyze information about terrorist threats and place more emphasis on prevention.

The Bush administration also decided last week to issue new surveillance guidelines that allow the FBI to monitor Internet sites, libraries, churches and other places open to the public to help prevent domestic terrorism.

Critics of the expanded powers say they will infringe on civil liberties.

Ira's school board to meet at 6:30 today

Ira ISD's board of trustees will fine-tune a number of district policies when it meets at 6:30 this evening.

The trustees will review the district sick leave policy, guidelines for students participating in senior trips, and the transfer policy.

"We'll just be looking to see if we need to change anything in these policies," said Supt. Jim Rumage.

Rumage said the board may also hire a math teacher, plus review the bids for uniforms for the girls basketball team.

"We'll also have a report on the refinishing of the cafeteria floor, plus a change in schedule for the outside work crew of the Price Daniel Unit," Rumage said.

Now on death row...

Inmate may get new trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas Death Row inmate whose lawyer slept for long portions of his murder trial will either win freedom or a new trial, after the Supreme Court refused to intervene today.

The high court rejected an appeal from Texas authorities, who argued that the lawyer's inattention did not necessarily equal an unfair trial.

The Supreme Court's action means that Texas must choose whether to retry Calvin Jerold Burdine or set him free.

Burdine was convicted of stabbing to death his gay lover, W.T. Wise, at the Houston trailer they shared in 1983. Burdine confessed to police, but now denies killing Wise. He claims an accomplice actually killed Wise, while Burdine tried to talk him out of it.

Jurors and a court clerk later described how court-appointed lawyer Joe Cannon slept for up to 10 minutes at a time during the 1984 trial, and the separate sentencing phase that followed. Burdine was sentenced to death.

Burdine came within moments of execution in 1987 before receiving a court-ordered reprieve.

Cannon, who has since died, denied falling asleep.

Burdine lost several levels of appeals before a federal court agreed that Cannon's performance violated Burdine's constitutional right to an effective lawyer. A federal appeals court panel first reversed that finding in a highly criticized ruling in 2000. The full appeals court then agreed to hear the case, and agreed with the first court that Burdine did not get a fair chance to defend himself.

Texas' appeal to the Supreme Court claimed that the ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals creates a conflict among federal appeals courts about what constitutes unacceptable lawyer conduct.

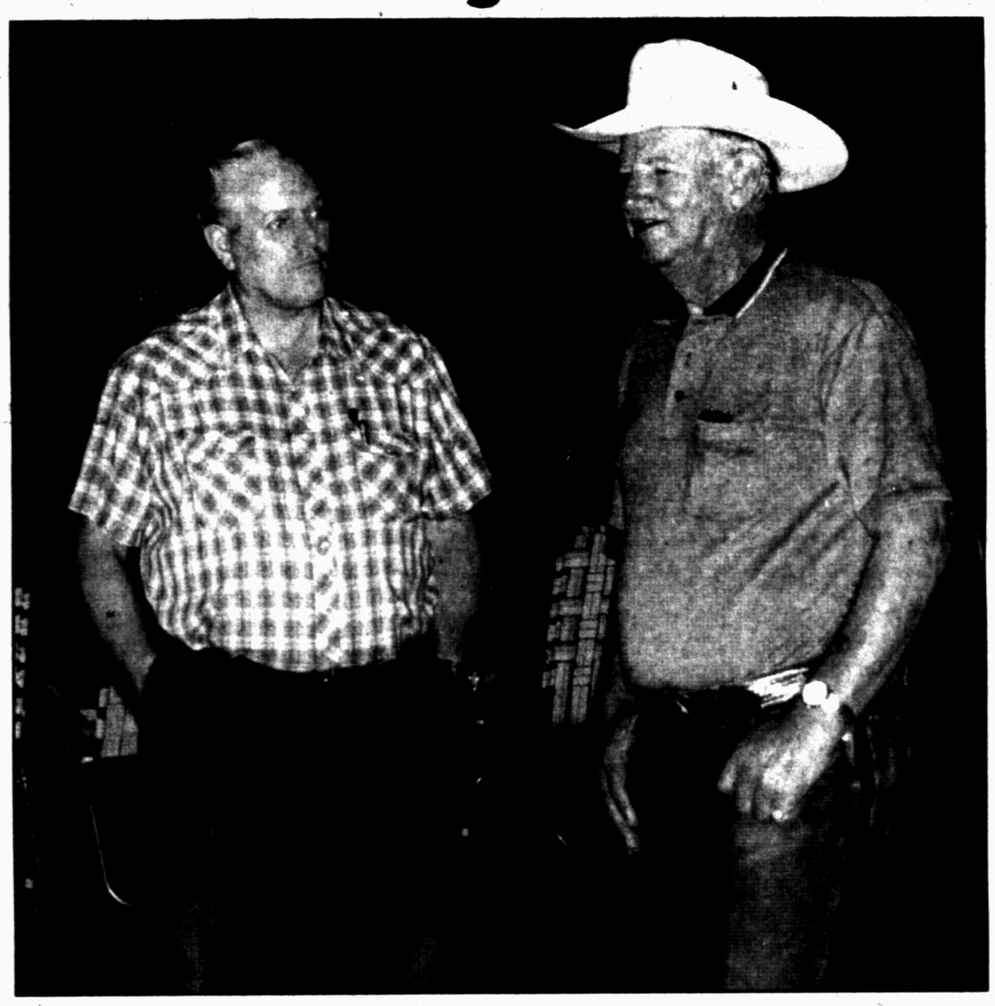
The Supreme Court sat on the case for months, apparently because it had agreed to hear a case that raised similar issues about the right of appeal when a death row inmate claims his lawyer was inadequate.

Last week, the court ruled against the Tennessee inmate involved in the other case. The court majority found his lawyer's performance was not bad enough to justify an exception to strict rules intended to shorten death row appeals.

It was not clear today why the court acted as it did in Burdine's case. Instead of sending the case back to the appeals court for reconsideration in light of the Tennessee case, the high court rejected Texas' appeal outright.

The Supreme Court has not yet taken a case that asks the broader question of what to do about underprepared or overworked death penalty lawyers. Away from the court, two justices have expressed strong reservations about the quality of legal help that some inmates receive.

Won't be long now...



WAITING FOR THE MUSIC — Wayne Pipkin, left, of Mt. Pleasant and Ray Willingham of Angleton are among the early arrivals for the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival beginning Tuesday with a reunion dinner at Scurry County Coliseum. The music begins at 11:30 Wednesday morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

2002 West Texas Western Swing Festival

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002	
11:30 - 12:45	Texas Travelers
1:00 - 2:15	Jimmy Burson and Texas in the Swing
2:30 - 3:45	The Playboys Reunion Band
4:00 - 5:00	Texas Travelers
5:00 - 6:30	Supper Break
6:30 - 7:45	Jimmy Burson and Texas in the Swing
8:00 - 9:15	Playboys Reunion Band
9:30 - 11:00	Billy Mata & the Texas Tradition
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2002	
11:30 - 12:45	Clyde Brewer & The River Road Boys
1:00 - 2:15	Fiddlin Frenchie Burke
2:30 - 3:45	Ricky Boen & Texas Mud
4:00 - 5:00	Lanny Fiel & The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band
5:00 - 6:30	Supper Break
6:30 - 7:45	Fiddlin Frenchie Burke
8:00 - 9:15	Clyde Brewer & The River Road Boys
9:30 - 11:00	Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys

A complete schedule will be published in Wednesday's edition

Andersen trial resumes today

HOUSTON (AP) — The secretary for Arthur Andersen LLP's former top Enron Corp. auditor said today her boss never had been busier addressing the energy company's complicated accounting when the firm suddenly promoted compliance with a policy calling for destruction of extraneous documents.

Shannon Adlong, 32, returned to the witness stand in Andersen's obstruction of justice trial, her tears long dried from her recollection Friday of the firm's abrupt January firing of her boss, David Duncan.

Under cross-examination Monday by prosecutor Sam Buell, Adlong gave short, emotionless answers.

She said she never heard of Andersen's document retention policy until October 2001 when Duncan, who has pleaded guilty to obstruction for directing destruction of Enron-related documents, and other Enron auditors scrambled to address problematic accounting.

"I've seen efforts of some type of cleanup but I'm not sure if that's what they were doing," she said of any previous policy compliance efforts.

She also said she spent about two hours a day shredding after Duncan told the staff to comply with the policy recommended in an e-mail from in-house Andersen lawyer Nancy Temple at the company's headquarters in Chicago.

Adlong, however, said she didn't know what she shredded. She also didn't know what e-mails Duncan deleted.

Andersen is charged with obstruction for shredding documents and deleting computer records related to Enron in October and November last year as the Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating the energy company's complicated accounting practices.

Andersen claims sudden promotion of a document retention policy in that time frame that calls for destruction of extraneous papers was not, as prosecutors contend, an implicit order to thwart the SEC.

ASK US

Q—Has TxDOT installed the new video cameras in any other communities around Snyder?

A—They have been installed in Albany, Anson, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Stamford and Sweetwater.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 89 degrees; low, 64; high Sunday, 92 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Monday, 9.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, low 65-70; SE winds 10-20 mph; 20% rain chance. Tuesday, partly cloudy, high 90-95; SE winds 10-20 mph; 20% rain chance.



Issac White
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Sunset:
8:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:39 a.m.

Of 153 days in 2002, the sun has shone 146 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Be honest with yourself, so you will be honest with others.

—Bernard Baruch

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Closing arguments in Skakel's trial set to begin today

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) — In the last month, jurors in Michael Skakel's murder trial have heard testimony from dozens of witnesses, including Kennedy relatives and affluent New Englanders.

But some say closing arguments, scheduled to begin today, could be the most important phase of the trial. Closing arguments are important in any murder case, but may prove critical in this trial, which is based on wide-ranging circumstantial evidence.

Skakel, 41, is accused of beating Martha Moxley to death with a golf club when both were 15-year-old neighbors in a wealthy gated community in Greenwich. The golf club used in the murder was matched to a set owned by Skakel's mother. Skakel is a nephew of Ethel Kennedy, widow of Robert F. Kennedy.

Prosecutors will try to convince the jury of Skakel's guilt based on statements or admissions he made over the years to classmates, a Greenwich hairdresser, a family chauffeur, a childhood friend and an author.

"Unfortunately we don't have a smoking gun," said John Moxley, the victim's brother. "I think the case is going to be won or lost by the strength of the closing arguments."

Prosecutors need to weave the testimony together, to the point where jurors can visualize the crime, said John Connelly, state's attorney in Waterbury.

"When you put all those pieces together the picture you see is Michael Skakel with that golf club in his hand, standing over that 15-year-old girl," Connelly said.

But Skakel's defense argues that the pieces don't fit. They say Skakel was miles away at a cousin's home at the time Moxley was killed. They deny Skakel confessed and have presented witnesses who testified that Skakel was repeatedly beaten and berated at a school he attended in the late 1970s in an attempt to get him to confess.

Midler to place land in federal program

KAPAA, Hawaii (AP) — Entertainer Bette Midler is looking to place about 100 acres of her land on Kauai Island into the federal Wetlands Reserve Program for the benefit of endangered waterfowl.

"She's signed up for a perpetual easement," said Sharon Reilly of the conservation group Ducks Unlimited. "The intent of the program is to restore wetlands that were manipulated, drained, pumped or whatever, and to enhance them for waterfowl."

The property is part of 1,400 acres of mostly sugarcane land that Midler bought in 1999. The land was originally swamp, but it was drained and used to grow sugar.

The Honolulu Advertiser reported Sunday that Midler declined to comment on the refuge, saying through a spokesperson that she would issue a statement when her plans are further along.

More inmates getting arrested again

WASHINGTON (AP) — More former state inmates are getting arrested again after being released from prison, the Justice Department reported Sunday.

Convicted car thieves and burglars were more likely to be rearrested than those who had served time for murder or sexual assault, a department study found. Younger people and those with longer criminal records also were more likely to be arrested again.

Overall, more than 67 percent of former inmates released from state prison in 1994 were arrested again within three years, up from more than 62 percent a year earlier, the Bureau of Justice Statistics reported.

The data, the latest available, stirred more debate over the nation's criminal justice system.

"Many states are being pressured to relax or abandon their habitual criminal sentencing laws," said Michael Rushford, president of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a pro-law enforcement organization in Sacramento, Calif. "This report shows that would be exactly the wrong approach."

But Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute, a Washington think tank, said the figures show that emphasis should shift from the tougher sentencing rules enacted during the 1990s to rehabilitation programs.

In the 1980s, prisons "were at least attempting to turn these guys' lives around," Schiraldi said. "They've stopped attempting to do that and we are suffering for it now."

The three-year study followed 272,211 former inmates released from prisons in 15 states in 1994. The highest rearrest rates were among those who had been incarcerated for stealing cars (79 percent), possessing or stealing other stolen property (77 percent) and larceny (75 percent).

Those with the lowest rearrest rates were people who had been in prison for homicide (41 percent), sexual assault (41 percent) and rape (46 percent).

Other findings:

—Within three years, 52 percent of the prisoners released in 1994 were back in prison, serving time for a new sentence or because of a parole violation for their earlier release.

—Men were more likely to be rearrested than women, 68 percent to 58 percent. Blacks were more likely to be arrested again than whites (73 percent to 63 percent).

—Among prisoners with one arrest prior to their release, 41 percent were rearrested. Among those with more than 15 prior arrests, 82 percent were rearrested in a three-year period.

Families share prayers at WTC memorial

NEW YORK (AP) — They prayed, lighted candles and released nine white doves that soared out of sight after circling where the World Trade Center once stood.

It was part of an interfaith memorial service on Sunday marking the end of the recovery effort.

The ceremony included the lighting of four candles: one for peace and three to honor rescue workers, the families and the more than 2,800 people who died after the attacks of Sept. 11.

After the ceremony, some family members threw flowers over the fence into the seven-story pit that is all that remains of the twin towers. Others attached bouquets to the fence. One woman clutched it and sobbed, screaming out a name as she looked at the site.

Tom Resta, who lost his brother John in the attacks, said the memorial and the others that have been held are all bittersweet.

"I feel they're necessary, but each one is a knife in the heart," he said. "These things are just too painful."

Dennis McKeon, director of the St. Clare's Church WTC Outreach program, which organized Sunday's ceremony, said the event was especially important to families whose loved ones have not been identified.

"Starting next week, this is going to be a construction site, so this is their last chance to say goodbye," McKeon said.

About 1,100 victims have been identified and nearly 20,000 body parts were recovered during the excavation of the 16-acre site, which ends after more than eight months of round-the-clock work.

Jennifer Nilsen, 33, lost her husband Troy Nilsen, a Cantor Fitzgerald worker whose remains have not been identified.

"It's real important, you know, saying goodbye to my husband, which I never wanted to do," she said. "I'm glad this was done today."

On Thursday, thousands of people attended a service organized by the city to mark the end of the cleanup at the site and to honor the rescue workers.

An empty, flag-draped stretcher symbolizing the victims whose remains have not been recovered was carried out of the pit, followed by the trade center's last steel beam, draped in black cloth and a flag.

Nilsen said she was grateful for the interfaith memorial, because caring for her two children made it impossible to attend the Thursday ceremony. Several victims' groups had criticized Mayor Michael Bloomberg for not holding the city service on a weekend, when they said it would be easier for families to attend.

The mayor said he chose a weekday because he did not want the service to interfere with religious observances. Before Sunday's service, he said he wouldn't attend because he didn't "want to politicize anything."

Among the dignitaries at the family memorial were former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Sen. Charles Schumer.

The search for human remains will continue at the Staten Island landfill where 1.8 million tons of debris were taken by trucks and barges, city officials said.

The cleanup finished more than three months earlier than expected and, at less than $750 million, at a fraction of the estimated cost.

Five diagnosed with viral meningitis in Rio Grande

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Five patients at Valley Regional Medical Center have been diagnosed with viral meningitis after they were admitted to the hospital last week complaining of severe headaches and fever.

Viral meningitis is a less severe form of meningitis than the bacterial form, which has a higher mortality rate and more severe symptoms. The viral form is rarely fatal for persons with normal immune systems, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It's an unusual amount that we're seeing at the hospital right now," said Brownsville neurologist Dr. Robert Lozano. "We're a little concerned about it. I've been practicing here 10 years and I have never seen a peak like this."

One of the unusual features of the cases is that they involve two sets of family members, Lozano said.

"Usually whole families don't get it," Lozano was quoted saying in Sunday's editions of the Brownsville Herald. "To me this has been a little more potent or easily caught than usual."

Lozano said the patients are expected to fully recover. The hospital is sending specimens to the Texas Department of Health for further testing.

The best precautions against spreading the highly contagious disease are frequent hand washing and limiting contact with ill patients, he said.

Berry's World



Date Book

Monday, June 3, 2002

Today is the 154th day of 2002 and the 76th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1861, the Union defeated the Confederacy in the first major land battle of the Civil War.

On this day in 1919, the Women's Suffrage bill was passed by the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1949, Wesley A. Brown became the first African-American to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy.

On this day in 1965, Gemini IV astronaut Edward White became the first American to walk in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Josephine Baker (1906-1975), singer/dancer; Tony Curtis (1925-), actor, is 77; Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997), poet; Larry McMurtry (1936-), writer, is 66 Curtis Mayfield (1942-1999), singer/songwriter.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1851, the first baseball uniforms were worn by the Knickerbockers. The uniform consisted of a straw hat, a white shirt and long blue trousers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Poetry's role is to provide spontaneous individual candor as distinct from manipulators and brainwash." — Allen Ginsberg

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (June 2) and new moon (June 10).

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

5-12-14-30-32-45

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $16 million

Pick 3

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

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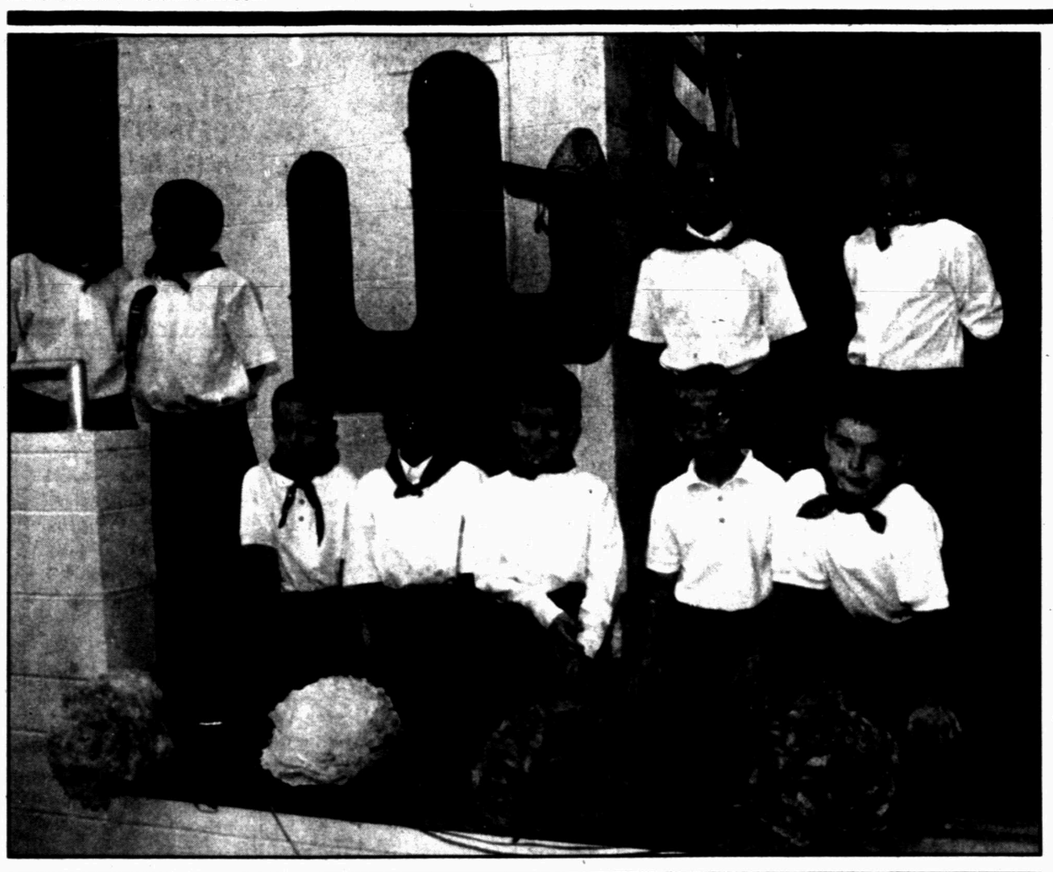
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CINCO DE MAYO — Central students in Magdalena Jaimes' and Michael Velasquez' classes recently presented a Cinco De Mayo program. Velasquez' boys (top photo) are from left Brice Jackson, Jim Torres, Shade Roemisch and Richard De Luna. In front are from left Blake Sescil, Demetri Gunderson, Devin Blackwell, Justin Gonzales and Gage Welsh. Velasquez' girls (second photo) include standing from left, Staphany Arizmendi, Lauren Sullivan, Marissa Medrano, Amanda Gutierrez and Naomi Garcia. Steated from left are Crystal Hernandez, Cassie Gunset, Darlene Kaska, Megan Quintana and Amanda Villa. Jaimes' boys (third photo) are standing from left, Juan Tejada, Juan Medina, Victor Soberon and Alex Yanes. Seated from left are William Davis (in Judy Barkowsky's class), Eddy Estrada, Edgar Molina and Sammy Rubio. Jaimes' girls (bottom photo) include back row from left, Mayra Benitez, Antonia Medina, Anna Rivera; middle row, Frida Corona, Lindzey Larrea, Lizeth Olivarez, Tania Rodriguez, Ana Cabrera and Liliana Hernandez; front row, Myrka Infante, Rosa Torres and Geovanny Facio. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Alleged torture cop faces retrial 5 years after assault

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors will be in court this week for the start of the retrial of an ex-patrolman accused of violating the civil rights of a Haitian immigrant who was handcuffed and assaulted with a broken broomstick in a police station bathroom.

The Aug. 9, 1997, attack in Brooklyn's 70th precinct resulted in angry protests alleging widespread abuse of minorities, convictions of six officers and an $8.7 million payment for the black victim, Abner Louima.

About 600 potential jurors were to report to Brooklyn federal court today for jury selection in ex-patrolman Charles Schwarz's retrial. An appeals court earlier this year overturned his 1998 conviction for violating Louima's civil rights.

Schwarz's attorney, Ronald Fischetti, said he plans to call several other officers not heard from at the first trial to help "prove conclusively that my client was not in the bathroom."

Before winning appeal, Schwarz, 36, was serving a 15-year sentence for allegedly pinning down Louima. The former officer claims he was never in the bathroom — a version supported by the main assailant, Justin Volpe.

Louima was arrested in a brawl outside a Brooklyn nightclub and taken in handcuffs to a police station. Volpe — mistakenly believing Louima had punched him — sought revenge by sodomizing the prisoner with a broomstick.

Louima suffered a ruptured bladder and colon and spent two months in the hospital. Charges against him were dropped.

In ordering a new trial, the appeals court criticized Schwarz's attorney for not calling Volpe as a defense witness. Volpe, who was sentenced to 30 years after pleading guilty, has said ex-patrolman Thomas Wiese — not Schwarz — was in the bathroom when he tortured Louima.

Schwarz's new defense team has said Volpe likely will testify at the new trial.

"I assume he could end up being as important a witness as Louima," said Volpe's attorney, Marvin Kornberg.

Wiese also could be called to the stand, although his attorney fears the government might use his testimony to bring new charges against him.

Louima, who now lives in Miami, will return to court to again testify that the second assailant was the same officer who drove him to the station house. Records show the driver was Schwarz.

Opening arguments in the case are tentatively set for June 24.

Teen recovering from shark attack

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy is recovering well after being bitten in the foot by a shark during a vacation on Florida's St. George Island, authorities said.

The boy, who was vacationing with his family, was bitten while he swam about 200 feet offshore, police said. He underwent three hours of surgery after Friday's attack, said Jay Abbott, chief of St. George Island Fire and Rescue.

Abbott would not release the name of the Birmingham, Ala., teen, who was released from a Panama City hospital Saturday.

The boy was swimming with his brother when the shark, believed to be about 3 feet long, attacked. People were fishing and feeding gulls near the boys at the time, Abbott said.

The shark bite left a deep gash on the boy's left foot, but he was able to get to shore, where emergency workers treated him.

There were 76 unprovoked shark attacks in the United States last year, including 37 in Florida, according to the International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. Three were fatal.

After Friday's attack, officials in Florida did not post warnings or close the beaches on St. George Island.

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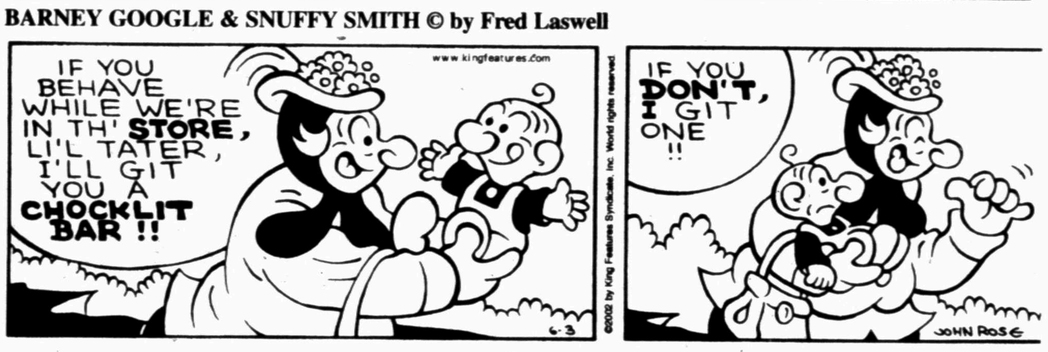
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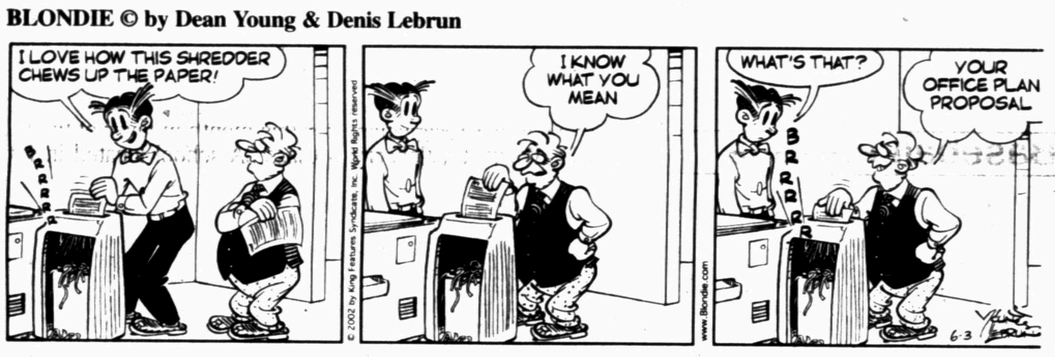
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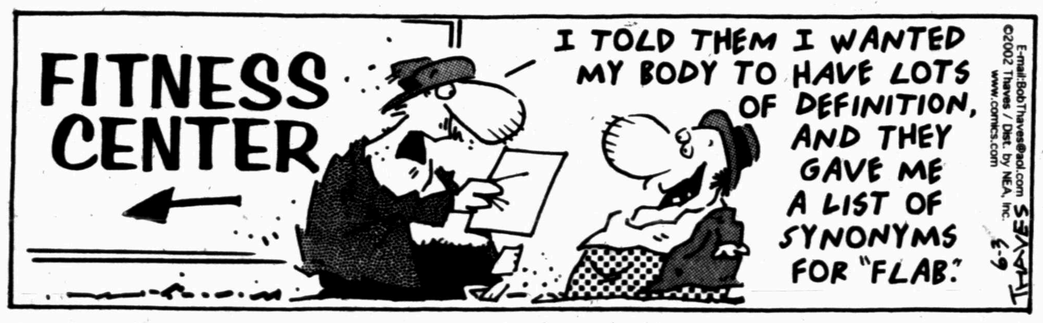
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5 Air rifle ammo
8 Cargo hauler
11 Charles Lamb
12 Bedouin
14 Historical period
15 Surrealist painter
16 Spike the punch
17 Denials
18 Proceeds
20 Put the — on
22 One — — customer
23 Tiber city
24 Oscar cousins
27 Grime
29 Blank space
30 Detested thing
34 Huge
37 "This — — stickup!"
38 Grandeur
39 Coup plotters
41 Say firmly
43 Actor — Holm
44 Mystery
46 Track down
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59 New Age singer

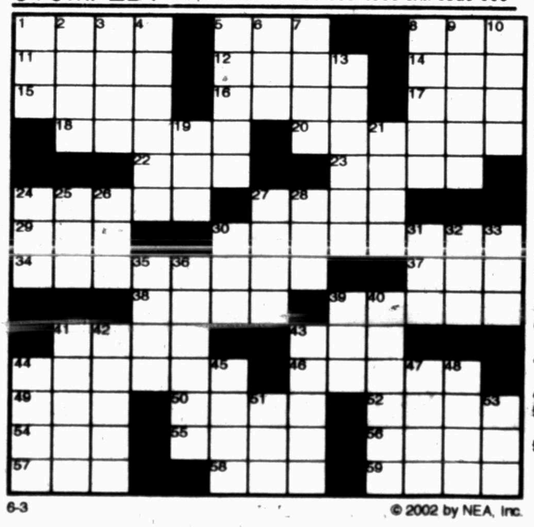
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8 Spider's defense
9 Developed
10 Poet Ogden —
13 Lebanese port
19 Hairstyles
21 One and the other
24 Hard-boiled item
25 — tai
26 Car-buyer's concern
27 Beauty parlor sound
28 Rain gear
30 Modern-day teller
31 Fritz's one
32 Wyo. clock setting
33 Bond rating
35 Take down — —
36 — Bates of "Psycho"
39 Bump hard
40 Lacking the means
41 Nobelist — Sadat
42 Cello cousins
43 Europe's "boot"
44 Write on glass
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48 Glimpse
51 Sugarloaf locale
53 Clean air org.

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SPORTS

Lakers outlast Kings in overtime, 112-106

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — When the pressure was greatest, the Los Angeles Lakers were at their best. Maybe because they had been there before.

"We kept our composure, that's why championship experience shows through," Kobe Bryant said. "I think it was kind of a gut check."

The Lakers did indeed play like champions Sunday night, beating the Sacramento Kings 112-106 in overtime of a riveting Game 7 to make yet another return to the NBA Finals.

And when the pressure was greatest, the Sacramento Kings — except for Mike Bibby — were at their worst. Maybe because they were in new territory.

"We should have closed it out when we had a chance," Bibby said. "We played the best we could, but it wasn't enough."

The two-time defending champions received another dominating performance from Shaquille O'Neal, who ignored the pain in his arthritic right big toe. Bryant scored his usual 30 points and the Lakers finished the Western Conference finals with a flourish.

"They pushed us to the limits," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

Los Angeles made eight free throws without a miss during overtime and scored the game's final eight points.

"It feels great," Bryant said. "Now we have a chance to defend our title, now it's just time to go after it."

That begins Wednesday night at Staples Center in Los Angeles against the New Jersey Nets, who went from a lottery team to Eastern Conference champions in one year.

The Lakers, who haven't won three straight titles since 1952-54 when they played in Minneapolis, were installed as early 9-1 favorites over a Nets team playing in the finals for the first time.

The Kings created plenty of trouble for themselves: 16-of-30 from the line, poor outside shooting in crunch time by Chris Webber, Doug Christie and Peja Stojakovic and otherwise sloppy play.

The Lakers, meanwhile, made 27-of-33 foul shots two days after making 34-of-40 in a 106-102 victory in Game 6 to force a deciding game.

Jackson, the winning coach in a record 23 straight playoff series, said beforehand the Lakers would be "home free" if O'Neal made his free throws as he did in Game 6.

The big man followed a 13-of-17 performance by going 11-of-15, including 5-of-6 in the fourth quarter and overtime.

Home free, they were.

"Over the last couple of years now, when I've needed to hit them, I've hit them," said O'Neal, who finished with 35 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks in 51 grueling minutes. "We made some mistakes, but we know what it takes to win."



COLLEGE BOUND — American Petroleum Institute awarded scholarships to six area graduates Saturday at the country club. Receiving scholarships were, from left, Jeremy Roemisch, Cliff Beights, Jason Williams, Jaci Smith and Kate Wright. Not pictured is Lecia Knight. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local players show stuff...

South splits with North in high school match-up

LUBBOCK — Two local athletes played their final high school baseball games Sunday with different outcomes.

Snyder's Tito Alaniz and his South teammates came out on the bottom end of a 5-4 decision in the 5A-4A Great West Texas Coaches Association All-Star Game at Hays Field.

Ira's Jase Olvera, competing in the 3A-2A-A contest, helped his South squad to a 15-12 victory over the North.

Olvera and Ira coach Bubba Edwards were the only local representatives in the first game of the day. Alaniz and SHS coach Roland Herrera took part in the second game. Snyder's Brandon McGuire was also invited, but will play in the THSBCA all-star game later this month in Round Rock.

Olvera registered a pair of strikeouts in one inning of work on the mound, and slapped an RBI-single to spur South's four-run rally in the eighth.

In the nightcap, the North squad broke a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the eighth when Amarillo Tascosa's Cody Gladney delivered a single off Alaniz to drive in Canyon's Ryan Mercer.

It was the only hit Alaniz surrendered in one inning of work. The lefty also had one strikeout and a walk. At the plate, Alaniz went 1-for-2 with a single.

Cubs topple Astros, 4-2

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs manager Don Baylor didn't want to spoil another excellent outing by Matt Clement.

Clement allowed five hits over 7 2-3 innings and Moises Alou hit his first homer in a month, leading Chicago to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday and avoiding a three-game sweep.

Clement (4-3) has averaged 115 pitches and nearly eight innings in his last three starts. He was over 100 in the eighth when pitching coach Larry Rothschild warned Baylor.

"I just turned a deaf ear and kept walking," Baylor said. "He was really at his best today."

But Clement hit Brad Ausmus in the head and hung a slider to Jose Vizcaino, and put the tying run aboard.

"Then I had to go get him," Baylor said.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Former Snyder High School baseball coach and lifelong Tiger fan Albert Lewis has some updated statistics for us following the news of current head coach Roland Herrera's resignation.

Lewis, Herrera and Speedy Moffet, the only three coaches in the school's history, combined for 975 victories. That's good enough to rank Snyder second all-time behind Lubbock Monterey.

The Tigers also rank just behind the Plainsmen in number of playoff appearances. Monterey has advanced to the postseason a state-best 37 times, followed by Snyder at 34.

In state tournament appearances, Snyder is fourth behind Monterey, South San Antonio and Brenham.

"This is still one of the best programs in the state," said Lewis. "We've had some good kids along the way, and there are more good ones out there.

"Roland did a great job and I think (assistant coach) Charlie Bollinger would do a great job, too. I sure would like to see him get the job."

Lewis is an unending source of information when it comes to high school baseball, one of those guys you can sit and listen to for hours and not hear the same story twice.

His health isn't the greatest, but his spirits are. Thanks for the updated information Coach.

Word is that Herrera isn't the only head coach leaving Snyder High School.

The grapevine says that head volleyball coach Patty Grimmett could turn in her resignation later this month in favor of the head job at Ft. Worth Castleberry, a Class 3A school located in River Oaks.

The coach's son, Matthew Grimmett, redshirted last year at TCU but should see some playing time next season at split end. The move would make the Horned Frogs' games more accessible.

Signs you're at a Texas Rangers game:

— Visiting team leads by two touchdowns and football season doesn't start for another three months.

— The middle-aged man gnawing on his 12th oversized pretzel, two rows in front of you, was just called in to pitch.

— You're alone.

— Closing pitcher spews forth racist/sexist slurs to divert attention from extreme dearth of talent.

— It's cost-cutter night: The guy who just made the fourth error of the game is the same guy that parked your car.

— The bat boy actually bats.

— Desperate for corporate sponsors, small-minded owner negotiates shoe contract for team. Players struggle running the bases in Florsheim loafers.

— After watching play on the field, roller coaster rides at theme park down the street don't seem so nauseating.

Major League Baseball

National League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	26	.544	—
New York	29	27	.518	1½
Florida	28	29	.491	3
Montreal	27	29	.482	3½
Philadelphia	23	32	.418	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	33	23	.589	—
St. Louis	31	25	.554	2
Pittsburgh	26	30	.464	7
Houston	25	30	.455	7½
Chicago	22	33	.400	10½
Milwaukee	20	36	.357	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	34	22	.607	—
Los Angeles	33	23	.589	1
San Francisco	31	24	.564	2½
Colorado	30	27	.526	4½
San Diego	25	32	.439	9½

Saturday's Games
Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 1
Houston 7, Chicago Cubs 3
Colorado 5, San Francisco 4
Los Angeles 2, Arizona 0
Florida 9, N.Y. Mets 7
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 4
St. Louis 9, Pittsburgh 4
Milwaukee 4, San Diego 3

Sunday's Games
Cincinnati 5, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 18, Montreal 3
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 2
Florida 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 3
Milwaukee 4, San Diego 3
San Francisco 9, Colorado 2

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 8-2) at Montreal (Ohka 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 3-5) at Atlanta (Millwood 3-5), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 3-4) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 5-3) at Colorado (Stark 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Redding 3-2) at Arizona (Schilling 10-1), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 4-4) at San Diego (Middlebrook 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

American League
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	16	.698	—
New York	37	20	.649	2
Baltimore	25	29	.463	12½
Toronto	20	33	.377	17
Tampa Bay	18	36	.333	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	32	25	.561	—
Chicago	28	28	.500	3½
Cleveland	28	28	.500	3½
Kansas City	21	32	.396	9
Detroit	20	34	.370	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	35	20	.636	—
Anaheim	31	22	.585	3
Oakland	27	28	.491	8
Texas	23	31	.426	11½

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Boston 2
Oakland 8, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 4, Anaheim 2
Baltimore 4, Seattle 3
Toronto 4, Detroit 1, 11 innings
Texas 3, Kansas City 1

Sunday's Games
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 2
Seattle 11, Baltimore 8
Anaheim 5, Minnesota 4
Toronto 7, Detroit 6
Texas 8, Kansas City 6

Monday's Games
Boston (P.Martinez 7-0) at Detroit (Sparks 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 0-6) at Toronto (Walker 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Affeldt 1-2) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Bell 2-1) at Anaheim (Ortiz 5-5), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 6-4) at Oakland (Harang 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

High School Baseball Playoffs

REGIONAL FINALS
CLASS 5A
Region I
Duncanville 4, Carrollton Smith 3
Region II
Round Rock Westwood 7, A&M Consolidated 0
Round Rock Westwood 7, A&M Consolidated 6
Region III
Fort Bend Elkins 2, Humble Kingwood 0
Fort Bend Elkins 9, Humble Kingwood 1
Region IV
Austin Bowie 1, SA Reagan 0
Austin Bowie 11, SA Reagan 2
CLASS 4A
Region I
Canyon Randall 2, Southlake Carroll 1
Southlake Carroll 13, Canyon Randall 0
Southlake Carroll 4, Canyon Randall 1
Region II
Wylie 3, Dallas Highland Park 2
Dallas Highland Park 3, Wylie 2
Dallas Highland Park 9, Wylie 4
Region III
Houston Forest Brook 4, Belton 3
Houston Forest Brook 8, Belton 5
Region IV
Kerrville Tivy 8, CC Calallen 3
CC Calallen 6, Kerrville Tivy 3
CC Calallen 11, Kerrville Tivy 3
CLASS 3A
Region I
Abilene Wylie 11, Monahans 4
Abilene Wylie 3, Monahans 2
Region II
Forney 3, Lake Dallas 1
Region III
Lorena 6, Taylor 1
Lorena 7, Taylor 2
Region IV
Sinton 8, Yoakum 0
Yoakum 5, Sinton 4
Sinton 6, Yoakum 1
CLASS 2A
Region I
Holliday 5, Olney 4
Region II
Celina 3, Bangs 1
Celina 12, Bangs 8
Region III
Jewett Leon 3, Arp 2
Arp 9, Jewett Leon 4
Jewett Leon 5, Arp 4
Region IV
Weimar 7, Wallis Brazos 0
Weimar 10, Wallis Brazos 5
CLASS A
Region I
Windthorst 5, Nazareth 3
Windthorst 4, Nazareth 2
Region II
Valley Mills 6, Alvord 4
Alvord 6, Valley Mills 5
Valley Mills 9, Alvord 3
Region III
Simms Bowie 4, McLeod 3
McLeod 4, Simms Bowie 1
McLeod 5, Simms Bowie 4
Region IV
Shiner 3, D'Hanis 1

UIL STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT
CLASS 5A
At Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Semifinals, Friday
Austin Bowie (30-5-1) vs. Duncanville (26-10), 10 a.m.
Fort Bend Elkins (33-1) vs. Round Rock Westwood (32-9), 1 p.m.
Final, Saturday
Semifinal winners, noon
CLASS 4A
At Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Semifinals, Thursday
Houston Forest Brook (31-7) vs. Southlake Carroll (29-10), 4 p.m.
CC Calallen (33-8) vs. Dallas Highland Park (29-11), 7 p.m.
Final, Friday
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.
CLASS 3A
At Disch-Falk Field, Austin
Semifinals, Wednesday
Sinton (32-5) vs. Abilene Wylie (31-6), 5:30 p.m.
Lorena (31-1) vs. Forney (26-6), 8 p.m.
Final, Thursday
Semifinal winners, 1:30 p.m.
CLASS 2A
At Dell Diamond, Round Rock
Semifinals, Thursday
Jewett Leon (28-7) vs. Holliday (24-6), 10 a.m.
Celina (31-4-1) vs. Weimar (24-10), 1 p.m.
Final, Friday
Semifinal winners, 4 p.m.
CLASS A
At Disch-Falk Field, Austin
Semifinals, Wednesday
McLeod (24-7) vs. Valley Mills (25-8), noon
Windthorst (27-2) vs. Shiner (21-10), 2:30 p.m.
Final, Thursday
Semifinal winners, 11 a.m.

Softball State Tournament

At Red McCombs Field, Austin
CLASS 5A
Semifinals
Bryan 1, Fort Bend Elkins 0
SA O'Connor 1, North Richland Hills 0
Final
Bryan 1, SA O'Connor 0
CLASS 4A
Semifinals
Frisco 1, Southlake Carroll 0
Spring Branch Smithson Valley 4, Brenham 2
Final
Frisco 1, Spring Branch Smithson Valley 0
CLASS 3A
Semifinals
Splendora 1, Decatur 0
Lindale 2, Bandera 0
Final
Splendora 1, Lindale 0
CLASS 2A
Semifinals
Alto 1, Coahoma 0
Weimar 7, Aubrey 0
Final
Weimar 1, Alto 0
CLASS A
Semifinals
Bosqueville 3, Brock 0
Shiner 10, Collinsville 0
Final
Shiner 11, Bosqueville 1

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Order to free prisoner went unnoticed for over two years

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A prisoner's respectful letter to a federal judge finally led to his release — more than two years after the judge ordered him set free because his conviction had been overturned.

Reynaldo Tovar-Valdivia, now 42, was arrested by Kansas City police in April 1998 and charged with possessing methamphetamines with intent to distribute. A little over a year later he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

He appealed on grounds that he'd been searched illegally, and won, and U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs signed an order for Tovar-Valdivia's release in January 2000.

Somehow, the release never happened, and Tovar-Valdivia remained behind bars at a federal prison in California, where he had asked to serve his time.

In March, Sachs got a letter from Tovar-Valdivia, including pages from the October 1999 ruling by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that told the judge to order the prisoner's release.

"I would like to humbly request that this court makes an order invalidating my conviction," the prisoner wrote.

It was not clear why he waited so long before writing his letter. But in the letter, he said he had not been able to reach his lawyer in two years.

His attorney, Larry Pace, said he never heard back from his client.

"I assumed he had been released," Pace said. "He wasn't released. It's nuts."

After Sachs received the letter, he issued a new order, and Tovar-Valdivia was finally freed April 4.

No one knows what happened to the original order, according to court and prison officials and deputies.

Patricia Brune, clerk of federal court in Kansas City, said her computer records indicated the order was routinely processed. "We don't know what happened," she said.

According to court records, police arrested Tovar-Valdivia on April 6, 1998, at a Kansas City bus station after officers found more than nine pounds of methamphetamine taped to his body.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Health risk of cigars

DEAR DR. GOTT: Several months ago, my 42-year-old son gave up cigarettes — only to take up cigars. He smokes only one a day, after dinner. What are the differences in health risks between cigarettes and cigars?

DEAR READER: The issue here is two-pronged — the length of exposure to tobacco smoke and the concentration of smoke reaching the lungs.

Heavy cigarette smokers (on the order of a pack or more a day) have a much more intensive and chronic exposure to tobacco smoke. This increased "dosage" clearly leads to illnesses, such as heart disease, lung cancer and various pulmonary disorders. This is unlike the pattern that pipe- and cigar-smokers exhibit. They typically smoke far less, and the health data confirm that there is a corresponding reduction in serious health consequences.

Also, such smokers are not inclined to inhale as deeply as do cigarette-smokers.

While it's true that people who smoke cigars or pipes (or who "dip" or chew tobacco) have a higher incidence of mouth and throat cancer, this risk is surprisingly quite low.

Therefore, I am not inclined to indict your son or make an issue out of his daily cigar. Would he be better off stopping altogether? Yes, without a doubt. But I believe that he has chosen a slightly dangerous practice that is far less hazardous than using life-threatening cigarettes.

Having said this, I will now light up my second pipe of the day and enjoy something I know I shouldn't.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Constipation and Diarrhea," 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: My granddaughter, age 6, is bright, healthy and pretty; however, she picks her nose and eats it. Is this harmful?

DEAR READER: No. Although this practice, which is common among children, is not unhealthful, it is certainly unattractive. I suggest that the adults in your granddaughter's environment actively disapprove of the nose-picking and make every effort to discourage it. This is yet another example of (many) childhood habits that need to be addressed. Your granddaughter has to learn that the practice is inappropriate and will not be tolerated. If she doesn't stop it, she will become an object of ridicule in school.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor ordered a blood test for Graves' disease, because I have weight-loss, rapid pulse, weakness, prominent eyes and heat intolerance. Before the test, he told me to make an appointment for six weeks later.

The test came back strongly positive. When the office staff called me with the results, I requested an earlier appointment because I feel awful. No dice. I was told to keep my original appointment. Why do I have to wait a month and a half to receive treatment?

DEAR READER: Beats me. Graves' disease is a form of hyperthyroidism, marked by a speeded-up metabolism and prominent eyes. The condition is easily treated with medicine, such as beta-blockers and Tapazole.

I do not believe that you should be forced to wait six weeks for a follow-up appointment and therapy. Maybe there's a communication glitch in the office. Call the physician and speak to him yourself to clarify and resolve this issue.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 06-03-02
♠ J 10 8 7
♥ A 4
♦ A Q 9 8 3
♣ 9 6

West
♠ 4 3
♥ K Q 10 8 3
♦ —
♣ 10 8 7 5 3 2

East
♠ —
♥ J 9 7 6 5 2
♦ J 10 7 4
♣ K Q J

South
♠ A K Q 9 6 5 2
♥ —
♦ K 6 5 2
♣ A 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	7 ♦	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Monday, June 3, 2002

Too many cooks spoil the sushi

By Phillip Alder

Many advertisements are awful, but occasionally something good comes along. There is a billboard near my home claiming: "9 out of 10 chefs prefer gas. The other guy makes sushi."

Nine out of 10 declarers would get this deal wrong, then kick themselves for being careless. Would you be the sushi chef? You are in seven spades, and West leads the heart king.

The bidding is difficult. First, North might open the bidding. Despite only 11 high-card points, he has decent distribution and few rebid problems. Second, in response to South's one-spade opening, North's jump-shift does not just announce a maximum pass. (With that hand, bid a quiet two diamonds.) It is called a fit-showing jump, promising four-plus spades, five-plus decent diamonds and 9-11 points. Now South uses the Grand Slam Force, jumping to five no-trump to ask partner to bid seven diamonds with two of the top three diamond honors. Then, when North obliges, South converts to seven spades. Well done!

The immediate reaction is to discard your club loser on dummy's heart ace. However, if you do that, you fall foul of the unlucky 4-0 diamond break. There are two other choices at trick one. You can discard a diamond on the heart ace. Then you draw trumps, cash three top diamonds, and ruff a diamond, establishing a long diamond in the dummy for the key club discard. Or you can play low from the dummy and ruff in hand. You draw trumps and start the diamonds. When you see the 4-0 split, you will recognize the necessity for a diamond discard on the heart ace.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	20.75	20.07	20.14	—.81
AOL TimeWrn	18.88	18.47	18.70	
AT&T Corp s	12.10	11.85	12.09	+.12
Albertsons	35.44	34.90	35.01	—.16
Alltel	51.84	50.83	50.89	—.60
AmEl Pw	42.84	41.88	41.88	—.85
AndarkPtr	51.05	49.82	49.88	—.87
ATMOS Egy	23.08	22.76	22.76	—.38
Aviall	9.55	9.35	9.36	—.21
BP PLC	50.96	50.51	50.52	—.55
BakerHughes	36.68	35.59	35.59	—1.06
Bank of Amer	76.25	75.68	75.70	—.11
BellSouth	33.78	33.15	33.17	—.11
vjBeth Steel	.40	.39	.39	—.01
BurlNoSFe	28.50	28.10	28.10	—.20
Caterpillar	52.54	51.55	51.76	—.51
ChevronTex	87.95	87.05	87.10	—.15
Citigroup	43.74	42.76	42.76	—.42
CocaCola	55.40	54.50	54.69	—.87
ColgatePal	54.80	53.94	54.54	+.24
ComclMetals	45.96	45.52	45.53	—.37
Cooper Inds	43.52	43.02	43.04	—.33
DaimlrChry	50.25	49.53	49.53	+.15
DeltaAirl	26.10	25.15	25.16	—1.09
Dillards Inc	31.20	30.35	30.44	+.41
DowChem	33.45	32.90	32.93	—.41
DuPont	46.10	45.13	45.13	—.87
EastmanChem	46.50	45.67	45.68	—.57
EstKodak	33.28	32.39	32.39	—.88
EDS Corp	53.00	52.05	52.14	—.68
Entergy	43.98	43.37	43.55	—.43
ExxonMobil s	40.17	39.60	39.60	—.33
FstBksAm	36.35	35.30	36.15	+.43
FootLocker	15.41	15.26	15.32	+.02
GenDynam	101.80	100.79	101.30	+.70
GenElec	31.15	30.30	30.35	—.79
GenMills	45.63	44.76	44.82	—.68
GenMotors	63.10	62.22	62.29	+.14
GaPacific	26.78	26.15	26.15	—.54
Goodrich	32.80	32.20	32.20	+.02
Goodyear	21.93	21.51	21.51	—.41
GtAtlPac	23.06	22.00	22.00	—1.07
Halliburtn	18.65	18.35	18.37	—.18
Hanson ADS	38.74	38.35	38.65	+.15
HarteHanks s	22.05	21.49	21.49	—.40
HomeDepot	42.05	40.85	40.85	—.84
HoneywellIntl	39.20	38.15	38.15	—1.05
IBM	80.91	78.92	78.95	—1.50
IntlPaper	43.30	42.85	43.00	—.10
JohnsonJn	61.74	61.10	61.40	+.05
vjK mart	1.07	1.05	1.05	
KinderMorg	43.50	42.29	42.35	—.90
Kroger Co	22.51	22.25	22.40	+.05
LockheedM	63.19	62.30	62.90	+.85
Lowes Cos s	47.15	45.90	45.93	—1.23
Lubys	6.99	6.70	6.74	—.25
LucentTech	4.10	3.90	4.00	+.21
MarathonOil	27.65	26.95	27.07	—.35
MayDeptStr	35.50	34.90	34.90	—.28
Medtronic	46.13	45.76	46.03	—.12
Motorola	15.90	15.50	15.54	—.45
NCR Corp	36.60	36.05	36.45	—.10
Navistar	35.60	34.53	34.54	—.97
PNM Rescs	26.10	25.54	25.54	—.46
Penney JC	24.46	23.51	23.51	—.95
PepBoys	16.56	16.30	16.30	—.11
PepsiCo	51.90	51.29	51.40	—.58
Pharmacia	42.98	42.41	42.41	—.78
PhelpDodge	39.25	39.01	39.05	+.04
PhilipPet	57.73	57.05	57.05	—.50
PilgrmPrd B	14.45	14.18	14.30	—.22
Praxair	55.98	54.80	54.99	—1.01
ProctGamb	90.72	89.11	90.66	+1.80
RadioShack	34.80	34.25	34.50	+.20
ReliantEngy	17.00	16.58	16.61	—.40
RoyalDut	55.27	54.87	55.01	+.01
SBC Comm	34.67	33.75	33.86	—.43
SaraLee	21.09	20.75	20.80	—.28
Scripps EW	76.89	76.30	76.30	—.39
SearsRoeb	59.78	59.13	59.25	+.20
SherwinW	31.90	31.00	31.01	—.59
SouthernCo	27.22	26.78	26.79	—.21
SwstAirl	17.10	16.75	16.77	—.25
SprintFON	16.79	16.35	16.36	—.09
SprintPCS	10.40	10.13	10.15	—.29
Sunoco Inc	35.56	35.15	35.16	—.40
TXU Corp	52.00	51.20	51.20	—.13
TempleInland	55.75	54.83	54.95	—.73
Texaslnd	37.70	37.10	37.20	—.42
Texaslnst	28.70	27.50	27.70	—.97
Textron	47.66	46.25	46.45	—.47
TrinityInds	18.84	18.50	18.51	—.24
TylerTech	5.28	5.20	5.28	+.02
UnionPacif	61.66	60.89	61.18	—.06
USSteel	21.26	20.44	20.78	+.24
UnitedTech	69.10	67.30	67.50	—1.37
Unocal	36.85	36.31	36.39	—.43
VerizonComm	43.53	42.83	42.87	—.13
WalMart	54.67	53.67	53.70	—.40
WellsFargo	52.80	52.25	52.42	+.02
WstnGasRs	37.06	35.92	35.92	—1.14
WinnDixie	19.50	19.02	19.11	—.30
Xerox Cp	8.97	8.80	8.87	—.10
YumBrands	64.05	63.65	63.85	—.05

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US Airways fights to keep emergency loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — US Airways and its supporters are battling congressional efforts to curtail the $10 billion in emergency airline loans that Congress approved just after Sept. 11, warning that squeezing the bailout program could force the company into bankruptcy.

The airline and lawmakers friendly to its cause are in an uphill battle against holding up the loans for even a few months. The delay would help to pay for add-ons to the $27.1 billion President Bush wants in new emergency spending for the military and homeland security.

The fight has contributed to slow progress on legislation paying for the battle against terrorism, because the House and Senate versions of those bills contain provisions restricting the loans.

US Airways, still among the nation's 10 largest airlines despite severe post-Sept. 11 pressure, has been preparing to seek a federally backed loan of about $1 billion from the program. Airline officials maintain that waiting until Oct. 1, when the government's new fiscal year begins and the loan guarantees would become available again, will be too late.

Congress and Bush created the loans — along with a separate $5 billion in grants — to help airlines weather the drop in travel after the terrorist attacks.

"We'll have to consider reorganizing under the bankruptcy laws" without the government-backed loans, said US Airways spokesman David Castelveter. "When you do that, jobs are at stake."

US Airways tried to stave off the loan restrictions, with lobbying by top executives and Capitol Hill visits by some employees in May. The airline had also contributed nearly $167,000 to congressional candidates in 2001 and early 2002, the sixth most of any airline, according to records compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics, a private group that monitors political contributions.

Even so, the airline struck out twice, both with the House and with the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The $29 billion-plus counterterrorism bill that the House passed on May 24 included language forbidding any new federally guaranteed loans to ailing airlines until Oct. 1. US Airways says it needs a cash infusion by August.

The Senate committee has a similar provision — plus a permanent cut in the loan program's size to $4 billion — in its $31 billion anti-terror legislation. Senators planned to begin debating that bill today when they return from their Memorial Day recess. The fight over the loans could be time consuming.

"This bill is not ready for passage," Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., whose state has US Airways hubs in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, warned before Congress' break. "There are serious changes that must be made in this legislation for this bill to go through the Senate."

With intense opposition from lawmakers from areas where the airline has major operations — mostly in the East — congressional aides say privately that the provision could well end up being dropped.

But it will not be easy.

The measure was included to help reduce the terrorism legislation's overall cost, as demanded by both Bush and GOP conservatives. The Senate claims $393 million in savings from the provision, the House $1.3 billion.

Removing the language probably would mean savings must be found elsewhere, which is never simple.

In an indication of how badly House GOP leaders needed to keep the savings in the bill, Virginia GOP Reps. Tom Davis and Frank Wolf both voted for the bill, but only after they had been told the problem will be resolved.

Prosecutors say insurance was motive for deadly fire

ANGLETON (AP) — Insurance money was the motive for a Lewisville woman accused of murdering four people in a Lake Jackson apartment by setting fire to her dead husband's body, prosecutors say.

Sadie Childers Proffitt faces trial today in the deaths of three young adults and the baby who died in the apartment above hers.

Prosecutors contend that Proffitt set fire to her invalid husband's body on Oct. 10, 2000, after he died of natural causes, in an attempt to make her husband's death look like an accident so she could collect $30,000 in life insurance.

Initially, Proffitt told police she was awakened by screams of husband David Proffitt during the fire and found him ablaze in a living-room recliner. The woman said she tried to douse the flames with a pitcher of water, then ran outside, yelling for nearby residents to flee.

But authorities now say David Proffitt, who needed a wheelchair because of a stroke, already had died of natural causes before his wife set the apartment on fire.

Proffitt, 56, was charged with the murder of a family who died when they were trapped by fire in their upstairs apartment. The victims included 18-year-old twins Daniel and Omar Attar, Omar's 18-year-old wife, Felicita, and their 1-year-old son, Omar Jr. It was the deadliest fire in Lake Jackson's history.



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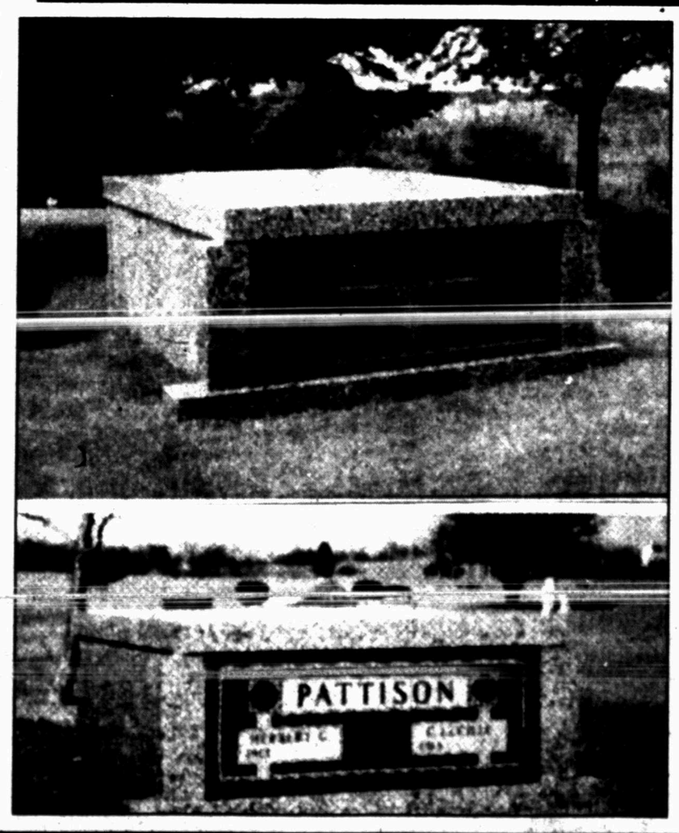
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Bond endures between U.S., central Vietnamese soliders

FARMER, N.C. (AP) — A husky American stood with arms wrapped tightly around two Montagnard men, renewing a bond born on the battlefield more than 30 years ago with the two natives of the central Vietnamese highlands.

The three men fought together in Vietnam, George Clark as a staff sergeant in the Army Special Forces, K'Sao Krajan and Y'Diam "Charlie" Hmok as Montagnard soldiers recruited to battle the Viet Cong.

"See if you can imagine having people who totally, unconditionally trusted you that you would bring them to victory," Clark said. "These men were such ferocious fighters, yet such gentle, loving men."

Years later, the special relationship between Special Forces veterans and the Montagnard people helps explain why more than 900 Montagnards are coming to North Carolina this summer from refugee camps in Cambodia.

The newcomers will swell a Montagnard population that numbers more than 4,000 in North Carolina — by far the largest outside Vietnam.

They are here in large part because so many Special Forces soldiers and veterans live in North Carolina, the state that is home to the U.S. Army Special Forces Command, at Fort Bragg.

The name "Montagnard" (MON-ten-YARD) is French for "mountain people"; members of the Montagnard community know themselves as the Dega.

As with previous waves of Montagnard immigrants, veterans lobbied the U.S. government to win refugees the right to come to North Carolina.

The newcomers started to arrive over the weekend. A network of veterans and social service groups has mobilized to help them find jobs and adjust to life in America.

Inspired by other veterans, Lee Ashburn, who served in the Marine infantry in Vietnam and now owns a lumberyard in Climax, just south of Greensboro, plans to give jobs to up to 10 new arrivals.

"I think a lot of promises were made to (the Montagnards) and when we didn't stay to win the war, they kind of got cut off," he said.

"During the Vietnam War, sometimes the Montagnard people saved the U.S. soldiers," said Y-Bhuat Eban, a resident of Gibsonville and head of the group Montagnard Human Rights. "That bond still remains in mind."

For many Montagnards and American veterans, Vietnam remains unfinished business. That was clear when hundreds gathered Memorial Day weekend for the annual North Carolina Montagnard picnic, held in Farmer, about 30 miles south of Greensboro.

"That was a war we could have won," if only the Green Berets and the Montagnards had been left alone to fight it, Clark said.

One key to the U.S. military's Vietnam strategy was battling the Viet Cong guerrillas with unconventional warfare and counterinsurgency tactics. Special Forces — the soldiers known as Green Berets — ventured into the highlands to win support for the American-South Vietnamese war effort.

Men like Clark and David "Pappy" Hicks, a Special Operations veteran of Korea and Vietnam, came to love the people they affectionately called "'yards," and have never accepted the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

"I am so unhappy about us walking out on them that when I die and they fold my flag, I will die ashamed," said Hicks, 69, who wore a traditional red-and-black Montagnard shirt to the picnic.

The Montagnards' alliance with the Americans — and the fact many had been converted to Christianity by missionaries — made life more difficult for them after Vietnam was unified under communist rule in 1975. For many, the war continued, as they fought unsuccessfully to liberate the central highlands from the communist government.

Matthew Daley, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, led negotiations to bring the current refugees to the United States. He sees deep historical parallels between Montagnards and Americans.

"It's really evocative for me of the Declaration of Independence," said Daley, who attended the picnic. "Our forefathers rose up in arms, pledged their lives, their fortunes, for honor. These guys here have done the same thing."

While many at the picnic talked about the plight of the Montagnards through the years, others looked to the future — especially the future of the young Montagnards at the picnic ground, dressed in baggy jeans and baseball caps.

Krajan believes the more the young continue to assimilate, the better.

"I'm old and sad," said Krajan, 55. "They're young and happy."

On the Net:

Save The Montagnard People:
http://www.montagnards.org

U.S. Army history of Special Forces in Vietnam:
http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/BOOKS/Vietnam/90-23/90-23C.htm

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Noticeable improvements in your financial affairs are likely in the year ahead. Although the conditions will be there for the taking, it is up to you to put forth the necessary effort and time to bring about your advancement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Just because things have a chance of turning better for you does not mean you should go out and blow your money. Continue to be prudent about how you utilize your funds today. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you see that a companion's suggestions are superior to yours, don't take it personally and think s/he is putting you down. Embrace the ideas and be supportive, not sarcastic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't let a previous misunderstanding with someone establish the ground rules for the way you treat him/her. Yesterday was yesterday. Today is today. Start a fresh score card.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You already possess everything you need to make a success of things — don't rely upon outside circumstances to improve your position in life. Be enterprising and industrious today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Perceive today's duties as opportunities rather than burdens and you'll draw good things toward you. Outward appearances may turn into a bag full of lucky breaks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Success could be denied you today if you are too assertive or aggressive when you should be diplomatic. There is a time to push and shove and a time to fire and fall back. Recognize the difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In developments where you can carry out constructive changes, by all means do so today. Conversely, don't try to forcibly shift around immovable objects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Should you feel an associate is doing things in ways that could discredit you, regrettably it might be necessary for you to withdraw your support and association with this person today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you think only of yourself when you act, don't expect things to run too smoothly. Your probabilities for desirable results increase when you include others in your thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Avoid taking on the management of other people's funds today if at all possible. Not only may you be biting off more than you can chew, but if things go awry, you'll be held accountable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't hesitate to others up on their offers to handle a couple of complicated assignments for you — even delegate them if need be. If you try to do everything on your own you may overextend yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Be careful not to view problems as being more gigantic than they actually are. Once you start to get on top of things today, you'll realize you were worrying needlessly.

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Texas escapee caught in Iowa

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A Texas man who fled from a maximum-security prison in Del Valle, Texas, in October while being held on a murder charge was arrested Sunday in Iowa City, Iowa.

Joshua Daniel Johannes was arrested in the parking lot of Chong's Supermarket after police received a call from a man who thought he recognized Johannes from a picture on "America's Most Wanted."

Police Lt. Sid Jackson said officers arrested Johannes, also known as "Anthony Carter," after confirming he was wanted by Travis County, Texas, authorities for fleeing prison.

Johannes is being held at the Johnson County Jail in Iowa City.

Johannes is accused of killing a homeless man at an Austin, Texas, laundromat in November 2000. He was being treated for schizophrenia when he escaped from the maximum security prison with another murder suspect, Troy Lee Bailey.

Bailey was caught soon afterward but Johannes disappeared.

Authorities said the men scaled an outdoor toilet, pushed through a recreation yard fence, traversed the rooftops of the Travis County Correctional Complex and dropped to freedom.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Father's Day checkup is gift that keeps on giving

DEAR ABBY: Father's Day is next Sunday, and with it comes the challenge of selecting a special gift for Dad. I would like to offer a suggestion: Schedule him for a medical exam to determine his risk for heart attack and stroke — truly a gift of love and hope.

I know from personal experience how important that exam can be. My grandfather died at 76 of his second stroke (after my mother had been his caretaker for nine years). And I am a dad who had heart bypass surgery 18 years ago, and an angioplasty this spring to widen narrowing arteries near my heart.

I have suffered and watched others suffer. I have lost and watched others lose. I have seen the fear, dread and uncertainty of those who live with someone who has heart disease or stroke.

But there's good news: Although diseases of the heart are the nation's No. 1 killer and stroke is No. 3, for men and women alike, THEY'RE NOT INEVITABLE. Lifestyle changes — diet, exercise, etc. — can eliminate some risks; medical treatment can control others.

So, for the sake of Dad's health, please schedule that appointment. It's a loving gift that the entire family will appreciate. — **LARRY SADWIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

DEAR LARRY: While your gift idea may not be traditional, thank you for a heartfelt suggestion. And what better gift can a husband and father give to his family than peace of mind?

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single guy and would like to know at exactly what time adults lose their minds after having kids. Allow me to share two recent experiences involving irresponsible parents.

My sister called to ask if I could help her husband fix their car. The repairs were major and would take four to six hours. Imagine my surprise when my brother-in-law showed up with my 4-year-old niece. When I questioned the logic, he mumbled something about it being "his turn" to watch her. But, Abby, he brought nothing along for her to do — no toys, no books — nothing. You can imagine how many times we were interrupted by this poor bored-to-tears child. I called my sister after they left to ask her reason for sending the kid. She accused me of not loving my niece and hung up on me!

The next day, some friends showed up unannounced with their 3- and 5-year-old sons. I ran out to get snacks and returned to total chaos. The younger child had trashed my living room and was throwing things at my dog. The 5-year-old had gone into my bedroom and was playing with my new, expensive guitar, while Mom and Dad merrily drank beer in the kitchen, ignoring their children. When I raised my voice, they proceeded to berate me, saying they don't talk to their kids that way, and I should childproof my house! They left in an uproar.

Maybe I'm missing something, Abby, but I don't feel I did anything wrong. Neither party is speaking to me. Any advice? — **SINGLE FOREVER IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR SINGLE FOREVER: Only this. If you want a relationship with these friends and relatives, keep on hand a supply of age-appropriate books and toys "in case of emergency." Not only would it be the kind thing to do, but it would reduce further childish behavior on the part of the adults.

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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.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Fagadau Energy Corp. will drill the No. 4-27 Nan Martin, a 7,200-foot wildcat located nine miles northwest of Gail. Location is in Section 27, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Fagadau Energy will drill the No. 3-27 Martin, a 7,200-foot wildcat located nine miles northwest of Gail. Drill site is in Section 27, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Texland Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 407 Canyon Valley Forbes field unit, 14 miles north of Post. The project is planned for a depth of 3,800 feet.

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Southeast Ackerly, a 9,800-foot wildcat located 16 miles northwest of Big Spring. Drill site is in Section 46, Block 33, T3N, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 108 Howard-Glasscock east field unit, 15 miles southeast of Big Spring. Contracted for a depth of 3,230 feet, the reentry is located in Section 67, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

Campana Petroleum will drill the No. 4 Ash in the JMM field, five miles northeast of Silver. Planned for a depth of 65,00 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

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Filipinos urge U.S. to expand support

TABIAWAN, Philippines (AP) — Filipinos from military generals to dirt-poor villagers today urged Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz to expand the mission of U.S. troops helping in the fight against Muslim militants.

The No. 2 Pentagon official visited a military outpost in this tiny thatched-hut village to talk to some of the soldiers involved in the Philippine front in the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

About 600 American troops are on the southern Philippine island Basilan to help train Filipino forces battling the Abu Sayyaf. That group, which is linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network, holds two American hostages. The United States also has provided weapons, equipment and other support to the Philippine military.

The mission is scheduled to end July 31, six months after it began, but Filipino officials and many local residents want the program extended and expanded.

"People on Basilan are shouting for the extension of the American service in our area," said Alex Handanag, the manager of a small coconut, rubber and cacao plantation in the southern part of the island. "Their mission hasn't really been implemented yet."

Wolfowitz said earlier today that Filipino forces aided by U.S. troops are closing in on the Muslim militants holding the American couple hostage.

The U.S. commitment to helping the Philippine military battle terrorism will not end with release of the couple, he said.

Martin and Gracia Burnham, missionaries from Wichita, Kan., have been held for a year by the Abu Sayyaf. Helping to find the Burnhams is one of the goals of a mission that has more than 1,000 American troops assisting the Filipino military.

"The trail isn't cold," Wolfowitz said Sunday.

Wolfowitz arrived in Manila Sunday to discuss the operation with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo before setting off to visit some of the U.S. troops on Basilan.

Wolfowitz said U.S. forces are giving the Philippine military special advice on how to locate the Burnhams and what to do once that happens.

Green Berets are training Filipino troops in counterterrorism techniques. Other U.S. soldiers are providing transportation, engineering and additional support functions.

Memphis Medical examiner attacked, bomb tied to body

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Federal and local authorities promise an intense investigation into why the city's chief medical examiner was attacked, bound with barbed wire and left with an apparent bomb tied to his body.

The device did not explode and Medical Examiner O.C. Smith escaped Saturday night with minor injuries.

The device, which apparently was capable of exploding, appeared similar to a crude bomb found in March in a stairway of the Shelby County Regional Forensic Center, where Smith and his staff work.

That bomb was destroyed by police and no one was injured.

Deputy Police Chief Bob Wright declined to speculate why Smith was attacked but noted he has played major roles in numerous criminal investigations. Smith, 49, and his staff perform autopsies on crime victims and often provide information used in prosecutions.

Smith was overpowered by one or more attackers after a chemical was thrown or sprayed in his face as he left his office on the campus of the University of Tennessee medical school downtown.

A university security guard found him 2½ hours later, still tied up and lying near a parking lot. The police bomb squad was called to free Smith from the device bound to his body.

Police X-rayed the device and rendered it harmless with an explosive charge.

The X-rays and the remains of the device were sent to a lab in Atlanta run by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

"We're going to let the lab do the analysis and let us know if we have a functioning device or not. Our indications are right now that most of the components are there for a functioning device," said Gene Marquez, agent in charge of the ATF office in Memphis.

El Paso Corp senior veep apparently takes own life

HOUSTON (AP) — El Paso Corp. senior vice president and treasurer Charles Dana Rice was found dead, an apparent suicide, company officials said today.

Rice, 47, had been employed by the company for 25 years.

"Dana was a tireless worker, a valued contributor, and will be missed both as a business associate and as a friend," William A. Wise, the Houston-based company's chairman, president, and chief executive officer said. "Our hearts and prayers are with his wife and their family."

Company spokeswoman Norma Dunn said employees at the company were saddened by the news but no further details about Rice's death would be released by the company.

"We are trying to protect the privacy of the family," she said.

Houston police spokeman Joe Laud said Rice was found shot to death at his home at 1 p.m. Sunday.

"A man, Charles Dana Rice, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound," Laud said.

Police would not say if anyone else was at home at the home, on the city's southwest side less than five miles from his office downtown.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office was conducting an autopsy but declined to immediately provide any details.

Rice's death comes amid turmoil in the energy sector over allegedly bogus trades and accounting. Federal regulators are investigating simultaneous power swaps between energy traders.

Several alcohol-related arrests made in Snyder

Arrests

DPS troopers arrested a 26-year-old man at 6:46 p.m. Saturday on U.S. 84 for driving while intoxicated.

Troopers also arrested a 27-year-old man at the same location on an outstanding DPS warrant. The man paid his fine and was released.

Officers arrested two men at 1:25 a.m. Sunday from the 300 block of Coliseum Drive. A 26-year-old man was taken into custody for DWI and a 28-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication.

DPS troopers arrested Emma Salazar Salgado, 49, of 1318 Josephine Street in Sweetwater at 2:15 a.m. Sunday on Business 84 for felony DWI.

A 41-year-old man was taken into custody just after 8 p.m. Sunday in the 2200 block of 30th Street for driving with a suspended license.

Officers arrested two men at 4 a.m. today in the 1200 block of 21st Street.

Jimmy Fuentez, 36, of 1402 7th Street was arrested for felony DWI and a 39-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication.

Fires

The Snyder fire department responded to a grass fire at Covered S Ranch at 11:08 a.m. Sunday. Several transformers blew, igniting the grass. Twelve firefighters responded.

At 11:43 a.m. Sunday, an oilfield worker flagged firefighters on U.S. 208 regarding a fire at an electrical substation owned by Kinder-Morgan.

Seventeen firefighters and two trucks responded to a report of a barn fire at 10:43 p.m. Sunday at 5343 Bell School Road. A small grass fire near a barn owned by Barbara Gray was quickly extinguished, and there was no damage.

Accidents

Several people called 911 at 10:51 a.m. Sunday about a one-vehicle rollover on U.S. 84. No injuries were reported, but a 24-year-old woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license.

Officers investigated a minor accident at 7:50 Sunday evening involving a Chevrolet pickup driven by George Pena, 56, of 1806 37th Street, and a Honda Civic owned by Lonnie Russell of 4121 Eastridge Drive.

Assault

A man requested officers at 2:26 p.m. Sunday concerning a man being assaulted. An offense report for assault was filed.

Dogs at large

Officers issued a citation to a man at 8 o'clock Sunday morning on the 3100 block of 42nd Street for allowing his Rottweilers to roam at large.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on the 1200 block of 28th Street just after 2 p.m. Saturday regarding juveniles hitting her dog and shooting her windows with BB guns.

A close patrol was initiated on the 2700 block of Ave. Q just before 11 p.m. Saturday after a report of juveniles breaking out a streetlight.

At 12:40 p.m. Sunday, a woman requested a close patrol at the Kingswood Apartments in reference to neighbors disturbing her.

Gas drive offs

A clerk with Town and Country north reported a gas drive off just after 9 a.m. Saturday worth $18.70.

A gas drive off was reported at 2:41 p.m. Saturday at Handi Mart. No amount was reported and the driver later returned to pay for the fuel.

A clerk at Town and Country reported a gas drive off around 10 p.m. Sunday.

Obituaries

Mickey Gonzales

1954-2002

ODESSA — Mickey Gonzales Jr., a native of Snyder, died Friday, May 31, in Runaway Bay, Tex.

A prayer service for Mr. Gonzales, 47, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Odessa Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Odessa Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born Sept. 23, 1954 in Snyder, he was a Baptist and a resident of Odessa. Mr. Gonzales worked for Sharp Star Tool and G&L Tool.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Julia Gonzales; and his grandparents, the Rev. Edwardo P. and Andrea Gonzales.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Gonzales of Odessa; his father, Gregorio Gonzales of Snyder; his mother-in-law, Frances McLeod of Odessa; a son, Jack Ragan of Odessa; a daughter, Jennifer Kinman of Odessa; two brothers, Ruben Gonzales of Phoenix and Abe Gonzales of Odessa; and a sister and her husband, Vera and Danny Ubando of Snyder; and three grandchildren.

Marie Sager

1927-2002

SWEETWATER — Marie Huddleston Sager, a native of Scurry County, died Saturday, June 1, at her home in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mrs. Sager, 75, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel with Joe Bagby officiating. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born May 3, 1927 in Dunn, she was a 1945 graduate of Hermleigh High School. She married Andrew W. Huddleston on Feb. 19, 1946 in Colorado City. She later married Vernon Sager in June, 1977 in Enid, Okla.

She had lived in Ecuador, Guatemala and Australia. She lived in Sweetwater from 1977 to 1987 before moving to Abilene and was a member of the Fourth and Elm Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Stephenie Nelson of McDade; a son, Donny Huddleston of Abilene; a brother, Morris Lewis of Lakewood, Colo.; three sisters, Inita Dever of Lawton, Okla., Katherine McCarty of Durant, Okla., and Bonnie Lewis of Lawton, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Phoebe Lewis of Abilene and formerly of Snyder; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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Presbyterian VSB

"God's Great Gallery; Exploring God's Wonderful Works" is the theme of Vacation Bible School today through Friday at First Presbyterian Church. VBS is from 9 a.m. until noon and is for kindergarden through 6th grade.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Noah, a Preacher of Righteousness," followed by "The Resurrection."

First Baptist Church speaker

Elsie Frost will speak at 7 tonight 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.

Colonial Hill VBS

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

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.

4-H Horse Club

The Scurry County 4-H Horse Club will have a point night Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. at the rodeo grounds.

FBC services televised

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

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Senior Center located at 2603 Ave. M.

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. starting Thursday. Everyone is invited. Call 573-3988 to reserve a study book.

Hobbs Baptist revival

The Hinkle Family will be featured at the Hobbs Baptist Church Revival June 9-12. Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weeknight services also are at 7.

Avenue D VBS

Avenue D Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 10-14 and the theme is Amazon Outfitters: On Expedition with the One True God. It is for K-6th grade and will be held 9 a.m. until noon. Call 573-6878 or 573-0971.

Central Baptist VSB

An Overboard Adventure with Jonah and his Veggitales Friends is the theme for Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. June 10-14 at Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh. All ages are invited. Call 863-2305 for more information or for transportation.

Nurses aide class

An orientation for the Certified Nurses Aid Class will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13. Classes start June 15. Pickup applications at Snyder Oaks Care Center. Tuition is free.

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.

North College Ave. Baptist Church

College Avenue Baptist Church will have a revival June 16-19. Sunday times are 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and weeknight services are at 7. Wes Massey is the evangelist, music leader is Don Thornton, and the pastor is James Hanks.

Sons of American Legion election

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

First Baptist VBS

"Amazon Outfitters" is theme for Vacation Bible School June 17-21 at First Baptist Church. Time is 9 a.m. until noon and is for K-6th grades.

Central Baptist revival

Central Baptist Church will host revival services at 7 p.m. June 23-28. Dr. Wes Massey will be the evangelist and Don Thornton will lead the music. For information or transportation, call 863-2305.

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.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

May: Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. Open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. June: M-F 6:30-8 a.m. and mnoon-1 p.m. Open swim: M-F 2-5 p.m. Thursday nights: 7-9 p.m. for $5 family swim. Cost of each visit is $2 or $25 for a two-month membership. Swimming pool will close June 27 for maintenance work.